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New regents for NMSU

Anaya, Gallagher, Kellum out; Anaya, Gonzales, Salopek in

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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GALLAGHER

During former New Mexico State University President Michael Martin's send-off last summer, regents Chairman Robert "Bob" Gallagher jokingly predicted Gov. Bill Richardson wasn't going to re-appoint him when his term expired this year.

He was right. Richardson on Monday, Nov. 24, announced three new appointments to the New Mexico State University Board of Regents, replacing Gallagher as well as Regent Steve Anaya and Student Regent Ed Kellum, whose terms were all expiring Dec. 31.

The new student regent will be Christopher Anaya, a sophomore government major and son of Regent Steve Anaya.

The other new appointments are NMSU graduates Thomas R. Salopek and Javier M. Gonzales.

Thomas "Dick" Salopek is a pecan farmer who owns two farms in the Las Cruces area. His bachelor's degree in agronomy and soil science was from NMSU.

"The Salopeks are one of the prime agricultural families in New Mexico," Richardson said. "Dickie will add this kind of perspective to the regents."

According to the governor's announcement, Gonzales has a broad background in media and government. He is president of IronStone, a small

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An early Thanksgiving

STEVE MACINTYRE I The Las Cruces Bulletin

On-campus recruiter Capt. John Matsinger serves food to New Mexico State University ROTC sophomore Leonard Thurman III at the NMSU Air Force ROTC Thanksgiving meal, Thursday, Nov. 20, at Young Hall on the NMSU main campus. "It is our way of saying 'thanks' to these cadets and all they do for their campus, their community and their country," said Lt. Col. Steve Groll, professor of aerospace studies at the NMSU College of Arts and Sciences.

Wondering about the Asombro Institute?

New name for Desert Park group expands learning role, resources

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

Signs from U.S. Highway 70 that guide people down a dusty road to the expanse of preserved wild land north of Las Cruces still call it the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, not by its new moniker as the Asombro Institute for Science Education.

But the name change is really more about the resources, people and learning offered through the 960-acre park, according to Executive Director Stephanie Bestelmeyer. Though the park aims to educate all visitors – from school children to curious retirees taking a break from their travels – about the often hard-to-spot beauty and life in the desert, the nonprofit organization that created the nature park out of extra, unfenced land south of the Jornada Experimental Range is about more than just creating walking trails with displays.

To learn more about the Asombro Institute for Science Education, visit **www.asombro.org**

Besides establishing the desert park, the Asombro organization develops classroom materials, trains teachers, offers programs to the public and supports scientific study to improve science literacy.

But just being known as the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park didn't adequately describe all these activities. With the help of a consulting firm, asombro – the Spanish word for wonder – was selected along with institute for science education.

"Asombro fit perfect," said Bestelmeyer, who holds a doctorate in biology, studied wolves and taught in middle schools in Colorado before falling under the spell of living in the Chihuahuan Desert. "We're not only about the desert," she said. "What we do is about how we learn new things through science."

Asombro's efforts have grown from a group that formed a nonprofit organization in the 1990s to create the desert park, which was originally part of the even more expansive Jornada Experimental Range, but was sectioned off by a mistake in fencing. In 1998, the land was officially made a park for the group to

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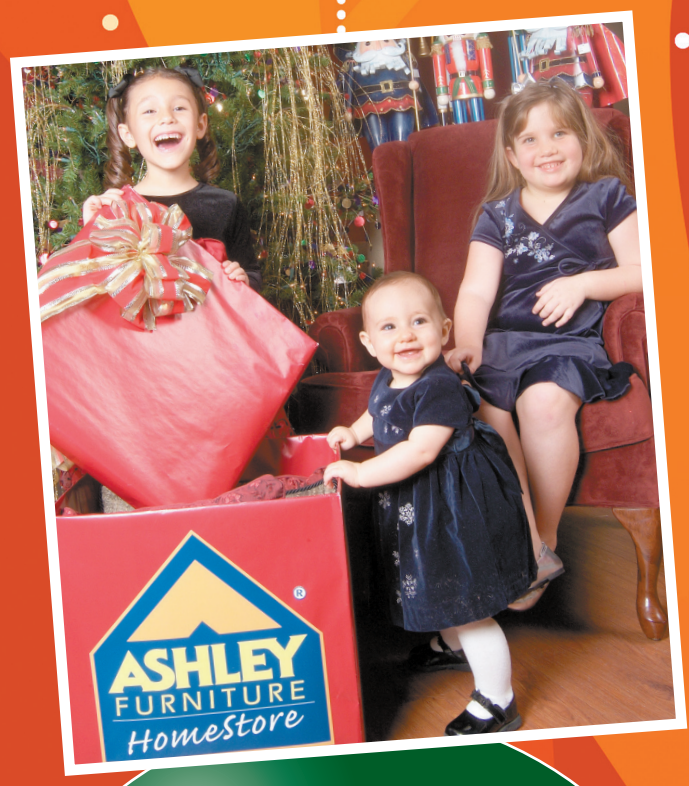

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Still giving, thankfully

STEPHANIE JOHNSON-BURICK I The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a little help from her family and friends, Olga Granado – second from left – distributed turkeys Tuesday, Nov. 25, to families she's come to know well through her work with Prison Family Services. In two days, they were able to obtain 210 turkeys and 30 gift cards for needy families. Pictured with Granado in her driveway before making the deliveries, from left, are her son Fernando Corona, Teresita Soto and Rocio Gilbert. Granado was the director of the Frank Villegas Hospitality House at the Southern New Mexico Correction Facility, a reassuring place for families of inmates for visitations. She is now battling cancer and an estimated $7,000 is being raised to help her pay for her next round of surgery. Donations can be sent to the Olga Granado Benefit at Bank of the West, account number 294037346. Besides working at the hospitality house, Granado's tireless volunteerism recently was recognized with a state award. Her desire to help continues, despite her struggle with cancer.

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

This vacant lot on the corner of Central Road and Mesa Drive is destined to become a 73-unit apartment complex unless objecting neighbors can convince city council the proposal amounts to incompatible spot zoning. The city's planning and zoning commission recently approved the zone-change request for the project.

East Mesa apartment complex plan has neighbors concerned

Planned amenities cater to military families

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The neighborhood surrounding a 9.6-acre vacant lot on the corner of Central Road and Mesa Drive are a mixture of single-family homes, mostly sitting on eighth- to quarter-acre lots.

That lot could soon be turned into a gated 73-unit apartment complex complete with a swimming pool, barbecue pits and putting green, linked by walking and jogging paths. Geared to providing apartment living to accommodate expected future troop growth at White Sands Missile Range – very near Oñate High School where most of those troop's teen children are expected to attend – the apartment complex won't be possible without a zone change from single-family residential (medium density) to multi-dwelling (low density).

Late last month, the Las Cruces Planning and Zoning Commission approved the change, though in a split vote because of objecting neighbors.

Leading the charge against the development is Jose D. Rodriguez, who lives near the lot and says such an apartment complex is totally out of character with the surrounding homes. "There's nothing like it in the area," he said.

Besides citing the proposal as "spot zoning," Rodriguez questions whether the proposal has gone through the proper city process. For example, he can't find evidence in the proposal's case file that it went through the city Development Review Committee before being brought before P&Z. He also has questions about the property ownership.

A Portland, Ore., company, More Gelt Holdings LLC is developing the apartment complex. The company did hire Denton Ventures of Las Cruces for a traffic study that says the project wouldn't add a significant increase in traffic to the area. Rodriguez disagrees with the study.

The proposal comes up before the city council for a first reading on Dec. 15 and the council could take action by Jan. 26.

Opinions

Pink ladies offer thanks for support

This year's campaign raises $600,000 for cancer research

The Las Cruces Bulletin has graciously donated an entire page in this week's newspaper (page A15) to allow us to thank the sponsors and contributors who helped raise more than $600,000 during the 2008 "NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign. As we reviewed list after list with the names of the hundreds of sponsors and contributors who made this possible, we realized that simply saying "thank you" was not enough. So here is some background.

In 2007, the "NMSU Aggies Are Tough Enough to Wear Pink" campaign was developed as a breast cancer fundraiser tied to NMSU football. Our goals were simple: to raise breast cancer research funds and to raise breast cancer awareness. Happily, our first year's work concluded with a contribution to Cowboys for Cancer Research of more than $284,000.

In January 2008, as we began work on year two, our fundraising and awareness goals remained the same. We also challenged ourselves to reach out to touch lives in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico. Our first job was to surround ourselves with the best and brightest volunteers in this community. With that done, we asked our 2007 title sponsors, Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center and New Mexico State University, to again sponsor our event. With their usual generosity, all three agreed.

In late summer, we launched our "Who Do You Wear Pink For?" awareness campaign thanks to the combined efforts of the Las Cruces Sun-News, Las Cruces Bulletin, Radio of Las Cruces (KGRT, KHQT, KKVS and KSNM), Comcast Cable and KVIA-TV. In the days preceding the Oct. 18 Aggie football game, the spirit of the Las Cruces community kicked in as events began falling into place.

- NMSU's Department of Art hosted a special gallery show.
- Proceeds from a special play penned by NMSU's Ruth Cantrell were designated for our cause.
- More than 500 luminarias lit the sky over Aggie Memorial Stadium in a special ceremony remembering breast cancer survivors and victims.
- More than 300 men attended a luncheon hosted by KVIA-TV's Rick Cabrera, featuring national Men Against Breast Cancer spokesman Marc Heyison.
- More than 300 women attended a fashion show luncheon sponsored by Emerald Isle and hosted by news anchors Hilary Floren and Estela Casas.
- Women of all ages attended a free educational seminar sponsored by UNM Cancer Treatment Center.
- NMSU Aggie volleyball and women's golf dedicated their sporting efforts in support of TETWP.

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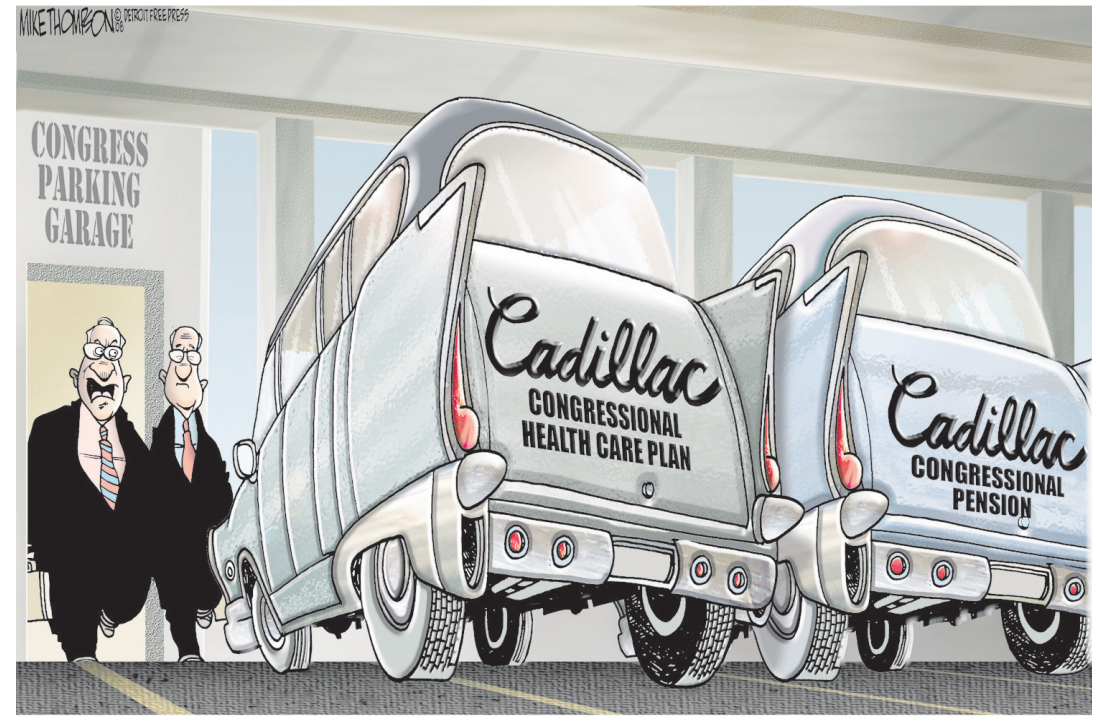
June Mumme, Pat Sisbarro, Magellia Boston and Laura Conniff



"GOING AROUND IN PRIVATE JETS?! DON'T THOSE AUTO EXECS REALIZE HOW BAD THAT LOOKS?!"

Letters to the Editor

Polar bears aplenty

I am getting really tired of these environmentalists who challenge our way of life every day. Patti Graff got her polar bear point published when even the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) says the population of polar bears is in fact increasing dramatically in places. She even got in some factually deficient comments about electric cars, but that can be another letter.

Today there are about 25,000 of the furry white critters, more than any time in the 20th century.

The World Wildlife Fund found that of the 20 polar bear populations worldwide, very few are decreasing. And guess what? Those are in areas where air temperatures have fallen, not risen.

Hmm. We're getting more bears where it's getting warmer.

Now, this does not give us free rein to pollute. We should be working for cleaner fuels and fewer emissions. But please, let's be fair and honest in your arguments.

Yes, we know, it doesn't fit the global warming story line. But that's why we call it a "story line" and not a fact.

MARK BEST

Editor's note: The letter writer cited the following URL as his source for polar bear statistics: www.worldwildlife.org/species/finder/polarbear/polarbear.html.

Transparency questioned

At the Nov. 3 Las Cruces City Council meeting there was an item on the consent agenda regarding Groundwork Doña Ana. This item was pulled by two councillors for discussion, which was definitely necessary as we did have a discussion for over an hour.

At the beginning of the presentation, we were given a 69-page appendix that was not included in our packet, which referenced more information such as interviews with stakeholders, assessments of activities and funding to name a few.

Also, after part of the discussion and some very good questions, it was apparent that we would be needed to also approve a Memorandum of Understanding at a December meeting.

Robert Garza, assistant city manager, suggested to table the item for 30 days so that more information could be disseminated to the council and the public, plus have the memorandum and resolution at the same time, but both attempts failed.

My objection is not the content or the intention of Groundwork Doña Ana, but the fact that over the past year we have all asked for transparency and that is not what happened in this case. There were no briefings to the council or the public before the request for a resolution on this project. This is not an extension of a water or sewer line or a facility that has been on the Capital Improvement Plan, but a new subject matter that has not been presented to anyone in an open meeting that will result in changes to many areas of our community for the long term. All we needed was 30 more days.

DOLORES CONNOR
Las Cruces city councillor

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Law enforcement officers seldom punished for abuse

Who is representing the people?

Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller

What remedies do people have if they are mistreated by law enforcement officers? Last week an interim legislative committee considered the question and heard evidence that there isn't much that can be done under present law.

Testimony indicated that complaints to local officials seldom result in any action. Albuquerque has some police oversight mechanisms, but no one present recommended them as being models others should use.

Generally, there appeared to be agreement that law enforcement misconduct should be handled at the local level but that most attempts to do so are not working because local officials tend to support each other.

Likewise, internal affairs investigations by police departments seldom result in any penalties against officers. According to testimony, internal reviews protect law enforcement from the public and there is no mechanism for protecting the public from police misconduct.

The New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy trains and certifies law enforcement officers and can decertify them after receiving and investigating complaints. Typically, it is a cumbersome, slow-moving process that doesn't result in many decertifications.

Arthur Ortiz, director of the academy, testified to the committee that he is speeding up the process but that failure of local sheriffs and police chiefs to report misconduct is his biggest problem.

Paul Borunda, a citizen from Las Cruces, presented the panel with numerous instances of police misconduct that he said have gone unpunished in Las Cruces because of interlocking relationships among local law enforcement officials. He recounted his efforts to find anyone at the local or state level to take any responsibility for overseeing law enforcement misconduct.

Borunda also spoke of efforts to get Attorney General Gary King involved in law enforcement misconduct, but his reply was that his job is to protect the state and not the people.

King then told the committee that his client is the state and not its people. He said misconduct charges should be taken to local elected officials and if they aren't handled to the satisfaction of the public, they can be turned out of office at the next election.

Committee Chairman Sen. Cisco McSorley of Albuquerque complimented Borunda on his tireless efforts doing what no local or state agencies do.

McSorley concluded that since law enforcement oversight is not working at the local level, an entity should be created at the state level to oversee, investigate and punish law-enforcement misconduct. He asked King to compute the costs of establishing a state review board.

It seems as though our country is missing something if we can't protect our citizens from those few cases when law enforcement officers get out of hand. Our founding fathers knew the horrors of living in police states. They wanted to protect the public against such conditions.

They provided us with a judicial system to insure that protection but it is a very cumbersome and expensive process. And if local law enforcement violates a person's civil rights, redress can't be found in local or state courts. Only federal courts handle such charges.

It seems to me I have heard attorney general candidates run for office as the people's lawyer. It sounds good in campaign material. But it's not the truth. The attorney general defends the state against its people.

Have you noticed that when the governor takes an action requiring legal defense, he hires his own lawyers to defend him. Sometimes the attorney general is on the other side of the case. So who is representing the people? Both the governor and the attorney general would say they are. But are they really?

Bill White, a municipal judge from Edgewood, east of Albuquerque, told the panel that the biggest problem with police misconduct is that Congress has made surplus military equipment available to civilian police departments, which now use that equipment in a manner that has built a paramilitary culture within police departments. Police are supposed to serve and protect the people.

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Pink ladies

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- Las Cruces Public Schools hosted its own TETWP campaign generating a $7,000 cash contribution.
- More than 500 people participated in a "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" Fun Run/Walk.
- And men, women and children outfitted themselves with every possible shade of pink shirt, hat, jacket and sweater imaginable (most purchased through Sports Accessories, a local company who, in turn, donated a portion of every sale back to TETWP).

At halftime of the football game we presented Cowboys for Cancer Research with more than $500,000 in cash and in-kind contributions. Later, as donations from Las Cruces firefighters, police and other community groups were received, our total rose to $602,141.

Our goal to impact lives in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico was realized when 300 free mammograms were made available through Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center and New Mexico Department of Health Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program/providers in Doña Ana County: Ben Archer Health Center, First Step Women's Center, La Clinica de Familia, Memorial Medical Family Medicine Center, New Mexico Department of Health/Public Health Region 5 and Imaging Center of Las Cruces Radiology. To date, 51 women have participated in the program. Also, there have been four women who needed diagnostic mammograms. These women would not have received the exams had it not been for this event.

Success has been compared to a wave, and we have been riding the wave of community support for two years – from grade school children and their "Quarters for Cancer" campaign to the thousands of dollars donated by the media and our major sponsors.

The depth and breadth of this community has been shown.

You have shared your time. You have shared your treasure. You have worn pink. You have saved lives.

We thank you.

LAURA CONNIFF, MAGELLIA BOSTON, JUNE MUMME AND PAT SISBARRO

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Golfers support Special Olympics

The Las Cruces Country Club recently hosted the 13th annual Las Crucitas Golf Tournament for women. Thanks to all of our participants and supporters, the tournament was able to donate $2,100 to the Southern New Mexico Special Olympics.

The tournament committee extends a heart-felt thanks to all of our supporters and volunteers who helped make the tournament a success. Major supporters of this year's tournament include EMI Technologies, Roberto's, Southwest Airlines, Doña Ana Title, Sonoma Golf Course, Dos Lagos Golf Course, Arroyo Salon, Chayo's Salon & Day Spa, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, Duncan Noble Rejuvenating Spa, White Sands Golf Course, Sierra del Rio Golf Course, Fairway Golf, Mesilla Valley Mall, Double Eagle, Caliche's, Jones Jewelers, Annie Monge and Vaughn Larson. Many others also contributed to this very worthy cause, and we appreciate everybody who helped.

We are looking forward to next year's tournament that will support another local cause.

Thank you all!

VICKIE REYNOLDS

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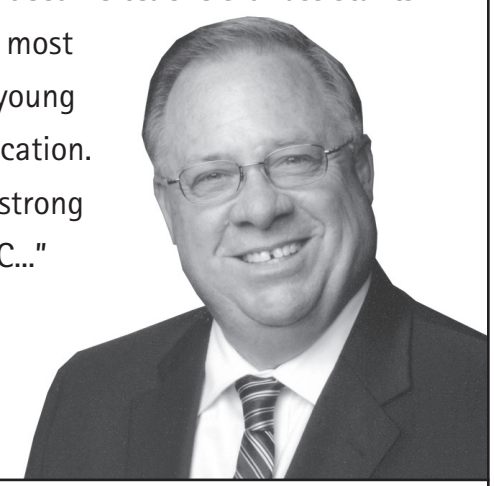

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Helping 'Generation Me' at Thanksgiving

Generational forces shape how today's Americans approach the celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday

By Michael Swickard
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Americans have many different ways of viewing Thanksgiving depending on when they were born and how they were raised. I am a baby boomer, the son of a military soldier, so I grew up with plenty of training and reinforcement in the act of being aware and thankful.

My world from the very beginning was one of "please and thank you." The world I was born into, while appreciative of my talents, did not see me as the be-all end-all, rather, I was a part of something greater.

I was raised to know and care about the history of our great country from the very first Thanksgiving to now. That history is an integral part of my profound thanksgiving.

Americans are divided by descriptors like baby boomers, Generation X and the most recent, "Generation Me." I have not thought much about "Generation Me" other than to view them and their music with alarm, as was done by all previous generations.

Sitting down for the Thanksgiving feast are people who bow their heads reverently and give thanks. Then there are others who mutter impatiently, "About time."

> "Many people consider this day a day of lassitude and gluttony, another day off from work with pay."

With the butter from homemade rolls on their lips, this second group, many of whom are from "Generation Me," carp about what has not come their way. Thankful? I should say not. Their mantra is, "I deserve this and more." I am painting with a wide brush, so there are exceptions.

Many people consider this day a day of lassitude and gluttony; another day off from work with pay. I am susceptible to such feelings. Still, I grew up with a different view of the holiday. W.J. Cameron said, "Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action."

The holiday was my father's favorite, even above Veterans Day. As a soldier on the frontlines for several years, I suspect he carried thoughts of the times he might have died in war, and those who did. Alas, he never would tell stories, but at times he got that far-away look.

He was all for a holiday where we gathered to celebrate something positive. He was his most talkative, not that it was much, on Thanksgiving. One winter day in Colorado Springs where we were living, he and I went to the store for a couple of last-minute things. I do not remember exactly what he said, but it was close to this:

On the spur of the moment I asked, "Which Thanksgiving did you like best?" He took a long puff on his cigarette and said meditatively, "Thanksgiving 1944 in Italy."

It was just me and him in the car. That far-away look came to his eyes. "It was the first hot meal me and my buddies had in a while. As I was sitting there eating, I realized that the war was coming to an end and next Thanksgiving I had a good chance of being home. I was warm and full and happy. I have never been happier than at that moment."

For my normally stoic father that was more words in a row than I had heard before. We drove up to the store and he retreated back to his quiet nature. He was quite frugal with words to anyone other than those who served with him in combat. And with them they talked in code with one or two words and knowing looks.

It took me many years to really understand what he meant with his story. I give thanks that he and 16 million other Americans gave years of their time for the war so I could grow up in freedom.

I do not know how, but we baby boomers owe "Generation Me" our best effort to help them develop a sense of thanksgiving. We must not fail them.

One day, they may find thanksgiving on their lips. It will make all of the difference in their lives if they connect with Thanksgiving.

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Cool squared

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COOL. Country of Origin Labeling.

In the grocery store this new law now means that you will be allowed to purchase beef (and other meat) that is guaranteed to be born and raised in the United States.

Will you? Is that a consideration when you go to buy a car? A television set? A pair of boots? A tool? A tractor? Strawberries? Wine? Gasoline? (Sorry, this last one was a joke!)

Should you? If you are in a business that sells and manufactures an American product, then you certainly hope the rest of the country prefers to buy something "Made in America." And, in these hard economic times, buying American will benefit your neighbor's job security as well.

Granted, origin is not always clear. For instance, Toyota's headquarters is in Tokyo. It's listed on the Japanese stock exchange. It is a Japanese company. They are called foreign cars. Yet they have a manufacturing plant in Alabama! Ford Motor Co. headquarters is in Dearborn, Mich. It is on the New York Stock Exchange. Henry Ford invented it! Yet the Ford F150 pickup is built in Mexico!

Can both or either be labeled American under COOL regulations? I suspect there will eventually have to be "variations" of COOL. One of the difficulties implementing the "American Label" on beef, for example, is that packing houses process Mexican cattle that come into Texas feedlots, and use beef shipped to their plant in refrigerated trucks from packing houses in Canada.

In one days' processing it is common to hang these carcasses side by side, for ground beef to be commingled and the specific origin of each to be lost. Maybe we could establish categories like, Pure American Cool, Quasi American Cool or Possibly American Cool. It would depend on the percentage of U.S. raised beef in the mix. Other factors to be considered would be the amount of Canadian grain in the ration, the number of Mexican cowboys on the ranch or the presence of Irish whiskey behind the seat of the feedlot managers' pickup! A lot of details remain to be worked out.

There was a restaurant in Arkansas that offered squirrel stew. It was quite popular and was always crowded. One customer inquired of the owner how they could find so many squirrels?

"Well," said the owner, "We do have to cut it with a little mule meat. But," he said, "only 10 percent."

"Really," said the customer. "I guess that's fair."

"Yup," said the owner. "One mule for every 10 squirrels!"

But I wonder, are they American squirrels?

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The City of Las Cruces & New Mexico State University will co-host a walking tour of University Avenue to hear from the public what improvements and changes they would like to see. There will also be a public meeting for two projects: to initiate the City's planning and design options for the University Avenue streetscape and roadway and an overview of NMSU's Jordan Gateway Project. The public is invited to participate.

WALKING TOUR
Tuesday, December 2
10-11:30am
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PUBLIC MEETING
Wednesday, December 3
11:30 am-2:00 pm
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In the News

County audits election

As required by New Mexico election law, Doña Ana County has audited 2 percent of its voting machines used in the Nov. 4 election to determine whether they accurately recorded votes.

The audit involves hand-counting ballots cast for president in randomly selected machines and comparing the total hand count to the number of votes counted by each machine and printed out on election night. If the difference in the count differs by more than 1.5 percent, a manual recount of all votes must be held in the legislative district where the machine in question was used.

The Doña Ana County Bureau of Elections audited three machines (2 percent of the machines used in 115 precincts). In two precincts, there was zero difference between the hand count and what the machine reported on election night. In the third machine, there was a three-vote difference out of the 336 votes counted by the machine, giving Barack Obama two votes fewer when counted by hand and John McCain one vote more when counted by hand. Translated, the machine counted votes accurately to within .0089 percent.

All three voting machines performed within the state's parameters for accuracy when recording votes on Election Day.

According to the New Mexico Secretary of State Office, each county is required to report the election audit results to the public to allay any concerns that the machines are inaccurate to the point where election results could be questioned.

Ruth on at IWBC

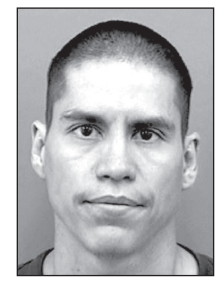
C.W. "Bill" Ruth took over his duties this week in El Paso as U.S. Commissioner of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) following his appointment by President Bush.

Ruth will be setting policies and priorities for the commission's U.S. section of the international border, the El Paso office reported.

The IBWC is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the United States and Mexico and settling differences between the two countries. The commission operates and maintains flood control levees, international storage reservoirs, diversion dams, wastewater treatment plants, an IBWC news release said.

Previously, Ruth had worked for 25 years as the IBWC Special Projects Department principal engineer, overseeing the Office of Construction Activities and the Office of Facility Planning. As principal engineer, he supervised the construction of the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant in San Diego, Calif., and the development of wastewater infrastructure for Mexican border communities through a program funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Crime Stoppers: Man wanted in shootings



CORRAL

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of $2,000 for information that leads to the arrest of Oswaldo Corral who is wanted for his involvement in two shootings earlier this month.

Las Cruces Police learned that Corral, 30, was involved in a Saturday, Nov. 15, shooting in the parking lot of the Ten-Pen Alley bowling alley, formerly Sun Lanes. That shooting critically wounded a man. Two days later, on Nov. 17, the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office began investigating a shooting in Mesilla Park that claimed the life of 30-year-old Steven Apodaca. Corral has since been named a suspect in that shooting.

Corral is Hispanic, around 5-feet-8 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. He has numerous tattoos and was last seen driving a black four-door car. Corral may be armed and is considered to be dangerous.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Oswaldo Corral is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 800-897-2746.

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

Reservoir Update

Warmer temperatures in the higher elevations caused the Upper Rio Grande Basin snowpack to drop to 26 percent of average, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation El Paso Field Office reported in its river advisory.

The bureau also reported that the Elephant Butte Reservoir surface was measured 14,468 acres, an increase of 789 acres. A better-than-average spring runoff and a reduction of irrigation during the summer rain season accounted for the increase, the bureau reported.

The reservoir storage figures are:

- Elephant Butte – 591,364 acre-feet, an increase of 5,930 acre-feet, 30 percent of a full reservoir, 61 feet below the spillway and an elevation of 4,346 feet.
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Time: 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Admission: $ 5.00 per adult

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C4CR donations still coming in

Well-known heeler Osa Diaz wins three-horse trailer

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Every time they go to their mailbox, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun find more donations for the last Cowboys for Cancer fundraising weekend, and at the most recent tally the donations have exceeded $850,000, they said.

The figure includes roping entries, New Mexico State University Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink donations, in-kind donations and the silent auction at the C4CR dinner and dance.

The money goes to the Alma Cohorn Endowment at the University of New Mexico Cancer Research Center. Money from the accrued interest is used for research that is designated by the C4CR committee.

Oso Diaz, a heeler from Las Cruces, won the three-horse trailer as the high-point roper with 22 points.

Diaz is well-known to ropers. For years, he has served as arena flagman during roping events, dropping the flag when the contests end to signal the secretary to stop the timer.

The saddle winners on the first day of roping were Wade Baize, No. 5 and Under category, and Jason Morris, Las Cruces, No. 6 and Higher. On the second day the winners were Shanna Ivey, Las Cruces, No. 5 and Under, and Darryl Sullivan, Las Cruces, No. 6 and Higher.

The categories are established by the U.S. Team Roping Championships, rating ropers according to their ability, from novice ropers to the top ropers in the nation to even out the competition. The ropers add up their USTRC rankings when they form a team, and they cannot exceed 15 as a team, according to the roping committee.

The payoffs with average timing on four ropings for the top three ropers in each category, starting with the header, were:

No. 15 Roping – Wade Baize and Shane Sproul, 28.44, $1,110; Preston Sharp and Wesley Reno, 28.62, $830; Greg Miller and Jason Morris, 29.35, $560.

No. 12 Roping – Greg Miller and Oso Diaz, 33.56, $1,740; Dos Landsheft and Jason Morris, 34.62, $1,160; Bo Morris and C.W. Gomez, 36.93, $900.

No. 11 Mega Roping – Larry Esmond and Jim Richards, 46.72, $2,300; Scott Eschenbrenner and Mike Acuna, 48.69, $1,700; Jared Udall and Oso Diaz, 49.17, $1,200.

No. 10 Mega Roping – Brandon Barker and Preston Tharp, 44.95, $1,900; Denny Calhoun and Bill Hudman, 51.20, $1,400; Scott Eschenbrenner and Steve Brown, 56.35, $1,000.

No. 10 Roping – Jared Udall and Rolo Minjarez, 36.99, $2,320; Trey Francione an Darrell Sullivan, 40.44, $1,460; Russell Tharp and Wes Housler, 41.54, $1,160.

No. 4 and Under – Shanna Ivey and Edna Kay Hinkle, 51.31, $1,990; Audra Powell and Clint Powell, 61.40, $1,260.

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If you own a mobile home and did not receive a tax bill, please contact the Treasurer's office. Although mobile homes are taxed separately from real property, the tax due dates are the same. The first half is due by December 10, 2008.

REMINDER FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WITH ESCROW ACCOUNTS
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FFA students learn about agriculture

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the rewards of teaching vocational agriculture at Las Cruces High School is watching young people develop their skills, not only in class, but in careers and family life after graduation, three teachers said.

The Las Cruces program has 350 students.

The teachers are Star Dean, horticulture; Phillip Beard, farm mechanics and livestock; and Patrick Howard, environmental science, forestry, wildlife and animal science.

"It's a great opportunity to introduce children to the world of agriculture," Dean said. Her course covers greenhouse production, landscaping, floral design and home maintenance.

"I like to start students out in the classroom and watch them develop and mature," Beard said. "I like to see them come back and see them in successful careers and happy marriages."

"What I enjoy while working with students the most is seeing students mature and becoming productive citizens," Howard said.

His program covers animal genetics, nutrition and reproduction with beef cattle, swine, sheep and horses. He also instructs his students in large animal skeletal and circulation systems and endocrine glands and hormones.

Among local FFA youths' recent accomplishments was winning the Horse Evaluation Career Development gold emblem at the national convention in Indianapolis. The team members were Erin Van Pelt, Katy Rosencrans, Jodi Lindsay, Veronica Alba, Erica Duran and Joslyn Beard.

The Las Cruces FFA Chapter also won a silver emblem in the Environmental, Natural Resources Career Development Event. The team members were Bryan Weaver, Chelsea Howard, Katie Grandle and Taylor Weaver. Howard was their adviser. The students won the award with environmental analysis and soil testing water analysis.

The Mayfield High School faculty also is organizing a vocational agriculture program and FFA chapter, said Gerrod Smith, state FFA program coordinator.

Mayfield faculty members Kim O'Byrne and David Langley are planning to start a class in agricultural science after the holidays.

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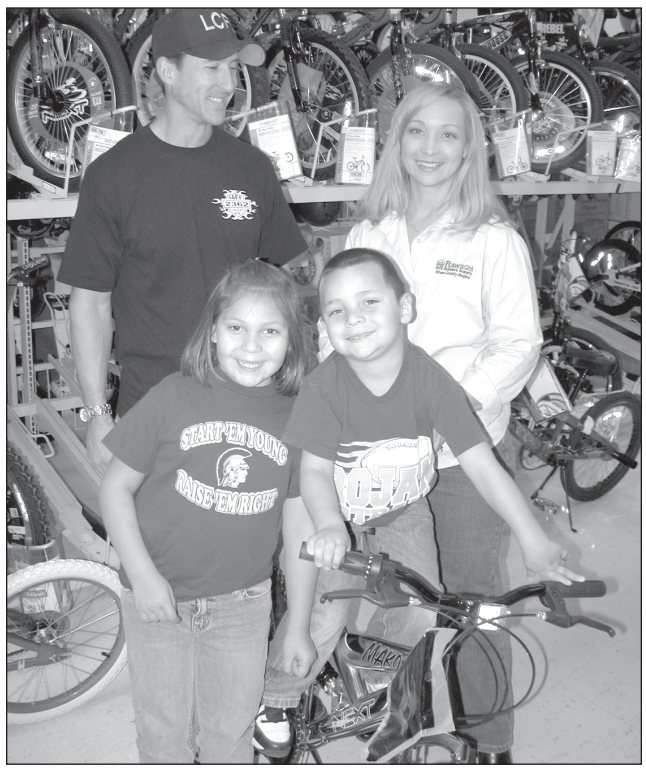
TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Wal-Mart Toy Department Manager George Segura and Store Manager Curtis Rosemond let kids try out some bikes as participants in the Jim Franklin Bike Giveaway program.



TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Steve Alexander of the Las Cruces Fire Department welcomes Alisa Avelar, human resources manager for Rawsons Builders Supply, and her children, Jacqueline, 7, and Alexander, 5.

Area embraces bike giveaway

Jim Franklin charity effort takes off

By Todd Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite tight economic times, people are generous when it comes to giving needy kids some wheels.

Last year, local firefighters and others in public safety began participating in the Jim Franklin's Bike Giveaway, created in 2003 by Jim Franklin and Pete Camacho both with Rio Rancho Public Safety.

That first year, 50 bikes were given out. This year, with local firefighters participating in the "Rumble in Rio," an annual charity boxing event for the program, Las Cruces now has 100 bikes to give out, and organizers are predicting they may even double that amount by the time the bicycles are given out Dec. 13 in the parking lot of Rawsons Builders Supply, 2355 E. Nevada Ave.

To donate to the bike giveaway, call 635-6210 or email LCBikeGiveaway @yahoo.com.

Along with bicycles, the children also will be issued helmets. The cost for the bicycles range from $40 to $100, depending on the age of the child. Local agencies that service needy families are providing information about the number of bikes needed. All of the donations benefit the children.

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Tour and meeting on University corridor planned for Tuesday

City wants citizens to 'think about' future of street bordering NMSU

The City of Las Cruces will host a walking tour of University Avenue from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2. The tour will begin in front of the Toucan Market, 1701 E. University Ave., in the Pan Am Plaza and move west to the intersection of Main Street and University Avenue.

The purpose of the tour is to invite people to think about what they like about University Avenue and what they would like improved or changed.

There will also be information on the planning process and what elements of the area can be built upon and what needs improvement. The tour is part of the public planning process currently underway for reviewing and updating the University Avenue Corridor Plan and Zoning.

In addition to the tour, there will be a public meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Corbett Center on the second-floor lobby. The meeting will initiate design options for the University Avenue streetscape and roadway and review the Jordan Gateway Project for New Mexico State University.

The purpose of the meeting is to start reviewing and drafting conceptual designs for the University Avenue roadway, intersections and streetscape from I-25 to I-10 and also to receive comments regarding the development options for NMSU's Jordan Gateway Project. Staff from NMSU and the city will be on hand to assist the public's participation in activities that will guide the planning process for these projects. Property owners, residents, renters, business owners, university staff, faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

The existing University Avenue Plan and Zoning Code are available for review at the City Clerk's Office, 200 N. Church St. and online at www.las-cruces.org/cd. Individuals who are unable to attend the meeting and have comments or questions may call Susan Lowell at 528-3079 or email slowell@las-cruces.org. People with disabilities who need special accommodations to fully participate in the walking tour may call the Las Cruces Community Development Department at least 48 hours in advance at 528-3043.

The TTY number is 528-3016.

Promise for Success meetings set

The Promise for Success Initiative will hold two public meetings in Doña Ana County on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Community members will learn about new proposals to support youth and families and provide feedback to shape the planning and implementation of the new proposals.

The Promise for Success Initiative is a planning effort to create a comprehensive, community-based strategic approach to reduce the incidence and severity of delinquency, abuse and neglect, truancy, substance abuse, gangs, runaways and school failure.

The Promise for Success Initiative was initiated by the Gadsden Independent School District (GISD) and the Children's Court Division of the Third Judicial District.

"The Promise for Success Initiative demonstrates Doña Ana County's commitment to a brighter future for our children," Third Judicial District Court Judge Fernando Macias said. "It is my hope that the greatest impact of this process will be to improve opportunities for the young people."

In September, members of Doña Ana's school districts, judicial system, state agencies, local government, service providers, the faith community and others participated in a two-day planning session to review local quantitative and qualitative data, learn about national best practices and develop a strategic plan to improve outcomes for children and their families in Doña Ana.

The meetings will be Wednesday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Gadsden High School, 6301 Highway 28, in Anthony and Alma d'arte Charter School, 402 W. Court Ave.

Representatives from La Clinica and Ben Archer Clinic will be on site offering free health services including blood pressure and sugar testing. Transportation will be provided to the meeting in Anthony.

For more information, contact Shirley Judson at 993-9373 or shrl.judson@gmail.com.

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Students needed for dual-credit classes

Free online NMSU class teaches science and math

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Two free online New Mexico State University classes to give high school students dual credit while learning how math principles come into play at the molecular level or in hydraulic engineering are in need of students to enroll as soon as possible.

To offer these spring semester classes, NMSU needs at least 20 students signed for each, but so far only a handful of students have registered.

The classes are being made available through a program at NMSU called Project MESH, funded by the Department of Education with the goal of increasing the representation of minority students – particularly minority women – in science, engineering and other mathematically intensive fields. The classes are open to anyone with a high school algebra II course or its equivalent as a prerequisite. They are entirely online courses. Besides being offered at no tuition cost, all materials will be available online with no cost for a textbook.

The classes are "The Mathematics of Hydraulic Engineering," which earns a math and civil engineering credit and "The Molecular World," which earns a chemistry and math credit. To register or for more information, contact Kitty Berver, director of Distance Education, at 646-5872, kberver@nmsu.edu, or David Finston, professor of mathematical sciences, at 646-2637 or dfinston@nmsu.edu.

Finston said these classes will show students how mathematics can provide solutions to real-world problems and tasks.

To participate, students must have approximately nine hours a week to devote to class activities. A weekly assessment will be required. Students must have regular Internet access, and a high-speed Internet connection is recommended. Students will submit assignments using Microsoft Excel or Open Office (a free download). Tutorials will be provided, however, and students do not have to have previous experience with a spreadsheet program.

Rotary club supports the needy

Dawson Dinsmore, vice president of Pioneer Bank of Las Cruces, and Gabe Chavez, El Caldito board president, visit on the needs of the El Caldito Soup Kitchen. Dinsmore presented Chavez with a check for $97 and 71 canned-food items on behalf of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club, which has donated 351 canned-food items and $431 to local nonprofits. The Gospel Rescue Mission, Casa de Peregrinos, Salvation Army and El Caldito Soup Kitchen have all been recipients of the generosity of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club. For more information on the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club or ways to give back to the community, contact Stephanie Johnson-Burick at 649-8487.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on December 15, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-030; Ordinances No. 2493: An Ordinance Amending the Las Cruces Municipal Code, Section 8-1, Municipal Election Code Adopted, and Section 2-27, Rules of Order, Procedure, for the Purpose of Clarification.

2. Council Bill No. 09-031; Ordinance No. 2494: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement by and Between the City of Las Cruces (The "Governmental Unit") and the New Mexico Finance Authority in the Principal Amount of $4,999,890 for the Purpose of Constructing a Parking Deck and Other Capital Structures for the Governmental Unit's City Hall and Paying a Loan Processing Fee and Evidencing the Special, Limited Obligation of the Governmental Unit to Repay the Principal Amount of $4,999,890, Together with Interest Thereon; Providing for the Payment of the Principal and Interest Due under the Loan Agreement Solely from the Revenues of the State-shared Gross Receipts Tax Distributed to the Governmental Unit Pursuant to Section 7-1-6.4, Nmsa 1978, as Amended; Providing for the Distribution of State-shared Gross Receipts Tax Revenues to Be Redirected by the State Taxation and Revenue Department to the New Mexico Finance Authority or its Assigns Pursuant to the Intercept Agreement for the Payment of Principal and Interest Due on the Loan Agreement; Approving the Form and Terms Of, and Other Details Concerning the Loan Agreement and the Intercept Agreement; Ratifying Actions Heretofore Taken; Repealing All Action Inconsistent with this Ordinance; and Authorizing the Taking of Other Actions in Connection with the Execution and Delivery of the Loan Agreement and Intercept Agreement.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 25th day of November 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC
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Asombro Institute volunteer Donna Yargosz talks to students from Booker T. Washington Elementary School about desert plants during an ecological scavenger hunt at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park on Friday, Nov. 21.

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Booker T. Washington Elementary School third-grade teacher Nellie Chavez points out ways to tell one plant from another to Freddie Alvarado, 8.

Asombro

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provide educational opportunities, but the name change to Asombro is very recent.

Not only is the new name more accurate, Bestelmeyer said, but it also helps the group gain additional funding. About 60 percent of the group's funding comes from competitive grants, with the rest coming from a mix of individual contributions, fundraising and program fees, which are kept low to make Asombro's programs more affordable to schools and the public, Bestelmeyer said. Asombro's staff consists of two full-time positions and one part-time position, but its efforts are supported by many volunteers.

During a field trip to the park last week, Booker T. Washington third-grade teacher Nellie Chavez said she treasures the materials and people from Asombro. Besides field trips, people like Asombro's Program Coordinator Rink Somerday frequently come to the schools with exciting activities. Chavez said Asombro offering bilingual materials is a rarity in educational programs.

When Asombro is part of the school's day, Chavez said the children are mesmerized by Asombro's hands-on activities. "The kids are having so much fun learning," she said.

In January, Asombro is offering training for middle school teachers called the Real World-Real Science Program. It will provide pre- and post-field trip activities, as well as a field trip for middle school students. The program focuses on some of the most up-to-date scientific information on global climate change and other topics. Applications are available on Asombro's website (www.asombro.org), and teachers can still sign up for the training, Bestelmeyer said.

Last weekend, Asombro's board and staff held a strategic planning meeting for the new year, including plans to host family programs at the park on astronomy, deserts and archaeology/anthropology, along with the annual Butterfly Flutterby in August. Students and teachers in kindergarten through third grade can look forward to the Chihuahuan Desert Expo in late April. Students will be able to visit hands-on activity stations to learn about the weather, plants, animals and soil of the desert.

Yaneli Tarango, 9, a third-grader from Booker T. Washington Elementary School, finds where a rabbit has chewed on a cactus.

Also, a full archaeological survey of the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park will be completed in 2009 by board member and archaeologist Mark Sechrist.

Meanwhile, the park's next public program is the Winter Nature Walk on Dec. 20, beginning at 9 a.m. Bringing people closer to the desert is still the heart of what Asombro does, Bestelmeyer said.

"Here is this magnificent place less than 10 miles from their home," she said. "A lot of people don't really realize they live in the desert.

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"The amazing thing to me about this place is I can leave our offices (in the Downtown Mall) and in less than 30 minutes, I'm out in the middle of nowhere."

