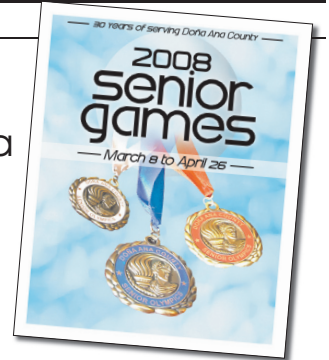




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State halts school birth control plan

Superintendent aims for resolution soon

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds is talking with state health officials to resolve a "technicality" that has halted birth control services at in-school health clinics.

Federal rules to fund the clinic's services are in conflict with the district's policy that allows parents to keep their children from availing themselves of family planning services, such as getting condoms or other birth control.

The state Department of Health that provides the medical staff and supplies for the in-school clinics recently stopped offering those services because of the regulatory conflict with the district's "opt out" provision.

At the school board meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 5, Rounds said he has been talking to state officials to resolve the disagreement. He characterized the issue as a "technicality" that he believes can be resolved without rewriting the district's policy.

Local health advocate Earl Nissen, who pushed for the district to begin providing the services, told Rounds and the board that he hoped officials will "fix whatever glitches" because the services are needed to help lower the high teen birth rate in the area.

Nissen noted that of the 2,914 babies delivered last year at the two local hospitals, more than 600 of them were to high school-aged mothers. Besides the health hazards to young women giving birth, Nissen asked officials to consider the social and financial burdens many of these births cause.

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Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, speaks to a large crowd of supporters Monday, Feb. 4, in the Corbett Center Ballrooms on the New Mexico State University campus the night before "Super Tuesday" voting.

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New Mexico Caucus chaos

Obama, Clinton split in early results

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With some 17,000 provisional ballots still to be counted two days after "Super Tuesday," there is no decisive victor in New Mexico Democratic Caucus, though Hillary Clinton appears to have a slight lead.

According to the latest Associated Press report at press time, Clinton was ahead of Barack Obama by a little under 1,100 votes with 183 of 184 precincts reporting.

The turnout was high for the caucus, which was run by the Democratic Party. Many polling locations ran short of ballots, which accounts for the high number of provisional ballots issued.

New Mexico is the last of 22 states

that held Democratic primaries and caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 5, to report a winner.

Clinton and Obama are vying for 26 of New Mexico's 38 delegates to the Democratic National Convention. Twelve so-called super delegates are not bound by caucus results.

The night before "Super Tuesday," Las Cruces got to see and hear from Obama's wife, Michelle Obama.

An estimated 1,000 people packed the Corbett Center Ballrooms on the New Mexico State University campus for the rally.

"We have a chance to see history, but tomorrow you have a chance to make history," Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima told to the energetic crowd.

Doña Ana County results	
Hillary Clinton	5,330 (47.28%)
Barack Obama	4,113 (36.48%)
Provisional Ballots	1,425

Also warming up the crowd was Delano Lewis, the former U.S. ambassador to South Africa who now lives in Las Cruces. Although he had been appointed by President Bill Clinton, Lewis said he made the "tough decision" to endorse Obama, which he said would bring people together and end government gridlock on important issues facing the country.

"We need to start solving problems in America and stop partisanship," Lewis said.

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Getting married on Valentine's Day?

Magistrate Court to hold weddings all day Thursday

The Doña Ana Magistrate Court is once again helping couples who want to start their life together on Valentine's Day.

On Thursday, Feb. 14, a magistrate judge and courtroom have been set aside solely for the purpose of conducting wedding ceremonies. It will be avail-

able from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

While no notice is required, Presiding Judge Oscar Frieze would appreciate it if couples would make an appointment for their ceremony.

Couples must have a New Mexico marriage license, which is available from the County Clerk's Office, and

bring two witnesses.

The courtroom seats 20 people, so guests are welcome. Cameras are allowed in the courthouse for weddings only.

The Magistrate Court is located at 151 N. Church St. To make an appointment for a wedding call 524-2814, ext. 2105.

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Caucus

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Michelle Obama gave a long, but engaging speech in which she talked about how she and her husband understand the struggles facing families today.

She said most Americans don't ask for much from their government – just good schools for their children, not to go bankrupt if they get sick and to retire after a life of hard work. But those relatively simple requests, she said, are becoming unreachable “as they keep moving the bar.”

From the rising cost of living and health care to No Child Left Behind taking away time and resources from the classroom, people are struggling, Obama said, and it is getting worse because of an uncaring government.

“We are suffering from a deficit of empathy,” she said. “We do need to see ourselves in one another.”

Besides having empathy for people, Obama said her husband has strong character and good judgment. After graduating from Harvard, he chose to work to improve communities before entering politics, and he was one of the first voices to question the wisdom of going to war in Iraq, she said.

“You have two choices,” she told the crowd of mostly Democrats. “Your first choice is to vote



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Betty Ausill, left, and Cynthia Wilson proudly display their “Obama '08” signs while waiting for Michelle Obama to take the stage during her appearance in the Corbett Center Ballrooms on the NMSU campus, Monday evening, Feb. 4.

for the same old folks doing the same old thing that doesn't work. The second choice is Barack Obama.”

Although Michelle Obama was the highest profile candidate to appear in Las Cruces prior

to Tuesday's Democratic Caucus, Doña Ana County results as of Thursday morning had Clinton with 5,330 votes and Obama with 4,113 votes. But that was with 1,425 provisional ballots left uncounted.



A. KURZ | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Paul De La Pena brought his 18-month-old daughter Teresa Marie.

Putting Obama into context

Black History Month speaker says presidential run has 'deep antecedents'

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Barack Obama isn't the first African American to run for president, but he is getting closer to being elected to the White House than any black candidate who came before him.

To kick off Black History Month at New Mexico State University, activist-scholar Conrad Worrill gave a talk on Friday, Feb. 1, about the history leading up to “the phenomena of Barack Obama.”

During Reconstruction following the Civil War, former slaves in the South briefly made great political inroads, Worrill said. All that was derailed in the Compromise of 1877 to resolve the presidential electoral college vote that ended Reconstruction, he said. More so, the deal gave birth to segregation and the Ku Klux Klan. By the turn of the century there was not an elected official to be found in the South, Worrill said.

In response, blacks began to regain political ground through the formation of National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Urban League, according to Worrill.

After World War II, blacks in the North engaged politics as they never had before, especially in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, Worrill said. This period gave birth to the Civil Rights Movement that would eventually dismantle segregation in the South.

And the Civil Rights Movement would spawn presidential races by Shirley Chisholm and Jesse Jackson before Obama's current campaign. Worrill noted that Frederick Douglass was once a running mate with a woman on a presidential ticket in the late 1800s, so this prospect isn't as unique to this time in history as some may think.



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Activist-scholar Conrad Worrill talks about Barack Obama's candidacy at New Mexico State University's Creative Media Institute on Friday, Feb. 1. His speech opened NMSU's Black History Month activities.

If anything, this background illustrates how American political history for blacks has been shaped by a pattern of momentum, dismantlement and re-engagement, he said.

“So the phenomena of Barack Obama is the culmination of this protracted history,” he said. “There are deep antecedents.”

Worrill, who is the director of the Jacob H. Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies at Northeastern Illinois University, knows Obama well because they crossed paths in Chicago political circles.

Worrill expressed frustration with current politics wanting to keep race out of the debate.

“Race is still the most critical question for this country,” he said. Worrill said race is a critical part of Obama's campaign because of Obama's mixed and complicated family background – a white mother who took her son to Indonesia and a father who lives in Kenya.

Worrill questioned the motivations behind those who

raise concerns about Obama's experience and judgment. Counting Obama's years in the Illinois Legislature, he actually has more legislative experience than his opponent, Worrill said, and Obama had the good judgment to oppose the Iraq War early.

“He got it right first,” Worrill said. “When it comes to the president, the question of judgment is more important to me than the question of experience.”

When asked why Latinos aren't more supportive of Obama – they are statistically more inclined to vote for Hillary Clinton – Worrill admitted it was a complicated question. “Latinos and African Americans have a similar issue with identity,” he noted. That should have been a binding force, but the Obama campaign didn't move soon enough to pull in more Hispanic support, Worrill said.

Worrill's talk was the opener for a month of Black History Month activities at NMSU. This month's other events being coordinated by NMSU's Black Programs include:

- Lecture by Eric Abercrombie on “Unity Within the Community” at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Fulton Center.
- Spoken Word Extravaganza – African American poetry, rap and storytelling by the group Egypt & Co. at 6 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Corbett Center Auditorium.
- Panel Discussion – “100 Challenges Facing African-American Students on University Campuses” will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 at the Corbett Center Auditorium.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner – Robert J. Jones, senior vice president for system administration at the University of Minnesota, will be the speaker. Tickets for the dinner are \$35. Student tickets are \$15. The dinner will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Corbett Center Student Union Ballrooms.
- Gospel Jazz Night – The NMSU Gospel Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 29 in the NMSU Music Recital Hall.

Aside from the Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner and the African Drumming and Dancing, all events are free and open to the public.

“This is a time of consciousness building and progressive thinking,” said Festus Addo-Yobo, director of Black Programs. “We need to remember where we've come from and where we want to go. We have to reflect and be higher thinking people.”

For more information call Black Programs at 646-4208.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

License, please

You would think getting a driver license would be easy for a law-abiding resident

By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin



MCCOLLUM

I am pleased to announce publicly that I have, at last, acquired an official New Mexico driver license. No longer do I have to live in fear that if stopped by a state trooper I might have to explain why I have lived in New Mexico for more than four years but still have a Texas driver license. It's not that I didn't want or try to get a New Mexico license. My new license is the result of several trips to the local DMV office where I received a plethora of advice and instructions, some accurate and some not.

My journey began when I noticed my Texas license was due to expire. My innocent assumption was that I could simply drop into the DMV office, pay a few bucks and convert my Texas license into a New Mexico license. I had been warned I might have to spend some time waiting, so I planned a couple of hours to complete the process. I arrived at the DMV office about 10:30 a.m. and found people queued up in a line that extended outside the building. As I finally entered the building, however, I discovered I was in line only to be given a number so I could wait in another line to wait for my number to be called. I also learned this office handled not only driver licenses, but also registrations, identification cards and handicap permits.

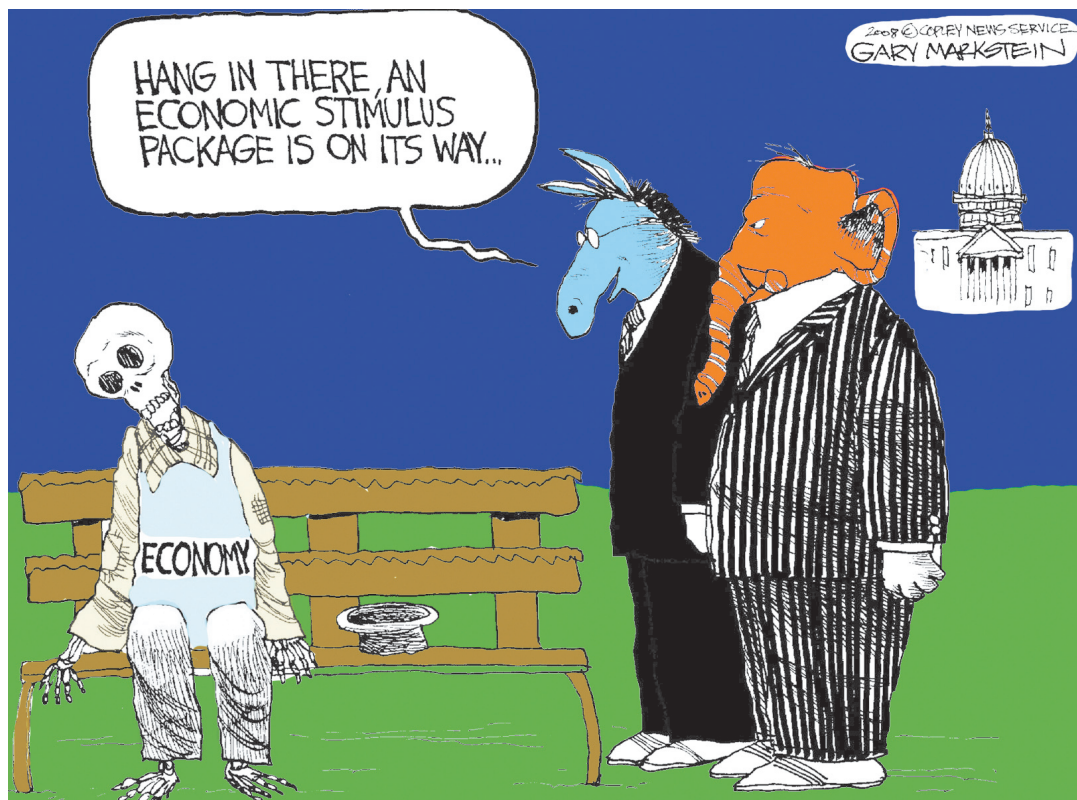
At 11 a.m., only two people were in front of me, but both had problems for which the harried number-giver had few answers. First, a New York native had found herself in a Catch-22 position with no ID or local address. She demanded to be given an identification card. She was told she needed to come back with an official, original birth certificate. The "non-person" left after she ran out of questions. The next lady made a request for a handicap permit. When advised that her getting a handicap permit could affect the validity of her commercial driver license, the lady got a little crazy with the number clerk. The clerk responded with a similar attitude. Eventually, the driver secured her handicap permit stormed out of the office, threatening anyone who would listen there would be heck to pay if she lost her license. It was finally my turn to get a number.

Using my most polite manner, I inquired about how I needed to proceed to get a driver license. The clerk looked at my Texas license and said I needed a bunch of documentation (which I did not have) to prove I live in New Mexico and am a U.S. citizen. Obviously, I was not going to get my license on that day.

I spent the next week gathering everything I thought I would need - my passport, my original birth certificate, utility bills, bank statements, income tax return, plus my trusty, soon-to-expire Texas driver license. On a Tuesday afternoon I returned to the DVM office and was pleased to find a short line to get my number. Upon reviewing my materials, however, the clerk said I could not obtain a license without my official Social Security card. I pointed out that I had been told that the tax return and bank statement could be substituted for the Social Security card. The clerk stood firm. No Social Security card - no New Mexico driver license. Before I left, I asked about the cost and was told a four-year license would be \$18.

It took two weeks to locate my seldom-used Social Security card in the back of my home office desk drawer. (In the interim I had to go to El Paso to renew my Texas license. The process took less than five minutes, start to finish.) The following week, I triumphantly returned to the DVM office, certain I was going to finally get my new license. My magic number was 408. The time was about 2 p.m. and the number they were currently serving was only 225. At 5:06 p.m., my number was finally called. I met with the impassive lady at station #7 and completed all the paperwork. Then she said, "That will be \$33." I countered I understood the cost would be only \$18. She explained that the license is \$18, but there is a special fee of \$15 for a new, first-time New Mexico license. I handed her my credit card to which she replied, "No credit card, only cash or personal check." Fortunately, I had just enough cash. When I requested a receipt, I was told, "We do not give receipts for driver license cash purchases." At that point, I decided to not pursue how they track cash purchases without a formal receipt procedure.

It took about three minutes for my photo to be taken and placed on my new license. Finally, I am now an official New Mexican.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take action on health care

Gov. Bill Richardson has opted to include health care as one of the many topics to be included in the 30-day session.

While many of us are happy to hear of his intent to address one of the most serious (and controversial) problems of the day, we are not happy to read of the mission of his Health Solutions New Mexico Plan, which is to "cut costs and bureaucracy." His plan does not address this but does address many more questionable matters.

Anyone who has read his plan quickly discovers his obvious support of the private insurance industry. At the same time, attention is given to a few weak actions in order to gain support and contend that he is "responding to crisis."

In addition, two other health care authorities are being proffered, that of Sen. Dede Feldman's SB225 and Rep. Danice Pirraux's HB 147, with both of these being essentially "study bills." Cost of these bills is \$600,000 each for two years.

Despite the numerous lawmakers who favor the Health Security Act, Richardson describes it as "unacceptable" because it would place health care under "governmental control." Anyone familiar with the act knows that it is as far as possible from that concern and, in truth, better describes Richardson's own plan. He continues by saying that we should transform rather than dismantle health care. Choice is present in both plans, but far less so in his solution.

With more than 1,000 bills awaiting attention in this short session, one cannot expect

significant work to be possible regarding health care. However, 2009 should allow for a non-governmentally run health care action.

Let's stop being students and start being actors!

FRAN CLARK

Only four years left?

I watched a cable channel on a recent night that aired a one-hour program about the end of the world. Some predictions of Nostradamus, Merlyn, the Mayan calendar, an old Chinese text that predicts fortunes as well as the end of the world, and some female mystics who preferred to live in caves. All seemed to point the way to kiss it goodbye around Jan. 31, 2012. Something about the eight spokes of a wheel all lining up with the center of the galaxy.

This was immediately followed by a two-hour program about what things might be like with zero, nada, zilch, no humans whatsoever left. I was not being entertained exactly as I had hoped, but I could not switch the channel. The Brooklyn Bridge falling into the river, the San Francisco Bay Bridge crumbling, skyscrapers collapsing everywhere, did I miss an important news broadcast?

Should I be liquidating my investments, buying that silver Rolls, the Lear jet, and start spending as fast as I can before 2012? If I start spending now I'm pretty sure I can be totally broke by 2012.

RONALD KEITH

Editor's note: According to scholars, the Mayan calendar "expires" on Dec. 21, 2012.

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NM Legislature reaches halfway mark of session

Ethics reform bills going nowhere

Eek. We're halfway through the legislative session and nothing's happened.

Legislatures, like lives, go through stages. The first week is a laid-back time to get reacquainted, go to receptions and introduce some bills. Friday begins a long weekend.

In the old days, Hugh Bishop flew all the bills that had been introduced to his printing company in Portales and used the three days to make all the copies necessary for Monday morning at the Capitol. Technology has sped up the world, but the holiday continues.

Committees start working on bills during the second week, but little action is taken.

And then comes the mid-point of a 30-day session. It's the deadline for bill introductions. At this point lawmakers know what issues they are dealing with – and

not dealing with. Technically bills should have passed through the chamber in which they were introduced and be on their way to the other house.

But that hasn't happened. Many important bills haven't even had their first

hearing. This is when lawmakers begin paying attention. And that is when Gov. Bill Richardson stepped in with a news conference to let lawmakers know he'd like to see more action.

Something the governor failed to note, however, was that there is only one bill that has to pass before the session ends. That's the big budget bill to finance state government for the next fiscal year. And that bill is exactly on schedule. It passed the House at the session's midpoint and is now in the Senate.

House leaders did not let that accomplishment go unnoticed, scoffing at Richardson's charge that this is a do-nothing

Legislature. The governor may come to regret that comment. He's given lawmakers a battle cry they may use as they take actions contrary to the governor's wishes.

Another example of needing to be careful of what you wish for is lawmakers' request of the governor that he not allow so many extra subjects to be addressed by this year's session. During short sessions, the governor controls what is on the legislative agenda other than financial items.

Richardson agreed to limit the items he put on the legislative plate this year. But now many lawmakers are saying they didn't mean for the governor not to allow the special items in which they are interested.

Next week lawmakers will reach the panic stage as they see conflicts with the governor and other legislators bringing the session to a halt before work is completed. We'll hear much about train wrecks, meltdowns and special sessions. And maybe there will be a few silent wishes they could add in that Friday from the first week.

But almost always it works out. Amazingly, New Mexico gets its business attended to in 30 or 60 days while bigger states take all year to accomplish no more. And

even with year-long sessions, the phases mentioned here still occur. The final week is just as frantic with late-night and weekend sessions.

The truth is that New Mexico has a system that works and which costs us a lot less than a full-time Legislature. Our unpaid lawmakers put in a punishing one or two months to keep our state running and then return to their lives as citizens.

At this point, no more bills can be introduced. That ends at the midpoint of the session. House and Senate party leaders do introduce a number of blank bills, called dummies, just in case an important, but unexpected, situation arises.

Few of these dummy bills ever are used, however. They are guarded closely by the leadership in order to prevent misuse.

As we begin the downhill slope, some controversial bills on the governor's call already have made it through one house. Stem cell research has passed the Senate and domestic partnerships passed the House.

The big problem is ethics legislation recommended by a task force that has worked for two years. It is going nowhere.



**Inside
the
Capitol**

By Jay Miller

GUEST COLUMN

Animal shelter needs to adopt more progressive approach

By MICHEL MEUNIER
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I was at the city council meeting to hear the announcement concerning the city and county taking over our animal shelter operations. I was there as a board member of the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico and a former shelter volunteer, but, mostly, I was at this meeting as a sincerely concerned citizen and longtime animal lover and activist.

Many in the public got up to speak, with most in support of the change. One speaker was a shelter employee, visibly shaken, saying that she wanted our leaders to know they are not monsters. She spoke of euthanasia techs who cry themselves to sleep at night for this job that does the dirty work for the public's irresponsible pet owners. I can truly respect and feel compassion for these employees on one hand, and there was a time I truly believed this to be 100 percent true.

But, since then, I've started researching everything I could about sheltering in the United States. There is another side to this coin that says that simply blaming the public for the mass killing is short-sighted, too. It is this short-sightedness that never allowed former shelter management and staff to turn things around for the better. How can you progress within this mindset?

For every "bad" pet owner out there, there are many more that collectively spend billions of dollars a year on our pets, and we are part of the public that deserve better service from our shelter and expect better care for the animals there. As a nation, there are enough homes for these 6 million homeless animals that are put down each year. Surely, with our modern age, there are better ways to network to save lives within our community and outside of it, too. Surely we can find visionary ways to do better by our homeless pets.

What our city and county leaders must do now is some research on the fact that this is not the only way shelters can be run. I heard many say they want Las Cruces to be progressive in all its endeavors at the meeting, and I felt

some hope in hearing it. Luckily, there are progressive sheltering systems and models operating in our country today that do not kill 70 percent of the animals that come through their doors. There are some out there with save rates of 70, 80 and even 90 percent for all healthy, treatable animals. Most animals that come into shelters fall into this category. This is the case even for open-admission shelters such as ours. For a recent example with intake numbers close to the Las Cruces shelter, visit the Nevada Humane Society's website. That's one example of many.

These progressive programs include working with large numbers of volunteers, partnering with rescue groups and other no-kill shelters locally and nationally, medical and behavior rehabilitation efforts, building foster care networks, a non-lethal feral cat sterilization program, high-volume and low-cost spay/neuter services, public relations and marketing pets more, pet retention efforts (helping the public deal with issues so they keep their animals), and more than anything else, a

hard-working, compassionate director who is not content to hide behind the myth of "too many animals and not enough homes" or regurgitate tired clichés about public irresponsibility.

Sure, some people in the public are irresponsible pet owners, but you aren't going to change that by rubbing their face in your euthanasia numbers.

And, there are alternatives to what can be done with these homeless animals.

Each animal that enters those shelter doors deserves a chance at a new life and home, not the end of the line that most find. It's no great secret that animal sheltering is a morally ambiguous business and one that is hard on the hearts and minds of those who undertake to do it. This doesn't mean we should give up the fight to do better. I have seen and met many a pet-loving person in this community that would gladly give up their personal time to come help out at the shelter if it was more receptive, open, and transparent to the public it serves.

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New BLM district manager on the job

Childress promises to protect area's natural resources

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The new Las Cruces Bureau of Land Management District Manager Bill Childress said after he took his oath of office that he plans to keep up the good work and progress that he has already seen in the district.

BLM State Director Linda Rundell administered the oath Wednesday, Jan. 30 in the BLM office on Marquess Street. Childress' wife, Jane, was at his side.

Immediately after the ceremony Childress went into the audience of more than 60 people, greeting staff members, welcoming interest groups members, thanking volunteers and exchanging ideas with visitors.

"Although I've had 33 years of experience, I know that I still have a lot to learn from the BLM management team," Childress said. "I want to work together to protect our natural resources. I'm glad to be able to keep up the good work that volunteers have started here. And we want to make sure to allow continued public land use and still protect our natural resources."

Those natural resources include wildlife, vegetation and cultural and historical resources.



Bureau of Land Management State Director Linda Rundell administers the oath of office to Bill Childress, the new Las Cruces BLM district manager. His wife, Jane, is on the right.

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The Las Cruces Bulletin

"I also want to protect our cultural and historical resources, part of our heritage and the BLM's responsibility," he said.

Childress will be administering 5.4 million acres of public land in southwest New Mexico. The Las Cruces district has about 90 employees, depending on the season. About 80 volunteers also help the district by maintaining hiking trails, pointing out interesting sites to visitors, assisting with archeological work and recreation.

The BLM has done much of the basic work collecting information for proposed wilderness designation areas and analyzing the alternatives. But the BLM work is done and the design-

nation decisions are up to Congress, he said.

"I look forward to working with the staff and interest groups to manage public lands for the benefit of all," he said.

Childress has a degree in physical geography and a minor in business that he earned at Arizona State University.

Before the ceremony Rundell said that Childress' experience includes service in Cloudcroft; Tucson, Ariz.; and Las Vegas, Nev.

The BLM is aware that the public wants changes in the administration of public lands, and the bureau is listening, she added.

Humanities colloquium series continues at NMSU

The College of Arts and Sciences at New Mexico State University has prepared a colloquium series in the humanities, social sciences that began Feb. 4 and will continue through a final colloquium scheduled on April 21.

The series is in lecture format followed by a question and answer session. Remaining lectures are being held

at the Science Hall 107 with the exception of the last lecture. Each series lecture is an hour and half long starting at 4 p.m.

Remaining series schedule:

- Feb. 11 – Edward Diener, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "The Science of Happiness," Science Hall 107,
- Feb. 18 – Kathleen Canning, University of Michigan, "New Women and the Crisis of Modernity in Weimar Germany," Science Hall 107,
- Feb. 25 – Peter Turchi, Warren Wilson College, "Maps of the Imagination," Science Hall 107,
- March 10 – Carol Counihan, Millersville University, "Mexicanas' Stories of Food and Identity in the San Luis Valley," Science Hall 107,
- March 31 – Maria Will de Chaparro, Texas Women's University, "Disposal of the Dead in 19th Century New Mexico," Science Hall 107,
- April 7 – Karl Yordy, Institute of Medicine, "Health Care Reform in 2008: Issues and Prospects," Science Hall 107,
- April 21 – Xie Boliang, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China, "Women in Chinese Classic Drama," Isabel Crouch Reader's Theatre, Speech Building 141.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cowboy Pampers

It is not uncommon to see real cowboys in the communities where cattle are part of the economy. I don't mean posing in the street like gunfighters in Tombstone, or passing out casino flyers on a corner in Las Vegas during rodeo week, but in the middle school parking lot picking up their kids, in the latte drive-up or at the lumber store. One lady told of seeing two authentic-looking cowboys strolling up the aisle at Safeway. She described them as wearing "dusty jeans, 10-gallon hats and well-worn boots with jangling spurs."

"What could they be buying in here?" she wondered, "... probably beer and tobacco."

Personally, my first thought was Metamucil, Pri-losec or Ben Gay. But our lady of this story made a point to follow these two cowboys through the check-out and saw them leave, "strutting" out the door, carrying under their arms four jumbo-sized boxes of disposable diapers!

I can immediately see the misconceptions she might have had; that these two cowboys each had a toddler at home and were forced under the threat of NO SUPPER-NO CLEAN SOCKS-NO ROPING PRACTICE and ENFORCEMENT OF THE THREE-FOOT RULE unless they made the didy run!

However, for the lady's benefit I can think of many more logical reasons they were on a diaper-buying mission. For instance, Huggies are quite handy as blinders on a bad horse when he won't let you swing up! Or for keeping stray mongrels from bothering your good blue heeler female when she's in season, or placing over a bull's nose for the same reason, or to tape on like boxing gloves around the wrists of your daughter's boyfriend before a date.

It could be that these two rustic cowboys were using the nappies for protection in some contact sport to wrap knees, elbows or feet. Maybe they were skinny, pot-bellied, hair stickin' up team ropers who were trying out for the sumo wrestling team? It is also possible they lacked enough natural padding and long hours in the saddle made their seat bones sore. They could be wadding up the diapers and wearing them like their old bareback pad (for the really skinny, it takes two!)

Author's note:

There are many, much more logical reasons a cowboy would be buying disposable diapers than the obvious one. As ornamentation, wild rag, hat cover, ear muffs, saddle pad, pillow, hanky, coin purse, saddle bag, bed roll, small Batman cape, blindfold, facemask, moustache protector, and handy wipe in case your horse poops on the carpet.

I, myself, use it in my lunch box to carry my soup. But not like you might think. I just saturate the pampers with chicken noodle. I can wring it out into a cup when I'm ready or just chew on it now and then as a treat.

Um um good, um um good, that's what ...



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This week in the history
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MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75
years ago
1933

• The county Reconstruction Finance Commission and the city Welfare Committee was setting up relief projects, providing jobs cleaning irrigation laterals within the city, improving schools grounds and laying gravel on Picacho Avenue.

• The Texas Store at 142 S. Main St. was advertising men's wool trousers for 75 cents, women's shoes for 95 cents and boys' raincoats for 49 cents.

50
years ago
1958

• The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Posse and the Las Cruces Thunderbirds each won first place in the Southwest Livestock Show's Parade de Rancheros, the sixth straight year the posse placed first in the show. The posse had 34 riders and was led by Eugene Nix. The posse also had placed first in the Tri-States Fair parade in Deming three times. The Thunderbirds were a mounted square dance team of 18 teenagers who were coached by Mr. and Mrs. John Augustine.

• W.H. Gary, Elephant Butte Irrigation District member from Hatch,



A photograph of the Park Hotel, one of Las Cruces' former historic hotels.

said the district could not support reconstruction plans of El Paseo Road because they did not show how much water adjacent drains could handle. He also contended that the city should share in the drain costs. The city was pushing a decision so that it would continue with flood control and land-use planning.

• Lou Henson's Las Cruces High School B-Squad defeated Phi Kappa Tau 59-35, its 14th win with Joe Lopez scoring 20 points. In a later game against Deming, coach Vernon Yates promoted Lopez to the Las Cruces Varsity when he scored eight points and the Bulldawgs won 77-38.

• W.F. Roach, Rio Grande Project manager, said the previous year's inflow into Elephant Butte Reservoir of 1,242,000 acre-feet was the highest since 1942.

• The Las Cruces Catholic Charities raised \$31,000.

• The Plaza Cine was featuring Pedro Infante in "La Oveja Negra."

25
years ago
1983

• Rain and snow was bogging down the cotton and chile harvest because equipment could not enter muddy fields. January precipitation had measured 1.04 inches compared with the average of .38 of an inch.

• The Doña Ana County Citizens Drug and Crime Committee recognized Leo Borunda of the Las Cruces Police Department for Outstanding Performance.

• Las Cruces High School slipped past Mayfield 47-44 in their city rivalry. And New Mexico State University scored 10 unanswered points to end the game and defeat Illinois State 66-50.

10
years ago
1998

• The Doña Ana Branch Community College opened its People's Law School, offering courses in juvenile law, crime victims' rights, probate, wills, divorce, real estate, bankruptcy, consumers' law, wrongful termination, sexual harassment and civil rights.

• High school teams gave basketball fans plenty to cheer about as the Mayfield boys clipped Gadsden 52-50, the Mayfield girls easily handled Gadsden 52-29 and Oñate stopped Alamogordo 62-49, although LCHS fell to Deming 82-71.

• The City Council voted 6-1 to lease Memorial Medical Center to a non-profit organization.

• Christine Houpt, Zia Middle School, won the Area Spelling Bee by spelling "acclimatization" correctly.

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Keynote speaker Andrea King Collier has blazed trails in conversations about health with her award winning health memoir, *Still With Me...A Daughter's Journey of Love and Loss*. It was the first book of its kind to address cancer, and end of life issues through the eyes of a black women. Collier has been writing and speaking about health and health policy issues for the past 20 years. Her work has appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and appears regularly in magazines such as *Essence*, *Ladies Home Journal*, *Woman's Day*, *Healthy Living*, and *O, the Oprah Magazine*, just to name a few. In fact, she will be in the February issue of the *Oprah Magazine*.

Keynote speaker Denise Chavez is a novelist, short story writer, playwright, actor, teacher and performance writer based here in Las Cruces and Mesilla. She is the author of the recent memoir, *A Taco Testimony: Meditations on Family, Food and Culture*, and the novels *Loving Pedro Infante*, *Face of An Angel*, as well as a short story collection, *The Last of the Menu Girls*, and other books and plays. Chavez is the winner of various awards including the 2005 Don Luis Leal award in Chicano Literature, the New Mexico Governor's Award in Literature, the Hispanic Heritage Award in Literature, and the American Book Award.

We would like to recognize and thank the Growing Through Loss Sponsors who have contributed funds to make this conference possible:

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Las Vegas ad creator to speak at Ad Fed

The creator of some of the most successful advertising campaigns in recent history will be the feature presenter at the next meeting of the Advertising Federation of Las Cruces. The program begins at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, and includes a buffet lunch. It will be held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Randy Snow, vice president and creative chair of R&R Partners in Las Vegas, Nev., will present a program on the art of producing results-oriented, award-winning creative advertising. Snow, an expert on destination marketing, is the creative genius behind the "What Happens Here...Stays Here" campaign produced for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority.

The slogan from the "Las Vegas Stories" campaign has become part of the popular American vernacular, which is a key element of many successful adver-

tising campaigns.

For his efforts, Snow was selected as "Brand Marketer of the Year" beating out iPod, McDonald's and other marketing goliaths. Snow says his advertising philosophy revolves around the fact that, "Success comes from creativity and perseverance, not necessarily from having the biggest budget." His prognostications on the fortunes of advertising have been quoted in The Wall Street Journal and Adweek Magazine.

The Ad Fed program is sponsored by White Sands Federal Credit Union, the Las Cruces Sun-News, BravoMic Communications and the Las Cruces Bulletin.

In order to plan for meals and seating, the Ad Fed is requiring RSVPs at 527-0040. The luncheon and program are \$12 for members and \$20 for guests. It is open to the public and the Ad Fed board of directors encourages anyone involved in advertising and marketing to make plans to see this special program.

Schools

Continued from PAGE A1

Nissen said Las Cruces Public Schools should be viewed as a "progressive district" because of the school clinic policy, along with it carrying out the new state health curriculum for New Mexico that includes comprehensive sex education.

"The school-based health centers in our three high schools have now become points of having professional help to assist our students through this trying time of development," he said, "and we don't want to have this disrupted."

Also during the school board meeting's public input period, teacher Betty Patterson noted the great concern being raised by news reports of Rounds requiring all schools

to find ways to reduce their personnel by 3 percent. Although she understood that this is the district's way of meeting a state goal to reduce its personnel expenditures from 92 percent of the budget to 87 percent, Patterson asked that administration make sure the cuts don't harm student learning.

Despite having to deal with such difficult issues, school board members are happy with Rounds bringing greater stability to the district – so much so that they gave him a raise and a two-year contract extension. Starting next month, Rounds will be making \$163,200 a year until June 2010. Board members agreed that he has improved district morale, increased budgetary transparency and is tackling land acquisitions for new schools.

"I am honored to be your superintendent," Rounds said in response to the action.

Singles celebrate anniversary

February marks 6 years for LC Singles

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Valentine's Day can be a lonely time for people without a partner, but it is a celebratory date of Las Cruces Singles as it begins its sixth year of bringing together people without a partner.

Over those years, LC Singles has grown into a group of more than 100, according to Anna Juarez, a local attorney who started the group.

A divorce attorney, Juarez said she often found herself giving advice to her clients about how to start over as a single person again. That evolved into a class called "Successfully Single" that she taught at Doña Ana Community College, which inspired the idea to form a group for singles.

The idea was to provide group activities – movies, dinners at restaurants, wine festivals and even backyard barbecues – where single people could meet without the pressure of having a date.

For many in the group, it provides them friendship, but Juarez said occasionally people meet someone they want to date. Some have gone on to become couples or even get married. But Juarez emphasizes that isn't the intent of the group's events and activities.

"I don't want this to ever become a meat market," she said. "I just wanted an easy way for singles to connect with other singles."

If one of the group meets someone they take a shine to, then they should set up a date for later, Juarez said.

There's no fees or dues. Members come from all kinds of backgrounds, differ-



Anna Juarez, a local attorney, started LC Singles six years ago with only six people. Its membership now exceeds 100.

TODD DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

ent religions and political views, different career fields and a fair share of retired people who may have lost a partner.

"Sure, cliques sometimes form but that's to be expected as people gravitate towards the people they are most comfortable with and find common interests to share," Juarez said. "It's all about options. We give people options but we don't try to make anyone do anything. Nobody calls and harasses you if you haven't come to anything in weeks or months."

The group holds dinners at a different restaurant every week and goes to a movie every Sunday.

The group has two websites: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LC_Singles and http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Singles_Social_Club. The group's email address is single@zianet.com. Also, Juarez can be contacted by calling 526-2652.

Crime Stoppers: Auto burglaries

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in recent auto burglaries that have occurred within the city.

So far in 2008 the Las Cruces Police Department has seen nearly a 40 percent increase in the number of auto burglaries as compared to last year at this time. The sharpest increases are in the south and west parts of Las Cruces. Detectives believe

that many of the crimes are being committed by the same suspect, or suspects, based on evidence at the scene and investigative leads.

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

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Sen. Domenici's address to the NM Legislature

Below is the text of U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici's prepared remarks for his address to a joint session of the New Mexico Legislature on Monday, Feb. 4. The speech is Domenici's last as a U.S. Senator to the Legislature. Domenici will conclude his Senate career in January 2009.

As I look around today, I see many familiar faces, and many new ones. I also miss many old friends – like Ben Altamirano, Ike Smalley, Jack Stahl, John Irick and Billy McKibben, my old UNM alum, Raymond Sanchez, Eddie Lopez, Jack Daniels, Mack Easley, and some of my closest friends, Gene Cinelli, Joe Skeen and Colin McMillan. Some have passed on and some have gone back into the private sector. All of them, and more, have helped during my Senate career, and I thank them and you.

As I look back from the first time I addressed the Legislature on Feb. 25, 1973, I am struck by how much has changed and how much progress we have made. That has been the most enjoyable part of my job – doing real things that make a real difference in people's lives.

Let me tell you a little story that some of you have heard before.

Almost 20 years ago, I spoke at the annual meeting of the New Mexico Electric Cooperatives down in Ruidoso. After I finished speaking, two ladies came up, tugged on my coat and began thanking me profusely. I asked them what I had done to earn such thanks. They explained that because of my support for rural electrification, they had reliable electric power for the first time.

So, they decided to give me a present – an old galvanized washboard. They no longer needed it to wash by hand. They had electricity at long last. I still have that old washboard, with a photograph of Christina Rael and Amandita Aragon, displayed in my office.

That story sums up what being your United States Senator has meant to me – working for people, making real and steady progress, day by day.

How lucky I have been. I have seen our state grow more prosperous, gain a million more citizens, and become more important than ever in providing energy for Americans. I have seen a million additional acres put into wilderness. I have seen the expansion of our national laboratories and military installations. I have seen more small businesses created than ever before.

Instead of a state where unemployment almost always exceeded the national average, we now live in a state in which unemployment has been lower than average for several years. Yes, we still have unacceptable pockets of poverty, and we have so much work yet to do in educating our youth for the challenges of a truly global economy. But, we have made progress.

I am proud to have been part of that progress. When I started in the Senate, we had no large scale wind farms in eastern New Mexico. Now, we have one near House that provided electricity for yesterday's Super Bowl Game. And, one of the reasons wind energy is on the rise in New Mexico is the large number of incentives we've put into law through national energy bills that I have been proud to author.

New Mexico's oil and gas industries are booming, providing hundreds of millions of dollars for education and other state needs. The natural gas boom is due, in part, to deregulation legislation we passed during the Carter administration; and, part of the incredible expansion of the ethanol industry is a direct result of energy legislation I helped author and that President Bush signed into law.

In the 30 years in between those two acts, we passed additional energy legislation expanding alternative energy sources and the use of nuclear energy.

The uranium enrichment plant being built in Lea County will be the first such facility built in this country in 50 years, and WIPP near Carlsbad is a terrific success as the nation's only waste repository.

In virtually all areas of energy production, New Mexico plays an important role in addressing America's energy security and moving us to a brighter tomorrow.

Energy isn't the only area where the nation looks to New Mexico. We are also advancing the nation's security with several major facilities that we have helped grow, and in two cases, saved from closure – Cannon and Kirtland Air Force bases.

Let me talk for a moment about the state's two nuclear laboratories, since their future has been widely debated in the media.

Los Alamos and Sandia National Labs are national treasures. They have unrivaled knowledge and experience. Some think that what our labs, and our nation, needs is a fundamental change in the mission of the labs. During the past decade, both labs are doing more and more non-weapons work. Our labs are, and will continue, changing

to accommodate new challenges.

But, don't make any mistake here. The labs are critical to this nation's international security. They are critical to detecting weapons of mass destruction. They are critical to responding to nuclear emergencies anywhere in the world. They must ensure that our weapons stockpile serves as an effective deterrent against the spread of nuclear weapons to dangerous regimes. Without an effective umbrella, it is inevitable that more countries, like Iran and North Korea, might develop their own nuclear weapons programs in response to threats from North Korea and Iran.

To suggest that the labs' weapons and nuclear missions are no longer necessary is a profound misinterpretation of the international security situation.

