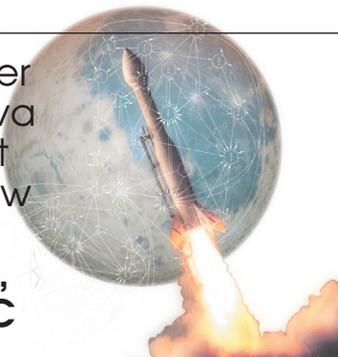


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Lawmakers: 2007 session 'productive'

Senate bucks special session called by absent Richardson

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Following a 60-day legislative session that lawmakers described as "productive," a special session that Gov. Bill Richardson called to address a few items over a few days may be in jeopardy after senators went home.

After the regular session ended last Saturday, Richardson described it as one of the most successful sessions in state history.

The governor with presidential ambitions had shown more of a willingness to compromise than in past sessions in order to get results like cutting \$52 million in taxes to low- and middle-income families, eliminating taxes on the salaries of active duty military, passing an increase in the minimum wage to \$7.50 per hour over the next two years, banning cockfighting and smoking in workplaces, and permitting medical marijuana use.

But these words of praise were barely out of his mouth when he added that the session had ended "with unfinished business."

Richardson signed a proclamation calling legislators into a special session on Tuesday.

Unfinished business the governor noted included ethics reform, transportation and water infrastructure as well as domestic partnerships and anti-meth measures.

Although some ethics reforms were passed, Richardson still wants to see more campaign contribution limits, public financing for judge candidates and the formation of an ethics commission.

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Mayor supports Meals on Wheels



Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace talks to 100-year-old Josephine Lucero in her home while delivering food to the elderly and handicapped Wednesday with the Meals on Wheels program. Mattiace joined other mayors nationwide in delivering the meals to show support for the program that provides meals to people's homes. In Las Cruces, the program delivers 420 meals a day. Lucero's daughter, Lupe Lucero Leinweber, said the meals are well planned and nutritious, though she usually has to spice it up a bit for her mother's taste.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spaceport budget comes in under \$200 million

Richardson: Spaceport America to get first-year funding early

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the local spaceport tax question running into opposition, Gov. Bill Richardson announced he is securing the project's first \$33 million and the Spaceport Authority released a cost estimate \$27 million under its original target.

Spaceport America, to be located in the desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences, was originally budgeted at \$225 million, with the state providing more than \$100 million in three years once the spaceport gets its Federal Aviation Administration license, signs Virgin Galactic as an anchor tenant and is able to meet budget.

Before the special session started coming unraveled (see related story this page), Gov. Bill Richardson announced getting the spaceport's first \$33 million before those conditions are met would be one of the items he wanted to accomplish by bringing back lawmakers.

The rest of the spaceport's original budget was to come from a combination of sources, including federal funding and user leases. Local option gross receipts tax increases proposed for Doña Ana, Otero and Sierra counties are expected to generate \$58 million for building the spaceport.

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Amelia Davis, left, prepares to vote early on the Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax question on Tuesday. Davis is a poll worker at the Doña Ana County Government Center on Motel Boulevard, along with (seated, left to right) Josie Medina, Jennifer Billings and Robert Hernandez. Early voting is taking place through March 31 at the center. Approximately 1,500 votes had been cast in the special election as of Tuesday morning.

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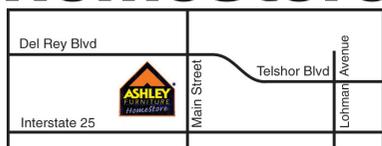
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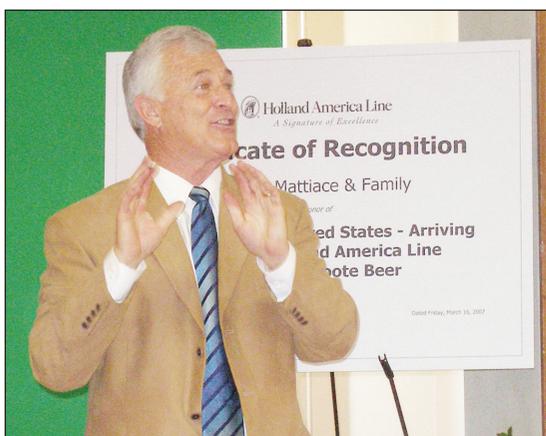


Nicolitz celebration



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Nicolitz family celebrated 50 years in the United States last Friday, March 16, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. Pictured above are Winny Davis, Nick Nicolitz, Ernst Nicolitz, Eric Nicolitz, Wanda Mattiace and Marcel Nicolitz.



Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace recalls fond memories of the Nicolitz family. Mattiace married Wanda Nicolitz in 1970.

Session

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The governor's big gripe was that the session had ended without the passage of his transportation infrastructure GRIP II package.

"Small communities across the state have waited too long for state help to build roads," Richardson said. "The state has the resources to accomplish these projects. And voters in southern New Mexico want assurances that the state is keeping its commitment to build the road to the new spaceport, which we intend to move forward immediately."

The special session got off to a rocky start – or non-start – Tuesday when the Senate adjourned less than six hours after lawmakers convened.

Senators, who voted 24-14 to go home, apparently will have to return by Saturday because House leaders don't plan to follow the Senate. An attempt to stop the special session in the House failed Wednesday afternoon.

Senate President Pro Tem Ben Altamirano, D-Silver City, said senators felt they were called back to the Capitol too soon after the state's part-time legislators finished this year's regular 60-day session Saturday.

"I personally feel the Senate wasn't involved in the content of the special session," Altamirano said, "and we weren't involved in the timing of it."

The adjournment came after Richardson left the Roundhouse for a presidential campaign trip to California. That left Senate Minority Whip Leonard Lee Rawson, R-Las Cruces, wondering about the session's significance for the governor. "If it's that important, then why didn't the governor stick around for it?" Rawson asked.

"The governor has previously scheduled campaign commitments in California that he was unable to reschedule," Pahl Shipley, spokesman for Richardson's presidential exploratory campaign, said in an email statement to reporters.

The New Mexico Constitution states that neither chamber of the Legislature can recess for more than three days without the consent of the other chamber.

Southern New Mexico Democrat lawmakers acknowledged it had been a busy and exhausting

session, but were generally supportive of the special session.

"Most of the things the governor wants have been debated thoroughly," said Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia on Monday before returning to Santa Fe. "If we don't let it, it won't be a long time. We should get it done in a few days."

Otherwise, the local legislators keep using the word "productive" in describing the results of the 60-day session. Garcia not only saw the passage of her cockfighting ban, but the governor also signed her bill to set standards for the state's animal shelters.

Freshman Rep. Jeff Steinborn also was successful in getting six of his bills to the governor's desk, including legislation to make the state have a strong say in border security issues and another bill to not allow utilities to give out private information.

Fellow Democrat freshman Rep. Nathan Cote has already seen the governor sign four of his bills – mostly for veterans support, such as giving all veterans with a 50 percent disability or more free general admission to state museums and state monuments. The income tax exemption for active duty military families also was a bill sponsored by Cote.

One of the earliest bills signed by Richardson was the Surface Owners Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. Andy Nuñez of Hatch. Richardson described the legislation as "the most comprehensive landowner protection bill in the United States."

The act is the result of long negotiations and compromises between ranchers and the oil and gas industry. Under the act:

- Surface owners, who don't own the mineral rights below their property must be notified 30 days prior to beginning any drilling-related operations
- Surface owners must receive a description of proposed oil and gas operations so they can evaluate the potential impacts to their property
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- The act will also require oil and gas operators to clean up after themselves when they're done.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Aggie fans enjoy NCAA tournament

NMSU and Las Cruces were well represented in Spokane; exciting games and great fans generated terrific atmosphere

By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Caught up in the fervor of the NCAA basketball tournament, Jaki and I joined several hundred Aggie fans in a whirlwind trip to Spokane, Wash., to cheer for the New Mexico State University Aggies as they challenged the nationally ranked Texas Longhorns.



MCCOLLUM

If you were not aware, Jaki and I are avid college sports fans. Yes, we were the ones a couple of years ago who dropped everything to don our orange and black "Posse Club" gear to follow our alma mater, the Oklahoma State University Cowboys, to the Final Four at the Alamodome. We made the 700-mile trek to San Antonio without game tickets or even a hotel room.

Our grown children were only mildly surprised when they heard what we had done, although they still think that we may eventually grow out of our affection for college sports. They are wrong. As long as we are physically able, we intend to follow our favorite college teams, wherever that may be. With Coach Reggie Theus at the helm, the NMSU Aggies appear poised to be in position to participate in post-season tournaments for several years to come.

The Aggie contingent in Spokane was impressive. I understand the university sold its entire allotment of tickets. In fact, the demand for tickets was so high that university ticket guru Patrick Kennedy had to quickly improvise a lottery system to provide a fair distribution process. Some of the prominent Aggie fans included Margie and John Papen, decked out in Aggie gear including their now infamous "Dr. Seuss" top hats. Other notable fans included Mary and Lou Henson, Ray Wooten, Ken Wooten, Traci and Dave Hooker, Vivian and David Steinborn with daughter Amanda, Patti and Bill Conroy, Don Thome, Jan and Mike Martin, Donna and Brian Faison, Bill Harty, Maria Roth, Bill Flores, Celina Garcia, State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons, and NMSU regents Bob Gallagher, Steve Anaya and Ed Kellum. Of course, the Aggie Pride Band and cheerleader contingent was there along with a herd of hardy students who survived a daylong bus ride from Las Cruces to Spokane.

The things we liked best about the experience were:

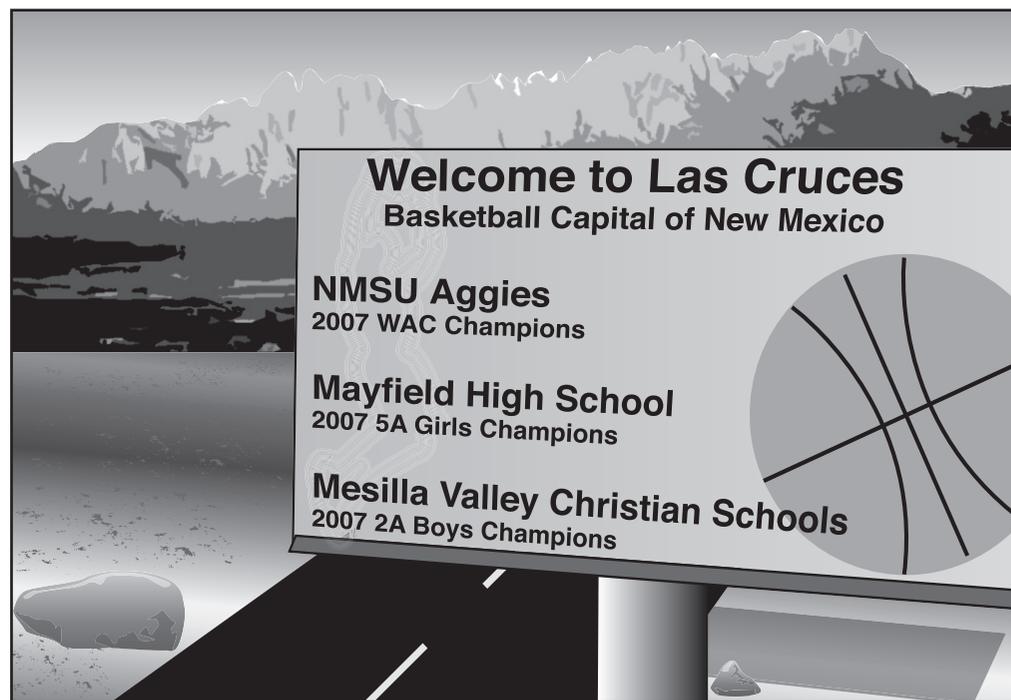
- The Aggies competed well and were ahead by three points with five minutes to play.
- Aggie fans were terrific and exuded great spirit and Aggie pride.
- The people of Spokane were friendly and accommodating.
- The university did an excellent job of making arrangements for travel, rooms and activities for the fans.

Things that could have been improved include:

- If the NCAA intends to maintain "regional" integrity of their tournament brackets, they need to understand geography a little better. NMSU is a school in the Southwest that was assigned to a first round in the Northwest (Eastern Washington). Had the Aggies won, they would have gone to the Northeast (New Jersey) for the regionals for a chance to qualify for the Final Four in the Southeast (Atlanta).
- The NCAA needs to rethink how they schedule their back-to-back sessions. In Spokane before the Aggie game, the Star Spangled Banner was played to an empty arena and the game tip-off took place before the stadium doors were opened to the fans. With each two-game session ticket costing \$56, most fans would like to be in their seats for the start of the game.

Of course, it would have been great for the Aggies to have upset Texas on Friday and then USC on Sunday. However, this optimistic scenario did not happen. Now we just need to look forward to next year.

I can hardly wait.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A spaceport authority

On April 3, the residents of Doña Ana County have the opportunity to determine the fate of Spaceport America. A yes vote will mean that the citizens are able, willing and ready to pay a fraction of a cent more on their gross receipt taxes in order that the state, region and community can then reap the benefits that will flow from a unique, world-class facility.

Many have voiced their personal and corporate support for the spaceport. As a member of the spaceport authority, I want to express my personal appreciation to those individuals. I have found that it is always easier for a person to stand opposed to something than to stand for something. To find fault takes little effort and is often a safer position. To stand for a new idea or initiative, especially one as new as a spaceport, is not an easy position to take, but, many of us believe it is the right one.

The spaceport is a new technology but the concept is age old. Ports have always been sources of wealth and economic prosperity. First there were seaports that created trade routes. Those trade routes yielded the major advances in our society through the mingling of ideas, societies and knowledge. It inspired new ideas and dreams and led to great advances through facilitating trade and movement of people and goods. The next great step was the railroads and the advent of a new means to travel. Great rail yards followed the same evolution as seaports. They spurred economic growth and advanced their

communities. We all know the unfortunate story of those communities that were either unwilling or unable to bring the railroad to town. Next came the advent of air travel and the creation of airports that provided regional growth through the ease and convenience of major travel hubs.

The proposed spaceport, I believe, is simply an evolution of that simple concept. Those regions that enable advances in travel, movement of people and goods have historically benefited in ways that no one could have rationally foreseen. The only thing different in this case is that we are at the infancy of the commercialization of the technology. Note that I highlighted the commercialization of the technology because the technology is not that new. What is new is the opening of that technology to the public.

It's easy for those that have not taken the time to research the spaceport to misunderstand or not comprehend what we are doing. We are embarking on a journey that portends opportunities that few have dared to dream of, much less see come to fruition. The spaceport is a bold leap forward. It is a challenge and an opportunity. The challenge is to believe that the future can be better than today. The challenge is for those that have little to believe that the spaceport can be a vehicle that helps lift them, their families and their future generations to new levels of prosperity. The opportunity awaits.

BEN WOODS
New Mexico Spaceport Authority member

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Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller

The 2007 Legislature has given New Mexicans an opportunity to witness some of Gov. Bill Richardson's diplomacy skills at work.

Richardson's first session, back in 2003 was a honeymoon, but by the second session, he had used up all that young love on a special constitutional amendment election, followed by a special session.

The past three sessions, Richardson has used a Lyndon Johnson style of leadership that many lawmakers saw as bullying. This year has been more a session of negotiations over thorny issues, making things go more smoothly.

That doesn't mean that everyone is happy, of course. One legislative leader complained that this year the governor has not had a firm agenda and has not worked to see that his initiatives are accomplished.

The inference is that he has been off running for president and not tending to business. But the governor has gotten enough accomplished so he can claim some victories that he can brag about on the campaign trail.

Persistence, diplomacy rules in 2007

Richardson uses negotiation skills to win over lawmakers

And he won't have to explain why he couldn't handle his own Legislature.

The governor's victories include legislation that made it through the system much faster than normal. One advantage of lawmakers getting bills to the governor early is that he must sign them within three days, rather than taking 20 days following a session.

Among the measures that finished uncharacteristically early were the budget and pork bills. That will give lawmakers a little time to take further action on anything the governor vetoes. That could cause some strife but not likely enough to throw this locomotive off its tracks.

Also among the quickly passed bills were energy and environment measures that Richardson dearly wanted to highlight his successes as a can-do governor from a progressive state.

One bill required our major utilities to produce 20 percent of their power from clean energy sources by 2020. The requirement currently is 5 percent. Another bill would provide for transmission of that power through

out the state and to other states.

On the environmental front, the Legislature passed a governor's proposal to protect ranchers' surface rights when oil companies with rights to the minerals under that land move in. Many states are doing that now. Richardson can claim this law will protect the land better than any in the country.

The governor also supported an increase in the state lottery money going to college scholarships for New Mexico students. Think New Mexico, a statewide think tank, revealed last year that the New Mexico lottery's administrative expenses are among the top in the nation and its payout for scholarships is among the lowest.

Ethics legislation also could help Richardson in his national quest but lawmakers don't seem nearly as excited. The recalcitrant Senate finally did pass two pieces of ethics legislation, both of them major items in the governor's package.

Limits on gifts to public officials and on the amount of campaign contributions they can accept went over to the House early last

week. The House passed several ethics measures earlier in the session, which haven't gone anywhere in the Senate. Will either house agree to passing the other's legislation?

A cockfighting ban finally was passed and signed. It is supposed to help Richardson become president but how often the subject will arise is a big question.

Primarily the ban is a glorious victory for Senate Majority Whip Mary Jane Garcia of Las Cruces. Garcia has been fighting for the ban ever since she came to the Legislature 19 years ago.

Back in those days, the cockfighting ban was a joke bill foisted upon unsuspecting newcomers for the fun of it. But Garcia was serious. She kept after it and her persistence finally paid off.

The turning point in the session likely came when Richardson agreed to a bill restoring the pork he vetoed last year. It's amazing what one can do with pork. It's a versatile dish that can fit most any situation.

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GUEST COLUMN

Style and substance on the spaceport tax vote

By MICHAEL SWICKARD
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I have vision, and the rest of the world wears bifocals.
— Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid

The spaceport tax vote is more one of style than substance. In fact, the substance of the argument is entirely lacking. Neither side has any real idea of what will happen with the development of the spaceport since it has never been done. Both sides agree that we do not have enough information, nor can we unless we build the spaceport. There are no facts to argue.

Further, the problem is exactly that it is something that has never been done before. If we were trying to decide to provide publicly financed infrastructure for a commercial business such as a commercial dairy, people would have no problem understanding the substance questions.

Imagine if the voters of El Paso were asked 100 years ago to build their current airport. They would certainly question all of the parking, the baggage area, and a need for a paved runway 12,020 feet in length and 150 feet wide. Who is going to use it? Only rich people will be flying so the wealthy should pay all the cost of the El Paso International Airport. Years ago they would not have seen that if you build it, the airlines will come. They would ask, what airlines? Yet, without the investment, no airline would have come. The runways had to be built first or there would never have been an airport. Imagine El Paso today without an airport.

With the spaceport we have no substance facts so we have to look at the style questions. There are four:

First, is it the legitimate role of government to provide the infrastructure for a commercial venture?

Second, is it reasonable to assume the spaceport can thrive in southern New Mexico?

Third, is the manner of the spaceport tax appropriate? And, fourth, this is where almost all the arguments are, if the spaceport does thrive is that ultimately a negative for the community or are we much better off?

The legitimate role of government questions turn on the concept of governments doing what commercial ventures cannot. Only government could do the interstate highways. Is it legitimate for government to provide the runways, sewer, power and connecting roads? Yes, in fact, people seem to prefer government ownership of the infrastructure connected with airports.

Second, there is the style question of the reasonableness of believing that a spaceport could thrive. With no real facts, the issue is one of transference from other commercial ventures. When airports have been built, they are usually commercially successful. Is that a guarantee? No.

The manner of the spaceport tax bothers some. When will we stop raising taxes? There is the question of the spread of the burden, the long-term financial risks, etc. But I do not think this is really what animates most people.

Most of the arguments are about if the spaceport is successful, will it end up being good or bad for the community? People do not embrace or object to the spaceport as much as they make value statements about the connective issues. Neither side is so much in opposition or favor of the spaceport as they are about the economic development of southern New Mexico.

Some people think we already have too darn many people, they do not want to do anything to induce any more people to move to our little slice of heaven. Other people say that the No. 1 export of southern New Mexico is our young people. They will do anything to keep the kids home since there is no greater misery than your little darling getting a job right out of college in Boston. You spend the rest of your life on airplanes going to see the grandkids.

The controversy does not involve space travel at all. It is about the community, should it grow or not? Should the community move toward more college required jobs or should the community spend the majority of its attention and money palliatively on poor people?

I have talked with people who do not want increased wealth in our community since with more wealth people would no longer need as much government intervention. Other people believe that fat cats are always living on the backs of poor people and we do not need any more wealthy fat cats in our community.

Me, I am voting for the spaceport tax as a vote of style. I agree with Butch Cassidy, it seems some people have vision when the rest of the world wears bifocals. Twenty years from now I believe we will be amazed that we even considered not building the infrastructure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spaceport irrational

Doña Ana County ranks in the bottom 15 percent for per capita income among counties in the United States. Yet we are hard working, big-hearted and optimistic. The spaceport proposal resonates with our hopes for high-paying jobs and economic expansion. We should, however, consider the proposal rationally and make decisions based upon real facts, not hope and optimism.

There are three compelling reasons to vote against the tax increase.

First — The spaceport is unlikely to succeed. Space travel is inherently dangerous, and an accident causing the death of space tourists is almost certain to occur, putting a quick end to the business. Two missions out of 117 of the space shuttle have ended in disaster, and it is extremely focused on safety.

Second — Even if it were feasible, a gross receipts tax is the wrong way to finance it, since that would put more of a burden on the least affluent citizens. Poorer people spend a greater percentage of their money on basic necessities subject to the tax. The peoples' investment of \$220 million may get us a \$1 million a year lease from billionaire Branson. Not a very good return.

Third — Even if it were feasible, and were properly financed, it is too early to move forward with funding the spaceport. These things should happen before we vote: 1. a successful first flight, 2. a sound business plan, 3. FAA licensing, and 4. a lease with Virgin Galactic.

I urge you to consider the question rationally, putting your hopes and optimism aside. This is a decision for the head, not for the heart.

MARILYN GIOANNINI

Spaceport doubts

As a retired engineer with 40 years of rocket instrumentation experience, the following spaceport questions and thoughts come to mind:

The only launch we have witnessed is a small spin stabilized single stage rocket (Spaceloft XL) that failed in flight due to poor mechanical design and a lack of testing. The spin stabilized ballistic rocket used is the simplest configuration for lofting small packages out of the atmosphere. It has absolutely no manned application and is not applicable to orbital requirements, which require a guidance system. The Spaceloft XL rocket had no rocket instrumentation except a radar beacon and had no radio telemetry, so little diagnostic data was received. A serious first flight should have been heavily instrumented with thermal, vibration and multiple dynamic measurements in order to qualify the vehicle for future flights. Why should we even vote before a successful instrumented flight is completed?

There is no argument that the SpaceShipOne design or a clone of it will potentially give an expensive ride to the fringes of space, as demonstrated at the Mojave spaceport. But serious concerns arose after an initial review of the flight data. Rutan said SpaceShipOne would not fly again until the source of the flight control problem was identified and fixed. Any large airport can support this effort. How do we know the audience is captive before we commit to building an airport (with no other application) in the Jornada? As far as we have heard, no long term lease has yet been signed with Virgin Galactic. What will the first reentry failure do to the prospects?

The probability of launching orbital missions from this spaceport is vanishingly small. Anyone who has witnessed the elaborate planning, evacuations, roadblocks and impact simulations on the HERA launched from Ft. Wingate to impact on WSMR would realize that safety considerations almost completely preclude dropping first and second stage boosters on land in the continental United States, particularly in an operational mode. A single stage to orbit vehicle does not exist and probably will never exist with the capacity required to insert any reasonable payload into orbit and provide the reentry thrust to recover the rocket. In any event it should be

proven before investing huge sums in a spaceport.

The rocket racing plan is the least realistic of all. I assume they are planning on a small jet with JATO bottles? We need to see one of these circle over town before voting!

WARREN HARKEY

Editor's note: There are currently no plans to conduct orbital launches out of Spaceport America. The EZ Rocket, the prototype for the rocket racers, did fly over Las Cruces in October 2005 for the Countdown To X PRIZE event.



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Friends

I was walkin' back to the house about 9:30 p.m. It was dark. Orion, 7 Sisters, Taurus and Canis Major were blazin' away as I walked by a beautiful handmade bird feeder, complete with water tower, laurel branches and a copper-roofed cabin. Dan made it for me the year before he died. "Evenin', Dan," I said as I passed it by.