The park is a place for people to slow down and see what's living in the desert outside their homes, she said.

That's what the park did for Asombro volunteer Donna Yargosz, who has been with the organization since she retired here after a career of teaching in Indiana. Like many people who came to Las Cruces because they were taken with the setting, the park has given her greater insight into the plants and animals of the desert she now lives in. Volunteering also allows her to use her teaching experience to give back, she said.

To Bestelmeyer, that's what the spirit of "Asombro" is all about – opening people's eyes to the world around them.

Students from Booker T. Washington Elementary School search for items in an ecological scavenger hunt.

Regents

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Internet technology business he founded in 2003 and is a former Santa Fe County commissioner. Gonzales holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from NMSU. For the past four years, he has been chairman of the New Mexico Highlands Board of Regents.

"Having previously served as regents chair, Javier will be a great addition to the board," Richardson said.

The new appointments are effective Jan. 1, 2009.

"I want to thank Steve Anaya, Bob Gallagher and Ed Kellum for their great service to the university," Richardson said.

Because of press reports about a perceived schism between Richardson and Gallagher – who is also president of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association – Gallagher issued a letter Tuesday, Nov. 25, thanking Richardson for letting him serve on the regents board.

"This discussion should not be about me or about the governor or about who said what to each other, this discussion must center on continuing to move our great university forward," Gallagher wrote.

He noted that during his six years as a regent, NMSU has enjoyed a 23-percent growth in enrollment, a 30-percent increase in research spending and a greatly improved retention rate. Half of those years as a NMSU regent, Gallagher has chaired the board, including during the presidential search that hired Martin, but also during this latest unsuccessful search after Martin left.

Waded Cruzado, who was the provost under Martin, is the interim president.

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Monica Andrande, 10, Dress the Child volunteer Jaslin Florez and Monica's mom, Maria Barela, pick out some jeans.

Lucia Carrillo, 9, tries on shoes as LCHS volunteers Stacey Clayshulte and Rochelle Dozier help.

Top center: Angela Zuloaga, 10, gets a hand from NMSU senior swim team volunteer Stephanie Peacock.
Top right: JCPenney men's associate Anthony Delabrue rings up a sale for Ramon Castrellon, 11. The amount owed was approximately $2.

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Ashley Ramos holds up a pink coat she can wear this winter.

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Sydney Williard and Kristin Uthe distribute programs before the game.

The NMSU PRIDE Band makes their way to the stadium past tailgaters for the final time this football season before the NMSU-Louisiana Tech game Saturday, Nov. 22.

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Craig Hansen was the lucky winner of a hot tub from Pool Tech Plus, which was raffled off during the game.

From left: Pate Chavez, Andrea Stapp, Ryan Framzoy and Randy Framzoy play the Nintendo Wii before the game at the Red, White and Forever Blue College Tour tent.

Tyson Lee, Malinda Lee, Cody Lee, baby Daniel Basaldua, Bethany Conway and Daniel Basaldua enjoy the Best Seat in the House.

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At the Special Olympics Holiday Classics

Members of one team, wearing gray, from the Las Cruces Community Adult Program prepare for the rebound in case this shot doesn't make it in the basket during their game against a Manzano team, in purple, for the Special Olympics Holiday Classics on Saturday, Nov. 22. These basketball games were held at New Mexico State University's Activity Center with soldiers from Fort Bliss volunteering to referee the matches. At the same time, other teams were bowling in town at Ten-Pin Alley. The day ended with an awards celebration at Dickerson's Event Center.

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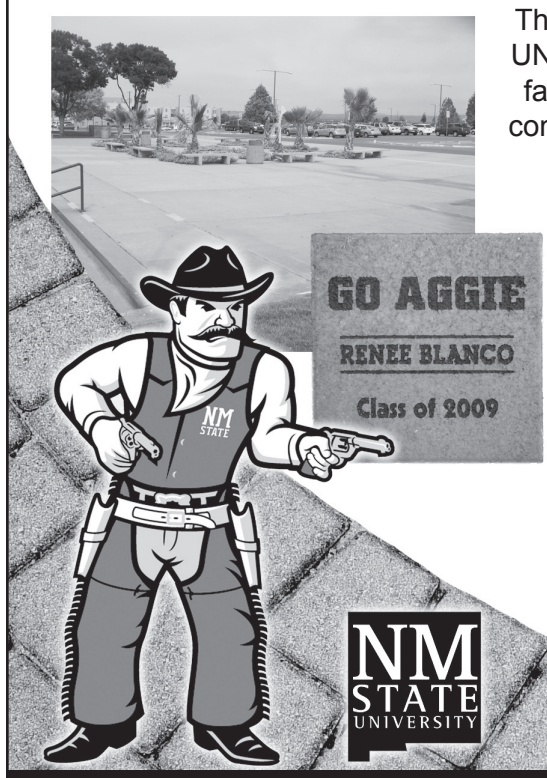

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Be a Santa to a senior

Home Instead Senior Care is teaming up with nonprofit agencies and area retailers to collect, wrap and deliver gifts to lonely and needy seniors in Las Cruces.

The program runs through Dec. 22. The public is asked to visit the Christmas tree in Mesilla Valley Mall where they can pick up an ornament, buy items listed and return them unwrapped to the mall Customer Service Center, along with the ornament attached. Home Instead Senior Care will collect the gifts and enlist the volunteer help of its staff, caregivers, senior-care business associates, nonprofit workers and others to wrap and distribute the gifts to these seniors.

There will be a community gift-wrapping party on Monday, Dec. 22, and the general public is invited to come and help.

Gifts will be delivered to seniors in the community on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help on the citywide gift-wrapping day, can contact Jan Wimsatt at 522-7133. Businesses and civic organizations are encouraged to contact the local Home Instead Senior Care office about adopting groups of seniors.

"Be a Santa to a Senior each year sets new records in contributions of gifts to a group that often is forgotten during the hectic holiday season," said Wimsatt, owner of the Home Instead Senior Care office serving Las Cruces. "While children are the beneficiaries of many holiday programs, people often don't think about the isolated and lonely seniors who need to be remembered as well during this season. Be a Santa to a Senior also is designed to help stimulate human contact and social interaction for older adults who are unlikely to have guests during the holidays."

The popular campaign has delivered more than 1,200 gifts to local, less-fortunate seniors and is being planned again this holiday season. Area retailers, along with agencies that serve older adults, have partnered with a local senior-care service to make sure that isolated seniors receive gifts and companionship through the Be a Santa to a Senior program.

For more information about the program, log on to www.beasantatoasenior.com.

Coming Up

White Sands schedule

White Sands National Monument has released its schedule of activities for the coming week. There will be a Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 4 p.m. each evening through Dec. 6. The Sunset Stroll focuses on the geology, plants and animals of the dune field and provides an opportunity to experience and photograph the dunes at sunset. There will be Lake Lucero tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. For more information, call 679-2599, ext. 230, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/whsa.

HSSNM adoptions set

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico will have dog and cat adoption events featuring animals from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley on the last Saturday of each month at their office at 403 S. Melendres St. On Saturday, Nov. 29, the event will include a presentation by Charlene Curry and members of Therapaws from noon to 12:30 p.m. Storydancer Terry Alvarez will perform and tell captivating stories from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the society at 523-0820 or visit www.hssnm.org.

ALR lectures this week

American Southwest Theatre Company Producing Artistic Director Tom Smith is the featured speaker for the December Academy for Learning in Retirement lecture series.

Smith will discuss the challenges of putting on a live holiday production from the script page to the theater stage. Smith will present only two lectures, on Monday, Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The sessions will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon and are open to the public. There is a $5 fee for each lecture. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation. The academy is a service of Doña Ana Community College.

Search and Rescue meets

Doña Ana County Search and Rescue's monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, in the conference room of the main building at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St. DACSAR is a volunteer team active in New Mexico search-and-rescue operations, specializing in ground searches and tracking. New members are welcome and interested persons are encouraged to attend. Call 523-1317 for more information.

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Lynn conducts toy drive

Eighth-grade Advanced Educational Services (AES) students at Lynn Middle School are conducting a toy drive for Tresco Tots and a blanket/towel drive for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) through Monday, Dec. 1.

Lynn AES facilitator Mary E. Garcia said her students are seeking donations of new toys valued at $5 or more for children 3 and younger. They are especially seeking push-pull toys, stacking toys, rattles and teething rings. Tresco Tots will use these donations gifts during its December holiday party. Tresco Tots is a nonprofit organization founded in 1968 to support children with developmental disabilities. Visit www.trescoinc.org. Gently used blankets and towels will be given to the ASCMV for their use, Garcia said. Visit www.las-cruces.org/resources/pets/hs.shtm to learn more about the shelter.Donations of toys and of blankets and towels, along with cash donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Garcia at 527-9445 or mgarcia@lcps.k12.nm.us. Or drop off donations the school located at 950 S. Walnut Ave.

County offers flu shots

Doña Ana County residents are encouraged to come to the Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, for flu and pneumonia shots, and to learn about Medicare options for 2009.

TNT opens registration

TNT Sports Association is a new youth sports association in Las Cruces. They are beginning to enroll children ages under 4 to under 14 for soccer from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 2465B Bataan Memorial West Unit 3 in the U.S. Highway 70 Storage Plaza. Deadline for enrollment is Jan. 6, 2009. Teams will have the opportunity to play local and out-of-town competition. The association is also seeking volunteer coaches.

For more information, contact 382-4416, 373-1148 or visit www.tntsportsassociation.com.

Central Elementary supports MDA

Central Elementary School and Principal Eloisa Solis are raising funds to help families who have children with muscular dystrophy (MD).

As a part of the fundraising effort, Solis will be "locked up" on Thursday, Dec. 4. A Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) "deputy" will come to Central Elementary, 150 N. Alameda Blvd., at 1 p.m. that day and "arrest" Solis. She will remain "under arrest" for one hour. Every dollar raised to "bail her out" will go toward MD research, health care services and education. The 2008 Las Cruces Jingle Bail Lock Up will directly benefit the Rio Grande Chapter of the MDA.

Donations can be made to MDA, Central Elementary School, 150 N. Alameda Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M. 88005.

For more information, contact Solis at 527-9496 or esolis@lcps.k12.nm.us.

IBWC citizens' forum

The Rio Grande Citizens' Forum of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission will have a public meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Corbett Center Student Union Ballroom at New Mexico State University. The agenda will include presentations about stormwater management planning in Las Cruces, Rio Grande levee rehabilitation and the U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Program's work on regional water issues. For more information, contact Sally Spener at 915-832-4175 or sallyspener@ibwc.gov.

Auction benefits head start

Proceeds from a Thursday, Dec. 4, silent auction sponsored by the Las Cruces Public Schools Head Start M.E.N.'s (Male's Encouraging Niños) group, will be used to buy shoes for Head Start students. The silent auction will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Head Start Center, 821 E. Lohman Ave., (next to Roberto's restaurant). Admission is $5. The Vista Middle School Jazz Band will provide live entertainment.

To donate items for the auction, to volunteer to assist with the auction or to make a cash donation, call Ron Johnson at 527-6020 or 650-1382.

For more information, contact Delia Hausermann at 527-6020 or dhauserm@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Oral history group meets

The Mesilla Valley Oral History Group will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The guest speaker will be Nathan Stone, manager of Fort Selden State Monument. He will speak on the history of Fort Selden and there will be a presentation of a typical soldier's attire during the period the fort was active.

Admission to the event is $13 and includes dinner. Reservations are required by Sunday, Nov. 29. For more information or to make reservations, call 522-0548.

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Information provided by Downtown Las Cruces Partnership volunteers and staff. For more information, call 525-1955 or email at lcdt@lascrucesdowntown.org.

Callejoneada celebration coming to Downtown Las Cruces

CINDI FARGO
Executive Director of Las Cruces Downtown

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership is kicking off a new event called a "Callejoneada" in downtown Las Cruces during the WinterFest Celebration on Friday, Dec. 5. The Callejoneada is a Las Cruces version of a traditional Mexican and Spanish rambling street party with strolling mariachis and Folklorico dancers. The first event occurs from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the WinterFest celebration in the north block of the Downtown Mall. The event begins immediately following the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting.

Musicians will make 15-minute long stops from Mountain to Las Cruces Ave. along the Mall. Downtown Callejoneada sponsors include: Innovative Touch, the D'Antonio Law Firm, COAS Books, BeYoung Hair Salon, Ruben Smith for La Esquina Plaza, the Main Street Gallery and Big Picture Studio and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership. We all invite the public to join the traveling street musicians anywhere along the route and sing and dance along the way.

Our plan is to regularly schedule the Callejoneada event at locations throughout downtown and develop the event as a regional draw, local attraction and tourism activity with varying kinds of music throughout the years. National Geographic Traveler recently published an article on the Callejoneada celebrations occurring in many towns in Mexico. The Callejoneada will become a new tradition in Las Cruces. As the only community in the United States doing the Callejoneada – it will be a developing mark of distinction for Downtown Las Cruces.

Downtown Las Cruces Partnership board members learn about La Placita project.

Our student interns from New Mexico State University's Business and Entrepreneurship programs have come to assist us with the development of this event and other arts related activities. We thank Dr. David Boje and the students for their generous donation of time to kick off the Callejoneada event. Rocio Gamboa, has been our team leader on this project, along with her assistants.

We thank you for your support of this emerging event. Call 525-1955 if you have any questions. See you at the Callejoneada at WinterFest!

Thanks for Giving

It is Thanksgiving, and what a perfect time to thank those who make great contributions to the revitalization efforts in Downtown Las Cruces. This time, we want to say a special thanks to our board members. If you serve on a board of directors, you know what commitment is required. Our board members dedicate their time, talent and treasure to the community-wide effort to bring downtown back to life. It is always a good time to say thanks – and we cannot thank them enough.

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Nikki MacDonald, Bill Byford

A mission, a code, a standard at White's Music Box

Recently I visited Mike White at his downtown store – White's Music Box. I was there to ask Mike about concerts he had co-hosted in the past. While there, I discovered a great marketing tool that really makes sense. Each of the pianos has a card wrapped around the music desk on the piano. It contains the Piano Manufacturers Association International's "Retailer Code of Ethics."

The Code represents the Retailer Code of Ethics – a voluntary set of goals and principles established to guide the conduct and character of retail piano dealers across America. When you visit a store that embraces the Code, you can expect to receive accurate, reliable information presented in a positive manner. We hope this will make piano buying a pleasure. Look for this endorsement wherever you shop for a piano. Our store is proud to uphold the Code.

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- To educate our customers on the qualitative issues that can help them make an informed buying decision.
- To help our customers select and ultimately purchase the piano that best meets their needs and desires.

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- We will refrain from personal attacks or speculation regarding the morals, ethics or viability of our competitors and their suppliers.
- We will make no statement that appeals to ethnic or racial bias.
- We will refrain from advertising our store, our products and our services in any way that might be considered false, misleading or deceptive.
- We will not present or quote a price on any product that we are not currently authorized by the supplier to sell.
- We will not challenge or question a customer's purchase decision after the customer has accepted delivery from a competitor.
- We will continually strive to establish and uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism in the process of serving our customers.

Now, let me say, I have not played the piano since the third grade, when I tortured Sister Mary Paul Daniel through the scales. Bearing those scars, one would expect that I would never touch the ivories again. But "The Code" hanging atop the music desk on the piano caught my attention. I read the retailers' commitment in full and then actually tenderly tinkled along on a few keys.

My point is this – if "The Code" had not been attached to the music desk and held my attention I would have never dawdled over the piano. The marketing worked. And it worked especially because I am a consumer who cares about who I do business with and how they approach their business – and in that I am not alone. This is as good as a note personally signed by Mike that says, "We conduct ourselves ethically and professionally and here is our commitment to you."

Every business should have a mission statement, and the owner and employees should be able to articulate that mission clearly to clients. What a great way to engage them – with a sincere statement about who you are and what they can expect from your business.

It seems in our very busy, challenging lives there is little time to get to know one another in or out of the business environment. And yet, the relationship with clients is the most important thing a business owner has to offer. If you don't have a "code" of your own, think about developing one. Share that mission with your clients. Believe me, people still want to know who they are doing business with, be it a piano purchase, collection of works of art, or getting a great enchilada plate at your favorite restaurant.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1933

• Science magazine published an article by Mesilla Valley resident L.E. Freudenthal, "Flood and Erosion Control as Possible Unemployment Relief Measures."

• Las Cruces FFA youths placed fourth in the National FFA Livestock Show Swine Judging in Kansas City. J.Z. Rogers, Willie Nakayama, Noel McCoullough and Wayne Hudspeth were the team members.

• Justine Page advertised enchiladas "served in a typical home environment " at his restaurant at Church Street and Bowman Avenue.

50 years ago 1958

• Snow had delayed the cotton harvest, and farmers had picked only 77,877 bales, 5,220 of which were Extra-Long Staple.

• Mrs. L.E. Freudenthal, who had a record of 25 years of civic work, was listed in "Who's Who of American Women."

• Carlsbad turned three of five Las Cruces High School fumbles into touchdowns to win 20-14.

• Plaza Cine was featuring singer Pedro Infante and Rosita Quintana in "El Mil Amores."

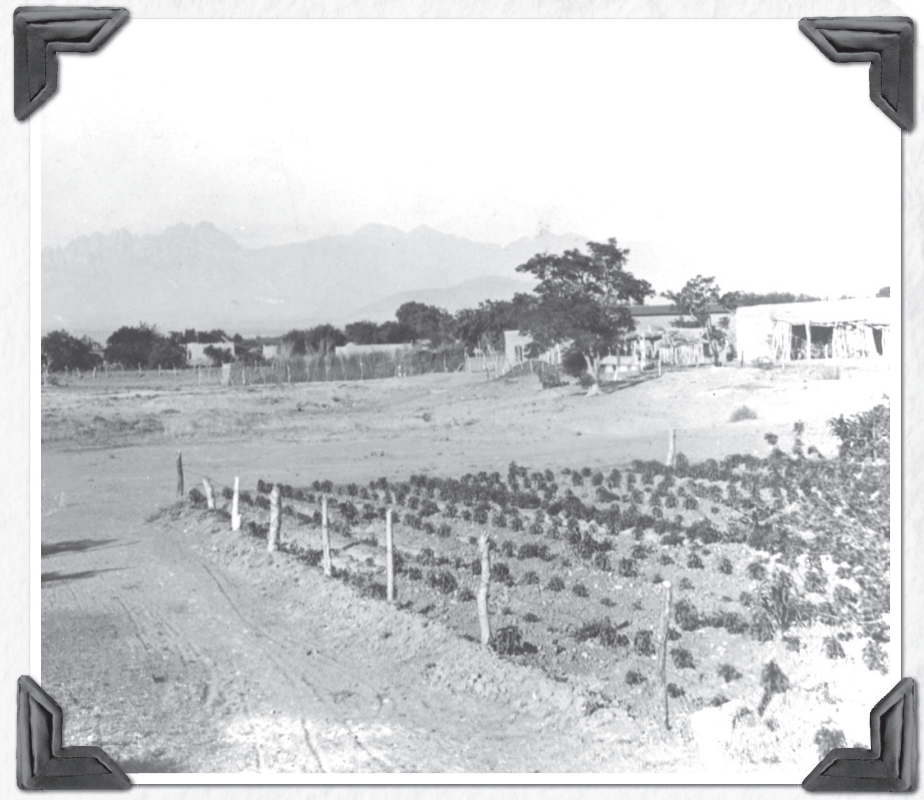
25 years ago 1983

• Maggie Blankinship, 79, of Hatch, marked 50 years serving as a foster parent. During that period, she had cared for more than 30 children. "It's always been one happy family," she said. She said that she liked working with the younger children who came from broken homes or who had handicaps. She also liked working with older children who were getting involved in crime and drugs "because they didn't know any better. There must be a better place for them than jail," she said. During the Depression years, foster parents did not receive compensation. Later, the Department of Social Services paid an average of $225 a month for each child.

• Traffic was directed into the West Picacho Bridge east-bound lane because four panels on the west-bound lane were collapsing. The city and state were pumping liquid cement beneath the bridge supports before replacing the panels.

• Western New Mexico played a slow-down, stalling basketball game, which aggravated New Mexico State fans, but the Aggies managed to prevail 53-44.

• Dr. Harold R. Matteson was named Honorary American Farmer Degree recipient, the National FFA's highest award. He was selected for the award for his work directing the Center for International Programs at New Mexico State University.



This undated photograph of Mesilla was taken when gardens were part of the residential areas. The garden has deep furrows and a high border, typical of irrigated fields.

• Jeannette Feaster sank a free throw with one second remaining as the NMSU Roadrunners edged the University of Arizona 54-53.

10 years ago 1998

• Roswell's Goddard Rockets knocked the Cruces High Bulldawgs out of the Class AAAA football championship competition with a 28-14 victory. Mayfield eliminated Highland 41-7 and advanced in the playoffs to take on Goddard.

• The USDA Economic Research Service reported that Pacific and Mountain states were producing 87 percent of the nation's onions. Doña Ana and Luna counties were the top New Mexico producers, and the state had 7,300 acres planted that year and harvested an average of 1,000 50-pound sacks per acre.

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welcomes submissions of local church events and activities.

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Evening Worship 6:00-7:00pm
Wednesday:
Bible Classes (all ages) 7:30-8:15

Everyone is invited to attend any of the services!

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November 30, 2008

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Unplugged Contemporary Worship	9:30 am
Oasis Praise Service	10:45 am
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Interested in being on our worship services page? Call Susan at 524-8061 for details.

CHURCH NEWS

'A NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM' AT CHURCH ON THE ROCK

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

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

ANNUAL FIESTA IN TORTUGAS

The annual fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe presented by La Corporación de los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Tortugas Pueblo will take place from Wednesday, Dec. 10, to Friday, Dec. 12.

The Fiesta in Tortugas celebrates the apparitions of Our Lady to the Indian San Juan Diego. It is a time of thanksgiving and worship for all the participants. The corporation welcomes participation by the general public and asks for the general public's assistance in respecting the time-honored traditions of the village.

The celebration begins on 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, with a candlelight procession from La Capilla to the Casa del Pueblo where an all night vigil or Velorio will be held. The Danzantes and the Malinches will be performing traditional dances throughout the night. On Thursday, Dec. 11, a candlelight procession will be held beginning at 5 a.m. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be taken to the Sanctuario de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe. Registration for the pilgrimage begins at 6 a.m. at La Casa del Pueblo. The general public is urged to join the procession. On Friday, Dec. 12, the Fiesta continues with the 9 a.m. fiesta mass celebrated at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

For more information, contact the parish office at 526-8171 or Philly Dickson at 522-0288.

SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

Come to a place where your thoughts, feelings and questions are important for the growth of all. Come listen and share on Sundays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at 275 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 526-1591.

Informality with adults is a sign of societal change

Six-year-old is using humor to show defiance

Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson

It seems to me that children are far too familiar – too informal – with adults today. When I was a kid, we always addressed grown ups by "Mr." or "Mrs." Or if they were in the family, we called them "uncle" or "aunt," or "Grandpa" or "Grandma." We would never have referred to an adult as Sam or Alice. But today's parents don't teach that courtesy to their children. Some of them introduce 4-year-olds to adults by their first names. Am I the only one who is concerned about this? What can I do to counteract this trend with my own son and daughter?

I've been bothered by that same observation. It's a by-product of a cultural shift within society itself. We are less respectful of one another today in many ways. Fifty years ago, for example, men didn't curse around women and cultured women didn't curse at all. How that has changed. Both men and women used to address each other with formal titles (Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.) unless they had become very close friends. Now, a waitress whom you've never met approaches your table and says, "Hi, I'm Stephanie and I'm going to be serving you today."

I don't suppose today's informality is harmful, although I agree that children should be taught to speak to their elders with certain deference. I still like to hear them respond with "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir," instead of "yeah," "yep" and "nope." When their manners are respectful, their entire demeanor is on a higher plane.

As for how you can instill these and other courtesies in your child, you simply make up your mind to do it. You might explain that there are many things your family does differently than others: For example, "We don't use bad language, we don't attend certain kinds of movies and we don't (fill in the blank)."

Why? Because, we've set a higher standard for ourselves. This is what makes us unique as a family. Someday you will understand that, too.

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I could use some advice about a minor problem we're having. Tim, my 6-year-old son, loves to use silly names whenever he speaks to my husband and me. This past week it's been "You big Hot Dog." Nearly every time he sees me now he says, "Hi, Hot Dog." Before that, it was "Dummy," then "Moose" (after he studied "M" for moose in school). I know it's silly and it's not a huge problem, but it gets so annoying after such a long time. He's been doing this for a year now. How can we get him to talk to us with more respect, calling us mom and dad, instead of hot dog and moose?

Ordinarily, it would not be a big deal for a child to use a playful name for his parent. But that isn't what appears to be happening with Tim. It sounds more like a classic power game to me. And contrary to what you said, it is not so insignificant. Your son is continuing to do something that he knows is irritating to you and your husband, yet you are unable to stop him. That is the issue. He has been using humor as a tactic of defiance for a full year.

It is time for you to sit down and have a quiet little talk with young Timothy. Tell him that he is being disrespectful, and that the next time he calls either you or his father a name of any kind he will be punished. You must then be prepared to deliver on the promise, because he will continue to challenge you until it ceases to be fun. That's the way he is made. If that response never comes, his insults will probably become more pronounced. Appeasement for a strong-willed child is an invitation to warfare. This is the time to deal with it.

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

Annual 'Merry Christmas, Las Cruces' begins Thursday

Methodist churches join together to present musical gift to city

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., in conjunction with the other United Methodist churches in Las Cruces, will present the 2008 edition of "Merry Christmas, Las Cruces," titled "Two from Galilee."

Highlighting this year's production is a dramatic performance of an adaptation of Marjorie Holmes' best-seller, "Two from Galilee," which is interspersed with music by chorus, soloists, and orchestra. Performances will begin with an evening show at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Performances are also set for 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The music will be performed by the Chancel Choir along with singers from each of the participating churches. The drama is directed by David Edwards and the music is directed by Dr. Douglas Weeks. Tickets for the production will be free, but a love offering will be received to underwrite some of the production expenses other proceeds will benefit Community of Hope.

Cooperating churches include Morning Star United Methodist, University United Methodist, El Calvario Methodist Church and the Wesley Campus Ministry. The focus is to share the joy of the Christmas story through music, dance, pageantry and drama in an exciting manner appropriate for persons of all ages. The drama features some outstanding local actors, including Amber Fajardo, Bobby Harrison, Norman Harrison, Cindy Murrell, Brandon Brown and Mike Cook.

"Merry Christmas, Las Cruces" is now in its 13th year and is a gift to the Las Cruces community from the people of the United Methodist churches in Las Cruces. In the hurried atmosphere of the world today, church members believe that a glimpse of the personal insights concerning that first Christmas can help people rediscover some of the universal values of Christmas. They encourage every one to attend and enjoy this wonderful Las Cruces holiday tradition.

Tickets are available through the church offices; Sew What's New, 3961 E. Lohman Ave.: Hubbard's Music N More, 445 Foster Road and at the door.

For more information, call 526-6689.

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We ought to choose our words carefully to be sure that we give good words. For example: words to express our love, and words to show compliment. We should be sure to share words of security. Instead of words to wound, words to build should be that of the Christian. We need to tell those we love words of satisfaction. To those with difficulties, we should share words of kindness and helpfulness.

Words fitly spoken are words that are spoken at the right time for the occasion. To be sure, your spouse would probably enjoy to hear how much you love him. Your children would be strengthened with words of praise and satisfaction. Your employer would be helped with words of gratitude spoken from you today.

This time of year we tend to grab generic gifts to appease those around us. But truly, a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver. Perhaps the best gift we will give is the gift of a fitly spoken word.

I leave you with these wonderful words spoken to us by our great God. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*

Doug Cowan
Pastor, Cornerstone Baptist Church

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs. **Senior programs will be closed through Sunday, Nov. 30, for Thanksgiving.**

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

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

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

AQUATICS CLASS

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

AEROBICS CLASS

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

YOGA CLASS

Yoga classes are at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, certified instructor, will lead Hatha yoga classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning at 8 a.m. Suggested donation is 50 cents.

MESILLA PARK EXERCISE CLASS

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

TAI CHI WITH CHER

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

55 ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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

CANASTA

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

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

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

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

BINGO MANIA

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

HORSESHOE PITCHING

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

PINOCHLE

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

MAH JONGG

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

CHINA PAINTERS

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

CREATIVE WRITING

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

BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

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

VIDEO GAME VOLUNTEERS

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

CHIHUAHUAN DESERT CLASS

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

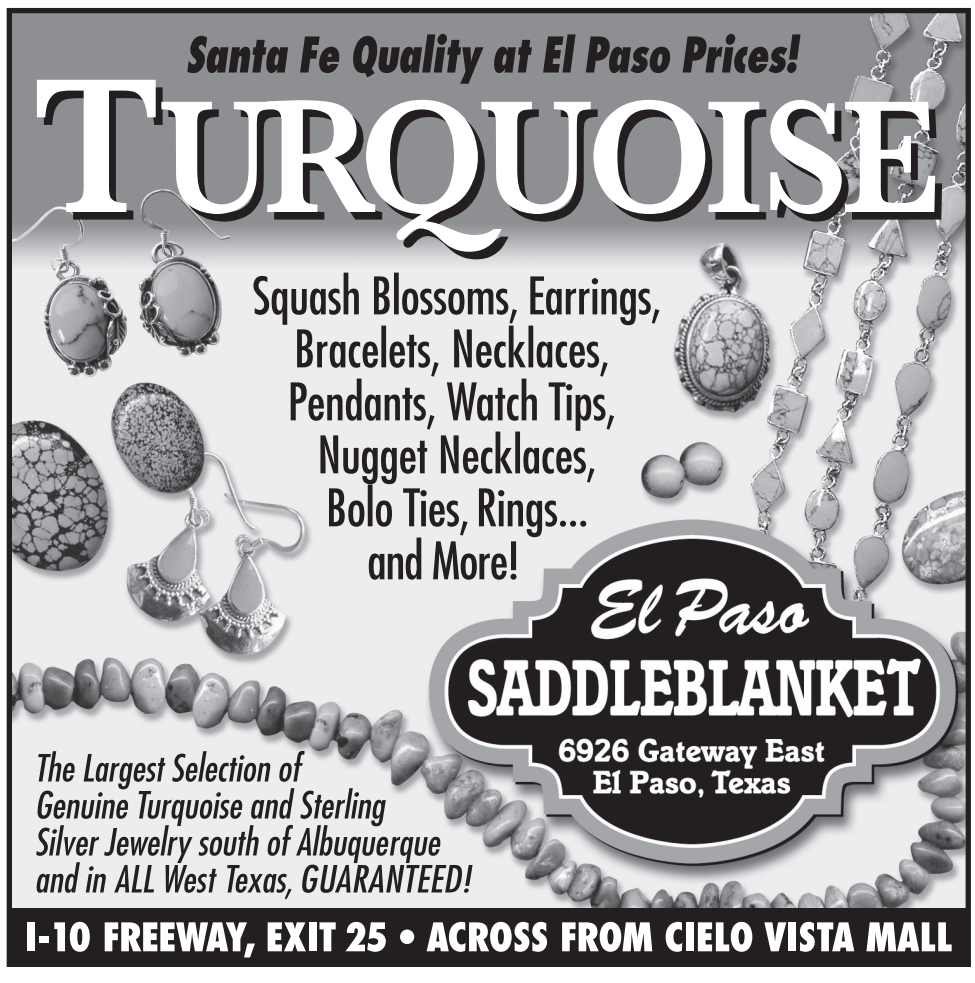
INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

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

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

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 528-3301 or 528-3307.
- Representatives of the State Aging Department are at Munson Center from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 541-2451
- The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services where assistance is available on Medicare, Medicaid, etc. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 800-432-2080.



Domenici: More diabetes awareness needed

American Diabetes Month highlights diagnosis, treatment and research

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici is encouraging New Mexicans to become more aware of the risks associated with diabetes, a disease that increasingly affects families throughout the state.

As part of American Diabetes Month, Domenici advocated more testing and treatment for the disease, which affects 57 million Americans nationwide and as many as 170,000 adults in New Mexico.

"Early detection of this disease is so important so that people at risk can take action to control and treat this devastating illness. Diabetes is already taking too big a toll on New Mexico families, and I would challenge everyone to be aware of the risks," Domenici said. "The American Diabetes Association's 'ABC's of Diabetes' initiative gives us a quick steps to help prevent or delay the onset of diabetes."

The ABC's of Diabetes involves monitoring several key factors – average glucose, done with an A1C test every six months to measure how well their diabetes is being managed; a target blood pressure of less than 130/80 mmHg; and bad cholesterol (LDL) below 100 mg/dl and healthy (HDL) cholesterol above 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women. (Learn more by visiting www.diabetes.org or calling 800-DIABETES.)

As a result of an American Indian diabetes program that Domenici helped create in 1997, more than $1 billion in federal funding has been provided for American Indian diabetes prevention and treatment programs. This effort gave the Indian Health Service annual mandatory funding specifically for diabetes prevention and treatment programs. That program began with a mandatory $30 million annually for five years and has been expanded over the past 10 years to $150 million a year.

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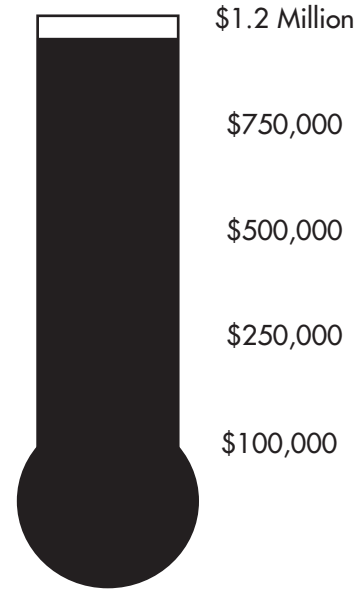

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AROUND TOWN

health events and support groups

FATHERHOOD PROJECT

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

YOGA CLASSES

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

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

WELLNESS CLASSES

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

TOPS MEETING - CHAPTER 381

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

WORLD AIDS DAY CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

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

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

SISTERS BY CHANCE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

PEOPLE WHO LOVE AN ADDICT SUPPORT GROUP

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

LOST VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Psychologist Cheryl Black is facilitating a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions to choose from: Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. or at the Munson Senior Center from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 528-3000.

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The Stroke Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. inside the Doña Ana Room of the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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The gift of life

BETHANY CONWAY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Felipe Scobell, web developer for Doña Ana County, has his arm readied for donating blood by Minnie Davis at the county blood drive Friday, Nov. 21.

ACS program provides scholarships to state's young cancer survivors

Young New Mexico cancer survivors eligible for $2,500 to encourage continued academic goals

There are very few times in a person's life more traumatic than the day they hear the words: "You have cancer."

In an instant, their lives turn upside down and they are faced with a myriad of decisions, questions and fears.

Now imagine hearing those words being told to a young child whose only concerns should be too much homework or if the holidays will ever get here.

For those young people who have gone through the trauma of a cancer diagnosis, the American Cancer Society has developed a program that will take some of the concern from their shoulders as they approach their college years.

> "Students must be cancer survivors diagnosed before the age of 21."

The Society's Cancer Survivor College Scholarship Program is designed to help students who have been diagnosed with cancer pay for part of their tuition.

The Cancer Survivor College Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance for young cancer survivors as they pursue their post secondary education. The possible lifetime award is for up to $10,000 per student, offered in increments of $2,500 per academic year. Applications from qualified New Mexico students are being accepted now through Feb. 20, 2009. Application packets can be obtained by calling 866-500-3272 or 1-800-ACS-2345.

The scholarships may be used for enrollment and attendance tuition, fees and books required for course instruction at an accredited college, university, community college or vocational/technical school.

To be eligible to apply for the scholarships, the students must be cancer survivors diagnosed before the age of 21 and age 25 or younger at the time of submitting the application, graduating from a high school and/or continuing college in the upcoming school year, a U.S. citizen and resident of New Mexico, have a 2.5 GPA, and will be a full-time student.

If selected to receive a scholarship, the money will be awarded in May 2009. Past scholarship winners need to reapply for the scholarship each year.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. For more information anytime, call toll free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

NM partnership wins prestigious MarCom Platinum Award

New Mexico Health Care Takes on Diabetes program selected from 5,000 entries

The New Mexico Health Care Takes On Diabetes (NMHCTOD) Compendium, produced in collaboration with the New Mexico Medical Review Association (NMMRA), has won a prestigious Platinum Award in the MarCom Awards 2008 competition. The Platinum Award is presented to those entries judged to be among the most outstanding in the competition.

The MarCom Awards is an international, creative competition that recognizes outstanding achievement by marketing and communication professionals. Entries are judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP).

As part of its mission, AMCP fosters and supports the efforts of creative professionals who contribute their unique talents to public service and charitable organizations. Judges are industry professionals who look for companies and individuals whose talent exceeds a high standard of excellence and whose work serves as a benchmark for the industry. More than 5,000 entries were received from throughout the United States and several foreign countries in this year's competition.

"This honor reflects the commitment of health care professionals who care deeply about people with diabetes, and who are dedicated to creating high-quality, practical tools that support those who provide diabetes care in New Mexico," said Dr. Bruce A. Mann, NMHCTOD Steering Committee chair. "I'm proud to be associated with this outstanding group of professionals."

"We're so proud that NMMRA's collaboration with NMHCTOD has been recognized by the MarCom Awards," said Dan Jaco, chief executive officer. "This award underscores the value for us in partnering to support health care professionals in the state with outstanding educational and communications products."

MarCom statuettes were designed and individually cast by the same artisans that craft the Oscar, Emmy and MTV Awards. Winners were selected from more than 200 categories in seven forms of media and communication efforts: marketing, publications, marketing/promotion, public service/pro bono, creativity and electronic/interactive. About 18 percent of the entries won the Platinum Award, the organization's top honor. A complete list of Platinum Award winners is on the MarCom Awards website at www.marcomawards.com.

NMMRA is a not-for-profit, physician-sponsored organization that is New Mexico's federally contracted Medicare Quality Improvement Organization and Medicaid External Quality Review Organization. The organization works with health care providers, consumer and health care organizations, and state and federal agencies to improve the quality of health care in New Mexico.

NMHCTOD is a coalition of 30 health care organizations that joined forces in 1999 to reduce the negative health effects associated with diabetes among citizens of New Mexico. NMHCTOD's activities focus on provider and consumer education, prevention, early diagnosis and appropriate treatment of people with diabetes.

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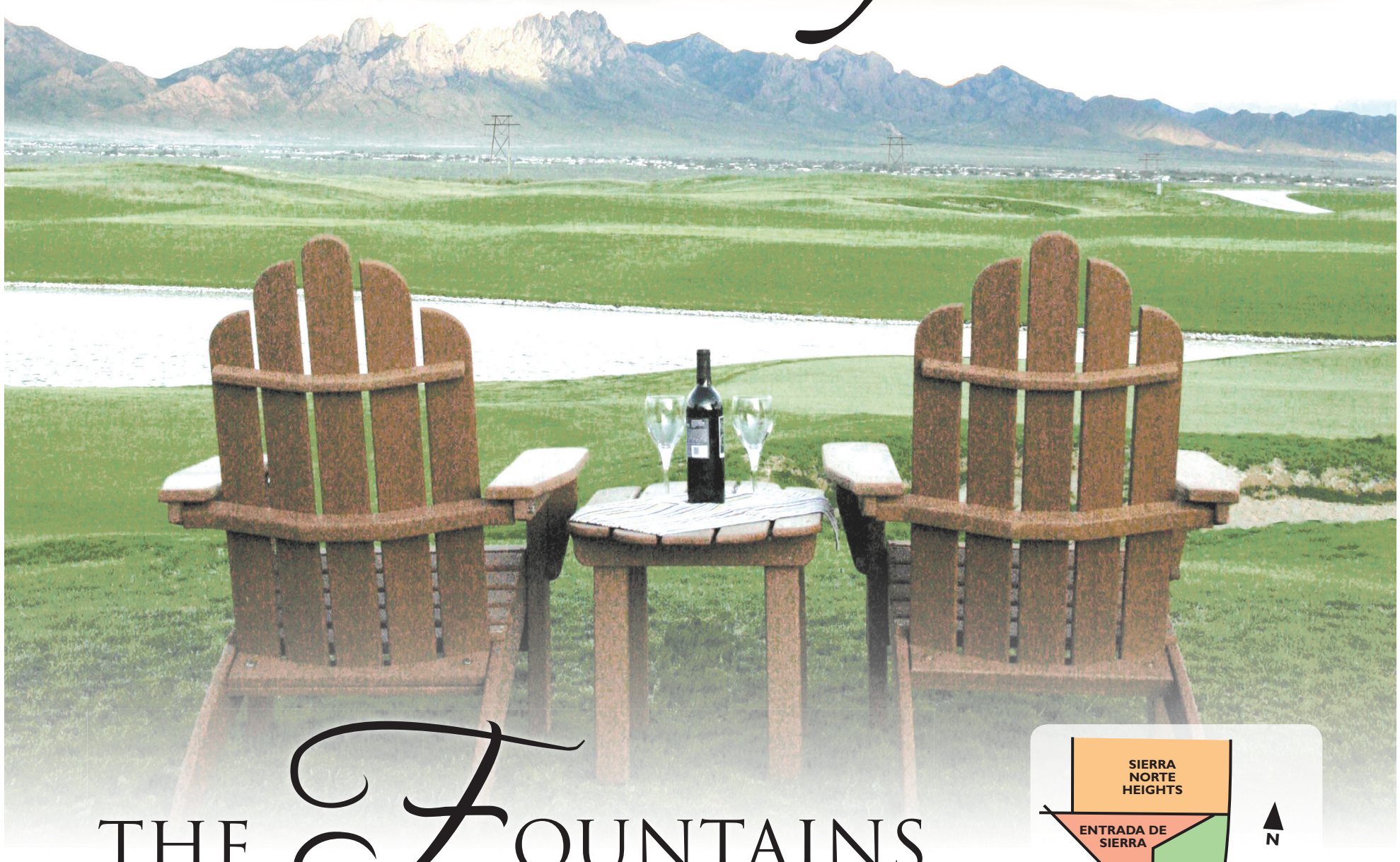

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Nonprofits feeling the downturn

More community support is needed

There's a reason why this holiday season is also dubbed the giving season, and it's not just because you "give" presents to friends and family for Christmas.

Whether the spirit of giving really exists or the cold weather and ringing of bells outside of grocery stores puts you in the mood, the holiday season is historically the time of year that nonprofit organizations see the most donations. They're also the months they see the highest demand for services.

This year, these nonprofits have an even higher need for donations, as money is tight everywhere, and there's an increase in people using their services. Families who before were struggling, yet still managed to get by, now find themselves in line at El Caldito Soup Kitchen or the Community Action Agency Food Bank because they have to skip out on bills in order to buy groceries.

To compound the issue, the first thing people tend to cut in their budget is money they donate to charitable organizations, and sometimes, that's not something that can be helped.

Many of us take these organizations for granted and believe that they're going to be open forever. Unfortunately, when we hear that the Boys and Girls Club couldn't afford to pay their electric bill or the local Red Cross may have to fold under another chapter to survive, that's when the community takes action.

It shouldn't have to come to that. These organizations should be able to stay afloat year-round so that they don't have to be in these situations. They are providing services for children, families and even animals in our community. If you can't provide monetary donations, maybe you can donate your time or an item for a food drive, or whatever it may be.

The Bulletin published the 2008 Community Wish List, which outlines many local organizations in the community and lists what they need to continue providing services for clients.

Our charitable organizations are there to help the needy, and we should be there to help them. That's one sector of business that doesn't need to come to the community for a bailout. When that happens, shame on us.

Educators join The Bridge board

University, DACC sign memorandum of agreement

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Waded Cruzado, interim president for New Mexico State University, and Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with The Bridge to describe the makeup of The Bridge Board of Directors.

The board, which meets monthly at the DACC Workforce Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., includes Cruzado, Huerta, Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds and members of the education, industry and business communities of Doña Ana County.

The Bridge is a newly formed nonprofit organization stemmed from the Regional Education Initiative, a task force designed to help students graduate from high school prepared to face an internationally competitive workforce. Appropriately named The Bridge, the organization brings together education and business.

"We are delighted and honored with the opportunity to be a part of this transformative project," Cruzado said in a press release. "NMSU is about the multiplication of opportunities to be successful through meaningful experiences in teaching, research and service. The Bridge will be a vehicle that will allow us to provide educational opportunities and to elevate the quality of life of many New Mexicans."

Along with Cruzado, Huerta also will serve on the board of directors and will take the position of vice chair.

As Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds looks on, Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta, New Mexico State University Interim President Waded Cruzado and Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico CEO Suzanne Quillen sign a memorandum of understanding with The Bridge, outlying the makeup of the organization's board of directors.

"DACC is excited to be a full partner in this important initiative, which will yield a trained workforce," Huerta said.

The MOU includes details of the support that NMSU, DACC, LCPS and other institutions will provide for The Bridge during the first three years.

"This is truly an exciting day as we 'bridge' the collaboration among education, business and economic development. The significance of signing this agreement today demonstrates the strong commitment leadership in business and education have about partnering to build a qualified, diverse workforce," said Suzanne

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Japanese professionals visit Calcot

Global interest in local cotton growing

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Japanese textile professionals love organic cotton, and a group of Japanese recently made a special to visit Ramon "Dosi" Alvarez's organic cotton farm and Calcot Cotton Marketing to learn how the cotton is traced to its origin.