I have worked on non-proliferation, and I can tell you how important the labs are in this work. Some of you wish we could reduce our nuclear weapons stockpiles. The fact is that within five years, we will have thousands fewer warheads in our stockpile – a level we have not had since the Eisenhower Era. In short, our labs have been critical to our efforts to reduce our stockpile, and the weapons-grade fuel from these warheads is being used as fuel in nuclear power plants.

So, I am proud of my work to increase the scope of the labs' work, and the number of employees who work in the labs. Today, LANL employs more than 11,200 workers and there are more than 9,300 at Sandia. Working with specialists from the labs has allowed me to play a large role in this nation's weapons policy and in our nonproliferation efforts throughout the world. New Mexico, once again, has a crucial role in America's strength.

The security of our nation is also being improved by a little project I helped get started in Artesia. When we dreamed up the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center almost 20 years ago, we hoped that it would become a premier facility for training all kinds of federal law enforcement officials. FLETC is realizing that dream. It is full, and it is a primary reason why Artesia and the surrounding area are experiencing such excellent economic growth.

I see other wonderful areas of progress in our state. The federal tech transfer law we passed almost 20 years ago is bearing fruit through business growth in the technology arena. With your help, we have been able to introduce and grow the Character Counts education program in our public schools. Our state is stronger for this program.

We have impacted in a very positive way the water needs of this state. I'm glad to have helped small communities get new water wells, and I hope our work on the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow dilemma will become a template for other states to use.

Of all the groups I have had the opportunity to work with, none has changed more than the Indians of our state. One of the most important reasons, of course, has been the spread of Indian gaming. This has brought a new prosperity to many of the tribes and pueblos of our state. Yet, we still have work to do. Water disputes, lack of employment and the scourge of diabetes remain serious problems to our Indian neighbors. I am proud of the work we have done so far, and I hope that you all will work with the new congressional delegation next year to continue it.

I also want to thank you here who helped New Mexico pass and implement a mental health parity law. This is a special project to me. We were successful at passing a very good mental health parity bill in the Senate last year, and are working with the House of Representatives to get a bill to the President before the end of this Congress. New Mexico can be proud of setting a national example in this arena.

When I go to Valles Caldera, the Rio Grande bosque, the Snowy River formation at Fort Stanton Cave; or when I look at the Sandia Mountains, protected by wilderness designation, and the Bosque del Apache, I am happy that I could be part of saving that heritage for future generations. Many of you have been partners in that effort and I thank you.

In the 36 years I've worked for our state and our nation, I've learned three things:

One, government is essential to many fundamental functions of society;

Two, that we have a deep responsibility to those who elect us to pursue the best policies, free of ideology; and,

Three, that we are in danger of losing our ability to

move forward as a nation because of destructive, personality-driven, partisan politics.

Let me leave you with this warning. American democracy is in trouble unless we put aside political extremes and work toward our common goals. It is tragic when ideological politics block progress. It has been said, "Never let the perfect be the enemy of the good." As I have legislated this past 36 years, my goal has been to move New Mexico and this nation forward.

I am not naïve. I know as well as you do that no one person has any monopoly on perfection – neither does any party, nor any philosophy, no matter how fervently held. I have been willing to compromise in order to move three steps toward our goals, rather than stubbornly insist on "my way or the highway."

All of you in this chamber face the same pressures.

Extremes in both parties put enormous pressure on policymakers who are trying to find common ground and produce good legislation. And, the extreme positions are used ruthlessly in partisan campaigns.

You know, I don't hesitate to call Gov. Richardson or Sen. Bingaman or many of you when I want to talk about an initiative for our state. I don't regard you as liberals or conservatives, but as fellow leaders trying to do your best. We must put aside these simplistic labels, and the politics of character assassination that are too prominent today.

Look at some of the challenges ahead: water, education, health care,

job creation. We can meet these enormous challenges if we pull together, once again, a centrist coalition that shuns political extremes and focuses on common ground.

I close today with my heartfelt thanks to you and all New Mexicans for the high honor of serving you for so many years. I cannot imagine that I could have spent my life more productively or honorably than as your United States Senator.

Thank you.



JANE PHILLIPS | Santa Fe New Mexican

Sen. Pete Domenici spoke at a joint session of the New Mexico Legislature on Monday morning, Feb. 4.



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**DOWNTOWN HOUSING
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The City of Las Cruces in partnership with UniDev, LLC, will be hosting a public input meeting on the placement of housing, parking garage and retail spaces as part of Phase I of the Downtown Housing Implementation Plan.

**For more information contact
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The TTY number is 528-3157.**

The City of Las Cruces will make reasonable accommodation for a qualified individual with a disability who wishes to attend this meeting. Please notify the City of Las Cruces at least 48 hours before the meeting by calling 528-3060. The TTY number is 528-3157.

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CHURCH NEWS

LEVITE CHOIR CONCERT

Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, will present the Korean "Levite Choir" in a free praise concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the church. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a remarkable choir along with family and friends. For more information, call the church office at 528-5683.

SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Come experience Christian friendship, the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and the meaning of being his disciple. SEARCH is a three-day retreat program for youth in grades 10-12 that provides young people with the tools, support, fellowship, prayer and love that they need to make their relationship with Jesus personal, meaningful and alive. Taking a youth-talking-with-youth approach, SEARCH creates an atmosphere of openness and caring so young people can take an honest look at themselves and their relationship with Jesus. The SEARCH retreat is being sponsored by Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral the weekend of Friday, Feb. 29, through Sunday, March 2, at their parish center located at 1240 S. Espina St. A registration form can be picked up at the parish center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The registration deadline is Monday, Feb. 22. For more information, contact the parish office at 524-8563.

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NMSU asks for help preserving the past

Public sought for Feb. 12 meeting in Honors Center

Building a future by preserving the past is the target of a public meeting to discuss plans to preserve New Mexico State University's architectural heritage.

NMSU's Facilities Planning and Construction Department is inviting Las Cruces and surrounding-area residents, the media and the campus community to provide input on the preservation plans, which will be presented from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at William B. Conroy Honors Center on the historic Horseshoe at the main campus of NMSU.

Van Citters: Historic Preservation, LLC (VCHP), of Albuquerque, will make the presentation. The firm is responsible for conducting a historic assessment and composing the preservation plan.

"We value what members of the community have to say about NMSU's campus," said William A. Dodge, Ph.D., cultural historian at VCHP.

"By monitoring the public's input and preservation issues at NMSU, we hope to learn about both the tangible and intangible qualities of the university's buildings and landscapes, and what especially resonates with people about the physical environment of the campus," he said.

The historic preservation plan is being funded through a Campus Heritage Grant issued in 2005 from The Getty Foundation, which will help NMSU assess the architectural and historical significance of buildings, structures and landscapes at the main campus, with an eye toward protecting those resources.

The structures will also be assessed for listing some of them on state and national historic registers, including the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information about the meeting and about NMSU's preservation plan, please contact Greg Walke, Assistant University Architect, at 646-1360 or email him at walke@nmsu.edu.

Sallie Mae bus tour comes to Las Cruces

The Sallie Mae Fund, a national nonprofit, charitable organization dedicated to opening doors to higher education, is working with Las Cruces schools to bring the "Paying for College" Bus Tour to town on Feb. 11 and 12.

Arnold Hernandez is the national spokesperson for the tour and will be meeting with area students and families as he conducts workshops at three area schools. As the son of a migrant farm worker family, Arnold was expected to continue working in the fields. In fact, only 5 percent of migrant workers complete some schooling beyond high school. His parents hid his acceptance letter to college – fearing they would only have to disappointment him when they couldn't afford to send him.

But through his own determination and the support of others, he did get to college. After graduating, Arnold spent a couple of years as a TV journalist. Now, Arnold is the national spokesperson for the Sallie Mae Fund's Paying for College Bus Tour, and he's bringing the message that college is possible for anyone, regardless of background, to 60 cities coast-to-coast this school year.

In Las Cruces, the bus tour will hold a large workshop at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive. A free dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the Paying for College workshop starts at 7 p.m. All high school juniors and seniors participating in the workshop (or their parents on their behalf) will be entered into a drawing for a free \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded that night. Spanish translation will be available.

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You can't win trying to force a child to eat that doesn't want to

Avoid built-up resentment to keep a healthy marriage

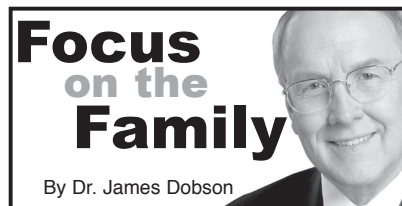
Should a parent try to force a child to eat?

No. In fact, the dinner table is one potential battlefield where a parent can easily get ambushed. You can't win there! A strong-willed child is like a good military general who constantly seeks an advantageous place to take on the enemy. He need look no farther. Of all the common points of conflict between generations ... bedtime, hair, clothes, schoolwork, etc., the advantages at the table are all in the child's favor! Three times a day, a very tiny child can simply refuse to open his mouth. No amount of coercing can make him eat what he doesn't want to eat.

I remember one 3-year-old who was determined not to eat his green peas, despite the insistence of his father that the squishy little vegetables were going down. It was a classic confrontation between the irresistible force and an immovable object. Neither would yield. After an hour of haranguing, threatening, cajoling and sweating, the father had not achieved his goal. The tearful toddler sat with a fork-load of peas pointed ominously at his sealed lips.

Finally, through sheer intimidation, the dad managed to get one bite of peas in place. But the lad wouldn't swallow them. I don't know everything that went on afterward, but the mother told me they had no choice but to put the child to bed with the peas still in his mouth. They were amazed at the strength of his will.

The next morning, the mother



By Dr. James Dobson

found a little pile of mushy peas where they had been expelled at the foot of the bed! Score one for Junior, none for Dad. Tell me in what other arena a 30-pound child could whip a grown man?

Not every toddler is this tough, of course. But many of them will gladly do battle over food. It is their ideal power game. Talk to any experienced parent or grandparent and they will tell you this is true. The sad thing is that these conflicts are unnecessary. Children will eat as much as they need if you keep them from indulging in the wrong stuff. They will not starve. I promise!

The way to deal with a poor eater is to set good food before him. If he claims to not be hungry, wrap the plate, put it in the refrigerator and send him cheerfully on his way. He'll be back in a few hours. There is a little mechanism in his tummy that says "gimme food!" several times a day. When this occurs, do not put sweets, snacks or confectionery food in front of him. Simply retrieve the earlier meal, warm it up and serve it again. If he protests, send him out to play again. Even if 12 hours or more goes by, continue this procedure until food – all food – begins to look and smell wonderful. From that

time forward, the battle over the dinner table should be history.

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Since almost every couple fights from time to time, what distinguishes a healthy marriage from one that is in serious trouble? How can a husband and wife know when their conflicts are within normal limits and when they are symptoms of more serious problems?

It is true that conflict occurs in virtually all marriages. That is how resentment and frustration are ventilated. The difference between stable families and those in serious trouble is evidenced by what happens after a fight. In healthy relationships, a period of confrontation ends in forgiveness – in drawing together – in deeper respect and understanding – and sometimes in sexual satisfaction. But in unstable marriages a period of conflict produces greater pain and anger that persists until the next fight. When that occurs, one unresolved issue is compounded by another and another. That accumulation of resentment is an ominous circumstance in any marriage.

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

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TEAR DOWN THE WALLS

BY K. JOY SANDIFORD

We must learn to tear down the walls that we have built up around us. The walls are often erected under steeples and crosses. We enclose ourselves, and encapsulate our minds until we can no longer recognize that the unbeliever needs salvation.

The walls must come down. They can not stay up any more than the walls of Jericho could stay up. If we are to move into the promises of God, then the walls must come down. We cannot take possession of our inheritance and be satisfied if we remain behind four walls.

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15(a).

The walls must be removed so that one may pass through unencumbered. Most church buildings have stained glass windows and so only light filters in and one can not see out. If we are blinded to the needs of the unbeliever, there will be no desire to go to step out from behind the walls.

The walls must come down. We have been given a commission to go and instead of heeding it we have erected pillars that hold us fast. March around the Jericho that is keeping you from your inheritance and shout until the walls come down.

Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Will they hear if we stand behind the walls? No! The walls must come down.

Senate passes \$6 billion budget

Rawson warns next year will be tighter

The New Mexico Senate on Wednesday, Feb. 6, passed a \$6 billion budget to operate state government for fiscal year 2009, beginning this July.

The Senate completed its primary work of this 30-day legislative session more than a week before the close of the session. No tax increase is in the budget this year, but that could change drastically next year, according to Senate Republic Whip Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces.



RAWSON

"In these tightening economic times we passed a balanced budget with no tax increases. It has been challenging, and we do have a balanced budget that meets many of our state's needs," Rawson said. "But I am warning New Mexicans that next year is a whole new ballgame. It will be a hard fight to not raise taxes again next year as the value of our dollar drops and the revenue from the important oil and gas industry into our state coffers slows down."

Rawson said it will be up to voters whether taxes are increased next year.

"It will be in the voting public's hand whether we have a tax increase next year," he said. "A tax increase depends on who voters elect to represent them in November's General Election when all Senate and House seats are up for re-election. Asking the Senate and House candidates whether they will fight against a tax increase or whether they will vote for one are great questions that should be asked."

Rawson who serves on the Senate Finance Committee that crafted the bal-

anced budget said the bulk of the new money will be invested into education, corrections, and will pay for some of the demanding requirements of the state's Medicaid program.

Rawson said the state will remain in a good position with a 10 percent reserve. \$610 million will be maintained in the state's reserve fund and help the state keep its excellent bond rating.

"We are being conservative and responsible in this shaky economic climate," Rawson said. "We are not spending all of the revenue, we are saving a healthy 10 percent of our state's revenue in the state's reserve fund."

Education

Out of the \$349 million in new revenue, more than a third of the new money will be invested in New Mexico public schools.

"Education is certainly a priority for us," Rawson said.

The Senate budget calls for \$125.4 million increase for schools. The total budget for education in the 2009 will be \$2.6 billion dollars for a 5.2 percent increase.

"We need needed this additional money in education for enrollment growth, physical education and for the increase costs of insurance," Rawson said.

In the Senate budget, an additional instructional day is being funded at a cost of \$14 million. This is the first step towards possible implementation of a new public

school funding formula.

Teachers would receive a total compensation package of 2.2 percent increase for salaries and retiree health care.

Public safety

Another priority, fighting crime and having a strong corrections system received a large portion of the new revenue. The Department of Corrections next year will enjoy a \$17 million increase.

"The increase is primarily needed to address rising medical costs," Rawson said. "We are also opening the Clayton Corrections facility."

Corrections is receiving a 6.2 percent increase. The Department of Public Safety will receive an additional \$6.2 million or a 7 percent increase. This increase will go to vehicle replacement, 24-hour operation at some ports of entry and higher overtime costs.

Medicaid and Human Services

Medicaid, the health care program for the poor, will receive over a quarter of the new money. The \$91 million in new dollars to the Medicaid program is a 13 percent increase. The new money covers an \$8.4 million loss from a declining federal match and it addresses some of the enrollment growth in the health care program.

The Health Department will receive \$13.8 million or a 4.8 percent increase. The developmentally disabled program will receive \$4 million to reduce the waiting list. Both the immunization program and the family infant toddler program will receive an addition \$1 million each and the departments increase will also make up for the lost of federal funds.

The pre-K program in the Department of Children, Youth and Family will receive an additional \$1.5 million from the general fund, \$1 million will go to expand the infant home visiting program and nearly \$5 million will go for medical cost in Juvenile Justice.

Higher Education

The Higher Education program in New Mexico will receive a 4.5 percent increase

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for a \$38.3 million increase that helps fund the increases for education retirement, retiree health care and to implement some recommendations of an interim funding formula task force such as dual credit.

Transportation

From the general fund, \$43 million will be invested in maintenance of New Mexico roads. Most of the other funding for roads next year will come from the state road fund and federal funds, which total around \$825 million.

Included in the Senate's budget is Rawson's amendment to not allow taxpayer dollars to be spent for state government travel expenses on mileage reimbursement or for the cost of passenger vehicle operations for travel between the cities served by the Rail Runner Express train.

Rawson said taxpayers are having to pay for the expensive Rail Runner, and he does not want taxpayers to have to pay additionally for the state employees' travel between the cities served by the Rail Runner. Rawson said he does not want taxpayers to have to pay twice for the same travel.

The Senate passed the budget 36 to 4.



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Bataan Death March coming up

Event honors Philippine defenders of WWII

The 2008 Bataan Memorial Death March will be held Sunday, March 30, at White Sands Missile Range. The Bataan Memorial Death March honors the service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their lives.

Participants may choose either the 26.2-mile route or the 15.2-mile route.

The 26.2-mile march starts on the Army installation's main post, crosses hilly terrain and sandy desert trails and washes. The memorial march is not a sanctioned marathon.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Marchers entered in a heavy division category must carry a 35-pound rucksack. Awards will be presented to the top two finishers in each age division in each category.

Teams must consist of five people. There are no age divisions within the team categories. Cost to register a team is \$200. Cost to register as an individual is \$50. There are multiple age divisions for both military and civilian in the individual category.

The 15.2-mile honorary march is for

those who want to participate but do not want to attempt the longer, more difficult route. Cost is \$50. Categories are male or female individual marcher. No awards are presented for this march.

Deadline for online registration is midnight, March 23. Late online registration begins at 12:01 a.m. March 24 and continues through midnight, March 27. Cost for late online registration increases to \$100 for individuals and \$400 for teams. For online registration go to www.bataanmarch.com.

Mail-in registration forms are available by calling 678-1256 or may be downloaded from the website. All entry forms sent by mail must be postmarked no later than March 16.

All registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a commemorative dog tag, a commemorative timing chip, a certificate, pre-event continental breakfast and post-event meal.

For information about the march or to request a mail-in form, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Events Office at 678-1256. Questions and comments may be emailed to bataan@conus.army.mil. Questions regarding rules may be emailed to bataanrules@conus.army.mil. Comments and training tips from last years participants may be found at www.bataanmarch.com.

Hoofs fly at Isaacks Ranch

Rachel Snyder and her horse go over a low jump Sunday, Feb. 3, during the Las Cruces Horseman's Association's Hunter/Jumper Division show at the Isaacks Ranch.



Yvonne Kropf uses a bandana to protect her face from the strong winds as she watches riders compete during the show.

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER



Interns sought for Domenici's office

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici announced today that his Washington D.C. office is now accepting applications from qualified students for its summer 2008 internship program.

The summer internship program will take place in two six-week sessions, the first running from May to July, and the second from July to August. Priority is given to applicants who are

either New Mexico residents or attending school in the state. Applications must be postmarked by March 3.

"I've employed interns from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences looking to gain first-hand knowledge of Washington D.C. and the federal government," Domenici said.

Interns will gain first-hand experience in all parts of Domenici's office

including the constituent services, legislative and communication portions. Applications are available on Domenici's website and can be accessed at www.domenici.senate.gov in the "Student's Corner" section. For more information about the program and intern responsibilities, email internships@domenici.senate.gov or call (202) 224-6621.

Project Linus names blanket drop-off points

The Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus, a charity that provides handmade blankets to traumatized youth from babies to teens, has named new drop-off points for donations of completed blankets.

The new drop-off locations are needed because of the closing of The Quilting Dragon, a fabric store that had provided Project Linus with a home base.

New completed quilts, knitted and crocheted afghans and fleece blankets may now be left at the following locations:

- **Bernina Sewing and Design Center**, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. in the Arroyo Plaza. For information, call 523-2000.

- **Organ Mountain Quilt Shop**, 300 N. Downtown Mall. For information, call 525-8025.
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Allstate recruits for city's new Express Claims office

Two-day on-site job fair is Feb. 8 and 9

Allstate Insurance Co. is beginning recruitment for its Las Cruces Express Claims office, which is scheduled to begin serving customers in April.

The office, located at 170 Roadrunner Parkway, Suite 200, will hire 220 new claims processing specialists.

As part of Allstate's recruitment efforts, an on-site job fair will be held Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. both days. Participants should apply online at www.allstate.jobs prior to the job fair, bring resumes and plan on taking part in on-site testing and interviews.

New employees will begin training March 3, and will begin handling customer calls in April. Those who cannot attend the on-site job fair but are interested in applying for jobs at the Las Cruces Express office also can apply at www.allstate.jobs or by contacting Cassandra Thomas at the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions at 524-6250 or through its website at www.dws.state.nm.us.

Allstate will hire 220 people for its claim processing specialist position, assisting Allstate customers reporting insurance claims by phone. New technology installed in the center will enable claims processing specialists to help customers more efficiently and effectively.

"We've had a tremendous response from the community since we announced we're coming to the area," said Lilianna Vela, Allstate market claims manager at the Las Cruces Express office. "A lot of people have asked about applying for jobs or where they can find more information

for family members and friends looking for new career opportunities.

"It's really rewarding to see all the excitement and enthusiasm Allstate is generating in Las Cruces and throughout the Mesilla Valley. We are looking forward to meeting Las Cruces area residents.

"As our claims processing specialists will maintain positive relationships with customers, we are looking for people with a great attitude, caring and attentive personalities, and who want to help customers after they have experienced a loss."

Allstate announced in September 2007 that it planned to open a new claims office in Las Cruces in early 2008, bringing more than 200 jobs to southern New Mexico. The new office is part of Allstate's expansion of its "Express" claims handling model, which is focused on improving customer service and eliminating redundancies in the company's claims organization. The Las Cruces Express office will be one of nine Express offices in the United States.

Allstate Express office employees serve as the first point of contact for the vast majority of Allstate customers. The Las Cruces office joins two Allstate offices in New Mexico. Widely known through the "You're In Good Hands With Allstate" slogan, Allstate offers products and services such as auto insurance and homeowners insurance. The Allstate Financial Group provides life insurance, supplemental accident and health insurance, annuity, banking and retirement products designed for individual, institutional and worksite customers.

Auxiliary president visits



National VFW Auxiliary President Virginia Carmen (second from right) is greeted Saturday, Feb. 2, during her visit to VFW Chapter 10124, by, from left, Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta, New Mexico VFW Auxiliary President Patricia Phistry and local VFW Auxiliary chapter President Mary Ann Myers.

Mayor schedules meetings on growth

At Sunrise Elementary School on Tuesday, Feb. 5, about 100 people attended the first in a series of listening sessions on city growth organized by Mayor Ken Miyagishima.

Concerns raised by residents in the meeting series will help drive city council policies on growth, according to Miyagishima.

The next meeting will be from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive. That will be followed by a meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Club Fusion, 101 E. Union Ave., with District 2 councillor

Dolores Connor.

The time remains 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for meetings on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at Conlee Elementary School, 1701 Boston Drive, with Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Archuleta; Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Main St., with District 1 councillor Miguel Silva; Thursday, Feb. 21, at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive, with District 4 councillor Nathan P. Small; and Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive, with District 6 councillor Sharon Thomas.

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Greer growing grassroots in 2nd District

T or C candidate seeks GOP nod to replace Pearce

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At a small gathering of locals over coffee last week, Republican candidate for Steve Pearce's Second Congressional seat Earl Greer listened to concerns and gave his thoughts.

On the subject of schools, he talked about when he had children in a middle school where a no-nonsense administrator turned the teaching staff around.

"The answer is not just throwing money at the schools," Greer said. "We have to hold the schools accountable with benchmarks and milestones."

As the conversation subject invariably touches on border security, Greer agrees that the United States needs to "seal the border," but doesn't see a fence as the only answer. He recited the quote, "build a 10-foot fence, they'll make a 12-foot ladder," and reminded those listening that there are ocean borders and the border with Canada that are as easily crossed with impunity.

Greer emphasized he is against amnesty for illegal immigrants, even if they have children in the United States. In terms of controlling the U.S.-Mexico border, Greer has faith in the technology to create a "virtual fence" backed by more Border Patrol agents.

Faith in American ingenuity and enterprise is a common theme as he talks about the economy and the need for expanded energy resources. Technological improvements in nuclear generation makes this energy source something Greer doesn't fear, but he also sees great value in supporting renewable energy resources,



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Realtor Jack Ewing, left, listens to Congressional candidate Earl Greer talk about issues Friday, Feb. 1, with a morning group that meets at Burger Time on Avenida de Mesilla.

such as wind and solar. While the technology isn't advanced enough to make a huge impact, he's all for supporting more research and development to become less dependent on fossil fuels and foreign imported oil.

"The people of this country, by our nature, we're explorers," Greer said.

As he talks, some of his stances are party-line, Reagan-era conservatism. But other takes – such as not vilifying the multi-national companies – appear to be more moderate. And his website even criticizes the previously Republican-controlled Congress for "pork barrel spending" that disregarded the principle of having a balanced budget.

Greer said he is just as tired as the voters of the partisan politics in Washington that pits the "red versus the blue."

"Whatever happened to the red, white and blue?" he asked. "We need someone fighting for us."

Instead of worrying about the loss of basic manufacturing jobs to the international job market, the United States should be the leader in educa-

tion, communications and invention, he said.

To do that, the government should be providing incentives for developing new products and technology, said Greer, who opposes government-sponsored health care because he believes that would remove the profit incentive that he said propels medical advancements.

"Profit is not a four letter word," he said.

Greer said his campaign for Congress will be characterized more by meetings like this than large rallies and extensive advertising. "That's why our campaign is called Grassroots for Greer," he said.

Greer said he is already very familiar with the district. Raised on a ranch in central New Mexico, the Truth or Consequences-based Greer has been in real estate since 1978 and been a fixture in the New Mexico GOP scene – including unsuccessful bids for the Public Regulation Commission and for state party chairman.

To learn more about Greer, visit www.earlgreer.org.

Fry announces run

Las Crucen asks to return conservative to District 53

T. E. Fry, a retiree who is a frequent writer of letters to newspapers giving a conservative take on issues, is throwing his hat in the ring for the state House of Representatives District 53 seat, currently held by Democrat Nathan Cote.



FRY

The position had previously been held by Alamogordo Republican Terry Marquardt, and Fry said he is running to offer the district's constituents a chance to put a conservative back in office.

Fry first came to the area to work for Ratheon – and later for Unisys – at White Sands Missile Range in the late 1970s. After retiring in 1994, Fry has written two fantasy novels.

Fry is campaigning on issues ranging from supporting stronger border control to a back-to-basics instruction model for public schools.

Fry's ideas for election reform include opening up primaries to all voters and allowing recourse of recall elections for all public office-holders in the state.

Fry is for making New Mexico a "right to work" state and to put tight controls on government use of eminent domain.

Fry is supportive of improving law enforcement pay and support. He is critical of state spending, especially the use of the gasoline tax for purposes unrelated to improvements on roads and bridges. He opposes government-run health care and calls for the establishment of local districts to control government spending on health care needs.

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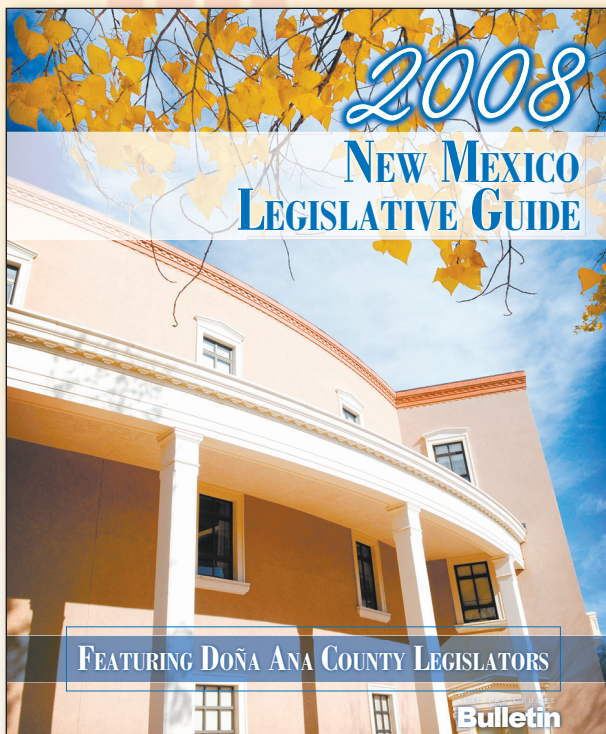
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Rodriguez runs for magistrate

Previously appointed judge makes second bid

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Maria Rodriguez, who was an appointed magistrate judge four years ago, announced this week she is making her second run to be elected as a magistrate judge.

Gov. Bill Richardson first appointed Rodriguez as a magistrate judge in September 2004 to replace Ann Segal who had resigned and left Las Cruces after losing a campaign to be a family court judge.

She held the position for about half a year, but didn't run for election at the time. Rodriguez made her first run for office two years ago against Magistrate Judge Olivia Garcia, another Richardson appointment to fill the vacancy left behind after misconduct forced Ruben Galvan to resign.

Rodriguez lost that first campaign, but still earned 48 percent of the vote – "not bad for my first attempt."

Now Rodriguez is running for a magistrate judge position being held by another Richardson appointee – Wingen Roth, who reportedly plans to run for election. This time, Rodriguez said, she is better prepared to campaign for office and has more experience to cite.

For the past year and a half, Rodriguez has been working for the state enforcing wage laws, a role she described as part adjudicating judge and part private investigator. Her other experience includes four-and-a-half years as a judicial assistant and courtroom deputy to two federal magistrate judges and three-and-a-half years as an administrative assistant for the U.S. Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration and Federal Public Defender. Prior to these positions, she worked for the Bates Law Firm and was a longtime office manager-paralegal-bookkeeper for Jake R. Evans and Associates.



RODRIGUEZ

Besides her professional experience, Rodriguez has been on the board of Court Appointed Special Advocates since 2005 – she was a CASA advocate from 1996-1997 – and a presiding judge in the county's Teen Court since 1996.

"I've worked with law from all angles," she said.

And it's a strong work ethic that Rodriguez said she promises voters she'll bring to the job of magistrate courts, which handles non-felony charges by non-municipal law enforcement agencies, as well as many of the city's DWI cases. Because magistrate courts are handling much of what has been traditionally the municipal court's responsibility, their dockets are often backlogged, which Rodriguez said she'll be diligent in

reducing. "I'll go in there and work hard," she said.

Other past community involvement includes being a board member for her church, Camino de Vida and the Las Cruces Youth Baseball Association, a reader for the New Mexico Commission for the Blind and a secretary for the Democratic Party of Doña Ana County.

It was that combination of professional experience and community involvement that prompted Richardson to appoint Rodriguez to fill the magistrate judge vacancy in 2004.

"I do have this diverse background that I bring from my work in private practice," she said.

Despite these close ties to the community, Rodriguez said she has the discipline and judgment to look at all evidence impartially.

"We're a growing community, but we're still a small community," she said. "It doesn't matter if I know someone, I will always be impartial and base my decisions on the evidence."

She is married to Randy L. Rodriguez and they have two children, Erika and Christopher.

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Coming Up

WRC hosts lectures

The Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404, has announced its presentation and support group schedule for the week of Feb. 8-14.

"Getting Started with Estate Planning," will be presented by Katherine Blackett from 10:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 12. The class offers an overview of estate planning and information needed to get started the planning process.

Terra Van Dyke of Mesilla Valley Hospice will present "Aspects of Completion and Closure: Relationships with Community," from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. Van Dyke will offer insights into reconciliation, fullness of communication and closure in important relationships. The life review, the telling of "one's stories" and the transmission of knowledge and wisdom will all be discussed.

All Women's Resource Center classes are free and open to the public and are held at the Women's Resource Center unless otherwise noted. Pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information, call 556-6890.

Share Fair at MVM

The Las Cruces Science Education Alliance, in partnership with the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History and New Mexico MESA Inc., will present the "2008 Share Fair" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9, near the museum at the south end of Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 N. Telshor Blvd.

The share fair will provide hands-on science and math-related activities geared toward elementary and middle-school aged students.

SEA is offering a \$100 gift certificate from Carolina Biological Supply Co. to the school having the most students participate in activities at the fair.

Contact LCPS Science Advisor Program Coordinator Pamela Egan at 527-6050, 635-5169 or sciad@lcp.k12.nm.us for more information.

Striders walk in Deming

The Sun Country Striders will host a non-competitive walk on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9 and 10, in Deming. There will be a 6K walk and a 10K walk. The start and finish point will be at Peppers Supermarket, 812 Florida St. This is an easy walk on city sidewalks through historic Deming. The course is suitable for strollers, however wheelchairs may encounter problems. Deli items, water and restrooms will be available at the start and finish point. A club member will be available from 8 to 11 a.m. to assist with registration. Admission is free unless walking for IVV Credit, in which case admission is \$3.

For more information, contact Bob or Ruth Glover at 544-8206 or cuwalkn@msn.com, or visit www.zianet.com/dpiland/SunCountry.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the Good Samaritan Society Village Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

New Mexico State University professor Curtis Monger will give a presentation titled "Landscape Evolution in the Las Cruces Area - Natural and Human Forces in the Late Quaternary." The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 524-9497 or 521-3852.

Character Counts! meets

The Mesilla Valley Character Counts! Task Force will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Conference Room A of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249.

For more information, contact Patricia Monge at 527-5871 or pmonge@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Educational retirees lecture

Lola Lesterich will give a Black History Month speech at the luncheon meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. All retirees who have worked in any educational organization and their spouses are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is \$15. RSVP to Nova Jennet at 523-1129.

PAGE meeting set

Doña Ana County Parents and Advocates for Gifted Education (PAGE) will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the LCPS Educational Services Professional Development office, 411 N. Armijo St.

The topic of the February meeting will be "Gifted Girl Women (A Gift or a Curse)," presented by Teresa Rowison and her daughter Madison.

For more information, contact PAGE President Lucy Rathgeber at 522-7680 or Gilalom@comcast.net or LCPS Advanced Educational Services Coordinator Lori Comallie-Caplan at 527-5914 or lcomallie@lcp.k12.nm.us.

Real estate market seminar

A free home buyer and investor seminar titled "How to Take Advantage of the Current Real Estate Market" will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Bueno Title Company classroom, 2802 Doral Court. A buffet dinner will be provided. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 640-7836.

Teen advisory group at library

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., is inviting area teens in grades 6-12, to participate in a monthly teen advisory group. The group is an opportunity for teens to share ideas, discuss books, create teen programs and library-related services and enhance awareness of library resources available for teens.

Teens interested in becoming a member should contact the Young Adult Department at 528-4102 or attend the group's next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, in the library boardroom. Light refreshments will be provided. If accommodations due to a disability are needed, call the library at least 48 hours in advance at 528-4000. The TTY number is 528-4008.

Gerald Thomas to lecture

The Academy for Learning in Retirement will present a lecture series by Dr. Gerald Thomas, NMSU president emeritus, discussing his experiences as a naval aviator in World War II. The four-part lecture series will cover his experiences in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of war. Thomas will speak at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 12 and 19, and Thursdays, Feb. 14 and 21, in the Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

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

For more information, contact ALR Chair Flavia McCormick at 522-7564.

Valentine to grandparents

There will be a "Valentine to Grandparents" event at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, in the Housing Authority conference room, 926 S. San Pedro St. Refreshments will be served. Included will be a presentation of "The Assessment of the Needs of Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in Doña Ana County" from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Rudy Jaime at City of Las Cruces Senior Programs at 528-3301

NAACP meets Thursday

The NAACP Doña Ana Branch will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All interested people are welcome. For more information, call 527-5765.

Park has Archaeology Day

Archaeology Day at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 16. There

will be arts and crafts activities for children including making a take-home clay pot. Visitors can learn how to grind corn and throw an atlatl - a tool ancient inhabitants of the area used to hunt their food. At one station, children can learn how to gather data about artifacts the same way a scientist would. The event is free, and families are encouraged to participate.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces off of U.S. Highway 70. Exit at Mesa Grande Drive, make a U-turn under the highway and turn right on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.5 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scientific literacy by fostering an understanding of the Chihuahuan Desert. The Nature Park provides hands-on science education programs for more than 12,000 students throughout southern New Mexico and west Texas each year. Anyone interested in learning more about the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, membership, and volunteer opportunities can call the nature park office at 524-3334 or visit www.cdn.org.

Libertarian Party convention

The Libertarian Party of New Mexico will hold its annual convention from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Dresp Room of Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. A welcome and refreshments will precede the convention at 12:30 p.m. All local Libertarians are urged to attend. Anyone interested in learning more about the party is welcome to attend.

The Libertarian Party, the third largest nationwide, is based on principles of minimal constitutional government and personal freedom, recognizing that individuals should be held responsible for making their own choices. For more information, call 541-9079 or visit www.lpnm.org/dona-ana.

Sojourning Mason meet weekly

Sojourning Masons Doña Ana Lodge #78 AF&AM, 1200 W. University Ave., meets every Saturday, with an 8 a.m. breakfast on the second and fourth Saturdays, followed by Stated Communication at 9 a.m., and Ritual Practice every first and third Saturday at 9 a.m.

For more information, call 642-0257 or 525-2159 or visit www.zianet.com/ae4w/dad78.



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MAYOR'S DISTRICT MEETINGS ON GROWTH ISSUES

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima will hold a series of public input meetings on growth issues in each of the six city council districts to also be attended by the councilor representing each district. There will also be one citywide daytime meeting for residents unable to attend evening meetings in their districts. The schedule is as follows by date:

District 5: Tue., Feb. 5th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunrise Elementary School, 5300 Holman Dr. with Councilor Gil Jones

Citywide: Fri., Feb. 8th, 12 - 2:00 p.m. at

Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Dr.

District 2: Mon., Feb. 11th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Club Fusion, 101 E. Union Ave. with Councilor Dolores Connor

District 3: Tue., Feb. 12th, 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Conlee Elementary School, 1701 Boston Dr. with Mayor Pro-Tem Dolores Archuleta

District 1: Wed., Feb. 20th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Rio Grande Theater, 211 N. Downtown Mall with Councilor Miguel Silva

District 4: Thu., Feb. 21st, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Dr. with Councilor Nathan P. Small

District 6: Tue., Feb. 26th, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Dr. with Councilor Sharon K. Thomas

For more information call the mayor's office at 575/541-2067. The TTY is 575/541-2182.

The City of Las Cruces will make reasonable accommodation for a qualified individual with a disability who wishes to attend the meetings. Please notify the City of Las Cruces at least 48 hours before the meeting by calling 541-2066. The TTY number to call is 541-2182.

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HEALTH NEWS

Bright Star Dental features Dentistry from the Heart

N.M. doc's Valentine gift to all

Each Valentine's Day, Dr. Brian Gilbert and the Bright Star Dental team spread goodwill and cheer to the local community with their Dentistry from the Heart event. Dentistry from the Heart is Bright Star Dental's annual Valentine's gift of free fillings and cleanings to the people of southern New Mexico and west Texas. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, and is limited to patients age 18 and up with a photo ID.

Dr. Vince Monticciolo of New Port Richey, Fla., originally started Dentistry from the Heart seven years ago. Monticciolo is doing what he can to turn it into a national movement among other practices. In leading up to this year's event, Monticciolo has been actively urging dentists across the nation to hold their own Dentistry from the Heart events for one day out of the year as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation to their respective communities. Monticciolo has made it a personal goal to get thousands of dentists to take part in the program.

During the February 2007 event, Gilbert and his volunteer staff treated more than 160 patients in a single day. The team provided cleanings, extractions and fillings valued at over \$38,000. People began lining up in the parking lot as early

as 5 a.m. in order to receive free dental care.

"The biggest demand is from people who've been hurting for a long time. This is what they need: someone who can do a little work for them at no charge, first come, first serve," Gilbert said. "We get a lot of hugs and we get a lot of kisses - all we ask is for a smile in return."

"We spend the rest of the year simply running a traditional dental practice. One day is a pretty small thing but we think it makes a difference in the lives of the people who come to us for help. Dentistry from the Heart is a way of giving thanks for our own successes."

Gilbert's goodwill has spread to the local, non-dental community too. Dental supply companies, local restaurants and businesses and many of his patients donated their time and goods to the Dentistry from the Heart cause.

Together, he and his team do whatever they can on Dentistry from the Heart day to take care of fillings and cleanings. Patients who need on-going care or have problems that cannot be fixed in one day are referred to community clinics where they can receive on-going treatment at low or no cost.

Originally from Los Alamos, Gilbert

graduated in 1985 from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in biology, and in 1989 he received his dental degree from the University of Colorado School of Dentistry.

Dentistry from the Heart happens just one day a year. On other days, Dr. Gilbert

and the team at Bright Star Dental perform a full range of general and cosmetic dental procedures, and he is also licensed for oral sedation dentistry. For more information, contact Cynthia Martos at 575-993-9253 or cyn.drbriangilbert@yahoo.com or visit www.BrightStarDental.com.



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Dr. Brian Gilbert, assisted by dental assistants Teresa Mendoza, center, and Crystal Moreno, fills a cavity on a front tooth of Mark Hensley, last February at Bright Star Dental. With the aid of volunteers from as far away as Silver City and Albuquerque, Dr. Gilbert and his staff will spend the Friday, Feb. 8, giving free dental services to any and all clients who came to the clinic. He said that he and his staff were giving back to the community, which has treated them very well, and that he has made the free clinic an annual event.

Meth presentation available for schools

New Mexico State Police Lt. Frank Musitano is making visits to Las Cruces schools to tell students, staff, parents and community members about the dangers of methamphetamine, a highly addictive drug that stimulates the nervous system.

During the presentations, Musitano will define what "meth" is, give its history, health problems associated with its use, signs that a person is using meth, indications that a meth lab is in use and

will show graphic photos of meth users and their self-inflicted injuries, he said.