"Howdy, Wayne," I said as I scraped my boots on the handmade horseshoe foot scraper. "Thanks." That afternoon I had put on a 10-year-old pair of Carhartt overalls Andy had given me when he bought a new pair; he is a better dresser than I and has always tried to class up my act. Thanks Andy. And, Larry, thanks for this hat.

There was snow on my 2-year-old Suburban this morning. I've had it a month. Red got a new one and I always buy his trade in. They usually need new brakes or transmission work. But it's worth the money. Thanks Red.

We checked the heifers this morning. My good horse I got from Sonny, my bit from Chuck, and my saddle from Roger, they give me good deals. I'm tryin' to live up to their expectations. One of the heifers in the bunch was the daughter of a cow Gerald traded when he left the ranch. Thanks boys.

My dog went along. Mary had raised him and Jeb showed me how to make him a better stock dog. Thanks.

I can't walk through the house or out to the corrals without trippin' over someone's contribution to my good life. Grandpa Tommy's eight-foot table, Jack's gate, Dick's molasses tank, Grandpa Landers' Regulator clock, Butch's eight track studio board, Warner's jaguar photo, Ace's cartoons, mother's paintings on the wall, Chris' furniture, Ron's tapaderas, Phyllis' caned chairs, Pinto's subscription to a favorite publication ... friends, mostly, who have taken the time to do something special. More properly it's people who have penetrated my marrow and help me remember how lucky I am. For me it's the people whose names I remember.

I sent a book to an old partner now living in a nursing home. He can't remember me anymore, but I know him. Forty years ago he gave me a beautiful hunting knife. It had a flexible blade. Over the years I lost it or wore it out, who knows. But there is a deer head hanging above my piano that came off his ranch.

When I go see him next time, he probably won't know me but I'll tell him about the hunting knife and the deer head on my wall. I'll tell Billy what a blessing it has been to have him in my life. I'll honor him. Couldn't hurt.

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Spaceport

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Doña Ana County is the first to ask voters to increase its gross receipt tax. More than 1,500 residents already have voted early for the April 3 special election asking to increase the local gross receipt tax by .25 percent – or one more penny of GRT for every \$4 spent on goods and services in the county.

Supporters say the GRT increase is needed to help build a spaceport that will be the heart of a new industry creating thousands of jobs and adding hundreds of millions of dollars to the local economy. Opponents cite a variety of objections, such as not being comfortable with having to collect money before the three spaceport conditions are met.

In response to the opposition's concerns, state Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans, who also chairs the state Spaceport Authority, released an official cost estimate of \$198 million dollars for Spaceport America.

The estimate was provided in the initial draft of the programming report developed by DMJM: AECOM, the design and engineering firm hired by the Spaceport Authority to plan Spaceport America.

"Fixing the cost of an operational spaceport below \$225 million is the first of three green lights we need to proceed with the project," Homans said. "This was one of the big questions that needed to be answered, and now we have the information, line by line, that tells us we can have an operational spaceport with the funds we are expecting."

Homans said steps to meet the other two conditions are on schedule. The FAA license is expected by early 2008, according to Homans, and the lease with Virgin Galactic will be finalized in the next few months.

The \$198 million estimate by DMJM: AECOM includes a 10,000-foot by 200-foot runway, paving 37 miles of roads leading to the spaceport, building terminal and hangar facilities, security fencing and a communications system, as well as securing and improving other essential items such as water, wastewater and power. The cost estimate includes \$1 million for welcome centers and park-and-ride facilities in the communities of Hatch and Truth or Consequences. The \$3.6 million spent to date on the project

is part of that new cost estimate, according to a press release.

The financing plan presented by DMJM also contained a list of expected sources of revenue, including \$115 million already appropriated by the state, \$25 million in GRIP II funding for roads being considered during the special session, and the anticipated \$58 million in GRT revenue from the three counties.

Of the \$58 million, \$49 million would come from Doña Ana County, \$6.6 million from Otero County and \$2.3 million from Sierra County. Located 45 miles north of Las Cruces, Spaceport America rests on the southernmost end of Sierra County.

In a press release announcing the new cost estimate, Homans said the Doña Ana County funds will be essential to proceed with Spaceport America.

"Local funding has always been a required part of the plan that was approved by the governor and the Legislature," Homans said. "This report makes it very clear, in black and white, that we absolutely need a 'Yes' vote on April 3 to move forward. Without financial support from Doña Ana County, we have to stop the project and all the plans to create a new industry and new jobs in southern New Mexico."

According to economic forecasts by New Mexico State University and Futron, Spaceport America may spur up to 5,000 new jobs and up to \$1 billion in new revenue for the state. Spaceport America is scheduled to open in late 2009 or early 2010.

Spaceport America also anticipates receiving approximately \$25 million in federal funding over the next five years and has identified specific upgrades, infrastructure and investments for which this funding will be used.

A breakdown of the cost estimate is \$40.17 million for the airfield and apron, \$30.76 million for the hanger-terminal facility,

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RICK HOMANS,
New Mexico Economic
Development Secretary

\$6.95 million for other buildings and facilities, \$8.15 million for roads and streets at the actual spaceport, \$43.82 million for permanent access roads, \$54.91 million for different utility needs, \$8.28 million for construction support and \$1 million for welcome centers. That comes to \$194.04 million. The \$198 million figure comes from adding the \$3.96 million spent so far on the project.

In the earlier press release about the \$33 million, Homans' message was directed at lawmakers being called back for a special session.

"The Legislature gave its unanimous support to move forward aggressively with the spaceport," Homans said. "They have given us the green light to put all systems 'Go.'" With the support of this year's session we will be able to keep to our ambitious schedule to be operational by late 2009 or early 2010."

While the Legislature did not pass GRIP II, which contained \$25 million toward spaceport roads, Richardson pledged to secure these funds in the special session, the release stated.

The Legislature provided the \$33 million by removing a key condition put on the \$100 million appropriated in the 2006 session. The conditions included the need to receive a site operator's license from the Federal Aviation Administration – which is not expected until the first quarter of 2008. In order to receive the remaining \$67 million, the New Mexico Spaceport Authority must be licensed by the FAA, the release stated.

FFA to gather

FFA Chapter members from across the state will be testing what they have learned from their projects during their State Career Development Events that will be held next week on the New Mexico State University campus.

The contests will be conducted Wednesday through Friday. More than 1,000 youths will be participating, FFA Chapter reporter Katie Grandle said.

The CDE contests will be held at:

The Meat Laboratory Auditorium, Pan American Center, Equestrian Center, Gerald Thomas Hall and Agricultural Institute.

The contest categories will be:

Agricultural Mechanics, Crops Analysis, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Foods, Entomology, Farm Business Management, Floriculture, Forestry, Home Site, Horses, Horticulture Produce, Land Evaluation, Landscape Design and Livestock.

The program also includes a chapter members dance from 9 p.m. to midnight Thursday at Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave., Grandle said.

Trees available

The city's Water Conservation Program, in conjunction with Tree New Mexico, will be offering free trees for adoption from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24.

The trees will be available at 1501 E. Hadley Ave., behind the City of Las Cruces Facilities Building. Several types of trees will be up for adoption including, Lombardy Poplars, New Mexico Locust, Western Sand Cherry, Desert Willows and others. Residents may take up to three trees.

For more information, contact Joshua Rosenblatt, Water Conservation Program, at 528-3549. The TTY number is 528-3541.



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BLM sells off wild horses and burros



Katherine Diekson, front, and her friend Marisa Propsner examine the wild horses that were up for adoption during the March 8 wild horse and burro adoption preview at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena, where 41 animals were sold March 9 and 10 by the Bureau of Land Management.

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Bureau of Land Management set up 41 former range-roaming animals for "adoption" during its recent Wild Horse and Burro Sale that was held at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Equine lovers bought or "adopted" 32 wild horses and nine burros, bringing in \$6,000, Bob Mitchell of the BLM Omaha office, said.

The Bureau of Land Management had shipped the horses and burros from Nevada and Wyoming ranges.

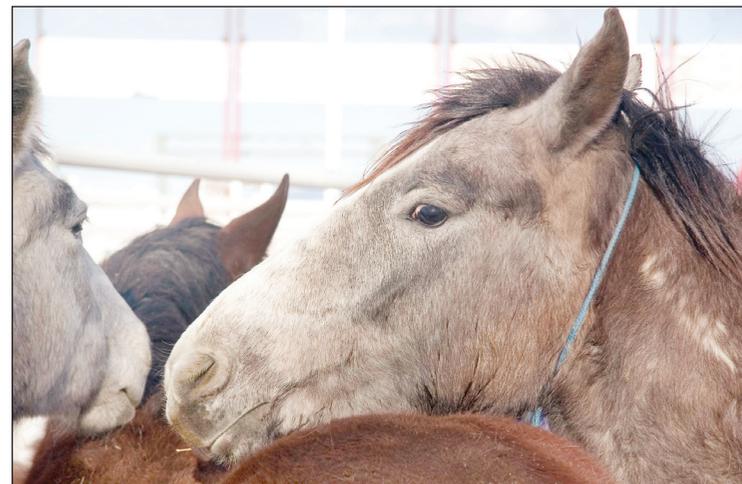
"There has been an over-population on BLM land in the West," Mitchell said. "And what we've done was move these excess animals and made them available for adoption by people who'd like to take care of them. Over-population is not good for the range and not good for the horses or burros."

The bureau is not planning another wild horse and burro sale in Las Cruces for two or three years. Presently, it is checking out sale facilities in Carlsbad and Artesia.

The adopted animals ages were about five years for horses and from two to nine for burrows, Mitchell said.



Smokey and Eunice Nunn, who own the Nunn Ranches between Las Cruces and Deming, examine some of the horses.



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Thursday, March 29
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Sierra Middle School
1700 E. Spruce, Las Cruces, NM
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Monday, April 2
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Hatch High School
119 E. Herrera at PicQuik, Hatch, NM
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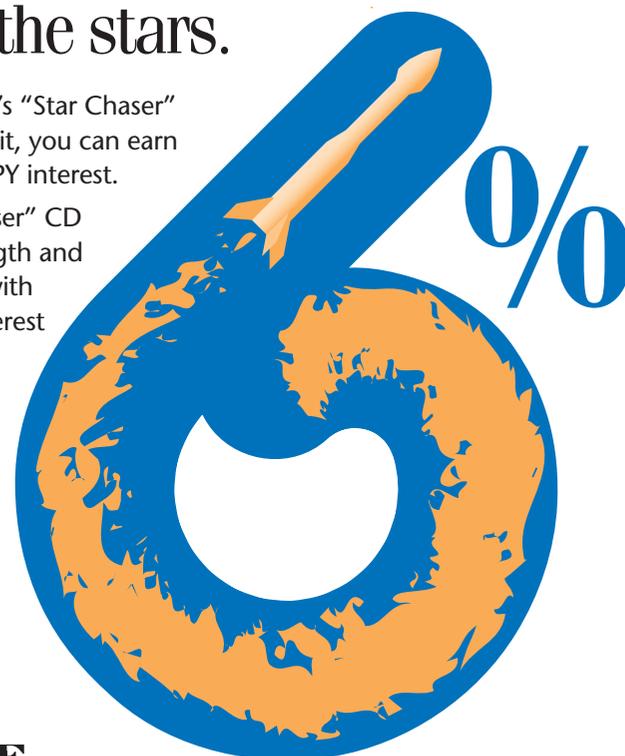
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Snow pack runoff begins

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The mountain snow pack runoff has started and the flow at San Marcial just above the Elephant Butte Reservoir has increased to 1,203 cubic-feet per second, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Division, reported.

The early runoff has encouraged the bureau to increase the Rio Grande Project's allocation to the irrigation districts to 428,119 acre-feet, or 46 percent of a full supply from 43 percent of normal.

Late winter warming and rain have caused the early runoff and have reduced the snow pack water content to a range of 77 percent to 84 percent across the basin, according to the Texas A&M University's Drought Watch on the Rio Grande.

The bureau's March to July snow-pack runoff is predicted at 68 percent of the 30-year average. But that is a big improve-

ment over last year's runoff of 9 percent, the fifth lowest on record.

The 2007 allocations by districts are:

Elephant Butte Irrigation District, 172,361 acre-feet; El Paso County Water Improvement District No. 1, 225,659 acre-feet; and Juarez, Mexico, 30,099 acre-feet.

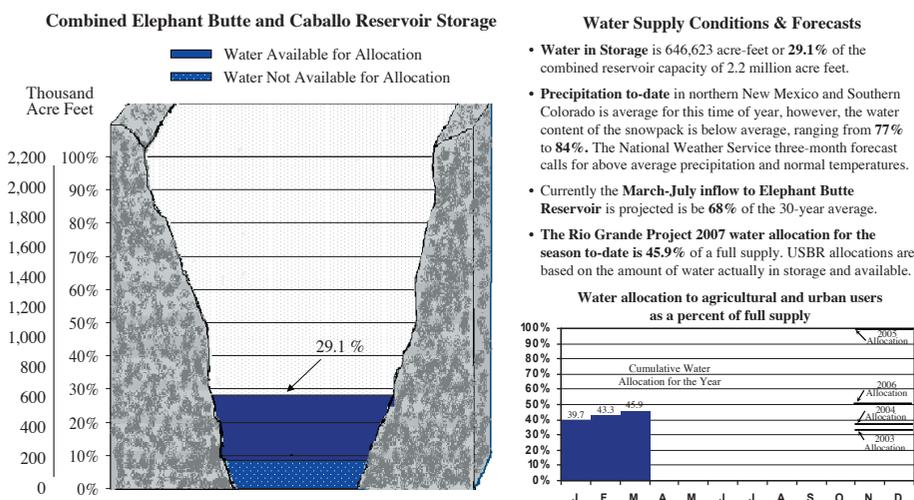
Since both United States districts have started irrigation, the storage in both reservoir has dropped:

Elephant Butte, 607,040 acre-feet, 30 percent of the 2.2 million acre-feet capacity, down 3,448 acre-feet from the previous week; Caballo, 29,897 acre-feet, down 7,363 acre-feet, according to the bureau report.

The Juarez Irrigation District, which receives water by the 1906 Convention Treaty terms, was to start irrigating last Thursday.

The National Weather Service also has predicted higher than average precipitation for the next three months.

Drought Watch on the Rio Grande Surface Water Supply Conditions March 15, 2007



Coming Up Mesilla Town Meeting

Residents of the Town of Mesilla and vicinity are invited to attend a public meeting at the Mesilla Town Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 27. The purpose of the meeting is to familiarize local residents with the operation of the Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla-Taylor State Monument on the Mesilla Plaza.

Dedicated on Sept. 14, 2006, the new state monument was donated to the State of New Mexico by Paul and Mary Taylor. Although an official state monument, the Taylor's reserved a life-estate that permits occupancy of the property for the duration of their lives. The property, therefore, is not open to the public at this time. However, over the coming years preservation and conservation work will be taking place at the site to protect the historic property and its collections.

The meeting will include presentations on the history of state monuments and existing state monuments by Ernesto Ortega, New Mexico state monuments director, and on-site management and visitor services by Nathan Stone, manager of Fort Selden State Monument.

Also making presentations will be Richard Reycraft on preservation of cultural resources and Rudolf Acosta on facility management. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion.

For more information Ernesto Ortega at (505) 476-1199.

American Indian Week

The United Native American Organization (UNAO) of New Mexico State University has announced a schedule of events to celebrate Native American week, March 26 to 31, on the NMSU campus. Scheduled events include:

- Monday, March 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Pueblo Throw: West Stage Corner.

- Tuesday, March 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Dan Wildcat in the Corbett Center Colfax Room on environmental issues from a Native American perspective.
- Wednesday, March 28, 7 to 8:30 p.m.: Fredrick Peso of the Mescalero nation on the oral history of the Apache.
- Thursday, March 29, 7 p.m.: Movie Night: "Raven Tales" at Milton Theater.
- Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Arts and Craft Expo: First floor Corbett Center.
- Friday, March 30, 6 to 8:30 p.m.: Miss Native NMSU Pageant in Corbett Center.
- Saturday, March 31, noon to 6 p.m.: Pow wow/dance presentations on the Corbett Center Outdoor Stage; All events are free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Associated Students of NMSU, United Native American Organization, American Indian Program, AISES, NABSA and INCA of Las Cruces, contact UNAO at 646-4207 for more information.

Migrant advocacy fund-raiser

The Desert Humanitarians, a nonprofit organization addressing migration issues along the Mexico-New Mexico Border, will host a silent auction and fund-raiser featuring the New World Drummers and African Dancers from 4 to 6 p.m. March 31 at International Delights Café, 1245 El Paseo Road. The fund-raiser, with a suggested donation of \$5, will support the Desert Humanitarian Resource Center, a soup kitchen in Palomas, Mexico, and migrant advocacy projects. For more information about the event please email Melina_greenponce@yahoo.com.

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Coming Up

Annual garage sale

First New Mexico Bank's annual garage sale will be held Saturday, March 31, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa (behind Meerschmidt Recreation Center).

Proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes. Donation of suitable items for the garage sale are still being accepted. For more information call 556-3000.

NMSU grad to speak on energy

Julie A. Dill, president of Union Gas and a New Mexico State University alumna, will share the secrets of her success as well as some of the challenges and opportunities in the natural gas industry. Dill was named one of the top-50 women in energy by *Commodities Now* magazine.

Dill will speak from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 29, in the Corbett Center Auditorium at NMSU.

She will discuss her career, starting as an entry-level accountant fresh out of NMSU to becoming the president of Union Gas, a natural gas company based in Ontario, Canada with 1.3 million customers.

"There are a lot of opportunities out there for students, especially in the energy industry," she said. "I'm hoping people will understand an education from NMSU lets you stand toe-to-toe with anybody. You just have to be willing to apply yourself."

Dill said she is happy to see more and more women rising to higher ranks in the energy industry. Before being named president of Union Gas, Dill served as group executive for investor relations and chief communications officer for Duke Energy. She also spent 17 years with Shell Oil Co.

Dill is a member of the NMSU Alumni Association and the NMSU College of

Business Advisory Council and was named to the College of Business Hall of Fame in 2000.

Dill is the latest speaker in the Garrey E. and Katherine T. Carruthers Speaker Series in Economic Development. The seminar series is hosted by the Carruthers Chair in Economic Development. Business Dean Garrey Carruthers and his wife Katherine created the chair with a \$500,000 gift. The state of New Mexico gave the chair \$1 million in matching funds.

During the 2006-07 series, speakers are addressing students on issues related to "The Changing Face of Economic Development." The next presenter is Gloria Rodriguez, chairman emeritus and founder of AVANCE, an organization focused on education issues for Latino families in underserved communities. She will speak April 12.

The presentations are free and open to the public. For more information contact Keven Boberg at 646-1434.

Lake Lucero tour

A ranger-guided trip to White Sands National Monument's Lake Lucero, the source of the white sands, is scheduled for Saturday, March 31. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling monument headquarters at 679-2599 or 479-6124, extension 236. A special use fee is charged for the tour: \$3 per person ages 16 and older, \$1.50 for children and to holders of the Golden Age Pass. National Park/Golden Eagle Passports and the White Sands Annual Pass do not apply for this special tour.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate intersection with U.S. Highway 70, 25 miles west of White Sands National Monument headquarters, between mileposts 174 and 175. The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at noon. Participants will drive their own vehicles 17 miles over paved roads across the White

Sands Missile Range to the Lake Lucero trailhead, then hike 3/4 mile to the lake.

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

Railroad Museum closes for renovation

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is temporarily closed for building renovation and street repair through July 5. The depot will have a grand re-opening with expanded hours and new exhibits on July 7.

DACC Career Day

Doña Ana Community College invites its students, NMSU students and the general public to meet with prospective employers at Career Fair 2007, "Partnering for Success," set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the Commons Area of the DACC Central Campus, 3400 S. Espina St.

Some employers may be accepting résumés and interviewing in the free event. There will be free snacks, drinks, and giveaways.

The following are among the employers and businesses currently registered for the fair: City of El Paso Police Department, City of Las Cruces Fire Department, Intel, its-Quest, Inc., La Clinica de Familia, Manpower, Mesilla Valley Hospital, New Mexico State Department of Labor, New Mexico State Personnel Office, Newtec, NMSU College of Health and Public Service, NMSU Personnel Office, United States Border Patrol, University Good Samaritan and White Sands Federal

Credit Union.

Parking regulations will be in effect; for those who not have the appropriate NMSU or DACC parking sticker, the dirt lot north of DACC on Gregg Street is a free lot. For more information or to register for a booth as an employer, contact the DACC Career Placement and Cooperative Education Office at 527-7538 or daccplac@nmsu.edu.

LCPS roundtable discussions, forums

Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds will hold a series of roundtable discussions with groups of parents, classified school staff and students to discuss issues ranging from literacy to school safety.

The following roundtables are scheduled before the end of the current school year:

- Parent Roundtable: 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, Conference Room A, LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. Participating parents are members of school advisory committees and/or parent teacher organizations.
- Classified Employees Roundtable: 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, Conference Room A, LCPS Administration Building. Participating staff members were selected by the Classified School Employees Council.
- Student Roundtable: 6 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 26, San Andres Learning Center, 2355 S. Avenida de Mesilla, at the corner of Avenida de Mesilla and Boutz Road. Participating students were selected by school principals.

Two town forums will be scheduled before the end of the school year on the topics of academic achievement and healthy children. Dates will be announced.

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New school policies aim to reduce teen pregnancy

By JORDAN BOSTIC
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Natasha Hales was a junior at Las Cruces High School when she read the positive pregnancy test. She was smart. She knew about birth control. She knew about condoms. But, she said, "I was 17, and I really thought I was invincible."

Hales was just one of many teenagers in Doña Ana County who became pregnant long before they planned. The state of New Mexico has the third highest teen-pregnancy rate in the United States, with Doña Ana County ranking third in the state. These statistics have led the Policies and Regulations Advisory Committee for the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education to propose a new policy that would attempt to curb the teen birth rate in Las Cruces.

A new Las Cruces Public Schools policy, Policy JLCG, details proposed functions of school-based health centers at local high schools. According to the policy, the centers would provide a full range of medical services, from sports physicals to sexually transmitted disease treatment and mental health evaluations. A controversial portion of the policy provides for the health centers to readily distribute condoms and contraceptives.

Earl Nissen chairs the local Teen Pregnancy Coalition Work Group and also heads the committee that reviewed the proposed policy.

"I have been a school administrator for 38 years, and I have never seen as high a percentage of teen pregnancy as I have seen here," said Nissen, who worked in New York prior to coming to New Mexico. "We feel we must act upon it in some way."

When the committee was reviewing the policy, Nissen said Beverly Hines, the head of school nurses in Las Cruces, gave a presentation on the possibilities of the health centers that convinced the committee the policy was a good idea and would considerably cut the teen pregnancy rate.

"There is a general feeling of support (for the policy)," Nissen said. The board recently passed Policy IHAM, which will bring a New Mexico Public Health Curriculum that includes a sex education component beginning in sixth grade. Nissen considers the already passed health curriculum policy closely related to Policy JLCG, calling JLCG simply a logical "follow-up" to IHAM.

There are currently 68 health centers at high schools throughout New Mexico, with 16 of them distributing contraceptives and condoms. Gadsden High School is the only local school that has a health center with the ability to distribute birth control. School officials claim that since the program's conception, the teen pregnancy rate at the school has decreased by 10 percent.

Nicole Holguin was a sophomore at

Gadsden High School when the school evaluated their high teen-pregnancy rate and decided that on-campus distribution of birth control would lower the birth rate.

"I personally never utilized that service, but I had friends who did," Holguin said. "I didn't think giving out birth control at school was a good idea. But we did have a huge problem with teen pregnancy. It seemed like a new girl was pregnant every day. I see why they decided to do it."

Esther Holguin, mother of Nicole and her younger sister Monique, who is currently a sophomore at Gadsden High School, said she didn't agree with the policy when Gadsden passed it, and she still doesn't think it is a good idea.

"It seems to me that it is in some ways encouraging the kids to have sex," Esther said. "I think that the decision to be on birth control or use contraceptives is something that should remain in the family, not something that should be decided by the schools."

How would she feel if she found out that her daughter was obtaining birth control from Gadsden High School?

"I would be upset," Esther said. "I would be upset. Period."

Nissen acknowledged that the committee did hear from concerned parents that were very opposed to the idea. "One man identified himself as Roman Catholic and said birth

control is intrinsically evil," Nissen quoted. "So, yes, there have been concerns from community members coming from a church standpoint."