The visiting Japanese included cotton spinners, weavers, manufacturers and retailers.

"The most important thing with organic cotton is the traceability of the cotton," said Kazunori Sato of the Quadrille Nishida Co. Marketing Department.

Kenichi Kondo, Taishobo Industries director, said there are mutual interests for both New Mexico and Japan.

"We are all environmentally conscious. We want to see an increase in organic cotton in New Mexico, we want to see the tradition of growing organic cotton in New Mexico continue," Kondo said.

The Japanese said that they prefer organic cotton because it is environmentally safe, clean and soft. Organic means growing a crop without the use of synthetic

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The visiting Japanese organic cotton professionals were impressed by the way marketing companies trace organic cotton to make sure it stays uncontaminated. Here they are shown at the Calcot Cotton Marketing service where the co-op keeps organic cotton separate. From left: Mr. Mori, Ms. Atsuko Iwabuchi, Tsuyoshi Maeda, Mrs. Maeda with her daughter Kigi Maeda, Kazukori Sato, Teruhiko Kitaura and Kenichi Kondo.

PROFILE

Gina Orona-Ruiz:
Working to create a safer environment

La Casa director doing her part to diminish domestic violence

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Even before she entered college at New Mexico State University, Gina Orona-Ruiz knew she wanted to help the crime victimes. Now, her entire career after college has been making a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence and helping them realize that they can move on.

While earning her bachelor's degree in criminal justice at NMSU, Orona-Ruiz served as a victim's advocate for the district attorney's office. While she worked with victims of many different crimes, one case in particular stood out in her mind.

"One case involved a woman who was very badly beaten," she said, "and I remember realizing how complex the entire process was."

After graduating, Orona-Ruiz ran a batterer's program at a domestic violence shelter in El Paso.

"Once I started working at the shelter, I realized this is where my heart really is," she said.

She commuted from Las Cruces to El Paso until there was an opening at La Casa. Now, Orona-Ruiz has worked for La Casa since 1996 and has been leading the local efforts against domestic violence.

For the past seven years, Orona-Ruiz has played an administrative role in the process as executive director.

"I do a little bit of everything," she said. "I oversee the operations of the whole agency, the coordinators and the financial aspect of it all. I make sure we have the funding to continue our programs, so I write grants. In seven years, a lot has happened."

Since Orona-Ruiz has been the executive director, she has helped to increase the entire operational budget by approximately $1 million and has been able to increase the number of employees from less than 40 staff members to 54.

She added critical services, such as outreach advocates and a liaison between the state Children, Youth and Families Department and the nonprofit organization. Even more important has been the expansion of the organization's facility, which is currently finishing up the first phase of construction.

"There was just not enough space," she said. "We had issues of cramped programming space, and we're adding 10 bedrooms to the shelter. We lacked private space and are incorporating transitional housing."

La Casa also is reaching out to other institutions in the community and the state by working with New Mexico State University to implement the Hispanic Family Violence Institute.

"This will allow us to provide technical assistance and training (on domestic violence in Hispanic families) throughout the state," she said. "We've applied for a Health and Human Services federal grant, and that will allow us to offer training outside of the state."

With the institute come services such as the translation hotline, which allows interpretation services for organizations with a language barrier; webinars geared toward Hispanic domestic violence; and the visiting advocate program, which will enable advocates from other communities to visit La Casa and mirror the organization's trained staff.

"The institute is probably the most effective service we've implemented," she said. "We've enhanced relationships with the state and the community and enhanced business opportunities, and that's really important to the safety of our clients."

While she may not see the clients as often as she used to, Orona-Ruiz knows that her work is equally as important as working with victims of violence first-hand.

"I've done the frontline work, and I've seen how many people have gained the strength they need to help themselves," she said. "But I also know that if I don't do my work, the staff can't do theirs. So I tell them to ask them what their clients need. That's how we've had these services. We know that these programs work.

"There are people that think, '(Those victims) are always going to be victims,' but I almost always run into past clients at the store, and they tell me how they've moved on or how they've gotten help. This is very inspirational. They come to us, and they can leave (their situations) if things in the community are working right."

La Casa contributes to preventing and eradicating domestic violence in Doña Ana County by providing comprehensive services, including a shelter and non-residential services, which include public awareness, legal, child and outreach services.

"In order to diminish domestic violence in all its forms, we have to work together," she said. "Our biggest job is the work we do in the community. We do a lot of work educating – even if it's about bullying. We're helping the community have a no-tolerance attitude. It's about changing societal attitudes, and that's a huge job. People start accepting it one (person) at a time, and we have a long way to go."

Besides working her hardest to diminish domestic violence through her position at La Casa, Orona-Ruiz also reaches out to her family, empowering her 14-year-old daughter, Gabriela.

"I always want little girls to know they can do whatever they want and be whoever they want to be," she said. "You almost have to reach out to let girls of all ages know that. Violence against women is out there, and that's a scary thing, so I try to educate and give the opportunity of empowerment for young girls.

"Growing up in Lordsburg (N.M.), being the executive director of La Casa is not at all what I thought I would be," she said. "This field began with women's leadership, and I'd love to see young girls involved in this movement."

While Orona-Ruiz said she is excited about the movement La Casa has made so far, she'll be especially happy when the second phase of construction – transitional housing – is complete.

"That is something to help the clients move forward and help make everything a reality," she said. "The longer the term (they're away from their situation), the more effective."

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La Casa Executive Director Gina Orona-Ruiz has worked with the nonprofit since 1996 and been at the helm of the organization for seven years now.

Gina Orona-Ruiz

Executive Director
La Casa

Family
- Husband Eddie Ruiz, co-owner of Lessons of Life
- Daughter Gabriela, 14, freshman at Mayfield High School
- Son Joshua, 1

Education
- Bachelor's degree in criminal justice, New Mexico State University
- Master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in policy program management in domestic violence organizations, University of Colorado-Denver

Organizations
- Board member, New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Member, New Mexico Coalition Against Homelessness
- Member, Domestic Violence Resource Network

Awards
- Nonprofit of the Year, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, 2008

Can't sell or rent your home?

'Buy and bail' is not a viable option

In last week's column, I shared with my readers the story of an actual Las Cruces area homeowner (I called him Mr. B – for buyer) who purchased a new home about a year and a half ago with the intention of living in it for quite some time. The tale didn't begin there, however. It actually began a few weeks ago when Mr. B received a terrific out-of-town job offer and needed to figure out how much profit he would realize if he sold his house today.

To make a long story short, the value of Mr. B's home is now around $10,000 less than it was when he purchased it 18 months ago. Since he only made a small downpayment and financed almost the entire purchase price, Mr. B finds that his mortgage balance now exceeds the value of his home by around $7,000.

For those of you who haven't had the privilege of owing more on your home than it is worth, the state of affairs is referred to as being "upside down." Add to the mortgage deficit the cost of selling the property, and Mr. B's total shortfall balloons to around $13,000. As you might have expected, Mr. B had little interest in "paying" to sell his home.

The next order of business was to explore renting the property. Unfortunately, renting is not on Mr. B's option list either because the market rent for his home will fall about $350 per month short of covering his monthly mortgage payment. Add-in a yearly vacancy factor and a few bucks here and there for maintenance, and Mr. B could easily find himself "feeding" his investment to the tune of $5,000 to $7,000 per year. Needless to say, he wasn't enamored with this option either.

After pretty-much exhausting his choices, including refinancing the property, Mr. B came to the conclusion that he really had only two remaining alternatives: Walk away from his investment and pay for the privilege sometime down the road or remain here in Las Cruces and forego the new job opportunity. Being a prudent person, Mr. B opted to stay put and dismissed entirely the notion of walking away from his home. Not all homeowners are as practical as Mr. B., however. Some decide to abandon their current home and replace it with another using a technique called "Buy and Bail."

In a nutshell, the Buy-and-Bail scenario is one where a homeowner plans ahead of time to purchase a home elsewhere (the Buy) with the intention of discontinuing making payments on the "upside down" or impossible-to-sell home that he or she is about to abandon (the Bail).

> "There are serious financial and legal consequences for the homeowner who chooses this option."

How do these folks get a loan for a new home when they're barely able to hang on to their current home? Often, they'll convince the loan officers that they plan to rent out the first house and use the rental income to qualify for the mortgage on their new home. In some cases, they actually manufacture a bogus rental agreement to use as proof the home has been rented. In essence, the Buy-and-Bail folks try to qualify for a mortgage on a new home just as they stop making payments on their old home, but before any negative reporting or foreclosure notices appear in their credit files or on the public record.

While buying and bailing may seem like a good idea to some, there are serious financial and legal consequences for the homeowner who chooses this option, his or her community and for any real estate professionals who might find themselves caught up in the process. One of the most serious downsides to this practice is that foreclosure ruins a person's credit rating. Foreclosure filings stay in one's credit file for seven years, making it difficult to qualify for new credit cards, loans and even insurance. Then there's the negative impact foreclosures have on the old neighborhood. Real estate agents and owners alike can only sit on the sidelines and watch while abandoned homes pull down property values in the area.

The true downside to the Buy-and-Bail scheme, however, is the fact that submitting bogus paperwork to a lender in order to qualify for a mortgage is a crime – in most cases, a federal crime at that! Rather than see you convicted of mortgage fraud and living at the Graybar Hotel, I'd prefer to …

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chemicals.

The Institute for Marketecology certifies the organic cotton traceability. The IMO tracks a bale of organic cotton from the farm to Japanese textile mills, said Brett Bakker, New Mexico Organic Commodity Commission.

"Our role is to certify the process of any organic product to assure that the customers are getting what they are paying for," Bakker said of the commission. "Organic cotton has to be documented from the farm, the gin, the warehouse, the trucks or rail freight cars and the ships that take it to Japan.

"IMO assigns a unique number to each bale of organic cotton and can trace the cotton back to the farm where it was grown."

Gins process both organic and non-organic cotton, and the commission assures that there is no contamination.

"We make sure that after non-organic cotton is ginned, the machinery is cleaned and purged of the non-organic cotton before they run organic cotton," Bakker said. "The gins have to be documented that they have been purged of non-organic cotton."

Organic cotton production means that no toxic or persistent insecticides or fertilizers are used. Third-party organizations certify that organic producers use accepted methods, according to the Organic Trade Association.

Organic cotton production in 24 countries increased 53 percent from 2005 to 2007. Organic cotton sales are projected to increase from $583 million in 2005 to $2.6 billion by the end of 2008. The 2007 organic cotton production was 265,517 bales, according to the association.

> "Environmentally conscious or chemically sensitive people really want organic products."
>
> DOSI ALVAREZ, cotton grower

Alvarez grows 800 acres of organic cotton near La Union, and he has been exporting cotton to Japan for seven years.

"They've been loyal customers, and I try to fill their needs," Alvarez said. "The main reason they've been buying my organic cotton is because they are environmentally conscious. And they like my brown and green colored, extra-long staple Pima cotton."

Cotton growers can now buy cotton seeds that can produce colored fiber in the bolls.

"The Japanese are looking for more organic cotton growers, and the Mesilla Valley is very suited to grow organic cotton," he said. "We don't have any insect pressure here. We haven't had any boll weevils or pink boll worms this year.

"We have a killing frost here that they don't have in other organic cotton growing areas. That means we don't have to use chemicals to defoliate to get rid of the leaves so that we can harvest the cotton bolls."

The leaf-hopper can infect crop fields with the curly-top wilt, but Alvarez controls the leaf-hopper with a powder that irritates the insects and stops the field invasions. The powder is not a chemical insecticide and is acceptable under organic standards.

Alvarez uses cow manure as a fertilizer that he ages for one year before applying it to his fields.

The Japanese made a documentary film of his farm a few years ago.

"But this time they brought a camera crew and a famous Japanese actress omoko Yamaguchi who is going to start her own line of clothing that is made with organic cotton," Alvarez said. "They had a good time and took a lot of pictures, and we got to know them."

Alvarez's farm was developed by his grandfather. He took over the farm in 1974 and started raising cotton, chile and alfalfa, at first with traditional uses of chemicals.

About 16 years ago when Alvarez's son, Dosi, was about to be born, he became concerned about the possible health hazards of chemicals to children and employees.

"And my son turned out all right," Alvarez said.

About the same time, Hermann Buhler AG, a Swiss company, had told the former Southwest Irrigated Cotton Growers that it was looking for growers who would be interested in growing organic cotton.

"We gave it a try and started out with 25 acres to see if it could be done," Alvarez said. "We increased the acreage through the years until the whole farm is organic."

He was talking about around 1,200 acres of organic cotton, chile and alfalfa.

"There's a good market niche for these crops," Alvarez said. "I can't grow enough organic cotton to meet the demand."

His wife, Norma, raises Quarter Horses for racing and uses the farm's organic alfalfa as feed. She raises the horses for breeding stock and sells them as yearlings.

"Environmentally conscious or chemically sensitive people really want organic products," said Alvarez in an NMSU agriculture information article. "I like the idea that my employees are happy because they don't have to mess with chemicals. We all go home worry-free because we're not exposed to these hazards."

Consumers are interested in organic cotton for sanitary products, make-up removal, cotton swabs and home use, like towels, bathrobes, sheets and blankets, according to the Organic Trade Association.

As a measurement for the demand of organic cotton, in 2006, organic fiber lines and clothing sales in the United States grew by 26 percent from the previous year to reach $203 million, according to the Organic Trade Association 2007 manufacturer survey.

The association's survey also learned: Women's clothing accounted for 36 percent of consumer sales in 2005 and amounted to $57 million; men's and children's clothing grew 56 and 52 percent in 2005, while infants' clothing and cloth diapers grew 40 percent and accounted for $40 million in sales.

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Quillen, CEO of Advanced Care Hospital and chair of The Bridge Board of Directors. "As a member of the business community, I couldn't be more excited about this partnership and how it will transform our youth's view of the relevance of education and ability to compete in the workplace."

> "We are delighted and honored to be a part of this transformative project."
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> WADED CRUZADO, NMSU interim president

To put The Bridge in motion, a nationwide search for an executive director has been started, and the search committee is currently in the process of interviewing applicants.

The nonprofit program will execute the goals of the Regional Education Initiative, a task force that was started in May 2007 under the auspices of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, chaired at that time by Patsy Duran.

The task force was created soon after and involved all aspects of local education in addition to branching out into the community and the region, incorporating business leaders who represent the seven state-adopted career clustes and educators from the Hatch Valley and Gadsden school districts.

After hiring an executive director, the next goal of The Bridge is to incubate smaller, satellite high schools that provide alternative education that focuses on career and technical education. Two locations have already been approved – the Arrowhead Research Park and the West Mesa.

At the Hispano Chamber Member Spotlight

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Left: John Chip and Jose Armendariz of the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, John Muñoz of Sitel and Hispano Chamber President Toby Rue of Morgan Stanley with his two boys, Christopher and Brandon Rue take a break at the Hispano Chamber Spotlight Wednesday, Nov. 19, at ACÁ Spanish Language School.

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Bob Johnson of Johnson Financial Services, City Manager Terrence Moore and Bill Grigaliunas of ACÁ Spanish Language School

Right: Local artist and City of Artists Promotional Association Project Director Carol Lopez and Linda Lundeen of the Lundeen Inn of the Arts

Bill Grigaliunas, owner of ACÁ Spanish Language School, and Hispano Chamber Executive Director Rachel Garcia-Banegas

Left: Bob Johnson of Johnson Financial Services grills hot dogs at the Member Spotlight.

Ribbon Cutting Lessons of Life

Eddie Ruiz, co-owner of Lessons of Life, 166 E. Madrid Ave., cuts the ribbon during a Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 19. The new organization, co-founded by Rey Romero, assists individuals served on the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Waiver by providing family living/substitute care, community access, respite and supported employment services.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: SCRUB FASHIONS

Continuing an 11-year legacy

New owners of Scrub Fashions follow in mom's footsteps

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1994, Linda Franco started offering medical apparel and accessories with quality customer care to medical professionals from the trunk of her car. Her commitment to customer service led to a successful business that became a destination for the medical community.

Franco passed away in February, leaving her legacy to her daughter, Jessyca Chavez.

Together with her husband, Duane Chavez, Jessyca is striving to continue the legacy that is Scrub Fashions, and the hundreds of loyal customers who have come with it.

While they're following in Linda Franco's footsteps, the couple also is trying to make the store their own.

Duane Chavez, who is originally from Española, brings his management experience to the table. After getting a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico, he went on to manage Bennigan's restaurants in Albuquerque and Las Cruces.

"I knew what Las Cruces was all about," he said.

His restaurant management career took him to larger metropolitan areas, such as San Jose, Calif., and Denver, before he returned to northern New Mexico and bought his own restaurant.

Jessyca Chavez, who also earned a bachelor's degree from UNM and is now getting a master's degree at New Mexico State University to prepare for medical school, is an entrepreneur in her own right. She earned her associate real estate broker's license, and earned titles such as Miss Española and Mrs. Las Cruces.

Living in Las Cruces for three years now, the Chavezes took advantage of their opportunities to blossom in the growing city.

"I dedicated a lot of my time to also help the Francos," Duane Chavez said.

Watching her mother run her Scrub Fashions business, Jessyca Chavez learned from her mother's business skills.

"Her strengths were really on focusing on her customers and talking to people," she said. "That's what made everyone so committed to her business."

While Jessyca Chavez spends most of her time furthering her education, Duane Chavez manages the store, which offers the latest high-quality names in medical apparel, such as Cherokee and Dickies Medical.

"This was her legacy," Duane Chavez said. "She left her footprints in the community with this business, and we're keeping it in the family while keeping up with the times."

Keeping up with the times means that some customers are not able to get down to the boutique at 2595 E. Missouri Ave. So began Scrub Patrol, a mobile service provided by Scrub Fashions.

"It's about selling comfort to the medical community," Duane Chavez said. "I do deliveries, but sometimes I go there and give them an invitation and take them water bottles (with the Scrub Fashions and Scrub Patrol logos), and then we'll come back."

Duane Chavez said that they will do group fittings for an entire medical office on location because they know how difficult it is to get everyone down to the store.

While certain things have remained the same as they were when Franco ran the store, such as the catchy purple and yellow logo, the Chavezes said they saw a need for updates.

"We're trying to keep it the way she ran it, so the customers will still feel like they're coming to the same place," Jessyca Chavez said. "But it also needed a bit of a change."

For starters, the couple expanded to include the entire building in which Scrub Fashions is housed. Then, they computerized the entire bookkeeping system, which Franco did by hand for 11 years. Slowly, the Chavezes are subtly transforming Scrub Fashions into a boutique, with soft, inviting colors, curtains and comfy furniture.

"A lot of time, customers will bring in their husbands or their kids, and they're waiting for them," Jessyca Chavez said. "We want them to be comfortable."

Most importantly, however, has been developing a sense of pride in taking over Scrub Fashions.

"My mom used to say, 'This is your store, I just work here,' to her customers," Jessyca Chavez said. "She was so nonchalant about it. We're about family, and I do understand that a lot."

"We get to create a new day every day," Duane Chavez said, "and we take pride in whatever we do."

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Scrub Fashions offers the highest quality in medical apparel, including the popular brand Dickies Medical.

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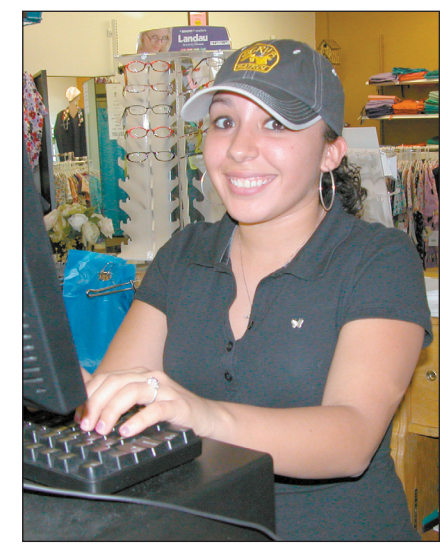
Jessyca and Duane Chavez have continued the legacy of Jessyca's mother, Linda Franco, who started Scrub Fashions, 2595 E. Missouri Ave., from the trunk of her car in 1994.



Gina Gonzales provides top customer service behind the counter, working with the newly computerized system at Scrub Fashions.

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What inspired you to go into business?
Growing up around family that has and has had businesses has given us a great foundation to where we are today. We have learned a lot by seeing what they have had to prove to become great entrepreneurs. After college, we purchased and built a northern New Mexico restaurant and sports bar and built it from the ground up. This experience gave us working knowledge, know-how and customer service skills that are priceless in the service industry. Now, we are blessed to have taken over our family business here at Scrub Fashions and are proud to use our knowledge from past experiences.

What is unique about your business?
We are a specialty store that has competitive, discount prices for name-brand medical uniforms and accessories. We will meet or beat any prices from our competitors, mainly the mail-order catalogs. We are family-owned and operated, giving personal service and attention to all our customers by keeping it local. We will deliver orders for our accounts straight to their work place, free of charge.

Who are your customers?
Everyone! Although we would like for the whole community to come in and see what we are all about, we typically cater to the medical, dental and health professionals. We invite all the community to come in and see what we can offer them.

Where do you see the business in five years?
We think we are on a great track right now, by keeping our name rotating in the community and with the continued support of Las Cruces and the surrounding area, but we are looking to expand to other locations.

What is your business philosophy?
Our goals first and foremost are keeping our customers happy by understanding their needs and striving to keep our customers satisfied and comfortable with what we have to offer. We pride ourselves in staying with the momentum of seasonal styles and catering to our customers with a smile.

What is the best part of your job?
The best part of our job is getting to know our community and building friendships. We get to go to work every day and have fun while we do it. Every day is an adventure! We also get to work hand-in-hand with each other as a couple and are very blessed for that because we work very well together.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
Keeping up with the times and technology. We computerized the business this summer and are faster and more efficient than ever. This has allowed us to move forward with other branches of business such as our new delivery service. We now offer medical apparel fittings for our accounts and offer outside sales and delivery through Scrub Patrol.

How are you marketing the store?
We have learned that personal service and attention in this field of service has been the most beneficial to our growth and potential. We recognize that going out in the community and sharing our ideas and products every day makes one happy customer come back for more. We have recently started delivering Scrub Fashions and Scrub Patrol water bottles all around the city. We use these to keep our name fresh in the minds of our customers and hopefully attract new friends and customers alike.

What do you look for in an employee?
Someone who is committed to doing a good job and takes care of customers as they would take care of family. We have three employees – Maria, Risher and Gina – and we like to keep a close-knit team and family environment with them. They are a fundamental role in our success. Thank you for all your time and talent, ladies.

What is the best business decision you have made so far?
Making the decision to move back to Las Cruces from Arizona to continue the family business that was built 11 years ago. We continue the legacy of service that Linda Franco, our mom, has brought to this community.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?
We continue to strive for improvement every day. We pride ourselves in what we can offer our customers and keep our products constantly rotating. We are in the process of painting and decorating the inside of the store to give more of our personality and warm vibe.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
Definitely our work experience along with our education. Duane graduated with a bachelor's degree in business and communications from the University of New Mexico. He worked in management and traveled with Bennigan's restaurant from 1997 to 2002. After purchasing and running Dos Amigos Restaurant and Sports Bar in Española, N.M., for four years, he had the opportunity to manage for Texas Roadhouse and now is moving forward with Scrub Fashions and Scrub Patrol, his most recent endeavor. Jessyca graduated with a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico. Her focus of study was community health, emergency medicine and flamenco dance. She also obtained her associate broker's license in real estate in 2004, while helping Duane run their restaurant. She now is back in school at New Mexico State University, preparing for medical school, and helps at Scrub Fashions in her spare time.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
Use your resources, take your time and make time to have fun. People want to be a part of a project or environment that is consistent and happy. Keep people as your primary focus, and good things will come.

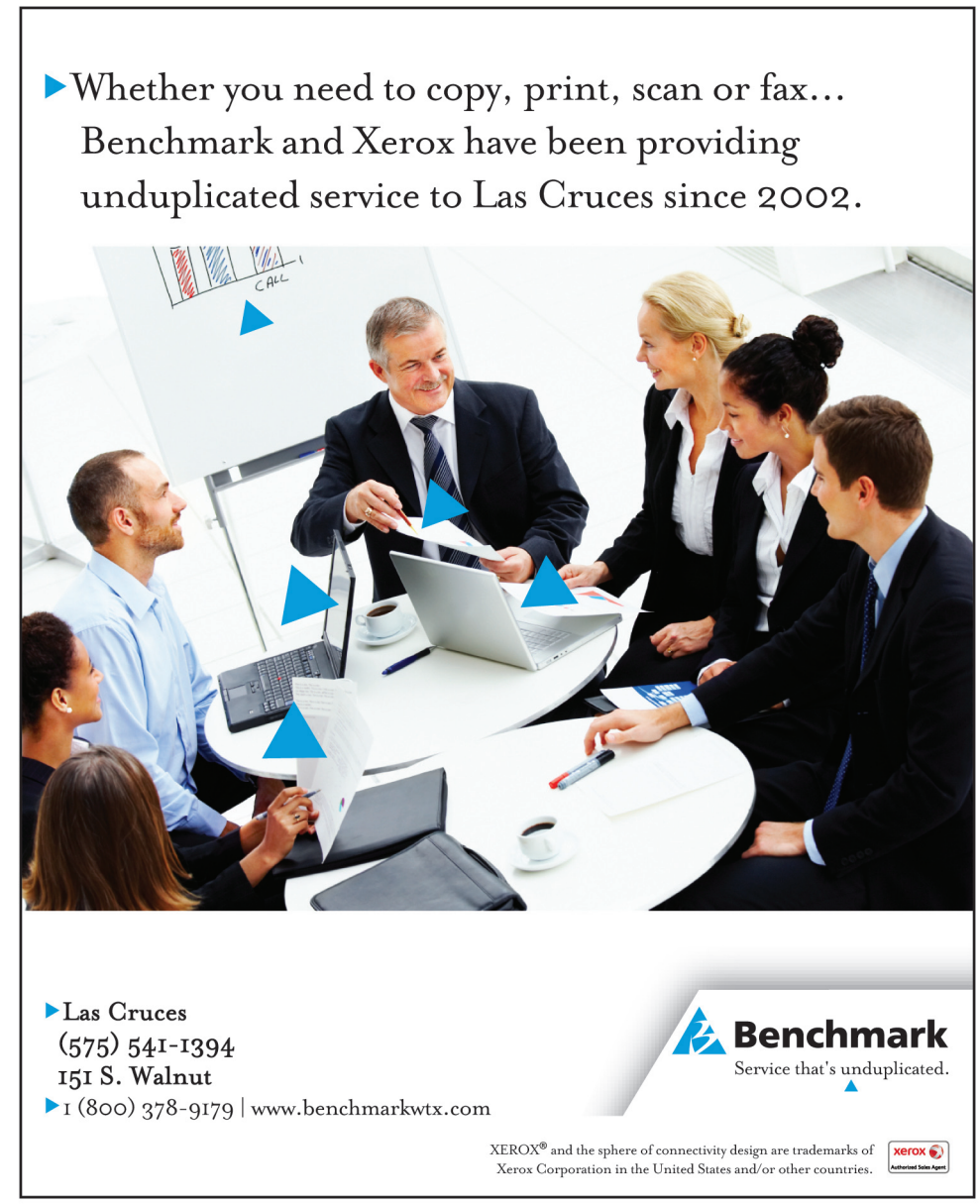
What items do you carry, and what are their price ranges?
The brands we carry are top-of-the-line for medical apparel: Cherokee, Landau, Barco, Peaches, White Swan, Prestige, Dickies Medical, Urbane, Z-Coil, Spira, Izzy, Nurse Mates, Littman stethoscopes and blood pressure cuffs – a wide array of medical accessories and what a professional needs to function in their working environment. We also carry therapeutic shoes and all styles of lab coats. Scrub tops range in price from $16.95 to $24.95 and pants range in price from $16.95 to $24.95.

What is your most popular item?
Our scrub sets, ranging in price from $22 to $24 a set. We have a variety of seasonal and fun, hip styles of print tops.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It has steadily increased, and we see great potential in this "undiscovered" little city. Las Cruces has a wonderful and warm community of people, and we can only see positive and exciting growth from her.

What obstacles do you have or have you overcome?
Taking over for our mom, Linda, who passed away this year, has been an insurmountable task. It was hard in the beginning to take over from where she left off, but with the love and support from the community, we make progress every day. We strive to do things and take care of customers with the level of compassion and quality that she had while implementing our own ideas and working on our own strengths.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?
The most important thing to know is that we are family-owned and have been operating since 1994. This business started out of the trunk of Mom's car and then moved to a little shop on Madrid Avenue before relocating to Missouri Avenue. Mom worked so hard and left her footprints in this community and left her business for her kids to preserve. We are so extremely grateful for all the support from our loyal customers who keep believing in us and our products. Our mom always like to say when she was talking to a customer, "This is your store. I just work here."



An economist's Thanksgiving list a little different

Las Cruces area may not see a recession

CHRIS ERICKSON
State of the Economy

Listening to NPR recently, I heard reference to the slowing economy 11 times in less than an hour. It is true that the national economy is likely in recession, and our local economy is showing signs of slowing down. But the fact is, the fundamentals of Las Cruces are strong. At least as measured by employment growth, we may not even see a recession. This is certainly something to be thankful for. Given that it's the Thanksgiving holiday this week, I thought I would give you a list of other things to be thankful for. But my list is a little unusual in that it is the list of an economics professor who specializes in studying the Las Cruces economy.

> "... the fact is, the fundamentals of Las Cruces are strong"

Eight things to be thankful for

1. The expansion of Fort Bliss. Yes, Fort Bliss is in El Paso, but the increase in troop strength is massive, and the economic impact will spill over across the state line. When you include troops, dependents and support staff, 100,000 people are expected to move to the El Paso area before the build up is done. The expansion at Fort Bliss should add 1 to 2 percent to the growth rate of our local economy through 2012.

2. The future combat systems brigade. Future Combat Systems is the largest military research and development program in world history. Much of the testing will be done at White Sands Missile Range. The FCS Brigade is expected to bring 4,500 new troops to WSMR, 6,000 total when dependents are considered.

3. Foxconn. The giant maquila Foxconn is being built near the Santa Teresa border crossing. When Foxconn opens next year, it is expected to employ 10,000. A second phase will employ another 10,000 sometime in the next three years. Foxconn will be a magnet for suppliers and some will locate in Doña Ana County.

4. New Mexico State University. Our region's largest single employer is doing well, with enrollment up for the third year in a row. Impoverished students may not spend as much as householders, but more students does mean more local spending in total. While not mentioned as often, external funding for research is also up. The faculty and staff funded by research dollars are a benefit to the local economy.

5. The Downtown Tax Increment Development District (TIDD). Actually, the tax law passed by the Legislature in 2006 that created TIDDs is too generous to local municipalities. But given that it is too generous, I'm thankful that our local officials have created a TIDD so that at least we benefit locally from the Legislature's largess.

6. Large service sector/small manufacturing sector. Las Cruces has a relatively large service sector, that is less subject to the business cycle, and a relatively small manufacturing sector that is more sensitive to the business cycle. The combination means we are relatively insulated from recession. That is especially good news given the condition of the national economy.

7. Low unemployment. Shortly after I moved to Las Cruces, the unemployment rate topped 9 percent. In September, that rate stood at 3.8 percent. Under any circumstance 3.8 percent is low, but for a community like ours, located near the border and composed of workers with a large proportion of high school dropouts, our unemployment is really low.

8. My family. Hey, it is my list. Did you really expect me not to include something personal? I am blessed with a son doing well in college, a daughter doing well in high school and a lovely, loving wife who has just started a new career as a science teacher. Who could ask for more?

All and all, we have much for which to be thankful. Happy Thanksgiving!

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What does the rescue plan mean for you?

If you've watched the news from Wall Street and Washington, you've seen a hefty amount of drama. But in the end, what will it mean to you?

Congress last month agreed on a $700 billion plan called the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 to revive the credit markets and restore the flow of credit to the U.S. economy. The legislation will, among other provisions, give the Treasury Department the ability to purchase up to $700 billion in mortgage-backed securities and other troubled assets from banks and financial firms, though some of this spending authority will be subject to Congressional approval.

This rescue package has both supporters and detractors. Its proponents claim that you, as a taxpayer, will ultimately reap rewards when the Treasury eventually sells the currently distressed assets for a profit. However, while no one can say for sure when, or if, this will happen, it does seem likely that the bailout could have some real benefits for you as an investor.

Why? Because one of the most important goals of the bailout is to help "unclog" the credit markets and put more cash back into our financial system. The subprime mortgage crisis has sucked an enormous amount of liquidity from our markets; without this liquidity, banks have become unwilling, or unable, to extend credit to consumers and businesses. When businesses can't get credit, they can't expand their operations – and that makes it hard for them to make a profit.

As an investor, of course, you are looking for profitable companies in which to invest. So, to the extent that an infusion of liquidity may help the fortunes of many businesses, you now may face a brighter investment horizon.

Furthermore, the bailout may calm the financial markets – and calmer financial markets are more conducive to long-term investing. As an investor, you may find it hard to stick to your strategy when you see the stock market show giant gains one day, followed by huge losses the next.

Nonetheless, as you look ahead, don't be surprised if some volatility continues, although it will hopefully be less extreme than what we've seen.

Fortunately, you can take effective action against market fluctuations, whatever their size, by diversifying your investments. Talk to your financial advisor about how to diversify your portfolio in a way that's appropriate for your risk tolerance and time horizon. Be aware, however, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against a loss.

Also, keep looking for quality investments. During market downturns, even quality stocks can lose value. But these same stocks often recover quickly when the market turns around. Look for good, solid companies whose products are competitive and whose management has enunciated a strategy for future growth.

Here's the bottom line: The government's rescue plan may well help investors. But by following proven strategies, such as diversifying your holdings and investing for quality, you can build a portfolio that can navigate even the choppiest financial waters – without having to bail yourself out.

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BRIEFS

Avalos Vision relocates

Avalos Vision, formerly on Foothills Road, has moved. Carrying one of the best selections of eyewear frames in town, with brand names such as Versace, Tura, Oakley, Ed Hardy and Cazal, and specializing in custom prescription eyewear and sunwear with access to all of the state-of-the-art lenses, the store now has a new location.

Avalos Vision, an independent optical shoppe, serving the Las Cruces community since 1984, is now located at 3691 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 11, next to Lorenzo's Avanti Restaurante and Davenport Jewelers. For more information, call 522-6868.

Johnson earns CRB designation

JOHNSON

D. Elaine Johnson, qualifying broker of RE/MAX Classic Realty, earned the Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager (CRB) designation presented by the Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers. The CRB is recognized industrywide as the measure of success for real estate brokers and managers. Realtors earning the designation have completed a comprehensive program combining experience with management education. The council is a not-for-profit affiliate of the National Association of Realtors with almost 7,000 members in North America. Innovative and result-oriented programs, products and services are continually being developed to enhance the productivity and profitability of council members. Johnson is a member of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and the Realtors Association of New Mexico. Johnson also serves as the Las Cruces Multiple Listing and Information Service president.

AG says state title insurance rates unfair

Attorney General Gary King says reverse competition still plagues title insurance rate making in New Mexico and must be removed before new rates are set by the Public Regulation Commission's Insurance Division.

The attorney general this week urged the superintendent of insurance to reject an 18-percent rate increase for title insurance proposed by the title insurance industry and instead lower rates by at least 6 percent. Title insurance provides lenders some assurance that the home purchaser will have clean title.

"Excessive transaction costs can be a drag on the economy, and we're asking the Insurance Division to give people thinking of buying a home some relief in the form of lower title insurance prices," King said. "Our title insurance expert testified once again that his analysis shows New Mexico consumers are paying too much."

Expert Birny Birnbaum prefiled direct testimony for the recently completed 2008 Annual Title Insurance Hearing in Santa Fe. In his testimony, Birnbaum concluded: "Reverse competition is the dominant characteristic of title insurance and escrow markets in New Mexico and other states. The competition for the referrers' business involves the title agent or title insurer providing things of value to the referrers and passing these sales and marketing costs onto the consumers."

Setting title insurance rates is based primarily on allowances for reasonable expenses, and the AG's expert maintains that reverse competition creates unreasonable costs, which should not be used for rate development.

Risotto's expands to El Paso

Risotto's MedRim Bistro announces the recent expansion to El Paso with the grand opening of their new location on 9830 Gateway Blvd. North in Northeast El Paso.

Short for Mediterranean Rim, MedRim cuisine was created and modeled after a diverse blend of unique traditions and flavors found throughout 21 countries that call the Mediterranean coast home.

Established in Las Cruces, Founder and President Jorge Camino is excited to introduce his unique MedRim cuisine to the El Paso community. Unlike anything in the region, Risotto's boasts the perfect balance of comfort and culture combined with genuine hospitality, festivity and affordability.

As a value-driven concept, Risotto's MedRim Bistro has something for everyone. From an extensive lunch menu that starts at $5.90 to tantalizing dinner items that start at $8. In addition to the menu, Risotto's also features more than 120 wines, happy hour specials and live music on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Also available at both locations: gift cards, catering, in-house special events and Park-N-Go.

Whether it be with family, friends, coworkers or clients, they invite consumers to "dare to explore" the unique flavors and atmosphere of Risotto's MedRim Bistro at both Risotto's MedRim Bistro locations.

The flavors of the Mediterranean are waiting at Risotto's MedRim Bistro, 9830 Gateway Blvd. North, El Paso; or 510 S. Telshor. This unique dining experience will transport you to the exotic locales of countries that speckle the shoreline of the Mediterranean Sea. For more information, visit www.risottosmedrim.com or call 915-755-1246 or 521-4619.

Hitner, McGinley earn ABR designations

HITNER

MCGINLEY

Kari Hitner and Kelly McGinley with RE/MAX Classic Realty have been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representative (ABR) designation by the Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council Inc. of the National Association of Realtors. Hitner and McGinley join more than 32,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR designation. All were required to successfully complete a comprehensive course in buyer representation and an elective course focusing on a buyer representation specialty.

SpringBoard! helps educational dreams come true

Program gives women new opportunties

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Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

At 52 years old, Polly Bencomo still has a lot of learning left to do, and being able to learn at a university is a dream come true for her.

Bencomo first enrolled at Doña Ana Community College (DACC) in the summer, studying to become a health information technician and is continuing on during the fall 2008 semester.

"You never stop learning. Education is good, and it is something that can never be taken away from you," Bencomo said about returning to school.

Bencomo would have returned to school sooner if she had the resources, but the single mother of three could not find the time or the money.

"I finally just decided to bite the bullet and go back to school," Bencomo said, so she returned despite the fact that she did not have enough money to be a student. Until now.

On Friday, Bencomo was one of four women to receive a SpringBoard! Scholarship, created through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) to help improve the lives of women in southern New Mexico by providing opportunities for advanced education. SpringBoard! committee members make recommendation to the CFSNM for scholarships and grants, then the Foundation awards the money.

"This program specifically targets young women who have a hard time getting into an educational program because they either dropped out of school and had children or had to go to work and now realize they need more of an education to do better in life," said Ammu Devasthali, a founding member of SpringBoard! "Even though we are technically helping one woman with scholarships, the ripple affect is helping a lot more people because that one woman continued her education."

Bencomo agrees. To her, returning to school is impacting her whole family.

"I really want to be a good example for my kids. It is important to me to be that example that says education is very important," said Bencomo, who received her associate's degree in 1976. "The degree I got that long ago wasn't helping me. I was a single parent raising my kids and I struggled all those years trying to get a good job. It's very, very hard to get a job without a good education."

The SpringBoard! Scholarship program was established in 2004 when the CFSNM, and women like Devasthali, realized there was a need for educational advancement among community women.

The SpringBoard! committee reviews grant application at their latest meeting.

Since 2004, SpringBoard! has awarded 14 scholarships to deserving women. One scholarship is like the $1,000 scholarship Bencomo received, the other is a $500 "Over the Rainbow Scholarship" established to honor the memory of Dorothy Ellen Baker, a daughter of an Appalachian coal miner who valued higher education for women.

Because of Baker's belief in education, two of her daughters completed their Ph.D. and became professors – one is a long-time professor of government at New Mexico State University. SpringBoard! also awards grants to women wanting to focus on small business ventures, and helps with smaller fees associated with education. Recently, a young woman was unable to pursue her education because she did not have the $40 needed to take her GED. When SpringBoard! awarded her the money, she was able to take the GED and pursue higher education.

Devasthali said the SpringBoard! committee usually receives a little more than 30 applicants each year, and they are limited by the amount of money raised for the program.

Bencomo is grateful she was one of the women selected for a scholarship.

"SpringBoard! helped me reach my dream of returning to school," Bencomo said. "Eventually, I would like to continue my education even more and become a social worker helping battered women. This is just the beginning."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a charitable resource linking donors with community needs. Founded in 2000, the CFSNM uses knowledge to help connect people who care with causes that matter. Donors are encouraged to inquire about donating to an existing fund or creating a new fund. Call the CFSNM at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org for information about making a charitable contribution to your community.

Staying cool when the market's blowing hot and cold

Securities Division protects New Mexicans from fraud

By Gena Wilimitis
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The Securities Division of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department is cautioning investors to avoid making impulsive and uninformed decisions about their long-term financial holdings in response to the unprecedented volatility on Wall Street.

"Investors should resist the temptation to make hasty decisions about their investments or finances," division Director Bruce Kohl said. "And now is the time to be especially wary of unsolicited financial advice offering new investment opportunities. We know from past experience that con artists follow the headlines to exploit the worries of everyday investors. In times of confusion and uncertainty, there are always those who will try to prey on the investing public."

Turmoil in the home-mortgage market creates opportunities for crooks to peddle phony real-estate investments that promise enormous returns, Kohl said, and soaring energy costs have inspired scams disguised as oil and gas partnerships and alternative-energy projects. The Internet has given a global grasp to con artists who disguise themselves as online "friends" eager for your partnership in money-making ventures.

Whatever the offer, Kohl said, investors should be suspicious of any sales pitch for complex investment products that fails to offer clear disclosures of associated risks and costs. They should always seek the advice of a trusted investment adviser or financial planner before investing.

But when even the nation's top economists can offer little reassurance about today's financial markets, it's natural for some people to panic and make reactive, emotional decisions rather than anticipatory, rational ones. Here are some ways the Securities Division can help you keep your wits about you:

Before giving your money to a salesperson or company with which you've never done business, contact the New Mexico Securities Division at 800-704-5533 to verify that the investment firm or salesperson is licensed in the state of New Mexico and that the investment product being offered is registered with the state. The Securities Division also keeps a record of companies and salespeople fined or disciplined for violating security regulations or targeted by consumer complaints.

Request written information, such as a prospectus or offering circular, that fully explains the investment being offered. The documentation should contain enough clear and accurate information to allow you or your financial adviser to evaluate and verify investment details.

Get a professional, trusted third-party opinion when presented with investment opportunities that seem to offer unusually high returns in comparison to other investment options.

If you participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k), get unbiased advice and guidance before making any significant changes to your long-term savings and investment strategy.

The Regulation and Licensing Department Securities Division protects New Mexicans from fraud and financial abuse by licensing investment professionals, registering securities offerings made in the state and investigating financial fraud and other violations of the state securities laws. Its Savvy Investor program offers free seminars on how to avoid investment scams and identity theft and how to make the most of investment dollars.

To report suspected fraud or financial abuse or for more information about keeping your money secure in insecure times, contact the Securities Division at 505-984-0617 (toll-free 800-704-5533) or www.securities.state.nm.us.