For more information and to schedule a meth presentation, contact Musitano at 644-1650 or the New Mexico State Police Office, Narcotics Division at 541-7521. Contact Musitano directly at 644-1650 or st8kop@yahoo.com, or contact Zamora at 527-5868 or dzamora@lcp.k12.nm.us, or visit http://lcp.k12.nm.us/Departments/FedPrograms/title_IV.shtml.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs such as walking groups, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art sand painting, the crafters and the Munson quilters. **Senior Programs will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, in observance of the President's Day holiday.**

■ CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

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

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

■ AQUATICS, SENIOR WATER EXERCISE

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

■ AEROBICS

Aerobics class with Ra Williams is temporarily suspended, for more information call Munson Center at 528-3000.

■ YOGA CLASS

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

■ SENIOR FOLKLORICO

Senior Folklorico with Juan Ortiz is held

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

■ TAI CHI WITH CHER

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

■ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE

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

■ DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

55 Alive Defensive Driving class will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22, at Immaculat Heart of Mary Parish Hall, 1240 S. Espina St. Attendees must attend both days to receive their certificate. Class size is limited and payment of \$10 is due at the door. No pre-registration is required.

■ CANASTA

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

■ BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

■ BEGINNING SQUARE DANCING

Beginning square dancing classes with caller Art Harvey are held on Tuesday evenings at the Munson Senior Center at 7 p.m.

The free classes are open to ages 50 and over and guests. Partners are not necessary.

■ WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

■ BINGO MANIA

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

■ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

■ 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.

■ HORSESHOE PITCHING PRACTICE

Horseshoe Pitching Practice is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Youngblood Courts on Hadley Drive, across

from Meerscheidt Recreation Center. For more information, call Art Cuaron at 524-0166.

■ CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

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

■ BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

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

■ SPANISH TEACHERS NEEDED

Munson Senior Center is in need of beginning Spanish teachers on a volunteer basis. If you have an interest and two to three hours a week to teach, contact Irene Aguilar at 528-3000 or stop by the Munson Senior Center.

■ MINI ART GALLERY

Mini Art Gallery will be held at the Munson Senior Center from Feb. 11-15. The gallery will be open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

The gallery is open to the public and features fine art and handmade crafts by senior artisans, 50 and over.

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Seniors see quality health care options in New Mexico

Some cancer care tips for retirees

New Mexico is home to one of the hottest retirement spots in the nation – Las Cruces. With beautiful vistas, an economical cost of living, a relaxed lifestyle and more than 300 days of sunshine a year, it's no wonder Las Cruces has been selected by AARP and Money Magazine as one of the best places in the United States to retire.

Retirees have a whole host of issues when retiring or relocating to a new city or state, chief among them is finding quality health care in their new community.

New Mexico Cancer Statistics

- Cancer in the second deadliest disease in the state. In 2008, more than 8,000

New Mexicans will be diagnosed with cancer, and more than 3,270 will die from it.

- Over half of New Mexicans diagnosed with cancer are 65 or older.
- The highest portion of women diagnosed with breast cancer in New Mexico are age 55 and older.
- Lung cancer incidence in New Mexico increases with age, with more than 90 percent of cases in people 55 and older.
- Ninety-five percent of New Mexican men diagnosed with prostate cancer are over 55.
- Incidence of colorectal cancer increases with age, as more than 90 percent of cases are diagnosed in people over 50.
- Each year, 200 New Mexicans are diagnosed with melanoma and almost 40 die of the disease.

The most effective cancer treatment depends upon early screening and effective treatment planning, which, in turn, increases survivorship. Having access to evidence-based treatment services and selecting the right option for the individual patient is essential.

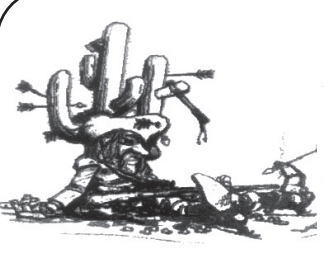
Cancer prevention

Following are tips to consider when approaching cancer care, treatment, and prevention during retirement years:

- Upon relocating to a new town or city, be sure to research the cancer care and treatment centers in the area. How long has the treatment center been operating in the area? What type of technology do they use in diagnosis and treatment? Will all treatments be available in one location?
- Ask for references for primary care physicians, oncologists, hematologists and radiation oncologists in the area.

- Seniors should check the status of the providers and cancer centers within their health insurance plan and/or Medicare to determine if they might need supplemental health insurance.
- Seniors should also reach out to others in the community and establish a buddy system by teaming up with someone who knows their treatment plan and doctors and can go with them to appointments.
- Schedule appointments for less hectic times of the day for the center to avoid long waits and traffic on the roadways.
- Shop for and prepare foods that fit lifestyle and nutritional needs. Eat lots of colorful fruits and vegetables and including nuts and whole grain breads.
- Be sure to wear sunscreen, a hat, long-sleeved shirt and sunglasses even in the winter months to protect against harmful UV rays.

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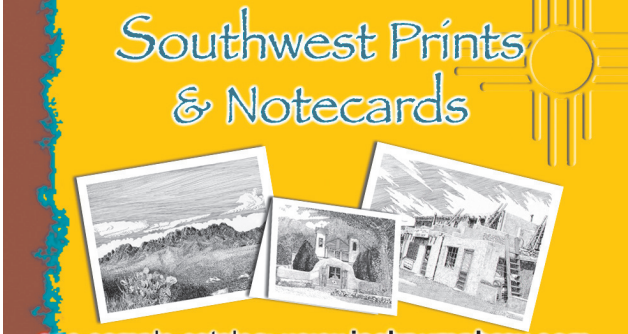


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AROUND TOWN

health events and support groups

■ BIOLOGY OF MENTAL ILLNESS MEETING

The biology of mental illness is the topic of the February meeting of the International Center for the Study of Psychiatry and Psychology's Southwest Chapter. The meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Dresp Room of the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The state and direction of scientific investigation of the brain and the mind and various interpretations of scientific findings will be discussed. For more information, call Sue at 522-0661.

■ DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR SUPPORT GROUP

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

The meetings are open to the public and for anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more information, call 680-6169 or 522-0517.

■ YOUNG FATHER'S FATHERHOOD PROJECT

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

■ BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at various location in Las Cruces on a weekly basis.

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

■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces offers breastfeed-

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

■ STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

A Stroke Support group meeting is held at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Doña Ana room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

■ ATTACHMENT PARENTING INTERNATIONAL

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

■ ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Gift of Life organ transplant support group will meet at MountainView Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Education Room on every second Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The group will help to bring information and support to people that have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Geraldo at 496-7913.

■ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COLLABORATIVE

The Doña Ana County Behavioral Health Local Collaborative meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the downstairs meeting room. The meeting is open to the public and anyone (consumers, family members, pro-

viders, agencies, organizations, churches, etc.) who is involved in behavioral health in Doña Ana County. Behavioral health includes both mental illness and substance abuse problems. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting.

■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group holds meeting every third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Social Center

at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, and every third Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Las Flores Room at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, leave a message at 523-9177.

■ CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A Caregivers Support Group will be offered from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, Feb. 13 and 27, at the Women's Resource Center,

4351 E. Lohman, Suite 404.

The group, facilitated by Alaina Johnson, Audrey Hartley, Faith Lester or Jan Wimsatt, will offer support for the caregiver in geriatric related issues. Participants should bring their own lunch and join the group for education, sharing and encouragement.

The class is free and open to the public. The group fills up quickly, so pre-registration is requested. To register or for more information, call 556-6890.

■ YOGA CLASSES OFFERED BY CITY

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

IF YOU WERE ARRESTED AND STRIP SEARCHED AT DOÑA ANA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER BEFORE YOUR ARRAIGNMENT ON OR BETWEEN MARCH 7, 2003, AND MARCH 7, 2006, OR THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IN LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO BEFORE YOUR ARRAIGNMENT ON OR BETWEEN MAY 16, 2003, AND MAY 16, 2006, YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION UNDER A CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT.

There is a proposed Settlement of two consolidated Class Action lawsuits, *Lira v. Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, et al.*, and *Rodriguez v. Doña Ana County Board of Commissioner, et al.*, pending in the United States District Court for the District of New Mexico. The lawsuits concern the strip search policy and practices at the Doña Ana County Detention Center and the Doña Ana County Juvenile Detention Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

What is the Litigation About?

Plaintiffs alleged that Defendants violated various federal and state laws by strip searching certain persons at the Doña Ana County Detention Center and the Doña Ana County Juvenile Detention Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico, between March 7, 2003, and May 16, 2006.

Who is Involved?

You may be a member of the Settlement Class if you were strip searched at the Doña Ana County Detention Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico, prior to arraignment between March 7, 2003, and March 7, 2006, or if you were strip searched at the Doña Ana County Juvenile Detention Center in Las Cruces, New Mexico, prior to arraignment between May 16, 2003, and May 16, 2006. To see if you may qualify for a payment you should check the website or call the toll free number below.

What are the Terms?

The total settlement in this case is \$5,300,000.00. At the conclusion of the Claims Period, the amount available for payment of claims will be divided by the number of qualifying claims submitted.

Class Counsel will apply to the Court for an attorneys' fee and cost award of \$1,666,667.00. Representative Plaintiffs will apply for awards of \$25,000 each. Actual costs incurred by the Claims Administrator will be paid from the settlement.

For more information or to receive a claim form, consult the website or call the toll free number below.

What are My Legal Rights?

If you wish to share in the Settlement Fund you must file a claim as discussed below. If the Court approves the Proposed Settlement, you will receive a payment if you qualify. You will also be bound by all of the Court's orders. This means you will drop and release any claims you may have against the Defendants covered by this Settlement.

If you wish to participate in this settlement you must complete a Claim Form. You can get a Claim Form by contacting the Claims Administrator, in writing, at the address given below, or by calling the toll free number. Claim Forms must be signed under penalty of perjury and returned to the Claims Administrator post-marked no later than 30 days from the Final Approval Hearing.

If you do not wish to be a member of the Settlement Classes, you must sign an Opt-Out Form as outlined in the Stipulation of Settlement and Notice which you can download from the website or get from the Claims Administrator. Your Opt-Out Form must be signed, under penalty of perjury, and returned to the Claims Administrator post-marked no later than March 20, 2008.

When Will the Settlement be Approved?

The United States District Court for the District of New Mexico will hold a Fairness Hearing to decide if the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate at 1:30 p.m. on May 12, 2008 at the United States District Court, Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 200 E. Griggs, Second Floor, Visiting Judge's Courtroom, Las Cruces, New Mexico. At the hearing the Court will also consider whether Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

If you remain a member of the Settlement Classes you or your counsel have the right to appear before the Court and to object to the Settlement. However, in order to object, you must file a written objection, as outlined in the Stipulation of Settlement and long form notice. Objections must be filed with the Court by March 20, 2008.

FOR INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT, YOUR RIGHTS, AND A COPY OF THE NOTICE:

Visit: www.liravdonaanacounty.com
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SI USTED FUE ARRESTADO Y SOMETIDO A CACHEO AL DESNUDO EN EL CENTRO DE DETENCIÓN DEL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA ANTES DE SER PRESENTADO ANTE EL JUEZ, ENTRE EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2003 Y EL 7 DE MARZO DE 2006, AMBAS FECHAS INCLUSIVE, O EN EL CENTRO DE DETENCIÓN JUVENIL DEL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA EN LAS CRUCES, NUEVO MÉXICO, ANTES DE SER PRESENTADO ANTE EL JUEZ, ENTRE EL 16 DE MAYO DE 2003 Y EL 16 DE MAYO DE 2006, AMBAS FECHAS INCLUSIVE, ES POSIBLE QUE TENGA DERECHO A UNA COMPENSACIÓN EN LOS TÉRMINOS DE UN CONVENIO JUDICIAL DE DEMANDA COLECTIVA.

Hay un convenio judicial propuesto para dos Demandas Colectivas consolidadas, *Lira vs. el Consejo de Comisionados del Condado de Doña Ana, et al.*, y *Rodriguez vs. el Consejo de Comisionados del Condado de Doña Ana, et al.*, pendientes en el Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Nuevo México. Las demandas se refieren a las políticas y prácticas de cacheo al desnudo en el Centro de Detención del Condado de Doña Ana y en el Centro de Detención Juvenil del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México.

¿A qué se refiere la disputa?

Los Demandantes aducen que las Partes Demandadas violaron varias leyes federales y estatales realizando cacheos al desnudo a ciertas personas en el Centro de Detención del Condado de Doña Ana y en el Centro de Detención Juvenil del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, entre el 7 de marzo de 2003 y el 16 de mayo de 2006.

¿Quién está implicado?

Es posible que usted sea miembro del Colectivo del Convenio si fue sometido a cacheo al desnudo en el Centro de Detención del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, antes de ser presentado ante el juez, entre el 7 de marzo de 2003 y el 7 de marzo de 2006, o si fue cacheado al desnudo en el Centro de Detención Juvenil del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, antes de ser presentado ante el juez, entre el 16 de mayo de 2003 y el 16 de mayo de 2006. Para ver si cumple los requisitos para un pago, debe revisar el sitio Web o llamar al número sin costo que aparece debajo.

¿Cuáles son las condiciones?

La liquidación total para este caso es de \$5,300,000.00. Al finalizar el Período de Reclamaciones, la cantidad disponible para el pago de reclamaciones se dividirá entre el número de reclamaciones presentadas que califiquen.

El Abogado del Colectivo solicitará al Tribunal una adjudicación de honorarios y costos de abogado de \$1,666,667.00. Los Demandantes Representantes solicitarán adjudicaciones de \$25,000 cada uno. Los costos efectivos en que incurra el Administrador de las Reclamaciones se pagarán de la liquidación.

Para obtener más información o para recibir un formulario de reclamación, consulte el sitio Web o llame al número sin costo que aparece abajo.

¿Cuáles son mis derechos legales?

Si desea tomar parte en el Fondo del Convenio, debe presentar una reclamación como se señala más adelante. Si el Tribunal aprueba el Convenio Propuesto, usted recibirá un pago si cumple los requisitos. También estará obligado por todos los mandatos judiciales del Tribunal. Esto significa que abandonará y liberará cualquier reclamación que pueda tener contra las Partes Demandadas cubiertas por este Convenio.

Si desea participar en este convenio, debe rellenar un Formulario de Reclamación. Puede obtener un Formulario de Reclamación comunicándose con el Administrador de Reclamaciones, por escrito, en la dirección que se indica abajo, o llamando al número de teléfono sin costo. Los Formularios de Reclamación deben estar firmados bajo pena de perjurio y devolverse al Administrador de Reclamaciones cuando mucho 30 días después de la Audiencia de Aprobación Final.

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El Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos para el Distrito de Nuevo México realizará una Audiencia de Equidad para decidir si el convenio propuesto es equitativo, razonable y adecuado a la 1:30 a.m. del 12 de mayo de 2008, en el Tribunal de Distrito de los Estados Unidos, Edificio Federal y Tribunal de los EE. UU., 200 E. Griggs, Segundo Piso, Tribunal del Juez Visitante, Las Cruces, Nuevo México. En la audiencia, el Tribunal también sopesará si la solicitud de los Abogados del Colectivo de honorarios y costos de abogados es equitativa, razonable y adecuada.

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Main Street: A local and statewide priority

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Santa Fe short session in full swing

Two members of Las Cruces Downtown, Vice-President Greg Smith and Executive Director Cindi Fargo, visited legislators in Santa Fe this week. Smith and Fargo provided updates on LCDT accomplishments and requested support for bills relating to state-wide funding for Main Street. Funding for MainStreet Program administration, funds for the newly established Arts and Cultural District Program, and for the Main Street Capital Outlay are among the statewide priorities. Although it is a short session, much has to be accomplished, and according to one lobbyist "it is just as much work as the full session in half as much time." Downtown Las Cruces continues to be first on the City of Las Cruces Capital Improvement Program requests and funding for completion of the Main Street Downtown Plaza is at the top of the list.

Arts and cultural districts selected

Silver City and Las Vegas, N.M. are the State's inaugural Arts and Cultural Districts. The announcement was made by Lt. Governor Diane Denish and Cabinet Secretary Fred Mondragon in Santa Fe last week. These two rural communities are well underway in demonstrating their commitment to developing the arts and culture component of their downtown economies. New Mexico Main Street has pledged assistance to the communities who were not selected in preparation for the next round of competition. Las Cruces Downtown will reorganize, regroup and apply again in the next round competition with assistance from New Mexico MainStreet.

2008 Legislative Guide a hit

In partnership with the Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Downtown presented a six-page section in the 2008 Las Cruces Legislative Guide. The section includes an overview of Downtown activities, fresh images of Downtown's changing streetscape, with photography by Russell Bamert and Jim Turrentine, and four pages of advertising by downtown businesses. The guide demonstrates the true public/private partnership that is needed to create a successful downtown revitalization. The section was funded in part by a grant from NMgobiz.org.

TIDD adopted by Downtown voters

With a 97 percent approval rating, the Tax Increment Development District was approved by Downtown property owners. The approval brings an enormous opportunity for funding of Downtown infrastructure projects, such as the much needed reopening of the remaining sections of Main Street. Each year we lose millions of

dollars in sales of goods and services from the vacant and under-utilized spaces along Main Street. This loss must be reversed. The TIDD is another tool which we will utilize to reverse the cycle of disinvestment Downtown.

Main Street state-wide conference

Interim Vice-President Greg Smith and Executive Director Cindi Fargo attended the Statewide Main Street Conference in Santa Fe along with 22 other New Mexico Main Street Communities. The neighboring southern New Mexico community of Deming was among the newly selected Main Street Start-Up Communities. Attendees at the session received first class training in volunteer development by expert, Carol Weisman, of Board Builders, Inc., who presented over two days of the session. The New Mexico Main Street Coalition presented their 2008 legislative agenda and orchestrated visits to legislators. Lisa Martinez, director of the State of New Mexico Construction Industries Division, presented on the building code process in New Mexico, new codes for existing buildings and ways that our Main Street programs can facilitate the balancing of historic rehabilitation with safety, access and green code requirements.

In memoriam: Caroline Gustafson

Downtown lost a treasured friend when Caroline Gustafson passed away recently. She was a champion of life, a Downtown pioneer and demonstrated loving concern for friends and family. I had only begun to know Caroline, but she made a fast impression, letting me know right away about her interest in developing spaces Downtown, recruiting new businesses and most of all, getting a water feature in place as a memorial to Henry Gustafson, her late husband. Caroline and her daughter Sigrid have been working with the Design Team for the Main Street Downtown Plaza to design the water feature as part of the new plaza. The family has asked that donations to support the construction of this water feature be sent in the name of Henry and Caroline Gustafson to Las Cruces Downtown – a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. The Gustafsons leave a legacy of good will and good works in our community, and through their enduring generations, will continue to positively influence the future of Downtown Las Cruces. On behalf of the many people involved with Las Cruces Downtown, whose efforts have been supported and whose lives have been touched, we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Design and Planning Assistance Center unveils design principles

The Design and Planning Assistance Center, a graduate program at the University of New Mexico has completed its downtown study and presented "Guiding Principles for Downtown Design" to the City of Las Cruces

and Las Cruces Downtown. The New Mexico Main Street program contracts annually with the University of New Mexico's Design Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) to provide on-site planning and pre-design services to New Mexico Main Street towns, and Las Cruces was able to take advantage of these services as a New Mexico Main Street community. Each DPAC visit is tailored to the particular town's needs. University of New Mexico professors Dr. Phil Gallegos and Dr. Judith Wong, assisted by two graduate students spent the last five months working on design concepts that may be used to guide future development in downtown Las Cruces. The document

may be adopted in concept by the City Council and may be used by both Las Cruces Downtown and the City of Las Cruces to provide assistance to owners seeking to improve their downtown properties.

Fifteen communities throughout New Mexico have already received the DPAC service. The DPAC studio combines the talents of architecture, landscape archi-

tecture and planning students, along with their professors and brings technical assistance to downtown. UNM's DPAC program recently received an award from the National Council of Architectural Registration

Boards (NCARB) for "creative integration of practice and education" an acknowledgement of the effective role that the university plays in revitalizing the built environment, public spaces and community facilities in our New Mexico towns.

Volunteer powered Downtown

Las Cruces Downtown can proudly report that we are a volunteer powered organization. During the last quarter of 2007, nearly 700 volunteer hours were logged by Las Cruces Downtown volunteers. These volunteer hours keep our downtown revitalization program moving full speed ahead. Our LCDT board is volunteer based, our membership recruitment program is kept on track by volunteers, and many of our committees and projects are led by volunteers who plan, execute, and evaluate our activities. Our LCDT volunteers are enthusiastic about downtown revitalization, and can hardly wait until our downtown is back and thriving. A special note about just how dedicated volunteers can be – our LCDT administrative assistant, Alta Heath, volunteers 30 hours per week of her time to keep our administrative activities in good order. Alta has dedicated many years of her life to downtown revitalization – and is at the top of our list of volunteer heroes. Many thanks to Alta and all of our LCDT volunteers. You are the lifeblood of Las Cruces Downtown.

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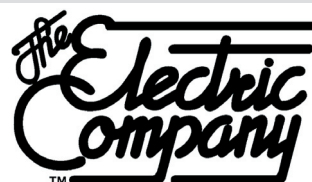


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Leadership Las Cruces starting up

Deadline is Feb. 8 for applications

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is preparing for its 2008 Leadership Las Cruces program and is accepting applications through Friday, Feb. 8.

The nine-month program, which begins with an orientation in March, trains potential community leaders providing them with insight on issues pertaining exclusively to the area. The program benefits both newcomers and lifelong residents, said chamber Communications and Leadership Director Daniella De Luca.

"Through this program, participants get a first-hand look at the Las Cruces community and the opportunity to network with prominent community officials as well as their own classmates," De Luca said.

Glen Cerny, New Mexico State University director of university broadcasting, is a graduate of the 2007 Leadership Las Cruces class. Because he was new to the area, he said he decided to participate.

"I just saw it as a great way to jump in with both feet to get involved with the community," he said. "And another part of the reason to join was to get a better idea on how I should be programming KRWG-TV and FM. Several programming ideas have already aired."

For Cerny, networking was just as important as gaining insight to community issues.

"I was very pleased with what I got out of the sessions, and the number of times I have already used the contacts from just the people that were in our group has been unbelievable," he said. "We just developed a familiarity and a comfort, and I think all of us are very comfortable calling each other just to say hello or ask a question."

The 2008 class will learn the history of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County as well as explore and discuss state and local government, community topics, health care, economic and small business development, agriculture, education, military and leadership training.

Candidates are selected from professional, educational, governmental, nonprofit and business sectors within the county. Those interested in participating in the program must submit an application, which can be found on the chamber's website, www.lascruces.org.

Tuition for the class is \$900 and includes all meals and travel to most sites. For more information contact De Luca at 524-1968 or dani@lascruces.org.

WSMR company investing in workforce development

NewTec partners with NMSU, DACC

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin



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While speaking at a MVEDA luncheon, NewTec President and CEO Charles Garcia outlines the company's projects and workforce development efforts while under contract at White Sands Missile Range.

Since the company won its White Sands Missile Range contract in 2006, NewTec has employed 500 people at the range to assist in several projects, ranging from radar and optics operation and maintenance to assisting with Future Combat Systems operations.

While having a contract at WSMR, NewTec more importantly has formed partnerships with local educational institutions, such as New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College, to provide its students with local professional opportunities. The partnership, called the Workforce Development Council, also includes NMSU-Alamogordo, the University of Texas-El Paso and El Paso Community College, providing scholarships for students and helping NewTec recruit local students.

"We've created a pipeline to replenish the workforce at White Sands and keep it current," said Charles Garcia, NewTec president and CEO, during the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Business on the Border Forum Feb. 5. "When they get near graduation, they have the option of becoming a co-op or maybe they can wait a little longer and join the workforce."

As of October 2006, Garcia said approximately 35 employees have been hired through the effort of the Workforce Development Council.

The pipeline, he said, also gives institutions access to Arizona, as NewTec also has contracts at the Electronic Proving Ground in Arizona.

Through the 10-year contract signed with the institutions, Garcia said he agreed to give \$25,000 to each university in order to create endowments for scholarships.

NewTec was ranked by the New Mexico Business Weekly as the No. 2 New Mexico business with Department of Defense Contracts. Garcia said NewTec is No. 1 in terms of U.S. Army contracts in New Mexico.

The company generated a total of \$70 million in revenue during the 2007 fiscal year and has a \$50 million economic impact, including salaries in New Mexico. The company also subcontracts \$31.6 million, 39 percent of which goes to New Mexico companies.

In addition to NewTec, Allstate plans to hire a total of 259 employees by the end of this month, said MVEDA President and CEO Steve Vierck, and six companies have committed to either relocate or establish their business in Doña Ana County, bringing 589 jobs over the next three years, making MVEDA meet its annual goal in six months.

Fred Shepherd, MVEDA business development manager, said there are several solar companies also interested in relocating to the area.

Baca urges chile automation research

Local growers receive advice on leaf spots

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The bottom line is that people love chile.

"The rest of the United States is learning that we in New Mexico have known all along, that chile is good," Gene Baca, New Mexico Chile Association chairman said at the New Mexico Chile Conference.

During the 2007 session, the legislators granted \$862,000 to New Mexico State University for chile research.

"Automation is the key to our chile industry to allow us to compete in the world market," said Baca, who also is Bueno Foods Chile Products president. "With continued funding we think that we can be harvesting chile mechanically by 2009."

But the chile industry also must find a breakthrough in genetic engineering. He gave an example:

"We've never been able to develop chile plants through breeding that were resistant to phytophthora," Baca said. "With genetic engineering we could inject spe-



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Chiles grown in the Mesilla Valley will be an integral part of the international market once automation is made available to local farmers.

cific genes into chile plants and that could give us a way to develop a phytophthora-resistant chile plant. But I realize that it would be a long-time project."

The association also continues to lobby for more funding in the State Legislature. "Our representatives in Santa Fe

understand the economic and cultural importance of the chile industry," Baca said. "We believe we're getting very good support from the governor and legislators throughout New Mexico. Chile is the heart and soul of New Mexico."

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PROFILE

Brian Haines: Taking the county out to the community

Haines ushers in 'new era of professionalism'

BY BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As a child, County Manager Brian Haines was always curious about the large cello his mother kept under her grand piano. He was too small to lift it at the time, but by fourth grade he was carrying around the hefty instrument and on his way to becoming an accomplished cellist.

"Music is something that always intrigued me as a child. I can remember listening to Beethoven's symphonies that my mom had on vinyl and being absolutely blown away," he said.

So he continued to practice, and as of today Haines has played with both the Las Cruces and El Paso symphonies and is still working on a degree in the field of music.

"I am still slowly chipping away at a music degree. Music is my passion," he said. "Right now I am studying the last of Beethoven's string quartets. I am particularly interested in the fourth movement of one of those last five quartets he wrote, Opus 133. It was about the time that people had decided Beethoven had gone absolutely mad. He wrote a crazy piece and was ultimately asked to rewrite the movement and make it more typical, but the original version is very fascinating."

Though he never really set his cello aside, Haines moved in another direction when it came to paying the

**"Every time
I get knocked down
I get back up."**

bills. A fourth-generation resident of Doña Ana County, Haines graduated from Las Cruces High School and later received his bachelor's degree in accounting from New Mexico State University.

After receiving his degree, he began a 20-year career in public accounting working as an auditor of local, state and tribal governments.

After traveling all over New Mexico conducting governmental audits, constant travel began to wear on him, but he still wanted to utilize his years of expertise.

"Having audited Doña Ana County back in the early '90s, I knew that in the spring time they were going through their budget process and that they might need some help, so I called and sure enough they did. They actually had a couple of out-

standing audits that needed to be caught up, so they hired me as a temporary," he said.

When he had completed his task, a full-time position opened up and he became employed by the county full time. Then in early spring of 2002 the previous county manager did some reorganizing and created a financial services department, placing Haines as the financial services director.

"Roughly a year later, in April of 2003, I was interim county manager. Then during my interim they did a national search for a county manager and 155 applicants applied, and I threw my hat in the ring," he said.

The commission ultimately hired Haines in July 2003, and he has spent five years focusing on the betterment of Doña Ana County.

Perhaps the most widely known step the county has taken in the last few years is the building of the new 165,000-square-foot Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

"I am real proud of the way we were able to pull the financing together for this. It was through a series of different types of funding mechanisms and a bond issue on the PLT (payment in lieu of taxes) money that we received. At the time we were the first county in New Mexico that had ever been able to sell bonds on a PLT revenue stream."

The county was able to construct the building for just under \$22 million dollars, which Haines said is a real accomplishment.

"To put that in perspective, the new federal courthouse building is going to cost \$80 million, and I think that for the new city hall they are looking at substantially less square feet for a higher price, and that is just the way the market shakes out," he said.

While the cost of the complex had to do with the timing and condition of the market, the county also used many cost-saving measures like cubicles that had been refurbished.

"Now we have a facility that houses not only all of the county offices, but also the five elected officials: the treasurer, the clerk, the assessor, the probate judge and the sheriff," he said.

"Before, we were scattered, and it was a very disjointed physical relationship that we all had with each

other. It tended to create real divisions within departments," he said. "One of the most fundamental benefits of this building is bringing everybody together under one roof and building a team spirit of collaboration that is very strong."

While the new building will provide space for county administration for years to come, Haines said there is always another project going on as the county continues to grow. According to Haines, the county is increasingly becoming in need of space at the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave.

"To be quite frank, the district court that we have on Alameda is already in a crowded state. As soon as we add on, the governor appoints another judge and all of the support that comes with that, and it is very hard to keep up," he said.

"We are to the point where they are actually leasing some of the office space across the street for some of their activities, so I need to be thinking about ways to address those needs. It is something that we always have to keep in mind as we grow. It is not just this building, it is all of our statutory requirements to house."

They are currently going through a needs analysis for the district court, and Haines said they will quickly be in a situation where the facility will no longer be adequate.

When it comes to working with the City of Las Cruces, Haines said they have a good and cooperative relationship.

"When issues like the animal shelter arise, Terrence (Moore) and I are able to work collaboratively to jump on a solution as quickly as possible," he said.

In fact, he said one of the things he is most proud of accomplishing during his time as county manager is creating cooperation not only with other entities in the city, but also among his own staff and county officials.

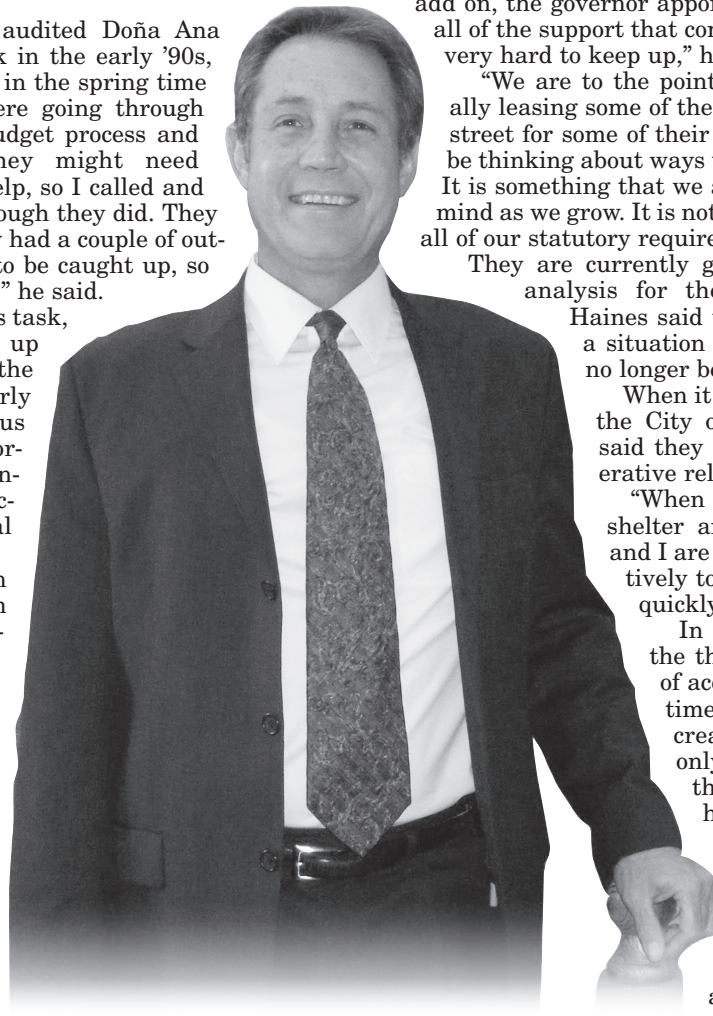
"I am really proud of the way we have turned this organization around in terms of it being a professional organization. The ethics and integrity of this organization

are really shining through. I know that it is being seen because every day I hear people saying it is not the same. It is not the political quagmire that it used to be," he said.

"Every time I get knocked down I get back up. The game had been for decades for these directors, these entrenched bureaucrats, to just outlast the county manager and throw rubble at his feet and keep him tripping and stumbling until the commission dumped him for being ineffective," he said. "Now we have a group of people who, I think, really respect the structure of the organization. We have commissioners that are proud of the organization. It is a whole new era of professionalism in this organization."

Through their cooperation, Haines said the commission has been able to better serve Doña Ana County and "take the county out to the residents."

"We have reached out and had collaborations with Hatch, Mesilla and Sunland Park. We have a tremendous relationship with Sunland Park, where before it was a very tumultuous relationship," he said. "We have community centers that we have been able to construct up and down the corridor of the county and we routinely have community meetings so that our staff can give updates on certain projects to the community and listen to their concerns."



Brian Haines Doña Ana County Manager

Family

- Father, Benjamin Hill Haines
- Mother, Julia G. Haines
- Wife, Lilly Caballero Haines

Education

- Bachelor's degree in accounting from New Mexico State University
- Certified Public Accountant

Organizations

- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance
- Memorial Medical Center Board of Trustees
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Hobbies

- Cello
- Horse riding



MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Gene Baca advises at the New Mexico Chile Conference that the chile industry has great opportunities although confronted with competition in the global market.

Chile

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One of the biggest problems with the chile industry is the shortage of labor in the fields, grading sheds and processing plants.

"One thing that we'll be lobbying for is sensible immigration reform," Baca said. "We will not continue to prosper in this country if we don't have an adequate labor supply. People are leaving the workforce

at a much greater rate than native-born people entering the workforce.

"What that tells me is that we need a supply of legal workers to fill the jobs."

But he sees opportunity for the chile industry.

"The United States is only supplying 15 percent of the U.S. chile consumption in this country," Baca said. "If we can be more cost competitive, we have tremendous growth opportunities."

The bacterial leaf spot has been damaging chile fields the last couple of years in Doña Ana and Luna counties. The

bacteria causes lesions on the leaves and causes leaves to drop, which prevents photosynthesis to convert sunlight into plant energy, and to shed chile pods.

Close management practices are needed to prevent the spread of leaf spot. The bacteria can be found in and outside of seeds and can survive up to 10 years. They can survive in the soil over winter in buried field debris. They can be spread by wind, rain and people and equipment that are being moved from field-to-field, Natalie Goldberg, New Mexico State University Extension plant pathologist, said.

The leaf spot bacteria also can develop different strains of resistance. Chemical and biological controls that check the bacteria in one field may not work in another.

The bacterial leaf spot infection rates in Doña Ana and Luna counties have been up to 100 percent.

Good management practices include starting new chile fields with clean seed or clean transplants and rotation, planting different crop, at least every two growing seasons.

The bacterial leaf spot can be present on chile plants but, at first, not show any signs infection. But high humidity and temperatures invigorate the bacteria growth, according to Soum Sanogo, NMSU assistant professor of plant pathology.

"The idea is, the bacteria are there but not in sufficient numbers at first to cause lesions," Sanogo said. "When the bacterial populations increase high enough, they

cause the lesions."

Sanogo described his management formula:

"The most important thing is that by knowing how the leaf spot survives and spread, then the greater the ability is to control, the greater the ability to manage it."

Bacteria on the seed exterior can be controlled with sodium hypochlorite, like laundry bleach. Growers should inspect transplants for signs of the bacteria and either remove transplants with bacterial signs or treat them with streptomycin. Although repeated applications may make

them resistant to the chemical, Sanogo said.

Growers also can apply a copper solution to control the bacteria in the field. But, also, continuous applications also can lead to development of bacterial resistant to the solutions.

Sanogo wrote in his brochure:

"During the growing season, regular inspection of a cross section of each field should be made. Often, the first signs of infection are individual plants with very few leaf spots.

These plants most likely originate from infected seed and can be the source of rapid spread of bacteria when favorable weather occurs. Any such plants should be removed and destroyed before they serve as a center from which bacteria may spread to other field areas. Alternatively, plants should be treated, and treatment should begin even if only a few plants are identified."

“What that tells me is that we need a supply of legal workers to fill the jobs.”

GENE BACA,
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LaserShield named client of the year

LaserShield Systems Inc., manufacturer of the first full-monitored wireless "Plug and Go" alarm system, has been named the International Business Accelerator's client of the year.

LaserShield's innovative wireless security device can be fully functional within five minutes of taking it out of the box. It provides families with an affordable alternative to the conventional wire alarm systems. The \$200 starter kit can monitor rooms up to 1,200 square feet, and as many as 11 additional wireless units can be added to a system for a minimal cost. Lasershield's alarm systems are currently available at CompUSA, Costco, Home Depot, Skymall, Montgomery Ward and Sears.

The IBA has been instrumental in assisting LaserShield in establishing distribution channels in Mexico. The company is currently negotiating contracts in this country to position their products in more than 20,000 retail outlets.

The IBA also provided support in recruiting LaserShield to the West Mesa Industrial Park in Las Cruces, where the company has invested in 10 acres of land on which it will build a distribution center. To date, the company has hired 62 employees, with an additional 58 hirings expected in the near future. A total of 120 jobs and \$20 million worth of investment will be created once the distribution center is built.

"Relocating to Las Cruces has been the right decision for our corporation," said LaserShield CEO Anthony Dorhmann. "Without the New Mexico business climate and support from assistance centers such as the International Business Accelerator, this massive undertaking would not have been possible."

With offices in Santa Teresa, and Chihuahua City, Chihuahua, the IBA is a program of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network, administered by Western New Mexico University. It offers free international trade assistance to New Mexican and foreign-based companies interested in the state. Since its inception in November 2003, the IBA has assisted more than 500 companies in New Mexico and Mexico with their international export/import needs.

HTC hires executive director

The High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico welcomed John Griffith as its executive director. Griffith will move forward HTC's programs and initiatives with his achievement approach. Previously, Griffith had been instrumental in moving countless civic programs forward and continues this work for the HTC along with the City

of Las Cruces as its Technology Advisory Board Secretary. Griffith was born in Chicago, Ill., and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor's degree in liberal studies. Griffith worked 18 years for the Hawaii Natural History Association, a nonprofit with six national park locations in Hawaii and Samoa. Griffith moved to Las Cruces three years ago.

The High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico is organized and operated as a volunteer, grassroots organization. The HTC provides leadership that fosters the retention and growth of technology in southern New Mexico. Beginning operations in 2003, today, there are more than 100 HTC members from across New Mexico, comprised of individuals, small business owners, large corporations, government agencies, educational institutions and non-profit organizations. The HTC holds monthly membership meetings and lunch events featuring some of southern New Mexico's top leaders in technology, business, education and government. To learn more about HTC and upcoming events, visit the website www.htcnm.com. Headquartered in Las Cruces, the High Tech Consortium's vision is to make New Mexico a regional technology leader and a national center for technical excellence.

Hallett joins REI faculty

Sue Williams, lead instructor of the Real Estate Institute (REI), announced the addition of Bill Hallett to its faculty. He will begin offering continuing education credit courses at The Real Estate Institute in February.

Hallett has been licensed in New Mexico since 1978 and has held his New Mexico real estate broker's license since 1981. During the past 25 years, he has held numerous volunteer positions with the Albuquerque Board of Realtors and Southwest Multiple Listing Service. Hallett was named Instructor of the Year in 2001 and 2003, is the 1999 recipient of the Salesperson of the Year award from the Albuquerque Board of Realtors and was the 2007 recipient of the prestigious Realtor of the Year award.

Hallett has served for several years on the New Mexico Real Estate Commission's Education Steering Committee and also has served on and chaired the Realtors Association of New Mexico (RANM) Standard Forms Committee.

Hallett has been instructing Realtors since 1995 and has been certified by the New Mexico Real Estate Commission as a continuing education instructor since 1999. He teaches for several NMREC-approved sponsors in the state and also owns his own school, Mandatory And More, which is approved by the NMREC as a continuing-education sponsor.

Workforce training program funds cut

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions is bracing for a \$3.1 million cut in federal funding for programs that help New Mexicans find and train for jobs. The 15-percent reduction in funding follows a 21-percent cut sustained over the past two years from the U.S. Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment Act for Adults, Dislocated Adult and Youth programs.

"This decrease in funding is a huge issue for us," stated Betty Sparrow Doris, secretary of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. "The federal government is cutting costs at the expense of critical and effective services to both the citizens and businesses in New Mexico. It is becoming increasingly difficult to continue moving forward in building a skilled workforce."

The programs are designed to provide employment and training services to assist eligible individuals in find-

ing and qualifying for employment. These programs also assist New Mexico employers with finding skilled workers, which allows New Mexico businesses to be competitive in the global market.

The Department of Workforce Solutions crafted its budget based on previous guidelines from the U.S. Department of Labor and was awarded \$16.5 million to be spent over a two-year period. The U.S. Department of Labor has clawed back \$3.1 million, some of which was previously committed or expended.