Hales is against the idea of distributing contraception in schools, but approves of comprehensive sex education.

"I totally support having sex education in schools," Hales said. "But it's definitely something that needs to be reiterated at home. These are issues that parents have to deal with. They need to be open about talking to their children about the consequences of having sex."

"But giving birth control in schools is kind of saying, 'Here you go kids, have fun!' I just think it is a horrible idea."

Hales said some teens might not go to the school health centers for contraceptives because they would fear having a stigma attached to them if other students found out.

"There is so much peer pressure in high school," Hales said. "A lot of decisions are made based on reputations."

According to a 2005 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, 33 percent of New Mexico high school students had sexual intercourse in the last three months and 43 percent did not use protection. Sexual activity increased with each grade level, and 47 percent of all high school students were no longer virgins.

The Las Cruces School Board is set to vote on Policy JLCG at its March 27 meeting.

Crime Stoppers: Drive-by shooting



Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a drive-by shooting.

On March 7, at 3:30 p.m., a single gun shot was reported

in the area of Montana Avenue and El Paseo Road. Witnesses reported seeing a black older-model, two-door vehicle, possibly a Cadillac, driving in the area at the time of the incident and believed the shot was fired by one of the occupants. They also reported seeing a purple Camaro driving by at the same time and assumed

it was the intended target. Neither of the vehicles have been identified nor located.

Police subsequently found a spent shell casing in the area and believe it to be related to this incident.

If you have any information regarding this crime or any other crimes, you can call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 1 (800) 897-2746. The Crime Stoppers number is operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

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LOOKING BACK

This week in the history
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MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past



From the house on La Flor del Valle Farm in 1892, looking east over the vineyard. An alfalfa field was on the right.

75
 years ago
 1932

- The Taxpayers of Doña Ana County elected J.E. Reinburg president and A.L. Williams secretary. Reinburg was to name a committee to make recommendations where taxes could be reduced.

- The Masonic Invocation of the Grand Chapter Royal and Arch Masons, Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandary,

Knights Templar and Order of the Eastern Star was being held in Las Cruces.

- A Loomis Co. advertisement offered \$54 credit for old iceboxes that were turned in toward the purchase of electric refrigerators.

50
 years ago
 1957

- Viking Supply Corp. of Albuquerque was the successful bidder with the low bid of \$78,167 to lay the water line from the Las Cruces system to the Air Force Station on the West Mesa, which is now the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds. The line was 12 miles long. A six-inch line had been laid underneath the Rio Grande for the system, and a pump had been installed at the base of the mesa.

- The Mesilla Valley Chamber of Commerce held a banquet for all junior high school music teachers in conjunction with the Junior High School Music Festival.

- Dale Bellemah Homes was offering new homes to veterans with a \$225 down payment.

- P.R. Burn won construction of a North Alameda Boulevard drainage project with a \$29,667 bid.

- Frank Papen was named to the State Port-of-Entry Commission.

25
 years ago
 1982

- Arthur Fountain, a grandson of Col. Albert Jennings Fountain, acquired the Reynold-Chavez Fountain home in Mesilla. The property included a residence and barn in need of repair. The home had been constructed in 1862 by the Mesilla merchant Joseph Reynolds.

- Jose "Rafa" Mendez, a Mayfield guard, was named to the state High School Basketball All-Star Team.

- The Las Cruces High School chess team won the Invitational Chess Tournament senior division.

Las Cruces students who won trophies were David Chavez, Anil Bhalla, Brian Flachs and Sunit Bhalla.

- High School baseball teams split double-headers – El Paso-Jefferson 4, Las Cruces 2 and Las Cruces 11, Jefferson 2 for a Bulldawg 3-1 season, and Mayfield 9, El Paso-Irvin 7, Irvin 11, Mayfield 10 as the teams combined for 48 hits.

10
 years ago
 1997

- The Board of Education authorized the option allowing East Mesa students to decide if they wanted to attend the new Camino Real Middle School or Vista Middle School.

- The Bureau of Land Management agreed to lease 326 acres south of Foothills Road for \$625 a year to build the Field of Dreams.

- The New Mexico State University Board of Regents elected Larry Sheffield president, Del Archuleta vice president and Carl Faubion secretary-treasurer.

(Sources: Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Sun-News, Las Cruces Citizen and NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections and Branson Microform Area.)

Mesilla Valley Hospice Memorial Walk

The Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors of Mesilla Valley Hospice are proud to announce our 3rd Annual Memorial Walk. The purpose of the walk is to remember those who have passed in the community while also remembering the patients whom we have had the privilege and honor of serving over the past years.

If you or your family would like to commemorate someone please call Mesilla Valley Hospice. We are hoping that everyone in the community has the opportunity to share in this great event.

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April 14, 2007

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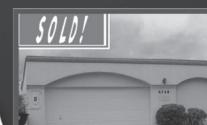
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CHURCH NEWS

■ SPAGHETTI DINNER
Sonoma Springs Presbyterian Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., is holding its annual spaghetti dinner and bake sale on Saturday, March 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$5 per plate, and food can be either dine-in or carry-out. All proceeds will be used to provide Easter meals for 50 local needy families. For further information, contact Margaret at 527-0293.

■ COMMON GROUND INITIATIVE MEETING
A meeting of the Common Ground Initiative will take place on Saturday, March 24, at 10 a.m. at the Las Cruces Diocesan Pastoral Center, 1280 Med Park Drive. The topic is "Blessed are the Peacemakers" and "How Do I See My Obligation as a Follower of Christ?" Common Ground meetings encourage understanding and tolerance through respectful listening to divergent views. A summary of the common thread brought up by the eight panelists will be included by the moderator. There is no charge to observers attending the meeting. Contact 647-3546 for more information.

■ PASSION PLAY 2007
"Passion Play 2007" will be presented Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, at 8 p.m. both days at St. Genevieve Parish, 100 S. Espina St. "Passion Play 2007" is a modern musical rendition of the Easter miracle. It is filled with pop songs played by a live band and features a talented cast of actors, singers and dancers. The show has received rave reviews in previous years as the "must-see" family experience of the Easter season. Many consider "Passion Play 2007" as the Las Cruces "Jesus Christ Superstar." Admission is free.

■ MESSIANIC PASSOVER SEDER
Experience Jesus in the Passover, and discover Communion in Christianity's Hebraic roots at the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 1. A complete kosher meal and teaching for all ages will be available. Rabbi Samuel Oppenheim will officiate the event. The cost of the seder is \$20 per person, and childcare will be provided. The event is hosted by the Valley Faith Center. For more information, call 496-1656.

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Morning Worship 11 am

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Christian Science Church

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Wed. Testimonial Meeting 7 pm

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Thursday
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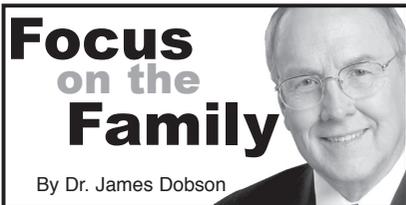
You once wrote about an overweight fourth-grade girl who was teased by nine aggressive boys as she entered the classroom – all while the teacher looked on in silence. What would you have done if you had been the teacher on that day?

Those mocking, joking boys would have had a fight on their hands, I promise you that. Of course, it would have been better if the embarrassment could have been prevented by discussing the feelings of others from the first day of school. But if the conflict occurred as described, with Nancy suddenly being humiliated for everyone to see, I would have thrown the full weight of my authority and respect on her side of the battle. My spontaneous response would have carried this general theme:

"Wait just a minute! By what right do any of you boys have to say such mean, unkind things to Nancy? I want to know which of you is so perfect that the rest of us couldn't make fun of you in some way? I know you all very well. I know about your homes and your school records and some of your personal secrets. Would you like me to share them with the class, so we can all laugh at you the way you just did at Nancy? I could do it! I could make you want to crawl into a hole and disappear.

"But listen to me! You need not fear. I will never embarrass you in that way. Why not? Because it hurts to be laughed at by your friends. It hurts even more than a stubbed toe or a cut finger or a bee sting.

"I want to ask those of you who were having such a good time a few



Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson

minutes ago: Have you ever had a group of students make fun of you in the same way? If you haven't, then brace yourself. Someday it will happen to you, too. Eventually you will say something foolish – something that will cause everyone to point at you and laugh in your face. And when it happens, I want you to remember what happened today.

(Then addressing the entire class) "Let's make sure that we learn something important from what took place here this afternoon. First, we will not be mean to each other in this class. We will laugh together when things are funny, but we will not do it by making one person feel bad.

"Second, I will never intentionally embarrass anyone in this class. You can count on that. Each of you is a child of God. You were made with his loving hands, and he has said that we all have equal worth as human beings. This means that Susie is neither better nor worse than Wade or Mary or Brent.

"Sometimes I think maybe you believe a few of you are more important than others. It isn't true. Every one of you is priceless to God, and each of you will live forever in eternity. That's how valuable you are. God loves every boy and girl in this room, and because of that, I love every one of you. He wants us to

be kind to other people, and we're going to be practicing that kindness through the rest of this year."

When a strong, loving teacher comes to the aid of the least respected child in her class, as I've described, something dramatic occurs in the emotional climate of the room. Every child seems to utter an audible sigh of relief. The same thought is bouncing around in many little heads: "If Nancy is safe from ridicule – even Nancy – then I must be safe too."

By defending the least popular child in the room, a teacher is demonstrating (1) that she has no "pets;" (2) that she respects everyone; (3) that she will fight for anyone who is being treated unjustly. Those are three virtues that children value highly, and that contribute to mental health.

And may I suggest to parents: Defend the underdog in your neighborhood. Let it be known that you have the confidence to speak for the outcast. Explain this philosophy to your neighbors and try to create an emotional harbor for the little children whose ship has been threatened by a storm of rejection. Don't be afraid to exercise leadership on behalf of a youngster who is being mauled. There is no more worthy investment of your time and energy.

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

It's a dog's life



Melissa Rudin, front, and eighth-grade students from Holy Cross Catholic School spend time with Burford from the Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary. SHAS is a nonprofit organization designed to shelter abused and abandoned pets or those who have lost their owners.



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Why the Bible?

By K. Joy Sandiford

Have you wondered why so many people are drawn to the Bible? You think that it is just a book of words written down by people thousands of years ago. Is it really just that?

"Word" in Greek is "logos" it denotes "intelligence." Therefore, the words of the Bible are an expression of that intelligence, God's. We read the Bible because God, inherent in us, draws us back to himself. The created returning to the creator by way of His intelligence spewed across paper. As an atom is pure energy, God is pure intelligence.

So, the reason people are drawn to reading the Bible is because it communicates the nucleus of all things, God. We seek truth, life, love, wisdom, knowledge from its pages because we need restoration. Innately, we know that life is not what it was intended to be. Thus, we seek the rudimentary of our foundation. The Bible points us there, and we find truth, in its revelations of God.

"For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad." Mark 4:22



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Around Town

Health events and support groups

■ EAST MESA HEALTH FAIR

The city of Las Cruces will host a free health fair at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Road, on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will feature a child car seat education workshop at 10 a.m.; diabetes lecture at 11:15 a.m. and a fun fitness walk by Walk Doña Ana Walk at 1 p.m.

Free medical testing, including blood pressure screening, blood glucose screening and blood sugar tests will be provided by Alpha Nurses, La Clinica de Familia and Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach Center.

The event is open to the whole family. Health professionals will be on hand to answer questions. Face painting, jumping balloons and popcorn will be available for youngsters. For more information call 382-1662 or 541-5185.

■ GETTING FIT: BRINGING ACTIVITY INTO YOUR LIFE

Carole Carson of MountainView Regional Medical Center will host a class titled Getting Fit and Bringing Activity into Your Life on Monday, March 26, from 1 to 2 p.m.

This class will discuss the importance of incorporating activity into your daily routine. It will explain how regular exercise benefits the cardiovascular system, including risk factor modification. Participation is encouraged during this presentation.

The class is free, open to the public and held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404. Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required. Call the Women's Resource Center at 556-6890 to register for a class or for more information.

■ HOW TO MANAGE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

Angelica Reyes of MountainView Regional Medical Center will host a class titled How to Manage your Blood Pressure on Tuesday, March 27, from 10 to 11 a.m.

In the class, participants will learn what their numbers mean, systolic and diastolic, and your parameters. Reyes will also discuss the tools necessary to manage blood pressure, what people need to know about medication and what individual goals should be.

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■ HOW MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PAY FOR LONG-TERM CARE

Long-Term Care Insurance Specialist Gerald Carson will discuss how Medicare, Medicaid and long-term insurance pay for long-term care on Wednesday, March 28, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Participants will learn how much long-term care will typically cost in the home, assisted living facility, adult day care center, nursing home and hospice facility. Get the facts on what the two government programs – Medicare and Medicaid – cover, and whether long-term care insurance is appropriate for you.

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■ MAXIMIZING YOUR INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

Maria Lourdes Lopez, Registered Occupational Therapist at MountainView Regional Medical Center, will discuss Maximizing Your Independence at Home on Thursday, March 29, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Attendees will learn how to improve the way they normally do things, conserve strength and reduce fatigue. This class will provide information on use of adaptive equipment to promote safety and implementation of work simplification and energy conservation techniques in our day-to-day activities.

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■ BREAST CANCER, SUPPORT AMONG OURSELVES

"Breast Cancer, Support Among Ourselves" will be the topic of discussion at the Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Saturday,

March 24. The meeting will be held in the Community Education Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Sign-in and coffee will begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by the meeting, which will start at 10 a.m. The meetings are open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers, and anyone whose life has been changed and affected by breast cancer. For information call 521-4794.

■ TOPS MEETING

Are you looking for caring support, healthy ideas and lots of fun while trying to lose weight? TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 390 meets each Thursday at the Morningstar United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive. Meetings are from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information call Rosetta at 678-6265 or Linda, 621-7721.

■ THE SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO DIABETES OUTREACH EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting of the diabetes educational support group will be held on Monday, March 26, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The meeting is open to those who have been informed that they have diabetes, family and friends of diabetics or all who are interested. The meeting is free and no pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289.

■ 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.

■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of Las Cruces offers breastfeeding support to expectant and nursing mothers. The group has meetings twice each month.

Daytime meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Art of Birth and Wellness, 1210 N. Main St.

Evening meetings are offered on the

first Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Call 635-6683 for location. For more information, visit the website at www.llusa.org/web/LasCrucesNM.html.

■ YOGA CLASS

The co-op (Mountain View Market) is hosting yoga classes on Fridays from 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Mountain View Market is at 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M (in the Idaho Crossings center). Participants should bring blankets, towels and mats. For more information, call 523-0436. Donations from participants are welcome.

■ GIFT OF LIFE

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 who 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.

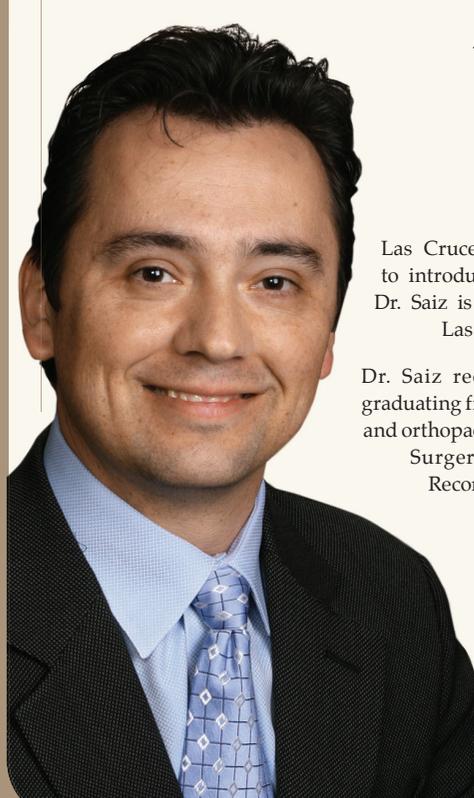
■ DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR

Depression, Bipolar Support Group (DBSA) meets twice weekly, on Monday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The meetings are open to the public and anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more information, call 523-9096 or 522-0517.

■ CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT

The next meeting of the Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group will be held on Sunday, April 8, in the Community Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The group meets from 3 to 5 p.m.

The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. The Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meets the second Sunday of every month and is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.



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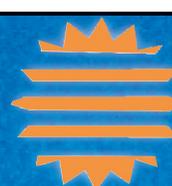
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At the Hillrise rescue assembly

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Rebecca Hanks of the Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad (left) oversees the rescue of a stuffed moose during a special assembly at Hillrise Elementary School Friday, March 16. MountainView Regional Medical Center coordinated the day's events.



Firefighters Sean Huck and Anthony Brown explain a fire engine and its components to students at Hillrise.



The arrival of the Southwest Air Ambulance at Hillrise Elementary School was one of the day's highlights.

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Tip-A-Cop at Red Lobster



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Las Cruces Police Officer Kiri Daines poses with special olympians Aaron Sarocho and Ana Mia Garcia at a table Friday, March 16, in Red Lobster where 2-year-old Elias Garay was enjoying his fish sticks. Las Cruces Police officers shadowed waiters at the popular seafood restaurant throughout the day to ask for donations to support the Special Olympics.

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Domenici objects to HELSTF funding cut

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici this week asked U.S. Army leadership to justify its budget plan to reduce funding at a southern New Mexico facility, particularly the recommendation to dramatically cut funding for the High Energy Laser System Test Facility (HELSTF) at White Sands Missile Range.

The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, on which Domenici serves, received budget testimony from Acting Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

The FY2008 Army request totals \$130 billion to support, among other things, \$3.6 billion for developing the Future Combat System (FCS), \$43 billion for National Guard training and equipment and \$20.6 billion for defense-wide health care programs. The FY2008 Global War on Terror supplemental funding request, submitted with the President's budget request, includes an additional \$83.4 billion to support combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"I am concerned about funding for

some of the more cutting-edge technologies that could be used by the Army in the future," Domenici said. "This includes the HELSTF program, which has been the Army's preeminent directed energy test facility for more than 20 years. I am concerned by the request to cut \$14 million from its budget next year."

Domenici asked Geren to explain the \$2.8 million for RDT&E activities at HELSTF next year, which is well below the \$16.4 million Congress provided for the program in FY2007.

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A new class of leaders begins

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A new class of community members has begun training to become leaders in the 2007 Leadership Las Cruces program, sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

Twenty-seven participants enrolled in the program and met March 16 and 17 for orientation, which gave each participant the opportunity to introduce themselves and learn about Las Cruces history, presented by Double Eagle owner C.W. "Buddy" Ritter.

"It was fun," said Joel Courtney, Las Cruces Bulletin arts editor and 2007 Leadership participant. "It was nice to meet a lot of interesting people and future leaders of the community. All the participants were really friendly and eager to take part in the leadership class."

The nine-month program is designed for those "future leaders" to observe different issues of the Las Cruces area, said GLCCC Communications and Leadership Director Cindy Marchant.

"They become more well-rounded individuals, which increases their leadership skills," she said.

Participants in the program also increase their leadership skills by running the program, Marchant said.

In small groups, each participant will organize a day of learning through several different perspectives — education, local and state government, economic development, agriculture, health care, community topics and military affairs. Participants cannot sign up for something related to their job.

"That's part of the leadership process," Marchant said. "They have to set up a whole day and talk to people they don't know."

Courtney and his group are organizing the educational event, which will include speakers and presentations from the private and public education system, Doña Ana Community College

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Local call center to expand

Research Data Design adds 100 jobs in Las Cruces

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Research Data Design Inc. is expanding, and they are looking to employ 100 additional Las Cruces to conduct market research for the company, which opened in Las Cruces in 2001.

The additional employees will be hired for day and evening shifts, which includes three to 10 supervisors, according to John Stepleton, CEO of RDD, headquartered in Portland, Ore.

"There has been a sharp increase in demand for the work we do," Stepleton said.

The call center conducts public opinion polls and various surveys, ranging from political interests to consumers' opinions on certain products. All bilingual market research is conducted at the Las Cruces office, which is one of three RDD centers in the United States.

Stepleton said no facility expansion will be necessary, and all 100 employees will be accommodated in the current RDD building on Commerce Drive.

Alex Sanchez, human resources coordinator of the Las Cruces center, said the center is now hiring and expects to fill all positions by the end of April. Because of the high turnover rate associated with many call centers, she said RDD will continuously hire new employees until the posi-



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

An increase in demand for market research is prompting Research Data Design to add 100 employees to their Las Cruces call center.

tions are filled.

"To retain the number of employees, we have training classes every week," said Sanchez, who has been with the com-

pany for almost three years.

As some call centers have come through Las Cruces and closed down several years later, she said RDD is a more stable

center because of the work done in the facility.

"Market research is involved in almost everything we need and use."

Calcot sharing assets with cotton growers

Merger with former SWIG expands market

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The former Southwest Irrigated Cotton Growers Co-op assets are being sold, and about \$4.8 million in dividends are being distributed to former SWIG farmer patrons, Calcot Co-op executive manager David Hand reported.

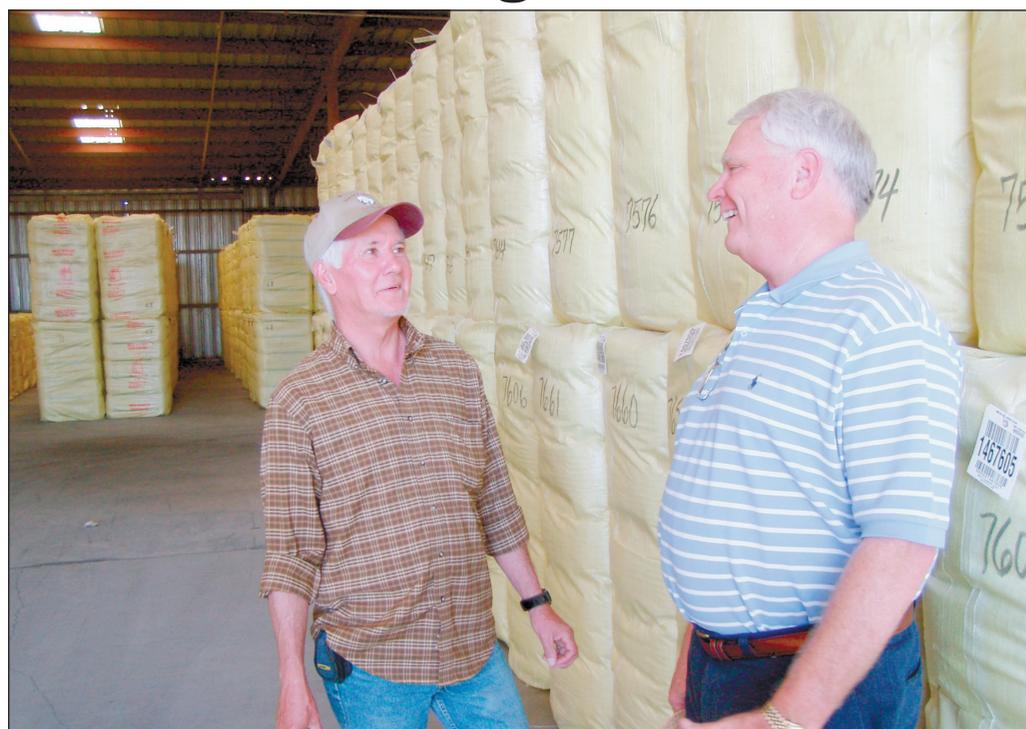
SWIG merged with Calcot, a larger cooperative based in Bakersfield, Calif., in October 2006.

The dividends are based on how many bales of cotton had been delivered by a grower to SWIG during a given period. Before the merger, SWIG had about 1,200 accounts, cotton growers and land owners.

The old El Paso SWIG property also has been sold to a California investor, and the money is being held in escrow, accruing interest.

Calcot still has assets to be sold, small pieces of property in El Paso, Deming and Fabens, Texas. When they are sold, the dividends will be distributed to former SWIG

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MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

David Hand, right, and Sam Benavidez, Las Cruces plant superintendent, discuss cotton bale shipments out of the Calcot warehouse. Benavidez has been with the Las Cruces plant for 35 years.

Calcot

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members within three years, Hand said.

The last cotton harvest in the former SWIG territory totaled 24,247 bales of Upland varieties and 21,627 bales of extra-long staple, fine-textured Pima, the total down about a third of average. The cotton was harvested in what is known as the Upper Valley, Mesilla Valley, Hatch Valley and the Deming area.

All of the cotton was ginned at the Mesa Farmers Co-op Gin, the only gin operating in the Mesilla Valley. The privately owned B.E. Harvey Gin shut down last season, which would have been its 80th year of operation.