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

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report November 21, 2008

Information compiled by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20086063	Mesa View Homes LLC	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	3000 Ancho	$126,000	$3,028
20085857	GL Green & Associates	GL Green & Associates LLC	Res/New	956 Flora Vista Drive	$161,820	$3,445
20085851	Jose V. & Vivian R. Frietze	Jose V. & Vivian R. Frietze	Res/Add	1205 Chestnut Place	$15,000	$116
20085864	Gabe Sandoval Construction Inc.	St. Genevieve's Catholic Church	Comm/Add	100 S. Espina St.	$37,000	$224
20085902	Twiight Construction	Twilight Construction	Res/New	1989 Villa Napoli Loop	$110,100	$3,324
20085933	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Desert Sage Building and Development Inc.	Res/New	4305 Del Prado Way	$108,960	$3,872
20086017	Top Notch Exteriors	Cecilia D. Howard	Reroof	826 N. Campo St.	$4,987	$57
20085989	Radium Springs Construction	James C. Weaver	Reroof	1225 N. Solano Drive	$10,000	$87
20085963	Thurston Equity Corporation	Cruces Investment Properties LLC	Res/New	4983 Wendall Road	$96,480	$3,292
20085982	Segovia Homes LLC	Jose A. & Marie W. Gallegos	Res/New	3824 Ringneck Drive	$230,000	$1,956
20086027	McGinley Construction Inc.	Michael A. & Carol A. Loney	Res/Alt	3537 Cave Creek Manor	$44,489	$262
20086052	Pools By Design	Phillip J. Leon & Martha E. Villegas	Swimming Pool	4035 La Purisima Drive	$43,000	$254
20086044	Vica One Inc.	n/a	Res/New	1114 Gold Court	$95,040	$2,241
20086084	G Bishop Roofing LLC	Durham M& I Inc.	Reroof	533 17th St.	$38,768	$233
20086085	Robert & Joyce F. Martin	Robert & Joyce F. Martin	Res/New	1021 Sycamore Drive	$149,000	$324
20086099	Wesley Foundation Inc.	Wesley Foundation Inc.	Reroof	2425 Jordan Drive	$8,000	$75
20086028	Casa Verde Design LLC	MGE Land Inc.	Res/New	4582 Mesa Moreno Drive	$207,120	$2,469
20086096	Sarah Kolson	Logos Development	Res/New	4010 La Purisima Drive	$118,560	$3,100
20086068	Gilbert Provencio Construction Co.	Eduardo A. Castrejon	Comm/Alt	1205 S. Solano Drive	$800	$33
20086135	Sundance C & D LLC	Casa Verde Design LLC	Swimming Pool	4461 Galisteo Loop	$26,000	$168
20086130	Davis R. Bodie & Shelli Davis	Davis R. Bodie & Shelli Davis	Res/Add	4870 Arena Drive	$4,000	$51
20086110	Summit Development	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2887 La Union Court	$118,020	$1,494
20086131	Roadrunner Construction Co.	Richard & Janice Skinner	Reroof	1404 Lees Drive	$5,900	$63
20086181	Wooten Construction Co.	Korzanoils LLC	Comm/Alt	1550 Solano Drive	$71,683	$364

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report November 21, 2008

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Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
34179	C D General Contractors	Kristian Smith	Reroof	105 Desert Garden Drive	Santa Teresa Subd	$110
34183	Self	Roman & Sonia Ramos	Res/New	3460 Highway 28	N/A	$755
34187	G & J Construction	Armando Holguin	Res/New	109 Valle Calmado St.	Valle Hermoso Ph 2	$768
34189	DB Development	Mesilla Bolson Properties	Res/New	121 Apache Brass Circle	Franklin View	$558
34190	Self	Juan Gonzalez	Res/New	121 Wagon Trail Road	Chaparral Indian Hills	$480
34193	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson Properties	Res/New	90 Apache Gold Loop	Franklin View	$452

On the Agenda

MVEDA forum

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, New Mexico State University, Doña Ana Community College, Las Cruces Public Schools, The Bridge and MVEDA to bring to the community an exciting guest speaker for the Business On The Border Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 11:15 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Armando Aguirre will be sharing with attendees an innovative educational concept happening in various parts of the nation called Early College High School. Aguirre serves as the principal of Mission Early College High School, the first of its kind in El Paso. In addition to his presentation, lunch attendees will also be provided with a brief update-progress report from The Bridge.

Every chamber member is strongly encouraged to attend this luncheon and see how education, business and government are working effectively together toward the continued improvement of education and workforce development in our community.

Luncheon cost is $10 per person, payable at the door by cash, check or major credit card. The meeting is open to the public, but due to space constraints, RSVP is required for this event and can be made by emailing rsvp@mveda.com or by calling the MVEDA office at 525-2852.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 2
Time: 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: 525-2852
Cost: $10

AAUW mixed-media sale

The Las Cruces Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a "mixed media" sale in front of Coas Books on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Downtown Mall Farmers Market to benefit Girls Can. Girls Can is an annual workshop, held in March, in which local sixth-grade girls explore several careers presented by professional women. Proceeds from the Mixed Media sale of books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes will go toward scholarships and materials for Girls Can. For further information, contact Kathy Mayer at 647-1939 or visit the association web site www.aauw.org.

Date: Saturday, Dec. 6
Time: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: Farmers and Crafts Market Downtown Mall
Contact: 647-1939

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Citizens Bank of Las Cruces will be opening their newest location, the University Branch, in the summer of 2009. Currently under construction at the corner of East University Avenue and South Telshor Boulevard, the new full-service location will include consumer and commercial banking services, as well as mortgage and safety deposit boxes, several drive-through lanes and a drive-up ATM.

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Support local vendors during the holidays

Arts scene adds Southwest flair

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Searching for the perfect gift doesn't have to be that difficult. Sure, Dad is hard to shop for, Mom is nearly impossible, and a gift for a brother or sister could break the bank, but one option many Las Crucens don't consider are the homemade and creative options available from local artisans and crafters that may fit on anyone's wish list.

In the weeks before the holiday season, Las Cruces bustles with venues for buying local products in the form of arts fairs, craft markets and bazaars.

"Shopping from local artists is a great way to find one of a kind items that you can't find anywhere else," says Olivia Hennessey, Downtown events coordinator for the City of Las Cruces. "Also, by shopping at neighborhood markets you help the local economy stay strong."

One event that could fit the bill for any shopper is the La Casa Bazaar, sponsored by La Casa, Inc., a domestic violence shelter that helps protect people from abusive situations through shelter, support and other services for victims. Patricia McClure with La Casa says the bazaar caters to a wide variety of people and features numerous kinds of arts and crafts.

"This is the largest fundraiser La Casa does, and there are more than 155 vendors who sign up," McClure says. She says a group of 30 volunteers, called the La Casa Guild, work year-round to make sure the event is a success.

McClure says keeping money local is an important part of being a part of the Las Cruces community.

"I look at it as a community effort," McClure says. "I'm a big supporter of the farmer's market and I try and support however I can. I am a big believer in keeping money local."

She says shopping locally is a unique opportunity to get something not normally found in a large department store.

"When you shop locally, you are getting something really special," McClure says. "And in these hard economic times, we have to support each other and the local people who are creating all of these beautiful things."

Local Shopping

Here are a few of the places to look for local merchandise in the next few weeks before the holidays:

Mesilla Mercado
Noon to 4 p.m. every Thursday and Sunday

Old Mesilla Plaza
Storefronts along the plaza offer unique gift ideas and souvenirs for friends and family who live outside of the area.

Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market
8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and Saturday
Downtown Mall
541-2288
Free and open to the public, featuring growers and vendors selling homegrown produce and homemade crafts.

St. Genevieve's Christmas Fair Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles Show and Sale
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30
St. Genevieve's Parish Hall
1025 E. Lohman Ave.
526-8624
Admission $1.50; children 12 and under free

La Casa Annual Bazaar
5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Preview Party
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7
Dickerson's Event Center
3920 W. Picacho Ave.
526-2819
Admission: Preview Party is $12; $3 for Saturday and Sunday

Old Mesilla Lighting of the Christmas Tree and Shopping Late event
Friday, Dec. 12
Old Mesilla Plaza
524-3262
Free and open to the public, featuring free music from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

In the Nick of Time Craft Projects
1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20
Branigan Cultural Center
501 N. Main St.
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Admission: $5 per person, per project
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At the March of Dimes

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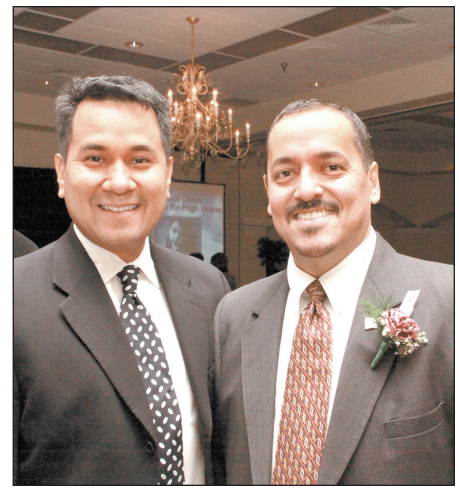
Lia Castagna Muñoz makes her way down the runway in clothing from Sweet Swap, Express and Emerald Isle and hair by Crawford Studios.

Janet Mazdra, styled by Crawford Studios and wearing clothing from Sweet Swap, Express and Emerald Isle, struts her stuff on the runway at the March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes fashion show at Hotel Encanto Thursday, Nov. 20.

Celebrity model Margarita Salazar, styled by Sylvia Tellez of the Jennifer Woodward Salon and wearing clothing from Cheeky Chicks, holds her 3-year-old daughter Mia, who was born 11 weeks premature.



John Muñoz, husband of celebrity model Lia Castagna Muñoz, and emcee Steve Chavira

Margie Huerta, styled by Sylvia Tellez of the Jennifer Woodward Salon and wearing clothing from Cheeky Chicks, strikes a pose.

Steve Chavira, Wally Vette and Bill Connor show their support for the cause by donning high heels as the "Dudes for Dimes."

Celebrity model Peggy Martin wore clothing from the Emerald Isle and hair by The Fixx Salon and Spa, and made her way down the runway with 8-year-old triplets Jacquelyn, Dominique and Jordyn Mendoza, who were also born premature.

FEATURED ARTIST

Timothy Baquera: Silversmith and jeweler

Creative mind lends itself to the designs of Jones & Co.

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Timothy Baquera began his career designing jewelry more than 40 years ago, first learning the art of beadwork from his mother. In 1970, he started an apprenticeship with a silversmith, learning the art of molding metal in to art.

He took his skills into overall jewelry making, working in Native American jewelry, becoming specialized in creating works of art from precious metals and stones. He worked in the Las Cruces and El Paso areas in the late 1970s, then went on to sell his art in Old Town Albuquerque and Santa Fe, but a tragedy took him and his family to California, where he began another apprenticeship, learning the art of fine gold and precious gems jewelry design.

"I sat and learned what they did, and it was quite a journey for me," Baquera says. He says he learned a lot more of the methods involved in fine-jewelry making.

Not long after, Baquera began melding his Native American jewelry skills with his newly acquired fine gold and precious stones creations to create a unique, one-of-a-kind line of jewelry that he sold throughout California.

"Because I've gone and done a lot of things, it's easy to sketch out something, to show me a picture of something and recreate it," Baquera says.

Baquera says many of the stones he works with may look the same, but by sitting and listening to them, he can create something beautiful.

"The stone talks to you if you can sit and listen to it," Baquera says. "It's a challenge to make something that's a wearable item. You have to try and respect the customer, what they want, and the stone and what you are creating from it."

In working with a client, Baquera says he likes to get to know the person he is creating a piece for by listening to what they have to say.

"I start with having them describe what they like, what they would like to wear every day," Baquera says. "I get my inspiration from the customer."

Baquera then uses the method that best fits the stone and the best way to mount it. "There are so many different methods, I draw from my experience and what's the best way to do it," he says.

Two methods he uses regularly are the lost wax carving process and the hand fabricating method. The lost wax carving process involves taking an item and creating a jewel in a piece of wax. The wax then becomes the metal, and then the stone is mounted. The second way, hand fabrication, starts out with casting the ring and setting the stone.

Timothy Baquera finds inspiration in the stones he uses for his pieces of jewelry.

"The method really varies from stone to stone," Baquera says. "I usually design around the stone, sketching it out, designing and redesigning until I get a consensus of what the customer really wants, then I adjust it from there."

After Baquera lived in California, he and his family moved to Colorado where he sold his designs across the state. He won first place at the Historic Downtown Laramie Art Fair in 1996 and became known in the Colorado art community as a master craftsman.

Baquera returned to the Southwest in 1998 when his wife was diagnosed with cancer and wanted to move closer to her family. She became a cancer survivor, and now, their family calls Las Cruces home.

Along with jewelry, Baquera also creates hand-crafted hair accessories.

Baquera hopes pieces such as these will eventually become heirlooms.

Baquera also creates matching pieces using turquoise, a popular Southwest stone.

While still new to Jones & Co., 1300 El Paseo Road, Baquera has discovered that this job allows him to put forth all of his efforts and skills in both fine gold and American Indian jewelry. The store features a showcase dedicated to Baquera's designs, highlighting the skills he has spent more than 40 years perfecting.

"I fit in with this group of jewelers, and it's nice to work with other talented jewelers," Baquera says. "I try to bond with what I'm making for the customer because, really, I am helping create wearable art that will become an heirloom someday."

Baquera says he tells stories with the work he does in metal. "You have to express yourself in a way that really keeps you going," he says. "I like to feel like the jewelry is an expression of myself."

To see some of Baquera's work, visit Jones & Co., 1300 El Paseo Road, or www.jonesjewelry.com.

Jones & Co. features much of Baquera's work, which includes this piece of American Indian jewelry.

Much of Baquera's work is inspired by scenes of the Southwest.

Baquera includes many American Indian influences in his jewelry, including this piece, made to look like maize.

Central Elementary begins crochet club

Teachers and staff donate materials

Central Elementary School fourth-grade students have started a crocheting club, said Principal Eloisa Solis.

"The club started with monitor and volunteer Irma Gomez showing one student how to crochet. Now the group has grown and the girls meet after school and select the item to be worked on," Solis said.

When asked why they are so interested in this almost lost craft, the girls said they found a connection to math. "We get to count by twos, threes, fours and so on. There is addition and multiplication. We also work with creating patterns and different designs and sometimes we work with symmetry. The best part is that it calms us down,'" the girls told Solis.

The first item finished by club members was a scarf. The girls are now crocheting for their parents' Christmas presents. Yarn and needles for the club were donated by Central Elementary staff members and by Gomez.

Call Gomez at Central Elementary School at 527-9496 for more information.

Elvie Hernandez and Irma Gomez monitor the new Central Elementary crochet club, made up of fourth-grade students.

CALL TO ARTISTS

FOR LOVE OF ART CELEBRATION SEEKS ARTISTS

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

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

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

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

AUDITIONS FOR "QUILTERS" AT THE BLACK BOX THEATRE

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

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

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

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

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

"Quilters," directed by Jim Eckman, will run in March during Women's History Month from March 6 through 29, 2009. Contact the director at jiminie44@comcast.net or 373-0717 for more information.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

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

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

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

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

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER

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

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

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

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

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is seeking local artists to display their fine artwork. Selections will be made by a jury group. For information, call 522-2933 or pick up an application at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

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WHITE SANDS INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The White Sands International Film Festival is now accepting entries into the 2009 competitive program being held April 23-26, 2009. Four categories for entry include Narrative, Documentary, Latino Film Showcase and New Mexico Film Showcase. Films shot in New Mexico will receive a waived entry fee. Cash prizes or special jury awards will be given in each category. In particular, the festival is interested in: films that deal with contemporary issues, that celebrate the human spirit, that deal with the Latino or Hispanic world, that have been made in New Mexico or ones with good story telling, acting, writing and direction. For submission information, visit www.wsiff.com.

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
La Casa Bazaar	Fri., Dec. 5-Sun., Dec. 7	Dickerson's Event Center
Virgin de Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration	Wed., Dec. 10-Fri., Dec. 12	Mesilla Plaza

Friday, NOVEMBER 28

RUIDOSO FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The mountain village of Ruidoso will host several Christmas and holiday events through the Christmas season, beginning with the annual Lighting of the Village at dusk Friday, Nov. 28, in mid-town. Call 888-71-LIGHTS or visit www.RuidosoFOL.org for more information.

LA CELLA BELLA AT SI ITALIAN BISTRO

The La Cella Bella cello quartet will be playing at the St. Clair Bistro on Avenida de Mesilla from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28. The group performs a wide variety of music for all audiences including holiday favorites. Call 649-5135 for more information.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 29

2008 FALL OPEN STUDIO TOUR

A group of Las Cruces artists invite you to see their art in its natural habitat the weekend after Thanksgiving. The second annual Fall Open Studio Tour is coming to town.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30, a cluster of studios along the Picacho Corridor will be open to the public. Exhibiting artists include award-winning painters, art educators, boundary breakers and at least one obsessive paintomaniac.

This year's participants – all women by sheer chance – include Ouida Touchon, Old Quesenberry Farm Studio (Bonnie Mandoe), Mesquite Street Studios (Diana Ayres, Marie Siegrist, Pat Walke, Sylvia Bowers, Susan Long, Toby de Voss, Terry Wolfe), The Maggie Cat, Linda Sundell Gendall, Penny Duncklee and Tauna Cole.

The cluster concept – all the studios are within a 10-minute range – keeps driving to a minimum. Each location will offer snacks, beverages and one-on-one conversation with the artist. Request a map to all studios at fallstudiotour@gmail.com or call 635-7899.

BOBBY PULIDO AT INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS

Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort and Casino presents a concert from world-renowned Latin music sensation Bobby Pulido at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in Ruidoso.

Pulido has enjoyed great success throughout the United States, Mexico, Latin America and Puerto Rico. As a singer very connected to his Mexican heritage, Pulido released his first CD on September 15, 2005, to commemorate Mexico's day of independence. He has since released four albums and won numerous awards for his work. Pulido's current hit is a remake of one of his father's songs, "Obsesión."

Tickets are $25 and guests must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.ticketmaster.com or calling the Inn of the Mountain Gods box office at 888-324-0348.

STORYTELLERS AT COAS BOOKSTORES

COAS Bookstores will present family storytelling by the Storytellers of Las Cruces from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. The storyteller for the Downtown Mall location will be Pat Gill and for the Solano Direlocation, the storyteller will be Lucas the Bookseller. A free book is given to all children who attend.

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LAS CRUCES FLUTE ORCHESTRA PERFORMS

The Las Cruces Flute Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, at the Black Box Theatre. Formed in 2000, the Las Cruces Flute Orchestra has performed several times as guest artists with the Mesilla Valley Concert Band, as part of the St. Paul's Methodist Church concert Series, at the New Mexico State University President's Reception and at various other benefits, churches and retirement homes. The group recently performed at the National Flute Convention in Albuquerque and at the Rio Grande Theatre.

The membership draws from many varied fields of endeavor such as teachers, a librarian, a civil engineer, NMSU college students and graduate assistants. The types of instruments used are piccolo, flute, alto flute, bass flute and string bass. The performance at the Black Box Theatre will add the harp in the Mother Goose Suite by Ravel. Guest artist-harpist is Mardi Mahaffy. The members are Alexandra Aguirre, Nathaniel Berman, Nancy Christmore, Sana Clason, Phyllis Leetsch, Ross Palmer, Molly Molloy, Elsie Stott, Melanie Williams, Isaac Medina, Susan Raby and David DeWitt, conductor and music director.

Tickets for the concert are $10. Reservations are recommended due to limited seating and can be made by calling the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

Monday, DECEMBER 1

CAMINO DE VIDA CENTER HOSTS WORLD AIDS DAY

Camino de Vida Center for HIV Services will be commemorating World AIDS Day 2008 at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at the First Christian Church DOC, 1809 El Paseo Road. The community is cordially invited to attend. The event will begin with refreshments, music and information tables on HIV/AIDS as well as prevention. Anonymous testing will be offered. The program will include speakers and panel discussions by clients, those affected by the HIV virus, medical and political individuals. The evening will end with a candlelight memorial to remember those infected and those who have died. Participants will pledge how individuals can lead the way to a world without AIDS.

On Dec. 1 every year, the world comes together to commemorate World AIDS Day. The theme this year is "leadership" to "Stop AIDS and Keep the Promise." Leadership must be demonstrated at every level to get ahead of the epidemic in families, in communities, in countries and internationally.

Visit www.caminodevida.org or call 532-0202 or 800-687-0850 for more information.

Tuesday, DECEMBER 2

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Gregory McNamee and Stephen Strom will participate in a book signing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the Mesilla Valley Mall. "Otero Mesa" is McNamee's latest book about the Chihuahuan Desert. Home to many species of wildlife and native plants, Otero Mesa is a place of extraordinary beauty and ecological significance faced with the increasing threat of oil and gas development that has plagued the Rocky Mountain west.

Strom's photographs of the desert are sure to capture any reader's eye. Meet the author and photographer for a signed copy.

Call 522-4728 for more information.

DECEMBER TEEN ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The next meeting for the Teen Advisory Group will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, upstairs in the boardroom. Participants will continue to paint the panel for the Barricade Panel Project at the new City Hall site and also work on next year's Young Adult Programs schedule. They're always looking for new things to do here in the Young Adult Department so come join the group for a snack and share thoughts.

Contact the Young Adult Department at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library at 528-4102 for more information. If participants need accommodations due to a disability call 48 hours in advance at 528-4000 or 528-4008 (TTY).

TRAILS WEST CHOIR AT RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The Trails West Choir and the New Mexico State University Choir

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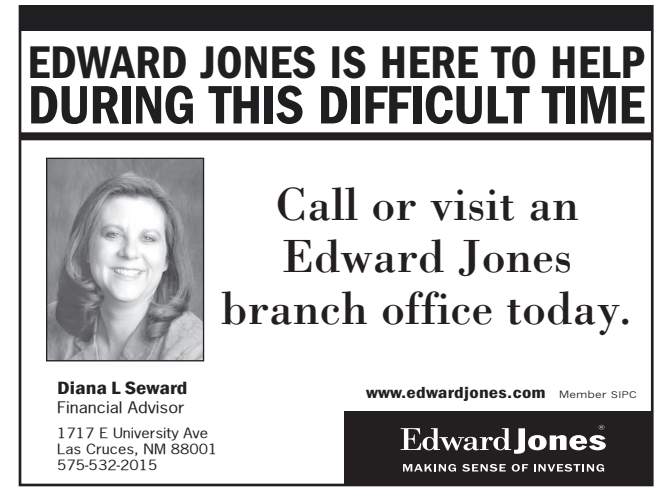

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will perform at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Rio Grande Theatre. For more information, call 523-6403.

HARVEST COOKING CLASS

Nuts will be the theme for the December monthly Harvest Cooking Class Tuesday, Dec. 2, from 2 to 4 p.m at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The chef, Carol Koenig, will prepare delicious dishes using pecans, pistachios and walnuts. Pre-registration is required and the cost is $30. For more information, call 522-4100.

CINDY BLACKMAN QUARTET

Hubbards Music and Alma d'arte present the Cindy Blackman Quartet on Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m., in the Alma d'arte Auditorium, 402 W. Court Ave. Blackman is the drummer for famed musical artist Lenny Kravitz. For more information, call Dru Hubbard at 526-8884.

Wednesday, DECEMBER 3

EL PASO BLUES SOCIETY MEETING

The El Paso Blues Society will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at King's X, 4119 N. Mesa St. A blues jam will begin at 8 p.m. Participants must know how to play a 12-bar blues. Guitarists must bring amps. Bass rig and drums provided. Call 915-526-0719 for more information.

AUTHOR BOOK SIGNING

Geography writer Gregory McNamee and photographer Stephen Strom will discuss and sign copies of "Otero Mesa: Preserving America's Wildest Grassland" at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2.

"Otero Mesa" takes readers on a narrative and photographic journey of the half-million acres of unfettered grassland in southern New Mexico's Chihuahuan Desert. Home to migratory songbirds, rare native pronghorns, prairie dogs and stunning visual scenery, Otero Mesa is captured in the sonorous narrative of nature writer Gregory McNamee and the exquisite landscape and wildlife photography of Stephen Strom and Stephen Capra. Readers will come to realize the detailed contours, the vast horizons, and the unique wildlife of Otero Mesa. The cast of characters – agaves, ocotillos, yuccas, golden grasslands, yellow-headed blackbirds, kestrels, pepperweed and storm-covered mountains – embody the wild views of Otera Mesa, just as McNamee's four chapters – "The View from an Aplomado," "The View from a Missile," "Oil" and "Otero Mesa and the Fate of the Land" – represent the diverse human views.

The event is free and open to the public. Call 522-4499 for more information.

STITCH 'N' VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. To participate bring a portable craft, such as knitting, crochet, cross-stitch or embroidery. The focus of the groups is good conversation and sharing creative ideas. There are two separate meetings on Wednesday – one in the morning and one in the evening. The Wednesday morning group meets at 10 a.m. at Ocotillo Coffeehouse, 315 N. Main St. (behind Coas Bookstore), and the Wednesday evening group meets at 6:30 p.m. at Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or meadows@zianet.com.

Thursday, DECEMBER 4

MAKE YOUR OWN GREETING CARDS AT THE BRANIGAN LIBRARY

Looking for that "just right card" for an upcoming occasion? Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Young Adult Department is having a Design Your Own Greeting Card Program from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Dresp Rooms for students in grades six through 12. The library provides all the fun tools needed as well as the interesting paper. Space is limited so pre-registration is necessary. Pre-registration is at the Young Adult Department desk. Call 528-4102 for more information. For accommodations due to a disability, call 48 hours in advance at 528-4000 or 528-4008 (TTY).

"FLYING J WRANGLERS' CHRISTMAS" AT THE SPENCER THEATER

Lincoln County's favorite ensemble performing new and classical western/cowboy Christmas songs and homespun comedy. Tickets are $28 and the show is at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4. Call 336-4800 or visit www.spencertheater.com for more information.

Friday, DECEMBER 5

LA CASA BAZAAR

Music, mailboxes and marvelous merchandise will be featured at the La Casa Bazaar, an annual fundraising event for La Casa, the shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. The Bazaar will be held at the Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., and will open with a preview from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, and continue from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

Tickets for the preview party are $12 and may be purchased in advance or at the door. This is an evening when vendor booths have special items for sale as well as some great bargains. Prime-time shopping on Friday includes snacks, a beverage and smaller crowds. In an effort to encourage shoppers to "go green," Friday night shoppers will also receive a reusable shopping bag from Albertsons.

Decorative mailboxes will be featured at the silent auction, a favorite booth at the Bazaar. Many of the boxes will be decorated so they may be used any time of the year. Winning bidders will be notified at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, before the Bazaar closes.

More than 100 artists will stock their booth spaces with merchandise, including clothing, decorations, jewelry, sculpture, pottery, furniture and many more items that are certain to delight the most discriminating shopper. Some shoppers report they begin and complete their holiday-season shopping at the La Casa Bazaar.

Children who attend the Bazaar on Saturday and Sunday are never charged the nominal $3 admission fee, but this year it will be suggested that children help fill Santa's sack. Each child 12 and under, who attends the Bazaar will be asked to remember a child at La Casa by contributing a new pair of socks or new T-shirt to Santa's Sack.

Call 526-2819 for more information.

Saturday, DECEMBER 6

BARNES & NOBLE SHOPPING EVENT

Barnes & Noble Booksellers is making holiday time a little sweeter for teachers by offering personalized service and extra savings at a special Holiday Educator Shopping Event on Saturday, Dec. 6.

Teachers and administrators from pre-K through 12th grade schools will receive 25 percent off book and café gift purchases and 10 percent off DVDs and CDs with a valid Barnes & Noble Educator Discount Card. Educators without a discount card may present a current school I.D. at the registers to obtain one anytime during the daylong event.

Teachers may call ahead with their holiday shopping lists and pick up those items the day of the event. The Barnes & Noble store at the Mesilla Valley Mall will have a mini breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. and the opportunity for educators to register for fabulous door prizes.

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SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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

VOZ VAQUEROS ANNUAL CONCERT

Voz Vaqueros, the singing men of Las Cruces, will hold their 38th annual Christmas Concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Good Samaritan Village auditorium. Call 635-0197 for more information.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DUO

Enchanted Gardens offers two holiday workshops on Saturday, Dec. 6. Joan Kief of San Ysidro Lavender Fields leads participants through the process of making a holiday kissing ball beginning at 12:30 p.m. This will be followed by a workshop stuffed with holiday gift wrap ideas. The kissing ball workshop costs $15 and includes all materials. Reservations required. The gif twrap workshop begins at 2 p.m., and is free to Enchanted Gardens Benefit Members or $7.50 to the public. Reservations requested. Enchanted Gardens is located at 270 Avenida de Mesilla. Call 524-1886 or email gardens@zianet.com for more information or reservations.

Looking Forward

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Opening this Week

IN EFFECT GALLERY

The In Effect Gallery will be open for holiday shoppers from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, featuring the works of Dennis Lujan and Susan Teague, among others. As always, In Effect Gallery will take layaway for the holidays. The gallery is located at 514 W. Griggs Ave., just two blocks west of Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces. Regular hours are Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Continuing this Week

NEW MEXICO FARM AND RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The spirit of living in the rural Southwest is reflected in the "Western Heritage" art show presented at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, through March 28, 2009. Paintings, sculpture, wood crafting, gourd art and photography created by the members of the City of Artists Promotional Association inspire a deeper appreciation of New Mexico's rich heritage and can be viewed during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GLENN CUTTER JEWELERS AND GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will host Susi and Richard Bergquist through Dec. 31. The Bergquists are well known ceramic artists from San Simon, Ariz. Susi Bergquist does figures based on American Indian Folklore made of ceramic. There are coyotes, wolves, birds, ravens, owls, deer and many other animals. She also does ledger drawing depicting Indian history. Her wall pieces are call mojaves and are hummingbirds, bears, rabbits, porcupines and other creatures. She will also have some etchings, engraving and reduction linocuts.

Richard Bergquist is just as talented. He does santos or saints clay creations that sit on a shelf with objects representing the miracles of the saints at the base. Each saint has the professed blessing on the back of the pieces. He also does clay wall angels and nativity sets.

The two make all of their own ceramic clays from scratch. She makes figures from stories she draws of her own unique style. The figures are embellished with beads, fabric and hair the way the original Mojave Indian figures were.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Photos and Fibers" an exhibit by John Gustinis and Joan Jensen, is currently on display at thetheatregallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. John Gustinis studied physics in Rochester, N.Y., then worked as a technician and engineer at several universities. Jensen studied art in Pasadena and then history at the University of California at Los Angeles. They met in 1971 in San Francisco while both were involved in the anti-war movement. This is their first exhibit together.

After moving to Las Cruces in 1976, they studied art at New Mexico State University off and on. Gustinis branched out into photography and Jensen into fiber arts. They claim to be modernists at heart, growing up during the era of abstract expressionism, but have ventured on to include more representational objects in their work as well, including landscapes, insects and plants. They spend much time outdoors. Jensen hikes while Gustinis kayaks. These experiences find a way into their art in many ways: colors, textures, images, forms, light and shadow.

The gallery is open one hour before all performances at the Black Box Theatre and by appointment by calling 523-1223.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

LCPS annual Middle School Art Show will continue through Jan. 31 2009, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. The show includes art by students from LCPS middle schools, using a variety of media.

For more information, contact LCPS Coordinator for Visual and Performing Arts Bonnie Hosie at 527-5860 or bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

The New Mexico State University Art Gallery will exhibit a selection of 28 Andy Warhol photographs beginning with a gallery reception through Dec. 23. Original photographs taken by Warhol between 1970 and 1987 capture artists, celebrities and socialites as color Polaroid images, while the streets of New York were the subject of many of the black and white silver gelatin prints.

Warhol used photographs as the basis for his paintings, and so there are multiple, often repetitious images of any given subject. This, in turn, fed into the repetition seen in his silkscreened images – multiples of Jackie Kennedy or Elvis being among Warhol's most iconic works.

The gallery is located at 100 Williams Hall, Solano Drive at University Avenue. Call 646-2545 for more information.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

What do Maori warriors, Popeye, Angela Jolie and the Branigan Cultural Center have in common? Tattoos!

Tattoos have become increasingly common in today's visual landscape. This exhibition focuses on the art form, the technology and science behind tattooing, local expressions and the reasons people choose to mark their bodies with ink. "INK: Tattoos as Personal Expression" runs through Jan. 24, 2009.

Tattoos are found throughout Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley, around the world and in virtually every culture. With the help of tattoo artists, historians and artists, the visitor can investigate the fascinating world of tattoos. Interviews with local tattooists, images, historical artifacts, a photo essay by local photographer Chris Mortenson and a recreation of a modern tattoo parlor are included in the exhibition.

The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., is located at the north end of the Downtown Mall. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Galleries are open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org for more information.

MILAGRO COFFEE

Kurt Van Wagner of Las Cruces, will be displaying his digital figurative creations at Milagro Coffee, 1733 E. University Drive, through Dec. 31. Van Wagner has emerged as an accomplished self-taught, photo-based digital artist. He uses, his computer to digitally create figurative nude collages as well as digitally painted photographs of local landscapes. The past several years, Van Wagner's art has been published in more than 20 international magazines and books. These recent works of the human figure are Van Wagner's interpretation of man's purpose and meaningful existence in the world. Van Wagner is a member of the Las Cruces Arts Assocation, City of Artists Promotional Association, Art Forms and the El Paso Arts Association, and has won numerous awards the past eight years of his arts career. Visit www.digitalartbykurt.com for more information.

UNSETTLED GALLERY

Unsettled Gallery, 905 N. Mesquite St., will present work from local fiber and water media artists Lynn Unangst, Phil Yost and Laurel Weathersbee, in their show "Twilight on the Apacheria," showcasing their visions of southern New Mexican landscape and culture. The show continues until Dec. 6. Call 647-8053 for more information.

JUSTUS WRIGHT GALERIA

The Society of Layerists in Multi Media present a show at the Justus Wright Galeria (Del Valle Printing), 925 S. Walnut St. The show, "Deck the Walls," consists of a variety of art inspired from artistic creations on playing cards. There will be a group project as well as individual art pieces. The show will hang through Monday, Dec. 8. Contact mjeanne@zianet.com or 522-4667 for more information.

ABRAHAM'S BANK TOWER RESTAURANT

Take Tea and See, the Ten O'clock Club's new exhibit is now showing at Abraham's Bank Tower Restaurant, fourth floor of the Wells Fargo Bank building at the intersection of Main Street and Lohman Avenue.

The Ten O'Clockers find hot tea a favorite beverage for the winter season and a solace for the shorter days and longer nights. Ten O'Clockers strive to stop whatever they are doing for a minimum of 10 minutes each day to hone their art skills.

Participants include Las Cruces artists Jean Smith, June Decker, Jan Addy, Penny Duncklee, Alice Dressler, Susan Rivera and Margaret Bernstein.

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Good Samaritan Village Auditorium

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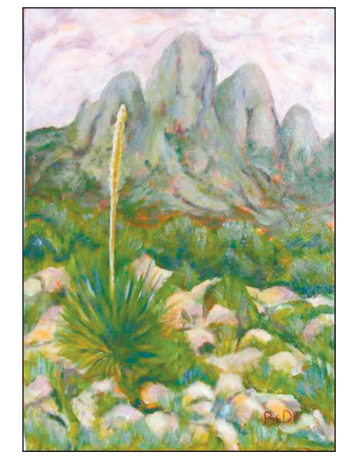
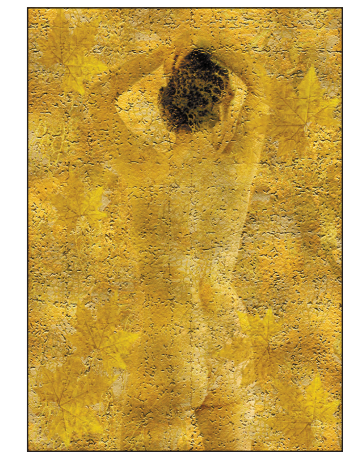
GALLERIES & OPENINGS

A photograph from the Charro Series at Branigan Cultural Center

A monster box by Nancy Begin, at Main Street Gallery



"Sotol" by Bev Denney at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritago Museum



"Jenni" by Kurt Van Wagner, at Milagro Coffee

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Take Tea and See runs through January. The gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-5911 for more information.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

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

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

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

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

Last Chance

LAUGHING AT THE SUN ART GALLERY

The feature artist during the month of November will be Rudy Lucero of Morning Star Pottery. Lucero was born in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado of Spanish, French and Native American ancestry. Lucero began his career in pottery at Rogue Community College in Grand Pass, Ore. After returning to Southern California, he attended Mount San Jacinto College to study under Gary Cominotto. Prior to moving to New Mexico, Rudy was an instructor at Perris Hill Pottery Studio in San Bernardino, Calif. Rudy likes to experiment with various glasses and firings, doing Raku and functional tableware. at Laughing at the Sun Art Gallery is located at 1910 Calle Principal. Call 523-1890 for more information.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery will feature two artists during the month of November. Rayma Claessen describes the thought process as well as the painting process in depicting her subject matter primarily landscapes. Claessen is also noted for her beautiful Organ Mountains. Her exhibit includes award-winning paintings from recent shows as well as affordable miniatures.

Bobbie Widner prefers to express her talent in subject matter from abroad, mainly France and Italy, rendering in an old masters' style.

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 26, through Jan. 5, 2009, the gallery will hold a "Holiday Sale of Original works and New Photography." A reception will follow on from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, with cookies and cider. They will feature original unframed art works, a bargain for holiday gifts by saving the price of a frame.

In addition, the 30 artists of the Gallery offer art in many mediums, which include original paintings, encaustics, infused glass art jewelry, handmade cards, stained glass, photography, creative gourds, affordable prints and miniature paintings.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933 or visit www.zianet.com/mvartgallery for more information.

COTTONWOOD GALLERY

"Recycled," the Las Cruces Art Association's 2008 Theme Show, will run through Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Southwest Environmental Center's Cottonwood Gallery, 275 N. Downtown Mall.

For "Recycled," each of the 25 artists has taken work that was going to be thrown away and remade it, or used objects that were seemingly useless or were found somewhere, and put pieces together for the exhibit. Artists participating in the show include Diana Ayers, Nancy Frost Begin, Margaret Bernstein, Alice Dressler, Pamela Eberly, Nancy Fairbank, Toni Graywolf, Doris Harrington, Shirley Hawkins, Mayanna Howard, Rosario C. Jeremias, Carol Kennedy, Julia Koontz, Patricia Lawrence, Judy Licht, Meredith Loring, Sally Marsh, Jim R. Moore, Ruth Housworth Park, Susan Rivera, Billie Roberson, Richard Spellenberg, Mary Talaminil, Danny Wade and Naida Zucker.

As the oldest arts association in Las Cruces, LCAA quietly endeavors to promote artistic responsibility in the community. "Recycled" is one of these efforts.

Call 522-5552 for more information.

LINDA LUNDEEN GALLERY

Kathy Morrow will be the featured artist at the Linda Lundeen Gallery through Nov. 28, 618 S. Alameda Blvd., showing her large-scale acrylics and paintings on clay board. Parking is available across the street. Call 526-3326 or 888-526-3326 for more information.

M. PHILLIPS FINE ART GALLERY

M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery announces a new show entitled "Works on Paper – Take 2." It will consist of several new works on paper (woodblock print, drawings and etchings). The artists represented are New Mexico artist Albert Lorey Groll (associate member of the Taos Society of Artists and member of the National Academy), F. Luis Mora (America's first Hispanic master; also a member of the National Academy), Edward Borein and several European artists. The scenes depicted are in New Mexico, Arizona, California and elsewhere. The show will run through November.

TERRACE GALLERY

New works by members of the Las Cruces Art Association can be seen in the exhibit, "Still Life" at the Terrace Gallery, which will run through Nov. 29.

The artwork is priced $200 and less, in keeping with Las Cruces Art Association's mission to offer affordable art. Terrace Gallery is located on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. There is no fee for admission. Call 528-4000 for more information.

IN EFFECT GALLERY

Spitting Image: Art of Democracy "In the Land of the Blind" exhibit of political art and featuring new works from Las Cruces and around the nation will run through Nov. 29.

The Spitting Image is part of the Art of Democracy national coalition featuring exhibits in more than 40 cities nationwide this fall. In Effect is featuring works by 15 local artists as well as 30 artists from around the country, including Texas, California, Puerto Rico, New York and Massachusetts.

Visit www.artofdemocracy.org/exhibitions for more information. Click the state of New Mexico and then on Spitting Image for details. Contact posterartnm@gmail.com for more information.

Gallery hours are from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The New Mexico Watercolor Society, Southern Chapter, will exhibit the works of 23 local watercolorists at its 2008 Fall Membership Show through Nov. 30, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. The show will feature large and small works in a wide variety of subjects and techniques. Contributors include both new and longtime members, artists with local, regional and even national reputations, accomplished and aspiring artists. The public is warmly welcomed to both the opening reception and as the exhibit continues through November.

The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Call 523-6403 for more information.

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At the Toys for Kids Parade

Motorcycle riders leave the Mesilla Valley Mall parking lot as they head down the parade route.

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Freddy Bertoldo and his daughter Leighla Bertoldo, 3, pose for a photo after Leighla got her face painted.

Hidi Inez Chavez and Eddie Lara from Deming pose with their dog Nacho Libre at Dickerson's Event Center in front of donated toys for Tresco Tots.

ACADEMY FOR LEARNING IN RETIREMENT

December

Let's Put on a Show!

Presented by Tom Smith, Associate Professor of Theater Arts, NMSU, and Producing Artistic Director of the American Southwest Theater Company.

The challenges of putting on a live holiday production from page to stage.

Date & Time.....Monday and Wednesday
December 1, 3
Coffee.....10:00-10:30 a.m.
Program.....10:30-noon
Location.....Good Samaritan Auditorium
3011 Buena Vida Circle
Fee.....$4 per day - members
$5 per day - **non-members**

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

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

A Las Cruces police officer directs the parade through the intersection of Valley Drive and Picacho Avenue.

"Frog" and "Alta" stand in front of a 1967 Mustang Trike built by Frog. In 1981 Frog started the first motorcyle parade that went through Mesilla.

Bulletin Restaurant Guide

International Delights: More than a traditional restaurant

Come and enjoy the hummus and gyros

By Jenna Frosch
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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International Delights Café offers a cozy patio for patrons to sit and enjoy the sunshine.

World travelers who enjoy the cuisine of the Mediterranean, Europe or the Middle East don't have to travel quite that far to sample the flavor of those regions – they can do that at International Delights Café, 1245 El Paseo Road.

Owner Fatah Hafassa opened International Delights Café in 1997 after moving from Santa Fe and finding that Las Cruces contained a lot of potential for the particular cuisine Hafassa could offer.

"I wanted to introduce that type of cuisine to this part of the world," Hafassa says. "We have a different approach to café style. The menu itself is a product of years of experience working in places from London to Zurich, Switzerland to Los Angeles."

Hafassa has experience cooking, but says his primary focus lies in customer service and front-of-the-house duties. He prides himself in having the ability to find the good people who can compliment the business he has built.

"This city has experienced a lot of growth in the last 10 years or so," Hafassa says. "We are fortunate to be a part of this growth. Seeing your product or venture flourish and grow as the city grows is exciting. The timing was right for a business like this when I opened."

On any given night, patrons will find college students studying, groups enjoying coffee, book clubs meeting and friends enjoying each other's company. International Delights Café offers free wireless Internet and plenty of space in their building and on their patio.

Some of the dishes they offer include the Gyro Plate, served with a Greek salad and choice of one side dish, or the Mezza, hummus (garbanzo bean dip), tabouli (parsley and wheat salad), babaghanoudj (eggplant dip) and dolma (grape leaves stuffed with rice).

The café also offers more traditional fare in their chicken salad and albacore tuna or turkey and Swiss sandwiches. Their sandwiches come on a choice of sourdough, whole wheat, ciagatta, croissant or pita, along with lettuce, tomato and a choice of soup, salad or French fries. The Mediterranean Veggie Sandwich, which comes with red pepper, olives, artichoke hearts and Swiss cheese, is another favorite for patrons of the café.

International Delights Café also houses an international market with imported delights from around the globe.

"I came with a different approach to this market," Hafassa says. "What I wanted was for Las Cruces to have something different – not just another restaurant."

The café is also known for their coffee shop with beans from around the globe.

Hafassa says students should feel comfortable going in to do their homework or bringing the family to explore the cuisines of different places around the world.

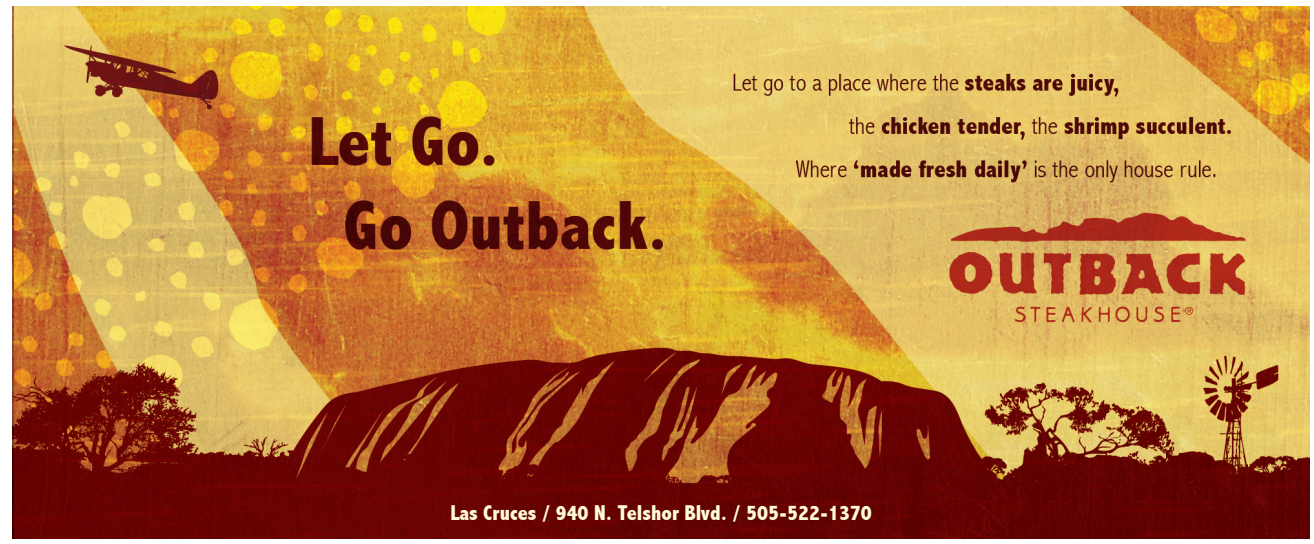
The café offers counter service, which saves time when people have a set time for lunch. They are open seven days a week and also cater for graduation parties, private business lunches, luncheons and much more.

The majority of their food items are healthy options for patrons, and Hafassa says they make sure their produce is chopped and cut every morning and the food is made to order.

They have a wide selection of desserts, including cakes and pies, along with the Turkish favorite baklava, a rich, sweet pastry found in many cuisines of the former Ottoman, Arab and Iranian countries.

The café also offers breakfast options until 11 a.m. each day.

"We are the only locally owned place that is open after 10 p.m. in Las Cruces," Hafassa says. "We really take pride in what we do and I think we have a really good product that people definitely enjoy when they buy."