With the softening of the economic market, this decrease in funding will hinder the state's efforts to train the workforce to match the businesses recruited to the State of New Mexico.

NMSU VP receives second fundraising recertification

Rebecca Dukes, vice president of university advancement and executive director of the New Mexico State University Foundation, has been recertified as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) by CFRE International.

This is Dukes' second recertification since she was first certified in 1995. She joins more than 5,000 professionals around the world who hold the CFRE designation, and has met a series of standards including demonstrated fundraising achievement and a commitment to non-profit organizations.

"The CFRE process was developed as a way to identify for the public and employees those individuals who possess the knowledge, skills and commitment to perform fundraising duties in an effective, conscientious, ethical and professional manner," said Andrew Day, CFRE and chair of CFRE International.

CFRE recipients are awarded certification for a three-year period. In order to maintain this status, certificants must continue to demonstrate on-going fundraising employment, fundraising results and continue with their professional education.

CFRE International is an independent organization whose mission is dedicated to the certification of fundraising executives by setting standards in philanthropy. It is governed by a board of directors consisting of certified individuals from various fundraising settings and also includes members of the public representing the interests of donors.

ON THE AGENDA

Social Security seminar

Toby S. Rue, financial advisor for Morgan Stanley will host "Understanding Social Security Benefits Before Retirement," presented by Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Morgan Stanley office, 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

For reservations call Rue or Rocio Silva at 522-8500 or (800) 669-9176.

Date: Tuesday, Feb. 19
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Morgan Stanley
3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway
Contact: 522-8500

Ad Fed meeting

Randy Snow, vice president and creative chair of R&R Partners Las Vegas, will speak to Ad Fed of Las Cruces about "Las Vegas Stories," the ad campaign created for the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

The cost to attend is \$12 for students and Ad Fed members and \$20 for non-members. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Sharon Sumner at 527-0040.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 13
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Location: New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road
Contact: 527-0040
Cost: \$12, members
\$20, non-members

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Local realtors association loses track of members

Is now the time for you to refinance?

How many Realtors belong to the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR)? "We don't know," said association employee Alva Dominguez. Dominguez, speaking on behalf of LCAR's Executive Officer Lynn Gould, declined to provide an explanation of how the current information gap came about. Gould, herself, also declined comment. Dominguez did confirm via email, however, that the last time LCAR knew the size of the association membership was on Dec. 26, 2007. At that time the count was 623 members.

This isn't the first time in recent history that LCAR has lost track of important information. In June 2006, LCAR's wholly owned subsidiary, the Las Cruces Multiple Listing and Information Service Inc., incorrectly reported the number of existing homes sold. At that time, the association blamed the problem on software supplier Fidelity National Real Estate Services. Fidelity National denied that the glitch was on their end, however.

In response to the problem, LCAR immediately put in place a moratorium on reporting sales statistics to its members or to the public until the problem can be resolved. That was 20 months ago. The moratorium is still in place, so it appears that the glitch has yet to be repaired. Individual agents can pull data for themselves and the public, however, so the information is available but not easy to obtain.

OK, let's change channels and talk about refinancing.

If you're one of the 1.5 million homeowners holding an Adjustable Rate Mortgage (ARM) that is scheduled to reset this year, you could be in for a serious case of payment shock. According to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA), the value of those 1.5 million loans is estimated to be in excess of \$1 trillion (that's trillion with a "T").

With a \$200,000 loan adjusting

upward from 4 percent to 6 percent (that's a 50-percent increase!) and the monthly principal and interest payment swelling to about \$1,200 from \$955, some feel that now may be the time to make the switch to a fixed-rate mortgage. Are they correct? The mortgage lenders who are currently vying for your attention via TV and radio ads certainly think so. Before we figure out whether you're one of the people who would be better off refinancing your ARM, let's look at how an adjustable rate mortgage works.

In general, the interest rate of an ARM is determined by adding together what lenders call an index and a margin. Three of the most often used indices are the MTA – 12-Month Treasury Average, which is a moving average using the previous 12 monthly observations of one-year constant maturity treasury (CMT); the PRIME – prime rate, which is the interest rate a bank charges its best or "prime" customers; and the LIBOR – London Interbank Offered Rate, which is the rate of interest at which banks offer to lend money to one another in the wholesale money markets in London.

Two other popular indices are the COFI – Cost of Funds Index, which is a yield index based upon the cost of funds to savings and loan institutions in the San Francisco Federal Home Loan Bank District; and the COSI – Cost of Savings Index, which is not based on actual interest paid on deposit accounts, but on a weighted annualized rate of all interest rates in effect for deposit accounts as of the last day of each month for deposits held by Wachovia Bank. The Cost of Savings index considered to be among the most stable ARM indexes in the industry and is the most widely utilized index for Option Arms.

To arrive at your newly adjusted rate of interest, your lender will add a "margin" of between 2 and 3 percent to the

particular index chosen for your loan. For example, let's say your ARM was based on the 6-month LIBOR index plus a margin of 2.75 percent and was scheduled to adjust on January 28, 2008. Your lender would have determined your new interest rate by adding together the LIBOR index for that week – 3.18 percent – and the 2.75-percent margin. The aggregate total – 5.93 percent – would be your new rate. Your loan may not adjust to the full percentage, however, if the terms of your mortgage include a cap on how much your interest rate or monthly principal and interest payment can raise at the time of adjustment.

The decision to refinance out of an ARM and into a fixed-rate product depends partly on what happens to interest rates in the future (this is where it helps to be a good guesser) and on other factors; such as the length of time you keep your present home, your current interest rate, the time until your next adjustment, your margin, your tax bracket, the cost to refinance your loan, and your adjustment cap. Sound confusing? Perhaps, but working out the details isn't all that difficult. Here are a couple of examples using numbers from www.mrg-professor.com:

Let's say that Ed and Alison have a 4 percent ARM and can refinance into a 6 percent fixed-rate mortgage. Their ARMS's first adjustment will come in two years and is subject to a 2-percent adjustment cap. Subsequent annual adjustments are subject to the same 2-percent cap and the loan carries a maximum adjusted interest rate of 10 percent. They intend to be out of their home in four years. According to the website, Ed and Alison would be better off staying with their ARM – even if interest rates went through the roof.

In another example, Jaime and Sonia can also refinance their ARM into a 6 percent fixed-rate mortgage. Their current interest rate is at 5 percent, however, and will adjust in one year rather



than two. Their margin is a little higher than Ed and Alison's, resulting in a 8.18 percent rate at the time of the next adjustment. Their plan is to remain in their home for another 10 years. Would they be better off making the switch? Yes, according to the Mortgage Professor. They save by refinancing now rather than staying with their ARM. Since every situation is different, you'll have to plug your information into the calculator to learn where you stand.

You may realize a significant advantage if your ARM has a conversion option, according to Teri Baca of the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority. Baca points out that the conversion feature allows you to convert your current ARM to a fixed-rate product while avoiding the typical \$2,000 to \$4,000 cost of refinancing. Most lenders charge only \$200 to \$250 at the time of origination for the opportunity to make the switch, Baca said.

So, is a refinance in your future? You won't really know until you do the math, but it may be well worth the effort to find out. One thing is certain; rates rise much faster than they fall, so don't be a procrastinator. Being one could cost you dearly.

See you at closing!

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Gary also publishes the Real Estate Connection newsletter, is a member of the Board of Directors of Las Cruces Downtown Inc., and is the 2007 recipient of the NM Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Gary at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.



Food Checkout Day benefits CAA Farm Bureau hosts charity event at Wal-Mart

Food in America is affordable. In fact, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 5, the average American will have earned enough income to pay for his or her family's entire 2008 food supply, according to the Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau.

In comparison to Food Check-Out Day, Tax Freedom Day – the day the average American earned enough money to pay federal, state and local taxes – was in late April last year, according to the Tax Foundation.

As a result, the Doña Ana County Farm Bureau celebrated Feb. 5 as Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Day. Farm bureau volunteers shopped at the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 571 Walton Blvd. for groceries with donations from local farmers and ranchers. The food was then donated to the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico to assist families in Doña Ana County.

The Farm Bureau committee shopped from 11 a.m. to noon to highlight the value and availability of food in the United States. Wal-Mart will match the food donations from the Farm Bureau.

City councillor Dolores Connor helps Wal-Mart cashier Maggie Gamez bag \$1,000 worth of groceries being unloaded by Greg Daviet, president of the Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau on Tuesday, Feb. 5, for Food Check-Out Day. The annual event illustrates how on this day the average person has made enough income to buy one year's worth of groceries – an estimated 10.7 percent of people's disposable income. The food – which is paid for by the Farm Bureau with Wal-Mart covering half of the cost – was donated to the Community Action Agency's Food Bank.

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"I find it amazing that people can pay for their yearly food supply three months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax burden," said Doña Ana County Farm Bureau President Greg Daviet. "Rather than being an economic burden, food remains quite a bargain for shoppers. That's the way it should be."

The Farm Bureau has been working with charities nationwide on the Food Check-Out Program. Daviet said the partnership is a perfect vehicle for Food Check-Out Day.

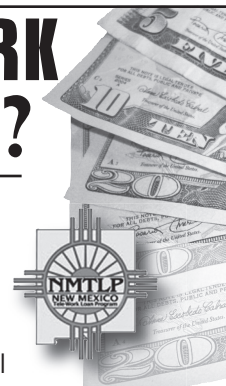
"We want to point out that food is a bargain and that we support the good work of the local food bank," he said. "It's important to assist folks in our county, and we plan to continue such activities within our county farm bureau. We also appreciate the enthusiastic support Wal-Mart has given to the program."

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Picking your investor is like choosing your doctor

Specialization important when selecting source of capital

By TOM STEPHENSON
Managing general partner of Verge Fund

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

Entrepreneurs just starting out will often view all sources of capital as identical – money is money, right? However, as we have learned previously in this series, there is great variety in the sources of capital available to entrepreneurs. The primary distinction that has been highlighted so far is the difference between debt – borrowing money – and equity – selling a piece of your company. However, the specialization continues even within

the equity world, generally denoted by stage of development and area of focus.

This specialization is not unlike what occurs in the medical field. The cardiologist you might see for heart disease has very different skills and training from the oncologist you might consult to treat cancer. Venture capital has similar specialization, and just as a pediatrician would not be appropriate to treat an adult, a “seed” stage investor is very different from an investor that provides expansion capital. As an entrepreneur, you need to pick the financial partner that fits your stage of development and your particular industry.

For example, the Verge Fund focuses on “seed” stage investing. Some believe this means we invest in agribusiness, but it actually has to do with the stage of development of an opportunity when we make our first investment. “Seed” stage refers to the time when the idea is just germinating and has not yet grown into a full company. Often this means companies that are at the earliest stage of development – sometimes before they are even generating revenue.

How do you know which stage is right for you? While there are many different terms used to describe the various levels

of equity financing, all fall close to the following:

- **Seed stage venture capital** – investments less than \$2 million in firms with no revenue or just receiving their first revenue
 - **Early stage venture capital** – investments of \$3 million to \$5 million in firms with revenue but that are not yet profitable
 - **Later stage/expansion capital** – investments of \$5 million to \$20 million in firms that may be profitable with substantial revenue
 - **Buy-out** – Investments over \$10 million in mature and profitable firms with revenue greater than \$10 million
- Instead of – or sometimes in addition to – specializing in stage of company development, many venture capital firms focus on industry or geography. Psilos Ventures, a firm that has recently come to New Mexico, only invests in later stage healthcare companies. You would not want to approach Psilos if you had written a new software program to track farm and ranch inventory, any more than you would go to see a heart surgeon for cancer treatment.

While it is not possible to list all the areas of specialization among venture

firms, it is usually easy to figure out what a firm's specialties are by doing some basic research. Almost all venture capital firms have websites that describe their areas of investments. Individual investors can be harder to research, but a few direct questions early in your first meeting will make sure that you are not wasting time.

Just as all doctors have basic medical knowledge applicable to all areas, all investors have capital to invest and similar basic abilities to evaluate opportunities. In each case, however, they concentrate primarily on what they know and understand. Your job as an entrepreneur is to find the right capital “specialist” – the firm or individual who invests at your particular stage of development and in your industry. While it might seem that a shotgun approach to financing would yield better results, you will actually improve your chances of success by researching potential sources of capital carefully, and making sure that the firms or individuals you are targeting do, in fact, invest in companies like yours.

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, go to www.FinanceNewMexico.org.

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Value	Permit
08-RBI-101	Enchanted Desert Homes	Bob Flamm	Res/New	4382 Nambe Arc	N/A	\$176,040	\$2,341
08-OTC-80	Homeowner	Alberto Jurado	Res/Alt	1981 Nehemiah Court	N/A	\$300	\$30
08-OTC-456	Saratoga Homes of NM	Saratoga Homes	Res/New	3678 Ascencion Circle	High Desert 1A & 1B	\$193,080	\$3,434
08-OTC-447	Mesilla Valley Custom Homes	Jim Maddox	Res/New	4524 Mesa Central	Mesa Grande Estates	\$165,300	\$2,821
08-OTC-433	DRH Southwest Construction	DR Horton	Res/New	5001 Kyler Road	Rincon Mesa	\$89,460	\$3,247
08-OTC-547	Top Notch Exteriors	Mark & Tiffany Figuer	Res/Add	1670 Candlelight	N/A	\$6,500	\$69
08-OTC-475	From The Ground Up Development	Mr. & Mrs. Bennett	Res/Add	5179 Picuris Court	N/A	\$23,000	\$163
07-CBI-9643	Coast to Coast Builders	Foot Locker	Comm/Alt	700 S. Telshor Blvd. *1514	N/A	\$80,000	\$396
07-CBI-8936	Earth & Sun Construction	Bonita Plaza #2, LLC	Comm/Alt	2801 Missouri Ave. *9 & 10	N/A	\$19,000	\$140
08-OTC-570	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes	Res/New	3902 Sombra Morada	Las Colinas	\$96,540	\$1,693
08-OTC-497	Silverado Homes	Siverado Homes	Res/New	4412 Miramar	Sonoma Ranch East	\$195,600	\$3,523
07-OTC-11709	Homeowner	Carlos Vasquez	Res/Add	1076 E. Kennedy Road	N/A	\$18,000	\$134
07-CBI-10695	Cambro Construction	Pic Quik Stores	Comm/New	2580 Don Roser Drive	N/A	\$490,000	\$12,670
07-CBI-11497	Orl Construction LP	Millennium Gym	Comm/Alt	3850 E. Lohman Ave.	N/A	\$323,280	\$1,093
08-OTC-611	Homeowner	Ernesto Ortega	Res/Alt	324 E. Hadley Ave.	N/A	\$800	\$33
08-OTC-558	Baca Construction LL	Milton Poole	Res/Add	1303 Kilmer St	N/A	\$65,000	\$337
08-OTC-601	Homeowner	John Jenson	Res/Add	5825 N. Jornada	N/A	\$17,500	\$134

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
33166	Desert Sage	Dale & Karen Wood Trust	Res/New	1301 Estancia Court	Las Estancias de Picacho	\$1,321
33167	Desert Sage	Charles & Paula Hanse	Res/New	1337 Estancia Ral Place	Las Estancias de Picacho	\$781
33168	Desert Sage	Picacho Mountain Lp	Res/New	7004 Calle Arcos	Las Estancias de Picacho	\$851
33169	Desert Sage	Rev. John A Papen III Trust	Res/Add	10025 San Savino Court	Barcelona Ridge	\$354
33170	Self	Jose Dominguez	Res/Add	614 E. Solano Drive	N/a	\$100
33171	Roadrunner Construction	David Nielson	Res/Rem	9600 Achenbach Canyon Road	Wallace Subd.	\$562
33174	Monte Vista Builders	Louse Feldman Baskey	Res/Add	2300 Sandhill	Ebl & T	\$550
33178	Summit Development	Westmoreland Enterprises Ltd	Res/New	5055 Camanche Trail	Ebl & T	\$404
33179	Wallen Homes	Developments by Wallen	Res/New	106 Sitka Deer St.	Los Venados	\$403
33182	L & M Asset	Picacho Mountain Lp	Res/New	7834 Calle Estancias	Las Estancias de Picacho	\$1,017
33184	Jeter Construction	Gerald Daugherty	Res/New	5687 Via Estrella	Tierra Escondida	\$1,278

IRA rollovers: Gather your scattered retirement assets

How many retirement plans and accounts do you currently have? Are you sure? It's easy to lose track, especially if you have changed jobs or opened IRAs in tax seasons only to have forgotten about them later. Knowing the location and value of your retirement assets is an important part of retirement planning. To simplify your efforts, consider consolidating those assets with IRA rollovers.

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Consolidating your accounts makes it easier to keep track of retirement balances, contributions and investment performance. You'll receive fewer statements for easier record keeping and possibly pay less in annual account fees. With your assets pooled together, you may adjust your investment strategy more easily. And consolidation streamlines the process of making your required minimum distributions during retirement.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: CURVES FOR WOMEN

Curves celebrates five years in Las Cruces

Gym caters specifically to women's needs

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Recently celebrating five years of owning Curves for Women in Las Cruces, Cathy Lockman looks forward to the franchise's continuously bright future marked with technologically advanced equipment and hundreds of loyal clients.

Lockman said she reinvests in her clients, and her most recent investment has been installing the Curves Smart system, which provides a "personal trainer" at every workstation in the circuit.

With each client's information stored on a network computer, they are able to swipe their membership card at a computer and have access to individualized monitoring, which provides feedback for each second of the workout, including the number of calories burned, the range of motion, muscle groups that are worked and the level of the workout.

Because the Curves circuit is designed for women to start their workout at any piece of equipment they choose, the Curves Smart system keeps women at a warm-up pace for the first four machines

and reminds them to cool down at the end of the workout.

"It coaches them," Lockman said. "It keeps them from hitting it hard when they first walk in the door. They're getting an efficient workout and can start on any machine. There's never a wait."

In 30 minutes, each woman can receive a total body workout, including warm-up, aerobic exercise, strength training, cool down and stretching. Organized in a circuit, each piece of equipment uses hydraulic resistance rather than weights. Motivating workout music also directs women to change stations at the same time so no one is left waiting for a machine.

"It's brainless and painless," Lockman said. "You don't have to count reps."

Lockman was sold on the Curves concept as she researched owning her own business in 2002. In December 2002, she bought two Curves locations - 2701 W. Picacho Ave. and 2801 Missouri Ave.

"There were probably 30 members," Lockman said. "But by April we were already at 300 members. I'm here, and I care about the ladies. The biggest thing here is customer service."

Three years ago, Lockman added a third Curves location at 3291 N. Del Rey Blvd. in Plaza Del Rey. Since she took over the franchise, each location has grown, and Lockman doubled the size of the two original locations to accommodate approximately 500 members per club.

"We've opened up the world of exercise to women, and we're helping women get healthy," she said.

For Lockman, it's not just about helping women meet their weight-loss goals as much as it is about educating them on their bodies.

"It's about changing your lifestyle," she said. "This is not a magic pill or a quick fix, but something you should incorporate into your life. A 30-minute, three-times-a-week workout is something everyone can find time to do."

Recognizing that many of the women who have joined Curves are not usually the types of women that will go to a "regular" gym, Lockman said she does her best to engage the women, whether it's with incentives or the atmosphere.

Depending on the theme of the club - the Del Rey gym has a Hawaiian tropical theme - women who meet a certain weight-loss milestone have their name and inches lost posted on the wall. They also can participate in contests and other events, including food drives.

"We make it fun," Lockman said. "It's about what you put into it." The effort put into the Curves locations has proven to be successful, drawing clients from the ages of 15 to 95. The women who have joined are from all walks of life, Lockman said.

"They have all different reasons for coming," she said. "So many have been waiting for the right time, and it has to really be their goal. It's more about being healthy than losing weight, and we coach them on that."



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Cathy Lockman recently celebrated five years of serving her clients at Curves for Women in Las Cruces. Lockman bought the franchise in December 2002. Incorporating different themes in each location, Lockman chose to decorate the Del Rey location in a Hawaiian tropical theme.

In turn, Lockman said she has had loyal customers, the core of which have been members the entire time she's owned the franchise.

"Some even call in and let us know if they're not coming in," she said. "Women who love it, really love it. They're very loyal."

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IN GOOD COMPANY: CURVES FOR WOMEN

Q & A: Talking business with owner Cathy Lockman

What inspired you to go into business?

I was interested in going into business for myself and was researching franchises and other avenues of small-business owning. The second I walked into Curves, I knew I had found what I was looking for. The members were so dedicated to their daily workouts and each other, it inspired me to move forward and open the business. The idea of motivating these women to reach their goals, whether they are weight-loss related or simply getting into the gym three days a week to maintain, became my inspiration.

What is unique about your business?

There are so many unique things about Curves, too many to list here. I think what makes Curves most unique is all of our wonderful members. The ebb and flow of a day in the store is so interesting to watch – friendships being made, ladies making dates to get healthy together. They come into our stores for that 30 minutes of “me” time, where they can enjoy a laugh and burn some calories in a fun and comfortable environment. All of these women, with such hectic schedules that include work and family, somehow find that 30 minutes to make it into our gym and do something good for themselves. They truly are amazing women.

Who are your customers?

Our customers range in age from 15 to 95! They want an efficient 30-minute workout because they are busy. They enjoy working out with other women. They do not want to wait for a special class or wait to get on a piece of equipment. They are women wanting to lose weight and prevent high blood pressure, knee surgery, diabetes, breast cancer and osteoporosis or just maintain their health. Many find it also releases their stress and increases endorphins that give them that “runner’s high.”

Where do you see the business in five years?

I see the business moving forward full-steam ahead. Recently, we upgraded our machines with our new Curves Smart equipment, which is the newest and most advanced exercise equipment. I think within the next few years, they will continue to upgrade the machines in the same manner, and newer and better equipment will begin to appear as time goes on. We will definitely grow with Curves and maintain a cutting edge.

What is your business philosophy?

I have always been able to be proud of what I represent. I feel it is important to provide what you promise – no gimmicks, no lies. I do not worry about the competition; I just focus on providing the best. There is no substitute for the original.

What is the best part of your job?

Knowing that I am helping so many women step out of the way of many health ailments. Any exercise you can do is going to help you maintain a healthy lifestyle, keep blood pressure down, etc. But strength training, which is what we do at Curves, helps build muscle to protect bone, in turn helping to prevent osteoporosis. The benefits of strength training have been proven to help reverse and prevent many of these ailments. Knowing my ladies are getting pats on their backs from their doctors after coming to Curves, getting that cholesterol, blood pressure or weight down, is the best part of my job.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

I think Curves speaks for itself. It’s proven time and time again to work. Thirty minutes, three times a week is our competitive edge. Work out the minute you walk through the door, no waiting for a class to start or a machine to be available. We really care about our members and are involved in helping them reach their goals. We serve our customers by helping them reach their goals with motivating contests, prizes and a monthly weigh and measure. It is a place where we service the members by being in the center to motivate, monitor and coach.

How are you marketing the store?

Word of mouth is our biggest seller. Ladies recommend us to their sisters, moms, best friends, co-workers, cousins, etc., even in different states. So many have come in because they have seen the positive changes in one of our member’s health, looks and energy levels. We also advertise in the newspaper, radio, Internet, TV and around town with flyers.

What do you look for in an employee?

To work at Curves, you need a personality with a lot of positive energy and a solid belief in the fact that we who work at Curves can help change a life. Most of my employees were members who believed this when I hired them. They have seen the changes Curves has made in their lives and bring that belief and knowledge to our members. The second thing I want is to find staff that are able to think for themselves and make decisions without having to ask me.

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

Buying Curves and reinvesting in my customers by expanding the business. We have actually doubled the space in all three clubs as we have grown. We have recently invested money to install the world’s most advanced personal coach on each piece of equipment in our circuit. This system gives immediate and personalized second-by-second feedback to each member as they work out. We were one of the first in the country to be installed.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

Our biggest improvement has recently been installed in the smart coach equipment. This feedback system also provides significant information in a computer report that calculates calories burned and muscle performance during the workout. Our customers really enjoy seeing the report after they workout.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

I don’t think anything can prepare you for it, you just kind of jump in feet first and hope the water isn’t freezing! But I do think having a strong support system in my family helped me to keep going when I thought I wouldn’t make it.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

I would advise them to take advantage of the many resources here in town – Doña Ana Community College, SCORE and New Mexico State University all have great programs to help the small businessperson. Do your homework, identify your marketing theme, customer base, etc. Run the numbers, then run them again. Network. Zero in, target and focus, don’t get too scattered or you will lose momentum.

The Del Rey Curves location, 3291 N. Del Rey Blvd., is one of three Curves for Women locations in Las Cruces.

NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin



What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?

Curves offers several memberships starting at \$34 plus tax per month. We also have Curves supplements, vitamins and protein shakes and weight-loss classes. Prices range anywhere from \$15-\$25, depending on what you are purchasing.

What is your most popular item?

The Curves protein shake and the freeze shaker that keeps your shake cold for up to four hours.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

I feel very fortunate to live in such a wonderful city where we are growing at a steady pace. Many Las Cruces are aware of the importance of taking care of their health. We get many out-of-town Curves members who transfer their membership

here when they move to Las Cruces

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

That Curves is a serious workout. People come in and their first impression, if they know nothing about strength training, is that it looks really easy. Once they get halfway through the circuit and they’re panting and sweating, they sing a different tune.

What are your business goals?

To gain more members while maintaining success and happiness of my current members. To service the current customer as we continue to grow with new members. We are changing the way women feel about exercise and health, and this will be passed on to their own daughters, sisters and other family members.

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Enjoy a magical night of giving

Mesilla Valley CASA hosts magic, dancing and an evening of good music for this Valentine's Day

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Many Las Cruces residents enjoy helping out a good cause, but the Mesilla Valley CASA third annual gala gives those people the opportunity to help while enjoying a fantastic evening of dinner, dancing and magic.

The event will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Tickets to the event are \$50 and will still be available in limited quantities at the door as well as until 5 p.m. Friday by calling the CASA office at 527-0035.

"The event will be a lot of fun, and the money will go directly to helping children in our community," said CASA Executive Director Doreen Gallegos. "And you won't have to stand in line on Valentine's Day for a night out."

For their first two fundraisers, Gallegos said the CASA group hosted a murder-mystery party, but the large turnouts of 200 to 250 guests made keeping everyone working toward the mystery's solution a daunting task.

To try something new for 2008, Gallegos searched for a unique act that would be able to entertain guests yet not require as much audience participation.

"Dance of Illusion' is different than what we usually get in this area," Gallegos said. "They got really good reviews from other people I spoke to and were very willing to work with us."

Dance of Illusion – starring world-class entertainers Roland Sarlot and Susan Eyde – synthesizes magic, mystery, dance and humor to keep crowds on the edge of their seats.

Performing together for the past five years, Sarlot and Eyde join their unique talents of magic and dance to create a modern magical variety show.

Sarlot grew up near Los Angeles, Calif., and has been performing magic since he was 11 years old. His childhood idol was the late Doug Henning. At the age of 14, Sarlot watched him live on stage. After the show, Sarlot crawled under the curtain, sneaked backstage to the dressing room and surprised the master magician. Sarlot studied Henning and quickly developed his own style. Today, when not performing with Eyde, Sarlot performs intimate magic for corporate clients at banquets, cocktail parties and private gatherings. He is the house magician at two of the world's top private resorts.

As a child, Eyde would break into dance at the drop of a hat. She had visions of grandeur and longed to be anywhere other than rural Michigan with its snow banks, mud puddles and layers of tweed clothing. She longed for a sense of adventure, glamour and sunny blue skies; to explore the world like Jacques Cousteau and wear beautiful costumes from around the world.

For more information on the magical duo, visit www.DanceOfIllusion.com.

Besides the mystical stylings of Dance of Illusion, the CASA gala event will also feature a dance put to the music of Phatsoul – formerly known as the band RIO.

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) provides a unique service to the Mesilla Valley community. According to Gallegos, CASA primarily trains volunteers to serve as advocates for children in foster care for abuse or neglect.

"We are the eyes and the ears of the court," Gallegos said. "We don't have an agenda except for the best interest of the children."

In addition to serving as a voice for the needs of the children in the system, CASA volunteers also provide a

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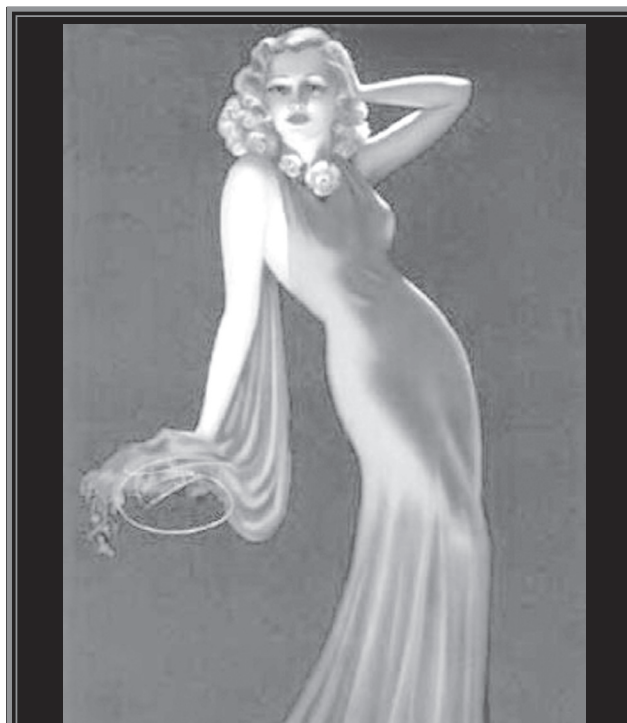
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fresh perspective to the highly beauracatic system that can occasionally honor procedure more than a child's needs, and the volunteers help keep the system pointed in the right direction.

"Some of the most interesting and courageous people serve as CASAs," Gallegos said.

CASA's previous fundraisers have been a tremendous success, not only for the enjoyment of guests, but for helping the organization to expand and serve the community in a greater capacity.

Money raised from the first two CASA galas was used to move CASA into a new building in the Downtown Mall and to open Children First, an environment for biological parents to visit their children under the watchful eyes of trained staff. All of these interactions are recorded and used to show the court whether these parents are ready and responsible to serve as a guardian for their children.

"We want them to demonstrate the skills they are supposed to have learned by now," Gallegos said. "And we want to give judges enough information to be able to make those important decisions."

The Children First visitation area is approximately 1,200 square feet and features two private rooms and a kitchen and dining area, all of which are fully wired for audio and video surveillance.

"Money from the fundraiser is specifically for that program," Gallegos said. "We want to expand our visitation area with future money raised over the next few years."

Children First serves primarily the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department by providing an environment for abused children to safely interact with their parents, but it also helps the children by preserving the family unit that still may have a hope of improving.

"I'm really proud we were about to do this for the community, and I'm proud of the community that opened its pockets for us," Gallegos said.

For those who wish to provide support to CASA but are unable to attend the fundraiser, Gallegos said the organization's next volunteer training session will be held in April, and they are always looking for more volunteers.

"A volunteer is a very consistent person with the children. They have different social workers and judges working on their case, but the CASAs meet all the players and get a sense of what the kid needs and wants," she said. "If the children have a positive person in their lives, that really makes a difference."

For more information on Mesilla Valley CASA or becoming a CASA volunteer, call the office at 527-0335.

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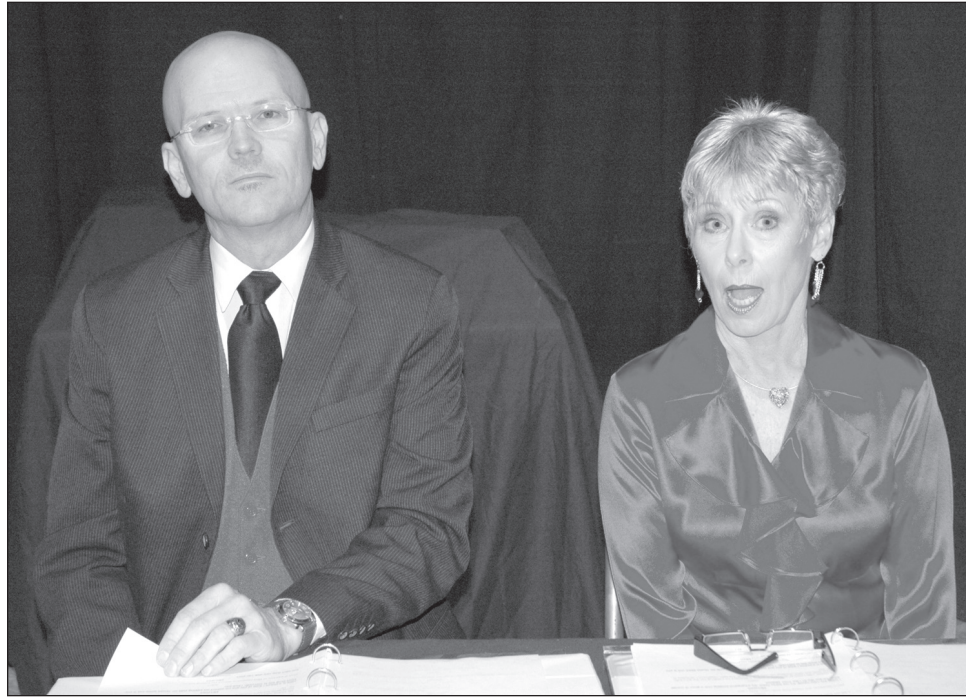
'Love Letters' is a classic of modern drama

No Strings Theatre Company presents its eighth annual production of A.R. Gurney's 1988 smash hit "Love Letters" with two performances – at 5 and 8 p.m. – Valentine's Day, Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. No Strings Theatre Company's annual production features a different couple each year. Toni Marie and Mike Cook star in the 2008 production of this delightful two-character play which chronicles the lifelong relationship between a man and a woman solely through their correspondence.

"Love Letters" tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose poignantly funny friendship and ill-fated romance takes them from second grade through adolescence, maturity and middle age. "Love Letters" has gained a unique reputation all over the United States and overseas owing to the celebrity casts who performed it throughout the 1990s. It is a truly unique and imaginative theater piece that, in the words of playwright Gurney, "needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no special set, no memorization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of performance."

The letters, as the actors read them aloud, create an evocative, touching, frequently funny, but always-telling pair of character studies. The Wall Street Journal called "Love Letters" "the love affair of a lifetime" and "an exhilarating, funny, moving event," while Time Magazine lauded it as "one of the best American plays of the decade," and the New York Times praised it as "wittily, irresistibly moving."

Marie has been seen at the Black Box Theatre as Virginia in "Three Viewings," as Emily Dickinson in "Belle of Amherst"



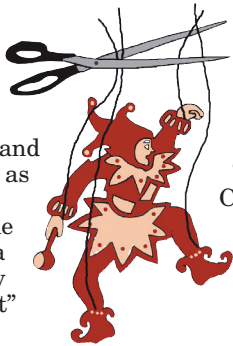
Mike Cook and Toni Marie play the star-crossed lovers Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner in "Love Letters" at the Black Box Theatre Feb. 14.

and as Aunt Raini in the world premiere of Tom Smith's play of the same title. Most recently, she played the role of Peggy Guggenheim in "Woman Before a Glass."

Cook is the coordinator for communications and technical writing for the Las Cruces Public Schools. He wrote and directed "Soldier Boys" for the Las Cruces Community Theatre's 2007 One-Act Play Festival. He was seen recently at the Black Box Theatre as Piero in "Big Love" and at LCCT in "Anything Goes."

He is currently in rehearsal for Doña Ana Lyric Opera's production of "We are Enron, a Power Play in Music" in which he plays Mars, a member of the board.

Each year, NSTC's single Valentine's Day performance has been sold out. This year, there will be two performances to better accommodate Black Box Theatre patrons who wish to attend. Refreshments will be served after the performances of "Love Letters." Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over age 65. Reservations are highly recommended as space is limited and may be made by calling 523-1223.



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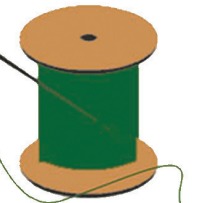
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One life to live

'Ikiru' is a heartbreaking tale of woe

REVIEW BY JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Kanji is a veteran bureaucrat in post-World War II Japan. His entire day is spent quickly reviewing stacks of requests for government service and then robotically rubber stamping them as approved or not.

He is efficient, meticulous, prompt and forthright. He is also very sick.

His sickness is not something he knows about immediately, but one day while at the office he starts experiencing horrific stomach pains. This creates the opening shot of the film, which is an X-ray of his insides and perhaps is the first of several analogies sprinkled throughout this beautifully realized picture.

The X-ray looks as vacant as his soul has become.

Kanji has been at city hall for 30 years, shuffling citizen complaints, enduring and/or ignoring the badgering of his co-workers. Generally friendless, he has become – as many do – consumed with his job. Whenever we see Kanji at the office, the wonderfully pronounced background shows stacks and stacks of paper, neatly tied into bundles and sloppily stacked in Kanji's work area.

We are soon introduced to two sets

of characters that will carry major weight in the film ... a group of Japanese mothers who are trying to get a vacant lot made into a park with no success and Kanji's priggish son and daughter-in-law, who are ready to lay claim to Kanji's goods and home when he passes on, without even knowing that he is indeed, sick.

Kanji rejects the women; his son rejects and verbally assaults him in return. He is in a vicious circle of his own making.

A fellow patient, a sort of accidental grim reaper, tells Kanji that stomach cancer always means death, don't even think otherwise. When

the doctor, another sort of post-war bureaucrat, tells him that he has maybe a year left to live (a stunningly sad scene, as we watch the doctor's monotone and dishon-

est diagnosis), Kanji comes to life – at least the best he can.

He skips work – much to the shock of his co-workers – and has a series of adventures with strangers where he tries, with little result, to figure out where his life went. He tries in vain to revive his heart by dating a much

FILM

younger woman Toyo, who eventually rejects the older man, summarily.

At one point, Toyo jokingly says to Kanji: "You've never had a day off, have you?" "No." "Why? Are you indispensable?" "No. I don't want them to find out they can do without me."

In a flashback, we see Kanji as a doting father, a job he more or less gave up when his wife died. We see other parts of his youth, and the tale at times is a bit parallel to Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Kanji has been Scrooge, but with emotion and duty rather than money.

However, Kanji soon realizes that the "answer" is within him, and he takes up the plight of the women who were trying to get the park built in their claustrophobic residential neighborhood. Knowing his way through the bureaucracy doesn't really assist Kanji all that much, since he is now a victim and a prisoner of the system he has helped create.

The final third of the film is spent in still another type of flashback by a group of his former co-workers, mostly those who blocked his efforts to finally have some credence in his life, reflecting back on Kanji's efforts both at work and away from it. It is a brutally touching tribute to the man, flawlessly presented by the co-stars, as directed by Japanese master director Akira Kurosawa. Kurosawa is at his peak here, telling a potentially deadly slow story with a grand flourish and making Kanji (Takashi Shimura) into a complex but believable character. Although his attitude might seem shrill and depressing at times, it is the behavior of a frightened, lonely man who knows his life clock is about to run out.

The word *Ikiru*, translates to "living" or "to live." Kurosawa gives us a great vision of what life really can be.

Do you cry at movies? What is your favorite "tearjerker?" Drop me a note at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

True love knows no boundaries

'Made in Heaven' makes a great Valentine's date movie

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for Saturday, Feb. 9, will be "Made in Heaven" (1987, 103 minutes, rated PG).

In "Made in Heaven," Timothy Hutton plays a young guy in 1946 who's just been dumped by his girl and decides to go to California. On his way, he rescues a family from a car that's driven into a lake – and drowns in the process.

Of course, he finds himself in Heaven, and there he meets Kelly McGillis, a soul who's never been born on Earth. The two fall in love.

Just as they're about to get married – just for the fun of it, since by the rules of Heaven they're already married – McGillis gets sent to Earth to be born.

Hutton pleads with Emmett, a figure who may or may not be God, who finally agrees to give Hutton 30 years on Earth to find her and continue their love. Alan Rudolph, a long time prodigy of Robert Altman, who allows the film to maintain a delicate, sweet and affecting tone, directs the film, a romantic parable just right for Valentine's Day.

McGillis is good, but Hutton is superb, demonstrating an honest charisma that makes him engaging even when he's being a jerk. The depiction of Heaven avoids the patronizing, overdone joyfulness that too many movies fall into.

Though the idea sounds like pure saccharine, "Made in Heaven" consistently sidesteps the obvious and comes up with something genuine. Rudolph is a prolific but erratic director, but this is one of the ones worth seeing. "Made in Heaven" features Debra Winger and an uncredited Ellen Barkin, as well as cameos by rock stars Neil Young, Ric Ocasek and Tom Petty.

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


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

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




"Ikiru," a black-and-white film, plays for one week at the Fountain Theatre, beginning Friday, Feb. 8. From 1952, although not released in the U.S. until 1956, it is a remastered print and is 140 minutes long. Subtitled, the film is not rated, but it has nothing objectionable at all. Bring your hankie.

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Almost Midnight matinee

The Fountain Theatre will host the Almost Midnight showing of the Japanese animated classic "Spirited Away" (Rated PG, 120 minutes) at 9:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8.

Master animation director Hayao Miyazaki follows up on his record-breaking 1997 opus "Princess Mononoke" with this Alice in Wonderland-like tale about a lost little girl. Unlike most anime tales, this one has a clear plot and storyline, not to mention an interesting social note that is unmistakable, and is well worth staying up late for. Admission to "Spirited Away" is \$1.