The SWIG territory extends from the Pecos Valley in far west Texas and New Mexico to eastern Arizona and the San Joaquin Valley in California.

"Quality-wise last year's crop was high grade, a good crop," Hand said. "But quantity-wise the crop was down because of the excessive rain in August and the cool weather and cloud cover we had at that time. We were worried about the quality, but we were pleasantly surprised at the good quality."

Marketing was one of the main reasons for the merger. Most of the United States market that had been in the U.S. and western Europe has moved to Asia, mostly China. SWIG averaged from 145,000 bales to 150,000 bales annually, but Calcot averages 1 million bales and has a stronger position in the world market, Hand said.

Part of the Calcot logo is: "Cotton Marketing Service." "Most of the farmers I've been visiting with are telling me that we did exactly the right thing at exactly the right time," Hand said of the merger. "We put Calcot in a better position to sell the type of cotton that we grow in the West to Asia, especially to China."

"Another good reason the merger was a good idea

is because it allows Calcot to sell large volumes of any style of cotton that is grown in the irrigated West to take advantage of the Asian market. Now that Calcot and SWIG have merged Calcot can handle just a little less than 50 percent of all the cotton that is grown in the irrigated West."

The Calcot warehouse capacity is 60,000 bales in Las Cruces, 60,000 bales in Fabens and 30,000 bales in Artesia.

SWIG was organized on July 12, 1926, with offices in the old Cotton Exchange Building at 420 E. San Antonio in Downtown El Paso. It had 150 members and handled 2,846 bales the first year, including some from the Mesilla Valley.

In 1933, SWIG bought the old cotton seed oil mill at 3500 Doniphan St., and in 1936 the co-op moved its headquarters into the building, Hand said.

SWIG acquired the Las Cruces warehouse and steam-powered press in 1965 from a private company. The warehouse is off Compress Road and adjacent to a railway spur line.

Years ago, the bales were pressed into a smaller size so that a larger number could be loaded into a rail freight car. While the bales were being compressed, plumes of steam would shoot into the air above the press. Now, cotton bales are compressed by hydraulic presses, which are more efficient, Hand said.

Calcot still owns the huge, historic steam-powered presses in Las Cruces, Deming, Fabens and Artesia, farm heritage equipment that no one has found any use for yet.

SWIG also had gone through other changes. In the 1980s, there were about 40 cotton gins in the SWIG territory. Now, only eight are operating.

"But they are ginning almost the same amount of cotton," Hand said.



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Depending on price, it could be either



GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

Have you heard that homes are selling like hotcakes, remaining on the market only a few days before receiving an offer? If you have, you are well informed. On the other hand, have you heard that sales are sluggish and that our local inventory is barely moving? If so, you are also well informed. How can that be, you ask? Easy! Some price ranges simply have more available buyers than do other price ranges.

Before we delve too deeply into whether it's a buyer or seller's market in any given price range, it might be of interest to define how the difference is determined. While the exact numbers are all but impossible to pin down, experience teaches that a market is clearly defined as buyer's market when there are only enough buyers to purchase around 17 percent to 18 percent of the available inventory. As the percentage of available buyers descends below the benchmark numbers, the buyer's market solidifies.

On the other hand, when the number of available buyers rises to the point that there are enough of them to purchase around 22 percent to 23 percent of the inventory, the advantage quickly swings to the seller's side. As the percentage of buyers rises above the target numbers, sellers gain additional advantage.

Condominium Sales					Townhouse Sales				
	No. of Active Listings	Pending Sales	Total Active and Pending	% Pending		No. of Active Listings	Pending Sales	Total Active and Pending	% Pending
NEW	90	12	103	13%	NEW	38	2	40	5%
RESALE	11	6	17	35%	RESALE	27	8	35	23%

A marketplace is said to be "balanced" when there is a sufficient number of buyers to purchase between 17 percent and 23 percent of the available inventory. Between those numbers, determining who has the advantage is usually decided on a case-by-case basis. As evidenced by the numbers from the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors on March 18, 2007, individual prices ranges determine whether the buyers or the sellers hold the cards.

When it comes to new, single-family detached homes (excluding condos and townhomes), the numbers indicate that a seller's market clearly exists in the lower price ranges. In the \$100,000 to \$149,999 range, for example, there are currently enough buyers to purchase more than two-thirds of the available inventory. The numbers remain strong until asking prices reach \$350,000, where the demand begins to drop off.

In general, there are currently enough new-home buyers in the \$100,000 to \$349,999 price range to purchase 27 percent of the inventory. That's a strong

indicator that sellers have the advantage in that price range. From \$350,000 to \$649,999, enough buyers currently exist to purchase just over 8 percent of the new-home inventory – or 1 in 12 homes. At the \$600,000 mark and above, statistics indicate that there are only enough buyers in the marketplace today to purchase around 2.3 percent of the available new homes.

Numbers from MLIS also indicate that sellers of existing single-family detached homes (excluding condos and townhomes) are currently enjoying somewhat of a seller's market as well. From enough buyers to purchase around 36 percent of the homes in the \$100,000 to \$149,999 price range, sellers continue to hold a small advantage to the \$400,000 mark. In fact, there are currently enough buyers in the \$100,000 to \$400,000 range to purchase around 22 percent of our current inventory. While that number is an indicator of a weak seller's market, it is still an indicator the market favors the seller. The same is not true in \$650,000 and above price range, however. In that range, the statistics show that none of

the 31 listings currently offered for sale have any contracts pending at this time.

When it comes to the number of buyers available to purchase new and existing condos and townhomes, MLIS numbers reveal that it is a seller's market in both categories as long as you're looking at resales. Condo and townhome sales are a little slower on the new side, making it a buyer's market in that category.

Is it good to know whether the price range you're buying or selling in favors buyers or sellers? You bet! It is nearly impossible to negotiate effectively if one or both of the parties fail to understand who has the upper hand.

See you at closing!

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Leadership

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and New Mexico State University. The presentations will be followed by a tour of several facilities.

"Some of the big issues that I know we want to talk about are drop-out rates, continuing science technology education for spaceport jobs and other technology-oriented development, and the partnership between primary and secondary education," Courtney said.

In addition to learning through

different perspectives, participants also will learn through their peers rather than someone who specializes in teaching leadership.

Leadership alumni Rob Richardson of RH Inc. and Sandra Harrod of Bank of the Rio Grande are co-chairs of the program.

"Rob and Sandra are doing a magnificent job of making it educational as well as entertaining," Courtney said. "They've learned from their past experiences in the course."

There will, however, be specialized leadership training presented by the chamber in September, which will teach participants different leadership strategies.

The "students" also have homework as they study the leadership techniques of Dr. Seuss. Courtney said he and his classmates have to read five Dr. Seuss books and discover the leadership qualities in each one. He said he was impressed with the program and wants to be co-chair for next year's Leadership Las Cruces program.

"The training will make me more viable as a leader in the community and at the Bulletin," Courtney said.

As a lifelong resident of Las Cruces, Courtney said he was interested in serving on boards of different nonprofit organizations, as well as different community and chamber committees.

"I've reaped the benefits of this town long enough," he said. "It's time for me to give back."



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2007 Leadership Las Cruces participants pay close attention to presentations during orientation March 16 and 17.

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Promoting businesses and themselves

Students in entrepreneurship group head to regional competition

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For businesses that are just starting or in need of development, Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), an 8-year-old organization sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation, provides those services at no cost to the business.

Thirteen students from Doña Ana Community College and New Mexico State University promote entrepreneurship practices wherever they are welcome.

The students then take their community projects and present them at regional and national competitions. They will head to Denver, Colo., March 26 to present their projects at the SIFE Regional competition for two-year institutions.

Students are welcome in the organization from any major and earn one college credit per semester. They can repeat the "course" to obtain six college credits.

Though it is based in Las Cruces, the student organization has already traveled to Alamogordo, Deming and El Paso to help businesses. However, the students would like to help local businesses as well, said SIFE Sam Walton Fellow Andy Saucedo, who has commuted from El Paso to teach at Doña Ana Community College for 14 years.

"They're not aware (in Las Cruces)," Saucedo said. "Once people become aware, they get involved."

Once involved, businesses in the area help students earn awards in four main competitions by participating in SIFE projects.

The Sam's Entrepreneurship competition is based on organizations developing or helping existing businesses.

Saucedo said the local SIFE chapter assisted an El Paso personal trainer for this competition.

"He had no idea what to do," Saucedo said. "We developed a website, designed a marketing plan and got business cards for him. Now his clientele is up 20 percent."

The organization has also traveled to El Paso's Bowie High School to teach entrepreneurship practices to its students and is headed to the Boy Scouts of El Paso in April.

To boost all businesses, the organization will sponsor a SIFE Entrepreneurship Fair, offering free booths to anyone who wants to start a business, even if a person is just a good cook, Saucedo said.

To participate in the HSBC Financial Literacy competition, SIFE traveled to the C.A.T.S. James House in Alamogordo, a rehabilitation center for women who have committed crimes.

"We trained them in personal finances," Saucedo said. "In April, they will receive a one-on-one consultation for a budget."

The organization also is working with two ROTC programs, at El Paso High School and Bowie High School, to



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DACC professor Andy Saucedo supports the Students in Free Enterprise organization, which has won several awards at SIFE competitions.

teach the students who are planning military careers about savings plans, loans and career options after the military.

The Campbell's Sealed Air Ethics competition has led the organization to encourage fourth- and fifth-grade students from an El Paso elementary school to create posters on the prosperity of ethics.

"It's a chance to explain what ethics are at a young age," Saucedo said.

SIFE also has arranged for students from Bowie High School to compare ethics practices with students at a senior high school in Java, Indonesia.

To enter the Aflac Marketing and Economics competition, SIFE took the opportunity to take students from Mayfield

High School to the World Trade Center in El Paso.

"They heard a presentation about marketing and the economic possibilities of the spaceport and the growth of Ft. Bliss," Saucedo said.

The students were then taken to El Paso Street, a gateway to Mexico, and were able to witness several transactions in English, Spanish and other languages.

The Discover Financial Services competition has presented the opportunity for all teachers in Doña Ana County, Deming and Alamogordo to have their students write a 500-word essay about the kind of education needed to compete in a global economy.

SIFE is working with Pioneer Bank of Las Cruces for the project.

As students work with local businesses, they also get involved in community service.

The students raised money for victims of Hurricane Rita, which devastated parts of east Texas two years ago.

Saucedo said they even wrote to Oprah Winfrey, offering to teach children in the African orphanage she opened.

"I want people know about us," Saucedo said. "I'm proud of the students. I could not ask for better."

While they promote community service, the students also promote themselves.

At the regional and national SIFE competitions, Saucedo said they are judged on their appearances in addition to their Power Point presentations and newsletter. The students do so well, that they have brought home an award each year since the organization was formed.

"They design their own newsletter and website," he said. "It really looks good on their résumés."

Students' affiliation with SIFE is also good for self-esteem, leadership and networking opportunities, Saucedo said.

At the regional competition, supporting businesses also will be available as professional contacts for the students.

"These business give preference to SIFE students," Saucedo said. "Many SIFE students with associate's degrees start at \$40,000."

WIA's youth contracts begin this month

By TERI HOPE
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It's that time of year again. The winds are picking up, the sun is coming out, and youths are fidgeting more and more in their seats, ready for the summer months to take them out of school. But do you know where they will be this summer? Do you know where they will be five years from now?

Just like you, the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board (SAWDB) wants our kids to stay close to home. And according to current trends – with unprecedented economic growth throughout the region and plans for exciting new industries – they might just be able to stay here and make a good living. This can only be accomplished, however, if we can provide them with the right training.

The SAWDB, along with its Youth Council, recently completed the process of appointing various agencies in each of the region's seven counties to provide training services for youth. Beginning on March 1, HELP New Mexico was contracted to provide youth programs in Catron and Grant Counties, Families and Youth, Inc. is working in Doña Ana and Luna Counties, Southwest Regional Education Center (REC) is working in Sierra and Hidalgo Counties, and the Socorro Consolidated Schools is working in Socorro County. In addition, the Alamo Navajo School Board provides services for the Alamo Chapter of the Navajo Nation.

These entities are experienced in providing services through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), each demonstrating success in improving

the lives of their participants.

The Alamo Navajo School Board (ANSB) is working to alleviate the challenges of living in one of the most isolated and least-educated chapters of the Navajo Nation. Last year, ANSB's Division of Community Services launched a vital new pilot nursing program, with eligible WIA youth participating in training to become Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) through the Eastern New Mexico University Roswell Branch.

Families and Youth, Inc (FYI) has helped many young people to see themselves in a new light. Trevor*, for example, had recently transferred to his third homeless shelter when the 17-year old was encouraged by FYI's Melissa* to enroll in programs to earn his GED and acquire essential work experience. Although he only needed to hit one of a list of barriers to education or employment in addition to low-income to qualify for WIA assistance, Trevor hit nearly all of them. These barriers include basic skills deficiency, along with dropping out of school, homelessness, a runaway, a foster child, or a youth who is already a parent. Trevor had also recently been sentenced to a two-year probation period. After succeeding in the program, Trevor now "appears to be a completely new person," according to Melissa.

HELP NM, meanwhile, is reaching beyond efforts to "give a man a fish," but to "teach him to fish." While three successful graduates of this program needed assistance when they first entered the program, all three have now gone on to careers and better-paying jobs that focus on helping others. Like all WIA youth

programs, HELP NM trains youth between the ages of 14 and 21 in life skills, such as basic work ethics and experience, along with earning credentials, their GED, or other certificates.

Demonstrating a new trend in training programs for youth, Project Manager Vanetta Perry reported that the Socorro Consolidated Schools has also focused on national certification programs, such as the A+ Certification Class and the Windows Operating System. "Students are leaving [these programs] better prepared for high-paid positions," Perry said.

For Denise* of Sierra County, the Southwest Regional Education Center (REC) was the answer she was seeking for her educational and employment needs. The young mother, pregnant with her second child when she began the program, gained valuable work experience and went on to work for the REC. Denise described examples of students she worked with who impressed their temporary employers enough to gain permanent positions. "They have a chance to work with one another, to get a better insight on the job and the individual's capacity to do the job," she said.

Now you can be a part of these efforts. The SAWDB's Youth Council is seeking members to volunteer a few hours a month to make recommendations on training programs centered on preparing our youth for the workforce. For more information on joining the Youth Council, contact Sandi Belknap at 505-744-4857 or visit the SAWDB's website at www.swjobconnect.org.

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During the first week of May, the third branch of First Light Federal Credit Union is expected to open at 3791 E. Lohman Ave. The full-service facility will include a drive-up ATM in addition to eight drive-up lanes for motor banking. The building will include a full-service lobby with an Internet area for credit union members. It will also house the marketing business developer, a member financial services representative and a mortgage loan officer.

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State tourism department launches new ad campaign

New Mexico promoted as 'Best Place in the Universe'

The tone is funny, lighthearted and witty. Likeable, but severe-looking aliens are ensconced in day-to-day office situations. Despite their ferocious appearance, their down-to-earth conversation leads us to believe they are more of this world than the next one.

And of course, also like us, they can't wait to get back to the best place in the universe – "New Mexico, Earth."

"With so many phenomenal experiences waiting in New Mexico," one alien tells the others, "the word is out: It may just be the best place in the universe."

"This is the day and age of 'TiVo,' instant replay, reality television and text messaging. It is hard to imagine anything seen or read would have the impact necessary to send a believable message of uniqueness that would intrigue a potential new visitor to New Mexico enough to pack the SUV, load up the family and set out for sights unseen," said Michael Cerletti, Secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department. "We feel confident our new advertising campaign will cut through the clutter and encourage folks everywhere to consider New Mexico when making their vacation plans."

The new campaign was conceived by the Tourism Department's contracted advertising agency, M&C Saatchi, and the department. Production of the television spots associated with the campaign is taking place this week in New Mexico and California. Those elements featuring the aliens will be filmed in Los Angeles.

"The 'alien' will deliver the message that New Mexico truly is the best place in the universe to

visit," Martin Leger, Tourism Department Advertising Manager, said. "Character images have long been used in many successful advertising campaigns. We believe that by combining the alien character with New Mexico's scenic beauty, these ads will cut through the clutter. They will be unique and eye-catching; and they will create a lasting image of the uniqueness of New Mexico."

Leger said the campaign's objectives are to increase travel to New Mexico using multiple advertising channels, and increase the awareness of New Mexico as a vacation destination; showcase its variety of activities, cultures and attractions available throughout the state; and increase awareness of the New Mexico Tourism Department website, www.newmexico.org.

The campaign is expected to launch in early April in New Mexico's traditional markets and in newly targeted markets, including the greater metropolitan areas of San Diego, Calif., and Minneapolis, Minn.

Cerletti said the department would continue its path into the visual advertising market.

"We are active in television advertising because we want to keep our name out there, and we must distinguish ourselves from other Southwestern states," he said. "This new effort is part of an on-going advertising campaign under the current administration designed to do just that."

The total production budget for all aspects of the new "Best Place in the Universe" campaign – television, magazine, billboards, mall kiosk signs, taxi tops, coffee sleeves, etc – is slightly less than \$600,000.

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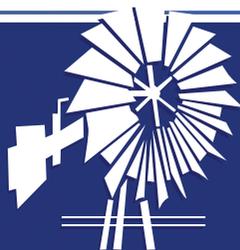
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IN GOOD COMPANY: GOOD START INDUSTRIES

Much more than just a second-hand store

Good Start Industries provides jobs and community service

BY NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Now that it is an independent company, Good Start Industries not only offers low-cost merchandise, but the organization also does what it can to work with the community.

The organization was once a part of Goodwill Industries International, but in 2003 the board of directors decided to become autonomous, said Good Start Executive Director Karen Jakeway.

"Many things took more money than we had," Jakeway said. "Other (Goodwill stores) have a higher population base, so they are able to survive."

After becoming a 501(c)3 organization, she said Good Start wanted to do the same things as it had when it was a Goodwill store.

"The only major difference now is that we don't pay dues to a national organization," she said. "All the money stays in Las Cruces."

The money the organization makes comes from community donations of clothing, furniture and household wares, which can be dropped off at either store – 420 S. Valley Drive and 2305 E. Nevada Ave.

Jakeway said the company also will arrange to pick up donated items home Monday through Friday.

Once the donations are received, the organization begins its work by providing jobs to those who have difficulty finding employment.

Good Start's employees sort through donations and organize them to be put on sale in the store. The money generated from items bought in either store is used to pay those employees. The number of employees

fluctuates between 25 and 30 at any given time, according to Jakeway, and they are all paid at least minimum wage.

She said the company also provides short-term scholarships for local youths. Working with Families & Youth Inc., Good Start provides employment for at-risk teens.

"With our encouragement, three kids decided they wanted to go to school," she said.

Good Start provided the money for books and tuition during their first semester, and the students were able to apply for grants after that.

"We're able to do what we want to do with the money," she said.

Good Start also works with people who have been on workman's compensation and are not sure they are able to work yet.

"We allow them to work here to see if they are able to handle employment," Jakeway said.

For those who need to pay their debt to society, community service hours can be spent working at Good Start Industries.

Good Start does its own community service in addition to providing jobs and scholarships.

Working with the Community of Hope, Jakeway said Good Start provides 30 to 45 \$10 gift certificates per month, which can add up to a decent amount when clothing at the Nevada store is 25 cents per pound.

"These people often are homeless," Jakeway said. "This way they can hold their heads high when they come into the store with their certificates."

When the village of Hatch suffered from severe flooding last summer, Good Start also issued gift certificates there.

The organization also gives certificates to

“All the money stays in Las Cruces.”

KAREN JAKEWAY,
Good Start Industries
executive director



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Low-cost clothing, furniture and household wares are available from Good Start Industries. The 420 S. Valley Drive location is one of two stores in Las Cruces.

needy elementary school children.

"A social worker from MacArthur Elementary told me some students didn't even have underwear," Jakeway said. "We have the clothing, they have the needs, so we work together."

Being able to support the community the

way Good Start does depends on donations from the community.

"Without donations, we die," Jakeway said. "I love being able to do what we do. Las Cruces is a small enough place where we can help each other rather than hinder each other."

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IN GOOD COMPANY: GOOD START INDUSTRIES

Q & A: Talking business with Executive Director Karen Jakeway

What inspired you to go into business?

I went to work as the rehabilitation counselor at Goodwill Industries of Southern New Mexico Inc. in February 1969.

What is unique about your business?

From 1968 to 2003, we were Goodwill Industries of Southern New Mexico Inc. In 2003, we became Good Start Industries.

Who are your customers?

People who are looking for bargains in clothing, household wares, books and furniture.

How would you define success in the short-term?

To have adequate donations to support our employees who are disabled and to provide low-cost merchandise to our community.

Where do you see the business in five years?

Providing employment for people with disabilities and providing low-cost merchandise to our community.

What is the best part of your job?

To watch my employees grow in their abilities to cope with life's challenges. To be able to provide a safe place for people to pay their debts to society, and, at the same time, to be able to see them strive to better themselves because of having spent time with us.

What is your business philosophy?

As a nonprofit organization in Las Cruces, to be worthy of the trust of our donating public.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

By always trying to provide good merchandise for a great price.

How are you marketing the store?

By advertising in the Bulletin and on radio stations, and by word of mouth.

What do you look for in an employee?

A person who wants a chance to prove that they can do the job, no matter what other people have said about them.

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

To become Good Start Industries.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

Instead of sending dues to a parent organization that is far removed from Las Cruces, we now have been able to provide short-term scholarships to some of our employees who want to move forward.

What has been your biggest surprise?

That I still love coming to work every day after 36 years.

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

Clothing, furniture, household wares, etc. At our Valley Drive store, most garments



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Loyal customer Ellen Hormanski comes to Good Start Industries at least twice a week to browse through clothing.

are \$2, our children's clothing is \$1. There is a day every week that each of the categories are half price. In our Nevada store, all of the clothing is 25 cents per pound. Yes, that is correct. Good, useable clothing at 25 cents per pound in 2007.

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

We are the same business that we have been for 37 years. In 2003, we became Good Start Industries. Goodwill Industries has opened a store on North Main Street, but that is not in any way connected to Good Start Industries. We are still in need of donations, so I don't want anyone to forget that we are still here.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Another store depending on donations has recently opened. We must have donations, or we will not remain open. We depend on all of our friends.

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PROFILE

Harriet Black: Founding a legacy in Christian education

MVCS, College Heights Kindergarten co-founder is strong influence

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Providing the first opportunity for Christian-based education in Las Cruces is something in which to be proud, but Harriet Black hardly takes any of the credit.

"She does not think of it as anything extraordinary," said her daughter Cyndy Moon. "It's just God's work for her."

Black, a native of Omaha, Neb., would have received a bachelor's degree in education if it had been offered during that time, but she settled for a degree in home economics with a minor in education from the University of Nebraska.

While teaching kindergarten and first grade in El Paso, she met her husband Oscar. The Blacks moved to Las Cruces sometime in the 1940s and together, they started College Heights Kindergarten in 1954.

"I went to a Christian college back in Georgia," Moon said. "That's what really got her interested in Christian education. There was a group of people that worked together at the

beginning – there was a lot of talking, but no action. Mom and Dad decided to get it going and decided to start the school."

In 1975, the Blacks began Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. Black ran both schools for four or five years until MVCS was incorporated into its own board of directors, but Black still remained involved.

"She used to do summer tutoring, taught summer school and worked with the teachers there," Moon said. "She used to do a lot more, and she still goes over and gives Bibles to first graders who memorize the names of each book of the Bible."

Though she can't be as involved as much as she once was, Black also presents the Founders Award to one deserving senior during graduation.

"It's based on all-around character and community service, not just academics," Moon said.

Black, however, is still involved at College Heights Kindergarten as director emeritus. "She is the heart and soul of the school," Moon said. "The children have to come in and greet Mrs. Black and give her a hug or the day just isn't started right."

Running the school presented some challenges to Black, including growing with new technology and satisfying her standards.

"Her biggest challenge has been keeping the school to her very high standards and maintaining those

standards for this long of a time," Moon said. "She has a strong sense of responsibility to the school and is always working to get good teachers and maintain a good staff."

According to the school's website, the school's philosophy is centered on Luke 2:52 and states, "Our goal is to help children grow, just like Jesus did, in wisdom, stature and favor with God and men."

Working with 3- 4- and 5-year-old children, the school is currently accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International. Moon serves as the school's director.

"It's a school with regular school curriculum, but also offers extended daycare," Moon said.