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Shrimp Rolls
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SALADS
Bill's Walnut and Goat Cheese Salad
Pecan Crusted Chicken Salad
SOUPS
Tom Yum Goong
Beef Noodle
ENTREES
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City of Artists Promotional Association Members Marion Fulmer, Carol Lopez, Rebecca Courtney, Penny Duncklee, Linda Lundeen and Carol Groves participated in the Western Heritage Show at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, which runs though March 28.

Jan Kosnick with Penny Duncklee's watercolor, "Post & Rock"

Frances and Anthony Vescoso with Frances' oil painting "Spring Desert"

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FRIDAY EVENING — NOVEMBER 28, 2008

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW	My Music: My Generation -- The 60s				BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer		Ghost Whisperer		NUMB3RS CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	Paid	News (N)	Entertain	★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004)				20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		News (N)	Two Men	★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003)				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) (In Stereo) CC					Office	News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	The	Chris	The	Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	7th Heaven CC		★★ "Hannibal" (2001) Anthony Hopkins. (In Stereo)					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	26	Basket	NBA	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Phoenix Suns. CC					NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Lakers					SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	College Football: Fresno St. at Boise St.				Score	College Football UCLA at Arizona State. (Live)						College Basketball: 76 Classic		
USA	31	★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				Monk (N) CC		Psych (N) CC		House CC		Monk CC		Psych CC	
TNT	32	★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001) CC							(:45) ★★ "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) CC					"Star Trek-Insur."	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) (PA)				Sex &	Sex &	(:10) ★★ "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997) CC			
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		★★★★ "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977) Mark Hamill.						CSI: NY CC		MAN	MAN	Game	Game
COM	35	Brian Regan		★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley.				Dane Cook Vicious Circle			Comedy Central Roast CC			Dane Cook	
LIFE	39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Custody" (2007) Rob Morrow. CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diner, Drive-In		Guy's Family Feast		Good	Unwrap	Diner, Drive-In		Guy's Family Feast	
HGTV	41	Deck-Holiday		To Sell	Myles	Holiday Ideas		House	House	Get Sold	To Sell	To Sell	Myles	Holiday Ideas	
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Criminal Minds		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		UFO Hunters CC		Gangland Phoenix.		Shadow Force (N)		Shadow Force		UFO Hunters CC		Gangland Phoenix.	
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
ANPL	50	Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Whale Wars (N)		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Whale Wars		Untamed and Uncut	
FAM	51	"The Family Man"		★★★ "The Family Man" (2000) Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni. CC						The 700 Club CC		70s Show	70s Show	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	"Camp Rock" (2008)			Phineas	Wizards	Life De
NICK	54	"SpongeBob"		Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Close-3rd Kind"		★★★ "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford.					AFI's 10 Top 10 (In Stereo) CC						Hustler
SCIFI	59	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork	Mork
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	Deal or No Deal (In Stereo) CC				On the Money		Deal or No Deal		Mad Money		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	

SATURDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 29, 2008

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Rodney Yee: Power of Yoga			Brain Fitness 2: Sight and Sound			Play Piano in a Flash	
CBS	3 3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Cake	Horseland	Dino	Sushi Pack	College Football	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Di Gata	Biker Mice	Sonic X	Sonic X	Chaotic	Turtles	Kirby	Winx Club
NBC	9 9	Wine	Old House	Today (N) (In Stereo) CC				Jane	Zula Patrol	Penguins	Veggie	Turbo	Friend
CW	14	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Turtles	Turtles	GoGoRiki	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	Teenage	Dinosaur
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Murad	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Haan	The Bob & Tom Show	
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		College Gameday (Live) CC				College Football	
ESPN2	27	Chronicles	Get Wild	Journal	Driven	Bassmasters		SportsCenter (Live) CC				College Football	
USA	31	Debt	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	The Starter Wife CC		★★ "EDtv" (1999, Comedy) Matthew McConaughey. CC				Psych	
TNT	32	Angel "Provider" CC		Charmed CC		Charmed CC		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order (In Stereo)		★★ "Jurassic Park III"	
TBS	33	(4:30) ★★ "The Perfect Score"				★★ "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" CC			★★ "A Walk to Remember" (2002) (PA) Shane West. CC				
SPIKE	34	Paid Prog.	Houses For	P90X	Money	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo) CC				Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	35	MADtv (In Stereo) CC		John Oliver: Terrifying		Gerry Dee		MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv (In Stereo) CC		Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Thinner	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Mr. St. Nick" (2002) Kelsey Grammer. CC			
FOOD	40	Italian	Jamie	Nigella	Krieger	Ultimate	Cook Loft	Minute	Secrets of	Home	Paula	Cooking	Ask Aida
HGTV	41	Dream	Sweat	House	Spaces	Ground	Rip Renew	Sweat	Hammer	Over Head	Carter Can	To Sell	Curb
A&E	43	Bio.: Mackenzie Phillips		Sell House	Business	Sell House	Sell House	Rocco-Real	Rocco-Real	Flip This House CC		Flip This House CC	
HIST	44	Heavy Metal CC		American Eats CC		Wild West Tech CC		UFO Files CC		Conspiracy? CC		Lincoln Assassination	
TLC	45	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Home Made Simple	
DISC	47	BABY	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Survivorman		Dirty Jobs CC		Extreme Loggers CC		Storm Chasers	
ANPL	50	(4:00) Dog Show "Crufts 2007" Dogs compete.				Faithful	Breed	Pet Star CC		Prehistoric Park CC		Prehistoric Park CC	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	★★ "Santa Who?" (2000) Leslie Nielsen. CC				"The Sons of Mistletoe" (2001) Roma Downey.				★★ "Annie" (1982)	
DISN	52	Ready	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Bunnytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Einsteins	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Tak	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Barnyard	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Barnyard
AMC	57	"Ghost-Chicken"		★★ "The Shakiest Gun in the West" (1968)				(:15) ★★★ "The Comancheros" (1961) John Wayne. CC					Shootist
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	Paid Prog.	★★ "Stephen King's The Langoliers" (1995) Patricia Wettig. Airline passengers awaken to terror.							
CNN	62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Debt Cures	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	BABY	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Slim	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC Investigates	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 29, 2008

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	Play Piano in a Flash		Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) CC				Made in Spain Live!		You: Steps for Extending			Monarchy
CBS	3 3	(10:00) College Football Georgia Tech at Georgia. (Live) CC				College Football Auburn at Alabama. (Live) CC							
ABC	7 7	Golf LG Skins Game -- Front Nine. From Indian Wells, Calif.				College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)							
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Gladiators	Paid Prog.	★★ "Entrapment" (1999) Sean Connery. CC				★★★ "Galaxy Quest" (1999) Tim Allen.			
NBC	9 9	Paid Prog.	3 Wide Life	College Football State Farm Bayou Classic -- Grambling State vs. Southern. (In Stereo Live) CC								Paid Prog.	Raymond
CW	14	Chaotic	Yu Gi Oh	J Hanna	Wild Am.	Degrassi	Degrassi	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADD	Exploration
WGN	15	NewsRadio	★★ "Hannibal" (2001) Anthony Hopkins. (In Stereo) CC					Legend of the Seeker		Legend of the Seeker		That Moment! CC	
ESPN	26	(10:00) College Football Teams to Be Announced.				Scoreboard		College Football Overdrive (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	(10:00) College Football Teams to Be Announced.				Scoreboard	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						Football
USA	31	Psych	Monk CC		★★ "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler.				★★ "Bring It On" (2000, Comedy) Kirsten Dunst.				How Lose
TNT	32	★★ "Jurassic Park III"		★★ "The 6th Day" (2000) Arnold Schwarzenegger. CC					★★ "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel. CC				
TBS	33	Friends	Sex & City	Sex & City	Raymond	Frank TV	Raymond	King	King	★★★ "Secondhand Lions" (2003) (PA) CC			
SPIKE	34	Unsolved Mysteries		★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry. (In Stereo)						★★★★ "Star Wars IV: A New Hope" (1977)			
COM	35	★★ "Turner & Hooch" (1989) Tom Hanks. CC				★★ "Tommy Boy" (1995) Chris Farley. CC				★ "Black Sheep" (1996) Chris Farley. CC			
LIFE	39	"Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005) CC				★★ "A Very Married Christmas" (2004) CC				★★ "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg.			
FOOD	40	Giada	Contessa	Guy's Family Feast		Dinner	Dinner	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Iron Chef America		Secret Life	Heavy
HGTV	41	Save Bath	Red Hot	Dime	Myles	Find Style	Color	Divine	Deserving	Color	Rate	Get It Sold	My House
A&E	43	Parking	Parking	Parking	★★ "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987) Eddie Murphy.				★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. CC				
HIST	44	Lincoln Assassination		Extreme Trains CC		Extreme Trains CC		Extreme Trains CC		Absolute Evel: The Evel Knievel Story CC			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Dress	Dress	Frst Home	Frst Home	Home	Home	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
ANPL	50	Animal Cops Detroit		Awesome Pawsome		Weird, True & Freaky		Untamed and Uncut		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Cops Detroit	
FAM	51	(10:00) ★★ "Annie" (1982) Aileen Quinn. CC				★★ "Eloise at the Plaza" (2003) Julie Andrews.				★★ "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003) CC			
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	"Cow Belles" (2006, Comedy) CC			Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	So Raven	So Raven
NICK	54	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard	Mighty B	Mighty B	Barnyard	Barnyard
AMC	57	(10:45) ★★★ "The Shootist" (1976) CC				★★★ "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford, Will Geer.				★★★ "Ride With the Devil" (1999)			
SCIFI	59	The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 4) CC				The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 4) CC				The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 4) CC			
CNN	62	Your Money		Special Investigations		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		This Week in Politics	
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	KODAK	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman		Lockup: Holman	

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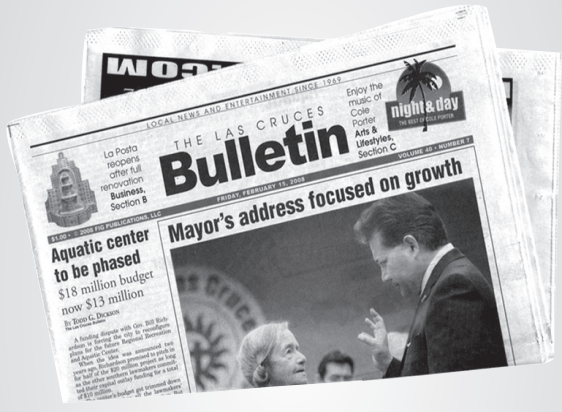

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PBS	2 22	Monarchy-Royl		Andre Rieu: Live in Vienna CC				My Music: Love Songs			Secret Law		The Who at Kilburn 1977 CC		
CBS	3 3	Paid	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	NUMB3RS CC		48 Hours Mystery "Drawn to Murder" (N)				News (N)	CSI: NY CC		Cold
ABC	7 7	News	Movies	College Football Teams to Be Announced. (In Stereo Live) CC							Insider	News	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired
FOX	8 14	Legend of		House "Love Hurts"		Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	MADtv CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	Paid	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) CC				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live CC		
CW	14	★★★ "Untamed Heart" (1993, Romance)				Bananas CC		UFC Wired		Scrubs	My Wife	Access Hollywood		Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN	15	Boston Legal CC		Boston Legal CC		Boston Legal CC		Boston Legal CC		That Moment! CC		Scrubs	Scrubs	"Shot in Dark"	
ESPN	26	Score	(:45) College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Live)						(:45) SportsCenter (Live) CC			Football Final		SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	(4:30) College Football Kentucky at Tennessee. (Live)				Scoreboard			College Basketball: Las Vegas Invitational				Fast	College Football	
USA	31	(4:30) "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"				★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				Psych CC		Monk CC		NCIS "In the Zone"	
TNT	32	★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002) Elijah Wood. CC							(:45) ★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire.					(:15) "The 6th Day"	
TBS	33	(:15) ★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994)				Ellen's Even Bigger		Funniest Mov.		★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994)				"Ace Ventura"	
SPIKE	34	"Star Wars IV"		★★★★ "Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)						★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan. (In Stereo)					
COM	35	★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004) CC				★★ "Scary Movie 4" (2006) Anna Faris.				Choco	Choco	Choco	Choco	Comedy-Roast	
LIFE	39	"A Diva's Christmas Carol" (2000) CC				★★★ "White Christmas" (1954) CC				Medium "Aftertaste"		★★★ "White Christmas" (1954) CC			
FOOD	40	Paula's Party		Chefography		Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	My	House	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine	House	House	Rate	Color	To Sell	Deserv	Color	Divine
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "Shock"		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "Shock"	
HIST	44	Star-Spangled		Vampire Secrets CC				Sputnik Mania (N) CC				Vampire Secrets CC			
TLC	45	Little	Little	16 Children		Property Ladder		Trading Spaces (N)		16 Children		Property Ladder		Trading Spaces	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters Shark Week Special 2 CC				MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters Shark Week Special 2 CC			
ANPL	50	Dogs 101 CC		Dogs 101 (N)		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog		Dogs 101		It's Me or the Dog		It's Me or the Dog	
FAM	51	★★★ "A Boy Named Charlie Brown"				★★★ "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972)				★★ "Annie" (1982) Aileen Quinn, Albert Finney. CC					
DISN	52	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Cory	Suite Life	★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) CC			
NICK	54	Mighty B	Mighty B	Back, Barnyard		Mighty B	Mighty B	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	57	"Ride With Devl"		★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002, Fantasy)				★★ "Star Trek: Nemesis" (2002) Patrick Stewart.					★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002)		
SCIFI	59	The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) CC				★★ "Stephen King's Desperation" (2006, Horror) Tom Skerritt.						★★ "The Gravedancers" (2006) CC			
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC	63	Deal or No Deal		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman		Suze Orman	
MSNBC	64	Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: N.M.		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: Raw		Lockup: N.M.	

SUNDAY MORNING — NOVEMBER 30, 2008

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	2 22	(Off Air)				Qi Gong: Flow		Happy for No Reason			Rich Dad's Guide to Wealth		
CBS	3 3	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	NFL Today (Live) CC	
ABC	7 7	Rangers	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
FOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday CC	
NBC	9 9	Strikeforce	Old House	Today Workplace guilt.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Reel Talk
CW	14	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Enchant	NASCAR
WGN	15	Paid Prog.	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Feed	Paid Prog.	Sports	Sports	Boston Legal CC	
ESPN	26	Foot Final	NFL	SportsCenter CC		Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter CC		NFL Countdown (Live) CC			
ESPN2	27	Driven	Wild Skies	Whitetail	Territories	Outdoors	Driven	Review	Review	NHRA Series Awards		Awards	
USA	31	Houses For	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	The Starter Wife CC		★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube. CC				(:02) "Jurassic Park"	
TNT	32	★★★ "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. CC				★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire. CC					"Lord of the Rings"		
TBS	33	(4:35) ★ "Son of the Mask" (2005)		(:35) ★★ "Rat Race" (2001) Rowan Atkinson.					(:35) ★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989) Sally Field. CC				
SPIKE	34	Houses For	P90X	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Married...	Married...	Married...	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
COM	35	MADtv (In Stereo) CC		★★ "Turner & Hooch" (1989) Tom Hanks. CC				MADtv (In Stereo) CC		MADtv (In Stereo) CC		Scrubs	Scrubs
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	★★ "Ebbie" (1995, Fantasy) Susan Lucci. CC			
FOOD	40	Cooking	Quick Fix	Emeril	Simply	Grill It-Flay	Big Bite	Contessa	Cooking	Rescue	Minute	Sandra Lee	Paula
HGTV	41	Ground	Yard	Yard	Landscape	Landscapr	Landscapr	Curb	Curb	Secrets	Get It Sold	My House	Potential
A&E	43	Biography "Billy Idol"		Biography CC		Private Sessions CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Parking	My Cousin
HIST	44	Lost Treasures		Last Stand of the 300 CC				Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hip Hop	Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	BABY	Paid Prog.	Time Warp	Time Warp	MythBusters CC		Prototype This!		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	50	Me or Dog	Good Dog	Barking Mad CC		K-9 to 5	Breed	It's Me or the Dog		Funniest Animals		Growing Up... "Giraffe"	
FAM	51	Step-Step	Step-Step	"Once Upon a Christmas" (2000) John Dye. CC				"Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001) Kathy Ireland.				"A Boy-Charlie"	
DISN	52	Other Me	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Bunnytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Einsteins	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Back at the Barnyard		SpongeBob	Naked	OddParent	OddParent
AMC	57	Desk Set	★★★ "Lover Come Back" (1961) Rock Hudson, Doris Day.					★★ "The Karate Kid" (1984) Ralph Macchio, Noriyuki "Pat" Morita. CC					
SCIFI	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Debt	magicJack	★ "Crocodile 2: Death Roll" (2001, Horror)				★ "Dinocroc" (2004) Costas Mandylor.			
CNN	62	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
CNBC	63	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Profits	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Thinner	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Hardball	Business	MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		MSNBC News Live		Forensics-Killer	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — NOVEMBER 30, 2008

		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	2 22	You: Steps for Extending			Dr. Wayne Dyer: Change Your Thoughts, Change Your Life CC						Under the Sea With Al		Brain
CBS	3 3	NFL Football Indianapolis Colts at Cleveland Browns. (Live) CC						NFL Football Denver Broncos at New York Jets. (Live) CC					
ABC	7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ten-Trainer	Paid Prog.	DTV Edu	Golf LG Skins Game -- Back Nine. From Indian Wells, Calif.					Entertainment Tonight	
FOX	8 14	NFL Football New York Giants at Washington Redskins. CC						NFL	Football Great		Holiday	Answers	Smoke
NBC	9 9	Skiing: USSA		Action Sports (N) (In Stereo) CC				Holiday Celebration on Ice Las Vegas. (N) CC				Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	★★ "Candyman" (1992) Virginia Madsen.				Reporter	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Chris	The Game
WGN	15	★ "Inspector Gadget" (1999) (In Stereo) CC				★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan.				Coach	Coach	ALF CC	ALF CC
ESPN	26	PBA Bowling			College Football Final		Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		Billiards
ESPN2	27	Timber	Timber	Timber	Timber	Dog Challenge		Dog Challenge		Tape Tour	College Basketball		
USA	31	(10:02) ★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill.				(12:58) ★★ "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997) Jeff Goldblum. CC						★★ "Bruce Almighty"	
TNT	32	"Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of Ring"				(:15) ★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002) Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen. CC							
TBS	33	Steel Mag.	(:20) ★★★ "Secondhand Lions" (2003) (PA)					★★ "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)			Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
SPIKE	34	UFC Unleashed		UFC 89 Countdown: Bisping vs. Leben (In Stereo)						"Star Wars V: The Empire Strikes Back" (1980)			
COM	35	★ "Black Sheep" (1996) Chris Farley. CC				★★★ "Napoleon Dynamite" (2004) Jon Heder.				★ "My Boss's Daughter" (2003) Ashton Kutcher.			
LIFE	39	"Borrowed Hearts" (1997) Roma Downey. CC				"Home for the Holidays" (2005) Sean Young.				★★ "The Christmas Wish" (1998, Drama) CC			
FOOD	40	Home	Guy	Rachael	Road	Diner, Drive-In		Food	On Plate	Cakes	Cakes	Guy's Family Feast	
HGTV	41	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Desperate	Dime	Color	Divine	First Place	Amazing Log Homes		Sleep on It	Property
A&E	43	(10:30) ★★★ "My Cousin Vinny" (1992) CC				Intervention: Heroin		Intervention CC		Intervention After		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	The Universe "Gravity"		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		Einstein CC			
TLC	45	Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Stories of ER		Untold Stories	
DISC	47	Time Warp	Time Warp	Raging Nature		Raging Nature		Raging Nature		Tornado Rampage		Destroyed	Destroyed
ANPL	50	Animal Cops Houston		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police		Miami Animal Police	
FAM	51	"A Boy-Charlie"		★★★ "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972) CC				★ "Home Alone 3" (1997) Alex D. Linz. CC				★★ "Home Alone 4"	
DISN	52	Movers	Handy	Higglytown	Charlie	★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) Tim Allen.				Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory
NICK	54	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent	OddParent
AMC	57	★★★ "Big" (1988) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. CC				★★★ "Stand by Me" (1986) Wil Wheaton. CC				★★★ "Roxanne" (1987)			
SCIFI	59	★ "Octopus II" (2002) Michael Reilly Burke.			"Kraken: Tentacles of the Deep" (2006, Horror)					"Croc" (2007, Horror) Peter Tuinstra. CC			
CNN	62	Fareed Zakaria GPS		Special Investigations		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week	
CNBC	63	Ab Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	magicJack	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Houses For	Paid Prog.	Thinner	P90X
MSNBC	64	Forensics Fail		Witness to Jonestown				Cult Killer		Mindhunter		Meet the Press CC	

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PBS	2 22	Brain Fitness		Great Performances CC			Love Train: Sound-Phi			Suze Orman: Women & Money CC				Timeless: Parks	
CBS	3 3	CBS	News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		Amaz. Race 13		Cold Case (N) CC		The Unit (N) CC		News (N)	CSI: NY "Zoo York"		Cold
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Extreme-Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	News	Movies	Desper
FOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	King-Hill	King-Hill	Simpsons	King-Hill	Fam. Guy	Amer	News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football Chicago Bears at Minnesota Vikings. CC							Sports	News (N)	Lopez	Outdrsmn	CSI Mi
CW	14	Drew	Drew	Jericho CC		Movie				Housewives		Bananas CC		Star Trek CC	
WGN	15	WKRP	WKRP	Newhart	Newhart	Honeym	Honeym	News	Replay	Bewitch	Bewitch	Jeannie	Jeannie	Hillbillies	Hillbillies
ESPN	26	SportsCenter CC		Women's College Basketball				Football Live		SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter (Live) CC		
ESPN2	27	Basket	Score	College Basketball				Score	College Basketball: 76 Classic				2008 World Series of Poker		
USA	31	"Bruce Almighty"		★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				House CC		The Starter Wife		Law & Order: SVU		House CC	
TNT	32	★★★ "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003) CC							(:45) "Lost Boys: The Tribe" (2008) CC				(:45) ★★ "Gothika" (2003)		
TBS	33	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) (PA) CC				Cheech-Chong		Laffapalooza! (N)		★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) (PA) CC			
SPIKE	34	"Star Wars V"		★★★ "Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.						★★★ "Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.					
COM	35	★★ "Scary Movie 4" (2006) Anna Faris.				Ralphie May		Katt Williams		Katt Williams Amer. Hustle			Chap	Futurama	Futurama
LIFE	39	"Home by Christmas" (2006, Drama) CC				"The Christmas Shoes" (2002) Rob Lowe.				Grey's Anatomy		Wife Swap CC		Blush: Artist	
FOOD	40	Challenge		Challenge (N)		Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner	Iron Chef America		Flay	Flay
HGTV	41	My	To Sell	Holidays		House	House	Property	First	Stagers	House	Holidays		House	House
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Gangland Florida.		Next Nostradamus (N) CC				Decoding the Past		Gangland Florida.		Next Nostradamus	
TLC	45	Big as Life: Obesity		Addicted to Food		33 000 Calories		The 750-Pound Man		Addicted to Food		33 000 Calories		The 750-Pound Man	
DISC	47	De	De	De	De	De	De	Storm Chasers (N)		De	De	De	De	De	De
ANPL	50	Orangutan Island		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Whale Wars	
FAM	51	"Home Alone 4"		"A Dennis the Menace Christmas" (2007)				"A Dennis the Menace Christmas" (2007)				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Tinker Bell" (2008) CC			Montana	Wizards	Life De
NICK	54	OddPar	OddPar	OddPar	OddPar	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Cosby	Cosby
AMC	57	(3:30) "Roxanne"		★★ "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) CC				(:15) ★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996) Robin Williams.					(:45) ★★★ "Roxanne" (1987)		
SCIFI	59	"Supergator" (2007) Brad Johnson.				"Lake Placid 2" (2007) John Schneider.				Estate of Panic		Cha$e CC		Darkside	Darkside
CNN	62	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News		Investigations		Larry King Live		D.L. Hughley-News	
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St	The Entrepreneurs		Game Industry		Ultimate Fighting		Made in China		India Rising		American Orig.	
MSNBC	64	Mind-Manson		The Confessions of a Serial Killer				Mindhunter		The Confessions of a Serial Killer				Mindhunter	

MONDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 1, 2008

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		BBC	Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey				Yanni Voices CC		Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Big Bang	Mother	Two Men	Worst	CSI: Miami CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Shrek	Grinch	Saman	Saman	(:01) Boston Legal		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Sarah Connor		Prison Break (N)		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) CC		Heroes (N) CC		Worst Enemy		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl (N)		Privileged (N) CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	7th Heaven "Work"		★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. (In Stereo) CC						★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. (In Stereo) CC					
ESPN	26	Monday Night Countdown			NFL Football Jacksonville Jaguars at Houston Texans. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Primetime (N)	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball				Billiards		Billiards		Billiards		NFL	Madden	Series of Poker	
USA	31	NCIS "Pop Life"		House "Hunting"		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		(:05) "The Game"	
TNT	32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Bones CC		The Closer CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Name	Name	Cheech-Chong		Sex &	Sex &	"Saving Silverman"	
SPIKE	34	CSI: NY "Hush"		CSI: Crime Scn		★★★ "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.					MAN	CSI: NY "Hush"		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Futurama	Futurama	Daily	Colbert	Choco	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE	39	Rita	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Holiday Switch" (2007) Nicole Eggert.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	On Plate	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners	Good	Unwrap	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41	My	House	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential	House	House	Buy Me	Beyond	To Sell	Curb	Amazing	Potential
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Asa"		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Asa"	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Underworld		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Modern Marvels		Underworld	
TLC	45	Little	Little	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	17 Kids	17 Kids
DISC	47	Made	Made	De	De	JFK: Inside		Steve Fossett		JFK: Inside		De	De	JFK: Inside	
ANPL	50	Stealth Hunters		Dogs 101 CC		It's Me or the Dog		Animal Cops		Dogs 101 CC		It's Me or the Dog		Animal Cops	
FAM	51	Seuss	Dr Seuss	★★ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"				★★ "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"						Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	"You Wish!" (2003) A.J. Trauth.		Phineas		Wizards	Life De
NICK	54	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"The Birdcage"		★★★ "Casino" (1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. Premiere.								★★★★ "The Untouchables" (1987)			
SCIFI	59	Lost CC		Lost CC		Lost CC		Lost CC		Gundam	Gundam	Darkness	Darkness	Cha$e CC	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		Deal or No Deal	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

TUESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 2, 2008

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Lights! Celebrate			Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	3 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Road Kill" (N)		The Mentalist (N)		Without a Trace (N)		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Santa Claus		Jim	Jim	Eli Stone (N) CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	House (N) CC		(:01) Fringe "Safe"		(:01) News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser: Families (N) CC				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	90210 CC		Privileged CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN	15	7th Heaven CC		Nash Bridges CC		Legend of		WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN	26	College Basketball Ohio State at Miami.				College Basketball Duke at Purdue. CC				SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2	27	NFL Live	College Basketball Clemson at Illinois.				College Basketball Virginia at Minnesota.				Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Poker
USA	31	NCIS CC		★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				House CC		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych CC	
TNT	32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC	
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Frank TV	Ellen's Even Bigger		Sex &	Sex &	Seinfeld
SPIKE	34	CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		MAN	MAN	CSI: NY CC		Star Trek: Voyager	
COM	35	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	Lewis Black		Daily	Colbert	Lewis Black		Daily	Colbert
LIFE	39	Rita	Still Stnd	Reba	Rita	Wife Swap CC		Blush: Artist		Will	Will	Frasier	Wife Swap CC		Blush
FOOD	40	Challenge		Good	Good	Food	Unwrap	Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Food	Unwrap	Cakes	Cakes
HGTV	41	My	House	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers	House	House	My	Potential	To Sell	Kitchen	Secrets	Stagers
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Rookies	Rookies	Rookies	Rookies	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The Universe CC		The Universe (N)		Extreme Trains (N)		Mega Disasters		The Universe CC		The Universe CC	
TLC	45	My Shocking Story		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner		My Shocking Story		Mystery Diagnosis		Med. Examiner	
DISC	47	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		N.Y. Quake		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
ANPL	50	Tarantula-King		Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Wolfman	Wolfman	Weird, True		Untamed and Uncut		Wolfman	Wolfman
FAM	51	(4:00) "The Polar Express"			★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) CC					The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	So Raven	So Raven	Cory	Cory	Phineas	Phineas	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Zenon: The Zequel"			Phineas	Wizards	Life De
NICK	54	Zoey 101	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	(2:00) "Casino"		★★ "Out for Justice" (1991) Premiere.				★★★ "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer. Premiere.					(:45) ★★ "Road House" CC		
SCIFI	59	Estate of Panic		Cha$e CC		ECW (Live)		Cha$e (N) CC		★★ "Dead Space: Downfall"			Scare	Ripley-Believe	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC	63	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC	64	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Great Scenic Railway Journeys: Celebrating North America						Smiley	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Rudolph		Grammy Nom		Victoria's Secr		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Pushing Daisies (N)		Private Practice (N)		Dirty Sexy Money		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Secret Millionaire (Series Premiere) (N)				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Christmas-Rock		Life (N) CC		Law & Order (N)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Stylista "Clip Show"		Stylista (N) CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven CC		Nutcracker on Ice		Holiday on Ice		Christmas Angel		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	College Basketball				College Basketball: Mich. St. vs. UNC				(:15) SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live	Fast	SportsCtr
ESPN2 (27)	Valvano	College Basketball				College Basketball: FSU at Northwestern				Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Martial
USA (31)	NCIS "Bikini Wax"		House CC		House "Top Secret"		House CC		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		In Plain Sight CC	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) CC				★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) CC				Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Funniest Mov.		Sex &	Sex &	"Underclassman"	
SPIKE (34)	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter	
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Choco	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Choco	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Rita	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Borrowed Hearts" (1997) Roma Downey.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Challenge		Good	Good	Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner	Good	Unwrap	Flay	Flay	Dinner	Dinner
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First	House	House	Amazing	Haulin	To Sell	Get Sold	First	First
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC		UFO Hunters (N)		UFO Hunters CC		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest CC	
TLC (45)	Jon & Kate 8		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Solved CC		Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Solved CC	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters CC		Prototype This! (N)		MythBusters CC		Time Wrp	Time Wrp	MythBusters CC	
ANPL (50)	Natural World CC		Maneaters CC		Animal Precinct		Animal Cops Detroit		Animal Precinct		Animal Cops Detroit		Maneaters CC	
FAM (51)	(4:00) ★★★ "Cars" (2006)			★★★ "Cars" (2006) Voices of Owen Wilson. CC					The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★ "Ice Princess" (2005) Joan Cusack.				Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	iCarly	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Out for Justice"		★★★ "Kelly's Heroes" (1970) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas. Premiere.							★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986) Clint Eastwood. CC				
SCIFI (59)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Estate of Panic (N)		Ghost Hunters		Estate of Panic		Cha$e CC	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
CNBC (63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

THURSDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 4, 2008

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Happy for No Reason			Brain Fitness 2: Sight			Our Life	BBC	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (3) 3	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Gabon		CSI: Crime Scn		(:01) Eleventh Hour		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy (N)		Fascinating		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		News (N)	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares		Kitchen Nightmares		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	TMZ (N)	Sex &
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	Kath-Kim	Office	30 Rock	(:01) ER (N) CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
CW (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville CC		Supernatural CC		Scrubs	Holly	Jerry Springer		Cheaters	Eye Eye
WGN (15)	7th Heaven CC		★★ "The Wool Cap" (2004) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Bob & Tom		RENO	Corner
ESPN (26)	SportsCtr	College Football Louisville at Rutgers. (Live)						SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
ESPN2 (27)	College Basketball USC at Oklahoma.				College Basketball UCLA at Texas. CC				E:60 (N) CC		Rodeo: 2008 PRCA National Finals			
USA (31)	NCIS CC		House "Family"		House CC		House "Insensitive"		Monk CC		The Starter Wife		Law Order: CI	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.					NBA Basketball: Spurs at Nuggets					Inside the NBA	
TBS (33)	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) (PA)				★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) (PA)				Sex &	Sex &	"Sleepless In"	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo) CC				Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Jackass	Married...	Married...
COM (35)	Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily	Colbert	Futurama	S. Park	S. Park	Silverman	Daily	Colbert	S. Park	Silverman	Daily	Colbert
LIFE (39)	Rita	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "Comfort and Joy" (2003) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
FOOD (40)	Challenge Pies.		Good	Food	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes	Good	Unwrap	Iron Chef America		Cakes	Cakes
HGTV (41)	My	House	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv	House	House	Property	First	To Sell	Myles	Rate	Ext Liv
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		Crime 360 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Gangland (N) CC		Underworld		Trial by Fire (N)		Modern Marvels		Gangland CC	
TLC (45)	Overhaulin' CC		American Chopper		American Chopper		LA Ink "Kat Tales"		American Chopper		LA Ink "Kat Tales"		American Chopper	
DISC (47)	Made	Made	HowStuffWorks (N)		De	De	Nature Strikes		De	De	HowStuffWorks		De	De
ANPL (50)	Animal Facts		Fat Pets CC		World's Ugliest Dog		Hero Phoenix		Fat Pets CC		World's Ugliest Dog		Hero Phoenix	
FAM (51)	"Charlie & Chocolate Factory"		★★★ "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)						The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	Emperor	Emperor	Cory	Cory	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Montana	★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004) CC				Wizards	Life De
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	Drake	Sponge	Sponge	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Family	Family	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Heartbreak Ridge"		★★★ "The Right Stuff" (1983) Sam Shepard. The training of the United States' first astronauts.									★★★ "JFK" (1991, Drama)		
SCIFI (59)	★★★ "The Thing" (1982) Kurt Russell.				"Yeti" (2008) Peter DeLuise, Carly Pope.				★★ "Needful Things" (1993) Max von Sydow.				Ripley	
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Brown-No Bias		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder"				Cooper 360		CNN Presents "Scream Bloody Murder"			
CNBC (63)	CNBC Reports				On the Money		The Big Idea		Mad Money		Fast Money		To Be Announced	
MSNBC (64)	Hardball CC		Countdown		Maddow Show		Countdown		Maddow Show		Hardball CC		Countdown	

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

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BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

EASTER

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BASKET	CESTA
BONNET	GORRA
CHOCOLATE	CHOCOLATE
CHURCH	IGLESIA
EGGS	HUEVOS
FAMILY	FAMILIA
FLOWER	FLOR
RABBIT	CONEJO
RELIGIOUS	RELIGIOSO
SUNDAY	DOMINGO
TO CELEBRATE	CELEBRAR
TRADITIONAL	TRADICIONAL

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D	O	T	B	R	F	A	M	I	L	Y	E	L	A	F
O	C	I	V	O	S	W	T	E	R	F	N	E	L	M
M	O	B	R	E	L	I	G	I	O	S	O	B	O	Y
N	L	B	C	R	O	Y	L	I	E	H	C	R	C	L
I	A	A	I	N	A	R	E	W	O	L	F	A	O	G
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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

ACROSS
1 First word of a famous Sinatra song
4 Second two words of the song
8 Shines
11 Dr. ___: "Goldmember" character
12 Puzzles
13 Avarice
14 Substitute
15 Sun. preceder
16 Direction
17 Ball of yarn
18 San Andreas, for one
19 Forbidding
20 Short period of time
21 Ruined "City of 1001 Churches"
22 Punch
25 Drink with gusto
26 Communication czars, abbr.
27 Miss Piggy's me
28 Mom's sister
29 Words 4 and 5 of the Sinatra song
31 Bowdlerize
32 Annabel was one
33 Beetle-cut gem
35 Between Bolivia and Ecuador
36 Distend
37 Book before Romans
41 Folds of skin
43 Understand
44 "Chicago" character Roxie ___
45 Planet that comes up in the Sinatra song
49 Rock formed by clay consolidation
51 Tribute ditty
52 Me, me, me viewpoint
53 Wretched
54 Busy insect
55 Defunct Chicago transport company, abbr.
56 Musical syllables
57 Female contraction
58 Type type: sans____
59 Exertion
60 Bogged down
61 City in South Vietnam: Can ___
64 Disapproval
65 Feast at home
66 Starr was able to ___ President Clinton
68 Honest
69 Intelligence
70 Egyptian snakes
71 Baseball's Durocher

DOWN
1 Pancake turn
2 Standing necessity
3 Thanksgiving veggies
4 Only
5 Olympic category
6 Strapped
7 Wizened
8 Use the teeth on
9 Type of savings account (abbr.)
10 Concorde, abbr.
12 Container
13 Brusque
14 Artificial channel
16 Chewy candy made from molasses
17 Spiral shelled marine mollusc
18 Arbitrary order
19 Stupid
20 S. American ruling group
22 Soap plant
23 Suitor
24 ID parade
25 25 sheets
28 Proverb
30 Travel need
31 Acclaim
33 Constitutional capital of Bolivia
34 Illegal entry
36 Onion-flavored roll
38 Unrefined
39 Helmet
40 Slalom
42 Capital of Tibet
46 Computer music
47 Graceful bird
48 Spoils
49 Firm and compact
50 Angry state
53 Italian film actress
56 BMW 3,5 or 7
57 Audible relief
58 Exercise
59 Legal papers
60 Planet mentioned in the Sinatra song
61 It is, poetically
62 Thinking sound
63 Hyalite
64 Russia's not in it
65 Sched. time
67 Heretofore

CANINE CONNECTIONS

ACROSS
1 Tease
4 PGA pegs
8 Sail-extending pole
13 Ballyhoo
19 Excitement
20 Wild speech
21 Old hag
22 Remove shrink wrap
23 Marine canine?
26 Chavez and Romero
27 Easter event
28 Seine tributary
29 Eww!
31 Height: pref.
32 Resumes business
35 Proud of being wealthy
37 Wilder play, "__ Town"
38 Gerund maker
41 Central American canine?
44 Audit pro
45 Saul's uncle
46 Partner of Porthos
47 Apartment residents
48 Kesey or Follett
49 Inundate
51 Pianist Cliburn
52 Marries again
54 "Giant" and "So Big" writer Ferber
55 Vinegar produced from fermented ale
59 "All About __"
62 Galahad's title
63 Sign away
64 Tennis player's canine?
67 Invitation letters
70 Slot fillers
71 Skiing mishap
72 Step on it!
73 Fencing sword
74 Trellis part
75 Dancer's canine?
77 Asian goat
78 Bygone Eur. realm
80 Snaky character
81 Breakfast choice
82 Tropical black birds
83 Brown and Underwood
86 Amer. ship designation
87 Zest
88 Farm butter
89 Cold remedies?
93 French wine region
97 Lilly or Wallach
98 Rap-sheet initials
99 Sculptor's canine?
101 Shown the way
102 His: Fr.
103 List of candidates
104 Eat greedily
106 Adam's youngest
108 Taboo spray
109 Arias for one
111 Permafrost region
115 Like an opera song
117 Sioux holy man's canine?
121 Ransacker
122 Pocatello's state
123 Fling
124 Light gray
125 Postpones
126 Taboo acts
127 Bad time for Caesar
128 Approval vote

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1 Gravelly voice
2 Thinker's product
3 Pig's sire
4 Import-export difference
5 Remove with caution
6 Printer's spaces
7 Fr. holy woman
8 Division into factions
9 Salaried athletes
10 Black sheep
11 Country hotel
12 Tiresome times
13 Hawker
14 Individual
15 Greek peak
16 Fancy-tailed canine?
17 Spanked
18 Losers
24 Tavern
25 Shades of color
30 Tommy Lee's group, Motley __
33 Exclamation of contempt
34 DDE's command
35 Mas' men
36 Affirmative answers
38 Bugs
39 1930s programs
40 Island canine?
42 Warning device
43 Berman or Cariou
50 Eminent conductors
51 The 4 Seasons singer Frankie
53 Bug
55 Latin handle
56 Gap in time
57 Film cuts
58 Festivals
59 Chopin composition
60 Like the flu
61 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
65 Throat-clearing sounds
66 Turndown, from Putin
68 Conveyance
69 Famous meteor shower member
76 Martini's partner
79 Moran and Gray
83 Armband
84 Niagara's source
85 Faultfinders
86 Sound of distaste
87 Coastal fliers
90 Euphemistic oath of yore
91 Interrupts rudely
92 Top marksman
93 Altercation
94 Shrew
95 Now I see!
96 Cultivate
100 Sun god
105 Pic blowup
107 Target on the green
109 Laurel or Musial
110 Holy Roman emperor
112 6/6/44
113 Fragrant flower with hips
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116 Sun. oration
118 Wedding declaration
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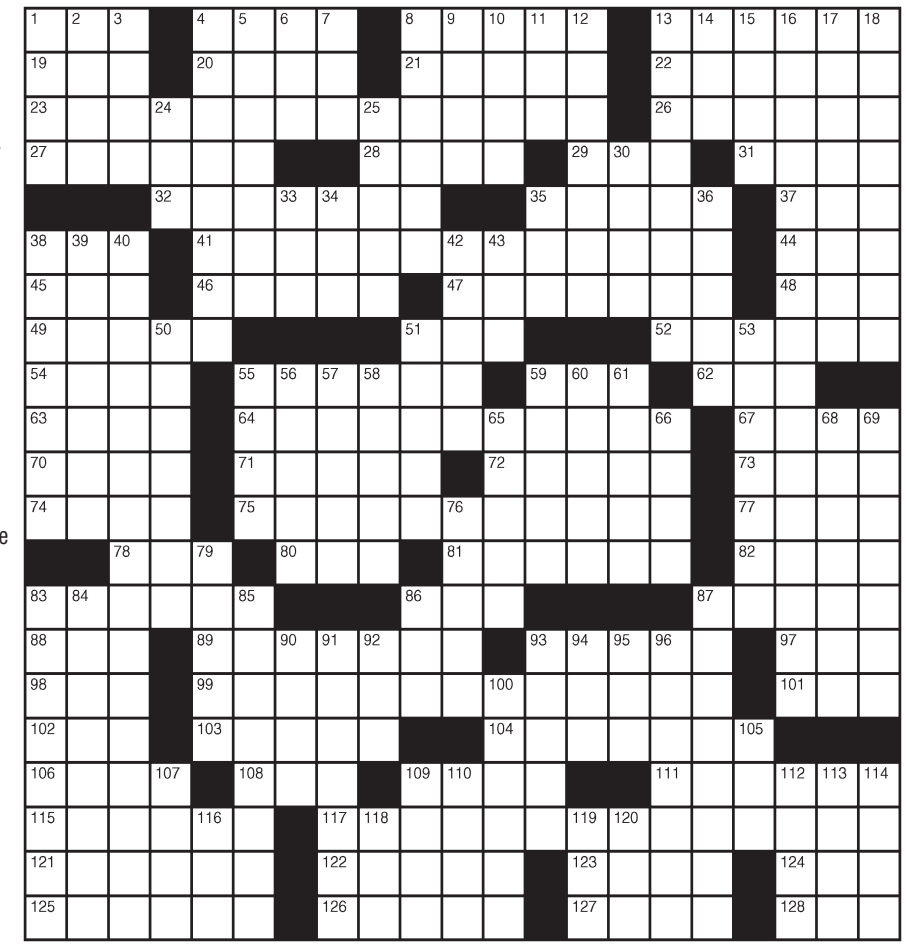

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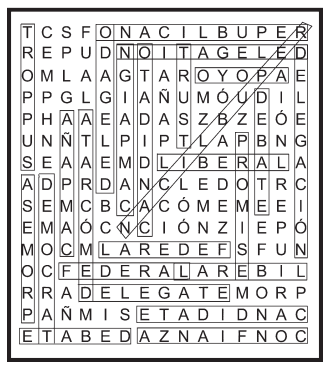

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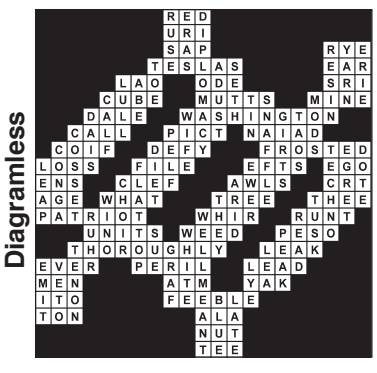

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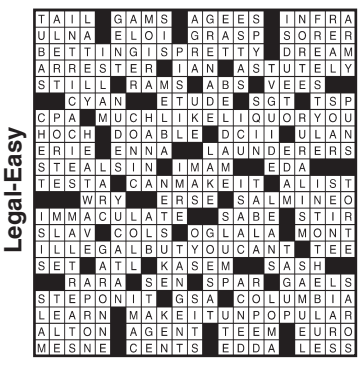

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
A man went into a shoe repair shop with some loose fruit in a bag. He thought he had found a peach cobbler.

THEATER

‘Cinderella’ charms audiences

All ages can enjoy this re-telling of a classic

Review by Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If you think you know “Cinderella” by heart, you may want to check out the American Southwest Theatre Company’s production of this fairy tale about a young girl who – well, you know, wicked stepmother, evil stepsisters, fairy godmother, Prince Charming, glass slipper fits.

But this play by Sue Hollenbeck – found after searching through numerous versions of the classic story, according to Tom Smith of the New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department, who co-directed the play with Rebecca MacCallum – adds some new characters, a few different plot twists and answers some lingering questions.

Through some fun comic moments with an exuberant cast, “Cinderella” turns out to be a fun evening for all ages, such as the audience I saw the play with at NMSU’s Hershel Zohn Theatre. Yes, there were lots of girls, but there were college students and older couples also enjoying the play.