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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

■ COAS BOOKSIGNING

Beth Hodder will be signing copies of her young adult book "The Ghost of Schafer Meadows" from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8, at COAS My Bookstore, 317 N. Downtown Mall. Hodder's story depicts life in a remote forest service ranger station and describes a child's connection to the outdoors. That connection has all too often been lost. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. For more information, call 524-8471.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

■ HAND KNITTING GUILD

The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of the month. Guests are welcome – both new and experienced – and bring your knitting. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, in the Shannon room. The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild is associated with The Knitting Guild of America and their dues are \$12 per year. For more information, contact Judy Hilbert at 521-3711 or drjudyhilbert@yahoo.com.

■ LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month, Fort Selden State Monument presents demonstrations and descriptions of equipment and life at the fort. The monument is located 13 miles north of Las Cruces on Interstate 25, exit 19. For more information call 526-8911.

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jack Ward Invitational Choral Festival
Cowboy Days Festival

DATE

Fri., Mar. 7-Sat., Mar. 8
Sat., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar. 9

LOCATION

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Throughout Las Cruces

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Fri., Apr. 18-Sun., Apr. 20
Fri., Apr. 25-Sun., Apr. 27

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

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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

■ KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., offers a Studio for Kids program each Saturday morning. Children ages 5 through 12 only can attend a studio art class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The \$5 fee per student includes class materials. Sign up at the

museum information desk on the day of the class. There is no pre-registration, and each class is limited to 10 students. For information, call 541-2137.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

■ LAS COLCHERAS QUILT GUILD MEETING

In conjunction with the Quilt Show, Sandi Cummings will present a lecture on "Thinking Outside the Block" at the Good Samaritan Village Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11. This is Las Colcheras' regular monthly meeting and guests are welcome. The guest fee is waived for all Quilt Show attendees.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

■ EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

A special sneak preview of a new original musical "We Are Enron" will be presented for the next Every Other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre on Feb. 12. Written by Bradford Hodgson with music by Chris Sanders and Justin Raines, the play takes a darkly humorous look at the rise and fall of the Enron Corporation featuring all the key players including Ken Lay, Jeffrey Skilling, Cliff Baxter, Rebecca Mark and Andrew Fastow. The show is directed by Megan McQueen with choreography by Debra Knapp and set design by Bob Diven. The cast of local actors and singers features Andrew Zimmerman as Ken Lay, Brandon Brown as Bob the

Janitor, Ian Sidden as Fastow and NMSU graduates Isaac Quiroga as Skilling and Della Bustamante as Rebecca Mark. Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

■ A HISTORY OF NEW MEXICO

Noted historian Thomas Chavez will be the guest speaker and the title of his lecture is "A History of New Mexico: Lessons Beyond Our Border" Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the museum's theater, and admission is free. Chavez, who has a Ph. D. from the University of New Mexico, retired as the Executive Director of the National Hispanic Culture Center in Albuquerque in 2004. Before that he was director of the Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe for 21 years. He has published numerous book reviews, articles, seven books and wrote a monthly Sunday article for The Santa Fe New Mexican. He recently helped the Museum of Spanish Colonial Art begin to raise an endowment and is currently consulting for the University of New Mexico Press and the New Mexico Women's Forum.

■ BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

■ CONTRA DANCE

Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will host the "Red Hot" Contra Dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The dance will feature a special band, Dan Levenson and the Boiled Buzzards. Lewis Land and Lonnie Ludeman will teach and call all dances. Beginner dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m. on this red-themed night. Refreshments will be available. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 522-1691.

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Artist Name	Studio/Gallery Name	Type of art offered	Dates	Address	Map location
Susan Fray	Shade Tree Products, LTD	Metal sculptures and yard art	Feb. 9 & 10	132 W. Willoughby	A
Ruth A. Drayer		Colorful, multi-layered abstract acrylic Dreamscapes painted on textured canvas. Original prints, note cards and ceramic tiles.	Feb. 16 & 17	1155 N. Miranda #B-7, Casita Apartments	B
Penny Duncklee	Studio/Gallery 1201	Watercolor paintings by Penny Duncklee and books by award-winning author John Duncklee	Both	1201 Second Street	C
Roy van der Aa		Acrylics, mixed media and found object pieces	Both	2645 Doña Ana Road	D
Tomi La Pierre	Tomi's	Sculpture, wood products, acrylics, mixed media	Feb. 16 & 17	3421 N. Dona Ana Road	E
Roxanne Rodwell	Roxanne Rodwell Studio of Fine Art	Oil and pastel paintings: figures (clothed and nudes) and landscapes	both	1407 Via Norte	F
Marie Siegrist		Watercolor paintings and prints	Both	1490 Via Norte	G
	Unsettled Gallery & Studio, LLC	Eclectic mix of art in all media displayed in historic adobe	Both	905 N. Mesquite	H
Ken & Laverne Stinnett	Studio 309	Ken's photography and Laverne's Dancing Swan Jewels and jewelry	Both	309 East Organ Avenue	I
Dorothy & Richard Rising	Rising Sky Artworks	Handbuilt and wheel-thrown porcelain - functional and decorative creations	Both	415 E. Foster Road	J
Nancy Frost Begin	Nancy Frost Begin Studio	Watercolor and oil paintings	Both	1982 Avenida de Antigua	K
Maria Cristina Fridenstine	Drawings by Maria Cristina Studio	Original artworks using a variety of media, contemporary, humorous, religious and folk art	Both	1910 Calle de Parian	L
Cally Williams	Cally Williams Pottery	Functional pottery, ceramic jewelry, paintings, weavings, hand-painted scarves, photography	Feb. 9 & 10	331 Capri Arc	M
Martha Duran		Marbling on silk scarves; paper making	Feb. 9 & 10	204 Manso Avenue	N
Susan Long		Landscape and abstract paintings, mixed media, charcoal drawings and monoprints	Feb. 9 & 10	1115 Branson Avenue	O
Margaret Berrier		Whimsical enamel pins to one-of-a-kind stone dreamer necklaces, works based on landscape and ancient images	Both	2986 Sundance Circle	P
Mike Pavao		Figure and abstract painting	Both	3238 Executive Hills Road	Q
Garbiella Denton		Folk art prints, cards and paintings	both	3273 Missouri	R
Virginia Maria Romero		Acrylic on canvas paintings, Arte de Romero ceramic tiles, various size retablos, giclee prints and cards	Both	4636 Maxim Court	S
Lynn Unangst	Casa de Puertas	Hand weavings, art garments, spirit minder dolls, beaded buttons and jewelry, gourd art and needlepoint home accessories	Feb. 9 & 10	4020 Red Yucca Court	T
Various artists	Village at Northrise	Paintings and textile art	Feb. 16 & 17	2880 Roadrunner Parkway	U
Kurt Van Wagner	Digital Art by Kurt	Photo-based digital art, local landscapes, figurative, world travel. Framed art and limited edition prints.	Both	2759 Coventry Road	V
Brian & Cheryl Fallstead		Figurative sculptures in metal, ceramic and fiberglass; outdoor sculptures; photographs	Both	2794 Coventry Road	W
Mari Blacker	Mari's Studio	Sculptures and paintings	Feb. 16 & 17	2553 Scenic Crest Loop	X
Lori & Mike Shalett		Jewelry and color photography	Feb. 16 & 17	2253 Santa Ana	Y
Harry Zwiebel		Outdoor steel sculptures	Feb. 9 & 10	2636 Cumbres Court	Z
John B. Northcutt	New Dimensions Art Works	Sculpture and ceramics	Both	4652 Calle de Nubes	AA
Laurel Weathersbee	Teacup Garden Studio	Watercolor collages, handmade and painted creations from found objects, block print greeting cards by Laurel; art including hand-loomed works, needlepoint "paintings" and accessories, hand constructed and painted creations from found objects by Lynn Unangst; other artists' work displayed as well.	Feb. 16 & 17	1955 Rincon de Amigos	BB

ArtForms gives art lovers a chance to see where the creativity happens

As part of For the Love of Art Month, members of the nonprofit ArtForms organization will be giving guests the opportunity to tour their private studios.

Studio tours will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, Feb. 9-10 and 16-17, with some artists participat-

ing one weekend and some holding tours both weekends.

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FEATURED ARTIST

Getting to 'The Heart of the Problem'

Alice Terry honors work done to keep builders out of Doña Ana's arroyos

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For artist Alice Terry and her husband Cliff, the raw power of an arroyo cannot be ignored.

Living in the Picacho Hills neighborhood, the Terrys saw firsthand the devastation that rushing water can cause when housing has been placed in the way of natural channels the Earth has used for centuries.

Thus was born "The Heart of the Problem," a large-format diptic oil painting created by Alice Terry in remembrance of the damage done and in honor of those who have diligently worked to correct county ordinances to ensure it never happens again.

"I started running lines together, and the rest just painted itself," she said.

Despite the name, Terry said she feels arroyos are really the "heart of the desert" and wouldn't be considered a problem at all if builders would responsibly work around them when designing a subdivision.

"The point of the picture is that arroyos are there. We live with them, so let's not build on them," she said. "These arroyos can be designed into a development for the enjoyment of everybody."

Terry said a nearby builder she knows of is using an arroyo as a hiking path for residents to enjoy outside of the rainy season.

During the county commission meeting Tuesday, Feb. 12, Terry will present the paintings as a gift, and they will hang in the County Government Center. Cliff Terry, facilitator for the county's Flood Task Force, will reintroduce the task force's recommendations to the county during that meeting.

"This painting does blend in well with the efforts (county officials and the Flood Task Force) have been making," she said.

Several of the Terrys' neighbors had extensive damage to their landscaping and homes from the flooding, and things really got bad when a seven-foot-high, 35-foot-wide wall of water damaged the neighborhood's spillway, exposing raw sewage lines and coming within inches of flooding even more houses, according to the Terrys.

"We have deep concerns about people getting their houses built in arroyos," she said. "Even if it isn't the horrible washout we had in 2006, if you live in an arroyo, a strong rain is



Alice and Cliff Terry stand next to "The Heart of the Problem," which will be donated to the county at the Feb. 12 commission meeting.



still going to do some damage to your home."

Because of their concern, Terry said she wants as many county residents to come to the meeting and show their support for the Flood Task Force's dedication and new recommendations.

"It's hard to get caught up in an arroyo when it's dry and windy, but this is important," she said.

The Terrys moved to Las Cruces from Florida four years ago, escaping the hurricanes and relentless humidity of the Sunshine State, and have thoroughly embraced their new community.

Terry is a retired schoolteacher who has taught students at nearly every level, from first grade through college. Most of her working career was spent teaching the children of Standard Oil employees in Venezuela and Aruba.

"In fact, (Aruba) is where I met my husband," she said. "His office was the one right above mine."

Although she has never formally studied the arts, Terry said she has loved the arts for her entire life and only began painting because her husband asked her to.

"Cliff saw a (Bob) Ross show on TV and said: You could do that," she said. "So he went out and bought us a paint set, and we both made paintings. Mine came out nice, and his looked like mud."

Terry said she has worked in acrylics in the past, but now works exclusively in oils for the thickness it provides through layering.

Oils are a popular choice for painters throughout the Southwest, because the arid desert air allows the oils to dry quickly.

"Pastels are too messy, acrylics are too harsh and make too flat a line for me. I just couldn't get the depth I want," she said.



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KRWG (2) 22	Aggie	America	Farmers News	News	Lawrence Welk	Vicar	Summer	Fields	Red	Photo	Photo	Austin City Limits		
CBS (4) 4	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	Shark (C)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery	News (N)	CSI: Miami (C)		Cold	
KCOS (5) 13	Nature (In Stereo)		Lawrence Welk		Antiques Roadshow	Ballroom Chall		California Dreamin'		Austin City Limits	(Off Air)			
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	Ebert	News (N)	Insider	Charlie B.	*** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (2005)				News	(:35) Cheaters (N)		Wired	
KFOX (8) 14	TMZ (N) (C)		NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup -- Shootout		Simpsons	Simpsons	News (N)	Seinfeld		Mad TV (N) (C)			Talkshow King	
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order (C)			(:34) Saturday Night Live (C)		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Celebrando los 20		Sábado Gigante					Noticias	Noticiero	"3VecesMojado"		
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Rojo Vivo	** "Jurassic Park III" (2001) Sam Neill.		** "Alien vs. Depredador" (2004)					Titulares	12 Corazones		Mundo	
KTFN (13) 65	"Jóvenes Defens"	** "El Corruptor" (1999) Chow Yun-Fat.			Fútbol-Liga Mexicana					Contacto	Videos Asombrosos		Río	
KVIA (14)	Movie				Cold Squad		Stone Undercover	Scrubs	My Wife	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	UFC Wired		
WGN (15)	Funnist	Funnist	Auto Show		NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Utah Jazz. (C)		News		Reno 911	24 (In Stereo) (C)		Dark	
ESPN (16)	College Basketball	College GameDay	College Basketball					SportsCenter (C)		Midnight	Fast		SportsCenter (C)	
USA (31)	** "The Fast and the Furious" (2001)		** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) (C)		House "Clueless"		** "The Fast and the Furious" (2001)							
TNT (32)	"Saving Silverman"	*** "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.			*** "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.					"Saving Silverman"				
TBS (33)	"Bourne Suprm."	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler. (C)			** "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves.					"What's the Worst"				
SPIKE (34)	Prisoners-Ctrl	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes	TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo)					Disorderly Con.				
LIFE (39)	"Love Notes" (2007)	Laura Leighton. (C)	"Making Mr. Right" (2008) Dean Cain.		Grey's Anatomy		Housewives			Fraser	Golden			
A&E (43)	"Patriot Games"	*** "True Lies" (1994, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger. (C)			Flip This House		*** "True Lies" (1994, Action) (C)							
HIST (44)	Band of Brothers	Alaska: Big America (C)			Little Ice Age: Big Chill (C)					Alaska: Big America (C)				
TLC (45)	My First Home	Flip	Flip	Trading Spaces (N)	Frst	Frst	Flip	Flip		Trading Spaces	Frst	Frst		
DISC (47)	Chimp Eden	Assembly Req.	MythBusters (C)		Smash Lab		Assembly Req.			Assembly Req.	MythBusters (C)			
FAM (51)	"Never Kissed"	** "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)			** "Sleeping With the Enemy" (1991)					** "The Princess and the Marine" (C)				
DISN (52)	Montana	Wizards	Suite Life / Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	(:15) ** "Snow Dogs" (2002) (In Stereo)					
NICK (54)	Drake	Drake	iCarly (N)	Naked	Drake	School	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	
AMC (57)	"Jurassic Park"	*** "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. Premiere.			(:45) *** "Cool Hand Luke" (1967) Paul Newman.		(:15) "Brubaker"							
SCIFI (58)	** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001) (C)		"The Bone Eater" (2007) Bruce Boxleitner.		* "Skeleton Man" (2004, Horror) (C)		"The Bone Eater"							
CNN (62)	This Week at War	Investigations	Larry King Live	Newsroom	Investigations		Larry King Live			CNN Saturday Night				
HBO (306)	(:15) *** "Breach" (2007) (In Stereo)		(:15) ** "Rumor Has It ..." (2005) (C)		"Bernard and Doris" (2008)		Boxing: Quintana vs. Williams							
MAX (322)	"Bev. Hills Cp 3"	(:15) *** "The Departed" (2006) (In Stereo) (C)		(:45) ** "There's Something About Mary" (1998)		** "Pathfinder"								
SHOW (343)	(:10) ** "Notting Hill" (1999) (C)		(:15) * "The Zodiac" (2005) (C)		** "Saw II" (2005) (C)		(:35) ** "Saw III" (2006) (C)							

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Wonder	Word	Signing	Zoofari	Legislators	NOW	Religion	Minding
CBS (4) 4	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Motorcycle Racing		
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Texas	La Plaza	Healthy	Mature
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George	Paid Prog.	NBA Count	
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Paid Prog.	Animal Atl		Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
NBC (9) 9	Wine	Matthews	Today (N) (C)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		"Mighty Joe Young"	
KINT (10) 26	Desayuno	Desayuno	Caliente	Caliente	Tu Desayuno		Al Punto		República Deportiva			
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Penguins	Veggie	Jane	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN (13) 65	Clase 406		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Problema	La Vida	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal		Super Sensacional	
KVIA (14)	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Health	NASCAR
WGN (15)	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart (C)		Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Lizzie	Even	Even
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter (C)		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) (C)				Bowling
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	Paid Prog.	Monk Monk's insomnia.		Psych (C)		Lipstick Jungle "Pilot"		"Along Came Polly"	
TNT (32)	** "Outbreak" (1995) Dustin Hoffman. (C) (DVS)		** "The Last Castle" (2001) Robert Redford. (C)		** "A Few Good Men"							
TBS (33)	"League-Own"		(:15) *** "Shanghai Knights" (2003) (PA) Jackie Chan.		** "The Replacements" (2000) Keanu Reeves. (C)							
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	3 Stooges	3 Stooges	Hrsepwr	Hrsepwr	Hrsepwr	MuscleCar	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power (C)		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Tempted" (2003) Virginia Madsen. (C) (DVS)			
A&E (43)	Bio.: Lopez		Hour of Clarkon		Private Sessions Seal.		Coreys	Coreys	Coreys	"Patriot Games" (1992)		
HIST (44)	Scientists	HistoryCTR	Business	The True Story of Black Hawk Down (C)			True Story of the Screaming Eagles				Brothers	
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	While You Were Out	While You Were Out	While You Were Out	Trading Spaces				
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	How-Made	How-Made	Smash Lab		MythBusters (C)		MythBusters	
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Sister, Sis.	Sister, Sis.	Full House	Full House	Sabrina	*** "Big" (1988) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. (C)				
DISN (52)	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stich	Lilo Stich	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Tigger	Mickey	Mickey
NICK (54)	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Tak	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC (57)	** "Teen Wolf" (1985) Michael J. Fox.		** "Blazing Saddles" (1974) Cleavon Little.		Shootout	Movies	*** "Brubaker" (C)					
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped		"Penny Dreadful" (2006) Rachel Miner. (C)		"Beneath Still Waters" (2005) Patrick Gordon.					
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning		House Call		CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources (C)	Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer (C)					
HBO (306)	"House on Hill"		(:15) "Bernard and Doris" (2008) (In Stereo) (C)		Children of Beslan		Inside the NFL (C)		Boxing			
MAX (322)	(:15) ** "Pathfinder" (2007) Karl Urban. (C)		** "Weird Science" (1985) (C)		(:35) *** "Over the Hedge" (C)		** "Rising Sun"					
SHOW (343)	Beautiful	Filmmaker	(:15) ** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006) (C)		(:15) *** "The Truman Show" (1998) (C)		"Nothing in Common"					

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	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG (2) 22	Santa Fe	Foreign	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	Blk Writers	Blk Writers	Pres. Conversations		Antiques Roadshow (N)	Parklands	
CBS (4) 4	College Basketball	Indiana at Ohio State. (C)			PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am -- Final Round. (Live) (C)					Paid Prog.		
KCOS (5) 13	Globe Trekker (C)		Europe	Travels	Come Walk		Soul of Justice: Thelton	Tax Time: CPAs on Call	Accountants. (Live)			
ABC (7) 7	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Boston Celtics. (C)			NBA Basketball	Los Angeles Clippers at Miami Heat. (C)				Entertainment Tonight		
KFOX (8) 14	NASCAR Racing	Sprint Cup -- Daytona 500 Qualifying. (In Stereo) (Live) (C)			NFL Football	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. From Honolulu. (C)						
NBC (9) 9	"Mighty Joe Young"		Skiing: USSA Visa Freestyle		NHL Hockey	Anaheim Ducks at Detroit Red Wings. (C)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
KINT (10) 26	Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana		Qué Locura		Los Reyes de la Risa					Primer Impacto		
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido	Titulares	Fútbol Telemundo	Argentina vs. Guatemala.	Ritmo	Mr. Bean	WWE Raw					
KTFN (13) 65	Las 20 Estrellas de Objetivo Fama		Objetivo Fama		** "El Eslabón Perdido" (1988) Peter Elliott.		*** "Home Alone"					
KVIA (14)	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Cinema	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Girlfriends	The Game
WGN (15)	*** "The Vernon Johns Story" (1994) (C)		*** "Music of the Heart" (1999) Meryl Streep.		Sports	Sports	Funnist Home Videos					
ESPN (16)	PBA Bowling		High School Football		College Football All-Star Challenge				SportsCenter (Live) (C)		NBA	
USA (31)	"Along Came Polly"	(:01) *** "Out of Sight" (1998) George Clooney. (C)		(:31) ** "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth.		How Lose						
TNT (32)	(10:00) *** "A Few Good Men" (1992) (C)		** "The Recruit" (2003) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. (C)		*** "We Were Soldiers" (2002)							
TBS (33)	** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) (PA) Heath Ledger. (C)		** "Mr. Deeds" (2002) Adam Sandler. (C)		** "The Longest Yard" (2005)							
SPIKE (34)	Prisoners-Ctrl	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn					
LIFE (39)	"A Valentine Carol" (2007) Emma Caulfield. (C)		"Love Song" (2000) Monica Arnold. Premiere.		"Girl's Best Friend" (2008) Janeane Garofalo.							
A&E (43)	(10:00) *** "Patriot Games" (C)		Cold Case		Cold Case Files (C)		Cold Case Files (C)		Cold Case Files (C)		Cold Case Files (C)	
HIST (44)	Brothers	(:41) Band of Brothers (C)		(:11) Band of Brothers (C)		(:25) Band of Brothers		(:40) Band of Brothers (C)				
TLC (45)	Jon & Kate Plus 8	Jon & Kate Plus 8	Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8		Jon & Kate Plus 8	
DISC (47)	Mythbusters		Shark Feeding Frenzy		Tiger Shark Attack		Top Five Eaten Alive		Great White		American Shark	
FAM (51)	** "Disney's The Kid" (2000) Bruce Willis. (C)		** "Big" (1988) Tom Hanks, Elizabeth Perkins. (C)		** "You've Got Mail" (1998) (C)							
DISN (52)	Einsteins	Handy	Bunnytown	Charlie	** "Snow Dogs" (2002) Cuba Gooding Jr.		So Raven	Life Derek	Phil		Cory	
NICK (54)	Barnyard	Barnyard	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	iCarly	iCarly	School	School	School	Naked
AMC (57)	(10:00) *** "Brubaker" (1980, Drama) (C)		*** "Cool Hand Luke" (1967, Drama) Paul Newman. (C)		*** "Die Hard" (1988) (C)							
SCIFI (58)	"Unrest" (2006) Corri English, Scot Davis. (C)		** "Pumpkinhead II: Blood Wings" (1994) (C)		"Pumpkinhead: Ashes to Ashes" (2006, Horror)							
CNN (62)	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money (C)		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO (306)	Boxing		Countdown (:45) ** "The Last Mimzy" (2007) Premiere.		Conchords		Real Time		** "Epic Movie" (2007)			
MAX (322)	(10:00) "Rising Sun"		(:15) ** "American Dreamz" (2006) (In Stereo) (C)		(:05) ** "For Love or Money"		(:40) *** "Fight Club" (1999)					
SHOW (343)	"Nothing in Common"		"Herbie Hancock: Possibilities" (C)		(:45) *** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006) (C)		(:45) ** "Failure to Launch" (C)					

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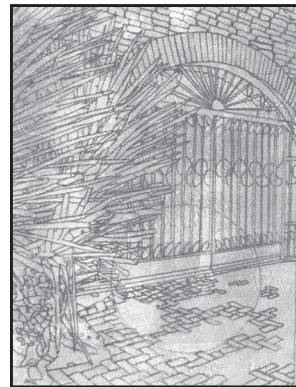
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SUNDAY EVENING													FEBRUARY 10, 2008	
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG (2) 22	Globe Trekker	Nova (DVS)	Nature (N)	Nature (N)	Masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice" (N)				Uncorked	Travels	Burt Wolf (Off Air)			
CBS (4) 4	Paid News (N)	60 Minutes (60)	The 50th Annual Grammy Awards Excellence in the recording industry.		News (N)		CSI: Miami (60)							
KCOS (5) 13	African American Lives 2 (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (N)	Masterpiece "Pride and Prejudice" (N)				Globe Trekker	(Off Air)						
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC Home Videos	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (N)		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	Ebert	Insider	Latino				
KFOX (8) 14	NFL Football	You Smarter?	Simpsons King-Hill		Family Guy (N)		News (N) (60)	Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap			
NBC (9) 9	NBC News	American Gladiators	American Gladiators		100 Most Outrageous Moments (N) (60)		News (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Shield					
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Hora Pico Chavo	Guapos	Los 5 Magnificos		Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad					
KTDO (11) 48	Remix TV	Rojo Vivo	"Picardia Mexicana" (1978)		** "La Leyenda del Zorro" (2005, Aventura)		Titulares	Pagado	** "Balto II"					
KTFN (13) 65	"Home Alone"	Objetivo Fama	*** "Riesgo Total" (1993, Accion)				Contacto	** "El Escorpion Rojo"						
KVIA (14)	One Tree Hill (60)	CW Now Chris	Chris	Aliens	Girl	The	Access Hollywood			Movie				
WGN (15)	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind	Home Videos	News	Replay	Scrubs	Corner	Corner	Becker	Ult. Blackjack			
ESPN (16)	NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Cavaliers				NBA Basketball: Wizards at Suns				SportsCenter (Live) (60)					
USA (31)	(4:32) "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days"	** "The Dukes of Hazzard" (2005) (60)		Law & Order: SVU		** "Blue Crush" (2002) Kate Bosworth.								
TNT (32)	"We Were Soldiers"	*** "Saving Private Ryan" (1998, War)		Tom Hanks. (60)		(:10) *** "We Were Soldiers" (2002) Mel Gibson.		Outbreak						
TBS (33)	"The Longest Yard"	** "Rush Hour 2" (2001)		(:45) * "Mr. Deeds" (2002, Comedy) (60)		(:45) ** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) Heath Ledger.								
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		** "Wayne's World" (1992) (In Stereo)							
LIFE (39)	"Making Mr. Right" (2008) Dean Cain.	** "Lucky 7" (2003) Brad Rowe (60)		Medium "And Then"		** "Sex, Love and Lies" (2004) (60)								
A&E (43)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	The Sopranos (60)	(:10) The First 48		(:10) The First 48		(:10) The First 48		(:10) The First 48			
HIST (44)	Gangland (60)	The Kennedy Assassination: Conspiracy				UFO Hunters (60)		The Kennedy Assassination: Conspiracy						
TLC (45)	Jon & Kate Plus 8	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	
DISC (47)	10 Deadliest Sharks	10 Deadliest Sharks	Air Jaws-Shark	Jaws of the Pacific	10 Deadliest Sharks		10 Deadliest Sharks							
FAM (51)	"You've Got Mail"	*** "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (60)		*** "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (60)		J. Osteen		Feed	Zola Lev	Paid				
DISN (52)	Montana	Wizards	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Wizards	Wizards	** "Confessions of Drama Queen"					
NICK (54)	Drake	iCarly	Zoey 101	Jordan	Nick	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC (57)	(3:30) "Die Hard"	** "Striking Distance" (1993) Premiere.		Breaking Bad (N)		Breaking Bad (60)		Mad Men (60)		Breaking Bad (60)				
SCIFI (58)	** "Jeepers Creepers 2" (2003) (60)	"Hallowed Ground" (2007, Horror)		* "Bride of Chucky" (1998) Jennifer Tilly.		Twilight								
CNN (62)	Newsroom	Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live				
HBO (306)	Epic	* "The Wicker Man" (2006)	V.	Treat	Treat	Treat	Treat	Treat	The Wire (N) (60)	Comedy				
MAX (322)	(3:40) "Fight Club"	** "Tremors" (1990) (60)		"Hangin' With the Homeboys"		(:15) ** "Pathfinder" (2007) Karl Urban.		** "Idiocracy"						
SHOW (343)	Failure	** "Nacho Libre" (2006)		(:15) *** "The Truman Show" (1998)		The Tudors (ITV)		The L Word (ITV) (N)		The L Word (ITV)				

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Antiques Roadshow	The Mormons (60) (DVS)				Legisla	News	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Mother	Captain	Two Men	Christine	CSI: Miami (60)	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late		
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow				The Mormons (60) (DVS)		Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)		
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Dance-Bruno vs. Carrie Ann		Under		(:01) October Road		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (60)	Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Prison Break (N)	Sarah Connor		News (N) (60)		Simpsons		Seinfeld	Sex & Friends		
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	American Gladiators (N) (60)		Deal or No Deal (ITV) (N) (60)		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasion		Cristina		Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa			
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	La Traicion	Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones			
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	** "El Beso del Dragon" (2001) Jet Li.	Así Es la Vida		Contacto								
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gossip Girl (60)	Girl	Girl	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos		
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos			
ESPN (16)	College Basketball				College Basketball Kansas at Texas.				SportsCenter (60)					
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Dog Show	WWE Monday Night Raw (60)		Law & Order: SVU		The Closer (60)		Without a Trace		Without a Trace			
TNT (32)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer (60)		Without a Trace		Without a Trace			
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Sex &	Sex &	*** "The Pelican Brief" (1993) (PA)			
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	*** "The Hunt for Red October" (1990)				CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager		Blade			
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	* "What Girls Learn" (2001, Drama) (60)		Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden		
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (60)	Intervention "Leslie"	Intervention (60)	Para	Para	Para	Para	Intervention "Leslie"	Intervention (60)					
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Underworld	Ancient Discoveries		Hooked: Illegal		Modern Marvels		Underworld				
TLC (45)	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Raising 16 Children	Little	Little	Jon Kate	Jon Kate	Raising 16 Children		
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Mega-Excavators	The Ice Hotel		Engineering		MythBusters (60)		Mega-Excavators		The Ice Hotel		
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	Kyle XY (N) (60)	Wildfire "Flames"		Home Videos		The 700 Club (60)		Kyle XY (60)	Paid		Paid	
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Wizards	Wizards	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	(:15) *** "Stuart Little 2"		Minus	So Raven	Life De	
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	"Striking Distance"	*** "Troy" (2004, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Eric Bana, Orlando Bloom. (60)				** "Hamburger Hill" (1987, War)		Anthony Barrie.						
SCIFI (58)	Jericho "Pilot"	Jericho "Fallout"	Jericho (60)	Jericho (60)	Jericho (60)	Tactics	Tactics	Noein	Noein	Twilight	Twilight			
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Election Center	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (60)		Larry King Live								
HBO (306)	(4:30) *** "Breath" (2007)	(:45) Justin Timberlake: FutureSex/LoveShow (60)		Real Time		Treat		Treat		REAL Sports				
MAX (322)	"Blood Diamond"	(:15) ** "Hard to Kill" (1990) (In Stereo)		(7:50) "Final Destination 3"		** "Reno 911: Miami" (60)		** "Pathfinder"						
SHOW (343)	(:15) ** "The Bedroom Window" (1987)	(:15) *** "Down in the Valley" (2005)		(:15) ** "Sliding Doors" (1998) (60)		The L Word (ITV)								

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Nova "AstroSpies"	The Mormons (60) (DVS)				Religion	News	Charlie Rose (N)			
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS (60)	Big Brother 9 (60)		Jericho (60)		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late		
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Nova "AstroSpies"				The Mormons (60) (DVS)		Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)		
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Laughs	Laughs	Jim	Carpool	Boston Legal (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (60)	Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol (N) (In Stereo) (60)	The Biggest Loser: Couples (N) (60)		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late		
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Diablo-Guapos		Pasion		Aquí y Ahora	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	La Traicion	Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones			
KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	*** "March of the Penguins" (2005)		Así Es la Vida		Contacto						
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	** "El Memphis Belle"											
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Reaper "Leon"	One Tree Hill (N)		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos		
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos		
ESPN (16)	College Basketball				College Basketball Kentucky at Vanderbilt.				SportsCenter (60)					
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show (Live) (60)		Law Order: CI		Law Order: SVU		"Beethoven's 5th"						
TNT (32)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Bones (60)	Cold Case (60)		Without a Trace		Without a Trace					
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	10 Items	Sex &	Sex &	10 Items		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn				CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY "Heroes"		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"For the Love of a Child" (2006) (60)				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami "Bunk"	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	The First 48 (60)	The First 48 (60)					
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	The Universe (60)	The Universe (N)	Mega Disasters		Hooked: Illegal		The Universe (60)		The Universe (60)				
TLC (45)	Flip That House	Reckless Driver	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	LA Ink	Reckless Driver			
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Dirty Jobs (60)	Dirty Jobs (N)		Assembly Req.		MythBusters (60)		Dirty Jobs (60)		Dirty Jobs		
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	Home Videos	Home Videos	Home Videos	The 700 Club (60)		Wildfire "Flames"		Paid		Paid		
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	(:15) ** "Johnny Tsunami" (1999)		So Raven	Life De		
NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Species"	*** "The Matrix" (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves. (60)				*** "The Day the Earth Stood Still"		** "Below" (2002)						
SCIFI (58)	Scary	Scary	Scariest Places	Scariest Places	ECW (Live)		** "Applesseed" (2004)		Twilight		Twilight	Twilight		
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Election Center	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (60)		Larry King Live								
HBO (306)	Rumor	Baghdad	"The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift"		** "The Last Mimzy" (2007)		Semi Pro		Treat		Treat		"Bernard and Doris"	
MAX (322)	Every	(:45) *** "16 Blocks" (2006) (60)	** "X-Men: The Last Stand"		(:15) ** "Practical Magic" (1998) (60)		"Lethal Weapon 4"							
SHOW (343)	"She Gets What"	(:15) ** "The Mirror Has Two Faces" (1996) (60)		** "Yours, Mine & Ours"		The L Word (ITV)								

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Ballroom Chall	African American Lives 2 (N) (In Stereo)	One	News	Charlie Rose (N)							CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Micro	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late									
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Ballroom Chall	African American Lives 2 (N) (In Stereo)	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)							ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)	Supernanny (N)	Cashmere Mafia (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live									
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	American Idol (N)	Moment-Truth	News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends				NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal	Law Order: CI	Law & Order	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late									
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasión	Don Francisco	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa						KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	La Traicion	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones										
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana			Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana		Contacto	Qué Dice la Gente	Así						KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model	One Tree Hill	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos								
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Corner	Corner	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos				ESPN (16)	College Basketball	Maryland at Duke	NBA Basketball: Suns at Warriors				SportsCenter (Live)		NFL Live	Fast									
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	NCIS		NCIS		Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	** "In & Out"						TNT (32)	Law & Order	Law & Order	*** "Seven" (1995)	Brad Pitt.		Cold Case	Without a Trace	Without a Trace											
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Payne	Payne	Sex & Sex	10 Items	** "Turner & Hooch" (1989)						SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	UFC Unleashed	Pros vs. Joes	UFC Unleashed	CSI: Crime Scn	Star Trek: Voyager												
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "Devil's Pond" (2003)	Kip Pardue.	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden			A&E (43)	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami										
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	MonsterQuest		UFO Hunters (N)	UFO Files	Modern Marvels	MonsterQuest							TLC (45)	Arms Exploded	Incredibly Small	Med. Examiner		Big Medicine (N)	Incredibly Small	Med. Examiner	Big Medicine											
DISC (47)	Made	Made	Futurecar		MythBusters (N)	Smash Lab (N)	MythBusters	Futurecar	MythBusters						FAM (51)	(4:00) "Remember the Titans"	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama)			The 700 Club	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid											
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Wizards	Wizards	Montana	Suite Life	(:15) *** "Mulan" (1998)	(In Stereo)	So Raven	Life De			NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez					
AMC (57)	(3:00) "The Matrix"	*** "Death Wish" (1974)	Hope Lange	Breaking Bad			* "Death Wish II" (1982)	Jill Ireland	Breaking Bad						SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Twilight	Twilight										
CNN (62)	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Election Center	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360			Larry King Live	Cooper 360							HBO (306)	** "Entrapment" (1999)	Sean Connery.	REAL Sports	*** "Hot Shots! Part Deux"	Pavlik	Treat	Treat	Real Time											
MAX (322)	Problem	(:20) ** "Domino" (2005)	(In Stereo)	"Universal Soldier: Return"			** "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006)		** "Pathfinder"						SHOW (343)	Election	** "Earth Girls Are Easy"	(:15) *** "The Truman Show" (1998)	The L Word (iTV)	*** "Clerks" (1994)		Clerks II												

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker	Blk Writ	Blk Writ	Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)				CBS (4) 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Micro	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News (N)	Late Show	Late Late										
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Secrets of the Dead	Old House Hr.	Soundstage (N)	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)						ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Lost	Lost (N)	(:02) Eli Stone (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live										
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	The 39th NAACP Image Awards		News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends				NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal	Cel. Apprentice	(:01) Lipstick Jungle	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late										
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan	Diablo-Guapos	Pasión	Don Francisco	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa						KTDO (11) 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones	La Traicion	Victoria	Pecados Ajenos	Noticiero	Mas Vale Tarde	Decisio											
KTFN (13) 65	Pura Sangre	Qué Dice la Gente	** "Muerte Súbita" (1995, Drama)	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	** "Ronin" (1998, Acción)									KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Fracture"	Supernatural (N)	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos									
WGN (15)	Home Videos	*** "Music of the Heart" (1999)			WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos				ESPN (16)	College Basketball: N.C. St. at BC	College Basketball Michigan at Iowa.	SportsCenter	NFL Live	Game	SportsCenter														
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Psych							TNT (32)	Law & Order	NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls.	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns.	Inside the NBA																
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	"Romy and Michele's"	Sex & Sex	(:40) "Almost Famous" (2000)							SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo)	Pros vs. Joes (N)	MAN	Stooges	Wild	Sports												
LIFE (39)	Matched	Matched	Reba	Reba	** "P.S." (2004)	Laura Linney.	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden			A&E (43)	CSI: Miami	The First 48	The First 48	Crank-America	The First 48	The First 48														
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Gangland		The St. Valentine's Day Massacre		Snipers: Stalk	Gangland							TLC (45)	Rides 1929 truck.	American Chopper	American Chopper	LA Ink	LA Ink	American Chopper	LA Ink	LA Ink	American Chopper											
DISC (47)	Bone Detectives (N)	Science of the Sexes	Anatomy of Sex				Bone Detectives	Science of the Sexes							FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy)	Lindsay Lohan.	The 700 Club	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid												
DISN (52)	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	"My Date With the President's Daughter"	So Raven	Life De				NICK (54)	Zoey 101	School	Sponge	Drake	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez						
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Hope Floats"	*** "Father of the Bride" (1991)			** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)		*** "Father of the Bride" (1991)								SCIFI (58)	** "Abominable" (2006)	Matt McCoy.	"The Bone Eater" (2007)	Bruce Boxleitner.	"Savage Planet" (2006, Science Fiction)	Twilight	Twilight													
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Last week's solutions:
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Difficulty rating: Easy

Difficulty rating: Moderate

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

GALLERIES & OPENINGS



"Fall to Pieces" by Meredith Loring at the Black Box Theatre



"Textile Evolution" by Cheryl Fitzgerald at the Branigan Cultural Center



"Prickly Pear on Yupo" by Donna Wood at CR Blossoms

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Joanna Bradley, who promotes her work under the name "Eye of the Beholder," has been creating art her entire life. Her gourd art has been featured in shows across the Southwest for the last 14 years, and she won the Creativity Award at the 2007 Angel Fire ArtsFest. While she creates primarily gourd "masks," she also creates other wall hangings as well as free-standing pieces. Her work will be on display in the Carolene de Mesilla Information Center and Gallery. While photographing a number of subjects, including landscapes, Kurt Van Wagner specializes in figurative works that are collages of nudes mixed with scans of rocks and leaves. This process creates a truly unique and original artwork. Van Wagner's photos are marketed under the name Digital Art By Kurt and will be exhibited in the El Paso Electric Gallery. His work may also be viewed at www.digitalartbykurt.com. Both artists will have their work on display throughout the month of February. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Las Cruces Arts Association celebrates For the Love of Art Month with its exhibit "For the Love of Abstract Art." This is the second year that the Las Cruces Arts Association has held its annual member "theme" show at the Tombaugh Gallery. Judging the show will be Georjeanna Feltha. She quotes David Lauer regarding the "abstract" theme: "A specific kind of artistic distortion is called abstraction. Abstraction implies a simplification of natural shapes to their essential basic character. Details are ignored as the shapes are reduced to their simplest form." Feltha sees abstraction as "an attempt to expand our perception of a thing by distorting or manipulating it, thereby changing your perspective." Featured artists include Kurt Van Wagner, Jan Addy, Martha Brown and Flo Hosa Dougherty. The show runs through Feb. 29. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Tombaugh Gallery is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las

Cruces at 2000 S. Solano Drive. For information, call Judy Licht at 524-2329 or Maria Simpson at 523-1882. The church office can be reached at 522-7281.