Moon is just one of Black's four children who has chosen a career in education as their mother had done.

Black's son Walter received his Ph.D. in educational administration. Her daughter Janice Vaughn founded a school in Arizona and is now teaching in Mississippi. Her daughter Lucy Wykoff homeschooled all seven of her children and is now director of a pregnancy crisis center.

"That was her very striking influence in all of our lives," Moon said. "Seeing the impact you can have in the life of children, we all saw that first hand,

how important that is and how rewarding it is."

Black's influence is so strong that even her grandchildren are seeking careers in education. Two of Moon's daughters also work at College Heights Kindergarten.

"All of our children are involved in education in one way or another," Moon said. "Our children are pastors or teachers."

Though Moon and her siblings all attended public school and graduated from Las Cruces High School, Moon has embraced Christian-based education as her mom had.

"I think that just being able to counteract the absence of absolute value that's so prevalent in the non-Christian community and being able to have the freedom to teach from the Bible, from the value of the Bible is important," she said.

When she was able to, Black involved herself in the local Christian community. She helped run the Christian Day Nursery until it closed and also helped found the University Presbyterian Church.

Moon said she was also involved with Republican women's organizations and was a 4-H leader for many years.

"What sums her up is love and service for the children," Moon said. "They all know above everything else that Mrs. Black loves them. It's her love that has driven her to do all that she's done."



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CYNDY MOON,
Harriet Black's daughter

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CYNDY MOON,
Harriet Black's daughter

Harriet Black

Director Emeritus College Heights Kindergarten

Family

- Husband Oscar, passed away in 1992
- Four children – Walter Black, Janice Vaughn, Lucy Wykoff, Cyndy Moon
- 18 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren

Education

- Bachelor's degree in home economics with a minor in education, University of Nebraska
- Graduate work in education, New Mexico State University

Organizations

- Founding member, University Presbyterian Church
- Former leader, 4-H Club

Awards

- New Mexico Mother of the Year, 1977
- Association of Christian Schools International awards
- New Mexico's Oldest Worker, Experience Works, 2005

GAS WATCH:

Gas prices march upward

Travel Gas Watch Areas	Price	Change from last week	Record Price
Las Cruces	\$2.512	+\$0.039	\$3.062
Albuquerque	\$2.475	+\$0.050	\$3.060
Santa Fe area	\$2.515	+\$0.028	\$3.183
El Paso	\$2.465	+\$0.042	\$3.002
Tucson	\$2.562	+\$0.097	\$3.064
Denver	\$2.482	+\$0.068	\$3.024

New Mexican motorists are paying 39.7 cents or 18.6 percent more for every gallon of regular unleaded gasoline compared to prices at the end of January 2007. The current New Mexico statewide average of \$2.527 per gallon is 4.8 cents more than last week and 7.1 cents more than a year ago. The national average of \$2.551 is 3.4 cents more than last week and 15.8 cents more than last year.

ON THE AGENDA

Personal budget workshop

“Stretching Your Dollars” with Alicia Alvarado of the YWCA Credit Counseling and Home Ownership Center is a class that will help attendees develop and personalize a spending plan and an action plan for debt. The class also will provide information about credit reports and how to review them as well as ways to create debt management plans, including arranging and administering repayment plans that are affordable and that credit companies will accept.

The class is free and open to the public. Space is limited, so those interested are required to pre-register. For more information contact the Women’s Resource Center at 556-6890.

Date: Tuesday, March 20
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Location: Women’s Resource Center
 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404
Contact: 556-6890

SCORE/SBDC seminar

SCORE and the Small Business Development Center will sponsor “How to Read and Understand Financial Statements” at the SBDC, 2345 E. Nevada Ave. Most businesses don’t know what the financial statement shows, whether they have too much inventory, are spending too much on employee wages or whether they are really making a profit.

The seminar, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6 p.m. and last for approximately two hours.

Date: Thursday, March 29
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Small Business Development Center
 2345 E. Nevada Ave.
Contact: 527-7676

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report March 15, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value	Permit \$
07-OTC-2804	Desert Sage Building A	Desert Sage	Res/New	4324 Yuvapai Court	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	\$188,700	\$2,043
07-CBI-2025	Pueblo Builders Inc.	Rawson Inc.	Addition	2355 E. Nevada Ave.	N/A	\$390,000	\$1,283
07-OTC-2874	Desert Meadows Home	Desert Meadows Home	Res/New	4450 Camino Dos Vidas	Dos Suenos	\$111,600	\$3,084
07-RBI-2596	Copper Canyon Homes	Copper Canyon Homes	Res/New	4455 Nambu Arc	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	\$194,760	\$2,384
07-OTC-2571	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2107 Briarwood Lane	Avalon Park	\$156,000	\$3,347
07-OTC-2952	Homeowner	Shannon & Riva Dove	Res/New	4261 Golden Sage Court	White Sage Ph 2	\$197,880	\$3,445
07-OTC-2764	Homes By Marc LLC	Homes By Marc LLC	Res/New	4493 Magdalena Arc	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph 2	\$129,540	\$3,367
07-OTC-2868	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes	Res/New	5344 Isabella Court	Las Colinas Ph 8	\$102,000	\$3,305
07-OTC-2580	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	999 Gilmer Way	Avalon Park	\$156,000	\$3,347
07-OTC-1851	Sandia Sunrooms Inc.	Dorothy Taylor	Res/Add	4136 Gila Trail	N/A	\$16,000	\$122
07-OTC-2433	Homeowner	Charles Pfeifer	Addition	2315 Sedona Hills	N/A	\$2,000	\$40
07-OTC-2671	Liberty General Construction	Liberty General	Res/New	937 Prairie Lilly Drive	Mesa Manor	\$145,680	\$1,780
06-RBI-13581	Phillips Homes	Phillips Homes	Res/New	4403 Maricopa Circle	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph 1	\$156,600	\$3,348
07-OTC-2164	Homeowner	Baltazar Sanchez	Add/Res	7323 Calico Drive	N/A	\$10,000	\$87
07-OTC-2579	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	1009 Gilmer Way	Avalon Park	\$129,900	\$3,286
07-OTC-889	R. Hines Construction	Robert & Jennifer San	New Townhouse	550 El Molino	El Molino Place Subdivision	\$117,780	\$2,724
07-OTC-2618	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	1317 Doniphan Place	Legends West	\$143,100	\$2,986
07-RBI-2346	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes	Res/New	2853 Meriwether St.	Legends West North	\$129,660	\$1,522
07-RBI-2336	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes	Res/New	2874 Meriwether	Legends West North	\$122,160	\$1,504
07-OTC-2345	Thurston Equity Corp	TEC	Res/New	1271 Sapillo Drive	Parkhill Estates	\$157,080	\$3,350
07-RBI-2503	Dreaming Tree Construction	Jeb Stuart	Res/New	4575 Hatchet Court	Parkhill Estates	\$175,740	\$3,393
07-OTC-2892	Mesa View Homes, LLC	Mesa View Homes, LLC	Res/New	2835 San Miguel	Legends West North	\$135,000	\$1,534
07-OTC-2876	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes	Res/New	5345 Isabella Court	Las Colinas Ph 8	\$96,000	\$3,291
07-OTC-2257	Vista Del Sol Construction	Richard Johnson	Res/New	4495 Maricopa Circle	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$138,600	\$3,291
07-OTC-888	R. Hines Construction	Robert & Jennifer San	New Townhouse	560 El Molino	El Molino Place Subdivision	\$117,780	\$2,724
07-OTC-2796	Eddard's Construction	Bobby & Lisa Wilcox	Res/New	4163 Campana Court	Twilight Campana	\$111,540	\$3,084
07-OTC-2577	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	1000 Gilmer Way	Avalon Park	\$158,400	\$3,353
07-OTC-3066	Eddard's Construction	Eddard's Const	Res/New	4086 Calle Corte	Mission Espada	\$133,740	\$3,295
07-OTC-3011	Hayward Brown Construction	Hayward Brown	New Townhouse	3884 Adriatic	Tayvis Estates	\$84,000	\$1,664
07-OTC-3062	Eddard's Construction	Eddard's Const	Res/New	4105 Calle Corte	Mission Espada	\$133,860	\$3,295

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report March 15, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value
31921	Phillips Homes	La Posta Properties	Res/New	3590 N. Highway 28	N/A	\$596
31926	Self	Morgan Cromwell	Res/Add	668 Golden Eagle St.	Delara Est. Omit 4 Ph 2	\$185
31928	Casa Bonita of NM LLC	Casa Bonita of NM LLC	Res/New	6438 Wagons East Trail	Wagons East Subd.	\$438
31929	Jandali Homes LLC	Jandali Homes LLC	Res/New	1336 Golden Rod Court	Greyfox Subd Ph1	\$843
31933	Self	Gerald & Mary Iadicicco	Res/New	1750 Rincon de Amigos	El Rancho Grande 2	\$847
31936	Debco Const.	Jerry Hawkes	Res/Add	5480 Thomas Moran Road	EBL&T Subd B	\$290
31938	Self	Jorge Au	Res/Add	375 Derry Ave.	McClintocks Addn to Rincon	\$45
31946	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	5096 Yuma St.	EBLT	\$563
31947	Self	Richard Plock	Res/Alt	524 Chaparral Drive	Lake Section Subd.	\$60
31948	Paso Del Norte	DAC	Hangar	8000-8103 Airport Road	N/A	\$3,040
31949	Paso Del Norte	Tecma	Hangar	8120 Airport Road	Desert Sky Air Park	\$1,265

BRIEFS

Governor signs bill to waive non-athletic special events at Pan Am

New Mexico State University officials are applauding Gov. Bill Richardson's March 15 signing of House Bill 143 into law. The bill, sponsored by state Rep. Mary Helen Garcia of Doña Ana County, allows a promoter to bring a non-athletic special event to NMSU without being charged a gross receipts tax on ticket proceeds. The change will be effective July 1.

"NMSU is now on a better footing with regard to competing against El Paso facilities for major shows that are routing through the area," said Will Lofdahl, director of Special Events.

In 2001, the event facilities in El Paso received a reprieve from a tax on their ticket proceeds, Lofdahl said, which made the El Paso facilities more attractive to event promoters and producers because it was less expensive to perform there. He said the passing of HB 143 puts NMSU in a better position to compete for events.

"For example, let's assume there is an event that can potentially sell 10,000 tickets and the price of a ticket is \$50. The potential gross proceeds for the event would be \$500,000. Before yesterday's passing of HB 143, a tax of \$25,000 would be charged to the promoter at NMSU, but no tax would be charged if the promoter picked a facility in El Paso as the site of the event."

"This has been a major issue in trying to book top tier artists as the tax signifi-

cantly lowered their potential artist fees," added Bobbie Welch, special events coordinator. "Now we can look forward to even more quality entertainment at the newly renovated Pan Am Center."

Lofdahl added that the bill only grants a reprieve from a tax to promoters.

"If NMSU purchased the show, the tax would still be in effect," he said.



Realtors contribute to Boys and Girls Club

Elsie Bonfantini presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Clint Ziehl of the Boys and Girls Club at the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 150 E. Idaho Ave., last week. Not only is Bonfantini an award-winning realtor and associate broker with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, but she has also been very active in the community and is the chair of the Community Service Committee of the LCAR. Local realtors

support the community in many ways and realize that the Boys and Girls Club plays a very helpful role with the young people of our city.

Doyle named El Paso Electric VP of NM affairs

The El Paso Electric Board of Directors appointed Robert Clay Doyle to serve as vice president of New Mexico affairs. In that position, Doyle will oversee the execution of all functions of El Paso Electric's business within New Mexico. He will also participate in establishing corporate business goals and objectives and developing and implementing appropriate strategic plans.

Doyle has been with El Paso Electric since 1992 and has served in various capacities, including manager of the Corporate Projects Office, project manager of corporate transition to competition, supervisor of distribution dispatch and distribution monitoring engineer. Doyle holds bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from New Mexico State University. He is a registered professional engineer in New Mexico and holds certification as a Project Management Professional.

Doyle has been a fund-raising team leader for the local chapters of the American Heart Association, Junior Achievement and the Children's Miracle Network. He also is an active participant with the Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts of America, Las Cruces Pack 273.

Hilley joins Bulletin as managing editor

Native New Mexican Jim Hilley has joined the Las Cruces Bulletin as managing editor.



HILLEY

In his position, Hilley will manage the day-to-day operations of the Bulletin news room, coordinate photography assignments and information technology for editorial. He also will coordinate editorial content among the five section

editors of the weekly newspaper.

"I'm pleased to have a person of Jim's background to join us," said Las Cruces Bulletin Publisher David McCollum. "His blend of news and marketing experience gives a unique perspective to the newsroom at the Bulletin."

Prior to his new position at the Bulletin, Hilley was assistant marketing director for Bravo Chevrolet-Cadillac. He's no stranger to the Bulletin, as he served as production manager for the paper from 1985 to 2000.

"I'm very excited about being back at the Bulletin," Hilley said. "The paper has made tremendous improvements in the past several years. It still has a tremendous amount of potential and already has a great staff."

Hilley received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from New Mexico State University in 2000.

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Nova-Starchaser to tour city in the first Rocket Roadshow

Historic launch vehicle to visit six local schools, businesses before April 3 gross receipts tax vote

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For those who ever wondered what a privately built and owned rocketship looks like up close, the chance to see one is on its way. Starchaser Industries will be bringing their Nova-Starchaser 4 rocket on the Rocket Roadshow through Las Cruces starting on March 28.

Nova-Starchaser, the largest rocket to ever launch from Britain, left its country of origin Feb. 14 for a four-week trans-Atlantic journey to the port at Galveston, Texas.

The 37-foot-tall rocket, along with the single-person Nova capsule, will travel west, courtesy of Las Cruces-based RT Electric transport on Interstate 10, to Las Cruces. It will tour locally for several days before continuing its journey north to Colorado Springs, Colo.

To kick off the rocket's tour through Las Cruces, State National Bank and the Las Cruces Bulletin will host the first stop and ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, March 28, at the bank building, 3800 E. Lohman Ave. Nova-Starchaser will stay at State National Bank from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and several promotional giveaways will be held by Starchaser and State National Bank for attendees.

"We thought it would be cool to host the rocket in Las Cruces," said State National Bank Assistant Vice President Brandy Darden. "We're a big supporter of the (rocket) industry coming to New Mexico."

The Nova-Starchaser rocket will tour numerous locations throughout town leading up to the April 3 gross receipts tax vote for Spaceport America. According to Rocket Roadshow coordinator Linda De La Torre, there are still openings for those interested in hosting the rocket on April 2 and 3.

The Nova-Starchaser rocket will appear both at the FAA/U.S. Air Force Entrepreneurial Summit and at the National Space Symposium April 9-12. It will then be on display at Starchaser Rocket City, a commercial space tourism center now under development off exit 116 on I-10 west of Las Cruces.

After finding its new home at Rocket City, Nova-

Starchaser will be used to educate children about the science and technology fields.

"Eighty percent of what we do is education," De La Torre said.

"There's not enough kids studying science and technology to sustain the industry," Starchaser CEO Steve Bennett said. "Our job is to get kids enthusiastic and excited about this stuff and then employ them locally after they graduate (from) college."

Bennett added that Starchaser Industries has partnered with Doña Ana Community College and is working with DACC to create a curriculum for the budding rocket industry.

According to Bennett, Starchaser spent approximately \$100,000 to sponsor the Rocket Roadshow through the United States.

While still in England, Nova-Starchaser would tour more than 200 schools and educate approximately 150,000 students each year. Because of the funding granted to schools in the United Kingdom, all of the rocket dem-

onstrations and tours were funded by the individual school, Bennett said. To allow for that same level of service in the United States, Starchaser will be seeking grants and business sponsorships to fund their educational rocket tours.

Founded by Bennett, British firm Starchaser Industries Ltd. is the company that designed, built and launched the biggest rocket ever flown from Britain.

Bennett and his team of dedicated engineers have worked hard toward developing cost-effective space travel for ordinary people, while enthusiastically promoting the value of science education throughout the United Kingdom.

Recently, Bennett launched the New Mexico-based Starchaser Industries Inc., a company that is determined to encourage a renewed enthusiasm about space travel in people not just in New Mexico, but from coast to coast in the United States.

Businesses interested in providing sponsorship of the Rocket Roadshow or other educational opportunities through Starchaser Industries should contact De La Torre at 312-9911.

“Eighty percent of what we do is education.”
LINDA DE LA TORRE,
Rocket Roadshow coordinator



Nova-Starchaser will tour Las Cruces on the Rocket Roadshow March 28 through April 3 before heading to the National Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Rocket Roadshow Itinerary

Wednesday, March 28 Kick-off Event

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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3800 E. Lohman Ave.

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Pan American Event Center parking area on the NMSU campus

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Thursday, March 29

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sierra Middle School, 1700 E. Spruce Ave.

Sponsors: Sonic Drive-In and Doña Ana Community College

Friday, March 30

9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Loretto Towne Centre, 505 S. Main St.
Sponsor: Citizens Bank

Saturday, March 31

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wal-Mart, 571 Walton Blvd.

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Sunday, April 1

Noon – 5 p.m.

Sun Lanes Bowling Center
1201 E. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, NM

Sponsors: Sun-Lanes Bowling Center and Rocket Radio

Monday, April 2

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hatch High School
119 E. Herrera, Hatch

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Tuesday, April 3

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Empyre Pipes and Drums provided traditional music for the Junior League of Las Cruces' ShamrockFest on Saturday, March 17.

A tip o' me hat to the Junior League

ShamrockFest 2007 brings out Old-World charm for a good cause



JOEL COURTNEY
Arts & Lifestyles Editor

The Junior League of Las Cruces (JLLC) pulled off a great event St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, as their gala fundraiser of the year.

The ShamrockFest combined some of the best elements of Las Cruces:

the attentive staff of Dickerson's Event Center and Dickerson's Catering and Party Services, the fine cuisine of Lorenzo's de Mesilla and some great Western music of Let It Ride, the Salty Dogs and, of course, headliner Tim Murphy.

To help set the tone of the event, world-renowned Empyre Pipes and Drums was on hand with bagpipes and drums to perform two sets and even some traditional dancing. The band is comprised of bagpipers and drummers from El Paso and Alamogordo.

Although there was plenty of space when I first arrived at 6:30 p.m., by the time Tim Murphy was ready to perform at 10 p.m., the house was full.

When Lorenzo was ready to open the buffet line, everyone in attendance was ready to get some of his signature pastas.

The Salty Dogs performed while most people were finishing their meals, so they

didn't get any dancers. But when Let It Ride hit the stage, the crowd couldn't hold back any longer, and it wasn't long until the dance floor was full of two-steppers.

Although on some levels I enjoyed the masquerade ball that JLLC threw for their gala event in 2006 more, the St. Patrick's Day event certainly was more attractive to a wider audience. One of the most enjoyable facets of the JLLC's ShamrockFest was the mix of ages that came out for a good time for a good cause. Guests ranged from college students to grandparents.

As well as being an opportunity to mingle with well-known members of the Las Cruces community, many, including myself, were able to meet the next generation of community-minded citizens in our fair city.

Tim Murphy not only rocked the house throughout the evening with his own brand of Country music, but he was also a genuinely decent guy. Word around the event was that Murphy deeply discounted his performance fee to help the Junior League raise money.

According to their website, more than 500 guests attended the ShamrockFest, with many staying until close to shut down the event center with Murphy. This may be the last spring gala event for the JLLC, but their Festival of Trees near Christmas will be even more fantastic in the future and will definitely be an event to keep your eyes open for.



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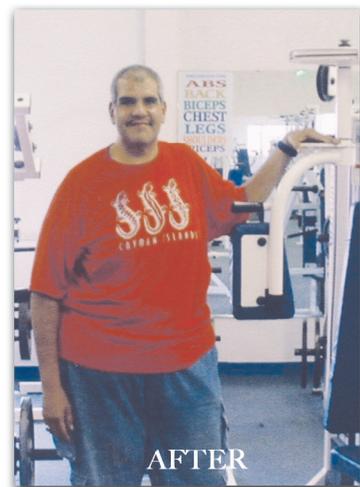
Local band Let It Ride got the crowd dancing at the ShamrockFest.

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Only March 31

George Burns hits LC

Dean Hinmon to star as comedic master

"An Afternoon with George Burns" starring Dean Hinmon, will have one performance at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The show will be performed in concert style, much like Burns did in his later years, beginning with his humor about being old and covering his life as a performer with narrative, songs and a bit of softshoe.

Hinmon changes his persona to impersonate Gracie and friends who were performers, such as Eddie Cantor, Al Jolson, Jimmy Durante, Carol Channing and humorous tidbits about others.

Hinmon's philosophy of life, and comedy, as said by Gracie during the show is, "George, it's not a jungle out there. Oh, no, it's a circus and we are all the clowns."

Hinmon has been doing comedy since his early days in Iowa (sometimes to the chagrin of his parents when notes came home from school) through his early days as a teacher and eventually as a professor at the University of Minnesota.

Prior to George Burns, he was the "Oldest Man in the World." Hinmon and Burns have a lot in common, including their looks and their passion to entertain.



Dean Hinmon will star as legendary Burns in "An Afternoon with George Burns" at the Black Box Theatre.

Ticket prices are \$9 for regular admission and \$8 for students and seniors over 65 years old.

For reservations, call 523-1223 or visit www.no-strings.org.

Mayfield High School offers a new look at Robin Hood

'Robin Hood: The Next Generation' debuts at MHS March 30

Mayfield High School Theatre II/III classes will present "Robin Hood: The Next Generation," a comedy by Shirley McNichols, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31, in the MHS cafeteria/theatre, 1955 N. Valley Drive.

Tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., with a 7:30 p.m. curtain.

The story revolves around the daugh-

ter of Sir Robin (Steven Trujillo) and Marian (Monika Aguirre). Robin (Taylor Gecan) has enjoyed her youth adventuring through Sherwood Forest in the company of Little Little John (Zach Miller) and Friar Tick (Jesus Martinez), but now is expected by the queen (Ceci Galban) to marry and begin to act like a lady. She negotiates a deal with the queen that whoever wins a contest of skill will win the right to marry her, planning to

enter and win the contest herself. More mistaken identity occurs as Prince Jared (Marcus Vickers) and his serving man Ambrose (Melanie Turner) switch places in an attempt for Prince Jared to avoid marriage.

Also featured are Evan Hadfield as Horvath, Kyla Hollister as Lady Vendola, Audra Veazey as Capers, James Narvaez and George Kinney as Princes Harold and Gerald, Ann Marie Roberts as Madolyn, Alyssa

Stailey as Katherine, Emily Glass as Elsbeth and Leslie Highsmith and Maegan Squibb as knaves.

Hair and makeup design for the play is by Audrey Martinez and Anjelica Apodaca. Costume design is by Lil Staski and Brianda De La Cruz. The show is directed by Alyx Giacomelli and stage managed by Jesca Cervantes.

For more information, contact MHS Theatre teacher Melissa Munoz at 527-9415 or melissacmunoz@hotmail.com.

CALL TO ARTISTS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

The City of Las Cruces Club Fusion Teen Center, 101 E. Union Ave., will be registering bands for the month of April's Battle of the Bands competition. Bands must be registered by Thursday, March 29. The next battle is Friday, March 30. Club Fusion will host the Battle of the Bands the last Friday of each month. Bands will be judged by professionals in the music business, and prizes will be given. Doors open at 7 p.m. and Battle begins at 7:30 p.m. There is no entry fee for bands. Admission into the battle is \$3. Bands may register by phone, email or in person. For more information, contact Club Fusion Teen Center at 541-5181 or clubfusion@las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2661.

NEW MEXICO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

The New Mexico Watercolor Society Southern Chapter is particularly excited to offer their members the Society's first local opportunity for entering a judged show this spring. The NMWS/Southern Chapter 2007 Spring Show (no theme) will open Friday, May 4, at the Branigan Cultural Center,

Richardson Room, with an artists' reception from 5 to 7 p.m., and continue through Wednesday, May 31. Applications may be obtained by contacting Sally Quillin at 382-8820 or sallyqart@yahoo.com and are due back to her along with the fee of \$10 by Monday, April 2. Entry and mailing details are included in the application.

DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The Desert Harmony Singers are looking for a few good male singers to join them in singing some great swing, barbershop and gospel music. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call Dave Kinkaid at 650-4417 or Fran Boldt at 373-1703.