The play begins in familiar enough territory. In a washroom with piles of clothes that Cinderella must endlessly wash for her keep. Cinderella is played with a perfect mix of big-eyed wistfulness and engaging sorrow by Denise Castañeda, a NMSU theater senior, who even has a pleasant singing voice when she is called on to sing a couple of times.

This Cinderella dreams of the world outside and, thankfully, this play gives her someone to tell those dreams to, rather than through soliloquies. That person is Patches, played by another NMSU theater senior, Josh Tafoya. Patches is a sweet, but dim, friend of Cinderella – her only friend – who sneaks visits with her. Patches works in the castle of the royal family, providing opportunities for Cinderella to share her dreams and travel, and he lets her know about what’s going on with the royal family, especially Prince Charmaigne – which is often mispronounced as “Prince Charming.”

Keeping “Cinderella” from the outside world is her stepmother, played more as a broad, foolish woman than someone full of spite by Ruth Cantrell, who is well-known to local theater patrons. Through her conversations with Patches, we learn that Cinderella endures this life of drudgery out of guilt for her father abandoning his new wife and family.

Besides performing endless chores for her stepmother, she also is servile to the whiny dictates of her two stepsisters, Petunia and Gladiola. NMSU theater students Sarah Vannest playing Petunia and Amy Archibeque playing Gladiola almost steal the show with their antics. More spoiled and supercilious than cruel and mean, they provide many laughs through farce reminiscent of the old “I Love Lucy” show. Think of Lucy and Ethel working on the candy factory assembly line and you get the kind of thing that these two pull off as the sisters who are both allies and competitors. Archibeque is the standout, showing a wonderfully animated comic flair – her Gladiola is a cartoon come to life, with fawning eyes, a dexterous face and an unselfconscious use of her whole body. She is the “Lucy” of the two, if you will.

Denise Castañeda, left, as Cinderella, and Amy Archibeque playing her stepsister Gladiola act out a scene from “Cinderella” being performed over the Thanksgiving holiday at New Mexico State University.

Because we all know the tale, let’s fast-forward to the ball, where a couple of other new twists are added. Prince Charmaigne is being pressured by his parents to marry Princess Goldenrod, who’s even more vain than the stepsisters, but wealthy enough to save the kingdom from bankruptcy. Another NMSU student, Katie Lovato, has the thankless task of playing what turns out to be the most unlikable character in the whole play.

After meeting the transformed Cinderella, Prince Charmaigne – played more earnest than princely by NMSU student Sean Dolan – must decide between the woman who would be best for his family, or the woman who has captured his heart. This complicates things enough to make the story new and engaging, even for the adults.

If you noticed that there are a lot of NMSU students in this production, that is true, but they all do a great job of breathing life into this familiar fairy tale. Assisting this troupe is Candace Craig-Hardie of Lordsburg, which made the ballroom scenes work especially well. The production crew employs some creative techniques to create magical moments when the story calls for them.

This play is made for families during the Thanksgiving holiday. ASTC offers performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30. They will continue the next weekend, with performances at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

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

the PLAYBILL

LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Now Showing

Copenhagen
Black Box Theatre
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Through Dec. 7

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Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets: $7
Dec. 8 only

Atomic theory not all that difficult to understand

Black Box Theatre’s ‘Copenhagen’ is anything but dry

Review by Jon Swalby
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

No Strings Theatre Company at the Black Box Theatre presents the Tony Award-winning “Copenhagen,” written by Michael Frayn, directed by Zac Bannister and produced by Ceil Herman. The play features Richard Rundell as Niels Bohr, Claudia Billings as Margrethe Bohr and Josh Shakra as Werner Heisenberg.

When I first read this play’s press release, I became worried. The plot sounded as if it might be dry and tedious and I got the impression that if one did not have a working knowledge of atomic structure and of the history of “the bomb,” it would be easy to become lost. I was close on a couple of counts. The play did strike me as being a bit tedious. It seemed like it took a very long time to get to the meat of the matter. Dry, it was not. While there are numerous references to historical data, I didn’t really become lost in them. They were necessary to set the places, the characters and the time lines. The historical knowledge I was concerned about would have been an advantage, but turned out to be a non-issue. That left the press release.

So, let me try to decipher what I saw last night. Niels Bohr was a Danish physicist. Werner Heisenberg was a German physicist and was Bohr’s young protégé. They worked together from 1924 to 1927 and were among a handful of scientists who developed an understanding of atomic theory. They collaborated until 1933 when the Nazis came into power. From that time on, due to the exclusion of Jews from Nazi Germany’s vision, a continued collaboration became difficult. it became impossible when the war began in 1939.

The story revolves around Heisenberg’s travel to Copenhagen in 1941 to meet with Bohr to determine what they had discussed in those early war years. Germany had attempted to develop “the bomb” but failed. Whether this was due to a lack of expertise and execution, or a lack of conviction appears to remain a mystery to this day.

The crux of this play is the reminiscing, the discussions and the arguments that go on between Bohr, his wife and Heisenberg while trying to remember exactly what each had said to the others in that 1941 meeting. These discussions are interestingly staged in spotlighted cameos, if you will. One or two of the characters would be in the dark while the speaker was lit. I found this very effective in isolating the memories and thoughts of each individual.

Another interesting technique was the use of repetition, which was explained to us by Bannister prior to the opening of Act 1. There are several “catch” lines or phrases, which take on different meanings each time they are used.

In Act 2, the audience is visually and physically distanced by the use of black costumes and music stands placed between the audience and cast. According to Bannister, this was done to heighten the isolation and encouraged the audience to focus on the dialogue. In Act 2, we finally learn exactly what Bohr and Heisenberg were trying to remember and determine.

It wasn’t until after the play, as I was walking to the parking lot, that I realized – thanks to a quick conversation with Shakra – that we had essentially seen the play three times. That is how the repetition Bannister referred to earlier came into play. Each iteration brought more to light. We began to have a better understanding of the relationship between the principle players. We knew them better. We understood their pain and anger. I’ll leave you with that.

Would I encourage you to see this play? Certainly. Despite “Copenhagen” being fairly complicated and challenging to comprehend, I liked it. It is well written and I think that the direction was “interesting.” Don’t take that to mean that the direction was done badly. It was just unusual. There’s nothing wrong with unusual.

“Copenhagen” runs through Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Reservations can be made by calling the theater at 523-1223 or visiting www.no-strings.org.

‘Bottle Shock’ is a fun film with a fine bouquet

Pullman, Pine star in this quirky drama

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

“Bottle Shock” is a movie with dueling personalities. On one hand, it is a really fun and interesting true story about how the California wine industry drubbed the French wine industry some years back in a formal taste test, thus gaining much fame and fortune for domestic grape stompers. This part, especially the scenes that contain Alan Rickman, is really, really good.

The other part is a rather clunky love story, which could have been better filled by allowing Rickman more screen time.

The story starts in the mid 1970s. Bill Pullman, as Jim Barrett, a former lawyer, plays the owner of a struggling California winery, and his son, Bo, has come home to loaf and roost. They don’t get along too well, and this is well documented in their friendly boxing matches which helps the two men let off steam.

On the other hand, Rickman (as Steven Spurrier) is a serious wino, or wine shop owner, perhaps leaning toward being an oenologist. His small English shop is suffering, and on a dare from a friend, he sets out to prove that the French are overestimating their skills when it comes to winemaking. He ends up, of course, in the Napa Valley of California, where he encounters several vineyard owners, eventually bumping into the Barrett’s.

Snobbery ensues, as Spurrier is not initially impressed by the California offerings and has several sharp verbal bouts with Barrett and others. Bo, sporting a very bad wig, more or less stands aside, observing, but also wooing a new wine intern, the beautiful and smart Samantha.

This is a weak part of the film. Sam seems like an afterthought, and her role is not well played by Rachael Taylor. Her perky attitude and flirty demeanor attract another young man who works at Barrett’s winery, Gustavo, who is secretly making his own wine while trying to manage the Barrett establishment.

It is not long, however, until Spurrier comes to see the quality of the California wines that he tastes, and decides to take some back to France for the blind taste test competition that he has set up. The competition leads to some surprises, and has probably helped California wineries in sales over the years – 457 million gallons of California wines were sold in 2007.

Almost every character in this beautifully photographed film is clearly drawn. Pullman does a great job of portraying a man who has given up money for passion, Rickman is superb as the slightly haughty Englishman who comes around, Bo is a slacker royal and Sam, well, she is just kinda there – a distraction at best.

A brief, but very erroneous scene also mars the production a bit, when a fully uniformed United States Postal Service carrier wanders into Barrett’s vineyard to hand him a Western Union telegram. (Sorry, but I pick up on these things and this one was too obvious to ignore, since I wore one of those uniforms for too many years, and Western Union was not part of the job.)

Bill Pullman and Chris Pine star in the Randall Miller drama “Bottle Shock,” a true story about the California wine industry, now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

All in all, “Bottle Shock” is a very fun and light picture. Don’t take it too seriously, since there are moments when the bouquet is just a little bit off. Wine connoisseurs will appreciate this quote from Galileo that one of the characters shares during a sparkling moment: “Wine is sunlight held together by water.”

This is a rosy little movie held together by its overall tone and the presence of Rickman.

There will be free drawings for bottles of wine and other goodies, before each screening, compliments of Vintage Wines of Mesilla.

Explain your fascination with wine to Jeff Berg, jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

FILM REVIEW

“Bottle Shock” starts Nov. 28 at the Fountain Theatre. It is in English, with a wee bit of French and German, and is a U.S. production that runs for 110 minutes. Not rated, but a soft R would probably fit.

GRADE A-

New Mexico-made film perfect for the holiday

‘The Milagro Beanfield War’ directed by Robert Redford

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, Nov. 29, is “The Milagro Beanfield War” (1988, 117 minutes, rated R, but just barely, made in New Mexico). Out of state relatives in town for the holiday? Then they (and you) need to attend our special screening of the quintessential made-in-New-Mexico movie.

“The Milagro Beanfield War” was directed by part-time New Mexico resident Robert Redford and adapted from John Nichols’ 1974 novel. The film is set in a small town in northern New Mexico where a developer is building a leisure-time resort replete with condos, tennis courts and a golf course. When Joe (Chick Vennera), a handyman from Milagro, irrigates his half-acre beanfield with water from an acequia, which is controlled by the development, he sets in motion a series of events that reveal the underside of the Anglo’s vision of progress.

Among the colorful performers in this picaresque tale are Salsa singer Ruben Blades as the sheriff who tries to stem the tide of troubles in the town; Brazil’s Sonia Braga as Ruby, the community’s passionate political activist; John Heard as a burnt-out 1960s lawyer and publisher of the local newspaper; Daniel Stern as a graduate student from the East who is studying Hispanic culture; and Christopher Walken as an undercover agent for the state police. A religious old man and his angelic companion (Roberto Carricart) serve as catalysts to bring about Hispanic solidarity.

Screenplay writers David Ward and John Nichols have successfully translated the novel’s delightful mix of fantasy, folklore and comedy to the screen.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is at 1:30 p.m., and admission is $4 for everyone except film society members, who are admitted for $1. The Fountain Theatre is at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Call 524-8287 or 522-0286 for more information.

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

This postcard reads, *“View of Main Street Las Cruces, New Mexico.”*

‘Twilight’ a perfect date movie

Vampire teen flick endurable to novel-series newcomers

Review by Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

“Twilight” is an adaption of a book in the four-part Twilight Saga written by Stephenie Meyer. The “Twilight” series has been scooped up by millions of fans and has been compared to the Harry Potter books. Meyer even credits J.K. Rowling, author of that series, as one of her influenced.

Young Bella Swan, played by Kristen Stewart, moves from her home in Tuscon, Ariz., where she has been living with her mother, to Forks, a small town in Washington. Her father is police chief in the community of 3,000, and though she hasn’t visited the village since childhood, she seems to fit in well with the other high school kids.

Soon, Bella crosses paths with Edward Cullen, played by Robert Pattinson, a member of a family with some rather odd qualities. Pattinson also played Cedric in “Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.”

Readers of the books, and probably anyone who has seen a trailer of heard the buzz about this movie, know what the oddity is – they’re vampires.

The film is mostly a tale of teenage romance, with a fair amount of action and some suspense mixed in. The film is targeted at a female audience, but if your girlfriend is going to drag you to a chick flick, this is not a bad one to choose. Just don’t feel bad if all the guys in the movie are better looking than you, and remember, you get to choose the next movie.

While the lead characters never seem to develop any great chemistry in this movie, the supporting cast is rather good, and they have all the best lines. The high school scenes could come out of any number of teen movies, or teen television series for that matter.

Kristen Stewart as Bella and Robert Pattinson as Edward Cullen in “Twilight,” based on a best-selling book series.

Naturally, when a vampire falls in love with an ordinary human, well, there’s going to be trouble all around. Soon dead bodies are turning up, the police chief is making sure his daughter is carrying pepper spray and a group of mysterious bad guys appear.

The pace of Twilight starts out pretty slow, and doesn’t really pick up until near the end. If you find all the romantic scenes boring ... well the state of Washington is really beautiful.

Kristen Stewart stars as Bella Swan and Robert Pattinson stars as Edward Cullen in the vampire movie “Twilight,” now in theaters.

I went to this movie with no knowledge of the books, and frankly I am not in the target audience – not even close. I left the theater feeling entertained and maybe even a little pleasantly surprised. I believe people who are familiar with the books will really enjoy it. It has a good enough plot and enough action and suspense to make it interesting.

I’ll give this movie three stars out of five. If your girlfriend wants to drag you to this, resist a little, but let her talk you in to it.

TWILIGHT
Rated PG 13 for violence and sensuality
Running time: 1 hour 42 minutes
Directed by: Catherine Hardwick
Written by Melissa Rosenberg, from a novel by Stephenie Meyer
Released by: Summit Entertainment
Starring: Kristen Stewart as Bella Swan, Robert Pattinson as Edward Cullen, Billy Burke as Charlie Swan, Peter Facinelli as Dr. Carlisle Cullen, Taylor Lautner as Jacob Black and Rosalie Hale as Nikki Reed

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Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Bolt (2D & 3D)

Rated: PG

Critics Consensus: : Bolt is a pleasant animated comedy that overcomes the story's familiarity with strong visuals and likable characters.**Starring:** The voices of John Travolta

Director: Chris Williams

The Dark Knight

Rated: PG-13

Critics' Consensus: Dark, complex and unforgettable, "The Dark Knight" succeeds not just as an entertaining comic book film, but as a richly thrilling crime saga.

Starring: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Michael Caine

Director: Christopher Nolan

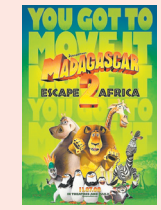
Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

Rated: PG

Critics Consensus: An improvement on the original, with more fleshed-out characters, crisper animation and more consistent humor.

Starring: The voice of Ben Stiller

Director: Eric Darnell, Tom McGrath



Changeling

Rated: R

Critics Consensus: Beautifully shot and well-acted, Changeling is a compelling story that unfortunately gives in to convention too often.

Starring: Angelina Jolie, Gattlin Griffith, Jeffrey Donovan, John Malkovich, Jason Butler Harner

Director: Clint Eastwood

Eagle Eye

Rated: PG-13

Critics' Consensus: Eagle Eye is a preposterously plotted thriller that borrows heavily from other superior films.

Starring: Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson, Michael Chiklis

Director: D.J. Caruso

Quantum of Solace

Rated: PG-13

Consensus: Brutal and breathless, Quantum of Solace delivers tender emotions along with frenetic action. Not as good as franchise reboot Casino Royale, but still impressive.

Starring: Daniel Craig,

Director: Marc Forster

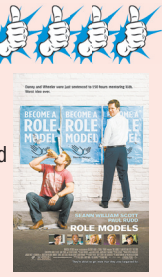
Role Models

Rated: R

Critics Consensus: Role Models is a frequently crude, always funny comedy with the cast providing solid work throughout.

Starring: Paul Rudd, Seann William Scott, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Jane Lynch

Director: David Wain



Twilight

Rated: PG-13

Critics Consensus: Having lost much of its bite transitioning to the big screen, Twilight will please its devoted fans, but do little for the uninitiated.

Starring: Kristen Stewart

Director: Catherine Hardwicke

The House Bunny

Rated: PG-13

Critics' Consensus: Anna Faris is game, but she can't salvage this middling, formulaic comedy.

Starring: Anna Faris, Colin Hanks, Emma Stone, Katharine McPhee, Rumer Willis

Director: Fred Wolf

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Vera Farmiga,

Director: Mark Herman

Starting Friday, Nov. 28

Australia

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham, Jack Thompson

Director: Baz Luhrmann

Starting Friday, Nov. 28

Fireproof

Rated: PG

Critics Consensus: Not available

Starring: Kirk Cameron, Erin Bethea, Ken Bevel, Jason McLeod

Director: Alex Kendrick

Transporter 3

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Jason Statham, Robert Knepper, Francois Berleand, Natalya Rudakova

Director: Olivier Megaton

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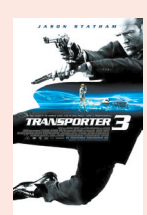

Four Christmases

Rated: PG-13

Starring: Vince Vaughn, Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall, Jon Favreau

Director: Seth Gordon

Starting Friday, Nov. 28

The Punisher

Coming Soon Friday, Dec. 5

New this week ON DVD

• Tuesday, Dec. 2 •

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian

Rated: PG
Genre: Adventure, Fantasy
Starring: Georgie Henley, Anna Popplewell
Director: Andrew Adamson

Wanted

Rated: R
Genre: Suspense, Action
Starring: James McAvoy, Angelina Jolie
Director: Timur Bekmambetov

Step Brothers

Rated: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Adam Scott
Director: Adam McKay

The Longshots

Rated: PG
Genre: Drama, Family
Starring: Ice Cube, Keke Palmer, Tasha Smith,
Director: Fred Durst

Fly Me to the Moon

Rated: G
Genre: Family
Starring: The voice of Kelly Ripa
Director: Ben Stassen

TOP GROSSING

• November 21-23 •

Rank	Movie Title (Week No.) Weekend Gross
1	**Twilight** (1) $69,637,740
2	**Quantum of Solace** (2) $26,707,945
3	**Bolt** (1) $26,223,128
4	**Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa** (3) $15,661,936
5	**Role Models** (3) $7,324,445
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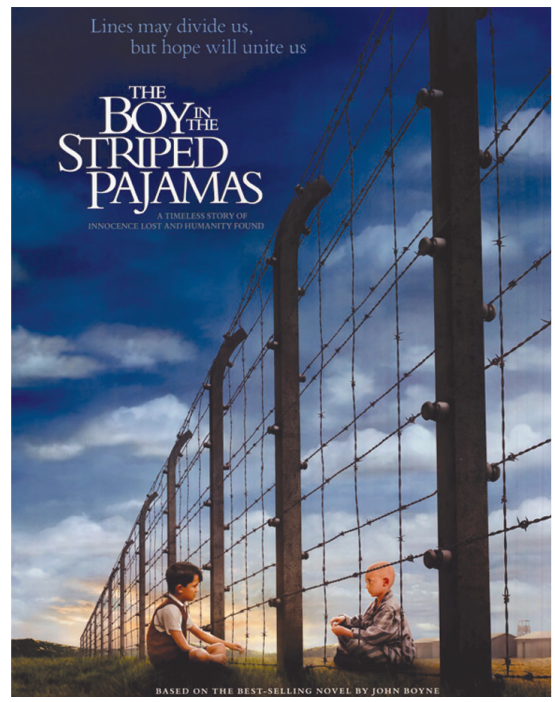

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Smooth Lou and the Ags in one gulp

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

Lou Henson looks like a million dollars. He walks without a cane now. He swims, works out in the gym and plays golf.

More importantly, he still buys lunch. We dined exotically at University Golf Course last week. Hamburgers.

"Why me?" he asks when told I needed an interview.

"Slow news week," I said. Henson laughed like always, proof that he can still take a bad joke.

Lou is, and will always be, a heavyweight. A stud. He's friendly, outgoing, and he never met a handshake he didn't like. I remember when he coached the Aggies, he always listed his number in the telephone book. That took guts. Most coaches either have unlisted numbers or none at all.

Aware of Lou's basketball expertise, I asked for his take on the Aggies' current team that has looked potentially strong so far this season. Lou credits coach Marvin Menzies. "Marvin is doing a great job," Henson said. "He gets out in the community. He's visible. He's organized and well-known as a good recruiter. That's a key. You have to have players to win.

"I go to practice once in a while, and I go to the games. From what I've seen, let me tell you, Marvin's team is talented. Real talented.

"They're young, though. It's going to take time for them to develop. By the time the conference schedule comes around, they'll be hard to beat.

"They can do the five things all good teams have to do. No. 1, they can fast break. No. 2, they can penetrate. You have to be able to penetrate. They have good inside talent and they can shoot the threes. They can also hit the 13- to 15-foot shots. That's very important.

"McKines (Wendell, the Ags' sophomore forward) can jump high for a guy his size. Good rebounder. They're going to be good inside with those two 6-11 guys (Chris Gabriel and Hamidu Rahman). They're both freshmen, though.

"And, hey, they can hit free throws."

Henson, a strong disciple of good defense, predicts the Aggies will be strong in that area. "They can play man, zone, they can cover the floor and block shots," he said.

"You give them time, they'll be something to watch."

New Mexico State, 2-1 after last Friday's victory over Pepperdine, faces a tough road swing that begins at Long Beach State Sunday. NMSU faces Kansas, the defending national champs, on Wednesday and North Texas Saturday.

I thought about asking Henson for a prediction but declined.

He's too classy to touch that one.

A. KURZ I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Bulldawg coach Jim Miller hugs an assistant after their 22-21 victory over the Trojans earlier this month.

NIKI RHYNESI The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield coach Michael Bradley looks over his game plan.

For the second time around

LCHS, Trojans in Saturday re-match

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The teams are the same. So are the coaches, the players and the stadium.

But the stakes will be higher on Saturday when the Mayfield Trojans and the Las Cruces Bulldawgs meet for the second time this month.

The two powerhouses face off in the Class 5A state football semifinals at 1 p.m. Saturday in Aggie Memorial Stadium. About 26,000 people watched LCHS defeat Mayfield 22-21 three weeks ago in the regular-season finale for both teams. This time, the winner moves on to the state championship game and the loser will stay home.

In the other Class 5A state semifinal game on Saturday, Clovis plays Eldorado at Wilson Stadium in Albuquerque.

Even though they are very familiar with each other, the head coaches for Mayfield and Las Cruces said the preparation remains the same. The only difference is they have an extra day to prepare because the game is on Saturday.

"As a coach, we have the same routine," said Mayfield coach Michael Bradley. "We'll still watch the same amount of film and see what we did right, what we did wrong last time and what we need to do to get better."

Bradley said the biggest challenge in LCHS-Mayfield games is the noise.

"It's loud at Aggie Memorial Stadium and it's hard to hear with all those people in there," he said. "We're trying to prepare for everything, but it's hard to simulate that noise in practice."

When Las Cruces coach Jim Miller watches film of the Trojans, he sees enough big plays to be concerned. Mayfield blew out La Cueva, 45-7, in their semifinal game last week and surprised Las Cruces with some big pass plays in the first meeting with the Bulldawgs.

"La Cueva turned the ball over four times, and Mayfield hit some big plays in the passing game," said Miller. "And they hit some big plays in the first game against us. Their quarterback (Austin Hooker) is throwing the ball well and that opens up their running game. We have to be aware of both."

When Mayfield and Las Cruces met

See **Semifinals** on PAGE D7

Playing in spite of doctor's orders

Aggie center defies medical advice

NMSU

Despite doctor's orders, Aggie Center Richie Bolin came back from a knee injury to play against Fresno State and Louisiana Tech.

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite doctor's orders, he played last Saturday on one leg, practically.

"My mom didn't like it either," laughed Richie Bolin, New Mexico State's starting center.

The concern was understandable. Bolin had suffered a torn ACL in his right knee during the Aggies' 48-45 victory at Nevada Oct. 11.

"They told me I'd never play again," Bolin said. "I knew I would, though."

Following a four-week sabbatical from competition and with his knee embalmed in tape, Bolin returned to play against Fresno State on Nov. 15. "The doctors kept telling me not to," he said. " I decided to go ahead and try it anyhow. I didn't have any problems. My knee didn't feel bad at all."

Last Saturday, the knee entombed in a brace and heavily taped, Bolin played against Louisiana Tech. "All 80 offensive plays," he said proudly.

NMSU's medical team has apparently surrendered. Bolin is determined to give it another shot in the Aggies' finale Saturday at Utah State. "I'm a senior," he said. "It's our last game and we still have something to prove. I'm not interested in playing at the next level (the NFL), so why not?"

Surgery, Bolin knows, is mandatory at season's end. "I figure I'll go on and go through with it (surgery)," he said. "Might as well have it done while I'm young."

Most of Bolin's blocking assignments call for lateral or backward movement. It's easier on knees than going forward. "We don't call many running plays," he said. "There's not much forward running, so I don't have much uncomfort."

Coach Hal Mumme explains the importance of Bolin's presence in the lineup. "The two most important guys on offense are the quarterback (Chase Holbrook) and the center," Mumme said. "The quarterback calls the plays, the center calls the blocking assignments.

"When Richie's in there, it has a calming effect on the other guys. He's a senior, a leader, and they know it."

Holbrook is most certainly convinced. He plays his best working behind Bolin. Against La Tech last week, Holbrook threw for 486 yards and four touchdowns. He was well protected.

"When he's (Bolin) playing, the rest

See **Brolin** on PAGE D7

High School Events Schedule

5A Football Semifinals, Saturday, Nov. 29

#1 Las Cruces vs. #4 Mayfield ..... Field of Dreams Stadium ..... 1 p.m.

Las Cruces High School

Boys Basketball	Friday, Dec. 5	Hanks	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Tuesday, Dec. 2	at Burges	7:15 p.m.
	Friday, Dec. 5	at El Paso	7:15 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Boys Basketball	Tuesday, Dec. 2	Silver	7 p.m.
	Friday, Dec. 5	at Los Lunas	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Friday, Dec. 5	Montwood	7 p.m.

Oñate High School

Boys Basketball	Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 4-5	at Jefferson Tournament	TBA
Girls Basketball	Tuesday, Dec. 2	at El Paso	7:30 p.m.

MV Christian Schools

Boys Basketball	Tuesday, Dec. 2	at Hatch	7 p.m.
	Friday, Dec. 5	at Cobre	6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball	Tuesday, Dec. 2	Hatch	7 p.m.
	Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6	at Texico Inv.	6:30 p.m.

LCHS, MHS highlight holiday

State semi-final game set for Saturday

JIM SPENCE
From the Radio Booth

Sports fans in the City of the Crosses will enjoy a special holiday-season treat at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29.

Mayfield and Las Cruces share what is perhaps the greatest cross-town high school football rivalry in the entire nation, and these teams will play a state championship semi-final game at Aggie Memorial Stadium. A significant portion of our local citizens have been wearing red and blue or green and gold in anticipation of this event since Monday. A crowd of 28,000-plus is anticipated.

When the Bulldawgs and Trojans meet in the playoffs, the intensity of this rivalry heightens to a feverish pitch. Notoriously competitive, the outcome of most of these contests goes down to the final plays. The Bulldawgs won the district championship game three weeks ago by a single point in the final minute. The Trojans held off LCHS last year in the final minute.

At stake tomorrow is yet another berth in the state championship game against either Clovis or Albuquerque Eldorado. Amazingly, after the 2008 season ends, either Mayfield or Las Cruces High will have played in the New Mexico High School championship game 13 times since 1995. And since 1995, the City of the Crosses high school football programs have won 10 titles, with Mayfield winning six (including the last three), Las Cruces winning three and Oñate winning one. Perhaps next week either Las Cruces or Mayfield will earn the right to hang yet another championship marker above the locker room entrances at the Field of Dreams.

This week, the players and coaching staffs for both teams have continued to employ the work ethic that brings them to the brink of another championship-winning opportunity. Concentration on specific assignments and an emphasis on leadership and teamwork are a way of life at both programs. A combination of the dedication of these young men and their coaches to intense year-round training processes and the deep level of financial support this community provides for them, has brought incredible regional notoriety to our city.

Tomorrow, people from all over the nation will be in Las Cruces to witness this unique event. In doing so, they will pour tens of thousands of dollars into our local economy. Additionally, our city will generate an enormous payday for the New Mexico Activities Association, the body that regulates high school athletics in our state. As far as the NMAA is concerned, Las Cruces is the city that keeps on giving.

On KSNM-AM 570, the radio coverage will reflect the magnitude of the interest in this event. The show will begin two hours before kickoff with interviews of former players and coaches. There will also be an intriguing discussion of coaching and athletic match-ups. At 1 p.m., Brad Beasley and I will have the great privilege of providing the live call of the game. It will be a blast.

We hope to see you there.

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Chase Holbrook

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In his final game of his career at Aggie Memorial Stadium, senior quarterback Chase Holbrook proved why he is one of the greatest quarterback in school history. Holbrook threw for 486 yards and four touchdowns, completing 45 of 60 passing attempts. For his efforts, Holbrook moved into fourth all-time in touchdown passes for a career in the WAC and 22nd in the NCAA. He also moved into 15th on the NCAA all-time passing list. Holbrook also recorded his 24th career 300-yard passing game, and his 10th 400-yard plus game. He also tied the NCAA record for the most seasons with at least 3,000 yards of total offense in a career (three).

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On the green

Can old dogs learn new tricks?

New research in neuroscience may say it is possible

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

The more we learn about the human brain, the more amazing it is. New research in neuropsychology is telling us that, as we get older, our brains can actually get better instead of the other way around. Now understand that I'm somewhat of a specialist in gero-psychology, seeing lots of Alzheimer's patients in a clinical setting, and this is good news. The phenomenon is called brain plasticity, and as golfers, we should be informed, and yes excited, about it.

To keep things simple – in a realm which is truly not simple – let me pique your interest with some truths about the brain and how it works. Our brains may be the most adaptable organ we have. While it was once thought that our brain just gradually deteriorated as we aged (from 50 on) neuroscience is demonstrating that the aging brain can change and actually improve. It means that learning new ideas and behaviors is possible. But learning requires memory, suggesting that brain training and brain experiencing are probably worthwhile, even as we advance and our bodies stiffen.

> "I am suggesting that your brain is inviting you to be young again."

Let's take the average 60-year-old golfer. He's been playing about the same game, on the same golf course, with the same group, using the same swing, getting the same results, for about the last 15 years. Time, and habit, along with Arthur(itis) have beaten him into submission, so he tends to accept golf stagnation. One of the things we know about the aging brain is that if you keep doing the same thing over and over again, especially when you're older, you end up making your brain more rigid. Do you want a cement brain? Basically that's what happens with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD), where the mind-driven behavior becomes stereotyped and beyond the individual's control. It's nowhersville as a golfer.

Fundamentally, what I'm saying is that if you want to improve your golf game as a senior you can't rely on upgrading your physical skills. You have to change your brain, and here's what you need to know to do that.

First of all, brain plasticity requires motivation. You have to be willing to change and be in a mood to learn new stuff. In golf, that translates to taking lessons and trying things out of your comfort zone. It may also mean getting into a more golf-like routine of practicing and maybe even working out.

Secondly, we can only change things we're aware of, and things we're paying attention to. Please note that high self-awareness is one of the key requirements of mental toughness. Golfers need a lot of feedback, both from observers and themselves. I mean both positive and critical feedback. When you heighten your self-awareness you increase your chances of understanding what went wrong – and then correcting it. Again, we have the ability to change.

Thirdly, challenging ourselves with new tasks and games turns on the brain plasticity switches. Play new golf courses, perhaps even with different companions. Be willing to upgrade your equipment and take advantage of new technology. We absolutely have to step out of our comfort zone once in a while if we are to grow and improve, regardless of our age. Some of the excuses I hear for not doing anything different are lame. For example, I hear, "If it ain't broke don't fix it." My belief is if you're not the best you can possibly be, then it is "broke" and maybe you can do better. But that's just me – a self-avowed lifelong overachiever. Another really lame one is if I get better, my handicap will go down. I guess my editorials are no comfort to sandbaggers. I'm interested in golfers who consider themselves students of the game and who want to reach their potential. Staying entrenched in habits may be comforting but it's a no-growth behavior.

Research is telling us that learning new skills and behaviors is the very best way to slow mental aging. Can an old dog learn new tricks? You bet. The bad news is that intensive learning, in many cases, is harder when we get older. And as we get older we tend to resist things that are harder. Trying to learn a new language, for example, is much easier at age six than at age 60, mainly because humans have a hard-wired "language learning device" acting much like a brain sponge in children. Still, throughout the lifespan, challenging ourselves with new and difficult tasks turns on the brain's plasticity switches. Doing the same old thing over and over turns off those switches.

So I'm suggesting that your brain is inviting you to be young again. The bottom line for you and me as senior golfers who want to get better is skill acquisition. Skill building would certainly extend to learning new mental toughness techniques, such as acute visualization. We can go a long way by promoting positive brain change (no, it's not too late!) through harnessing our potential for brain plasticity. Be open-minded. Try different problem-solving approaches. In golf that means different shots and creative strategies. And mostly don't get stuck in old habits.

Here are some resources for you. The first is "The Brain That Changes Itself: Stories of Personal Triumph from the Frontiers of Brain Science" by Norman Doidge. Publishers Weekly says this about Doidge's book: "... evidence is turning up to show that the brain can rewire itself ... (and) can be strengthened just like a weak muscle ... (it's) about some of the least understood marvels of the brain." A reviewer notes, "buy this book and your brain will thank you." Next consider author Sharon Begley's "Train Your Mind, Change Your Brain: How a New Science Reveals Our Extraordinary Potential to Transform Ourselves." Dense with research findings on human potential, this fusion of psychological, spiritual and neuro-scientific approaches to growth represents an overview of how people can become more intellectually open and more skilled at what they most like to do. Lastly, I recommend a DVD, "The Brain Fitness Program," done in 2007 for PBS Television. If you're looking for inspiration to change your old habits and start rewiring your brain, regardless of age, this video will do that. Books and videos are all available through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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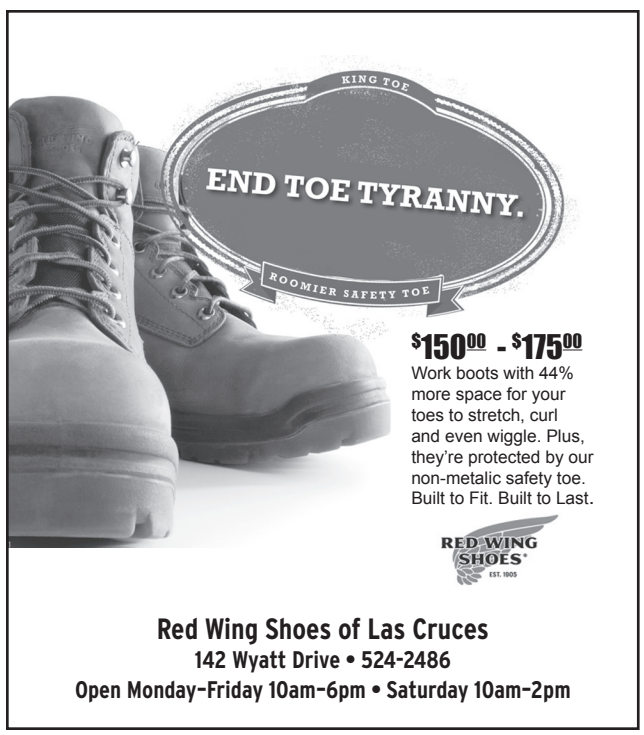

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Natalie McMillan

Natalie McMillan is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is a power forward on the varsity basketball team, averaging 15 points, nine rebounds, six blocks and two steals per game. McMillan is a great spiritual leader, as well as a leader on the court.

She has a 3.5 GPA, is a member of the National Honor Society, is involved with the Rotary Club and her church youth group and is interested in majoring in business and pre-law.

Greg Patti

Greg Patti is a 16-year-old junior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools and is a shooting guard for the varsity SonBlazer's basketball team. He averages 13 points, three steals and four rebounds per game.

Patti is a leader on and off the court. He has a great sense of humor and is active in his church. Patti has a 3.5 GPA, and when not on the court or in the classroom, he enjoys golfing and hanging out with the guys.

AGGIE INSIDER

Much to be thankful for

NMSU athletes, fans are generous

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Pete knows that the Thanksgiving Day holiday was Thursday, but I want to take the opportunity to share with you the things that I am thankful for. There are so many things that warm an ole prospector's heart, and I'm not sure where to begin.

How about the generosity of our community? Through the athletics department, Aggie fans near and far contributed to operation Crimson Ribbon that put more than 1,000 of our service men and women in the stands for every home football game. It takes a special person to give and we have some of the best givers wearin' Crimson and White. While we're at it, let's add the businesses that sponsored the bleacher creatures for home football as well. These kids got a good taste of how much fun it can be to go to an Aggie game, some of them come from situations where there is no money for entertainment like this, so again, Pete's heart is warmed by this giving spirit.

This saddletramp's eyes grow misty when I think back about how much good is being done by the department's effort to raise money for breast cancer research. More than half a million dollars has been added to the fund at New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico. Pete thinks about my sis who left this world prematurely to this cussed disease. I rise up a little prouder when I see what the Aggies have taken on toward this mission.

I am thankful for Chase Holbrook. Not because he threw for a lot of touchdowns and led the Aggies to some exciting wins. But because he is a true gentleman, he stayed for more than half an hour on the field after the last home game, signing autographs and hearing from Aggie fans who thanked him for coming to town. His behavior after a tough loss was admirable.

There are also thanks to the people in the athletics department who will never get to hit a 3-point shot, slam a volleyball for a point or do an end-zone dance, but they are a part of the team that makes that all happen. The Janets and Nancys, the Connie Lous and Nates are doing their job day after day without a headline or a letter jacket. The Anns and the Jennys, the Marthas and the Sylvias, who answer the phones, relay the information to their bosses and do it all with their eyes on the greater good, rather than an all-conference award.

We have a wonderful life here in the Mesilla Valley. It isn't about always getting your way or having the best possessions in your neighborhood. It's about giving and caring, I am so thankful we have those kinds of folks around the Aggie campfire.

PETE

Basketball teams gear up for holiday matches

Aggies shut down Pepperdine

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

There are several reasons to be excited about the coming hoops season. The men's team hits the road Saturday, Nov. 29, for a week out of town, NBA style, and the women host their Thanksgiving event in the Pan Am.

The holiday tournament is becoming a regular-schedule item for head coach Darin Spence's squad. This year, Loyola is in town along with Texas A&M from Corpus Christi. Spence's crew has had a pair of heartbreaking losses on the road and are no doubt be happy to get some home cooking on the court after some Turkey Day vittles on Thursday. Madison Spence showed she can light it up ringing up 30 points at Kent State. The emergence of Danisha Corbett has been a nice plus, too. Corbett has been out of the blocks quick on both the offensive and defensive side of the court, defense is what makes coach Spence happiest during the games.

The men's head coach, Marvin Menzies, has some momentum to take on the road. Sunday, Nov. 30, his team tries to conquer another West Coast opponent at Long Beach State. The 49ers were one of the weakest opponents the Aggies faced last year, but Dan Monson has propped things up heading into his second term on the beach. Donovan Morris is back to do most of the scoring, but a transfer from Colorado State and highly touted freshmen are making Monson's squad competitive. They lost a squeaker to Wisconsin on the road and are unbeaten at home. After the 49ers, NMSU faces the defending national champions in Lawrence, Kan. The Jayhawks are not expected to be in the running for the Big 12 title, but should have a talented team. A visit to one of college basketball's greatest arenas is a trip highlight as well. Allen Field House matches the Cameron Indoor Stadium and Freedom Hall for college hoops lore. You may recall the Aggies were at Duke and Louisville a year ago. The final stop on the road is in Denton, Texas, for some payback to the Mean Green. North Texas stole one from the Aggies in the Pan Am last year.

Here are reasons for a good season in this reporter's opinion. The hustling way the Aggie men have played defense so far. Gordo Castillo has had two good games on the "D" side of the ball, and the way NMSU shut down Pepperdine in the second half, Nov. 21, was fun to see. No one doubts the shooting capabilities of Jahmar Young and Jonathan Gibson and the addition of Troy Gillenwater is a third inside weapon that brings more to the table. The season is young, but a fast start is the best way to get a winning year on the horizon.

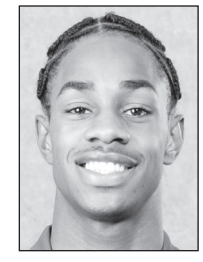
Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Madison Spence
Sophomore
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Madison Spence became the 15th Aggie and the first since Dec. 4, 2003, to record a 30-point game, as she scored a career-high 30 points against Kent State, Nov. 23. Her 30-point outburst came on 8-of-15 shooting, and she made five 3-pointers, which was also a new personal best. She was 9-of-11 at the free-throw line and had a season-high seven assists in the game. Spence has now scored 10 or more points in every game this season and leads the team in scoring (16.8 points per game), assists (2.75 assists per game) and 3-pointers made (10-of-20).

Lindsey Yon
Senior
Volleyball

Senior Lindsey Yon averaged 3.80 kills per set while leading the Aggies to two wins the in the WAC Tournament. She was named to the all-tournament team for the second consecutive year. Yon posted a pair of double-doubles, which makes 12 this season. She also came up with 3.40 digs per set and had five service aces on the week.



Jahmar Young
Sophomore
Men's Basketball

New Mexico State sophomore guard Jahmar Young led the Aggies to 90-66 win over Pepperdine Nov. 21 at the Pan American Center. Young posted a game-high 21 points, which was also a season-high mark. He was 8-of-12 from the field and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line. Young also added a career-high six assists in the victory. At No. 20 Southern California, Young scored a team-high 16 points, but the Trojans avoided the upset, 73-60, at the Galen Center in Los Angeles, Calif., Nov. 18. Young also recorded a career-high seven rebounds.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Nov. 28

Women's Basketball
Loyola
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Volleyball
New Mexico
Albuquerque
6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Football
Utah State
Logan, Utah
1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 30

Men's Basketball
Long Beach State
Long Beach, Calif.
5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 3

Men's Basketball
Kansas
Lawrence, Kan.
6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Women's Basketball
New Mexico
Albuquerque
7:30 p.m.

Did You Know ...

The Aggie football team concludes the 2008 season at Utah State. The Navy-clad Aggies lead the all-time series, 26-6, but NMSU defeated Utah State in the 1960 Sun Bowl, 20-13.

The NMSU men's basketball team returns to Lawrence, Kan., for a game at Kansas Dec. 3, which is the first meeting in 43 years between the two programs.

AGGIES
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NOTICE OF AUCTION BY SEALED BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE OF STATE TRUST LAND

Doña Ana County,
New Mexico
State Land Office

The Commissioner of Public Lands is offering to lease, for plant water conservation, 1,158.65 acres in Doña Ana County. Sealed bids, marked "BID FOR PLANT WATER CONSERVATION LEASE", should be submitted on or before the time and date and to the place stated below in paragraph A. The sealed bid is for a Forty (40) year lease of the lands described below in paragraph B. The most important terms of the lease are summarized in paragraph C. The requirements and qualifications of any and all bidders in this sealed bid are stated in paragraph D. If you would like a draft of the lease being offered for bid, or if you require any further information, please address your request as described in paragraph E. The Commissioner has set a minimum bid of $1,000.00 for the lease, over and above the first year's base rent, and the other required deposits set out in paragraph E below. Bidders are, of course, encouraged to offer additional bonus amounts over the minimum bid. The Lease will be awarded to the qualified bidder successfully bidding the highest bonus. The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to cancel this auction. In the event that the auction is cancelled, interested parties will be notified.

A) Sealed Bid:
Date: January 5, 2009
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: New Mexico State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

B) Description of the property to be leased:
Lot 3, Lot 4, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4 of Section 2; NE1/4, SW/4, SE1/4 of Section 10; E1/2, SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 24 South, Range 1 West, N.M.P.M., Doña Ana County, New Mexico, containing 1158.65 acres, more or less.

C) Summary of the Lease:
The term of this lease shall be for Forty (40) years. The State Land Office has received an application for a long-term lease of the lands proposing to use 798.65 acres for the purpose of growing forage for livestock, using discharged water from a nearby cheese plant, and any necessarily related agricultural activities, including but not limited to, grazing livestock; The remaining 360.00 acres will be held for future development subject to Lessor's right to withdraw the non-productive land at any time that Lessor can demonstrate a higher and better use.

D) Rental Rate:
Minimum base rent has been established at $8,706.50 per year with annual adjustments upward by two percent (2%).

E) Bidder Qualifications.
In order to qualify as a bidder, interested parties must (a) comply with the applicable lease auction requirements, (b) can demonstrate at least 20 years of experience in the successful management of a cheese plant with discharge facility that can have an agricultural component; (c) are creditworthy; (d) are authorized to do business in New Mexico, and, (e) can and will comply with all Lease terms.

Further, prospective bidders must include in their bid a deposit of $37,256.21in the form of a certified or cashier's check or bank money order, made payable to the Commissioner of Public Lands. This amount represents:

1. Application Fee
$ 50.00

2. First year's base rent
$ 8,706.50

3. Advertising Cost
$ 2,943.56

4. Engineering Costs
$ 15,593.52

5. Survey Costs
$ 9,962.63

Total Costs
$ 37,256.21

The deposits of unsuccessful bidders will be refunded.