■ COTTONWOOD GALLERY

"Our Environment: Heaven, Earth and Beyond" is the title of colorist Ruth A. Drayer's show featured at the Southwest Environmental Center's Cottonwood Gallery, 275 N. Downtown Mall, during the month of February. While being peaceful and meditative, her multi-layered, "stream of consciousness" work is also vibrant and bold. A writer as well as a painter, Drayer says her journey is about finding her voice and speaking clearly. With her brush strokes, she creates harmonious color relationships that offer viewers the opportunity to create their own stories. Many of her paintings can be reproduced as giclee prints and ceramic tile. The Cottonwood Gallery highlights the importance of the environment through the expression of art in its many forms. The Southwest Environmental Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring native wildlife and their habitats in the southwestern borderlands. Drayer has generously donated one of her paintings, "Tangerine Serenade," for a silent auction. Visitors to the Cottonwood Gallery will be able to view and bid on the work through the month of February. Proceeds will go to support the conservation work of the Southwest Environmental Center. For more information, call 522-5552.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Abby Osborne will be the featured artist for February at the Laughing at the Sun gallery. Osborne is a lifelong artist that creates using several media, including painting, drawing and fiber art. Her work combines multiple layers of patterns, symbolism and spirituality. She has earned a BFA in painting from Arizona State University, a BA in graphic design as well as an AA in computer graphics and a Masters in Learning Technologies from New Mexico State University. She currently is an assistant professor in the Creative Media Technology Program at Doña Ana Community College. Laughing at the Sun is located in the Old Tortilla Factory building at 1910 Calle Principal in Mesilla. For more information, call 523-1890.

Art adventures in Arizona

My alma mater, the Kansas City Art Institute, invited me to join a group of grads living in the Southwest. We met in Tempe, Ariz., at a ceramicists couple's studio. This talented couple graduated in 1972 and '73, **Kurt and Christy Weiser**, and are embedded in the University of Arizona community with Kurt, ceramics professor, achieving much acclaim for his technical mastery and his coupling of pottery and painting to achieve function with communication. Christy is a functional potter, and I couldn't resist buying a lidded casserole while I was there. As it turns out, our ceramics professor, **Amanda Jaffe**, had just been there for a visit the week before.

When I returned home to my **American Craft Magazine**, I found Kurt's retrospective at ASU listed in the calendar for last month. Yes, I missed it, but the circles seemed evident. One of the other grads attending was an interesting woman named **Suzi Harrison** who was a non-traditional student, as was I, and graduated in '93 with her son Robert who has gone on to an internationally respected career as a remarkable art photographer. **Robert Parkeharrison** and his wife **Shana** make the most innovative and emotive staged-vignette photos to great acclaim, and two books of his work have been published, similar to **Jean Claude and Christo** in inseparable creativity. (Another circle complete, I have always admired his work). Suzi has become a fiber and bead artist and lives near Phoenix with her husband.

It was a good drive, a bit long, but so worth the effort. The next morning we had breakfast at the West Valley Art Museum, hosted by Emma Yanda ('46 design) who is an accomplished weaver. She had two older grads with her, Elmo ('46 design) and Francis ('47 painting) Sears. Elmo, 88, is still leading a graphic design firm doing commercial work, and Francis, at 82, continues to paint gorgeous impressionistic still lifes. (I know, it's the good ol' impressionist trap)

Funny story: I paraphrase here but Francis' professor **Edward Lanning** pulled her aside when she graduated and told her "Look, I have a gallery in St. Louis who would like to represent you, but I suggest that you change your name to something more masculine." Apparently, in 1947, the name Francis was not a marketable name in his opinion ... too feminine. So, Francis decided to take the name of her cousin **Jordan Clay**, who had always wanted to be a painter and had met an early death. Jordan Clay had a very good career including galleries in St. Louis, Santa



OUIDA TOUCHON
Art Talk

Fe and New York. She laughs about it now but has never gone back to using her own name. How far we have come!

I couldn't find Jordan Clay on the search engines but definitely found Robert Parkeharrison and Kurt Weiser. Check it out!

To shift gears, the solar plate etching class that I offered at White Raven did not make. In fact, there was only one enrollment! I listed it twice in my column, KRWG radio announced it in their cultural calendar, White Raven sent out cards and calendars ... we would have put the class on with only eight artists signed up, but unfortunately it didn't happen.

There is this pervasive complacency about jazz in Kansas City. It's been there since the early 20th century, it will always be there when I am ready to enjoy it and support it. Karrin Allison was a singer-songwriter who played at the Phoenix piano bar. I saw her often when I lived there. She played for tips. She left Kansas City and went to NYC to cut her second album. Now she is an internationally respected jazz vocalist. When we were in Paris in '89 she had performed the week before at a nice club.

Kevin Mahogany, what a voice! He's gone. Then there is Pat Metheny, Bob Bowman, Todd Strait and Danny Embry ... all vacated their comfort zone for better opportunities in more supportive places. It's an apt metaphor. Complacency is a destructive force, and there is no room for it in a thriving art community.

John Lawson, director of New Mexico State University gallery, had this to say in a recent conversation: "You get the kind of art community you deserve ... people here are in a 'pretty picture' comfort zone, and it takes work to let go of thinking that the world is flat."

With this month hosting so many art events and studio tours, I encourage you to offer your interest and support with your participation and perhaps your purchase. Yes, I know we have come a long way but it would not be wise to find comfort in that. We have a long way to go, Las Cruces, let's keep it going!

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Richard Hayhurst stands next to his sculpture, "Spirit of the Pueblo Bonito," at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Joan Jensen, right, shows her pillow "Crazy" from the Art of Patsy Cline show at the Black Box Theatre to Naida Zucker during the First Friday Art Ramble at the Downtown Mall Friday, Feb. 1.



Dan and Rebecca Kongs look at Kurt Van Wagner's "Within" at the Rio Grande Theatre galleries.



Geri Muchnikoff plays with John Northcutt's "Empire Spirit House" at the Branigan Cultural Center.



Patrick McDonald enjoys "Ancient Spirit VI" by Lois Wilson at the Main Street Gallery.

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A game of presidential basketball

JOHN KEITH
Sports
Editor



I have now interviewed a university president who has officiated a basketball game.

It was, Mike Martin insists, an unbiased performance.

The game, however, remains under an umbrella of suspicion. Lou Henson, Martin's former employee at New Mexico State, coached one of the teams involved.

Both, however, were guilty of associating with elected officials in Santa Fe. Martin recently helped referee the annual House vs. Senate game that accompanies the legislative session. Where, we might add, much of the money for higher education is allocated. Asked if that might have influenced an out-of-shape president to risk coronary disaster, Martin issued a firm denial.

"It was all in fun," he lied.

Henson coached the House team that was victorious over the Senate. "Something like 34-29," Martin said. "Give or take a few points."

The plot thickens. Rocky Long, the football coach at the university north of us, coached the Senate. Martin said he treated Long fairly. "I didn't whistle him more than I did Lou."

Martin did, however, throw some verbal attacks at Long.

"His team was getting beat," Martin said. "I was standing in front of Rocky's bench at one time and I turned around and told him the way his team was playing that he'd better not give up his day job."

"And Tim Jennings, president pro tem of the Senate, stood up from the bench and told me to watch what I said or 'you might not have a job, period.'"

Martin marveled at how serious both teams took this travesty. "Especially Lou," he said. "Before the game started he asked his team if they wanted to have fun or win the game."

"Told they'd rather win the game, Lou said OK then some of you guys won't get to play. Talk about serious."

Martin did not exactly leap into this challenge unknowingly. Years ago, before he attained academic greatness, he had worked part time as a basketball official. With the accent on years ago.

I am not sure how old

See Keith on PAGE D5

Mumme pleased with signees

Aggies raid junior colleges for immediate help in 2008

By JOHN KEITH
The Las Cruces Bulletin



Hal Mumme announces his 2008 football signees to the media on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Like any college football coach, a large part of Hal Mumme's future rests on New Mexico State's 2008 recruiting class that was announced Wednesday.

"We like who we've signed," said Mumme. "We concentrated on skill guys, playmakers."

Lack of depth, a destructive force to mid-major programs, struck Mumme's team last season; a big reason NMSU finished 4-9. The Aggies beefed up their stock of receivers, running backs, linebackers and kickers. "They can all run," he said of the backs and receivers. "They're 4.4 guys with speed."

Included are two offensive linemen, three defensive linemen, four running backs, three linebackers, three wide receivers, one defensive back and one placekicker.

Mumme raided the junior colleges for immediate help next fall. Ten of the 17 announced signees were JC transfers. "The good news is that seven of them enrolled at mid-term and are already here going through conditioning drills," Mumme said. "They'll be available for spring practice."

The 10 JC transfers include linebackers Jason Scott (5-10, 200), Pasadena (Calif) Community College; Nick Paden (6-3, 235), Butte (Calif.) JC; Justen Alford (6-1, 221), Feather

River College; offensive linemen David Norman (6-5, 300), San Diego (Calif.) Mesa College; Joe Suder (6-6, 330), Arizona Western College; running backs Marquell Colson (5-9, 205), Modesto (Calif.) JC; and Seth Davis (5-9, 200), College of the Sequoias; wide receiver Marcus Anderson (5-7, 170), Pasadena (Calif.) City College; defensive tackles Jonathan Davis (6-1, 221), Feather River College; and Chris Romero (6-4, 257), Snow College.

All but Colson and Davis are already on campus.

The kicking game has plagued the Aggies the three years Mumme has coached here. Lack of a solid placekicker probably cost New Mexico State more offensive success than Mumme would like to admit. Consequently, he signed Plano (Texas High) School kicker Jordan Davenport to compete with left-footed Kyle Hughes. Davenport, Mumme said, owns a strong leg and might be used on kickoffs. "When they changed the rule last year that you have to kickoff from your 30-yard line, that took us all by surprise," Mumme said. "Now, hopefully, we have somebody who can kick it long enough we can get some touchbacks."

Hughes, the Aggies' coach believes, has solved his academic problems that sidelined him last season.

See Signees on PAGE D7

Senior standout finds home at MVCS

Jeremy Roman a force for SonBlazers' basketball team

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If home is where the heart is, then Jeremy Roman's heart belongs to Mesilla Valley Christian Schools.

Roman, a standout basketball player for MVCS, transferred to the school from Mayfield High School last year. The 6-3 forward was a key player last year for the Trojans, starting about 70 percent of the team's games as a junior.

"I like Mayfield and everything, but there were some things there that I just didn't agree with," he said. "This is a better environment for me."

Roman said his decision to transfer to MVCS was about 20 percent basketball related and 80 percent everything else, including friends.

He became best friends with MVCS player Zach Adams a couple of years ago and attends the same church as Adams and several other SonBlazer players.

"He told me, 'I might come to your school,' and I said, 'Sweet,'" said Adams. "I didn't

ask him to come, but once he was leaning that way, I encouraged him."

Because of the transfer, Roman wasn't eligible to play for the SonBlazers until after the fall semester. Since January, he has blended in quickly and has made his presence felt at the Class 2-A level.

MVCS coach Terry Adler said he believes Roman is the best player in the state at this level. He leads the team with 19.7 points per game.

"He's a great leader, and he's tried very hard to fit in," said Adler. "He's a student who really understands the game and he's very physical."

Roman's blend of size, athletic ability and experience has been a perfect fit for a young SonBlazer team that could use a big man who is mature and who has played at the 5-A level.

"We run the floor good together and he's an athlete," said Adams. "He's a big person for us inside, but he can dribble, too."

Roman said the transition has been very smooth, mainly because he knew most of his



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Jeremy Roman is the SonBlazers' leading scorer.

See Roman on PAGE D5

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

Las Cruces High School



Varsity Boys' Basketball.....Fri., Feb. 8.....at Alamogordo 7 p.m.
 Tue., Feb. 12.....Oñate 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity Girls' BasketballFri., Feb. 8.....Alamogordo 7:30 p.m.
 Tue., Feb. 12.....at Oñate 7:30 p.m.
 Varsity WrestlingSat., Feb. 9.....at Gadsden Dual 9 a.m.
 Varsity Swimming.....Fri., Feb. 8.....at District TBA
 Sat., Feb. 9.....at District TBA

Mayfield High School



Varsity Boys' Basketball..... Tue., Feb. 12.....at Gadsden 7:30 p.m.
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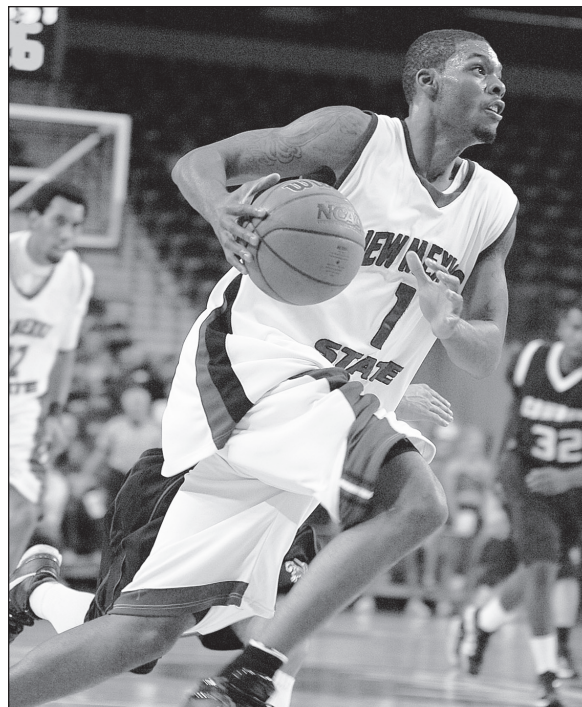


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 Tue., Feb. 12.....at Lordsburg 6:30 p.m.
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 Tue., Feb. 12.....Lordsburg 6:30 p.m.



Justin Hawkins, New Mexico State's leading scorer, is expected to play a big role when the Aggies host Long Beach State in the recently announced BracketBuster game at 7 p.m. Feb. 23.

NIKI RHYNES
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Ags to face Long Beach State BracketBuster game not on television

The New Mexico State men's basketball team was selected to host Long Beach State, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m., in the O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBuster. The two-day tournament features 100 teams from 16 conferences.

Head coach Marvin Menzies said he was happy with the selection, which is close to home for the Hamilton, Calif., native, but was discouraged the Aggies were not chosen for one of the 14 nationally televised games.

"I'm excited," he said. "I think it's a great travel game for us next year. It allows us to get to Southern California, which is obviously one of my focal points in recruiting."

"I'm a little disappointed we didn't get the chance to get on TV but I don't know if we earned that with our wins this year."

Long Beach State is a member of the Big West and is currently 4-16 overall and 1-7 in league play. Junior guard Donovan Morris, a transfer from Fresno State, leads

the 49ers with 19.8 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

"I don't know a lot about their team yet," Menzies said. "I know they're rebuilding and they are in a rebuilding phase in the program. I know it's a team with a lot of potential, so I'm optimistic we'll get two competitive games out of it and get an opportunity to get some good travel."

The match-up renews a series that was once a conference showdown when the Aggies were also members of the Big West. NMSU has a slight, 20-17, advantage in the all-time series, which began in the 1981-82 season. The Aggies won the last meeting, 89-84 in overtime, March 10, 2000, to advance to the title game of the Big West Tournament.

In the BracketBuster game last season, the Aggies defeated Ohio, 77-72, Feb. 17 in Las Cruces. Next season, the Aggies will make the return trip to Long Beach, Calif.

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Sophomore, Distance Swimmer

New Mexico State distance swimmer sophomore Liz Thomson was named the WAC Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week. This is her first career honor. Thomson led the Aggies to a pair of wins over in-state rival New Mexico and league foe Northern Arizona last week. She swept the distance freestyle events, taking top honors in the 500-yard freestyle (5:12.69) and the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:38.29) to guide the Aggies to their first victory over the Lobos in more than 25 years. In the final meet before the WAC Championships, she won the 500-yard freestyle (5:16.28) and the 1,650-yard freestyle (17:47.69) against Northern Arizona. The Mesilla Park native also swam the first leg of the winning 800-free relay.



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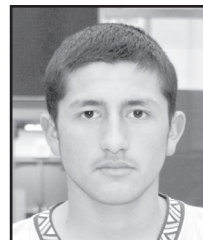
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Mayfield High School



Art Borunda

Art Borunda is a senior at Mayfield High School. He plays on the Trojan boys' basketball team as a guard. This last week he scored 22 points, had 11 rebounds and four assists. Borunda is a great teammate, a hard worker and a very valuable asset due to his attitude and work ethic. He really cares about his teammates and is a great friend with a positive attitude who is fun to be with.



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Back to the future – of golf

Revisiting some predictions at the turn

Once upon a time there were mean ogres and trolls lurking deep in the (skyscraper) forests, spreading tales of gloom and doom all over the kingdom of golf. Wild prognostications emerged at the dawning of a new epoch in golfdom, coinciding with the unveiling of a new golf ball – the Titleist Pro V-1. It was January 2000 and the editors of Golf Digest issued their statement regarding “The Future of Golf.” Let’s revisit some of what the golf futurists predicted.

For starters here’s what former USGA chief (and current TV analyst) Frank Hannigan asserted about professional golf: “The money has gotten too big ...” Gee, Frank, ya’ think? Remember, that was eight years ago, before the \$10 million Fed Ex Cup first prize. Back in 2000, Hannigan bemoaned the pro tour, where he said “... undeserving pros play for huge sums of money.” I think what has happened in golf is what has happened in all of sport. Big-time sports represent such a profit-driven business phenomenon that money rules. And we haven’t seen anything yet. Example. Last week I was in Dallas, and I gawked at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium that is about half completed. Jerry Jones just announced that he is selling “personal seating licenses” for, get this, \$75,000. That isn’t the tickets; just the right to then buy the tickets. Greed is an amazing thing.

Back in 2000 Mark McCormack was still alive. Mark McCormack founded International Management Group, and together with his prize client, Arnold Palmer, invented the modern agent system in sports. McCormack was a visionary, for sure, but he was way off the mark

when he predicted how fan-friendly he thought golf on television would become. “The viewers ... will become their own television directors,” McCormack assured us, “and (producers) will make pictures and perhaps commentary available on a hole-by-hole basis.” Boy, I sure wish he could have been right, because I definitely wanted to watch another hole (any other hole) than No. 16 during the FBR Open. A grandstand full of 35,000 over-served golf maniacs, warming up for the “Super Bowl,” thirsting for either an ace or a shank, isn’t my idea of a golf telecast.

One of the truly fascinating statements that showed up in the Golf Digest futurist piece dealt with golf equipment. Frank Thomas, longtime technical director of the USGA, stated flatly eight years ago: “Equipment will not change measurably in performance, no matter what marketers claim.” Wow! That’s like the U.S. Patent office saying (which they did) 100 years ago: “everything that can be invented has been invented.” Anyone who has played even once a year can attest that everything is better by leaps and bounds than what we had in the late 1990s. Thank goodness. Without clever inventors some of us aging golfers wouldn’t hit it out of our shadow. The clubs and balls we play today are the best ever, and they’ll just keep getting better. My sense is that the coming breakthroughs in technology will involve teaching and learning golf, possibly with biometric simulators and even sophisticated computer-driven mechanical suits that can actually move body parts for giving students a “feel” for a golf swing.

On the subject of golf courses Dr. Michael Hurdzan weighed in with a couple of interesting prophecies. Hurdzan has designed dozens of golf courses around the world. “The North American golf course will retain its image of a lush, green oasis, but will use significantly less water, fertilizer, pesticides and fossil fuels,” said Hurdzan. “These changes will not be so much government-mandated as driven by the competition of our free enterprise and American value systems.” Here’s what I have seen. Over the past couple of years I have played golf courses in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Colorado, California, Arizona, North Texas, West Texas (two different states, of course), Florida and South Carolina. I regrettably did not see the “lush green”

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor



North American golf oasis. Since 9/11 the economy has not been booming and money has been tight. So are the lies. We better get used to it because lush green carpets for us to play on every day are still a long way off. And back to Frank Hannigan. His claim was that “More and more, the future of golf is looking like Donald Trump ... collecting (club) initiation fees of \$150,000 from people who shouldn’t even be allowed to play golf.” Read into that what you will, but I do believe that there are individuals who should pass a test before being allowed to step onto the golf course. Thank heavens we live in Las Cruces, where fees are affordable.

Offering predictions in 2000 about the macro make up of the golfing population was Joe Louis Barrow, son of the late heavyweight-boxing champion Joe Louis, and then-COO of IZZO golf bag company. Barrow predicted that in several decades “golf will not be for those rich with time, but for those who care to take a walk in the park for an hour, or three.” Try as I might, I was unable to research what Mr. Barrow had in mind, or what substances he may have taken earlier that day, but clearly he was speaking of a different planet; a planet where the inhabitants, too, play golf. At resorts you can’t get from your car onto the first tee in an hour. At Mr. Barrow’s home course they must have Marine drill sergeants for “player ambassadors” because the pace of play everywhere I go is slower, not faster, than it was eight years ago. On that same day in January 2000, Barrow said this: “The (future) game of golf will be more about family than individuals. The public venues and daily-fee courses, once the domain of the frequent and avid golfers, will make time for family golf hours, much like the family swim hour at the local pool.” Last time I checked at University Golf Course, and Arroyo Del Oso in Albuquerque, the regular, daily avid golfers still ruled; and “family hour” hadn’t been started yet. Don’t you just love futurists?

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To Palm Springs



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New Mexico State softball coach Kathy Rodolph and pitcher Kim Watson address the media on Tuesday. The Aggies open the 2008 season Friday against No. 2 Texas A&M in a tournament at Palm Springs, Calif.

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NMSU athletes excel in classroom as well

Two academic assistants honored



PETE
Pete's
Ponderings

You may have seen Pete standing a little taller at the men's basketball game against Idaho Feb. 6, as those Aggies walked across the Pan Am Center floor to receive their medal for academic achievement.

For the fifth consecutive semester, the department's athletic teams, as a whole, posted a grade point average of 3.0 and a cumulative grade-point above a 3.0.

As was the case a year ago, student-athletes who pulled down these top grades represented more than 50 percent of the total student-athlete population in Aggieworld. They did the work but as always a tip of the 10-gallon has to go to the academic assistants, James Hall and Becca Galves. Their former boss, Cowboy Troy Franklin must have been bustin' his buttons as well. He has moved on as a college administrator elsewhere but you know he is following his former team's progress, I'm guessing first in the classroom and then on the fields of play.

This isn't the only thanks these young'uns will receive. The Crimson and White Society will have a dinner later this year for those at the top of the grade scale. The society was something former El Paso Electric executive Bob McNeil envisioned and the top brass at the utility heartily endorsed.

The special night was the continuation of a ceremony that Jim Paul started as athletic director about 10 years ago. Paul knew that academic success could be another way for these young people to exercise their competitive nature by always tryin' to be the team with the best grades and the best on field play. The numbers keep getting larger and larger as the years add up and more and more Aggies are hitting the B+ mark as well as semester perfection.

Forty-four student-athletes didn't get anything lower than an "A" last semester. Men's basketball, football and eight more teams had representatives in that elite group. A total of 196 student-athletes, who represented all 16 varsity sports, earned a semester or cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher for the first term.

Pete feels good when all students bring home the best grades they can. But knowin' how much harder it is for the student-athletes to mix in practice, travel, competition and top grades makes me want to shout for joy. That might have been me you heard cheerin' the loudest as the players were introduced. Why not raise a cheer wherever you are right now one more time, for those who prove that student always comes first in the phrase student-athlete.

PETE

Ags vs. Boise State in tourney finals?

WAC race continues to tighten



JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

The weekend match-up of Boise State and the Aggies could be a preview of the WAC title game. The season has too many variables to say for sure, but a semi-final or final meeting for NMSU and BSU seems likely to me. Boise State is coming in as one of the hottest shooting teams in the West, not just the WAC.

The Broncos have the current conference player of the week in Reggie Larry and have seen their perimeter game catch on fire with Tyler Tiedeman and Matt Bauscher as the main sparks. When NMSU faced the Broncos a month ago, the player of note was Matt Nelson, who had won the Player of the Week honors two weeks in a row. He is a strong presence at center and is still around but has been overshadowed statistically by the other trio.

NMSU is a different team now as well. Jahmar Young lit up the Broncos for 33 points and NMSU was going at it without Hatila Passos or Herb Pope. That is what made the victory in Boise even more impressive. Both these teams are first-tier squads for the WAC and seem headed for another game before it all ends. The Aggies have a more athletic team, but play the

same style of wide open offense as the Broncos.

Half court teams have been the ones that have given Marvin Menzies' squad more trouble to this point in the season, and good 3-point shooters have frustrated NMSU as well.

With WAC tournament tickets on sale now, the Saturday game is likely to be chapter two in a trilogy for this season. Boise State still has Utah State at home as do Hawaii and Nevada; the final shake out of the seeding is something only The Amazing Kreskin would attempt to predict. This is another example of the unpredictable nature of the forthcoming WAC tournament. It seems very likely that Boise State is a hurdle NMSU will have to clear if they want to return to the NCAA post season.

Crimson Pride Night

No. 2: The basketball Ring of Honor will be inaugurated Saturday as well. Sam Lacey, Billy Joe Price and Lou Henson will be the foundation of the Circle of Glory. Henson's 'Miracle Midgets' that went to the NCAA will also be feted in the Pan Am as well.

BracketBuster Connection: In addition to Long Beach State being an old foe from the Big West, another link exists as well. Dan Monson had former NMSU women's head coach Mike Peterson on his staff at Minnesota. The two were pals from their days together in Eugene, Ore.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 8

Women's Tennis
Utah State
Las Cruces
9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
Idaho
Las Cruces
10 a.m.

Softball
Texas A&M
Palm Springs, Calif.
2 p.m.

Softball
Oregon State
Palm Springs, Calif.
8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9

Women's Tennis
Northern Arizona
Las Cruces
9 a.m.

Men's Tennis
Northern Arizona
Las Cruces
1:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Boise State
Las Cruces
5 p.m.

Softball
California
Palm Springs, Calif.
6 p.m.

Softball
Portland State
Palm Springs, Calif.
8 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Boise State
Boise, Idaho
7 p.m.

Track and Field
Don Barret Open
Colorado Springs, Colo.
All Day

Sunday, Feb. 10

Men's Tennis
Utah State
Las Cruces
9 a.m.

Women's Tennis
Idaho
Las Cruces
9 a.m.

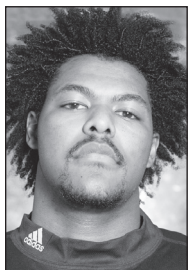
Softball
Cal Poly
Palm Springs, Calif.
Noon

Thursday, Feb. 14

Men's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Hatila Passos
Senior
Center

Senior center Hatila Passos led the New Mexico State basketball team on a two-game road swing at Hawaii and San Jose State. The Rio de Janeiro, Brazil native averaged 22.0

points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Passos only missed four shots shooting 81 percent from the field. He also had two assists. At Hawaii, Passos had a career-high 25 points off the bench. He nearly had a double-double with a game-high nine rebounds. Passos followed that performance with 19 points, a mark that tied the game-high, with 14 of those coming in the second half at San Jose State.



Eduardo Salas
Sophomore
Men's Tennis

Sophomore Eduardo Salas was undefeated last week in both singles and doubles action. In his season opening singles match against St. Mary's Jerry Ellison,

Salas was victorious in straight sets after pulling out the second-set tiebreaker. Then against No. 72 Bryan Miller, of UNLV, Salas rebounded from losing the first set to record the only singles victory for the Aggies in a 5-2 loss. In doubles play, Salas along with Roman Stoislavjevic were 2-0, which gave NMSU the doubles point in its two matches.



Kelli Younker
Senior
Equestrian

Senior Kelli Younker led the Aggie equestrian team with a 70.5-66 win over Michelle Grath to earn the MVP honors in the Horsemanship event.

In the Reining competition, Younker was victorious for the second time on the day, beating Lindsay Williams 74-70. The Aggies are now 4-2 on the season.

MVCS on fire offensively

Roman, Adler, Adams set pace for others

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Defense is important. So is rebounding, ball-handling and passing.

But when it's all said and done, the team that scores the most points wins, and that fact helps fuel the basketball philosophy of the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' boys and their coach, Terry Adler.

The SonBlazers took an 18-3 record into this week and are averaging about 80 points per game. Their average margin of victory is close to 30 points, but perhaps the most impressive statistic during this very offensive season is their 54-percent field goal percentage as a team. The SonBlazers' three-point percentage is 35 percent.

Offense in general, and shooting specifically, receives a lot of attention at a MVCS practice. The nets get a workout.

"We're an athletic team, and we play well together, but we're a real good shooting team," said Adler. "We've spent a lot of time the last couple of years working on our shooting."

"Defense is mostly hustle," he said. "Everybody wants to shoot. Why not let 'em?"

Senior Jeremy Roman leads the SonBlazers with 19.7 points per game, followed by

Zach Adams with 15 points, Scott Adler with 12.7 and Greg Patti with 12.1 points. Patti and Scott Adler each are shooting over 40 percent from behind the three-point arc.

Mesilla Valley is versatile on offense. The team is dangerous on the fast break because of Adams' ability as a point guard and the team's overall athletic talent. The SonBlazers can also do plenty of damage in a half-court game, mainly because of their three-point shooting.

"You can't really man us, and you can't really zone us," Adler said.

Adams, a junior who is one of the top players in the state at the Class 2-A level, thrives in the open court.

Mesilla Valley, which won the state title last year with a team that relied more on its size advantage, hasn't missed a beat this season. Heading into this week, Adler's program has a 46-5 record in the past two years.

The SonBlazers are ranked second in the state in Class 2-A behind Mesa Vista and Adler said his squad will have to continue to mature in order to return to the top.

"When we lose, it's been because of over-confidence," he said. "But that comes with having such a young team. We've already matured a lot this year."

Roman

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current teammates long before transferring to the school.

"It's been pretty easy," he said. "I like this style, up and down, fast break. And I knew most of the guys and we've always had good chemistry. I worked during the summer to build chemistry with the guys I didn't know."

Roman said the biggest difference between Class 5-A basketball and 2-A is the roster depth.

"Teams like Hobbs have five-star players," he said. "At this level, each team might have two or three. They don't have the same depth. The players are a little bit smaller, too, but you don't get anything easy in 2-A."

Ironically, the SonBlazers have turned to their new teammate for leadership. Roman is the only senior on the team's roster and he has gladly accepted his role as the elder statesman. But don't expect him to make any speeches.

"My role is being a leader and making sure everyone stays focused and stays humble," he said. "I try to lead by example. We still have a lot of maturing to do."

Roman stays in touch with his friends at Mayfield and catches a Trojans' game whenever his schedule allows. He says some of his old friends and teammates have ventured south to Mesilla Park to watch a couple of his games.

Roman says he has no regrets about his choice to spend his senior year at MVCS.

"It was the right decision," he said.

Keith

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Martin is. He saved me the trouble of asking by admitting that officiating basketball games at his age was physically taxing. "It was tough running up and down the floor at that altitude," he said. According to the New Mexico road map, Santa Fe sits 7,000 feet high.

"I am glad the other two officials were young guys, Martin said. "I did pretty well during the first half. The second half was a different story."

Our president was still standing when I telephoned him on Tuesday. He said he felt fine and was having breakfast with the governor Wednesday morning. "I'm not sure I'll recognize him," Martin said. "He's wearing a beard now."

I am betting that Mike Martin will spot Bill Richardson at first glance. A good university president most certainly knows who signs the allocation checks.



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Aggies thrash San Jose State



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Monique Bribiescas drives for a basket during New Mexico State's 71-60 victory over San Jose State here last Saturday. The Aggies ran their record to 16-5 and 6-2 in the WAC.



Tyshae Walton scored only two points, but was still a factor in the Aggies' victory.



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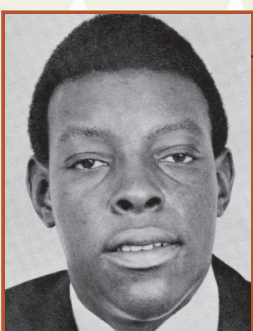
Lou Henson



Madison Spence, the Aggies' freshman star, chipped in with 12 points against the Spartans.



Hannah Spanich drives and scores two of her 11 points against the Spartans.



New Mexico State University 2008 football signees

Nick Paden	LB	6-3	235	Butte JC
David Norman	OL	6-5	300	San Diego Mesa College
Jason Scott	LB	5-10	200	Pasadena CC
Marquell Colson	RB	5-9	205	Modesto JC
Ruben Martinez	RB	6-1	200	Los Alamos HS
Todd Lee	RB	5-9	175	Catholic High, Baton Rouge, La.
Donovan Roberts	RB	6-0	193	Mansfield, Texas HS
Victor Johnson	DB	5-11	200	Mission Bay HS, San Diego, Calif.
Jordan Davenport	kicker	5-10	170	Plano, Texas, West HS
Anthony Smith	DL	6-1	220	Red Mountain HS, Mesa, Ariz.
Seth Smith	RB	5-10	200	College of Sequoias
Marcus Anderson	WR	5-7	170	Pasadena City College
Chris Romero	DL	6-4	257	Snow College
Justen Alford	LB	6-1	221	Feather River College
Jonathan Davis	DL	6-1	221	Feather River College
Joe Suder	OL	6-6	330	Arizona Western College
LaVorick Williams	WR	6-3	178	Odessa Permian HS
Jeremy Little	WR	6-1	180	Evangel Christian College

Signees

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"Defensively I wanted to wait and see which recruits Joe Lee (Dunn, the Ags' new defensive coordinator) liked," Mumme said. Dunn arrived on campus Jan. 1, long after the Aggies began evaluating

recruits. NMSU signed three linebackers, three defensive linemen and one defensive back."

Whereas Woody Widenhofer, Dunn's predecessor, sometimes used 25 players per game, Dunn plans to play only 15.

"I feel like we have addressed our needs, and I expect most of these players to contribute immediately," Mumme said.

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INC.; PEOPLES BANK;
and JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on February 13,
2008, at the hour of 10:00
a.m., the undersigned Special

Master will, at the main
entrance of the 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 1903 San Fernando Drive,
Las Cruces, and is situate
in Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, and is particularly
described as follows:
Lot 27, Block C, EL
PRESIDIO PHASE 4A, in the
County of Doña Ana, State of
New Mexico, as shown and
designated on the plat there-
of, filed in the office of the
County Clerk of said county
as Plat No. 3938 on April 30,
2004 in Book 20 Page(s) 654-
655 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a

judgment rendered by the
above Court in the above-
entitled and numbered cause
on January 9, 2008, being an
action to foreclose a mort-
gage on the above-described
property. The Plaintiff's judg-
ment, which includes inter-
est and costs, is \$323,174.64
and the same bears interest
at 9.57% per annum from
December 7, 2007. The
amount of such interest to
the date of sale will be
\$5,846.63. The Plaintiff has
the right to bid at such sale
and submit its bid verbally
or in writing. The Plaintiff
may apply all or any part of
its judgment to the purchase
price in lieu of cash. The
sale may be postponed and
rescheduled at the discretion
of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property
and improvements concerned
with herein will be sold sub-
ject to any and all patent
reservations, easements, all
recorded and unrecorded
liens not foreclosed herein,
and all recorded and unre-
corded 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 prop-
erty by the County Assessor
as real or personal property,
affixture of any mobile or
manufactured home to the
land, deactivation of title to
a mobile or manufactured
home on the property, if any,
environmental contamination
on the property, if any, and
zoning violations concerning
the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title
to the above described real
property subject to a one (1)
month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-524-2121

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL

FORECLOSURE SALE
220 Fossil, Anthony, NM
3BR, 1 Bath, 1016 Sq. Ft.
Government Bid: \$53,235 As-is appraisal value: \$91,700
DATE: February 22, 2008 TIME: 11:45 AM
Sale Location: Main Entrance,
3rd Judicial District Courthouse,
201 W. Picacho
Las Cruces, NM

Legal: Lot 6, Block 3, Tierra Linda Unit 1, Phase 2, Dona Ana Co., NM
Property is not available for normal inspection as they are still owned by private
individuals. However, if the property is abandoned, interested parties can contact
the local Rural Development office to see if an inspection of the property can
be made. Foreclosure is still pending in the NM District Court. Under some
circumstances the sale may be canceled. Rural Development will not pay brokers
or finders commission for successful bidders.
Terms of Sale: Bid amount to be paid by the end of the day of sale payable to the
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certified check. All taxes, plus interest due are the responsibility of the Buyer.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN
EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO
CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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DISTRICT

No. CV-07-2724

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF3, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006- FF3, Plaintiff,

vs.

**MAX K. AKAMAI,
VALERIE S. AKAMAI;
FIRST FRANKLIN
FINANCIAL
CORPORATION; LINDA
WILSON, dba POND-S-
SCAPES, LLC; and JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
tenants, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Max K. Akamai
and Valerie S. Akamai are
hereby notified that Plaintiff
has filed a civil suit against
Defendant(s) Max K. Akamai
and Valerie S. Akamai in the
above entitled cause of
action. Defendant(s) Max
K. Akamai and Valerie S.
Akamai 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.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
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Associates, P.A.
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NE, Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-
3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

Date: January 14, 2008
By: Susan C. Little/
Karen H. Bradley
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 14th

day of January, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Peggy R. Brock

(SEAL) Deputy

Renee Ruth, Legal Assistant
Susan C. Little &
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(505)254-7767;
Fax (505)254-4722

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Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2008

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on February 6,
2003, Our Lady of Guadalupe,
Inc., P.O. Box 158, Mesilla
Park, NM 88047, filed applica-
tions numbered LRG-4087
and LRG-4087-S with the
State Engineer for Permit
to Change Location of Well
within the Lower Rio Grande
Underground Water Basin in
Doña Ana County by aban-
doning the use of wells LRG-
4087 and LRG-4087-S, as
recorded and on file with the
State Engineer and located
within the NW1/4 SW1/4
NW1/4 of projected Section4,
Township 24 South, Range 2
East N.M.P.M. and the NE1/4
NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section
4 respectively, and drilling
replacement wells LRG-4087
and LRG-4087-S with 16-inch
casings to an approximate
depth of 250 feet, both within
20 feet of the original wells
and on land owned by the
applicant, for the continued
diversion of up to 386.76 acre-
feet per annum of shallow
groundwater supplemental
to surface water from the
EBID for the irrigation of
64.46 acres of land owned by
the applicant located in Pt.
NW1/4 of said Section 4. New
well LRG-4087 was completed
under the authority of emer-
gency authorization from the
State Engineer (NMSA 72-
12-22) on April 16, 2003 and
is located approximately 880
feet southeast of the intersec-
tion of S. Main Street and
Holy Cross Road. Proposed
new well LRG-4087-S will be
located approximately 2,840
feet east of the intersection
of S. Main Street and Holy
Cross Road. Old wells LRG-
4087 and LRG-4087-S will be
properly plugged.

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Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702409

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET- BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-23, Plaintiff,

vs.

LORENZO B. MORALES; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORENZO B. MORALES, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed Special Master will on
February 27, 2008, at 10:00
A.M., Front Entrance to the
Doña Ana County District
Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las
Cruces, NM, sell and con-
vey to the highest bidder for
cash all the right, title,
and interest of the above-
named defendants in and
to the following described
real estate located in said
County and State: Lots 16
and 17, Block 2, AMENDED
PLAT OF JONES-HEGAN
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 May 12,
1947, in Book 6 Page(s) 59
of Plat Records. The address
of the real property is 139
W Chestnut Ave, Las Cruces,
NM 88005-2027. Said sale
will be made pursuant to the
Decree of Foreclosure entered
on January 10, 2008, in the
above entitled and numbered
cause, which was a suit to
foreclose a mortgage held by
the above Plaintiff and where-
in Plaintiff was adjudged
to have a lien against the
above-described real estate in
the sum of \$119,536.66, plus
interest from December 10,
2007 to the date of sale at the
rate of 10.625% per annum,
the costs of sale, including
the Special Master's fee, pub-
lication costs, and Plaintiff's
costs expended for taxes,
insurance, and keeping the
property in good repair.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion, 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 impair-
ment, you must specifically
identify your water rights;
and/or (2) if public welfare or
conservation of water within
the state of New Mexico, you
must show that you will be
substantially effected. The
written protest must be
filed, in triplicate, with the
State Engineer, 1680 Hickory
Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88005 within ten
(10) days after the date of
the last publication of this
Notice. Facsimiles will be
accepted as a valid protest
as long as the hard copy is
sent within 24 hours of the
facsimile. Mailing postmark
will be used to validate the
24-hour period. Protests can
be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no
valid protest or objection is
filed, the State Engineer will
evaluate the application in
accordance with Sections 72-
2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of
NMSA 1978.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that this sale may
be subject to a bankruptcy
filing, a pay off, a reinstate-
ment or any other condition
that would cause the cancel-
lation of this sale. Further, if
any of these conditions exist,
at the time of sale, this sale
will be null and void, the suc-
cessful bidder's funds shall
be returned, and the Special
Master and the mortgagee
giving this notice shall not be
liable to the successful bidder
for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real prop-
erty and improvements con-
cerned with herein will be
sold subject to any and all
patent reservations, ease-
ments, all recorded and unre-
corded liens not foreclosed
herein, and all recorded and
unrecorded special assess-
ments and taxes that may
be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title
to the above-described real
property subject to rights of
redemption.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master c/o Castle
Meinhold & Stawiarski
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(07-1547/Morales, Lorenzo B.;
P358573

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Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15,
2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702203

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID ESPARZA; NORMA ESPARZA; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed Special Master will on
February 27, 2008, at 10:00
A.M., Front Entrance to the
Doña Ana County District
Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las
Cruces, NM, sell and con-
vey to the highest bidder
for cash all the right, title,
and interest of the above-
named defendants in and to
the following described real
estate located in said County
and State: SEE ATTACHED
EXHIBIT "A" EXHIBIT "A"
Located in the NW 1/4 of
Sec. 8 T. 19S R. 3W of the
U.S. Reclamation Surveys,
being U.S.R.S. Tract F-88B,
about one mile Northwest
from Hatch, N.M. and being
more particularly decribed

as follows; Beginning at the
Northwest corner of the tract
to be described, a point on the
East Right of Way line of U.S.
85 and on the South Right of
Way line of the Hatch Canal
and 70.0 ft. from the center
line thence running along the
east right of way line of the
said U.S. "85" S. 60 deg. 21'E.,
238.12 ft to the southwest
corner of this tract, marked
by a fence post on the West
die of a farm ditch, whence
a stake set for the southwest
corner of U.S.R. Serial F-88
Bears S. 60 deg. 21'E, 33.27
ft., and the most westerly
corner of a 0.253 acre tract,
deeded this day to Fred S.
Lucero bears S. 60 deg. 21'E.
60.19 ft; thence along the
West side of a farm ditch N.
01 deg. 14' W.158.55 ft. to a
stake on the South right of
way line of the Hatch Canal;
thence along the canals 78
deg. 41'W. 207.57 ft. to the
place of beginning contain-
ing 0.372 acres. Rounded on
North by Hatch canal on East
and South by Guadalupe
Lucero and on the West by
U.S. "85". 07-1153 Esparza
The address of the real prop-
erty is 1300 Highway 187,
Hatch, NM 87937. Said sale
will be made pursuant to the
Decree of Foreclosure entered
on January 10, 2008, in the
above entitled and numbered
cause, which was a suit to
foreclose a mortgage held by
the above Plaintiff and where-
in Plaintiff was adjudged
to have a lien against the
above-described real estate in
the sum of \$42,247.45, plus
interest from November 1,
2007 to the date of sale at the
rate of 10.9% per annum, the
costs of sale, including the
Special Master's fee, publi-
cation costs, and Plaintiff's
costs expended for taxes,
insurance, and keeping the
property in good repair.
Plaintiff has the right to bid
at such sale and submit its
bid verbally or in writing.
The Plaintiff may apply all
or any part of its judgment
to the purchase price in lieu
of cash. At the date and time
stated above, the Special
Master may postpone the
sale to such later date and
time as the Special Master
may specify.