PETS & PALS EXHIBITION

Celebrate our four-legged friends by donating a piece of artwork to the "Pets & Pals" 2007 Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, April 21, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. The event is sponsored by Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP) of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Drop off artwork at Enchanted

Garden from 9 to 10 a.m. on April 21. Sign in upon delivery; no pre-registration or early drop-offs. Artwork will be available for sale between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Limit of one artwork per artist, any medium and subject, with 50 percent of the sale price donated to the SNAP program. Donations are tax deductible. Come to the event to enjoy live music and refreshments. For information, call Joy Miller 527-9954. SNAP works to reduce pet overpopulation by subsidizing the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for pets from qualifying low-income households.

ANNUAL AUTHOR AWARD

Authors who reside in Doña Ana County are invited to submit books published in 2005 or 2006 for consideration for the Annual Author Award presented by the Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The competition includes works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, adult or children's literature. Submission forms are available at the reference desk of the Branigan Library. The deadline to submit the form and two copies of the published book is Thursday, May 31. The award winner will be

announced at the Authors' Award Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 16. For information, contact Friends' President Denise DeMercy at doulainlc@gmail.com.

FLY BY NIGHT ARTISANS GALLERY

Fly By Night Artisans Gallery is located at the Branigan Cultural Center. The Branigan Cultural Center is seeking local artisans/crafts people to display and sell their works at the new Fly by Night Artisans Gallery. The gallery features all crafts media, including jewelry/beading, ceramics, wood, stone, glass, textiles/fiber and more. Artists should submit one sample photograph and a brief description of media/technique, plus personal contact information to Garland Courts in person at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. in the Downtown Mall or email gcourts@las-cruces.org.

LAS CRUCES POETS AND WRITERS MAGAZINE

Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine is calling for submissions of poetry and short fiction: up to five poems of any length, single spaced; fiction under 3,000 words,

double spaced. Submit by email to mvp@zianet.com or overland at Mesilla Valley Press, PO Box 847, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0847. By regular mail, include an envelope large enough so that pages are not folded. Always include a short bio. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope only for return of work. The Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine does not publish submissions that are pornographic, sexist or racist, nor accept simultaneous submissions. They respond within three months. Time from acceptance to publication is one to six months, and they pay one copy of the magazine to contributors. LCPM acquires one-time publishing rights. The bi-monthly magazine is published by Joan Glicker and Maria Kruse.

NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY

The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur orchestra beginning its fourth season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces High School, 1755 El Paseo Road, orchestra room. Have fun making music again. For more information, call Oscar at 526-8053.

FILM



Convicted pedophile and former Catholic priest Oliver O'Grady is the subject of the documentary "Deliver Us From Evil," which opens at the Fountain Theatre Friday, March 23.

And now let us prey

'Deliver Us From Evil' offers a new look at an old problem

By JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A few weeks ago, in the review for "Jesus Camp," I asked the question, what would Jesus do? That was in reference to the behavior of the woman, Becky Fischer, who ran the Christian summer camp for kids that included such enlightening activities as praying to a cardboard cut out version of George Bush. So, here is that same question again, slightly altered.

What should Jesus do with people such as Oliver O'Grady, the defrocked priest who is the focus of this disturbing and enlightening documentary film?

Director Amy Berg (no relation, darn it) takes a close look at O'Grady and at the growing and horrendous problem of pedophile priests.

Noting that the problem is documented clear back to the fourth century; Berg covers her subject in depth and without histrionics. Factually, she dispels the myth that the offending priests are homosexual by sharing research that indicates that we are all sexual beings surprise! By denying the clergy the opportunity to mature emotionally and sexually, it is thought that this stifles their psychosexual development, putting them on the same emotional level as their victims, which of course, are often children and young adults.

Tom Doyle, a Jesuit priest and lawyer, offers another interesting fact. He claims that nowhere is it written that priests are required to remain single and celibate. He argues that it is written that 11 of the 12 apostles were married, and that priests in ancient times often married and sired offspring.

Through Doyle, a crusader who has continuously challenged the Vatican to acknowledge these issues, we learn that in the Los Angeles diocese alone there are 556 priests accused of sexually abusing children

Witness also offer these facts that indicate the depth of this problem (which is not exclusive to just Catholic priests, but also includes clergy of other denominations):

- In the Boston, Mass., diocese, more than \$80 million has been awarded in lawsuits to victims of priests.
- Dioceses in Spokane, Wash., Tucson, Ariz., Portland, Ore., and most recently San Diego, Calif., have declared bankruptcy for the same reason.
- Earlier this month, a lawsuit was filed by a former

Las Cruces altar boy naming the El Paso diocese, Las Cruces' St. Genevieve's Parish and Fr. Manuel Perez Maramba as defendants. Perez now resides out of the country.

O'Grady, who appears frequently in the film, is contrite, smarmy and doesn't appear at all sorry about what he has done. He spent a few years in prison before being deported to his native Ireland, where he roams at will, and awaits an impending pension that he apparently is still "entitled" to.

And O'Grady didn't just go after school age boys and girls — one of his victims was a baby girl, 9 months old.

O'Grady also had affairs with the wives of two parishioners before attacking their children. As one of his victims points out, O'Grady probably spent as much time grooming victims as he did doing the work of a real priest.

At one point, he composes and sends a letter to some of his victims who bravely appear in the film, but pulls the plug on the meeting at the last minute, never offering a reason as to why.

Berg also finds three of O'Grady's victims, two women and one man, who have the courage to step forward with their memories of the abuse. O'Grady's willing accomplice is the unbelievably dishonest Cardinal Mahony, who was O'Grady's supervisor. Mahony ignored the problem, and his solution was to transfer O'Grady and others of his ilk to new parishes, thus offering up a potpourri of fresh victims. It is Mahony who also covered up numerous other incidents of pedophilic behavior during his stint as bishop in central California.

Ironically, Mahony is scheduled to be in El Paso next month to receive a "Voice of the Voiceless" award from the El Paso based Annunciation House.

A moving and terrifying piece of work, one would have to dig deep into one's heart to find any type of mercy or forgiveness for O'Grady, in spite of the fact that his own background is checkered with incest and assaults by priests when he was a youth. I know I couldn't do it.

"Deliver Us From Evil" is screened nightly at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. only. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle De Guadalupe in Mesilla.

Jeff Berg spends his Sunday mornings watching movies and dodging lightning bolts. Contact him to discuss this review or others at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

film review

"Deliver Us From Evil" is 95 minutes long, was nominated for a Best Documentary Oscar earlier this year and is not rated. It does contain adult language and situations and was released in late 2006.

grade: A



Woody Harrelson and Billy Crudup star as World War II veterans trying to make a new life on the open range in the New Mexico-made "The Hi Lo Country," which will be screened Saturday, March 24, at the Fountain Theatre.

Country living and love meet at the Fountain

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla for Saturday, March 24, is "The Hi Lo Country" (1998, 114 minutes, rated R, filmed in New Mexico).

Woody Harrelson and Billy Crudup star in this 20th century Western about two World War II veterans living in the lush, open New Mexico countryside.

Based on the classic American novel by New Mexican Max Evans, the story follows the struggle to continue living the Old West lifestyle in the early Cold War days.

The film follows the story of the two lifelong friends who fall for the same woman. Returning from the war is Pete (Crudup), a cattleman who just wants a simple life on the farm, and Big Boy Matson (Harrelson), a hard-drinking hell raiser always looking for a fight. Enter Mona (Patricia Arquette), who is married to the local big land owner, and who turns Pete's and Big Boy's heads, forcing these two cowboys to put their friendship to the ultimate test.

The film ultimately is about freedom in wide-open spaces, with British director Stephen Frears (The Queen) making his excellent debut as a Western director. Co-stars include Penelope Cruz, Sam Shepard, Katy Jurado and James Gammon.

Each and every Saturday afternoon, a quality talking picture (with an occasional silent one) will be screened at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla. The general theme of this ongoing series is life in the West, which could mean the "new" West, the Old West, the historical West or anything in between.

All screenings begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 or free for Mesilla Valley Film Society members. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one block south of the plaza.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23

■ VAISHALI BOOKSIGNING

Author Vaishali will offer a free booksigning and talk about her book, "You Are What You Love" at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in the Mesilla Valley Mall at 6 p.m. Friday, March 23. Vaishali has survived a life fraught with every possible personal challenge available to a human experience: the violent death of a loved one when she was only 10 years old, lying and cheating significant others, a messy painful divorce, financial devastation due to life threatening illness and injuries complete with years of physical agony. These experiences have shaped her book with honest heartfelt and deeply insightful knowledge. In her book and at her workshops Vaishali teaches how to understand the purpose behind human life on earth and why choosing "joy" and "love" in life are the vital "alchemical" elements to transform even the bleakest circumstances. "Change your perspective and you will change their world!" is Vaishali's motto.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals and steel drum of Laura Humpherys on Friday, March 23, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sonya Weiner will be the featured storyteller at the Main Street Downtown store location, and Lucas Herndon will be the featured story-

teller 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.

■ BATAAN MEMORIAL MOVIE SCREENING

The Rio Grande Theatre, 411 N. Downtown Mall, will host three screenings of the new documentary "Bataan: The Making of a Memory" on Saturday, March 24. The film will be shown at 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. A \$5 donation is suggested of those attending the screening. For more information, call 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, and there is a \$5 cover charge. Music will be provided by Stacy & Rough Strings. Call 528-3000 for more information.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFE

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the world, folk and improv music of Michelle Webb and Ed Pias on Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

■ EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

Performers at the March 27 Every Other Tuesday at the Rio Grande Theatre are The Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music. This performance will feature Nathaniel and Alex Berman, both local high school graduates who have "made good" elsewhere and are in town for this concert. The concert will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will be available free

Upcoming Events



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to the public. For more information about Every Other Tuesday programs at the Rio Grande Theatre, contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. We have had folks join us who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Hastings, 2350 Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. We have had folks join us who

knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Hastings, 2350 Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

■ BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Fox trot, waltz, swing, cha cha, rumba and American tango lessons offered on a continuing basis each Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center auditorium, 304 W. Bell Ave. Instructors are Monina and Curtis Graham. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. Sponsored by the NM Performing Arts Academy. For information, call 521-0274, 382-1640 or 496-2761.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 29

■ SOULSHINE CONCERT

Soulshine will be holding an all-ages show at High Desert Brewing Co., 1201 W. Hadley Ave., from 8 to 11 p.m. Thursday, March 29. For more information, call 525-6752.

■ BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club is hosting its annual Anniversary Formal Ball on Thursday, March 29 from 8 to 10 p.m. Dance to the music of the Ron Thielman Band at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. The cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers and includes rumba lessons at 7 p.m. during March. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 382-5255 for more information.

■ SUNLAND STAR SINGING CONTEST

Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino will host the Sunland Star competition. Show us your talent every Thursday in the Signature Showroom at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino, 1200 Futurity Drive in Sunland Park, and win your chance to perform for several music executives in Atlantic City or Nashville. All winners will win weekly prizes. Register for your chance to audition at www.khey.com, www.kpr.com and www.sunny999fm.com. All contestants must be 18 or older to compete. Admission is free to the public so come out and support the local talent the area has to offer. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. every Thursday, and the competition begins at 7:30 p.m. All weekly winners and some competitors will appear in a Sunday showing of Sunland Star on KFOX TV at 4 p.m. 10 days later. For more information call Clear Channel Radio at (915) 351-5400.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

■ DAVID FOSTER WALLACE READING

Acclaimed fiction writer and essayist David Foster Wallace will give a reading at 7:30 p.m. in Hardman Hall, room 106, on the New Mexico State University campus. Caleb Crain of the Boston Globe has called Wallace "probably the most important novelist of his generation." Speaking to his versatility as a writer, in a review of Wallace's collection, "Oblivion," Michiko Kakutani of the New York Times writes, "Clearly Mr. Wallace is a prose magician. The best of his earlier fiction and essays demonstrates that he can make the English language run, jump, leap, snarl and whisper; he can do meta-fiction, old-fashioned fiction, ironic shtick and post-postmodern sentiment or some combination of them all at the same time." With Wallace, C. Parker Staley, a third-year MFA candidate at NMSU, will read from his thesis, a

novel. La Sociedad para las Artes of the English department at NMSU will sponsor the reading. It is free and open to the public.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals of Pamela Dunn on Friday, March 30, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Jeanne 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.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the folk sound of the Pjudyds on Saturday, March 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

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DAAC accepting arts award nominations

Annual Gala to be held June 1

Each year Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) honors special individuals who are actively involved in promoting and enhancing the visual, performing and literary arts in our community through leadership, support and advocacy.

Nominations are solicited from the community at large, and the awards are presented at our Annual Arts Awards Gala at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, on June 1. DAAC will accept completed nomination packets through 5 p.m. April 1.

Packets should include the nominee's full name, address and phone number, along with a one page (maximum) narrative description detailing the individual's contributions to the arts – service, leadership and/or financial support – and indicate the specific award for which the individual is being nominated. Awards include: The Papen Family Award, Newcomer's Award, Arts in Education Award, Community Arts Award and the Art in Public Places Award.

The annual awards include:

- The Papen Family Award honors an individual who has demonstrated his or her commitment to the arts through leadership, service and/or financial support. The award, originally called the Mesilla Valley Treasure Award and later The Julie Papen Arts Patron Award, was renamed in 1997 to honor the late state Sen. Frank Papen and the Papen family, whose dedicated leadership, involvement and support of the arts has so richly served and benefited our community.
- The Newcomers Award recognizes leadership and support of the arts by an individual who has lived in Doña Ana County for less than five years.
- The Arts In Education Award, created in 1997, serves to recognize individuals whose leadership and pioneering spirit promotes and shapes visual, performing and literary arts education initiatives that benefit youth.
- The Community Arts Award distinguishes an individual possessing the highest standards of motivation, service and by example has made a significant impact on the cultural fabric of our community. This award was created in 1999.
- The Art in Public Places Award was created in 2003 and recognizes an individual or group who has created or placed art on permanent public view in Doña Ana County that exemplifies the highest standards and commitment to art in public places.

Nomination forms are available at the Doña Ana Arts Council offices located in the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 523-6403 or visit www.daarts.org.



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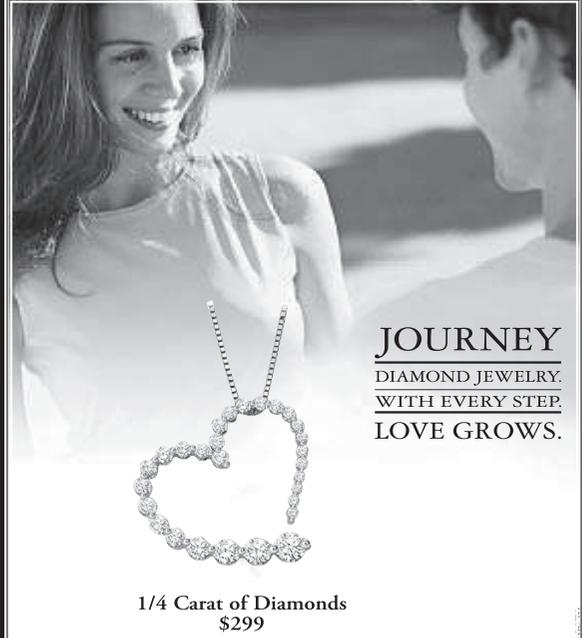
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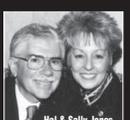
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At the MVFA Gallery Art Exhibition Opening

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Artist Mayanna Howard poses with one of her watercolors, "Pozos Church," during an opening reception Saturday, March 17, for a dual exhibit including the work of fellow artist Carol Lopez at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery in Mesilla.



Artist Mayanna Howard, right, discusses her watercolors with Alice Dressler, left, and Carolyn DeWitt.



Artist Carol Lopez, right, discusses one of her wax encaustic paintings with Joan Chick of Gettysburg, Pa.



Artist Carol Lopez poses with some of her wax encaustic paintings during the opening reception.

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At the Rotary Youth Talent Contest —

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Mariachi singer Marisol Rodriguez sings "Las Margaritas" during the Junior Division portion of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's sixth annual Youth Talent Contest Saturday, March 10, at the Rio Grande Theatre. Twenty-one acts were scheduled to have competed in the division, and 21 acts also were signed up for the senior division of the competition. Besides giving youngsters ages 6-18 a chance to showcase their talents, the event raises money to fund local Rotary community service projects, including First Step, Character Kids Dream Home, Jardin De Los Niños and the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



A dance group—including Zoie Scott, Gina Portugal, Daleen Cowder and Mea Busch—dressed to look like wind-up toys, complete with keys attached to their backs, does a routine to "Wind It Up" during the Junior Division portion of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's sixth annual Youth Talent Contest.



Salina Madrid belts out a lively version of the Tina Turner standard "Proud Mary" at the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's sixth annual Youth Talent Contest Saturday, March 10.



Jordan Ehly sings "Best of Both Worlds" during the Junior Division portion of the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's sixth annual Youth Talent Contest.



The audience reacts to one of the acts in the Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's sixth annual Youth Talent Contest.



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DG's Deli's current owner Eric Elsberg has owned the establishment for almost eight years. Since taking over the deli, Eric has created a significant amount of extra parking spaces, painted the building inside and out, added a few sandwiches and created a very affordable family deal. Still, approximately 90% of the sandwiches on the menu are the same delights that have been around since DG's was established.

DG's is located across from NMSU on the corner of University and Solano. This makes for a convenient drive, walk, bike ride to DG's if you're a student, staff, faculty or new to the neighborhood. Patrons can enjoy a meal indoors or on the shaded patio. For as long as DG's Deli has been around, one thing remains the same - the hometown atmosphere, taste and service.

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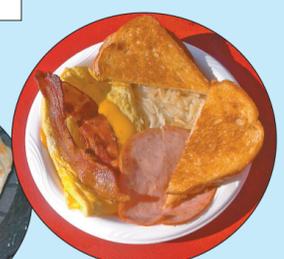
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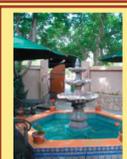
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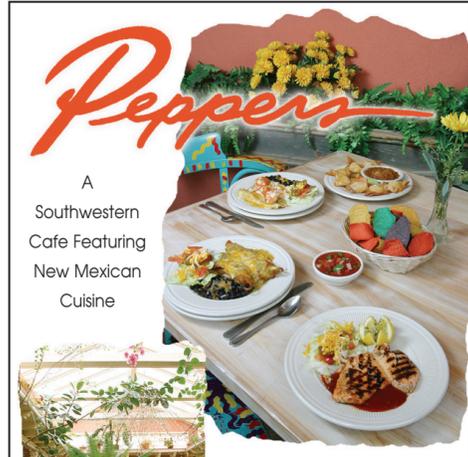


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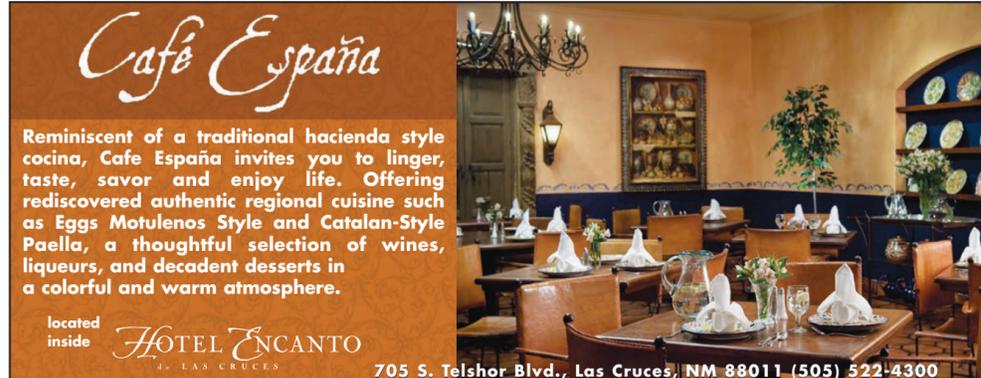
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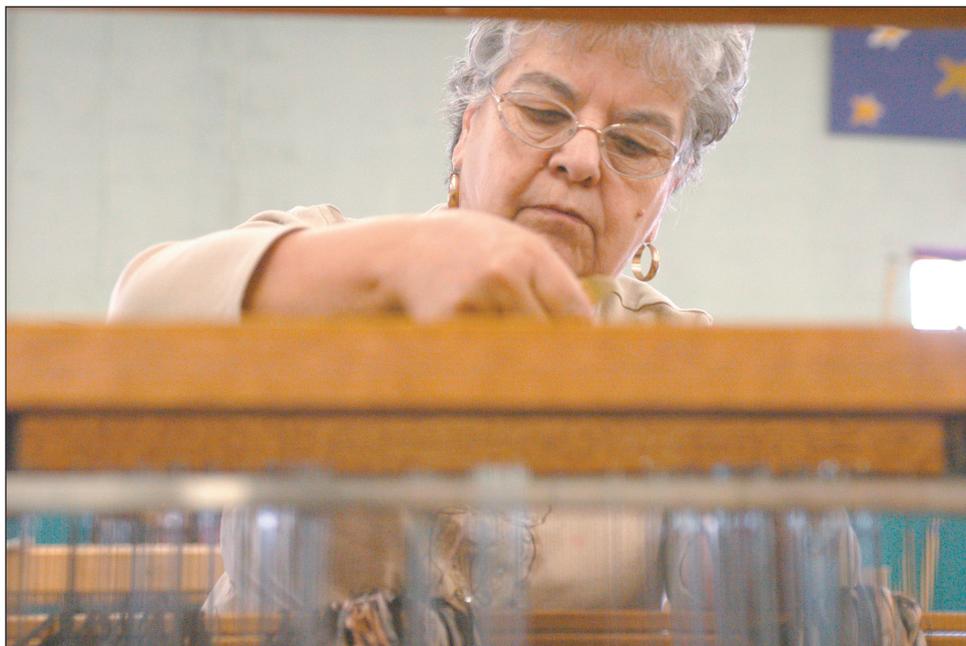
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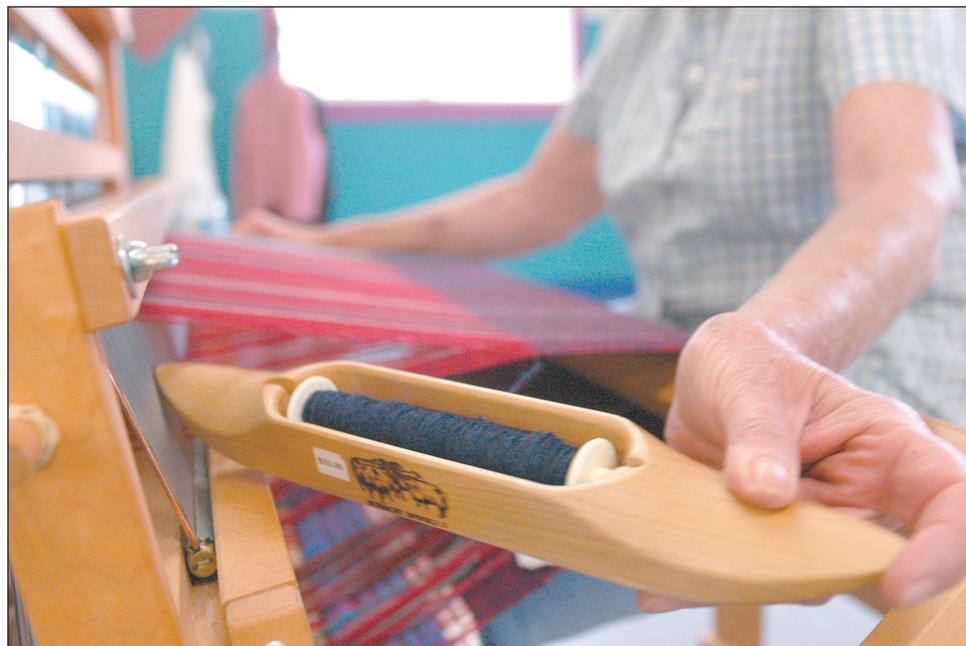
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Socorro Tinajero, who has worked at Tres Manos for four years, works on a shawl in the weaving co-op in San Miguel.



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Tina Shelley passes her shuttle through her loom as she weaves a jacket together in the Tres Manos co-op in San Miguel.

Tres Manos gives artistic outlet for entrepreneurs

Local organization gives business opportunity to colonias' women

By VICKI NISBETT
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Zeferina Salomon, who is called Marina, lives in an unincorporated community in La Mesa. Out of the many residences there, Salomon's home has no running water, sewer or natural gas.

Salomon and her husband were both farm workers in Colorado in the 1980s and later moved to La Mesa. Even with two disabled children and a spouse who is not working, Salomon said she is happier now than several years ago.