F) How to Obtain a Copy of the Lease, or Other Information:
Please contact: Dell Bearden, Management Analyst, NM State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 505-827-3827.

Disabled individuals who require aids to participate in the long-term business lease sealed bid may call 505-827-5768; or Fax 505-827-6157, and/or TTY (800) 659-8331. Upon request, any relevant documents may be available in alternative formats.

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Dated in Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 28th day of October, 2008.

Patrick H. Lyons
Commissioner of Public Lands
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Pub # 8274
Dates 10/31, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 12/26, 2008, 1/2, 2009

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF TAOS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LEON TAYLOR
Plaintiff,

vs. No. 2008-399 CV

PARAGRAPH A:
APRIL GRIEGO MONDRAGON a/k/a APRIL MONDRAGON, JOSE MONDRAGON a/k/a JOSE L. MONDRAGON; a/k/a JOSE LARRY MONDRAGON, PABLO MONDRAGON, a/k/a PAUL MONDRAGON, SHARON MONDRAGON, a/k/a SHARON QUINTANA, STEVEN MONDRAGON a/k/a STEVE T. MONDRAGON, TERESA MONDRAGON a/k/a THERESA MONDRAGON, VICTOR MONDRAGON.

PARAGRAPH B:
The following Defendant, by name if living, if deceased, his unknown heirs: VICTOR MONDRAGON, Defendants.

PARAGRAPH C: All unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

GREETINGS:
YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby notified that Leon Taylor, as Plaintiff, has filed an action in the District Court of Taos County, New Mexico, Civil Docket No. 2008-399 CV, wherein you are named or designated as Defendant and wherein the said Plaintiff seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you.

The general objects of said action are the establishment of the estate of the Plaintiff in fee simple in and to the properties described in the Complaint in said cause against the adverse the claims of the Defendants, and each of them, and everyone claiming by, through or under them, be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any lien upon, or any right, title or interest in or to the said real estate adverse to the estate of the Plaintiff, and that the title of Plaintiff thereto in fee simple be forever quieted and set at rest:

Parcel No. 3: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Warranty Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor Professional Association Pension Trust, executed on February 23, 1995 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on February 23, 1995 in Book A-224 at Page 601;

Parcel No. 4: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in Warranty Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 408 and in Warranty Deed from Sharon Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on March 1, 1995 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on March 1, 1995 in Book A-224, Page 717;

Parcel No. 5: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in Warranty Deed Jose L. Mondragon and Carla D. Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 412; and

Parcel No. 6: That certain tract of land, Canon, Taos County, New Mexico, located in the Fernando de Taos Grant and identified in that Quitclaim Deed from Jose L. Mondragon and Carla D. Mondragon to Leon Taylor, executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222 at Page 407; and in that Quitclaim Deed executed on November 3, 1994 from Steven Mondragon and April Griego Mondragon to Leon Taylor and recorded in Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222, Page 409; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Teresa Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on November 3, 1994 and recorded in the Taos County real property records on November 4, 1994 in Book A-222, Page 410; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Pablo Mondragon to Leon Taylor recorded in Taos County real property records on March 1, 1995 in Book A-224, Page 716; and in that Quitclaim Deed from Victor Mondragon to Leon Taylor executed on November 7, 1994 and recorded in Taos County real property records on November 7, 1994 in Book A-222, at Page 467;

Parcels are located at the end of Witt's End Road, a one lane, dead end dirt road bearing to the center off of Fernandez Road at end of Cruz Alta Road off of State Highway 68, Taos, NM. Parcel 3 begins at electric transformer number 124410 at dead end. Parcels 4, 5 and 6 are contiguous to Parcel 3; said properties being those certain tracts of land in Taos County, New Mexico.

YOU AND EACH OF YOU are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in the said case on or before 31st day, of December, 2008, judgment will be rendered against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint will be granted.

The name and post office address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows: Carol A. Neelley, Carol A. Neelley, P.C., 705A Paseo del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM 87571.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Eighth Judicial District Court of the County of Taos, State of New Mexico, on this 4 day of November, 2008.

BERNABE P. STRUCK
CLERK OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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Bulldawgs beat Manzano

Quarterback Dante Caro runs for big yardage while Luis Olivas deflects a would-be tackler.

Dante Caro looks for a receiver.

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Below: It's a group effort as LCHS tacklers gang up on a Manzano running back.

Above: The Bulldawgs take the field before their 42-33 victory against Manzano last Friday in the state 5A quarterfinals.

Left: Coach Jim Miller gives his team advice.

Right: Winston, the No. 1 Bulldawg, pulls for his team.

Trojans bounce La Cueva

The Mayfield mascot watches his team defeat La Cueva 45-7 Friday, Nov. 21, at the Field of Dreams.

Austin Hooker is set to pitch.

Michael Hallack scores a touchdown.

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Jacob Ceniceros gains big yardage.

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Bolin

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of the team feels more comfortable," Holbrook said. "Grady (Mike, Bolin's backup) is good, but he's only a freshman."

Holbrook and Bolin are roommates. There's cold-blooded ribbing between the two. "Before last Saturday's game," Holbook said with a mischievous grin, "I told Richie to suck it up. Throw some vapor rub on his knee and get out there and play. Put a Band Aid on it."

Bolin's absence only compounded the problems NMSU's offensive line has endured this season. Tackles Kyle Smith and Joe Buschmann are out for the season with injuries. Right tackle Patrick Blount spent time healing on the bench but has returned.

"It's been something new every week," Bolin said. "Right now, we're playing up front with one freshman, one sophomore, one junior and two seniors."

Mumme voices strong admiration for his senior center. "He's the greatest guy I know," said NMSU's coach. "On the plane ride back from Nevada, he told me that he was not out for the season. That he would come back and play again.

"Somehow, despite the severity of his injury, I knew he might."

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Semifinals

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earlier this month, Las Cruces got its offense going in the second half, especially in the fourth quarter. While the Bulldawgs hit some big passes, they also took control on the ground behind the running of James Hall Jr. Hall had another outstanding game when LCHS beat Manzano 42-33 in last week's playoff game. The senior running back had 24 carries for 192 yards in that contest.

"We played a pretty decent game against (Las Cruces) until the fourth quarter," Bradley said. "We have to do a better job of finishing out games in the fourth quarter."

Miller said both teams are similar in that they are effective at running the ball and can also strike through the air. Both teams are also very familiar with each other.

"They know us, and we know them," Bradley said. "We're not going to fool each other. The young men will determine who wins and who loses. It's making tackles on defense and blocking and executing on offense.

"In that first game, I'm not sure if Cruces won it or we lost it. But there's no question that they won the fourth quarter and that's what counts."

Miller said the game likely will come down to big plays and turnovers, a recipe Mayfield used to roll over La Cueva.

Ags jump to No. 25 in volleyball

NMSU finishes 2nd to Hawaii at WAC tourney

The New Mexico State volleyball team jumped back into the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I poll.

The Aggies are ranked No. 25 after finishing runners-up at the Western Athletic Conference Tournament last weekend in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Aggies, 23-8, are in the AVCA national poll for the first time since they were No. 23 in the pre-season poll Aug. 19.

"We've been playing well for the most part, and if you stay away from bad losses, then typically the voters take notice," Aggie coach Mike Jordan said. "I'm proud of our players and how hard they have worked but we've been here, before and national polls don't mean a whole lot at the end of the day."

NMSU finished the tournament 2-1 after sweeping Fresno State in the quarterfinals before beating San Jose State in the same fashion. NMSU then lost in the WAC final 3-1 to No. 6 Hawaii.

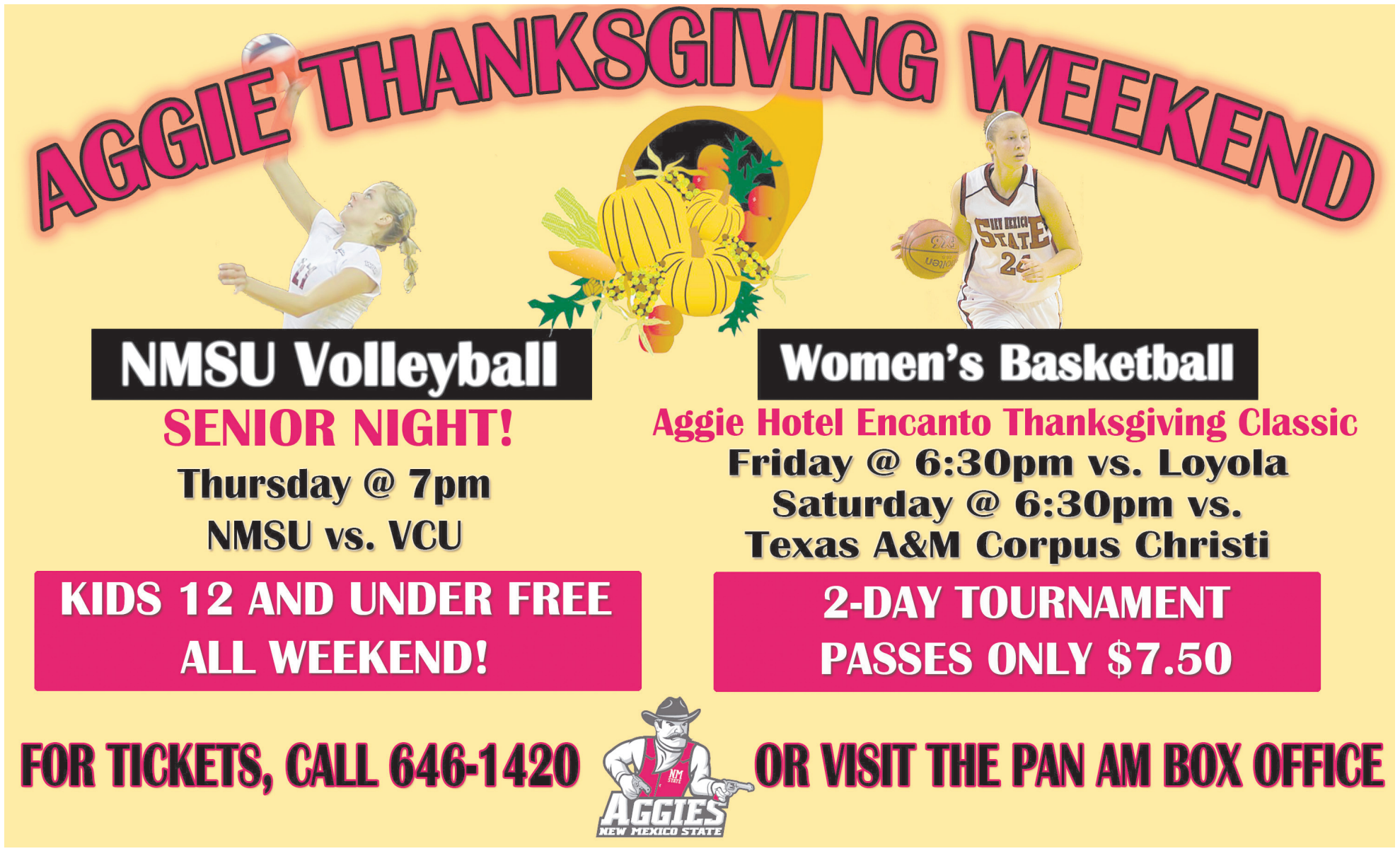
All of NMSU's losses came at the hands of teams that have been ranked at some point during the season. Five of the Aggies' eight losses were from teams in the top 10, including a loss from Stanford and Texas, who are currently No. 2 and No. 3 respectively.

NMSU went on a 15-match winning streak and was victorious in 19 of 21 matches dating back to Sept. 13 when the team defeated UC-Santa Barbara 3-1 in Stanford, Calif. In those 19 victories, the Aggies swept their opponents 15 times.

NMSU finished WAC play 15-1 in regular-season play and earned a share of the regular season title as Hawaii won the conference tournament to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Aggies have two more matches before the NCAA Volleyball Tournament selection show that will air on TV on ESPNU at 8 p.m. (MST) according to ESPN.com. Fans should check local listings for air times.

NMSU will celebrate Senior Night on Thanksgiving Day with a match against Virginia Commonwealth University at 7 p.m. (MDT) in the Pan American Center. The match will be broadcast on the radio at KSNM AM 570 with Kyle Doperalski giving the play-by-play action.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2164
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

NANCY CASILLAS, RUBEN CASILLAS, AND 1995 FORD WINDSTAR, Blue; VIN: 2FMDA5149SBA82580; New Mexico License Plate No. JSN 265, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Nancy Casillas, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1995 Ford Windstar, Blue; VIN: 2FMDA5149SBA82580; New Mexico License Plate No. JSN 265.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8304
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2008-1782
Judge: Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

GEORGE GAMBOA, N.M. CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEE FCU, AND 2000 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, Gold; VIN: 1GCFC29T9YZ115732; New Mexico License Plate No. FHC 613, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: George Gamboa and NM Corrections Employee FCU, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2000 Chevrolet Silverado, Gold; VIN: 1GCFC29T9YZ115732; New Mexico License Plate No. FHC 613.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #8305
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1644

INDYMAC MORTGAGE, F.S.B., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT PRICE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 10, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4723 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 163 in Block D of Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on 07/27/2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $153,687.22 and the same bears interest at 7.875% per annum from October 1, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,354.26. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, 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 #8306
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2095

TAYLOR, BEAN & WHITAKER MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID R. MUNOZ, and if married, JANE DOE MUNOZ (true name unknown), his spouse; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 10, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1222 Onate Street, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 32, DOS LAGOS SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 3734 on 03/20/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 289-90 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $250,660.86 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 11, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,880.02. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold 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, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Pub #8307
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 4, 2008, Jayson Morrison, PO Box 424, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered LRG-14530-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14530-POD2, as recorded and on file with the State Engineer, and located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 9, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, and drilling a new well at approximately X=1,425,510 Y=546,232 on the New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Central Zone, 1983 N.A.D., for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum combined from LRG-14530-POD1 and LRG-14530-POD3 for domestic purposes in the NE1/4 of said Section 9, all occurring on land owned by the applicant. Existing well LRG-14530-POD2 will be plugged. Well and land will be located at the physical location of 13882 N. Highway 185.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub #8323
Dates 11/14, 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HELSE S. URQUIDEZ, Deceased

PB-2007-29
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: All Unknown Heirs of Helse S. Urquidez, Deceased; and All Unknown Persons Having Any Interest in the Estate of Helse S. Urquidez, Deceased or in the matters being litigated.

Ruth Chavez has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will, Determination of Heirship and Complete Settlement of Estate requesting the Court to enter an Order which (1) formally probates the Decedent's Last Will and Testament; (2) confirms the previous appointment of Petitioner as Personal Representative; (3) determines the heirs of the Decedent; (4) approves the proposed distribution of the estate of the Decedent; (5) issues Formal Letters of Administration to Petitioner; (6) declares this estate fully settled and discharges Petitioner from further claim or demand of any interested person; and (7) grants such other and further relief as may be proper.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that hearing on such petition will be held in the District Court of Doña Ana County in Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Dec 18, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HUBERT & HERNANDEZ, P.A.
/s/Dean B. Cross
Dean B. Cross, Esq.
P. O. Box 2857
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004
(575) 526-2101
Attorneys for Personal Representative

Pub #8325
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY K. RUFF, Deceased.

No. PB 2008-96
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patricia Reichel has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 6 day of November, 2008.

/s/ Patricia Reichel
PATRICIA REICHEL
Personal Representative
PO Box 82472
Phoenix, AZ 85071-2472

Pub #8326
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-2175

INDYMAC MORTGAGE F.S.B., Plaintiff,
vs.

NANCY QUIMSON-BOOTH and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants Nancy Quimson-Booth and/or John Doe A, (True Name Unknown), possible spouse of Nancy Quimson-Booth for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road NE, Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

Date October 23, 2008

By Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 6 day of November, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Melissa A. Lundien
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8327
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALBERT A. FRENCH, SR., DECEASED.

No. PB 2007-58
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Gloria A. Veneziano, Personal Representative of the estate of Albert A. French, Sr., deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Gloria A. Veneziano
1520 Ray Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010

Rose Ruby Smith
437 Suffolk Lane Castle Rock, CO 80108

William French
5228 Cribari Dale
San Jose, CA 95135

Richard Ralph French
26 Midwood Rd.
Victoria, B.C. Canada V9BIL6

Albert French, Jr.
128 Roosevelt, Apt. 5
Redwood City, CA 94061

John D. French
1672 Regal Ridge
Las Cruces, NM 88011

2. Gloria A. Veneziano, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert A. French, Sr., deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Gloria A. Veneziano has been set for December 12 , 2008, at 9: 45 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/Gloria A. Veneziano
Gloria A. Veneziano
Personal Representative
1520 Ray Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511
/s/Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub #8328
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 2008-901
Judge Valentine

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION Plaintiff,

v.

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF FRED M. WARREN, DECEASED; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MARNA A. WARREN, DECEASED; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; Defendants,

SHARON LOPEZ and GARY WARREN, Cross Plaintiffs,

v.

ANTONIO HERNANDEZ, Cross Defendant.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO RECOVER ON PROMISSORY NOTE AND FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

TO: ANTONIO HERNANDEZ

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above named Cross Plaintiffs have brought suit by Cross-Claim in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, against you in Cause No. CV-2008-901 on the Civil Docket of said Court, the general object of which is to recover on their promissory note on which you are the maker, and foreclose their mortgage securing payment of the above note which mortgage covers the following described real estate, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit:
Lot 2A of U.S.R.S. Tract 1S-80A and 81, Replat No.1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk, Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 20, 1988 in Book 16, Page 2, Plat Records.
The above described real property is generally known as 193 Yucca Road, San Miguel, New Mexico 88058.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead to the Complaint on or before the 5th day of January, 2009, judgment by default will be rendered against you in said cause.

Cross Plaintiffs' attorney is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 N. Main Street, P.O. Drawer 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-1837.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 17 day of November, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
Court Administrator

By:/s/Joe M. Martinez
Deputy
Joe M. Martinez

Pub #8329
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1772

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as Trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,

vs.

JESUS D. ORTEGA, aka JESUS DANIEL ORTEGA; GLORIA V. ORTEGA; LAURA VILLA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1683 Joshua Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 23, BLOCK 5, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 1976, IN BOOK 12 PAGE(S) 39-40 OF PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 4, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $134,773.31 and the same bears interest at 8% per annum from October 4, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,215.45. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8330
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILL ROBERTSON, ALSO KNOWN AS, WILLIAM HEARD ROBERTSON, JR., deceased.

No. PB-08-87

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feuille, Finger & Thurmond, P. C., 201 East Main Drive, E1 Paso, Texas, 79901, Phone: (915) 533-2493 FAX: (915) 546-8333 or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2008.

/s/Robyn Robertson
ROBYN ROBERTSON
Personal Representative
of the Estate of BILL
ROBERTSON, also known
as WILLIAM HEARD
ROBERTSON, JR., Deceased
P.O. Box 2365
Mesilla Park, NM 88047

Pub #8331
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2161

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., for the Benefit of NB Holdings Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNEST WILLIAMS, JR., and if married, JANE DOE WILLIAMS, (true name unknown), spouse; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4511 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 38, Block M, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4230 on 09/28/2005 in Book 21 Page(s) 352-57 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $188,267.34 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from October 17, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,198.60. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8332
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1771

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW A. MOZIEJKO, aka MATTHEW ALAN MOZIEJKO; LESLIE A. MOZIEJKO; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as nominee; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2812 Carretas Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 6 in Block numbered A of Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 11, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 105-106.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $152,030.17 and the same bears interest at 10.20% per annum from October 16, 2008, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,676.56. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8333
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STAN B. HANSSEN, deceased

No.PB-08-0024
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feuille, Finger & Thurmond, P. C., Post Office Box 2243 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2243, Phone: (575) 522-0765 FAX: (575) 522-0006 or flled with the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 13 day of October, 2008.

/s/Jeanne B. Hanssen
JEANNE B. HANSSEN
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 829
Fair Acres, NM 88033

Pub #8334
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1978

LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as trustee under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of June 1, 2006, GSAMP Trust 2006-HE4, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD STANTON and, if married, JANE DOE STANTON, (True Name Unknown), his spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 17, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1033 Brownlee Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 3, PALMERS SUBDIVISION REPLAT NO. 12, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on August 9, 2005, in Book 21 Pages 288-289 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above_entitled and numbered cause on November 13, 2008, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above_described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $61,048.28 and the same bears interest at 8.75% per annum from October 16, 2008. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $922.00. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

Pub #8335
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: SIFRA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ (a/k/a DALILA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ), A Minor.

Case No. CV-2007-2207 Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:

This action is brought to legally change the name of SIFRA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ to DALILA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned will be held at the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the 15th day of December, 2008, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
WATSON LAW OFFICE
/s/Matthew G. Watson
Matthew G. Watson
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 2183
Mesilla Park, NM 88047
Tel. (575) 528-0500
Fax (575) 526-9800

Pub #8337
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-657
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

RENEE GUILLIAMS, ALEJANDRO MISQUEZ AND CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 10, Block L, COLLEGE HEIGHTS, BLOCK L, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 13, 1956, in Book 7 Page(s) 68 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 1829 Boston Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 4, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $109,094.52 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on November 13, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL &
BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E.,
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Albuquerque, New Mexico
87110
(505) 884-8444

Pub #8338
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Issuance of a Restaurant Liquor License (Beer and Wine On-Premise Consumption Only) to J Squared Corporation d/b/a Red Mountain Café, located at 1120 Commerce, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held at a Special Meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 200 North Church, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department, Alcohol and Gaming Division, may approve the issuance of the Restaurant Liquor License.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 18th day of November 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #8339
Dates 11/21, 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Magdalena Cota Petitioner,

vs.

Reyes Garza Respondent.

NO. NM-08-1509
JUDGE Mike Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

(Petitioner's Name and Address)
Magdalena Cota
118 Mesquite St.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 12th day of November, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY:/s/Elizabeth Vasquez
Deputy

Pub #8341
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEWMEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-08-1906
Judge: Robles

ARNALDO T. LOYA, Plaintiff,

v.

EULALIA BENAVIDEZ VARELA, Deceased, Her unknown heirs, any unknown Person claiming through her, and any other Unknown person making claim adverse to the Plaintiff, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Unknown heirs of the following deceased person:
Eulalia Benavidez Varela, any unknown person claiming through her, and any unknown person making claim adverse to the Plaintiff.

GREETING: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a civil action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico wherein Arnaldo T. Loya is the Plaintiff, and you are the Defendants.

The general object of said action is to obtain a judgment and decree of Quiet Title to the property described in the complaint in the cause.

Unless you file a responsive pleading in this action within thirty 30) days of this publication, judgment granting the relief prayed for will be granted.

The Attorney for the Plaintiff is Ben A. Longwill, 741 N. Alameda Blvd. #4, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on this 7 day of Oct, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Richard Armijo

Submitted by:
/s/Ben A. Longwill
Ben A. Longwill
Attorney for Plaintiff
741 N. Alameda Blvd. Ste. 4
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-524-4141

Pub #8342
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LORETTA JEAN LAMPE, Deceased,

No. PB 2008-76
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Patsy J. Lampe, Personal Representative of the estate of Loretta Jean Lampe, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Patsy J. Lampe
4426 Los Arboles Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Ronald D. Lampe, Jr.
432 W. 3rd St.
Cortez, CO 81321

Wilbert Lampe
HCR-46 Box 425
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346

Donald Lampe
1072 E. Pine St.
Central Point, Oregon 97502

Lynn Lampe Evans
1775 Cedar Springs Ct. North
Liberty, IA 52317

2. Patsy J. Lampe, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Loretta Jean Lampe, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Patsy J. Lampe has been set for December 22 , 2008, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/Patsy J. Lampe
Patsy J. Lampe
Personal. Representative
4426 Los Arboles Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
/s/Kenneth L. Beal
Attorney for Personal
Representative
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-526-5511

Pub #8343
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF OTERO TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-763 II

LITTON LOAN SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,

vs.

ADELAIDA HOPPE aka IDA M. ESTIELLA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendants Adelaida Hoppe aka Ida M. Estiella and John Doe A (True Name Unknown) possible spouse of Adelaida Hoppe aka Ida M. Estiella

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 1162 Mimosa Avenue, in the City of Alamogordo, New Mexico, more particularly described as:
LOT SEVENTY-FOUR (74), MISSION HILLS, UNIT TWO (2), ALAMOGORDO, OTERO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates,

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES WAYLON COUNTS, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Otero County, this 18th day of November, 2008.

JAN PERRY
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By Nicole Prather

(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #8344
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155
Judge: Robert E. Robles

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH, THE ESTATE OF NORVAL ARTHUR BUSH, THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, Respondents.

PETITION FOR CONDEMNATION

Petitioner states that:

1. Petitioner is the County of Doña Ana duly created under New Mexico law and the property authority under the Constitution and statutes of the State of New Mexico to institute and prosecute this action in eminent domain on behalf of the State of New Mexico.

2. Petitioner has the authority to condemn the property herein pursuant to §§ 4-37-1, 4-36-10 and 3-26-1 NMSA.

3. It is necessary for the Petitioner to acquire by condemnation the property, property rights, easements and licenses herein sought for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing or improving for public purposes and for the purpose of accomplishing the removal of any and all encroachments upon the right of way and for all other purposes in connection with construction of a wastewater treatment plant, lines and other necessary facilities and roads located at 312 Paloma Blanca Drive, Chaparral, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

4. This action is brought pursuant to and under the terms of Laws of 1959, Chapter 324, as amended. NMSA 1978 §§ 42-2-1 to 42-2-24.

5. The particular description of the property Respondents sought to be condemned is hereinafter described by an accurate surveyed metes and bounds description under the property designation, as well as by reference to a map attached thereto and marked Exhibit "A."

6. Petitioner seeks to acquire the aforesaid property, or property rights, in fee simple and to require the removal of any improvements or encroachments on the property sought to be condemned.

7. In addition to the property, Petitioner seeks to acquire a license to enter Respondents' remaining land for the purpose of removing improvements and encroachments, if any, on the portion of land sought to be condemned, or to protect the portion of the improvements which remain on Respondents' land.

8. The Petitioner has been unable to agree with one or more of the Respondents having an interest in the property as to just compensation to be paid for the property to be acquired; the amount offered by Petitioner as just compensation for the property is $26,000.00, for the construction and erection of a lift station, a component of the Chaparral wastewater collection and treatment system project. Just compensation is based upon an appraisal prepared for the Petitioner with a valuation date of May 6, 2008. The property has not increased in value to date.

9. There may be unknown claimants possessing an interest in the property. The names or residences of those Respondents are unknown and remain unknown after due inquiry has been made by Petitioner; certain Respondents do not reside within the state or cannot be found therein after Petitioner has made due inquiry and search for them, and it is, therefore, necessary for Petitioner to obtain constructive service upon them by publication.

10. The names and addresses of all Respondents who own or occupy the property or who own the property rights sought to be acquired are shown under the numerical parcel designation as well as any facts of legal disability, deceased owners, unknown owners, and property and property rights held in trust, insofar as they are known to the Petitioner after a search of the County records.

11. Petitioner alleges that parties designated as "UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED" claim some title or interest in the property involved in this action. Petitioner has made due search to ascertain the identity of such persons, but such identity is unknown and cannot be ascertained by Petitioner.

12. The following Respondents have been identified by Petitioner to own or have a possible interest in the parcel described below:
Parcel of Property:
312 Paloma Blanca Drive
Chaparral, NM 88081
James Norval Bush
The Estate of
Norval Arthur Bush
The Estate of
Evelyn M. Bush
ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS
OR CLAIMANTS OF THE
PROPERTY INVOLVED
Estate to be acquired:
Fee Simple
Amount Offered: $26,000.00
Parcel 1: All that portion of property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Book 305, Page 658 of the Doña Ana County Clerks Office, being also described as Lot 25, Block L of Chaparral Subdivision Number Two, said Lot 25 being located within Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, of the U.S.G.L.O Surveys, Chaparral, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said Lot 25 being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a point at the Southwest comer of said Lot 25, of said Block L said point also being North 0° 13' 40" West 80.00 feet and North 89° 48' 22: East 697.13 feet and North 0° 10' 26" West 1299.69 feet and North 89° 48' 22" East 147.29 feet from the Southwest comer of Section 23 of said township and Range;
thence following along the West line of Lot 25, North 0° 10' 26" West 610.00 feet to a point at the Northwest comer of said Lot 25;
thence following along the North line of Lot 25, North 89° 48' 22" East 147.24 feet to a point at the Northeast comer of said Lot 25;
thence following along the east line of Lot 25, South 0° 10' 26" East 610.00 feet to a point being at the Southeast comer of said Lot 25;
thence following along the South line of Lot 25, South 89° 48' 22" West 147.24 feet to the point of beginning.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for an order and judgment of this Court granting to Petitioner the fee simple title to the property sought to be acquired and heretofore described, or granting to Petitioner such lesser interest in the property or property rights sought to be acquired as set forth in the Petition and as is necessary for this public project.

Petitioner further prays that Respondents be restrained from hindering or interfering with the occupation and control of the premises by the petitioner; and that the Petitioner be granted the right to enter upon the Respondents' remaining land for the purposes of removing encroachments, or to protect the improvements remaining on the Respondents' land.

Petitioner further prays that the Court determine the respective interests of the Respondents and the damages, if any, which the Respondents may jointly or severally sustain as a consequence ofthe taking for, and establishment of, this public works project.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Fred Kennon
Fred Kennon
Assistant County Attorney
County of Doña Ana
845 N. Motel Blvd
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575) 647-7225
(575) 525-5925

Pub #8345a
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155
Judge: Robert E. Robles

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH, THE ESTATE OF NORVAL ARTHUR BUSH, THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, Respondents.

APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY

COMES NOW the Petitioner and applies, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 42-2-6, to the Court for a Preliminary Order of Entry, and as grounds for its application states:

1. The Petitioner has determined the necessity and expediency of the acquisition described in the Petition and has indicated the reasons for requiring a speedy occupation as shown by the Affidavit of Assistant County Manager Sue Padilla, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

2. The Petitioner will deposit with the Clerk of the Court the amount of its offer of just compensation as a condition of the Preliminary Order of Entry, to wit: $26,000.00.

3. The deposit of the offer of just compensation will provide sufficient surety for the payment of compensation, and a surety bond is not necessary.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Court make and issue a Preliminary Order of Entry granting the Petitioner, its agents, contractors and employees the right to immediately enter and occupy the premises sought to be condemned, and to do such work thereon as may be required, and to restrain the Respondents from hindering or interfering with the occupation of the premises and the doing thereon of the work required.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Fred Kennon
Fred Kennon
Attorney for Petitioner
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(575) 647-7225

Pub #8345b
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008
Judge:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH, THE ESTATE OF NORVAL ARTHUR BUSH, THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, Respondents.

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA ss.

Sue Padilla, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Assistant County Manager for Doña Ana County.

2. I make this Affidavit from personal knowledge.

3. It is necessary for the County to secure this Preliminary Order of Entry for the property sought to be acquired in this lawsuit for installation of wastewater facilities, specifically for construction of a lift station, a component of the Chaparral wastewater collection and treatment system, prior to the completion of the lawsuit proceedings for the following reasons:

a. The construction of the overall wastewater system in Chaparral, New Mexico is a comprehensive project that depends on the timely completion of construction of facilities on the property that is the subject of this lawsuit before other parts of the system may be constructed.
EXHIBIT A

b. Delay in the construction of this project will result in increased construction costs which are ultimately borne by the taxpaying public.

c. Prompt and immediate construction of the wastewater system will improve the health and sanitary conditions of the community by treating the effluent that is currently being discharged to septic tanks throughout the community. It will also eliminate the significant costs, both economic and risk to health, of the temporary methods now being used to transport and dispose of wastewater produced at the schools in the area.

d. Prompt and immediate construction of the wastewater system will enable the County to take the fullest advantage and secure the benefits of the applicable federal funding.

/s/Sue Padilla
Sue Padilla
Assistant County Manager
Doña Ana County

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 2nd day of September, 2008, by M. Sue Padilla.

/s/Susanna Limon
Notary Public
My commission expires:
4-20-12

Pub #8345c
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155
Judge: Robert E. Robles

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH, THE ESTATE OF NORVAL ARTHUR BUSH, THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, Respondents.

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY

This cause coming on to be heard on Petitioner's application for a Preliminary Order of Entry, pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 42-2-6, permitting the Petitioner to immediately enter and occupy the premises sought to be condemned and to do such work thereon as may be required, and the Court, being sufficiently advised in the premises, FINDS the Application is well-taken, and a Preliminary Order of Entry should issue;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND DECREED the Petitioner's Application for Preliminary Order of Entry is granted, and Petitioner is granted the right to immediately enter and occupy the premises sought to be condemned and to do such work thereon as may be required.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED in furtherance of the work as may be required, the Petitioner is also granted a license as to Respondents' remaining land for the purpose of removing improvements and encroachments, or to protect the portion of the improvements which remain on Respondents' land.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED unless objection to this Preliminary Order of Entry is filed within ten (10) days after personal service on Respondents of the Notice hereof, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of the Notice thereof on those Respondents not personally served, the Court shall proceed to make this Preliminary Order of Entry permanent; shall restrain the Respondents from hindering or interfering with the removal of any and all improvements and encroachments on the rights of way, and the occupancy and control of the premises by Petitioner and from interfering with the work required; and all subsequent proceedings shall only affect the amount of compensation allowable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED the condition for issuance of the Preliminary Order of Entry is the deposit of $26,000.00 with the Clerk of the Court as Petitioner's offer of just compensation; the filing of a surety bond to the benefit of the Respondents shall not be required. This Preliminary Order of Entry shall only be in force and effect upon the deposit with the Clerk of the Court of the sum stated above.

Robert E. Robles
DISTRICT JUDGE

PREPARED AND
SUBMITTED BY:
/s/Fred Kennon
Fred Kennon
Attorney for Petitioner
845 N. Motel Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
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Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155
Judge:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, Petitioner,

vs.

JAMES NORVAL BUSH, THE ESTATE OF NORV AL ARTHUR BUSH, THE ESTATE OF EVELYN M. BUSH, ALL UNKNOWN OWNERS OR CLAIMANTS OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ORDER OF ENTRY AND NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION

TO: The above-named Respondents, and each of you:

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Court has granted the Petitioner a Preliminary Order of Entry to immediately enter and occupy the property described below and to do such work thereon as may be required, and that unless you file objections thereto within ten (10) days after personal service of this Notice upon you, or within three (3) days after the last date of publication of this Notice if you be not personally served, the Court shall enter a Permanent Order of Entry restraining you forever from hindering or interfering with the occupation and use of the property; and further, that all proceedings subsequent to the Permanent Order of Entry shall deal only with the amount of compensation due to you for the taking of the property.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a Petition for Condemnation for public utility purposes, to wit: construction, installation and maintenance of a lift station, a component of the Chaparral wastewater collection and treatment system, and all appurtenances necessary thereto, has been filed against you in the above-numbered cause with the Clerk of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in which county the property, or a part thereof, is located, and which property is described generally as all that portion of property of 312 Paloma Blanca Drive, Chaparral, New Mexico, being also described as Lot 25, Block L of Chaparral Subdivision Number Two, with such property more fully described in the petition on file in said condemnation cause.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that the amount offered as just compensation, shown in the Petition for Condemnation with each separate numerical tract designation, has been deposited by the Petitioner with the Clerk of the District Court and a portion or all of the amount offered may be withdrawn by a person having an estate or interest in the property described in the Petition on file. This withdrawal may be made only by order of the Court upon proper motion.

YOU, AND EACH OF YOU, ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to file and serve an answer, as provided by law, to the Petition on file herein with thirty (30) days after service of this Notice on you or thirty (30) days after the last date of publication of this Notice, if you are not personally served. Unless you so appear and answer, the Petitioner will apply to the Court for judgment as demanded in the petition and as provided by law. This judgment will fix the amount of compensation due to you for the condemnation of the property at the amount offered and deposited by Petitioner.

The name and address of attorney for Petitioner is: Fred Kennon, Assistant County Attorney, County of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 9th day of October, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
Clerk of the District Court
[Seal]

By: Elizabeth Vasquez
Deputy

Pub #8345e
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2155
Robert E. Robles

Board of County Commissioner DAC Plaintiff (s)

v.

Bush, J. et al, Defendant (s)

ORDER REQUIRING SCHEDULING REPORTS AND A DISCOVERY PLAN AND LIMITING STIPULATIONS TO ENLARGE TIME FOR RESPONSIVE PLEADINGS

IT IS ORDERED:

A. Plaintiff shall serve a copy of this order on each defendant with the summons and complaint and file a certificate of such service. Parties other than plaintiffs who assert claims against others who have not been served with this order shall serve a copy of this order on those against whom they assert claims with the pleading asserting such claims and shall file a certificate of such service.

B. Sixty (60) days after the complaint is filed, parties of record shall file a scheduling report with copies to opposing parties and the assigned judge. Parties shall confer and are encouraged to file a Joint Scheduling Report, LR3-Form 2.12 NMRA for Track A or LR3-Form 2.13 for Tracks Band C, (See Appendix to these local rules for all forms) or, if they cannot agree, file an individual Scheduling Report, LR3-Form 2.13 NMRA.

C. Any party who enters the case more than sixty (60) days after the filing of the complaint shall file a scheduling report within ten (10) days.

D. If all parties are not of record within sixty (60) days of filing the initial pleading, the party making claims against the absent parties (Plaintiff for Defendants, Third-Party Plaintiffs for Third Party Defendants, etc.) shall, within five (5) business days after the 60th day, file and serve parties of record and deliver to the assigned judge, a written explanation following LR3-Form 2.14 NMRA, "Delay in Putting the Matter at Issue".

E. Counselor parties who do not have attorneys may not stipulate to an enlargement of time greater than fourteen (14) days for the filing of a responsive pleading without a motion and order. The motion shall state with particularity the reason an enlargement is in the best interests of the parties. A copy of the motion and stipulation shall be delivered to all parties as well as counsel. The enlargement requested shall be for a specified time.

F. When all parties have been joined and the case is at issue, the parties shall immediately notify in writing the assigned judge and the alternative dispute resolution coordinator.

G. If appropriate, the court will refer this matter to settlement facilitation under Part VII of the Local Rules of the Third Judicial District Court.

H. For cases subject to arbitration under Local Rule LR3- 706 NMRA, the parties may file a written stipulation to waive facilitation with a copy to the ADR coordinator and the assigned judge within sixty (60) days after the complaint has been filed or ten (10) days after all parties are joined if LR3-Form 2.14 NMRA has been filed. If the parties cannot stipulate, the party seeking waiver of facilitation may file a motion for relief from facilitation.

I. Within seventy-five (75) days from the date the Complaint was filed, or fifteen (15) days after the case is at issue if LR3-Form 2.14 NMRA has been filed, the parties shall either:
(1) Stipulate to a discovery plan and file the stipulation with the court, or
(2) Request a hearing to establish a discovery plan pursuant to Paragraph F of Rule 1-016 NMRA.
(3) In the absence of a stipulated discovery plan or a timely request from a party for a hearing to establish a discovery plan, the following discovery plan shall go into effect:
Within one-hundred (100) days after the complaint was filed or fifteen (15) days after a party has entered the suit, whichever is the later date, each party shall provide to all other parties:
a. The name and, if known, the address and telephone number of each individual likely to have discoverable information relevant to disputed issues raised by the pleadings, identifying the subjects of the information;
b. A copy of, or a description by category and location of, all documents, data compilations, and tangible things in the possession, custody, or control of the party that are relevant to disputed issues raised by the pleadings;

Delivered with the Summons to Plaintiff this 3 day of September, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
Court Administrator

By: Joe Martinez
Clerk

Pub #8345f
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COU NTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of FRED MONROE WARREN, Deceased, and MARNO AMALIE WARREN, his wife, Deceased.

No. PB 2008-73 Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHARON LOPEZ has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 20th day of November, 2008.

LEGAL NOTICES

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/s/Sharon Lopez
Sharon Lopez
Personal Representative
P.O. Box 2388
Mesilla Park, New Mexico
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Pub #8346
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV 08-2330
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

LETICIA YSABEL JUAREZ AND CORRINE ARZABAL BENAVENTE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 8, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 10, Block 8, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 24-PHASE 2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 3, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 259-260 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 2920 Jennifer Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 2008, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $111,263.90 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on November 24, 2008.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
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Pub #8347
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting on November 24, 2008:

1. Council Bill No. 09-017; Ordinance No. 2480: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 2.69 +/- Acres Located at 1320 S. Solano Drive. The Zone Change Will Bring the Property Into Zoning Compliance, Based on the Overall Size of the Property Exceeding the One (1) Acre Maximum Size for Commercial Properties Within the C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) Zoning District. Submitted by Southwest Engineering, Inc., For Resources for Children & Youth, Inc. (Z2759).

2. Council Bill No. 09-018; Ordinance No. 2481: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change >From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) For 3.28 +/- Acres Located at 2395 N. Mesquite Street. The Zone Change Will Bring the Property Into Zoning Compliance, Based on the Overall Size of the Property Exceeding the One (1) Acre Maximum Size for Commercial Properties Within the C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) Zoning District. Submitted by Doñahue Land Surveys for Mesilla Valley Business Park (Z2763).

3. Council Bill No. 09-019; Ordinance No. 2482: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) For 1.50 +/- Acres Located at 223 E. Idaho Avenue. The Zone Change Will Bring the Property Into Zoning Compliance, Based on the Overall Size of the Property Exceeding the One (1) Acre Maximum Size for Commercial Properties Within the C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) Zoning District. Submitted by ASA Architects for First National Bank of Artesia (Z2764).

4. Council Bill No. 09-020; Ordinance No. 2483: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change >From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for Three Distinct Parcels With a Combined Area of 5.125 +/- Acres Located at 1765 S. Main Street. The Zone Change Will Bring the Properties Into Zoning Compliance, Based on the Overall Size of The Properties Exceeding the One (1) Acre Maximum Size for Commercial Properties Within the C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) Zoning District. Submitted by BRG Engineering for Amar Krishna of New Mexico (Z2767).

5. Council Bill No. 09-021; Ordinance No. 2484: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 Article V, Section 38-43 of the Municipal Code. The Proposed Zoning Code Amendment Will Rezone 1.76 +/- Acres Located at the Southwestern Intersection of S. Alameda Boulevard and Lohman Avenue >From C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to CBD (Central Business District) to Facilitate the Proposed Construction of an Intermodal Facility. Submitted by the City of Las Cruces (ZCA-08-03).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 24th day of November, 2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #8348
Dates 11/28, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-1710
Judge Robles

WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN A. FLORES and GLADYS RICO-FLORES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION), MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER, INC. and STATE OF CALIFORNIA (DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, December 29th, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at offices of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1205 Percha Creek Way, Las Cruces, NM, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 7, Block J, CAVE CREEK SUBDIVISION PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 21, 1999, in Book 19 Pages 357-358 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 21, 2008 against Defendants John A. Flores and Gladys Rico-Flores, being an action to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the amount of $263,102.37.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plaintiff, or its successors, has the right to bid at such sale all of its Judgment amount and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its Judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The proceeds of the sale shall be applied to pay any costs incurred for the maintenance and protection of the property, to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff including the Judgment Amount, accrued interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum from November 21, 2008 through December 29, 2008 in the amount of $2,396.75; Special Master's fee in the amount of $200.00, plus publication costs in the amount of $466.02; for a total amount of $266,165.14. Additional reasonable attorneys' fees may be awarded upon application to the Court and would be satisfied from the proceeds of the sale. Any additional proceeds remaining after the satisfaction of the above will be applied as determined by the Court.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN that the Special Master may continue the sale from time to time if necessary without republishing Notice of Sale so long as the Special Master appears at the designated times schedule for said sale and announces the postponement thereof to another specific date.

/s/ELAINE KAUFMANN
Special Master

Submitted by:
HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C.