Dated: January 17, 2008.

Pamela Carmody
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P358575

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2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on January 11, 2008, William W. and Diana L. Howard, 5500 La Pradera Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-3251 POD7 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-3251 located at X=1,454,979 Y=471,180 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet on land owned by Jimmy Hawman, and drilling a replacement well to an unknown depth with 6-inch casing to be located at X=1,455,939 Y=467,794 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserred for future determination by May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico supplemental to surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 2.01 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located in the NW1/4 of projected Section 28, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM. The proposed replacement well site is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 5500 La Pradera Road. Old well LRG-3251 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702239

BANK OF THE WEST
FKA WESTERN BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**KENNETH R. WRIGHT;
TERESA M. WRIGHT;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
KENNETH R. WRIGHT,
IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF TERESA
M. WRIGHT, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will on March 5, 2008, at 10:30 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" A tract of land situate Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at an iron rod set on the East line of a 25.00 foot road and utility easement for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the East 1/4 corner of Section 1, T.21S., R. 1E., bears the following two courses and distances: N.00 degrees 14'26"W., 1842.95 feet thence S.09 degrees 58'00"E., 1657.05 feet; Thence from the point of beginning and along the East line of said easement, S.00 degrees 14'28"E., 155.00 feet to an iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence leaving the easement, N.89 degrees 59'00"W., 275.00 feet to an iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence N.00 degrees 14'28"W., 155.00 feet to an iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence S.89 degrees 59'00"E., 275.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.9785 acre of land more or less. Subject to a 25.00 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the East boundary line. Also Subject to any other easements and restrictions of record. Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed August 6, 1964 in Deed book 175, page 267, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #92-875. Job #92-875 /s/Jorge Moya New Mexico 5939 New Mexico Surveyor PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT A The address of the real property is 35 Wright Way, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 15, 2008, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$28,765.50, plus interest from November 16, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.5% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its

bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: January 22, 2008.

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07-1253/Wright, Kenneth R
and Teresa M; P359489

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-07-1932

COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**RAYMOND RILEY; APRIL
RILEY; and JOHN DOE
and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), ten-
ants, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on February 20, 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 1475 Mulberry Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: A tract of land situate within the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lots 13, 14, 15 and 16, inclusive, Block 10, Country Club Mesa Addition, plat filed October 29, 1953, in Plat Record 7 Page 46 of Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a nail with a spotter set on the north-line of Mulberry Avenue for the southwest corner of this tract, said point being identical to the southwest corner of Lot 13, Block 10, Country Club Mesa Addition;

THENCE along the east line of a 20 foot alley North 41° 05' West, 103.10 feet to an iron rod set for the northwest corner of this tract, said point being identical to the northwest corner of Lot 16,

Block 10;

THENCE North 63° East, 76.24 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 34° 07' 25" East, 100.78 feet to an iron rod set on the north line of Mulberry Avenue for the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 63° West, 63.65 feet to the place of beginning.

THE FOREGOING SALE

will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 2, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor(s) made payments pursuant to a Repayment Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$76,011.56, plus interest thereon at the rate of 6.125% per annum from February 16, 2008 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$63.78. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to,

the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on December 12, 2007, Del Oro Dairy, P.O. Box 1846, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-939-POD 2 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-939 located at approximately X=1,534,008 Y=373,042 (New Mexico State Plane Coordinate System, Feet, Central Zone, NAD 1983) and drilling replacement well LRG-939-POD 2 with 4-inch casing to an approximate depth of 120 feet within 100 feet of the existing well, for the continued diversion of up to 12 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic, irrigation, and livestock use at the applicant's residence and property located in the SW1/4 of Section 24 and the NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 26 South, Range 3 East NMPM. Old well LRG-939 and the proposed location for replacement well LRG-

939-POD 2 are located at the physical address of 1125 E. O'Hara Road, Anthony, NM 88021, approximately 1,060 feet northwest of the intersection of Slem Drive and E. O'Hara Road. Old well LRG-939 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation or water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

CV. NO. 2006-2233
Judge Valentine

**EZ Loans, LLC,
a Colorado limited liability
company, Plaintiff,**

vs.

Maria E. Sanchez, a sin-

gle woman, Defendant.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 21st day of February, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C., 1660 Hickory Loop, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the real property located at 1421 Gonzales, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described, to wit:

A tract of land situate in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County in Section 7, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, as part of the Knox Tract an unrecorded subdivision, and also being part of Block 220, Villamora Project, an unrecorded subdivision, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod found at the South side of an alley for the Northeast corner of the tract herein described;

WHENCE the southeast corner of Block F, Bella Vista Subdivision filed March 22, 1938 in book 6 page 13 Doña Ana County Records bears N.71°a distance of 39.33 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning leaving the alley and partially along a wire fence line S.19o09'09"E., 106.47 feet to an iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE partially along a wire fence line S. 74°50'28"W., 111.11 feet to an iron pipe found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE W., 85.85 feet to a railroad rail in concrete found at this tract;

THENCE along the South side of the alley N.

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69°21'04"E., 118.63 feet to the place of beginning containing 0.2659 acre of land more or less.

This sale is made pursuant to an Order of Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure of Mortgage (Judgment) entered in the above-entitled cause of action on August 9, 2007 in order to foreclose and satisfy said Judgment and any and all liens and encumbrances said realty may be subject to, and in the proper priority of same as set forth in said Judgment.

The Judgment for the Plaintiff EZ LOANS LLC in the above-entitled and captioned action was entered on or about August 9, 2007, in the approximate amount of \$96,632.03, plus post-Judgment interest on said Judgment from August 9, 2007 to date of foreclosure sale at the rate of 21% per annum, plus costs of sale and notice of publication.

Said sale shall be completed to the highest and best bidder for cash and the Plaintiff EZ LOANS LLC shall be allowed to bid all or part of its Judgment and said Judgment shall be applied to the purchase price. "Cash" for the purposes of this sale shall mean cash or other immediately available funds. Said sale shall be subject to property taxes, easements and restrictions and covenants of record and liens not foreclosed in the aforesaid judgment and rights of redemption of the Defendant, if any. The Special Master shall have all rights and powers pursuant to the laws of the State of New Mexico, including the power to postpone said sale in his discretion.

SPECIAL MASTER

BY: /s/ Blaine T. Mynatt

HOLT BABINGTON
MYNATT P.C.
P.O. Box 2699
Las Cruces, NM 88004
(575) 524-8812

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was mailed to Defendant this 23rd day of January, 2008.

Approval via email 1/23/08
ROSS B. PERKAL

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

To:

Irma Marshall
(Storage Unit D-18)
Amount to satisfy lien:
\$395.00
2100 Isaacks Lane, #24
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Amanda Dear
(Storage Unit B-25)
Amount to satisfy lien:
\$320.00
5475 Porter Drive, #62
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Alice Tice/Bobby Lane
(Storage Unit A8-25)
Amount to satisfy lien:
\$600.00
5475 Porter Drive, #81
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Bibiana Hernandez
(Storage Unit B-1)
Amount to satisfy lien:
\$325.00
0055 Corona Road
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Samuel Garcia
(Storage Unit B-16)
Amount to satisfy lien:
\$551.00
484 Grand Canyon Drive
Los Alamos, NM 87544

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage Unit will be sold at public Auction to satisfy our lien in the amount listed above and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or money order and remove all of your items from our property before the auction date, but no later than 5 P.M., Friday February 8, 2008.

Date of Auction: Saturday,
February 9, 2008
Time: 1:00PM
Place: Sunrise Mesa Storage
5245 Porter Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Phone#: 575-647-9125

Thank you for your prompt attention.
Sunrise Mesa Storage

Pub #6845
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF BETTY L.
CRAIG, Deceased.**

No. PB 2007-125
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/ Robin L. Breaan
Robin L. Breaan, Personal
Representative of the estate
of BETTY L. CRAIG
P.O. Box 982
Clarksdale, AZ 86324
(928) 301-5958

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorney for the Personal
Representative
P.O. Box 6790
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(575) 523-7411

BY:/s/ Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6846
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 14, 2008, Bruce and Peggy White, 300 Bogy Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11933 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-11933 located at X = 1,484,410 Y = 455,419 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by the

applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 125 feet with 8-inch casing to be located at X = 1,484,507 Y = 455,343 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico supplemental to surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 10.25 acres of land located in the NE1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM as described in Subfile Order No. LRS-28-002-0066 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The proposed replacement well site is located south of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 300 Bogy Lane. Old well LRG-11933 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6848
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CV-2007-1531
Judge Valentine

**MESILLA VALLEY BANK,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**YVONNE BALYEAT,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING

To: **YVONNE BALYEAT:**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, Mesilla Valley Bank, has filed a Complaint for Debt and Money Due in the above entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico.

The object of the action is for the collection of monies owed.

You are further notified

that unless you enter your appearance or plead herein on or before the 19th day of March 2008, Judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

The Petitioner's attorney is HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT, P.C. (Matthew P. Holt), P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004. A copy of the Complaint may be requested by calling Matthew Holt at (575) 524-8812. If you file an Answer of any other pleading in this case, you must provide a copy to Petitioner's attorney at the foregoing address.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 25th day of January, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
District Court Clerk

By: Peggy Brock
Deputy

Pub #6849
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2008

AMENDED RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Las Cruces School District No. 2 ("Board" and "District," respectively), in the County of Doña Ana and State of New Mexico, has determined that a special public school buildings tax election ("Election") be held on April 1, 2008, pursuant to the School Election Law, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, and the Public School Buildings Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 22-26-1 through 22-26-9; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-6-3, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that there should be submitted to the electorate at the Election, the question of whether or not a property tax of 3.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code, NMSA 1978, Chap. 7, Arts. 35 through 38, should be imposed for the property tax years of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LAS CRUCES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 1st day of April, 2008, there will be held in the Las Cruces School District No. 2, Doña Ana, New Mexico, a special public school buildings improvements tax election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. At the Election, the following question shall be submitted to the qualified, registered electors of the District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL

BUILDINGS TAX QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Las Cruces School District No. 2, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$3.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District: A) erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for or furnishing public school buildings; B) payments made pursuant to a financing agreement entered into by the District for the leasing of a building or other real property with an option to purchase for a price that is reduced according to payments made; C) purchasing or improving public school grounds, or D) administering the projects undertaken pursuant to A) and C), including expenditures for facility maintenance software, project management software, project oversight and District personnel specifically related to administration of projects funded by the Public School Buildings Act; provided that expenditures shall not exceed five percent of the total project costs?"

Section 3. The tax contemplated by the public school buildings tax question shall be in addition to any tax imposed under other laws to pay debt service or for any other purpose. Said public school buildings tax shall be authorized pursuant to the Public School Buildings Act.

Section 4. A person is a qualified elector of the District if on the day of the Election he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the District. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, or any voter registration agent in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at the Election should register prior to 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election during regular office hours and days of business at the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, at the Doña Ana County Courthouse in Las Cruces, New Mexico, or by any registration agent at a designated agency as provided in NMSA 1978, Sections 1-4-1 through 1-4-49.

Section 5. The polls for the Election will be open between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 6. The voting districts for the Election shall be as follows:

Consolidated Voting District: 1

Polling Location: Doña Ana Elementary
Address: 400 East Doña Ana School Road
Precinct No.: 3-Rodey and 95 within Las Cruces School Dist. No. 2, 4-Doña Ana West, 63-Hill, 85- Vista, 115-Doña Ana

**Consolidated Voting
District: 2**

Polling Location: Sunrise Elementary School
Address: 5300 N. Holman Rd.
Precinct No.: 5-Moongate, 6-Organ South and 64-Organ North within Las Cruces School Dist., 65-North Hwy. 70, 66-Butterfield Park, 105-Doña Ana NE 1-25

Consolidated Voting District: 3

Polling Location: Tombaugh Elementary School
Address: 226 Carver Road
Precinct No.: 16-Chamberino, 78-Tortugas, 82-San Miguel within Las Cruces School Dist., 98-Mesilla South, 101-Tombaugh

Consolidated Voting District: 4

Polling Location: Fairacres Elementary School
Address: 4501 E. Picacho Ave.
Precinct No.: 19-Fairacres within Las Cruces School Dist., 21-Picacho Hills, 107-Fairacres

Consolidated Voting District: 5

Polling Location: Jornada Elementary School
Address: 3400 Elks Club North, 83-Elks Club East

Consolidated Voting District: 6

Polling Location: Mayfield High School
Address: 1955 N. Valley Dr.
Precinct No.: 22-San Andres, 23-Mayfield, 84-Carlton, 88-Southwind, 90-Camelot Gardens

Consolidated Voting District: 7

Polling Location: Alameda Elementary School
Address: 1325 N. Alameda Blvd.
Precinct No.: 24-Highland, 25-Holy Cross, 30-Alameda, 31-North Alameda

Consolidated Voting District: 8

Polling Location: Sierra Middle School
Address: 1700 E. Spruce Heights West, 33-Encantada, 34-Sierra, 91-Loma Heights East

Consolidated Voting District: 9

Polling Location: Booker T. Washington Elementary School
Address: 755 E. Chestnut
Precinct No.: 28-Washington East, 29-Washington West, 32-Lucero, 35-City, 92-Hadley

Consolidated Voting District: 10

Polling Location: Hermosa Heights Elementary School
Address: 1655 E. Amador Ave.
Precinct No.: 36-Hermosa Heights West, 41-Bradley West, 93-Hermosa Heights East

Consolidated Voting District: 11

Polling Location: MacArthur Elementary School
Address: 655 N. Fourth St.
Precinct No.: 37-Court, 38-MacArthur, 39-City Center

Consolidated Voting District: 12

Polling Location: Mesilla Elementary School
Address: 2363 Calle del Sur Mesilla, NM
Precinct No.: 18-Mesilla, 40-Valley, 108-South Valley

Consolidated Voting District: 13

Polling Location: Lynn Middle School
Address: 950 Walnut St.
Precinct No.: 42-Bradley East, 43-Old Army, 44-Lynn West

Consolidated Voting District: 14

Polling Location: Conlee Elementary School
Address: 1701 Boston Dr.
Precinct No.: 45-Lynn South, 46-Conlee North, 47-Bellamah, 94-Lynn North

Consolidated Voting District: 16

Polling Location: University Hills Elementary School
Address: 2005 S. Locus St.
Precinct No.: 50-University Hills West, 51-University Hills East, 52-Conlee South, 53-University Baptist, 55-Mesilla Park, 58-University Park

Consolidated Voting District: 17

Polling Location: Las Alturas Fire Station
Address: 4145 Cholla Rd.
Precinct No.: 54-University Campus and those portions of 74-Chaparral West and 104-Las Alturas within Las Cruces School District, 77-Mission Bell, 110-A Mountain East, 114-Las Alturas

Consolidated Voting District: 18

Polling Location: Zia Middle School
Address: 1300 W. University Ave.
Precinct No.: 56-Mesilla Park North, 57-Mesilla Park South

Consolidated Voting District: 19

Polling Location: Highland Elementary School
Address: 4201 Emerald
Precinct No.: 59-Jornada East, 61-Jornada West

Consolidated Voting District: 20

Polling Location: Hillrise Elementary School
Address: 1400 S. Curnutt St.
Precinct No.: 68-Ridgecrest, 69-Majestic Ridge, 70-Telshor

Consolidated Voting District: 21

Polling Location: Hillrise Elementary School
Address: 1400 S. Curnutt St.
Precinct No.: 71-Candlight, 73-Buena Vida, 103-Foothills, 113-Roadrunner South

Consolidated Voting District: 22

Polling Location: East Picacho Elementary School
Address: 4450 N. Highway
Precinct No.: 85 86-San Ysidro, 87-Shalem Colony, 100-Old Picacho, 111-Radium Springs

Consolidated Voting District: 23

Polling Location: Las Cruces Country Club
Address: 2350 N. Main St.
Precinct No.: 26-Country Club, 89-Elks Club South, 99-Elks Club West

Consolidated Voting District: 24

Polling Location: Desert Hills
Address: 280 Roadrunner Pkwy.
Precinct No.: 67-High Range West, 106-High Range SE

Consolidated Voting District: 25

Polling Location: Camino Real Middle School
Address: 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy.
Precinct No.: 102-High Range NE, 112-East Mesa

Consolidated Voting District: 26

Polling Location: Telshor/Missouri Fire Station
Address: 2802 E. Missouri Ave.
Precinct No.: 72-University Terrace

Consolidated Voting District: 27

Polling Location: New Covenant Fellowship
Address: 20 Holy Cross Rd.
Precinct No.: 7-Pecan Valley North, 79-Mesquite North and 96-Pecan Valley South within Las Cruces School Dist.

Consolidated Voting District: 28

Polling Location: Sonoma Elementary School
Address: 4201 Northrise Drive
Precinct No.: 62-Doña Ana SE 1-25, 109-Sonoma

Absentee Voting will be as described in Section 8 herein.

Section 7. Voting on the day of the Election shall be by a voting system defined in NMSA 1978, Section 1-9-1. At least one voting system shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

Section 8. Pursuant to the Absent Voter Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-1 through 1-6-18 (except 1-6-4.2 and 1-6-10.2), the Absent Voter Precinct Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-6-19, 1-6-20, 1-6-22, 1-6-24, and 1-6-25, and by Section 1-22-19, qualified electors may also vote absentee at the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, during regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m. on March 7, 2008, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2008, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election. Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot pursuant to Sections 1-6-7, 1-6-9, and 1-22-19.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of February, 2008.

President, Board of Education
Las Cruces School District No. 2

[SEAL]

Attest:
Secretary, Board of Education
Las Cruces School District No. 2

RESOLUCIÓN Y PROCLAMACIÓN ENMENDADO DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE IMPUESTOS DE EDIFICIOS ESCOLARES PÚBLICOS

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Núm. 2 de Las Cruces ("Junta" y "Distrito", respectivamente),

LEGAL NOTICES

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en el Condado de Doña Ana, y el Estado de Nuevo México, ha determinado que se llevará a cabo una elección especial de impuestos de edificios escolares públicos ("Elección") el 1 de abril 2008, conforme a la Ley de Elecciones, NMSA 1978, §§ 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 y la Ley de Edificios Escolares Públicos NMSA 1978, §§ 22-26-1 y 22-26-9; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, conforme a Sección 22-26-3 la Junta ha determinado, y por medio de éste determina, que en la Elección, se debe presentar a los votantes la cuestión si se debe imponer o no un impuesto de propiedad de \$3.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable sobre la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme al Código de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad, NMSA 1978, Chap. 7, Arts. 35 a 38, para los años tributables de propiedad 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 y 2013, con el fin de hacer mejoramientos capitales en el Distrito.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR NÚM. 2 DE LAS CRUCES, ELCUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MÉXICO RESUELVE:

Sección 1. El 1 de abril, 2008, se llevará a cabo en el Distrito Escolar Núm. 2 de Las Cruces, Condado de Doña Ana, Estado de Nuevo México, una elección especial de distrito escolar de impuestos para mejoramientos capitales de edificios escolares públicos con el fin de someterles a los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestión si se debiera imponer o no un impuesto de propiedad para mejoramientos capitales en el Distrito.

Sección 2. En la Elección, la siguiente cuestión será sometida a la consideración de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y estén habilitados:

CUESTIÓN SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA

MEJORAMIENTOS CAPITALES DE ESCUELA PÚBLICA

"Se le concederá a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar Núm. 2 de Las Cruces, Condado de Doña Ana, Estado de Nuevo México la autorización para imponer un impuesto de propiedad de \$3.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme al Código de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 y 2013 con el fin de hacer los siguientes mejoramientos capitales en el Distrito: A) construyendo, remodelando, añadiendo a, proveyendo equipo para o amueblando los edificios escolares públicos; B) pagos hechos conforme a un acuerdo de financiamiento del Distrito para el arrendamiento de un edificio o otros bienes raíces con la opción de comprar por un precio que se reduce conforme a los pagos hechos; C) comprando o mejorando los terrenos escolares públicos; o D) administrando los proyectos asumidos conforme a A) y C), incluyendo desembolsos para software del mantenimiento de facilidades, software del manejo de proyectos, supervisión de proyectos y personal del Distrito relacionados específicamente a los proyectos de administración financiados por la Ley de Edificios Escolares públicos; siempre que desembolsos no excedan cinco por ciento del total de los costos del proyecto?"

Sección 3. El impuesto que contempla la cuestión del impuesto de edificios escolares públicos se agregará también a cualquier impuesto que se imponga conforme a otras leyes para pagar el servicio de la deuda o para cualquier otro fin. Dichos impuestos de edificios escolares públicos serán autorizados conforme a la Ley de Edificios Escolares Públicos.

Sección 4. Una persona es

votante habilitado del Distrito si en el día de la Elección él o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad, y es residente del Distrito. Para votar, los votantes habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente con el County Clerk del Condado de Doña Ana, o cualquier auxiliar de registración conforme a la ley. Cualquier votante habilitado del Distrito que no esté registrado ahora y que desee votar en la Elección debe registrarse durante las horas hábiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 4 de marzo 2008, siendo el veinte y ocho día inmediatamente antes de la Elección, en la oficina del County Clerk del Condado de Doña Ana, en el Edificio de la Corte del Condado de Doña Ana en Las Cruces, Nuevo México, o por cualquier agente de registración designada como proveniente en NMSA 1978, Secciones 1-4-1 a 1-4-49.

Sección 5. Los sitios de votación para la Elección permanecerán abiertos entre las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el día de la Elección.

Sección 6. Los distritos electorales para la Elección son los siguientes:

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 1
Sitio De Votación: Doña Ana Elementary
Dirección: 400 East Doña Ana School Road
Núm de Recinto: 3-Rodey and 95 within Las Cruces School Dist. No. 2, 4-Doña Ana West, 63-Hill, 85- Vista, 115- Doña Ana

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 2
Sitio De Votación: Sunrise Elementary School
Dirección: 5300 N. Holman Rd.
Núm de Recinto: 5-Moongate, 6-Organ South and 64-Organ North within Las Cruces School Dist., 65-North Hwy. 70, 66-Butterfield Park, 105-Doña Ana NE 1-25

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 3
Sitio De Votación: Tombaugh Elementary School
Dirección: 226 Carver Road
Núm de Recinto: 16-Chamberino, 78-Tortugas, 82-San Miguel within Las Cruces School Dist., 98-Mesilla South, 101-Tombough

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 4
Sitio De Votación: Fairacres Elementary School
Dirección: 4501 E. Picacho Ave.
Núm de Recinto: 19-Fairacres within Las Cruces School Dist., 21-Picacho Hills, 107- Fairacres

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 5
Sitio De Votación: Jornada Elementary School
Dirección: 3400 Elks Drive
Núm de Recinto: 20-Elks Club North, 83-Elks Club East

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 6
Sitio De Votación: Mayfield High School
Dirección: 1955 N. Valley Dr.
Núm de Recinto: 22-San Andres, 23-Mayfield, 84-Carlton, 88-Southwind, 90-Camelot Gardens

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 7
Sitio De Votación: Alameda Elementary School
Dirección: 1325 N. Alameda Blvd.
Núm de Recinto: 24-Highland, 25-Holy Cross, 30-Alameda, 31-North Alameda

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 8
Sitio De Votación: Sierra Middle School
Dirección: 1700 E. Spruce
Núm de Recinto: 27-Loma Heights West, 33-Encantada, 34-Sierra, 91-Loma Heights East

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 9
Sitio De Votación: Booker T. Washington Elementary School
Dirección: 755 E. Chestnut
Núm de Recinto: 28-Washington East, 29-Washington West, 32-Lucero, 35-City, 92-Hadley

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 10
Sitio De Votación: Hermosa Heights Elementary School
Dirección: 1655 E. Amador Ave.
Núm de Recinto: 36-Hermosa Heights West, 41-Bradley West, 93-Hermosa Heights East

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 11
Sitio De Votación: MacArthur Elementary School
Dirección: 655 N. Fourth St.
Núm de Recinto: 37-Court, 38-MacArthur, 39-City Center

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 12
Sitio De Votación: Mesilla Elementary School
Dirección: 2363 Calle del Sur
Núm de Recinto: 18-Mesilla, 40-Valley, 108-South Valley

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 13
Sitio De Votación: Lynn Middle School
Dirección: 950 Walnut St.
Núm de Recinto: 42-Bradley East, 43-Old Armory, 44-Lynn West

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 14
Sitio De Votación: Conlee Elementary School
Dirección: 1701 Boston Dr.
Núm de Recinto: 45-Lynn South, 46-Conlee North, 47-Bellamah, 94-Lynn North

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 15
Sitio De Votación: Las Cruces High School
Dirección: 1755 El Paseo
Núm de Recinto: 48-Valley View, 49-Las Cruces

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 16
Sitio De Votación: University Hills Elementary School
Dirección: 2005 S. Locus St.
Núm de Recinto: 50-University Hills West, 51-University Hills East, 52-Conlee South, 53-University Baptist, 55-Mesilla Park, 58-University Park

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 17
Sitio De Votación: Las Alturas Fire Station
Dirección: 4145 Cholla Rd.
Núm de Recinto: 54-

University Campus and those portions of 74-Chaparral West and 104-Las Alturas within Las Cruces School District, 77-Mission Bell, 110-A Mountain East, 114-Las Alturas

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 18
Sitio De Votación: Zia Middle School
Dirección: 1300 W. University Ave.
Núm de Recinto: 56-Mesilla Park North, 57-Mesilla Park South

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 19
Sitio De Votación: Highland Elementary School
Dirección: 4201 Emerald
Núm de Recinto: 59-Jornada East, 61-Jornada West

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 20
Sitio De Votación: Hillrise Elementary School
Dirección: 1400 S. Curnutt St.
Núm de Recinto: 68-Ridgecrest, 69-Majestic Ridge, 70-Telshor

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 21
Sitio De Votación: Hillrise Elementary School
Dirección: 1400 S. Curnutt St.
Núm de Recinto: 71-Candelight, 73-Buena Vida, 103-Foothills, 113-Roadrunner South

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 22
Sitio De Votación: East Picacho Elementary School
Dirección: 4450 N. Highway
Núm de Recinto: 85-86-San Ysidro, 87-Shalem Colony, 100-Old Picacho, 111-Radium Springs

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 23
Sitio De Votación: Las Cruces Country Club
Dirección: 2350 N. Main St.
Núm de Recinto: 26-Country Club, 89-Elks Club South, 99-Elks Club West

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 24
Sitio De Votación: Desert Hills
Dirección: 280 Roadrunner Pkwy.
Núm de Recinto: 67-High Range West, 106-High Range SE

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 25
Sitio De Votación: Camino Real Middle School
Dirección: 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy.
Núm de Recinto: 102-High Range NE, 112-East Mesa

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 26
Sitio De Votación: Telshor/Missouri Fire Station
Dirección: 2802 E. Missouri Ave.
Núm de Recinto: 72-University Terrace

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 27
Sitio De Votación: New Covenant Fellowship
Dirección: 20 Holy Cross Rd.
Núm de Recinto: 79-Mesquite North and 96-Pecan Valley South within Las Cruces School Dist.

Distrito Electoral Consolidado: 28

Sitio De Votación: Sonoma Elementary School
Dirección: 4201 Northrise Drive
Núm de Recinto: 62-Doña Ana SE 1-25, 109-Sonoma

Votación en ausencia será según se expresa en la Sección 8 más adelante.

Sección 7. La votación en el día de la Elección se llevará a cabo usando un sistema de votación definido en NMSA 1978, Sección 1-9-1. Se colocará, por lo menos, un sistema de votación en el sitio de votación de cada distrito electoral.

Sección 8. Conforme a la Ley de Votación en Ausencia, NMSA 1978, §§1-6-1 a 1-6-18 (excepto 1-6-4.2 y 1-6-10.2), la Ley de Recinto de Votación en Ausencia, NMSA 1978, §§1-6-19, 1-6-20, 1-6-22, 1-6-24, y 1-6-25, y por Sección 1-22-19, votantes habilitados podrán votar en ausencia en la oficina del County Clerk del Condado de Doña Ana durante las horas y en los días hábiles desde las 8:00 a.m. el 7 de marzo de 2008, siendo el veinte y cinco día antes de la Elección, hasta las 5:00 p.m. el 28 de marzo, 2008, siendo el día viernes que antecede inmediatamente la Elección. Votación en ausencia se llevará a cabo usando balotas de papel conforme a Secciones 1-6-7, 1-6-9, y 1-22-19.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este día 5 de febrero 2008.

Presidente, Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Núm. 2 de Las Cruces

[SELLO]

Atestiguado:
Secretaria(o), Junta de Educación
Distrito Escolar Núm. 2 de Las Cruces

Pub #6850
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D0307CV200701727

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

DANNY L. RHODES; MARTHA L. RHODES; UNIFUND CCR PARTNERS ASSIGNEE OF CITIBANK; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s): Unknown Manufactured Home Lienholders, if any; Unknown Manufactured Home Owners, if any.

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 622 Sagewood Dr, Chaparral, NM 88081, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being

more particularly described as: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" 1.25 ACRE PARCEL SITUATE WITHIN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 26 SOUTH, RANGE 5 EAST NEW MEXICO PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO Being a certain parcel of land situate within Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Commencing at the section corner common to 16, 17, 20, and 21, Township 26 South, Range 5 East; THENCE, N 89 degrees -45'-14" E, a distance of 1981.20 feet along the section line common to Section 16 and 21 to a point on a 60 foot road, Sagewood Drive; THENCE, N 00 degrees 13'-10" W, a distance of 742.50 feet along said 60.00 foot road, Sagewood Drive to a point for the "TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING" of the parcel herein described and marking the southwest corner of the parcel herein described; THENCE, continuing along said 60.00 foot road, Sagewood Drive, N 00 degrees 13'-10" W, a distance of 165.00 feet along said 60.00 foot road, Sagewood Drive, to a point marking the northwest corner of the parcel herein described; THENCE, N 89 degrees -45'-14" E, a distance of 23.82 feet to found 1/2" rebar on the East line of said 60.00 foot road, Sagewood Drive, continuing for a total distance of 330.08 feet to a found rebar with cap TX No.1976, N.M. No.6846, marking the northeast corner of the parcel herein described; THENCE, S 00 degrees 13'-37" E, a distance of 145.00 feet to a point on the north line of a 20.00 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 165.00 feet to a found rebar with cap Texas. No. 1976, N.M. No.6846, marking the southeast corner of the parcel herein described; THENCE, S 89 degrees 45'-14" W, a distance of 306.28 feet to a found 1/2" rebar on the east line of said 60 foot road, continuing for a total distance of 330.10 feet to the true point of beginning of the parcel herein described and said parcel containing 1.25 acres or 54,464.85 square feet, MORE OR LESS. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before March 24, 2008, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
Karen Howden Weaver
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800-286-0013;
(719) 634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

Witness the Honorable
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District
Of New Mexico Judicial
District Court, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, this
15th day of January, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
By: Peggy R. Brock
Deputy

07-0825/Rhodes, Danny and Martha; P360555

Pub #6851
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-2860
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

ERNEST CHRIS ARMIJO AND LORI M. ARMIJO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO ERNEST CHRIS ARMIJO AND LORI M. ARMIJO

GREETINGS:

ERNEST CHRIS ARMIJO AND LORI M. ARMIJO, you are hereby notified that the above-named plaintiff has filed suit in the above-entitled court and cause against you, the general object of which is to foreclose that certain mortgage dated September 23, 2005, given by Ernest Chris Armijo and Lori M. Armijo to Pioneer Bank to secure a promissory note of even date, said mortgage covering the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, to-wit: A tract of land situate Southeast of San Miguel, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 11, T.25S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tract 18-52V and part of U.S.R.S. Tract 18-52A and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; whence the Southeast corner of Alta De Las Flores Subdivision bears N.26°00'09"W., 2326.99 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, N.89°23'24"E., 168.89 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.02°47'17"W., 516.76 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Doña Ana County road B-028 (A.K.A. Archer Farm Road) for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Doña Ana County Road B-028, S.89°23'24"W., 168.89 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Doña Ana County Road B-028, N.02°47'17"E., 516.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2,000 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 15 foot wide irrigation and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the North and West boundary lines and a 25 foot wide road and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the East boundary line and all that portion of a 50 foot wide radius cul-de-sac as shown on Plat of Survey. Also subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description



NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency for the Las Cruces and Grants campuses. The university will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 28-30 by a team representing The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY was first accredited by the commission in 1926. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the commission's criteria for accreditation.

The public is invited to

submit comments regarding the university to:

Public Comment on New Mexico State University
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street,
Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed or may be submitted online; comments cannot be treated as confidential.

All comments must be received by March 28. For more information visit <http://www.ncaahl.org/>.

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Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2008

LEGAL NOTICES

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derives from Deed filed May 20, 1997, in Book 90, Pages 36-39, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #05-2057. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939, which property is more commonly known as 2012 Archer Farm Road, La Mesa, New Mexico. Unless you enter your appearance in said court and cause on or before March 6, 2008, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C., whose address is 6100 Uptown Boulevard, N.E., Suite 500, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, is attorney for plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Robert E. Robles, 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 on January 23, 2008.

NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

By Maggie O. Madrid
Deputy

SUBMITTED BY:
VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 UPTOWN BLVD. N.E., SUITE 500
ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87110

Pub #6852
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF OLETHA L.
YOCOM, Deceased.

No. PB 2008-07
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/ Linda Fay Yocom
LINDA FAY YOCOM
Personal Representative of
the estate of Oletha L. Yocom
101 E. St. John
Phoenix 85022
(602) 298-2961

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorney for the Personal
Representative
P.O. Box 6790
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(575) 523-7411
By:/s/ Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6853
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE

ESTATE OF MYRNA FAYE
SANDERS, Deceased,

No. PB 2007-53
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT OF
ESTATE BY PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE

Steven Sanders, Personal
Representative of the estate
of Myrna Faye Sanders,
deceased, gives the following
Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed
on the date of filing this
Notice to the following persons:

Steven Sanders
1648 Capitan
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Shawnda Sue Wilson
5504 Deep Purple Way
San Jose, CA 95123

2. Steven Sanders, has filed a
Petition for Order of Complete
Settlement of Estate by
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Myrna Faye
Sanders, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of
Steven Sanders has been set
for February 29, 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/ Steven Sanders
Steven Sanders
Personal Representative
1648 Capitan
Las Cruces, NM 88001

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
/s/ Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Personal
Representative
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-526-5511

Pub #6854
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

CINDY DOMINGUEZ,
Petitioner,

vs.

URIEL RODRIGUEZ,
Respondent.

No. DM-2007-657
Judge Martin

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO TO:
Uriel Rodriguez, Respondent,
upon whom constructive
service is sought to be obtained,

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY
NOTIFIED that the above-
named Petitioner has brought
suit against you in the
District Court of Dona Ana
County, New Mexico under
Cause No. DM-2007-657, the
general object of which is a
dissolution of marriage.

YOU ARE FURTHER
NOTIFIED that unless you
enter your appearance on or
about the 14th day of March,
2008, judgment by default
will be rendered against you.
Plaintiffs attorneys are
Martin, Lutz, Roggow,
Hosford & Eubanks, P.C.,

2110 N. Main, P.O. Drawer
1837, Las Cruces, NM 88004-
1837.

WITNESS my hand and seal
this 28th day of January,
2008.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK
By /s/ Robert Segura
Deputy Clerk

Pub #6855
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Miguel A. Lopez/
Norma Acosta
7735 Kissiah Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88012

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that all the contents
of your storage unit(s) 0288
at Stull Storage Units #2 will
be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy
our lien in the amount of
\$446.00, which includes legal
costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists
of: couch, desks, chairs,
misc.

Date of Auction:
February 25, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6856
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Valerie Sample
1420 Sweet St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that all the contents
of your storage unit(s) 0069
at Stull Storage Units #2 will
be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy
our lien in the amount of
\$286.00, which includes legal
costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists
of: 2 dressers, boxes

Date of Auction:
February 25, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6857
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Christina Kane
101 E. Bell Ave. #2
Las Cruces, NM 88005

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that all the contents
of your storage unit(s) 0147
at Stull Storage Units #2 will
be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy
our lien in the amount of
\$356.00, which includes legal
costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists
of: Tubs

Date of Auction:
February 25, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6858
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Robert Gutierrez
903 Luna Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that all the contents
of your storage unit(s) 0569
at Stull Storage Units #2 will
be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy
our lien in the amount of
\$518.00, which includes legal
costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists
of: Mattresses, calunet,
misc., tubs

Date of Auction:
February 25, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6859
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702552

HSBC BANK
USA, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION,
AS TRUSTEE FOR
WELLS FARGO
ASSET SECURITIES
CORPORATION HOME
EQUITY ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES SERIES
2005-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

G. THOMAS FARMER;
DONNA FARMER,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the undersigned
Special Master will on March
12, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front
Entrance to the Dona Ana
County District Court, 201 W.
Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell
and convey to the highest bidder
for cash all the right, title,
and interest of the above-
named defendants in and to
the following described real
estate located in said County
and State: LOT 14, BLOCK
3, LOS NOGALES, IN THE
CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT THEREOF, FILED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF SAID
COUNTY ON MARCH 21,
1980 IN BOOK 13 PAGES
30-31 OF PLAT RECORDS.
The address of the real
property is 115 Los Nogales
Drive, Unit 1, Las Cruces,
NM 88001. Said sale will be
made pursuant to the Decree
of Foreclosure entered on
January 23, 2008, in the

above entitled and numbered
cause, which was a suit to
foreclose a mortgage held by
the above Plaintiff and where-
in Plaintiff was adjudged
to have a lien against the
above-described real estate
in the sum of \$282,796.31,
plus interest from January
7, 2008 to the date of sale at
the rate of 8.25% per annum,
the costs of sale, including
the Special Master's fee, publication
costs, and Plaintiff's costs
expended for taxes, insurance,
and keeping the property in good
repair. Plaintiff has the right to
bid at such sale and submit its
bid verbally or in writing. The
Plaintiff may apply all or any
part of its judgment to the
purchase price in lieu of cash.
At the date and time stated
above, the Special Master may
postpone the sale to such later
date and time as the Special
Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that this sale may be
subject to a bankruptcy filing,
a pay off, a reinstatement or
any other condition that would
cause the cancellation of this
sale. Further, if any of these
conditions exist, at the time of
sale, this sale will be null and
void, the successful bidder's
funds shall be returned, and the
Special Master and the mortgagee
giving this notice shall not be
liable to the successful bidder
for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the real property
and improvements concerned
with herein will be sold subject
to any and all patent reservations,
easements, all recorded and
unrecorded liens not foreclosed
herein, and all recorded and
unrecorded special assessments
and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN that the purchaser at
such sale shall take title to the
above-described real property
subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: February 1, 2008.

Pamela Carmody
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2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D0307CV200702976

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES,
OR LEGATEES OF
FAIRLIGHT LUCIA,
DECEASED; WELLS
FARGO BANK, N.A.;
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE
TRUE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN; THE
UNKNOWN SURVIVING
SPOUSE OF FAIRLIGHT
LUCIA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE
OF NEW MEXICO to the

above-named Defendant(s):
The Unknown Heirs,
Devisees, or Legatees of
Fairlight Lucia, deceased.