Salomon has worked at Tres Manos in San Miguel weaving rag rugs as one of the first participants since its inception in 2002. Salomon said she weaves about 25 rag rugs a month.

"I have a system," Salomon said. She uses cotton yarn to warp her loom, and afterward, weaves with different types of fabrics, such as various cottons and old rug remnants. Each rug is colorful and unique.

Salomon said she really likes working at Tres Manos because of her friends in the group. Twelve women work there now.

Salomon's home is one of many located in rural areas that has a limited tax base with-

in 150 miles of the United States-Mexico border, according to the HUD website, www.hud.gov/groups/farmwkercolonia.cfm.

Tres Manos, which means "three hands" in Spanish, is a micro-enterprise development program of the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico. The program enables low-income families to learn skills in textile weaving in order to run a micro-enterprise business of their own.

"The program was initially funded with grant money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development," said Tres Manos Director Maria Navarra-Pino. Other grant money came later from the New Mexico Women's Foundation, New Mexico Arts Foundation and the New Mexico Community Foundation.

"Originally, we had transportation for the women, but now we do not," said Navarra-Pino. "We really need someone to donate a van." Two or three participants had to quit the program because of no transportation, she added.

The most recent allocation of funds was provided from the Legislature in 2005 with help from state Sen. Mary Kay Papen and state Rep. Joni Gutierrez. Navarra-Pino said they are continually looking for new funding.

Salomon sold many of her rugs at the Rag Rug Festival at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, on March 10 and 11. The festival was hosted by the New Mexico Women's Foundation.

Other Tres Manos participants and independent artists sold their woven rag rugs or garments, such as scarves, shawls and

jackets.

"We help women go from welfare to well-being," said Frieda Arth, president of the board for the New Mexico Women's Foundation. Arth said there were more than 1,300 people who attended the festival this year, which grossed more than \$25,000 compared to about \$17,000 last year.

"I am glad they could have all the vendors in one large room and that the addition of a snack bar in the same room made it a whole lot better for the customers, volunteer workers and assorted other workers," said Lynn Unangst, a fiber artist and volunteer from the Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective.

Martha Muriel, a Tres Manos participant since 2005, sells her scarves at the festival. "This is a therapy for me," she said. "I don't think about anything else but this, when I'm (at Tres Manos)."

Muriel said she has suffered from depression in her attempt to cope with her husband's two back surgeries and her two disabled children. She looks forward to each day now.

With a shop open weekends at 1910 Calle de Parian in Old Mesilla, the participants make 65 to 70 percent profit from selling their items. The store, which opened in 2003, grossed approximately \$28,000 last year.

"This (Tres Manos) is a really special place," Tres Manos participant Tina Shelley said. "I love everything - the accomplishments, the friendships."

For more information about Tres Manos, call 233-1106, or for information about the New Mexico Women's Foundation, visit their website at www.nmwf.org.

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Veterans' Groups Guide

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American Legion Auxiliary hosts a \$4 pancake breakfast from 8:30-11 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women Veterans meet for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month at various restaurants. All are welcome. Call Fran at 382-1079 or Peggy at 526-6465.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Legion Post 10 meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4116. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Legion Post 10 hosts bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday and on the first and second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4119.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Information, Resource and Referral Office at 328 S. Reymond St. provides services for veterans such as acquiring veterans benefits and employment and shelter referrals. For more information call Frank Amalla at 647-5669. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled American Veterans #10 meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 640-7173.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Forces Las Cruces - El Paso meets the fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Vado RV Park. Breakfast is served by Frank Lujan. For more information call CDR Rudy Reyes 382-0903. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China-Burma-India Veterans meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at IHOP on Del Rey Blvd. in the CBI room. For more information call 644-2314.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Las Cruces Mayor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Board meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in room 213 at 575 S. Alameda Blvd. For more information call 650-4116. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vietnam Veterans of America meets the fourth Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFW Post 3242 meets at 9 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at 2001 N. Mesquite St. For more information call 527-0443. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 is sponsoring the great American breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. The cost is \$4.



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The Tres Manos co-op provides a business opportunity for 12 women through weaving.

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NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	El Tigre	El Tigre	El Tigre	El Tigre	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Grow	Cosby
AMC (57)	"Conan-Barbarn"		* "Catwoman" (2004) Halle Berry.		** "Gothika" (2003) Halle Berry. (cc)			** "Child's Play" (1988)		Child's-2				
SCIFI (58)	The Dresden Files		The Dresden Files	The Dresden Files	The Dresden Files		Heroes "Run!"		Stargate SG-1	John Doe (cc)				
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)				Larry King Live	Cooper 360					
HBO (306)	(:15) *** "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.		** "Doctor Doolittle" (1998)		Rome "Death Mask"			Rome (cc)						
MAX (322)	Eternal	(:20) ** "The Golden Child"	*** "V for Vendetta" (2006) (In Stereo)		(:15) ** "ATL" (2006) Tip "T.I." Harris.			** "Jarhead"						
SHOW (343)	(:15) ** "Amos & Andrew" (1993) (cc)		** "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker.		Am. Life	Am. Life	The L Word (ITV)	Penn	Penn					

SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 24, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Cultivating	Americas	Low Carb	Holiday
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (In Stereo) (cc)				Madeline	Sabrina	Trollz (EI)	Horseland	Snowboarding	
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Curious	Microecon	Back Care-Yog	Animusic 2	Transform	
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Business	News		Good Morning America	News	Emperor	Replace	Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Winx Club	Bratz	Turtles	Viva Pinata	Turtles	Chaotic (N)	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!
NBC (9) 9	** "Mystery, Alaska"		Today Exercise; organic household-cleaners.		Babar (EI)	Dragon (EI)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie	Jane	Jacob		
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin		Carmen		Pijamas	Ultracham	Entérate	Trato	Mochila Azul	
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Todo Bebé
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Pequeño	Escuadrón	Animal	Mega Match	
KTLA (14)	Farm Rpt.	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T
WGN (15)	Enterprise	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeTeam (cc)	
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (cc)		SportsCenter (cc)		SportsCenter (cc)		SportsCenter (Live) (cc)				Wm. Basketball	
USA (31)	Fitness	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Abs	*** "Undercover Brother" (2002)	*** "Love & Basketball" (2000) Sanaa Lathan. (cc)						
TNT (32)	** "From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996, Action) (cc)		** "Out of Time" (2003) Denzel Washington.		*** "Heat" (1995) Al Pacino. (cc) (DVS)							
TBS (33)	Harvey	Harvey	** "Jersey Girl" (2004) Ben Affleck. (cc)		(:15) * "The Bachelor" (1999) Chris O'Donnell. (cc) (DVS)						Legally BI	
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Riches	Paid Prog.	Fat Burn	** "Hard to Kill" (1990, Action) Steven Seagal.	Bullrun (In Stereo)	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar				
LIFE (39)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"As Time Runs Out" (1999) Stephen Collins. (cc)					
A&E (43)	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Bio.: Osbourne	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons		
HIST (44)	Heavy Metal (cc)		Generatr	Mail Call	Wild West Tech (cc)	American Eats (cc)	Lost Worlds (cc)	Lost Worlds (cc)	Lost Worlds (cc)	Trading Spaces (cc)		
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Clean Sweep (cc)	Clean Sweep (cc)	Clean Sweep (cc)	Trading Spaces (cc)				
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Riches	The Bean	Paid Prog.	A Haunting	Mary Vogel.	Mega Builders (cc)	MythBusters (cc)				
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN (52)	So Raven	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar-Last Air	Nicktoon	Nicktoon		
AMC (57)	(:15) *** "The Tall Men" (1955) Clark Gable, Jane Russell.		(:45) ** "Kansas Raiders" (1950) (cc)		** "Stagecoach" (1966, Western)							
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	* "The Unborn" (1991, Horror) Brooke Adams.	* "Curse of the Komodo" (2003) Tim Abell.						
CNN (62)	CNN Saturday Morning		House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Live Saturday				
HBO (306)	(4:50) Dealing Dogs		(:05) ** "The Long Run" (2000) (In Stereo)		** "Stay Tuned" (1992) (cc)	"Life Support" (2007) Queen Latifah.						
MAX (322)	"Last Married Couple"		*** "Jarhead" (2005) Jake Gyllenhaal. (cc)		** "Chicken Run" (2000) (cc)	*** "Batman" (1989) (In Stereo)						
SHOW (343)	(4:45) ** "XX/YY" (2002) (cc)		"Deep Rescue" (2005) (cc)		(:15) *** "A Raisin in the Sun" (1961) Sidney Poitier. (cc)	Get Even						

SATURDAY AFTERNOON MARCH 24, 2007

	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG (2) 22	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Mental	Philosophy	Globaltribe	Desert
CBS (4) 4	College Basketball: NCAA Div. II Tour. Final			Road to the Final Four (N) (cc)			College Basketball: NCAA Tour. Regional Final					
KCOS (5) 13	Lalo Guerrero: The Original Chicano		Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico (In Stereo) (cc)		Andre Rieu: The Homecoming (In Stereo) (cc)		Andre Rieu					
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Countdown	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Sharpie MINI 300. (Live) (cc)		Paid Prog.	Ebert				
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Connect	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	*** "Mrs. Brown" (1997) Judi Dench.				
NBC (9) 9	Animal R.	Old House	PGA Golf WGC CA Championship -- Third Round. From Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami. (cc)					Paid Prog.	Reporter			
KINT (10) 26	"Inesperado Amor" (2000) Anahi, José Joel.		La Parodia Pedro Fernandez.					La Familia Peluche	Primer Impacto			
KTDO (11) 48	Tu Hogar	Frecuencia	Nitido		WWE Raw			"Acompañame" (1966, Musical) Rocio Dúrcal.				
KTFN (13) 65	"Espejismo" (2001, Suspense) Robert Patrick.		"Ciudad de México" (2000) Stacy Edwards.		* "El Reemplazante" (2000) Eric Roberts, Ice-T.							
KTLA (14)	Legion	Batman	Spider	Monster	Libertys	Libertys	Libertys	The Littles	Soul Train (cc)		Smallville "Thirst"	
WGN (15)	NASCAR	Cosby	Soul Train (cc)		American Idol Rewind	MLB Preseason Baseball		Chicago White Sox at Arizona Diamondbacks.				
ESPN (16)	Wm. Basketball		Update	Women's College Basketball		Strongest	Horse Racing	Figure Skating				
USA (31)	** "All About the Benjamins" (2002) Ice Cube.		* "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube. (cc)		*** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" (2004)							
TNT (32)	(9:00) *** "Heat"		** "Along Came a Spider" (2001) (cc)		*** "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson. (cc)							
TBS (33)	(10:30) ** "Legally Blonde" (2001)		(:45) *** "Jerry Maguire" (1996) Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr. (cc)		(:45) "My Best Friend's Wedding"							
SPIKE (34)	Xtreme 4x4 Trucks!	Pros vs. Joes	Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes	
LIFE (39)	** "A Rumor of Angels" (2000) Premiere. (cc)		* "Dying to Belong" (1997) Hilary Swank. (cc)		"Cleaverville" (2007) Ever Carradine. (cc)							
A&E (43)	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Driving	Driving	Sell House	Design	Clean	Sell House	Sell House	Spender
HIST (44)	Lost Worlds (cc)		Digging for the Truth		Digging for the Truth		Digging for the Truth		Man, Moment, Machine	Man, Moment, Machine		
TLC (45)	Trading Spaces (cc)		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Flip That House (cc)		Flip That House		Flip That House	
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs		MythBusters (cc)		MythBusters (cc)		MythBusters (cc)		MythBusters (cc)		MythBusters (cc)	
FAM (51)	Sabrina	"The Cutting Edge 2: Going for the Gold" (2006)	** "Chasing Liberty" (2004) Mandy Moore. (cc)		** "Sleepover" (cc)							
DISN (52)	Sprites	Handy	Doodlebob	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	"Read It and Weep" (2006) Kay Panabaker. (cc)		Dragon	Dragon		
NICK (54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	OddParent	Avatar	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent
AMC (57)	(9:30) "Stagecoach"		*** "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford, Will Geer.		*** "The Towering Inferno" (1974) Steve McQueen.							
SCIFI (58)	"Minotaur" (2005) Tom Hardy, Tony Todd.		"Basilisk: The Serpent King" (2006, Horror)		"Pterodactyl" (2005) Coolio, Cameron Daddo.							
CNN (62)	In the Money (cc)	CNN Live Saturday	Special Investigations	CNN Live Saturday	CNN Live Saturday	CNN Live Saturday	Lou Dobbs This Week					
HBO (306)	Costas NOW (cc)	Addiction	** "Kicking & Screaming" (2005)		Blades	** "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) Kevin Costner.						
MAX (322)	Batman	(:40) ** "The Producers" (2005) Nathan Lane. (In Stereo)	"City Slickers II: The Legend of Curly's Gold"		(3:55) ** "Cry Wolf"							
SHOW (343)	(10:30) "Getting Even With Dad"		* "A Fine Mess" (1986) (cc)		*** "Mad Hot Ballroom" (2005)		(:45) ** "Duane Hopwood" (2005)					

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	The Boomer Century	1946-2046 (N) (CC)	Tobacco Money	News	News	Charlie Rose (N)					
CBS (4) 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Jericho (N) (CC)	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY (CC)	News	Late Show	Late Late				
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	Journey-Earth	The Boomer Century	1946-2046 (N) (CC)	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)					
ABC (7) 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Dream Vote	Jim In Case	Lost "Exposé" (N)	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (CC)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones (N) (CC)	Idol	"Til Death	News (CC)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends			
NBC (9) 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Friday Night Lights	Crossing Jordan (N)	Medium (N) (CC)	News	Tonight Show	Late				
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones	La Fea Más Bella	Destilando Amor	Don Francisco	Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa					
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate	Marina	Zorro - Espada	Decisiones	Rumbo al	Mundial México vs Ecuador.						
KTFN (13) 65	Por Amor (N)	Qué Dice la Gente	** "El Observador"	(2000, Suspense)	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	"Diamante Corta Diamante"							
KTLA (14)	Reba "Ring-A-Ding"	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Next Top Model	One Tree Hill (N)	KTLA Prime News				
WGN (15)	Home Videos	Home Im	Home Im	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine	Sex & Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos				
ESPN (16)	HS Basketball	High School Basketball				NBA Basketball: Rockets at Clippers			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)					
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: SVU	The 4400 (CC)					
TNT (32)	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Without a Trace	Las Vegas (CC)	Las Vegas (CC)	Law & Order					
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	** "Turner & Hooch"	(1989) (CC)	"Crocodile D"				
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	Ult. Knockouts	Afro Samurai (In Stereo)					CSI: Crime Scn	Voyager				
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"When Strangers Appear" (2001) (CC)	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Strong				
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	The Sopranos (CC)	(:15) The Sopranos	"Bust-Out"	Simmons	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	The Sopranos (CC)					
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels				
TLC (45)	Urban Legends	That's Gotta Hurt	Untold Stories	Single Shot	That's Gotta Hurt	Untold Stories	Single Shot	Untold Stories	Single Shot					
DISC (47)	How	How	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	Future Weapons	Dirty Jobs (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)					
FAM (51)	Smallville "Lineage"	** "A League of Their Own" (1992) Tom Hanks. (CC)						The 700 Club (CC)	Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid		
DISN (52)	Life De	Life De	Phil	Phil	Montana So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	** "Model Behavior" (2000) (CC)			Life De	Phil		
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	GroPains	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Rose
AMC (57)	"Magnum Force"	"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines"	(:15) ** "Black Dog"	(1998, Action) (CC)	** "Lost in the Bermuda Triangle"	Twilight	Twilight							
SCIFI (58)	"The Hollow" (2004, Horror) Kevin Zegers.	"Hollow Man 2" (2006) Christian Slater.	** "Lost in the Bermuda Triangle"	Twilight	Twilight									
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360								
HBO (306)	(4:00) "Elizabeth I"	"Miss Congeniality 2"				Costas Now (CC)	** "Just Friends" (2005)	Sopranos	Real Time					
MAX (322)	(4:45) ** "Just My Luck" (CC)	** "Major Payne" (1995)	(:15) ** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) (CC)	** "Just My Luck"										
SHOW (343)	"The Big White"	(:15) ** "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998)	Am. Life	** "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2005) iTV.	(:05) The L Word									

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Globe Trekker	Branson Jubilee	Austin City Limits	News	News	Charlie Rose (N)					
CBS (4) 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Survivor: Fiji (CC)	CSI: Crime Scn	Shark "Backfire" (N)	News	Late Show	Late Late				
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer	El Paso Physician	This Old Hous	Music Farmers	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)					
ABC (7) 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Ugly Betty	Grey's Anatomy	(:01) October Road	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (CC)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?	Family	Amer	News (CC)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends			
NBC (9) 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Office	Office	Office	Barker	Office	Office	News	Tonight Show	Late	
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones	La Fea Más Bella	Destilando Amor	Aquí y Ahora	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa					
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate	Marina	Zorro - Espada	Decisiones	Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo				
KTFN (13) 65	Por Amor (N)	Qué Dice la Gente	* "El Huésped Maldito" (2002, Terror)	Así Es la Vida	Contacto	** "La Gran Pelea" (2000)								
KTLA (14)	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Smallville "Hydro"	Supernatural (CC)	KTLA Prime News			
WGN (15)	Home Videos	** "Wet Hot American Summer" (2001)					WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos		
ESPN (16)	College Basketball: NIT Final	College Basketball						SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	Baseball	SportsCenter (CC)			
USA (31)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: SVU	Law Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	Psych "9 Lives"				
TNT (32)	Without a Trace	NBA Basketball	Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls.	NBA Basketball: Suns at Warriors										
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	* "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) (CC)	(9:55) ** "High School High" (1996)						
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA Wrestling	Pros vs. Joes (N)	Bullrun (In Stereo)	Wild	Sports	MXC	Dude					
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Lost Behind Bars" (2006, Suspense) (CC)	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Strong				
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The Execution of Wanda Jean (N) (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami (CC)	The First 48 (CC)							
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Decoding the Past "Vampire Secrets"	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Decoding the Past "Vampire Secrets"									
TLC (45)	Overhaulin' (CC)	American Chopper	American Chopper	Biker Build-Off (N)	American Chopper	Biker Build-Off	American Chopper							
DISC (47)	Survivorman	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Cash	Cash	Planet Earth	Planet Earth						
FAM (51)	Smallville "Ryan"	"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) (CC)	Whose? Whose?	The 700 Club (CC)	Brothers	Videos	Africa's Children							
DISN (52)	Phil	Phil	Sister	Sister	Suite Life	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001)	Phil	Life De	Phil		
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	GroPains	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Cosby
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Black Dog"	** "The Quick and the Dead" (1995)	** "High Plains Drifter" (1973) (CC)	"Once Upon a Time-America"										
SCIFI (58)	* "Gargoyles: Wings of Darkness"	"Reign of the Gargoyles" (2007, Fantasy)	*** "Dog Soldiers" (2002, Horror)	Twilight	Twilight									
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360								
HBO (306)	Skeleton "Life Support" (2007) (CC)	** "Poseidon" (2006) (CC)	Mimzy	** "Take the Lead" (2006) (In Stereo)	Big Love (CC)									
MAX (322)	(4:50) *** "In Her Shoes" (2005) (CC)	** "Mobsters" (1991) (CC)	(:45) *** "V for Vendetta" (2006) Natalie Portman.	"Cheaper Dozen"										
SHOW (343)	"Blind Horizon"	** "Duane Hopwood" (2005)	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) (CC)	** "Fired!" (2007, Comedy)	Penn	Am. Life								

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

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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BEGINNER

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Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

CHALLENGER

3	7	2	1	4	6	9	8	5
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THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

THE RACE IS ON

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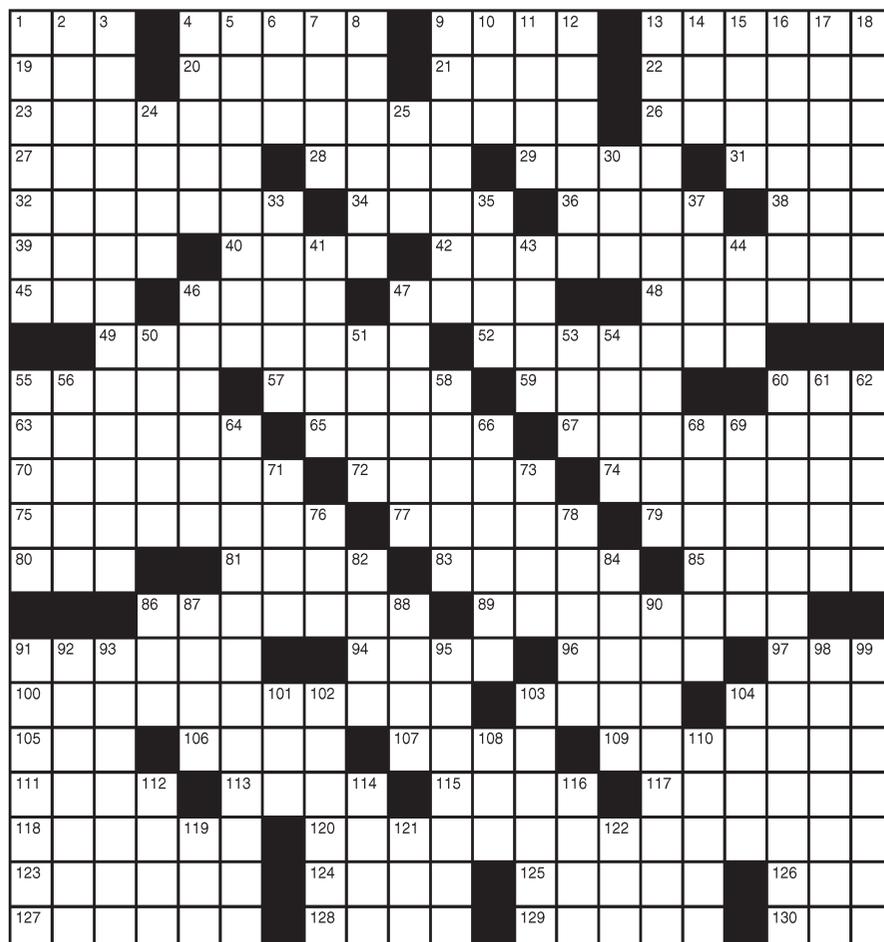
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- ACROSS**
- Biblical poem
 - Pasture measure
 - Call on the set
 - Was sore
 - Bit of moisture
 - Caesar's subjects
 - Kidnapper payer
 - Sister of Venus
 - M. Le Pew
 - Sacred text of Islam
 - Latvian
 - Asp victim, briefly
 - Creative flash
 - Glitch
 - Penthouse porch
 - Autograph
 - Heaped over
 - Five-star review
 - Radar screen spot
 - Fairy-tale beast
 - Olfactory trigger
 - Addictive drug
 - Rounded handle
 - Ranked contender
 - Cambridge sch.
 - The Velvet Fog
 - Ukrainian capital
 - Wood or anil
 - Media members
 - Eastern continent
 - Went fast
 - Chocolate flavor
 - Coll. entrance exam.
 - Vega's constellation
 - Classic example
 - Period of history
 - Whimper
 - Arizona city on the Colorado
 - Delphic seer
 - Okra stew
 - On the ocean
 - Frothy quaffs
 - Bear dad
 - "Oh, Pretty Woman" singer
 - Debate side
 - Dwells
 - NaCl
 - Bog product
 - Peruvian people
 - Orchard fruit
 - Release
 - In-office duration
 - Clear jellies
 - Coast
 - Ferocious
 - Romberg operetta
 - Set in order
 - Calmed
 - Overly inquisitive
 - Untidy
- DOWN**
- San Diego pro
 - Abrading
 - Expiated
 - Cup brims
 - Mau's neighbor
 - Highest point
 - Altar area
 - Of the kidneys
 - Ames and Asner
 - Verne's captain
 - Major artery
 - More succinct
 - Falls back
 - Not by design
 - Submissive
 - Luau staple
 - Watts or Judd
 - Jumper
 - Cable stn.
 - Fencer's weapon
 - Puny pest
 - Walk heavily
 - Pers. with a handle?
 - Mongolian desert
 - Wife of a knight
 - Alibi (excuse makers)
 - Invitation letters
 - Throw away
 - Safe and sound
 - Water whirl
 - Aussie's pal
 - Biblical twin
 - Abu Dhabi ruler
 - Hardships
 - Alternative to etc.
 - Belonging to the same class
 - Noisy insects
 - Assistant
 - Locations
 - Writer Oz
 - Irene or Meg
 - Sit for a shot
 - Self images
 - Countertop
 - Walks leisurely
 - Taper off
 - Central
 - Resentful
 - Diners
 - Graphite removers
 - Nocturnal marsupial
 - Singer McGraw
 - Hot, in a way
 - Bikini and Eniwetok
 - Egypt's capital
 - London lock-up
 - Thin-voiced
 - Beseech
 - Patriot Nathan
 - Devotee