/s/ANNAMARIE DELOVATO
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Pub #8349
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-08-110 (Valentine)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENEVIEVE E. KRIEGER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: November 24, 2008

/s/Gail Butler
Gail Butler,
Personal Representative
of the estate of Genevieve E. Krieger, Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
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/s/Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #8350
Dates 11/28, 12/5, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2008-2313

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

NARCISO TRUJILLO, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF NARCISO TRUJILLO, DECEASED, and if married, JANE DOE TRUJILLO, (true name unknown), his spouse; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF NARCISO TRUJILLO, DECEASED; STATE NATIONAL BANK; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Narciso Trujillo, if living, if deceased, The Estate of Narciso Trujillo, Deceased, and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Narciso Trujillo, Deceased, is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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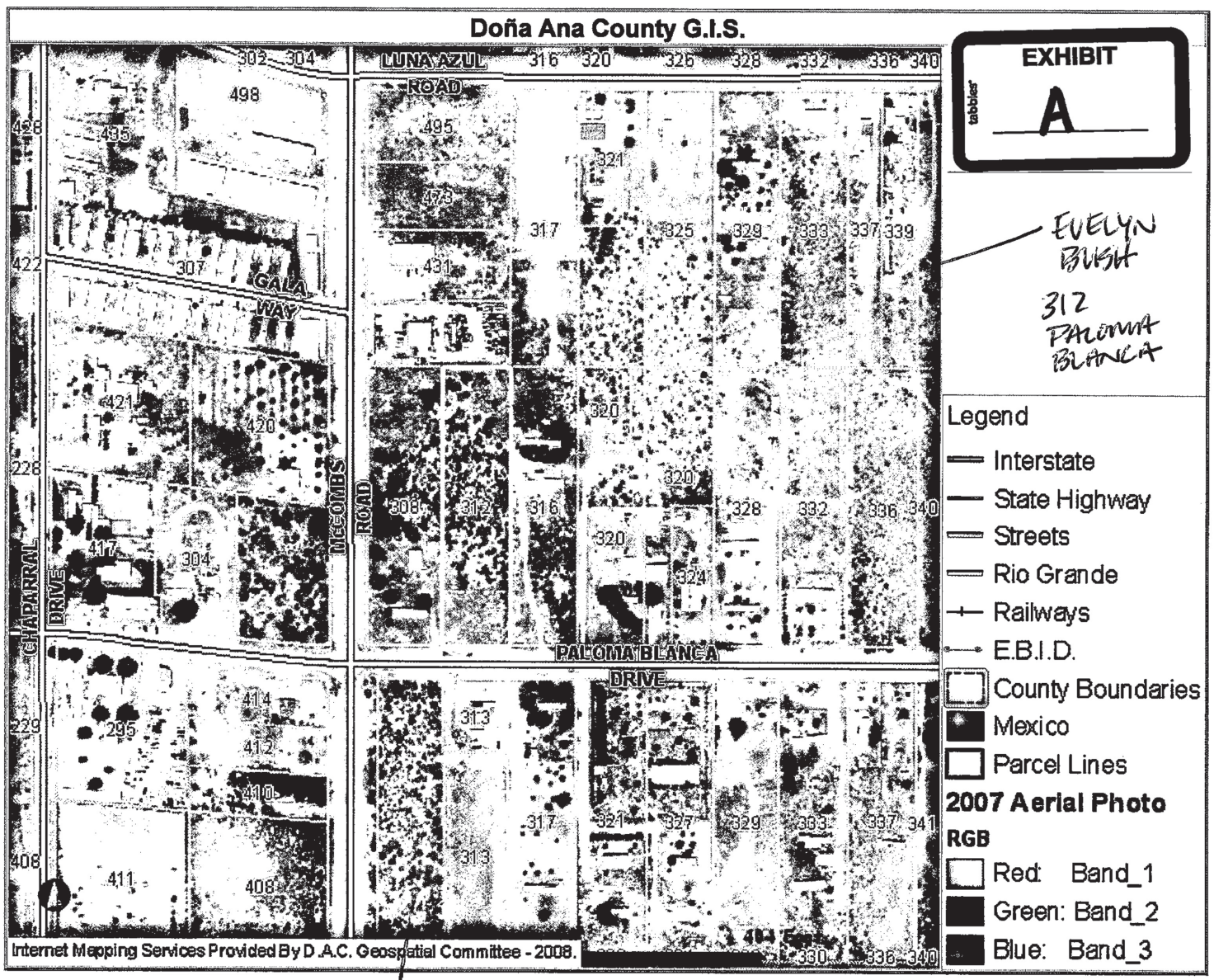

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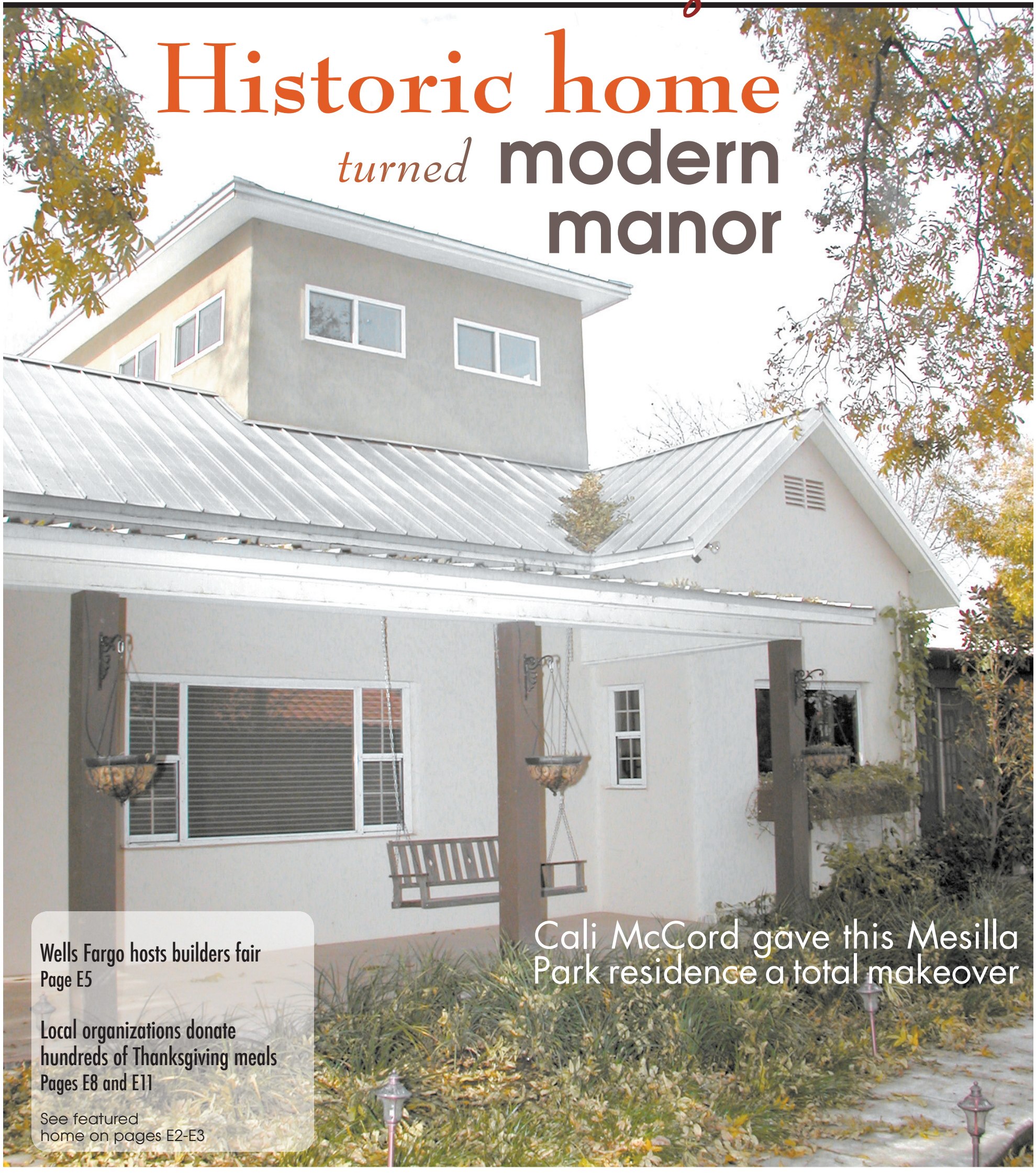
Historic home *turned* modern manor



Cali McCord gave this Mesilla Park residence a total makeover

Wells Fargo hosts builders fair
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Local organizations donate hundreds of Thanksgiving meals
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See featured home on pages E2-E3

Featured Home: 3329 Apple Cross Place

Details

Address
3392 Apple Cross Place

Square footage
3,486

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Three

Fireplaces
Three

Price
$536,000

Special Features: With two kitchens and two living areas, this residence originally built in the late 1800s is like two homes in one.

For more information about this home, contact Beth Dage at 649-1007.

PHOTOS BY STEVE MACINTYRE

Built in 1869, this home in Mesilla Park has been recently renovated and contains both historic and modern elements.

Dark wooden floors bring new life to the home's main living spaces.

With a seating area, fireplace, office and two walk-in closets, the master bedroom is not only elegant, but also as spacious as they come.

The original kitchen has been completely refinished and includes modern lighting, stainless-steel appliances and all new cabinetry.

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The apple of Mesilla Park's eye

Experience 'the charm and quality of a bygone era'

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Built in 1869, the historic home located at 3392 Apple Cross Place has a long history in the Mesilla Valley made evident by the huge trees that make their home in its landscape.

Set on .42 acres, it was constructed when the area around it was mainly farmland and it originally included a farm and carriage house along with quarters for the farmhands living on the property.

Today, it's hard to believe the Mesilla Park home was built more than a century ago with all of its modern elements. Rather than a rugged exterior, its elegant porch and grey stucco make it stand out among the yellow leaves of the surrounding mulberry trees as if it were brand new. Inside, newly laid wooden floors and refinished walls, some in Venetian plaster, make the home look like it was finished only yesterday.

> "The best feature of the house is not only the lot, but the casita."
>
> BETH DAGE,
> Steinborn GMAC Real Estate

Perhaps the only indications that the home is almost 140 years old are its adobe walls, some more than 20 inches thick, and an authentic carriage door used to add privacy to the casita's bedroom.

"It's got some history to it," said Beth Dage of Steinborn GMAC Real Estate. "It's in such a great area."

Completely renovated in 2007 by owner Cali McCord, former operator of Meson de Mesilla, she brought her classic style to this Mesilla Park manor.

"It didn't look like that when I sold it to her," said Dage, who has seen the house change through the years and heard stories of its history from her colleagues.

The most interesting part about this residence is how it has evolved over time to include two houses in one.

Walking into the home, one first finds a large, open space containing the living and dining room. The area, complete with one of three fireplaces, serves as the main living space and is located right next to the original kitchen, which has been completely remodeled and includes all new stainless-steel appliances.

While the home still holds onto its historic feel, new floors varying from wood to carpet to tile and several modern light fixtures work to bring it into the 21st century. The same can be said about the use of glass block in every bathroom.

In the original part of the home, the spacious master bedroom, which rivals the great room in size, includes an office, a seating area with a fireplace, two walk-in closets and a large master bathroom.

Two pairs of French doors found in the master bedroom offer entrance into the front porch; a large, enclosed area that creates the home's frontal façade.

"That is where you would entertain," said Dage, who has invited other Realtors over for lunch to enjoy the home's outdoor space.

Upstairs from the main living spaces, a room almost like an observatory is filled with light by square windows that line every wall. While it is now being used as a home gym, the space presents the perfect place to sit down with a good read.

Aside from the home's original living spaces, McCord's main project was turning the old carriage house into a more than 1,500-square-foot casita. Combining it with the rest of the house, she created guest quarters that contain a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom.

"The best feature of the house is not only the lot, but the casita," Dage said. "This home is almost made for two families.

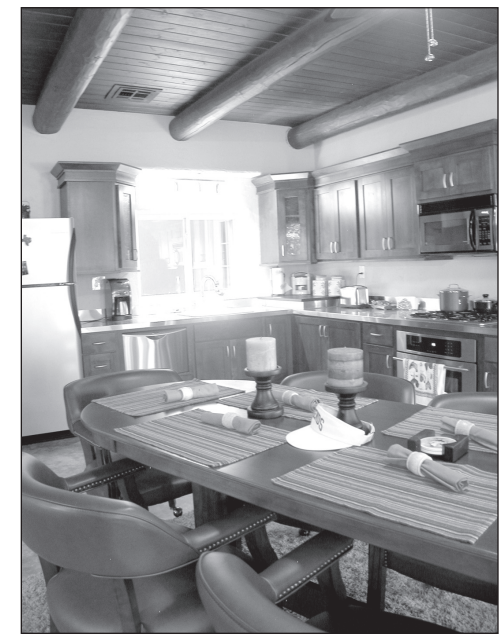
"Whoever buys it can have an extended family live in the casita, whether it is an elderly parent or college student."

The casita's kitchen, which is even larger than the original kitchen, includes stainless-steel countertops and an area for a breakfast nook.

Creating a divider between the bedroom and the rest of the casita is the old carriage door, which McCord had repainted and installed so that it can easily slide open and shut. While this might be the best historic attribute in the home, perhaps the home's most stunning renovation is the casita's great room, which includes a large fireplace covered with inlaid stone from wall to wall.

Connecting all of the spaces is a centrally located laundry room, which can be entered through the garage and accessed from both the main home and casita.

While two kitchens might seem like a little much, for chef McCord and other cooking enthusiasts as well as those with extended family, this home might just fit the bill.



With a kitchen even larger than that found in the original home, the casita offers a place for guests to stay in comfort.

The casita, which initially was a carriage house, includes heavy vigas and the original carriage door, which is used as a divider between the bedroom and the rest of the living space.

Perhaps the most stunning renovation is the casita's great room, which includes a fireplace accented with wall-to-wall inlaid stone.

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It's no secret the kitchen is the heart of the home. And with a little ingenuity, a small kitchen can make a big impact.

The challenge in a small kitchen, however, is to design it so that it not only functions efficiently, but also appears larger than its actual footprint. There are all sorts of tricks to make close culinary quarters work and look stylish at the same time.

One of the simplest ways to achieve more space in a small kitchen is to organize your items more effectively. Think in terms of reducing countertop clutter. It's the No. 1 rule for making rooms seem more spacious. Maximize storage space by installing sliding storage units in drawers to provide easy access to knives, spices, food wraps and utensils.

Most cabinets have room above them and storage can be added with wall-hung cabinets that extend to the ceiling. Not only will you add extra storage for less-frequently used items, you'll also make the kitchen seem much larger. Use a pot rack whenever possible. Pots and pans are big and bulky and take up the majority of your cabinet space.

If you are thinking about replacing appliances, consider appliance fronts with stainless-steel panels to reflect light or create a seamless effect by covering all cabinets and appliances with the same surface treatment. Line the backsplash with stainless steel, pressed tin or iridescent-glass tiles to lighten up dark, under-cabinet spaces. In smaller kitchens, an attractive backsplash can add charm and make your space feel larger at the same time. Consider using mirrors on the backsplash for a bit of sparkle or painting it to add a punch of color.

Even the smallest kitchen can be made to look larger by using light colors and keeping the cabinets uncluttered.

Style Tip OF THE WEEK

Whether you prefer a Southwest, traditional or contemporary style, there are so many choices available from metal finishes to natural stone and tiles to the shape of the sink. It's easy to create a kitchen you'll love.

Light-colored ceramic or stone tiles are more expensive, but they really add a wow factor to your kitchen. To create an even greater impact, install them on the diagonal rather than simply straight up and down. This will also make the space seem larger.

Cabinets can also have a personality, and inserting glass panels in some of the cabinet doors to add depth can help take away the solid look of wood. Displaying the most attractive china or sparkling crystal attracts attention and adds design flair. If the budget is an issue, instead of buying new cabinets, try replacing a few of the solid-wood cabinet doors with frosted glass ones and installing lighting inside. Not only will you gain a visual effect with the light and airy effect from the glass faces, but you'll also be adding another dimension of light, which will make the kitchen seem much larger.

When it comes to lighting, think in terms of layers. Use task lighting to illuminate the workspace and ambient, indirect light to add overall brightness that will also make the space look larger. Keep fixtures sleek and simple so they don't make the kitchen feel cluttered or crowded. Track lighting works well for kitchens because they can be angled to illuminate every nook and cranny and are dimmable. They are also inexpensive and readily available at most home improvement stores. The addition of cabinet hardware also needs to remain simple. Use plain knobs and drawer pulls to avoid clutter.

Also a must, under-cabinet lighting adds depth and dimension to a kitchen, as well as practical illumination for countertops and cooking areas. You'll feel as if you have more workspace because you can see it better, and the kitchen will seem much warmer and more comfortable.

It is also possible to trick the eye with clever flooring choices. Run floorboards lengthwise for vertical perspective, or use larger floor tiles on the diagonal to make the room seem wider. Choose medium-sized, understated tiles rather than a busy mosaic pattern that might seem to shrink the room.

With more appliances manufacturers creating products for small spaces, an increasing number of kitchens are being designed with spaces for small refrigerators that fit under the counter, instead of large ones, which can visually overwhelm a small kitchen. Stoves, refrigerators and microwaves are now manufactured for small apartments where space is at a premium.

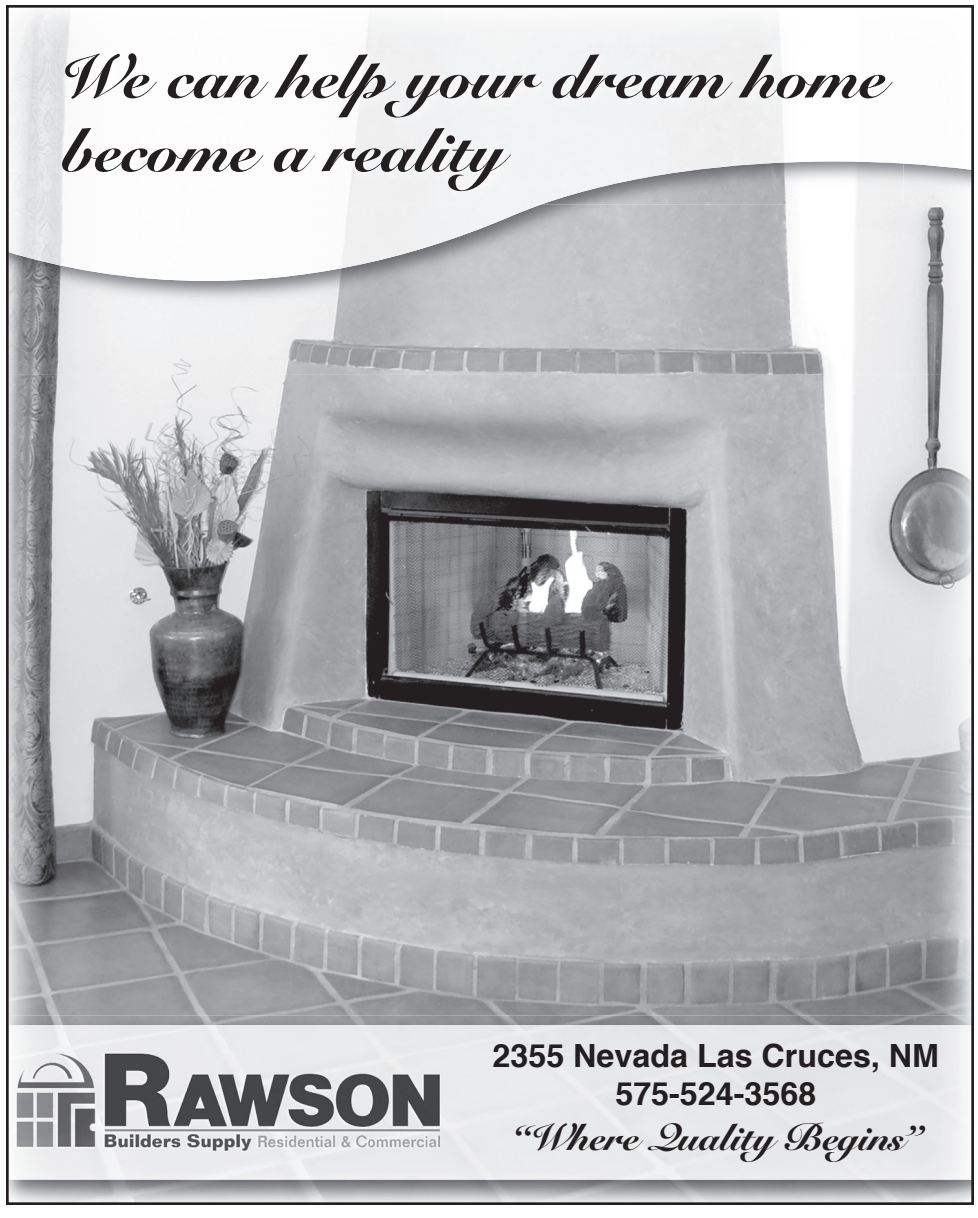
A small island can be a lifesaver in a tiny kitchen. Most people think they don't have room for one, but the chances are they do. You generally only need 30 in. between counters and the island to comfortably pass through. If you can't put in a real island, use a kitchen rolling cart with pullout shelves and a wooden top. This multifunctional piece can serve as an island, workstation and a storage area with a small table.

With a kitchen that's really small and dark, open the kitchen up with a pass-through or half wall. You may want to knock down the top half of a wall to let in some natural light. Use the lower half to create a bar/counter area with an overhang and some stools underneath. On the kitchen side of the lower wall, install some cabinets or shallow, open shelving for added storage.

Keep the color palette simple to avoid overwhelming the space. Choose a light semi-gloss paint for a bit of shine. Light colors open up the space and the gloss reflects the light.

Size doesn't have to be a problem, with a little ingenuity small kitchens can have a big impact with simple lines, added cabinets, bright colors, track lighting and a colorful backsplash, making the kitchen appear larger than it actually is while adding punch and a personality all at the same time.

Mariann Novack is a design consultant and welcomes your comments at 541-9484 or marnvck@aol.com. Building a home, remodeling or considering interior decorating? Give Novack a call.



At the Wells Fargo builders fair

Erica Vasquez and Rosalba Valles, home equity specialists with Wells Fargo, chatted with builders and Realtors at the Wells Fargo builders fair Wednesday, Nov. 19.

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Builder Fred Chavez, owner of Mesa View Homes, and his daughter Crystal Chavez talk with Renee Frank of Emerick Real Estate.

Home mortgage group sends a positive message to the local housing industry

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage hosted a special day for local builders and Realtors with a builders fair and presentation at Hotel Encanto Wednesday, Nov. 19.

After the builders fair in which local builders were able to showcase their products and services, the home mortgage group showed a special broadcast presentation titled "Meeting the Market Challenge," with a goal of getting those involved in the Las Cruces housing market focused on what opportunities there are today.

"We've got some great inventory out there and prices aren't as outrageous as elsewhere," said Henry Apodaca of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. "There are mortgage products available for you."

According to Apodaca, the best way to get through the problems that exist in the housing market today is to help clients make informed decisions.

The "Meeting the Market Challenge," panel included Brian Buffini, chairman and founder of Buffini & Company; Terry Watson, founder and president of Watson World; David Bach, founder and president of FinishRich Media; and Cara Heiden, co-president of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

Josh Montoya of Emerick Real Estate talks with Tiffany and Tommy Etterling of Picacho Mountain.

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From farmer and rancher to builder and developer

Jeffrey Isaacks has watched the East Mesa grow by leaps and bounds

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On a cold, windy day in the Organ Mountain foothills, builder Jeffrey Isaacks seems right at home amid the rugged mountainside.

"I really like this area up here on the East Mesa," he said at his latest project on County Road D-87. "This lot has such nice views."

While most people retreat to the comfort of the valley, Isaacks is used to the outskirts of Las Cruces, as his family was one of the first ranching families in Doña Ana County.

According to a book titled "The Isaacks Clan," his great grandfather, Jefferson D. Isaacks, came to Las Cruces with his family in the late 1870s to establish his ranch, and by the early 1900s, "Jeff Isaacks was one of the most successful and largest cattle raisers in that section of the Southwest. He shortly moved to the county seat, established a modern farm home, invested in various enterprises" and established himself as a well-known citizen of Las Cruces.

His ranching legacy has continued, and today, Jeffrey Isaacks still dabbles in farming and ranching.

"To this day, I can't sleep 'til 7 a.m.," he said, reminiscing about his chores as a young boy, feeding and gathering the farm animals and doing various jobs around the ranch. "We had lots of fun growing up."

As the middle child of 10 siblings, Isaacks saw the entire spectrum of life on the farm and has seen the East Mesa grow in ways he could never have imagined.

"When they first came here, (my great grandfather) had almost all of this mesa," he said. "The amazing part is all the homes up this way."

Isaaks still owns a ranch on the East Mesa and a hay farm in Doña Ana County where he makes his home and still operates out of a farmhouse from the 1900s.

Not only does he have a long history in the area, but his wife, Trudy, is a relative of Oliver Lee, and has also watched the city grow and prosper.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in agricultural business from New Mexico State University, those around him figured Isaacks would follow in his relatives' footsteps. Instead, he went in another direction and pursued his fascination in building.

"I started out framing for other contractors and decided to get my (contractor's) license," he said.

To date, he has built more than 100 houses, including his newest project, a ranch-style home at the foothills of the Organ Mountains.

"I like the western-ranch style," he said, adding that this includes high-pitched roofs and large, wrap-around front porches.

Though he said he hopes he is known for the ranch-style home, his work can be characterized on a broad scale.

"I've built houses and worked on several projects. I left here in 1990 and went to Phoenix to learn how to do commercial," he said. "I've done all styles – motels, strip malls and several concrete buildings."

He has built approximately 50 commercial buildings, and, as a lover of the great outdoors, the last one was right up his alley – a 148,000 square foot, $38 million Cabela's Sports Warehouse.

"I've worked on a Best Buy and a couple Bed Bath & Beyonds," he added.

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>
> JEFFREY ISAACKS, homebuilder

After growing up on a ranch, Jeffrey Isaacks found his niche in building and practices a very hands-on approach.

Details

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On top of all this, he has also developed land in the City of the Crosses, much of which has been in his family for years, including several apartment complexes.

Today, he builds one to two houses a year, taking his time to make sure everything is done with the utmost care.

"I am very hands-on. I am here for every aspect of the project. I try to visit every day with the customer, make sure everything is going their way," he said. "I try to exceed the customer's expectations and I hope the quality meets their every desire."

His newest home on the East Mesa includes sustainable material, passive-solar construction, Low-E windows and many other "green" attributes. In the future, he is hoping to have the opportunity to build an LEED certified home and explore new products that can make a home more efficient.

After helping to build Habitat for Humanity homes in Arizona, he said he is looking to continue his relationship with the nonprofit organization locally.

"I did a couple of them (Habitat for Humanity homes) in Phoenix, and it was fun," he said. "It amazes me how much people can do with a little guidance."

Regardless of what style he builds, Isaacks said he does his best to make the customer happy and will always rely on word of mouth from a satisfied client.

"You try to fit the project to the owner and keep the budget where it needs to be," he said. "The most challenging thing is giving the customer the type of home they will be proud of."

With exposed duct work, concrete countertops, modern lighting and a state-of-the-art hood over the range, Isaacks gave this ranch-style home a contemporary look.

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BETHANY CONWAY

This ranch-style home, the latest project by Jeffrey Isaacks of JDI Construction and Development, includes many "green" features like heated floors and passive-solar construction.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	5	7
Homes Sold Existing	7	11	14
Pending Home Sales (All)	145	146	234
Average Days on Market (All)	160	162	154

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	$234,900	$152,950	$187,000
Median Price Existing	$210,500	$150,000	$197,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,449	1,461	1,739
Real Estate Agents	605	608	630

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 11/18/08 - 11/23/08
* MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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LCHBA donates 200 meals

Las Cruces Home Builders Association Interim Executive Officer Sid Graft, along with an assembly line of volunteers at the LCHBA office, helps pack 200 boxes with everything one would need for Thanksgiving dinner . This year, the LCHBA donated 200 boxes to be distributed to disadvantaged families at MacArthur Elementary School and Families & Youth Inc. The boxes included margarine, canned chicken broth, Cool Whip, canned corn, evaporated milk, aluminum foil, foil pans, gravy mix, canned green beans, canned cranberry sauce, canned peas, potatoes, a pumpkin pie, rolls, stuffing, a turkey and canned yams. According to LCHBA Community Service Committee Chair Scott Krahling, the number of boxes distributed increases every year. This year's top sponsor was L & P Building Supply.

Gricel Mendoza, Tyrel Allaire (loading the boxes) and Dawson Dinsmore help carry completed boxes of Thanksgiving meals into MacArthur Elementary.

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Scott Krahling, chair of the LCHBA Community Service Committee, loads boxes into a truck to be delivered to Families & Youth Inc.

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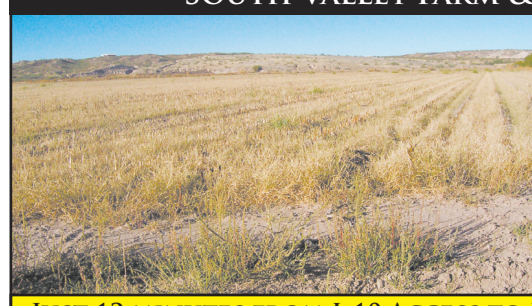

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Around-the-house item: cotton balls

Cotton ball arts and crafts

Create your own white Christmas this year

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Now that Thanksgiving is over, it's time to get into the Christmas spirit, and there are plenty of around-the-house items to help.

It all starts with a simple product that most people have conveniently tucked away in their bathroom cabinet – cotton balls.

These little puffs, normally used for medical procedures like flu shots and blood donations, present the perfect substitutes for snow. Whether it's a diorama or a manger scene, they can be used to deck the halls in many ways.

And their uses don't stop with Christmas decorations. Their ability to soak up liquids also comes in handy.

Perhaps the best part about this age-old product is that it comes in bulk, and there are always uses for an oversupply. Here are some suggestions:

1. Scent the room: Saturate a cotton ball with a favorite cologne or perfume and drop it into the vacuum cleaner bag. Now, as the vacuum is run over the carpet, the scent will be released and gently permeate the room.

2. Make a Christmas snowman: This traditional holiday project finds a home in classrooms across the country. To make a snowman, trace three circles in descending size on a piece of paper at least as thick as construction paper. They can be as large as desired. Now, fill in the circles with cotton balls by dabbing a bit of glue onto the paper and sticking a cotton ball to the dab of glue. Continue until the circles are covered with cotton. Use glue to connect the three circles from smallest to largest, making the shape of a snowman. From here, the possibilities are endless. Use brown construction paper to make twig arms. Add real buttons using a hot-glue gun or using black construction paper, cut out very small black circles to serve as little pieces of coal to make Frosty's hat and eyes. Of course, don't forget to make a carrot for a nose.

3. Deodorize the refrigerator: There is no denying it. Sometimes the refrigerator just doesn't smell fresh. For a short-term solution, dampen a cotton ball with vanilla extract and place it on a shelf. It acts as a deodorizer and offers its own pleasant scent.

4. Fight mildew: When mildew builds up in the cracks and crevices of the bathroom and kitchen, or even the grout between tiles, cotton balls can help get to hard-to-reach spots. Soak a few cotton balls in bleach and place them in those difficult spots. Leave them for a few hours and when they are removed the mold will be gone. Finish by rinsing the areas with warm water.

5. Start a fire: Whether at home or on a camping trip, cotton balls can help start a fire in the dreariest of conditions because of their flammability. Either throw a couple cotton balls in with the firewood or roll one out like a string and use it like a wick.

6. Save rubber gloves: For those who have manicured nails, it is important to keep them covered while washing dishes. At the same time, it is hard to keep from puncturing plastic gloves with long fingernails. In order to keep gloves in tact, put some cotton balls in the end of each fingertip and they will make a soft barrier.

One of the oldest cultivated agricultural products, cotton balls can be used to decorate for the holiday season.

7. Protect ears: Cotton balls make great earplugs. Take a couple extra on a family vacation just in case the sleeping situation gets complicated. On top of blocking out loud sounds, they can also keep water from entering the ear canal during bathing for those who suffer from an ear infection.

8. Make a cotton Christmas tree: Another great art project is the cotton Christmas tree. First, make a cone shape with a big piece of green construction paper, and then glue it, standing up, on a paper plate. Give kids glue and cotton balls and let them cover the cone. Once that is done, the cone can be spray painted green and ornaments can be added using a hot-glue gun. Use sequins, ribbons or any other items around the house for decorating.

New to the Market • November 28, 2008

$400,000 - $499,999

$425,000 - Sierra de Las Uvas - 18820 Highway 185, This property is worth the drive. Riverfront home with expansive windows look out over the Rio Grande with desert cliffs as a backdrop. The home has handmade antique doors, Saltillo tile with prints, a private fishing deck, windmill, barn, corrals and more. Mobile home will be removed. MLS# 805349 Billie Haynie 635-8921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$410,000 - Las Alturas - 5273 Redman Road, Very nice home in an area that is close to NMSU and I-25. New features include wood floors, granite throughout, and new carpet. This home sits on a lot that is more than an acre and great mountain views. Palm trees greet you as you pull up to this beautiful home. MLS# 805212 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$300,000 - $399,999

$395,000 - Talavera Area - 5036 Apex Mine Rd., 3 acres of land and a stylish Bill Quinones home, full of light and air. 4 bedrooms or 3 bedrooms & a large office/game room. Big views of the Organs, Robledos and Doña Ana mountains and city lights. Only 10 minutes drive to the hospital or university. Some handicapped features. Directions: University Ave. to Dripping Springs Rd., Right on Soledad Canyon and Left at the firehouse heading uphill towards the mountains. Left on Apex Mine Rd. Priced to sell. Kathe Pass, 644-8068,RE/Max Classic Realty 524-8788 MLS#805380

$329,900 - Soledad Canyon - 4939 Chippewa Trail, A well-maintained home on 2.3 acres with fabulous views of the Organs. There are two master suites plus two additional bedrooms and another bath. Acreage is partially fenced and horses are welcome. Living room/dining room fireplace is a see thru. Hot tub is on the 2nd floor. MLS# 805336 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$200,000 - $299,999

$299,900 – Jornada/Las Colinas - 3105 Rio Arriza Loop, 2,600 sq. ft., two by six frame construction, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths; granite counters; custom wood cabinets; spacious pantry; stainless appliances; water softener; "Antique bronze" plumbing and light fixtures; ceiling accents; walk-in closets; separate sinks with granite counters; jetted garden tub; spacious walk-in shower. Home should be completed by Thanksgiving. MLS# 805142 Carl Topley 650-8426, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$295,900 - Telshor Area - 1910 Imperial Ridge, A large home with lots of upgrades, new hardwood, carpeted flooring and fresh paint. The in-ground pool makes the lush green backyard perfect for outdoor fun. There is also extra parking/storage on the side of the property for your cars, boat, small trailer or a basketball court. MLS# 805421 Shannon Dumais 649-2772 or Joelle Smith 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$289,500 - Mesilla Area - 1975 Avenida de Antigua, A charming southwest home close to Mesilla is a rare find in the Tierra Verde subdivision and is located on a cul-de-sac with a gated courtyard entry. There are front and back patios plus an enclosed sunroom. Split bedroom plan. Walk-in closets in all bedrooms. MLS# 805309 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$280,000 - Doña Ana South - 140 Coues Deer Avenue, A great Southwest home with two-by-six construction, an oversized garage, entertainment center, surround sound, and two fireplaces (one fireplace is outside). MLS# 805350 Beulah M Gatlin 642-7621, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$249,900 - Elks Club - 210 Gonzales Drive, Large renovated home. Close to town. Owner financing - reasonable rates. MLS# 805441 Brenda Allen 644-8112 or Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$235,600 - San Andres - 2312 Isaacks Lane, one bedroom, one bath, kitchen, living room, office apt. attached with 1-car garage. Apartment rents for $550 and house rents for $825. MLS# 805254 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$214,500 - Elks Club - 3457 Park Ridge Place, A beautiful Southwest home with an open floor plan, vaulted ceilings and skylights. This home includes a full stainless appliance package, breakfast bar and walk-in pantry; built-in entertainment center with surround sound; and his and hers walk-in closets. The back yard features a patio, fountain, gazebo and water fall. MLS# 805355 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$210,000 - High Range - 2939 Scenic Circle, This home sits on a cul-de-sac and has large bedrooms; courtyard and covered patio with ceiling fans. Features include a gas fireplace in the living room; large walk-in closet; beautiful chandelier in the dining room; a breakfast bar in the kitchen; and ceiling fans in all bedrooms and living room. MLS# 805329 Laurel A Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Getting the home ready for the holidays

Make your mark with homemade projects

The weather is changing and the days are getting shorter, which means the holiday season is here. While preparing to host family and friends, now is the time to dust off those old decorations and to consider some simple ideas to add a festive feel to the home this year.

Those who have a busy schedule or a small budget can look for inspiration to decorate for the holidays. By following a few simple instructions, these inexpensive decorative projects can add a special touch:

Wrap a wreath

Decorating a wreath is an easy at-home project that will highlight the front door for the holidays. To create a unique wreath, gather the materials, including a fresh pine bough wreath, garland, ribbon, pinecones and berries. The first step is to wrap ribbon around the wreath gluing every four inches to secure. Next, wrap garland around the wreath gluing every four inches to secure. Then, glue a variety of pinecones and berries in place around the frame to give it a festive look. The final step is to attach a wire loop on the back of the wreath using picture wire. Once this is done, adorn the front door with the new masterpiece.

Decorate the mantel

During the holidays, the fireplace mantel is the perfect place to add festive decorations. It is the one area in the home that will get a lot of attention. Most people decorate their mantel with garland, but consider adding lights and bows to brighten it up. In addition to decorative garland, include eye-catching ornaments or even candles. Remember, the mantel is the centerpiece of the room, so choose colors that complement the décor for a fresh look.

Create a centerpiece

Making a holiday centerpiece is a fun activity that can help spruce up the table with little effort. Start with a wicker basket and glue pine branches or garland in the bottom of the basket, lining the basket. Then, arrange an assortment of artificial fruit or holiday ornaments over the pine branches or garland. Once the right look has been achieved, lift each piece of fruit or holiday ball carefully and glue back in to position. After the fruit or ornaments are in place, add accents such as candy canes, berries or even small pinecones to liven it up. Finish the centerpiece by tying a ribbon into a bow and gluing it to the front of the basket. The table will be ready for a joyful holiday meal.

Spruce up the coffee table

To highlight the coffee table, gather a decorative tray, tiny holiday ornaments, holiday ribbon and various sized pillar candles. Arrange the candles on the tray in an asymmetrical pattern. Fill the spaces with the ornaments, weave the ribbon among the tray and light the candles for a soft and portable ambiance.

Customize a candy dish

Candy plays a central role in most holiday celebrations, so embrace it by making a large, decorative candy dish to put on display. First, glue candy canes side by side to the outside of a terra cotta pot. For extra sparkle, add other decorations such as beads or ornaments. Then, wrap a ribbon around the pot and tie in a bow. After the candy canes are in position and the ribbon is secure, fill the pot with an assortment of wrapped candy for guests to enjoy.

Homemade wreaths can make a statement on the front door.

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$144,900 – Jornada/Las Colinas - 4982 Wendall Road, Great three bedroom, two bath, 1,400 sq. ft home. Covered patio, covered porch; Low E windows. MLS# 805279 Tyler Morsbach 993-0317 or Kameron Johnson 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$134,990 – Jornada/Las Colinas - 4946 Sherwood Road, Completion date approx. late Nov. Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1167 sq. ft. home. Hand-laid tile, solid-wood cabinets, Low E windows, plus a covered porch and patio. Great floor plan. MLS# 805261 Quint Lears 523-2850, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$110,000 - Picacho Hills/ Laqui - 1574 Arco de Goya, Prime Picacho Hills lot on a cul-de-sac in Mansiones de Galicia subdivision. A large lot at .667 acres with incredible unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains. This lot was sold originally in 2007 and is now back on the market and priced to move quickly. MLS# 805182 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Are you ready for some leftovers

Put some spice in yesterday's Thanksgiving

Once Thanksgiving Day is over, I bet your refrigerator will look a lot like mine – crowded with plastic containers filled with leftovers. This includes 10 pounds of turkey leftover from a 40-pounder, 2 quarts of cranberry sauce, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, enough stuffing to pack another turkey and probably other victuals already forgotten.

If you didn't serve chile-infused dishes on Thanksgiving, shame on you! But now is your chance to play catch up with leftovers. Conjure up your own recipes or try one or more of mine. They're easy to whip up – perfect for worn-out early-bird Black Friday shoppers.

Leftover stuffing: Don't pitch it! Add sautéed chorizo and green chile for the best "gourmet" Chilewich ever.

Chorizo Chilewich

In an iron skillet, sauté chorizo until browned. Stir in prepared stuffing and heat until warm. (You select the chorizo and stuffing ratio.) Place the chorizo stuffing (about 1 cup per serving) on a warm and toasted whole-wheat sub roll and scatter with shredded, sharp cheddar cheese. Enjoy. Optional: Add a slab or two of green chiles. Serve with sliced oranges and tortilla chips and salsa.

Tom's Stuffed Sandwich

Add 1 or 2 tablespoons of minced serranos or jalapeños to one cup of stuffing. In a pan over low heat, warm the chile stuffing, stirring constantly. Warm turkey slices and place on a crispy luncheon bun. Top turkey with chile stuffing.

English Muffin Medley

Spread each slice of English muffin with mayonnaise and a thin layer of mashed potatoes. To each slice, add a thin layer of cranberry sauce, followed by a slice or two of turkey breast and a slab or two of green chile. Spoon stuffing over the chile and cover with a crisp piece of lettuce. Cover with the remaining slice of bread and press down firmly. (Adapted from grouprecipes.com.)

Stuffed Green Chile Bagel

Place one or two turkey slices and a couple of tablespoons of stuffing on a green chile bagel. Warm sandwich in microwave. Before serving, top the stuffing with cold cranberry sauce.

Southwest Hollandaise Sauce

Prepare a classic hollandaise sauce recipe stirring in 1 or 2 minced jalapeños. Serve over warm vegetables. Or place bite size pieces of vegetables on an open-face toasted English muffin, spooning hollandaise sauce on top.

Hot Tom! Burrito

Mix bite-sized pieces of turkey and cubes of baked potato with chopped chile, onions, salt and pepper to taste and place on flour tortilla and roll. Smother with favorite cheese and microwave until warm. Top with cold cranberry sauce and a dollop (or two!) of sour cream.

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Gospel Rescue Mission gets help from LCAR

Elsie Bonfantini, chairman of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Community Service Committee, loads her car with turkeys, stuffing and other items to be taken to the Gospel Rescue Mission. From Oct. 30 to Nov. 20, the organization collected turkeys, cranberries, yams, potatoes, vegetables, eggs, chicken broth, stuffing and rolls to help the mission feed an expected 450 people. According to Bonfantini, the organization was able to collect 100 turkeys this year, and she made several trips daily to drop off the goods at the mission.

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Black Friday Omelet

Prepare your favorite omelet recipe and stuff with turkey and chile of your choice. Smother with cranberry salsa. (Select one of the cranberry salsa recipes shared below.)

Hot-Baked Tater Topper

Slice a baked potato until almost cut in half. Top with turkey, chopped green chiles, onion and shredded sharp cheddar cheese. Heat in microwave until cheese melts.

Spicy Mashed Potato Pancakes

2 cups mashed potatoes
1 large egg, beaten lightly
6 tablespoons flour
1 and 1/2 tablespoons grated onion
Fresh or roasted chile, seeded, stemmed and minced
Salt and pepper to taste
Vegetable oil for frying

In a medium bowl, whisk together the mashed potatoes and egg. Add the flour and onion and mix together well. Add salt and pepper to batter if desired.

In a large skillet or on a griddle, heat vegetable oil (about 3 tablespoons) over medium-high heat. Drop heaping tablespoons of batter on skillet. Flatten each dollop of batter slightly with the back of a spoon to create the cakes.

Cooking time is about a minute per side or until golden brown on each side. Makes 5 servings.

(Adapted from mrbreakfast.com.)

Creamy Turkey Enchiladas

Leftover cooked turkey (white or dark meat pieces)
1 or 2 cans cream of celery soup or cream of chicken
1 can diced green chiles (mild to hot) or use 4 roasted peeled, seeded and stemmed green chiles
1 regular size package plain tortilla chips, crumbled
1 (8-ounce) package cheddar cheese, grated
1 (8-ounce) package Monterey Jack cheese, grated
1 small white onion, chopped
3 jalapeño peppers

In a medium skillet: Sauté onions in butter or margarine until golden brown. Add green chiles, soup and 1 soup can of water. Stir and simmer until heated. Crush tortilla chips, using 1/2 of package. Spread a layer in bottom of baking dish. Evenly place a layer of cooked turkey on top of chips. Spoon a layer of 1/2 of soup mixture over chips. Add jalapeños. Sprinkle with 1/3 of both grated cheeses. Repeat chips, turkey and soup mixture; top with grated cheese. Quantity is determined by the amount of turkey available. For larger amounts, simply continue to layer ingredients.

In a conventional oven: Bake in oven at 350 degrees until thoroughly heated and cheese is bubbly.

In a microwave oven: Heat at medium high power until thoroughly heated and cheese is bubbly. (Adapted from aliciasrecipes.com)

Jalapeño Cranberry Salsa

1 (12-ounce) bag fresh cranberries, chopped
4 green onions, minced
2 jalapeño peppers, minced
2/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon crushed dried mint
6 tablespoons lime juice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

Mix ingredients together and serve.

Chile Cranberry Salsa

2 tablespoons orange peel
2 cups fresh cranberries, minced
1/4 cup onion, minced
1 tablespoon cilantro, minced
1 tablespoon ginger root, minced
1 chile serrano (or favorite chile)
Salad oil to taste (optional)

Mix together and serve salsa over turkey or use as a refreshing dip for tortilla chips. (Adapted from Internet Meal-Master, 1996)

Sunny Conley, a former Las Crucen, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.net.

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$99,999 and below

$96,000 - High Range - 3650 Morning Star Drive, Incredible unobstructed views of the mountains. Must see to believe. Carpeted balcony (patio); Phase 2 Morningstar Condo. Second Floor; one bedroom, one bath, with washer, dryer, refrigerator and dishwasher. MLS# 805233 Laurel A Coyle 575-650-3500 or Sarana Placker 642-6643, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$92,315 - Valley View - 520 Colorado Avenue, Corner lot. Price includes two lots deeded separately; house sits on .1165 acre Zoned R-3. Buyer to satisfy themselves as to what can be done to the property with planning/zoning. MLS# 805219 Ronald Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$65,000 - South Valley - 3329 Winterhaven Drive, Refurbished 2 bedroom 1 bath, 1978 model manufactured home .17 acre. Great yard, new roof, new paint, needs some work. 2-car carport, workshop. RE/MAX Infinity Jonathan Oshida or Cosette 524-8202 MLS#805262.

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