GREETINGS: YOU ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED that
the above-named Plaintiff
has filed a civil action against
you in the above-entitled
Court and cause, the general
object thereof being to
foreclose a mortgage on property
located at 1224 Alamo
Street, Las Cruces, NM
88001, Dona Ana County,
New Mexico, said property
being more particularly
described as: LOTS 28 AND
29, BLOCK 13, AMENDED
PLAT OF VALLEY VIEW
ADDITION, IN THE CITY
OF LAS CRUCES, DONA
ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND
DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT THEREOF, FILED
IN THE OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY CLERK OF SAID
COUNTY ON APRIL 24,
1907. IN BOOK 3 PAGE(S)
44 OF PLAT RECORDS.
Unless you serve a pleading
or motion in response to the
complaint in said cause on
or before March 24, 2008,
judgment by default will be
entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI

By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla

Karen Howden Weaver
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
ROBERT E. ROBLES,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District
Of New Mexico Judicial
District Court, Dona Ana
County, New Mexico, this
24th day of January, 2008.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Peggy R. Brock
Deputy

07-1841/Lucia, Fairlight;
P364342

Pub #6862
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that on January 7,
2008, Kenneth and Jennie
Lou Needham, 2449 Calle de
Vista, Las Cruces, NM 88007,
filed application numbered
LRG-14319-POD 2 with the
State Engineer for Permit
to Change Location of Well
within the Lower Rio Grande
Underground Water Basin in
Dona Ana County by abandoning
the use of well LRG-
14319-POD 1, as recorded
and on file with the State
Engineer, and located within
the SW1/4 NW1/4 of project-
ed Section 22, Township 23
South, Range 1 East, NMPM
and drilling replacement well
LRG-14319-POD 2 with 1
5/8" casing within the SW1/4
NW1/4 of said Section 22, at
approximately X=1,459,479
Y=471,551 feet (New Mexico
State Plane Coordinate
System, Central Zone, NAD
1983), within 100 feet of the
existing well on land owned
by the applicant, for the
continued diversion of up to 3
acre-feet per annum of
shallow groundwater for
domestic and stock use at the
applicants' property located in
the SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section

22. Old well LRG-14319-POD
1 and the proposed location for
replacement well LRG-14319-
POD 2 are located approxi-
mately 1,950 feet southeast
of the intersection of Wagon
Wheel Trail and N. Fairacres
Road in Dona Ana County.
Old well LRG-14319-POD 1
has been plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion, 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 impair-
ment, you must specifically
identify your water rights;
and/or (2) if public welfare or
conservation of water within
the state of New Mexico, you
must show that you will be
substantially effected. The
written protest must be
filed, in triplicate, with the
State Engineer, 1680 Hickory
Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88005 within ten
(10) days after the date of
the last publication of this
Notice. Facsimiles will be
accepted as a valid protest
as long as the hard copy is
sent within 24 hours of the
facsimile. Mailing postmark
will be used to validate the
24-hour period. Protests can
be faxed to 505-524-6160. If
no valid protest or objection
is filed, the State Engineer
will evaluate the application
in accordance with Sections
72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3
of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6863
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2008

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN that the Las Cruces
City Council will hold a
Public Hearing to discuss
approval or disapproval of
the Transfer of Location of
Liquor License No. 386
from The Liquor Company
II d/b/a Annex and Club to
The Liquor Company II d/b/a
Celebrate on Picacho, located
at 1275 West Picacho, Las
Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be
held in conjunction with the
regular meeting of the Las
Cruces City Council to be
held on Monday, March 3,
2008, at 1:00 p.m. in the City
Council Chambers, 200 North
Church, City Hall. If passed,
the State of New Mexico
Regulation & Licensing
Department may approve the
transfer.

Witness my hand and seal
of the City of Las Cruces on
this the 29th day of January
2008.

Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub #6864
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-200701687
Judge Jerald Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
a New Mexico municipal
corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF LAWRENCE
C. GUINN, Deceased, and
MARGARITA GUINN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUIT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE
OF NEW MEXICO to the
following named Defendants:
Estate of Lawrence C. Guinn,
Deceased, and Margarita
Guinn.

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
recover on a promissory note
and to foreclose a mortgage
on real property located at
1306 South Espina, Las
Cruces, New Mexico 88001 in
Dona Ana County, said property
being more particularly
described as:

Lots 35 and 36 in Block 5 of
College Subdivision, accord-
ing to the plat thereof, filed
May 6, 1910, situate in the
corporate limits of the City of
Las Cruces in the Doña Ana
Bend Colony Grant, Doña
Ana County, New Mexico.

Unless you serve a pleading
or motion in response to the
complaint in said cause on
or before March 24, 2008,
judgment by default will be
entered against you.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: /s/ Marcia B. Driggers
Marcia B. Driggers
Senior Assistant City
Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-541-2128
Attorney for Plaintiff

Pub #6865
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF DOUGLAS W.
HOLLAND, Deceased.

No. PB-08-09 (Robles)

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claims within two months
after the date of the first
publication of this Notice,
or the claims will be forever
barred. Claims must be
presented either to the
undersigned Personal
Representative, in care of
the Bates Law Firm,
PO Box 305, Las Cruces,
NM 88004-0305, or filed
with the Third Judicial
District Court, 201 W.
Picacho Avenue, Suite
A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: February 5, 2008.

/s/ Roxanne Holland
Roxanne Holland
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Douglas W.
Holland, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY: BATES LAW FIRM
PO Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Telefax)
/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #6866
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2008

'Custom home' takes on a whole new meaning

Attributes of this ADA home only start with accessibility



Tips for planting, pruning
this year's rose garden
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GE goes green with new
'smart home' system
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See featured home
on pages E2-E3

Featured Home: 4416 Maricopa Circle



The pool was also made accessible to Susan Straetz, with anchors for a built-in ramp to help her get into the pool.



The kitchen has many ADA features, including low counters and enough space for Susan to roll her wheelchair around the room's island.

Along with a pool and Jacuzzi, Susan and Don Straetz had builder John Hadley put in an arbor so they can relax and enjoy the view of the Organ Mountains.



Below: Along with the large shower, the Straetzes put in a special countertop in the bathroom that Susan's wheelchair can roll under.



Left: Tiled archways are one of builder John Hadley's favorite accents.



Below: The Straetzes also put in a shower large enough for Susan's wheelchair.

PHOTOS BY
JIM HILLEY

Proving accessibility and style can go hand in hand

ADA-certified home has many luxuries

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to constructing a custom home, builders must work closely with their clients every step of the way in order to fulfill their wants and needs.

This was especially true for John Hadley, owner of Desert Sky Construction, when it came to building Don and Susan Straetz's American Disabilities Act-certified home in Sonoma Ranch.

Susan has muscular dystrophy and is confined to a wheelchair. After facing hardships in their previous homes, the Straetzes knew they were in need of a residence tailored to Susan's needs.

"We knew in the end that we were going to have to do this," Don said. "We talked to John and he said, 'Hey if I haven't built it yet, I am perfectly willing to make the changes you need, and it shouldn't cost any more if we start from there.'"

By working closely with Hadley, the couple has created a home that offers the best possible accessibility for Susan along with the style that would come with any

other custom Southwest home.

"One thing that I think is important is that it doesn't look like it's a handicap home," Susan said.

"We watched everything, we were here with the builders and John, and they were extremely helpful and put it all together," Don said. "We got a chance to see everything in the early stages."

The home's ADA attributes include light switches and thermostats that are lower on the wall for Susan to reach, extra-wide hallways and three-foot doors.

Though she is confined to a wheelchair, Susan is happy that in her own beautiful home she can move around freely and comfortably.

"Everything is level. I can wheel myself into the front door, the back door, the garage door, anywhere," she said.

The home features an interesting floor plan with pocket doors leading from one room to the other, allowing Susan to go from the master bedroom to the master bathroom, then into their large closet and utility room and back out to the kitchen without ever having to turn around.

"People like that, and I have a couple now that wants the same thing. They want to be able to walk through from one room to another," Hadley said.

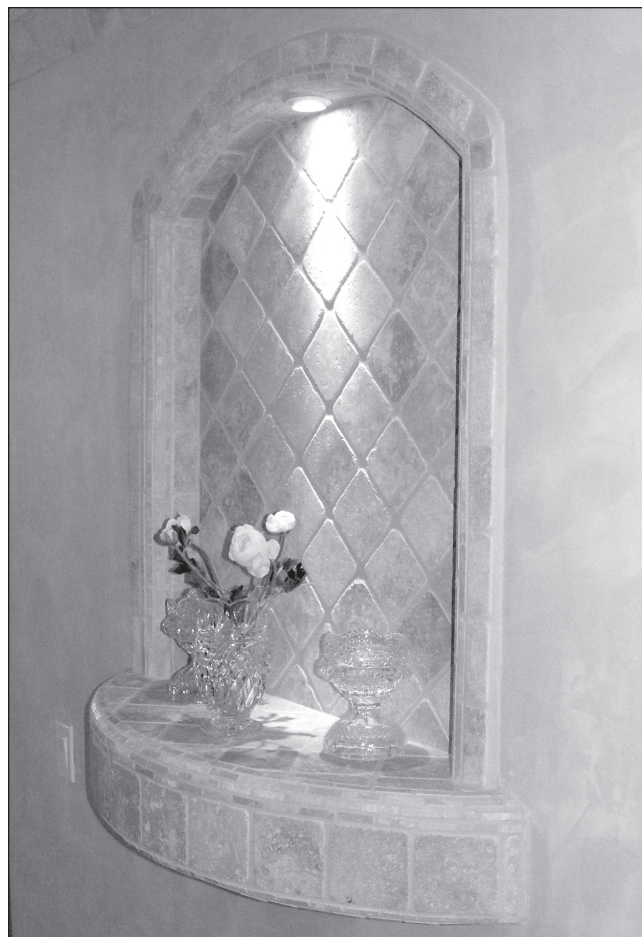
On top of this, the home has counters in both the kitchen and bathroom specifically designed to fit Susan's wheelchair.

"That low counter is wonderful for me. I can sit and cut and chop and do stuff to help with the cooking," she said.

"It has become our major eating place with her right now because her wheelchair doesn't fit under the table. So we have shifted over to the counter, and it is the perfect height," Don said. "She helps out with dinner. She does all of the chopping of vegetables."

Don said that the master bathroom probably saw more changes than any other room, with a shower large enough for Susan to roll into, and a vanity and toilet built to suit her needs.

Don and Hadley said the hardest part of the process



The Straetzes said the best part is that their residence doesn't look like an ADA home. Builder John Hadley added in all of the elements of his non-ADA homes, including elegant accents like tiled nichos and archways.

Details

Address:

4416 Maricopa Circle

Square Footage: 2,750

Bedrooms: Four

Bathrooms: Two

Special features:

This ADA-certified home shows that a handicap-ready residence can be stylish as well as functional.

was coordinating ADA codes with those of the city.

"The city has a code and the ADA has a code, and the city's comes first according to them. When we were putting in the toilet, and we put the walls on both sides, the city came in and said that was out of code," Don said.

"We compromised and decided to abide by the city, but other than that it was just about working closely with them," Hadley said.

Along with all of the specifications that Hadley included for Susan's needs, he also made sure to take advantage of the view from Sonoma Ranch and added all of his signature accents, including a tiled archway, tiled nichos and wooden columns and corbels.

In all of his houses Hadley includes electrostatic dust collectors, which collect dust that can cause allergies and other harmful conditions.

Added luxuries also include a Jacuzzi and pool complete with a waterfall in the back yard and an arbor so the couple can enjoy the sound of the water while taking in the view of the Organ Mountains.

"The nice thing is that they will always have this view. So we built an arbor for them so that in the future they can have vines growing up over it and still have that nice view," Hadley said.

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Crayons not just for kids

Melted wax has plenty of uses at home

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
 The Las Cruces Bulletin

Possibly the most popular way to occupy a young child is by handing them a couple of crayons and a piece of paper. They will go to work creating their own masterpiece, which could later grace the refrigerator door or the office bulletin board.

Restaurants commonly give out a packet of crayons and a paper menu for children, offering mom and dad the chance to have a conversation over dinner.

Crayons are easy to use, easy to clean and non-toxic, which is why they are so popular in most schools world wide. Reportedly, an American child uses about 730 crayons by the time they are 10-years-old.

The first crayons were created by Edwin Binney and C. Harold Smith who started the Crayola Company in 1885. According to their website, Crayola produces nearly 3 billion crayons each year, an average of 12 million daily. That's enough to circle the globe six times.

Today Crayola crayons come in 120 colors including 23 reds, 20 greens, 19 blues, 16 purples, 14 oranges, 11 browns, eight yellows, two grays, two coppers, two blacks, one white, one gold and one silver.

In the last 97 years, over 100 billion Crayola crayons have been made. With so many crayons out there, there are bound to be plenty of broken or used ones that can be gathered up and used for any of the following projects:

1. Fill furniture scratches: If pets scratch up wooden furniture or nicks add up from wear, don't despair. Use a crayon to easily cover them. Choose the color most like the wood finish. Soften the crayon with a hair dryer or in the microwave on the defrost setting. Then color over the scratches and buff the spot with a clean rag.

2. Decorate Easter eggs: Store broken crayons in with Easter decorations and tools and bring them out when decorating Easter eggs. Draw on the egg before dipping it in the dye and the design will stay.

3. Fill a hole: Crayons make great fill material for small gouges or holes in durable flooring. Select a color that most closely matches the floor and melt the crayon in the microwave over wax paper on medium power for a minute at a time until it becomes a glob of color. With a plastic

knife or putty knife, fill the hole. Smooth it over with a rolling pin, a book, or some other flat object. The crayon should cool down quickly. The wax will provide a temporary solution.

4. Give candles a different look: Decorating is just one of the many uses for discarded crayons. When decorating for a birthday party or baby shower, turn white taper candles into candles of many colors depending on the celebration. While heating water in a pan, unwrap old crayons and place them in a clean, tall metal can. The can will serve as a disposable double boiler.

Just before the water comes to a boil, turn off the heat and place the can of crayons into the pan. Give the crayons time to melt, and don't make the mistake of stirring them. Blending a variety of colors will result in a solid color that's not very pretty.

After the crayons have melted, carefully dip plain white taper candles into the colored wax. The plain white candles will now be covered with a rainbow of beautiful colors, and turn plain white candles into something new.

5. Create designs with wax paper: Sharpen old crayons to create shavings of many colors and gather the shavings on a plate or in a cup.

Rip off a sheet of waxed paper, and fold it in half. Sprinkle the shavings in the middle of the folded waxed paper. After the waxed paper is filled with a layer of crayon shavings, fold it once again.

Cover the waxed paper with a sheet of aluminum foil, and heat using a warm iron. The melted crayon shavings between the sheets of waxed paper will create beautiful designs that look similar to stained glass.

Let the melted wax cool, and cut the crayon filled waxed paper into shapes. They can also be used as sun catchers or Christmas ornaments. Once they cool, peel away the papers and hang one in a window.

6. Cover up carpet: If a carpet stain just won't come out, here is a remedy. Find a crayon that matches or will blend with the carpet. Soften the crayon a bit with a hair dryer or in the microwave on the defrost setting. Now color over the spot. Cover the repair with wax paper and gently iron the color in. Keep the iron on a low setting. Repeat as often as necessary.

Around-the-home item:
Crayons



Along with occupying a child, crayons can be melted and used as a temporary fix for stains, scratches and holes.

Opening doors with Dream Key

Creating modern custom homes through collaboration

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Like many of today's builders, Albert Herrera stepped onto the job site as a young boy of 13 working for his father, Erwin Herrera, in Albuquerque.

After receiving his degree in agriculture from New Mexico State University he found himself on the job site once again, but this time with his own agenda.

"When I was younger my dad had me working, of course, and it just seemed like even when I was in col-

lege and I would get part-time jobs I would always come back to this," he said.

Today Herrera's company has come to be a collaboration among three bright minds in building.

Beginning as C and A Homes, standing for Christy and Albert Herrera, the couple recently changed their company's name to Desert Key Custom Homes.

With the help of real estate agent and designer Arlene Iti, they build energy-efficient, functional homes in any style.

"We really have a good team," Iti said. "The way this works out is Christy and Albert decide what lot they

want to build on, and they put a plan together. Then the three of us meet to look at the plan and talk about how we need to set things up so the house will be easy to furnish. So between the three of us, once we redline the plan and make changes, we end up with a very functional product that is beautiful with good traffic flow and spacious rooms."

One way that Herrera has invested in his business is by collecting an inventory of furniture to stage his homes, which Iti said can make a difference in one's perception of a home.

"When Albert and I first got together, I told him that if he was going to continue to build spec houses he needed to have an inventory of furniture and accessories that we can move from house to house," Iti said. "Because we bring in furniture and accessories it brings out all of the beautiful features of a home."

As a member of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, Albert said that continuing education is important and he does many things to stay on top of building trends.

"That is really the important thing is to have these opportunities for continuing education. We want to put

Featured Builder:
Dream Key Custom Homes

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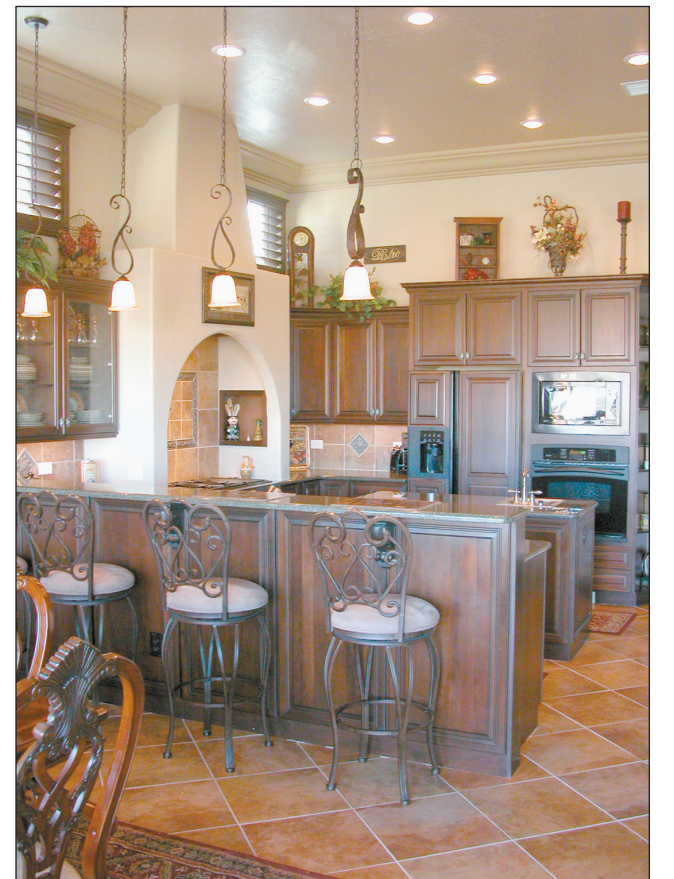
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Featured Builder: *Dream Key Custom Homes*



This Tuscan-style home found on Golf Course Road was built by Dream Key Custom Homes for Realtor Arlene Ilti. According to Ilti, the company can build in any style.

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ourselves out there as professionals, and just like in any profession you have to continually strive to learn new things," he said. "The real big thing now is green building, which I would like to know more about."

Albert said that he could not accomplish what he has as a builder without the help of his wife Christy, who is involved in almost every stage of building.

"I do have to give a lot of credit to my wife because she comes up with the color schemes – what works and what doesn't work. We really couldn't do it without her," he said. "She works in conjunction with Arlene and they do all the design work and come up with the concepts of the house. She really has a knack for it."

Christy, who has a master's degree in school psychology and is working on her doctorate, gave birth to the couple's first child, Aden, on Jan. 22.

Surprisingly, the couple is between homes themselves, though Albert said they will have no trouble finding the right place to build a new one.

"I build anywhere in Las Cruces because this city is just so beautiful. If you go to some of the other towns around, they are nice, but Las Cruces really has something and I



This fireplace is the key element of a central patio, a unique part of a Dream Key home on Golf Club Road.

can't quite put my finger on it. There is a charm here that other places don't have," he said.

To date, the couple has built about 30 homes in Las Cruces, and while that is not a large number, he is happy with the pace.

"Hopefully we keep on truckin' and become one of the premier builders in Las Cruces," he said. "We are here to serve and do a good job for people because it is the biggest investment they make. We are here to treat people right."



Albert Herrera, owner of Dream Key Custom Homes, builds about six homes a year with the help of his wife Christy.

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GE goes green with home automation

'Smart home' taken to a new level of energy efficiency

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In conjunction with General Electric's Go Green Campaign, the company has released a new home automation system, or Smart Connection Center, that can better allow homeowners to control their home and save money on their electricity bill.

The system is a structured wiring and connectivity solution that manages everything from Internet and home entertainment to home security and lighting.

"Basically it does home automation, intercom, whole house audio, climate control and security," said Josh Marquez, construction manager at Eagle Security, 300 S. Walnut St. "There is going to be other stuff that is expanded onto this also, so this is the first version and there will be another to follow this up."

While a central computer, which is susceptible to viruses and other mishaps, operated the previous smart systems, the new system is operated by a circuit board and component system.

"One of the real nice things about this system that differentiates it from most of the other ones, is that even though the GE Smart Command allows it to operate all of these different systems, each system is capable of functioning independently. So if



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Operated by a customized touch pad, the new GE Smart Connection Center manages energy use to save the homeowner money on their electric bill. The system also features whole-house audio and can be integrated with any audio device.

there is a problem, if something comes up and there was an issue with the system, each portion of the system can be used independently. A problem with a lot of the other smart systems was that when the system failed you were out heating, cooling, security, everything. You couldn't use any of it. This one has individual interfaces just like a normal house," Marquez said.

For ease of customer use, it can be set up to the needs of the homeowner and is operated by customizable touch pads.

"We have lighting control that allows you to turn individual lights on and off, brighten them or dim them, and it also has the capability of creating scenes," he said. "A scene allows you to do a bunch of different things at once. If you were going to bed for the night you would have a 'good night' button that would allow one button to set the proper temperature setting, turn the proper lights on and off, set the security system to the desired level and adjust any whole-house audio settings."

He said this basically allows the homeowner to create any type of scene that

they would like, from "party mode" to "relax mode."

"That allows you to manipulate every aspect of the home automation with one key stroke," he said.

Running over CAT5 wires, the system has the capability of being refit into any house that is properly structured, and can be installed at a starting price of \$5,000.

"The other great thing about this is because the systems are all tied together, and this is where the 'Go Green' part of it comes in, it actually can use information that it gathers from your day to day use of the system to better manage your energy in the house," he said. "It keeps you from accidentally leaving lights that you don't want to leave on when you are gone."

He said that it allows lighting, heating and cooling management, saving the homeowner about 20 percent on their energy bills when used correctly.

Marquez said that another benefit of the system is its compact structure.

"One of the nice things about the GE products is they have a lot more disposable money to design these products and they have a wide grasp of different industries. Instead of having a closet rack with a bunch of equipment stacked in it, they have really taken this stuff and shrunk it done into a nice compact unit," he said.

According to Marquez the system is easy to install and there is nothing special that the homeowner has to do to maintain it.

"Because CAT5 is a common medium used in structured wiring, in a lot of cases a house that is properly structured will have CAT5 wire in it anyway," he said.

Along with its energy saving features, there is the added bonus of the home audio system, which can be used with a number of audio devices.

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\$232,000 - High Range - 5022 Sun Shadow Circle in the Shadow Run Subdivision: This home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great kitchen, living room with fireplace, plus a self contained office/studio which can be used as in-law/guest quarters. Lots of tile, light and bright, high ceilings, roomy Master Bedroom with tub and shower low maintenance landscaping, approx 2022 square feet. Nellie Bunch at RE/MAX Infinity 524-8202 or 644-2715. MLIS # 800206.

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\$229,000 - High Range - 2361 Picacho Peak View, Spacious 3 bedroom home located on a corner lot in a desirable established neighborhood. This home has decorative ceiling treatments, formal living

and dining area, fireplace in the family room and a small pool. MLS# 800181 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$225,000 - Mesilla Area - 1320 Avenida de Mesilla #123 Building 1, This stunning 2 bedroom, 2 bath custom condo is in a gated community located at the entrance to historical Mesilla. This new unit is two stories and has many upgrades. MLS# 800162 Ron Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$214,900 - Elks Club - 244 Fireweed, This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath custom home has lots of upgrades. Features include open floor plan, kitchen with marble countertops, tile throughout the living areas, large master suite, decorative tile and plenty more. MLS# 800092 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$194,900 - East Mesa - 4534 Camino Dos Vidas, This charming 3 bedroom home has a 2 car garage. Other features include wood blinds, large rooms, a covered patio with ceiling fan, speakers in great room, and a nice size garage with insulated door. MLS#800220 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$194,900 - Crescent Park Area - 831 Chile Lane, This beautiful home has a large family room with fireplace, high ceilings, large master suite, spacious kitchen, and more. Home will be painted inside and carpet replaced. MLS# 785048 Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$135,000 - Bellamah - 2209 Magnolia Avenue, Perfect for a large family. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has a large kitchen, 2 living areas and 2 bonus rooms. Recently updated with fresh paint, new elastomeric roof in 2007, and much more. MLS#800020 Jeffery Hutcheson 405-7232, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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- 3650 Morning Star Drive Unit 1802, This 1 bedroom condo has been gently lived in for only 6 months. Condo has an attached 1 car oversized garage. Indoor/outdoor pools and 2 work out facilities with spa. MLS# 785153 Isaac Vigil 635-6115, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$112,500 - Elks Club - 4056 Calle Estados, This spacious 4 bedroom has a split floor plan and a marvelous master suite. This home has a large kitchen, generous separate living areas and vaulted ceilings. This home is a great value! MLS# 800100 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$95,900 - High Range - 3650 Morning Star Drive Unit #802, Delightful palette of color makes this one bedroom condo a pleasure to live in. Upstairs unit with views of the Doña Ana Mtns, indoor and outdoor pools, spa and fitness centers. MLS# 800040 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$93,499 - High Range - 3650 Morning Star Drive # 902, This Lovely one bedroom condo has great views of the Doña Ana Mountains. Located in a gated community with indoor and outdoor pools, fitness rooms, spa, and more. MLS# 785030 Sarana Placker 642-6643, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	7	3	1
Homes Sold Existing	22	9	31
Pending Home Sales (All)	182	188	276
Average Days on Market (All)	105	112	134

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$172,000	\$130,000	\$206,750
Median Price Existing	\$164,500	\$140,000	\$155,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,674	1,661	1,278
Real Estate Agents	n/a**	623	644

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 1/28/08 - 2/4/08
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A new Valentine's Day tradition: How to keep the heart healthy

Give a gift from the heart for the heart

Passion. Romance. Love. In this season when celebrating the feelings of the heart, it's also fitting to celebrate heart health. This is especially true for women. Sadly, heart disease is the number one killer of women over the age of 25 in the United States.

The American Heart Association is trying to change this situation with its "Go Red for Women" program, which encourages women to love their hearts by understanding the risks they face and how to reduce them.

"We can no longer ignore heart disease," says Jennifer Mieres MD, national spokesperson for "Go Red for Women" and director of nuclear cardiology for New York University School of Medicine. "While awareness is important, it's time for women to take action now."

So what can you do to keep yourself heart-healthy? Here's some good advice from the American Heart Association.



1. Stay active

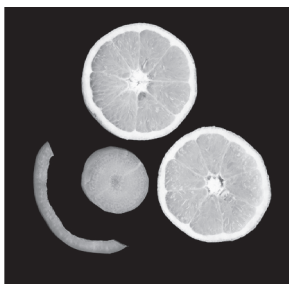
Your heart is a muscle – treat it like one. The only way to build muscle strength is to exercise. Current guidelines recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate daily activity.

No time to exercise? That's okay. Don't think exercise, think action.

Instead of the elevator, take the stairs whenever possible; take a walk after dinner instead of sitting down and watching TV; park a few blocks from the office or store and walk the rest of the way.

2. Eat smart

Healthy food habits can help reduce three risk factors for heart attack and stroke – high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and excess body weight. Set the stage for success by eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, veg-



etables, cereal and grain products, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, legumes, nuts, fish, poultry and lean meats. Eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol. Keep healthy snacks, such as pre-cut fruits and vegetables, on hand and drink plenty of water.

3. Take time to relax



Everyone feels stress from time to time, but too much stress over a long period of time and unhealthy responses to it may create health problems in some people. If frequently feeling exhausted at the end of the day both physically and emotionally, instead of turning to an unhealthy solution like drinking or smoking, find ways to relax.

There are a number of methods one can use: deep breathing, mental imagery, or simply turning on some soft music and lighting a fragrant candle when coming home for the day.

4. Quit smoking

Smoking increases the risk of developing coronary heart disease two to four times more than non-smokers. There also is a higher risk of illness and death from heart attack, stroke and other diseases, including lung, mouth and throat cancers; chronic lung diseases and infections; congestive heart failure; and peripheral vascular disease (in the legs and arms).



Stress is unhealthy, so relax at the end of the day with a pleasant aroma from a candle or air freshener.

The good news is that the risk of heart disease and stroke starts to drop as soon as the habit is kicked – no matter how long or how much it's been a habit. It is cut in half after one year without smoking then continues to decline until it's as low as a non-smoker's risk.



5. Maintain a healthy weight

Too much body fat, particularly around the waist area, places individuals at risk for a myriad of health problems, including high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, high triglycerides, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Try to reach a healthy weight – and stay there. To lose weight, most women should eat 1,200 to 1,500 calories a day, but not less than 1,200.



Start a new tradition this year – one that will help the heart and the hearts of loved ones for years to come. To learn more about heart-healthy habits, visit www.goredforwomen.org. Happy Valentine's Day!

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Chocolate and chile a decadent pair

Valentine's Day sweets for a special someone

It's the ultimate match – chocolate and chile. Each of these knee-weakening decadents has similar attributes: both are considered addictive, both release happiness hormones, both contribute to feelings of euphoria and both are regarded as an aphrodisiac. Food writer Amy Reiley refers to chile's "sting" as "nature's long kiss goodnight" and to chocolate as a "pleasure principle."

Thus pairing something sweet (chocolate) with something hot and spicy (chile) for a Valentine's Day meal seems like the natural thing to do. Begin the evening at a leisurely tempo with soft music and tender chatter that progressively heats up to a platter full of beloved sizzling savories. Feliz Dia de San Valentin fellow chileheads!

Turkey and White Bean Chili with Chocolate

Adapted from the "Bon Appetite Cookbook" by Barbara Fairchild, 2006

1 pound dried white beans, soaked overnight (or substitute three cans of white beans)
1 tablespoon olive oil, divided
1 large onion, chopped
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 pound ground turkey
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle chile powder
1/4 cup ancho chile powder
1/8 cup New Mexico red-chile powder, mild to hot to taste (if you don't have ancho-chile powder, use 3/8 cups chile powder)
3 bay leaves
2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
Pinch salt
2 cans diced tomatoes
2 cans beef broth
1/2 cup water
1 cup (more or less to taste) minced cilantro
Sour cream and/or grated cheese for serving

Soak beans overnight or all day in cold water. Pour out water, add fresh water to cover, and cook beans at a low simmer about 1-1/2 hours, or until soft but not mushy. (Be sure beans are as done as you'd like them, because when you add them with tomatoes they won't soften a lot more.) Drain beans and put in heavy soup pot.

Heat 1 teaspoon olive oil in heavy frying pan; add chopped onion and sauté about 8 minutes or until onions are soft and just starting to brown. Add dried oregano and ground cumin and sauté two minutes more. Put onion mixture into pot with beans.

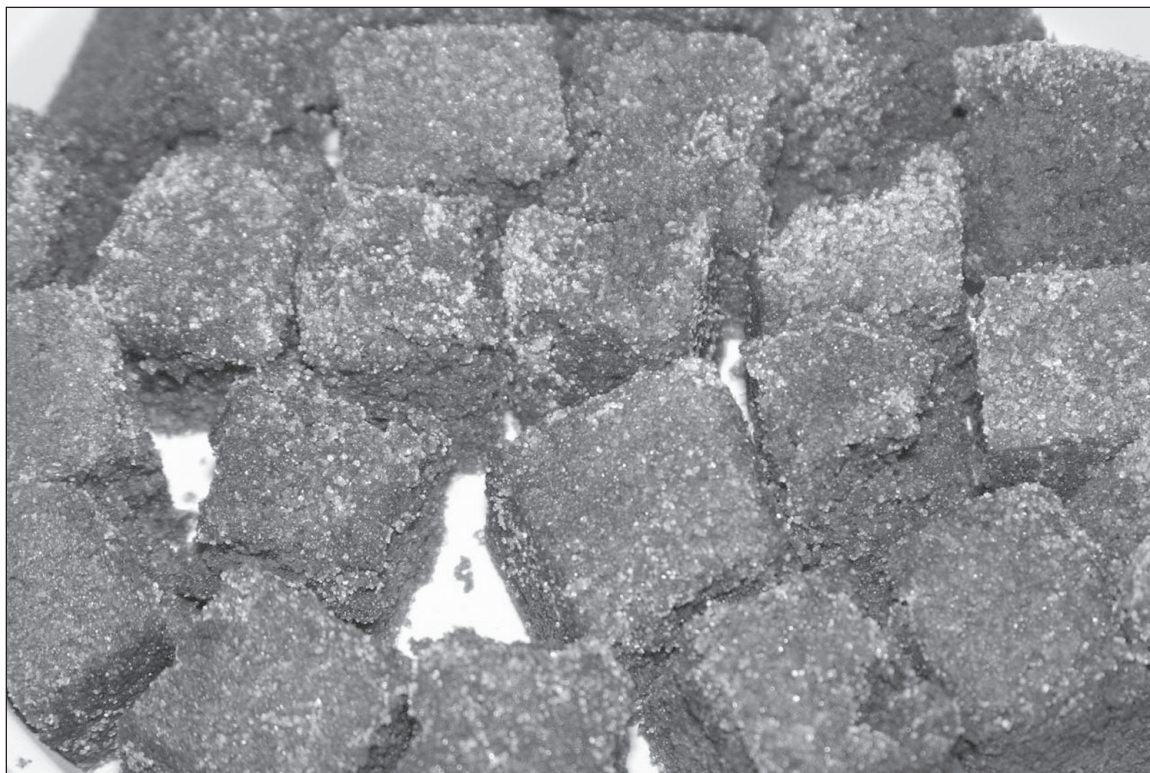
Add 2 teaspoons more olive oil to frying pan and add turkey. Cook until well done and starting to brown, breaking apart with turner. Add turkey to soup pot. Deglaze frying pan with 1-cup water, scraping any browned bits off bottom of pan, and add to pot.

Add chipotle, ancho and regular chile powder to pot. Add bay leaves, cocoa powder, salt, tomatoes and beef broth. Simmer on low heat until all ingredients are well blended and tomatoes are starting to break apart, about 45 minutes. Turn off heat and stir in chopped cilantro if using. Let sit 5 minutes, and then serve. Can be served with sour cream and/or grated cheese if desired.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Chocolate Chile Rubbed Chicken & Mango Salsa

Adapted from the "Williams-Sonoma Collections: Chicken," 2001



Chocolate Chile Love Bites are guaranteed to tickle the taste buds of your Valentine.

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

For the rub:

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon ancho-chile powder
1 tablespoon sweetened cocoa powder, or to taste

For the salsa:

1 ripe mango, diced
1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
1 tablespoon shallots, finely chopped
1 jalapeño chile, seeded and finely chopped
Grated zest of 1/2 lime
Juice of 1/2 lime

In a small bowl combine all the ingredients for the rub (except the chicken).

Flatten the chicken breasts between two pieces of plastic wrap so they get to an even thickness. This helps ensure the meat is cooked through without being underdone at one end and dried out at the other. Rub both sides of the chicken with the rub and leave covered on the counter for up to one hour or overnight in the fridge.

In the meantime, combine all the salsa ingredients in a bowl and let the flavors meld for at least 1 hour. Grill the chicken for five minutes or so per side. You can do this on a barbecue, under the broiler in your oven or using a grill pan on top of the stove. The chicken is done when it is no longer pink and juices run clear. Serve the chicken with the salsa.

Matchmaker Empanadas

1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons cocoa powder
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon New Mexico red chile pepper, ground
1/2 teaspoon hot habanero sauce
1/2 cup butter (or margarine), cut into pieces
4 ounces cream cheese, cut into pieces
Raspberry preserves
2 eggs, beaten

Sift dry ingredients into a bowl. Add habanero sauce, butter and cheese. Using clean hands, shape mixture into a ball. Wrap in wax paper and refrigerate for about one hour or until well chilled. On floured surface roll out dough 1/8 inch thick. Using a heart-shaped cookie cutter (about 3-1/4 by 2-1/2 inches) or a chile pod shaped cookie

cutter, cut out shapes. Place 1 teaspoon of raspberry preserves in center of half of the cookies. Brush edges with beaten egg and cover with another heart (or chile pod). With a fork, gently press edges together. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Brush tops with a thin coating of beaten egg and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 10 minutes or until golden. Cool.

Chocolate Chile Love Bites

This spicy recipe appears throughout cyberspace but originated at the French site chocolateandzucchini.com. I tweaked it by using New Mexico red chile powder.

200 grams butter (7-1/8 ounces)
200 grams good quality unsweetened dark chocolate (7-1/8 ounces)
250 grams sugar (8-7/8 ounces)
5 eggs
1 tablespoon flour
1 1/2 teaspoons New Mexico red chile powder, medium hot (adjust to your taste and heat tolerance)

Melt the butter with the chocolate in a small saucepan or in a bowl in the microwave. If melting in the microwave, be sure to do it slowly, blending with a spoon between each pass.

Transfer into a mixing bowl, add in the sugar and mix with a wooden spoon and let cool a little. Add the eggs one by one, mixing well with the spoon after each addition. Add a rounded tablespoon of flour and the chile powder and mix well.

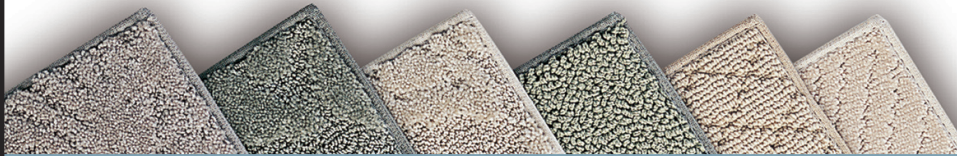
Pour the dough in the petit four molds, and put into the oven to bake for 10 to 12 minutes. The top should look set, but the inside should still be on the soft side.

Let the mini bites cool down enough to unmold them, and then turn them out on a rack to cool completely while you cook the other batches. Store in a plastic container, refrigerate and take out about an hour prior to serving the next day.

Note: For a simpler version, prepare as directed using a packaged brownie mix, adding the chile powder. When cool, cut into Love Bites and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Sunny at sunnyconley@earthlink.

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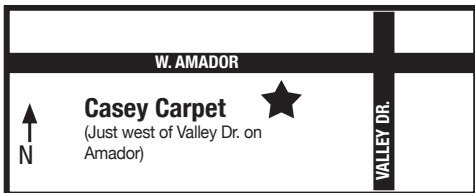
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Green bags can keep fruits, vegetables and cut flowers fresh for up to 30 days.

It's in the bag baby

Prolong the life of fruits and vegetables with the green bag

By **BETHANY CONWAY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It seems like no matter how hard one tries, it is impossible to eat fresh produce fast enough to keep it from spoiling, even when it is kept in the proper refrigerator drawer.

This week's gadget, the revolutionary "green bag," boasts that it can prolong the life of fruits, vegetables and cut flowers without the use of chemicals. This could be a good idea for a gardener whose harvested fruits and vegetables spoil quicker than the family can eat them. Instead of throwing away what was once perfectly good produce, the green bag can prolong the life of a number of fruits and vegetables for almost a month.

What is it?

It is reported that the green bag emerged when scientists who were conducting research in a region of Japan found that for thousands of years farmers have been storing produce in mountain caves with surprising results.

While the caves were dark, consistently cool and dry, it was not the climate that caused the prolonged life of the fruits and vegetables. It was discovered that the key to the remarkable preserving properties of the caves was a form of clay called "oya," which was found in abundance in the caves. The oya absorbed the ethylene gas that the produce gave off as it matured. Using this ancient knowledge, the inventors of the green bags have created a quick and easy way to preserve produce.

Fruits, vegetables and flowers all release ethylene gas while ripening after harvesting or picking. Ethylene gas accelerates ripening, aging and rotting. But green bags are made with a natural mineral that is known to extend the life of produce by absorbing and removing this damaging gas.

They also control humidity and discourage mold, bacteria, fungus and decay. The bags not only save money by wasting less food, but also are reusable up to 10 times and keep fruits and vegetables fresh up to 30 days

Green bags can be used to prolong the life of apples, berries, lemons, melons, oranges, peaches, asparagus, broccoli, carrots, lettuce, spinach, onions, mushrooms, parsley, celery, herbs, tomatoes, zucchini and even cut flowers.

How does it work?

Before placing produce in a green bag make sure that it is clean and dry. Simply place fresh produce in bags and wash and rinse it as usual before use.

Use one bag for each type of produce. Even cut flowers can be preserved longer by placing the arrangement in a green bag or pulling a bag over the top of a vase.

In order to close, fold over the top of the bag and do not use twist-ties in order to avoid making holes.

It varies depending on the type of food, but the bags should prolong the life of the food up to 10 times longer than normal. It is still a good idea

to keep an eye on the food to be sure that it isn't going bad.

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How much does it cost?

A 20-count set of green bags is \$12.99.

Where can it be found?

Green bags can only be ordered online at www.greenbags.com

Helpful hints:

Store produce in a cool, dry and dark place. Don't crowd or combine different products in the same bag and be sure to rinse bags after each use and dry thoroughly.

For best results, keep bags shut by tying in a knot or securing with a clothespin.