MEAL MONEY

- ACROSS**
- Pulverized lava
 - In pieces
 - Struggle for breath
 - Intervals
 - Eng. instruction letters
 - Municipal conduit
 - Milky gem
 - Mystical teachings: var.
 - Caesar salad base
 - Son of Daedalus
 - Small lynx
 - Swerves at sea
 - Satirist Mort
 - Window part
 - Female graduates
 - Animated character
 - Actress Ward
 - Hush-hush org.
 - One Euro predecessor
 - U2 pilot Powers
 - Ham-and-biscuits sauce
 - Drumstick
 - "__ the Explorer"
 - Actor Bridges
 - Oar holders
 - "A Christmas Carol" character
 - Handyman's satchel
 - Island in the Firth of Clyde
 - Supergiant star in Cygnus
 - Restaurateur Toots
 - Himalayan gazelle
 - Singer Makeba
 - Planter
 - Get knocked for a loop
 - Handsome men
 - Fluid transition
 - Big name in rum
 - 1952 Olympics city
 - Church truth
 - Applied by pats
 - NBC classic
 - Hard to pin down
 - Ocean motion
 - Singer Travis
 - Withering look
 - Religious recluse
 - Pollen, e.g.
 - Interlocking
 - Class struggle?
 - Novelist Oz
 - Jolt of electricity
 - Ice cream flavor
 - Culp/Cosby series
 - Small harbor
- DOWN**
- Radio static letters
 - Soaked in anil
 - Just around the corner
 - Month for a fest
 - Tight spot
 - Green shade
 - Lay down tarmac
 - Bemoan
 - Long-haired cat
 - Eastern European dish
 - Of crystal-filled stones
 - Approximately
 - Dog's warning
 - Old video-game letters
 - "Where the Wild Things Are" writer
 - Within reach
 - Japanese verse
 - Concorde, e.g.
 - Foul foul shot
 - Squealer
 - Patty's place?
 - Man from Manila
 - Five-sided polygon
 - Reverent wonder
 - Bank (on)
 - Pact
 - Became angry
 - Storekeeper on "The Simpsons"
 - Pouchlike structures
 - Tickle pink
 - Camper's cornmeal dish
 - Pol's cash provider
 - Arabian garb
 - African wildcat
 - Flounces
 - Top
 - Tango number
 - "__ Jude"
 - Having auricles
 - Spick-and-span
 - Turkish potentate
 - Demolishes
 - Pairs
 - Maris, casually
 - Alaska's __ National Park
 - Ludwig or Jannings
 - Amin of Uganda
 - Bodybuilder Charles
 - Ides of March rebuke
 - Conductor's pace
 - Yikes!
 - Kitchen foray
 - Brain scans, for short
 - "Hee Haw" co-star
 - Cold remedies?
 - Party's choice
 - Happening
 - Look to get?
 - Retaliates
 - Most impudent
 - Narc employer
 - Most likely to succeed
 - Buy into
 - Rooster's pride
 - Bumbler
 - Indian drums
 - Jimmie of "The Mickey Mouse Club"
 - Raison d'__
 - Novelist Ferber
 - Narrow inlet
 - OAS member
 - Give the boot to



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa	Diagramless	Days Off
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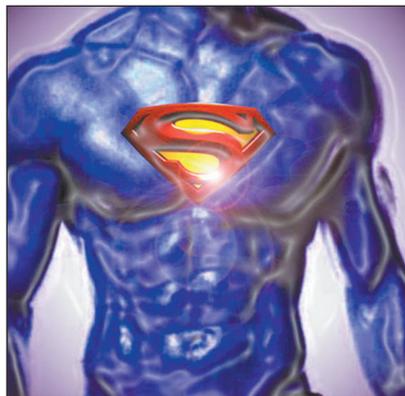
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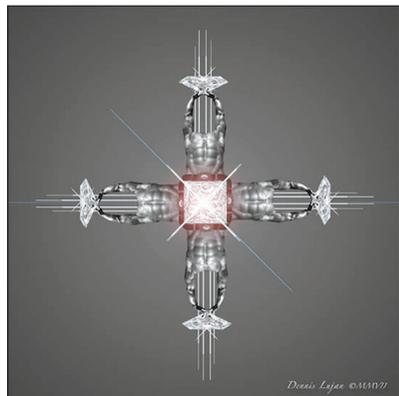
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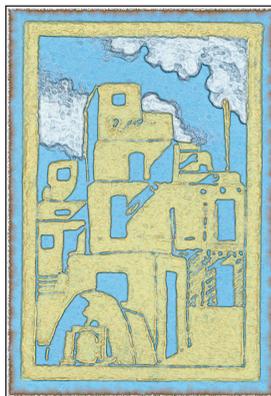
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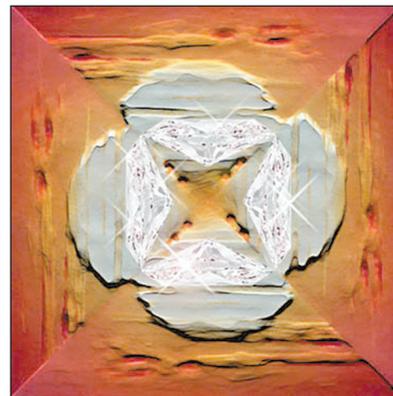
"The Shield" by Dennis Lujan at Salon de Taos



"Zia Dia" by Dennis Lujan at Salon de Taos



"Taos" by Dennis Lujan at Salon de Taos



"Flower of God" by Dennis Lujan at Salon de Taos



"Fighting off Dragons" by Dennis Lujan at Salon de Taos

OPENING THIS WEEK

■ SALON DE TAOS

On Sunday, March 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. local artist Dennis Lujan will be showing new work at Salon de Taos, 709 El Prado Ave. This show encompasses the depth and nature of the artist's dark side in a studio setting. Lino-cut prints of the artist's travels across the United States will be on display. "Twist" – a series based on tornadoes in Alabama, "The Day" about living on the Taos Reservation, "Frida Kahlo as a Saint?," "The Flowers of God" – amazing digital images of nuclear bombs with Diamonds meshed together, "The Heroic Icon" – three-dimensional tattooed iconic figures in dreamscape environments and much more will be available. This "one-night-only" show will be open by appointment after March 25. Call Lujan at 526-1551 for more information.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave., will present "Time for Two Women." The exhibit runs from March 17 through May 5. Tuana Cole will present a new body of works on paper and paintings in her well-known evocative and mysterious style, her expressions commenting on the larger issues of life, time and its various meanings. The wood sculptures and installation of Connie Mississippi also reflect her ideas about time. "The passage of time suggests a circle. Time's cyclic nature is seen in the waxing and waning of the moon, the turning of the earth on its axis and the faces of clocks, which bear the circular motion of hands which return at regular intervals. The simple shape of the circle is symbolically and spiritually rich in temporal meaning. Mortal life is a circular progression," Mississippi said. For more information, call 525-9543.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Against the Grain," an exhibition of woodcuts by Anthony Lazorko will be on display in the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., in the director's gallery. Spanning a 50-year career of printmaking, the exhibit depicts the American experience and focuses on beauty found in the ordinary. The show will run through

Saturday, April 28. Anthony Lazorko resides and shares a studio in Mesilla with his artist wife, Marguerite Biddle. For more information contact Joy Miller at 541-2221.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The international exhibit, "Women Without Borders," will open on Friday, March 9, at the City of Las Cruces Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Main St. The exhibit is part of the world recognition of International Women's Day 2007. The exhibit will run through Saturday, March 31. Through art, "Women Without Borders" reunites women from both sides of the border, regardless of their nationality, profession, culture, language, politics or age. For more information contact Garland Courts at 541-2156.

■ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery at 2470A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, announces that the Artists of the Month in March are Carol Lopez and Mayanna Howard. Carol Lopez is an encaustic artist using wax and pigment to create a variety of works both representational and primitive. Mayanna Howard is a watercolorist who concentrates on the colors of the Southwest, including terracota, blues and greens, to paint adobe churches. For more information, call 522-2933.

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

The Border Artist Show continues at Glenn Cutter Jewelers. Artists are Rosemary McLoughlin, Jeanne Rundell, Winfrey Hearst, Carolyn Bunch, Virginia Ness, Jo-an Smith, Janice Cook, Dan Tapper, Sherry Doil-Carter, Joyce T. Macrorie, Annetta Hoover, Suzanne Kane, Jackie Clark, Tom Gerend, Bob Willis, Sandy Zane. Guest artists include Sallie Ritter, Glenda Bucci, Dan Stouffer, Lyuba and Aleksander Titovets, David Rothermel, and Robert Highsmith. The show continues through April 3. Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Call 524-4300 for more information.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., is currently showcasing the exhibit, "Fly By Night Artisans Gallery." The exhibit is a collection of fine art crafts of five area artisans on display through April. Featured in the current exhibit are glass works by Lois Wilson, painted furniture by Bette Vote, Raku ceramics by Rudy Lucero,

marbled silks by Martha Duran and gourd art by Joanna Bradley. All exhibits are free and accessible. For more information, call 541-2137.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

As spring approaches, the galleries of the historic Rio Grande Theatre will bud and bloom with the digital photographs and oil paintings of Charles Broomfield and Jill Gottlieb. The exhibit will focus on the natural beauty of trees and gardens. Broomfield, of El Paso, likes to refer to his digitally edited photos, which will hang in the Carolene de Mesilla Information Center and Gallery, as "looking at life's treasures through digital photography – nature on the cutting edge." The El Paso Electric Gallery will feature Gottlieb's richly colored oils that focus on the gardens of the world and "the garden of my mind." She admits to being "totally consumed by the work in progress ... unaware of anything else around me." The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ HELIX PROJECTS

Helix Projects, 232 Campo St., is pleased to present "Steve McCall: Paintings," an exhibit that features a series of paintings that combine hard-edged and biomorphic abstraction. McCall, who lives and works in Philadelphia, Pa., states: "The work comes out of natural cycles of growth, decay and regeneration and the human response to these cycles. I see such changes as dynamic forces in flux, at different rates of ebb and flow. The paintings then are about human reaction to change as much as they are about observable phenomenon in nature." For more information, call 527-0921 or visit www.helixprojects.com.

■ TERRACE GALLERY

The Las Cruces Arts Association is back at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library's Terrace Gallery, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The group show, "Collage and Mixed Media," offers a surprising variety of artwork, available for purchase for \$200 or less. The exhibit is on the second floor of the library and is open during all regular library hours. For more information, call 528-4000.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

The Patio Art Gallery will host "Fur and Feathers" during the month of March. "It is our first animal show ever, and we are having fun trying something different," explained artist Carolyn Bunch, gallery co-owner. Sure to be included are birds of various kinds as well as dogs, cats and other furies and featheries. Patio Art Gallery artists also showing in "Fur and Feathers" are Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht, Joyce T. Macrorie, Julie Ford Oliver and Dan Tapper. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Art classes are offered Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 541-7401.

■ BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

Las Cruces artist Seth Frazier will be the featured artist in The Sunspot Gallery at Black Gold from the Sun. Frazier presents his new series "Hymns." Frazier, son of ceramicist Kathryn Story, has primarily focused on interior design, decorating and painting in the past, but has recently branched off into new mediums such as sculpture and mixed media/collage. These new works focus on current social issues translated through traditional church hymns. Black Gold from the Sun is located in the Old Tortilla Factory at 1910 Calle De Parian in Mesilla. For more information, call 541-9693.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun is hosting an exhibition of new works by Jesse Reinhard beginning on Saturday, March 3. Reinhard is a graduate printmaking student at New Mexico State University. The exhibition titled "Cursed With Vision" features paintings, drawings and etchings from the artist as well as a few surprises. "Cursed With Vision" will run through March 31. Laughing at the Sun is located in the Old Tortilla Factory at 1910 Calle De Parian in Mesilla. For more information, call 523-1890.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

Elihu Carranza's black-and-white relief prints are influenced by a variety of core theological and social topics. While many images have specific biblical references, he brings a fresh perspective through abstract forms. His aesthetic unfolds in symbols, invented visual allegories, and poetry. He

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will be the featured artist at the Tombaugh Gallery through March 30. In lieu of a formal opening, the artist will be present during gallery hours for the full month. The Tombaugh Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. The gallery is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. For details, call 522-7281.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will have their president's challenge, "From Kansas to Oz," on display as well as the International Hoffman Challenge Quilt Exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. The show continues through March 31. The show is open during regular museum hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

■ SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

The Gila Conservation Coalition and Southwest Environmental Center will present "Gila River: Photographs of New Mexico's Last Wild River" at the Cottonwood Gallery. The exhibition highlights the richness and beauty of this jewel of the Southwest and features works by four Silver City-area photographers: Anthony Howell, Gordee Headlee, Jay Hemphill and Mike Fugagli. This exhibit features color and black and white photographs of the Gila River in New Mexico, from its headwaters to the Arizona border. The exhibit shows at Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall, and continues through the end of March.

■ NMSU MUSEUM GALLERY

New Mexico State University has opened two new exhibits. "The Pasternack Collection of African Art" shows selected art pieces collected by the late Steve Pasternack, who taught at NMSU for 21 years in the Journalism and Mass Communications Department, serving as head of the department from 1994 to 2002. The pieces include masks, sculptures, baskets and various other representations of African life and culture. The second exhibit, "Africa: From Eritrea with Love" is a collection of 13 paintings by Betty LaDuke, an Ashland, Ore., author and artist who traveled to East Africa numerous times capturing the essence of traditional aspects of African lives in modern

times. LaDuke's vibrant and colorful paintings are based on sketches made during six journeys to Eritrea, a small nation on the Horn of Africa, from 1994 to 1998. The University Museum Gallery, located in Kent Hall at the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call the University Museum at 646-3739.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

While crossing the U.S.-Mexico border is a new issue facing most of the nation, border crossings are a natural occurrence for artists of our region. "North & South of the Border," opening on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, will exhibit work of three contemporary artists who draw inspiration from the region that includes Chihuahua and Juarez, Mexico, on one side of the border and El Paso and southern New Mexico on the other. Works of Antonio Castro, Diana Molina and Gaspar Enriquez will be in the Museum's Main Gallery through Saturday, April 7. All exhibits and receptions are accessible and free to the public. This project is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Museum of Art is located at 490 N. Water St. in the Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits, programs or Museum Studio classes, call 541-2137.

■ DRAWINGS BY MARIA CRISTINA

Local artist Maria Cristina brings comic relief to the public to celebrate For the Love of Art Month. "Unlikely Valentines" and "Alternate Universe" are the dual themes of her special collection of drawings to be shown in her studio in the Old Tortilla Factory. "Unlikely Valentines," a spoof on contemporary American culture, shows such pairings as Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and other interesting couples. Based on Grant Wood's classic "American Gothic," each is a limited edition of 10 and is signed and numbered by the artist. "Alternate Universe" stretches our usual perceptions of our universe. It features an exotic array of hand painted portraits of alien beings. Also included in the studio's display are some of Maria Cristina's new drawings in Microsoft Word from her "Day of the Dead" series, such as King Tut and Lynyrd Skynyrd, as well as classics from her "Frog" and other

series. The artist's hours are Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For information, please call 521-4694.

■ FUNKY KARMA

Taos artist Dennis Lujan has a new art show at Funky Karma, 207-A Avenida de Mesilla. Lujan will introduce those not familiar with his work by exhibiting new and recent Machinas. Lujan will also introduce his new clothing line "Savage Hobajiven" to the college set. Jeans reworked, distressed, patched and painted tribal designs re-inspired from the artist's early years as a fashion designer. From newborns to 80-year-olds, there's something for everyone. Funky Karma is your source for imported teas, incense, tea pots, cups and gifts from around the world as well as in Las Cruces. For more information, call 635-2275. Funky Karma is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Color, Design, and Imagination," Susan Long's watercolor, gouche and acrylic work is currently on display in the theatre gallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Long, who has been painting for 16 years, studied art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and The Art Student's League in New York City prior to moving to Las Cruces.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A new temporary exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum explores the historical use of the hat by real cowboys in comparison with the hats of movie cowboys and fashionable gentlemen. "Cowboys and Hatters: Bond Street, Sage Brush and the Silver Screen," is a traveling exhibition curated by Debbie Henderson, costume designer for the Wittenberg University Department of Theater and Dance in Wittenberg, Ohio. The exhibit will be in the museum's north corridor

through June 26. The exhibit features more than 50 hats with a wide range of styles that begin in the mid-1800s and continue through the 20th century. Also included are photographs, vintage hat boxes and hat-making artifacts. The Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, please call 522-4100.

■ STUDIO 309

Las Cruces' newest gallery Studio 309, is featuring three diverse artists: photography by Ken Stinnet, unique one-of-a-kind jewelry by Laverne Stinnet and paintings by Ruth A. Drayer. Drayer's luminous paintings are layers of colorful acrylics applied to hand textured canvas. Regular hours of Studio 309 are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 649-3781.

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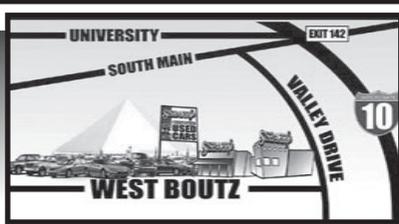
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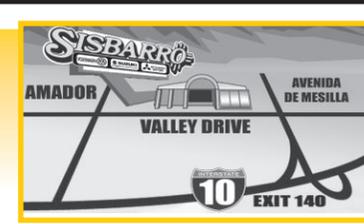
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NCAA fever grows

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March Madness, according to media reports, has apparently overwhelmed the workplace in America.

When the NCAA basketball tournament tipped off last week, it was estimated that the job performance of approximately 1.3 million of the nation's employees nose-dived significantly.

Office computers, ignoring official business, searched eagerly for one of several games in progress during working hours.

And speaking of job performance, the New Mexico State Aggies get a passing grade for their tournament effort. Despite a 79-67 loss to Texas in the first round of the East Regional, NMSU played well.

And if coach Reggie Theus' four new recruits are as good as advertised, the Ags should be good enough to return to post-season play next year.

There are rumors that Theus himself might not. That coaching NMSU from six victories in 2005, the year before he assumed command, to 25 in '07 might attract West Coast or NBA job offers.

Probably not yet. A year from now, perhaps.

It's too early for Reggie to step on what looks like a brilliant future here.

His vision of restoring the Aggies to the nation's top 25 looks too promising.

Herb Pope, 6-foot-8 prep super star from Aliquippa, Pa., will join four big, tall returnees from this year's WAC tournament champs.

The addition of three highly advertised guards, John DeAngelo (6-3), Las Cruces High's Gordo Castillo (6-4) and Jahmar Young (6-4), will give the Ags backcourt strength. And Theus has two more scholarships to give.

His team next season should be a versatile one.

If he wants to go big, Theus can call on 6-8 guard/forward Justin Hawkins, the WAC tournament's most valuable player. Or 6-9 Tyrone Nelson, 6-9 Hatila Passos and Martin Iti, the 7-foot center with a Boeing 727 wingspan.

Guards Fred Peete and Jonathan Gibson have eligibility remaining.

Gone from this year's team are guards Elijah Ingram, Shaun Davis and Ted Knauber and forward David Fisher.

They'll be missed.

So, we might add, will the NCAA tournament once it's over.

And America's employees return to work.

Trojan coach finds new home

Gomez enjoys first year of command

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It started simply as a daily trek. After school, Miguel Gomez would walk from what was then called Picacho Junior High to Mayfield High School to practice with the Trojans' junior varsity baseball team.

Twenty-one years later, the walk is still fresh in Gomez's mind. The journey that began many years ago eventually led him to his dream job — head coach of the Mayfield Trojans. He reached the same goal that all baseball players have when they step up to the plate — he made it home.

Gomez, an assistant coach at Mayfield for the past six years, is in his first year as head of the program. He was a standout for the Trojans from 1986-89 and also played three years for the MHS football team as a linebacker and fullback.

"Baseball was always my first love," said Gomez. "I enjoyed football as well, but I played football to get faster and stronger."

Gomez's love for baseball was cultivated in a family full of boys who thrived on competition. Angel and Arlene Gomez almost created their own baseball team. Miguel is the fourth of their six sons — following Robert, Dan-

iel and Angel Jr., and arriving ahead of David and Jaime.

"A big motivation for them was being all boys, they competed against each other," said Angel Gomez. "They would wrap some tape around a can and try to strike each other out with it. I always felt bad for the brother that missed a ball or struck out because they would all be on him about it. They learned the game by competing against each other."

As a pecan farmer with a Ph.D., baseball wasn't a big part of Angel's life — that is until his oldest sons developed an attachment to the sport. He then jumped in, learned the intricacies of the game and eventually became a coach for several summer league and American Legion teams.

"My parents were very supportive," said Miguel. "My father would take one of us to a game, and my mom would take another of us. The other sons would be on their own if they had a game."

Angel remembers spending many evenings at Paz Park, trying to watch two or three games at once.

"During those city league games, I would stand in the middle (where the four fields meet at the concession stands) and rotate

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Mayfield baseball coach Miguel Gomez

NMSU rodeo teams win Arizona event

Gow, Means nab all-around honors

The New Mexico State University women's rodeo team placed first in back-to-back rodeos in Florence, Ariz., hosted by Central Arizona College last Saturday and Sunday.

Bailey Gow, of Roseburg, Ore., was women's all-around champion for Sunday's event. The NMSU men's team placed second on Saturday and won Sunday's event.

Chance Means, of Cliff, N.M., won all-around cowboy both days.

The women's team has dominated the regional standings in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association this season, winning rodeos in Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., and Tucson, Ariz. The men's team also has been a leader in the regional standings, winning the Tucson event and placing a strong third at Ft. Huachuca.

"The girls continue to dominate in the region, and three of the guys placed in two or more events, scoring more than 230 points each,

helping secure our spot," said coach Jim Dewey Brown.

Brooke Conner, of Wilcox, Ariz., won the breakaway roping with a time of 2.8 seconds on Saturday, and her teammates Dusti Franklin, of Ruidoso, N.M., and Jonna Bizzell, of Los Lunas, N.M., placed second and third respectively. Megan Wilkerson, of Elgin, Ariz., won the breakaway roping on Sunday.

Gow had a second-place finish in Saturday's barrel racing and came back to win the event on Sunday. Julie Etchegaray, of Eureka, Nev., tied for second on Sunday.

On Saturday, Megan Corey, of Bremerton, Wash., placed second in the goat tying event and Brittany Striegel, of Aztec, N.M., placed third. Corey improved her time to win the event on Sunday, with teammates Etchegaray and Tori Bilberry, of Elida, N.M., coming in second and third.

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Bailey Gow of the New Mexico State rodeo team competes in barrel racing at Central Arizona College last week. The Aggies' women's team won first place and Gow finished as all-around champion.

High School EVENTS SCHEDULE

Las Cruces High School



Varsity Baseball	Sat., Mar. 24	at Roswell	11 a.m.
	Tue., Mar. 27	Oñate	5 p.m.
Varsity Golf	Mon., Mar. 26	Gadsden	9 a.m.
	Wed., Mar. 28	at Silver City	9 a.m.
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Aggie softball team playing in California

NMSU splits series with UTEP

The New Mexico State softball team lost the first game of the doubleheader against the UTEP Miners 4-6, but rebounded to win the second game 10-2 in five innings last week.

Coach Kathy Rodolph's Aggies are currently playing a five-game schedule in California during spring break.

Against UTEP, NMSU (17-10) had 16 hits on the day, but stranded 16 runners on base while the Miners (17-9) hit three home runs in game one.

Sophomore pitcher Kim Watson tied her career-high with 12 strikeouts in a losing effort in the first game of the day where the Aggies stranded 10 runners on base.

In game two junior Colleen Kimbro went 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs while junior Ashley Roszkos added to her 1-for-2 performance at the plate with a two-run home run and two walks.

Freshman pitcher Vanessa Fitzgerald picked up her sixth win of the season for the Aggies, pitching five innings while giving up two runs off of four hits.

Rodolph came out of the contests with mixed emotions.

"In the first game they wanted it more than we did," Rodolph said. "We had our opportunities with runners in scoring position and we can't play like that against rivals. We challenged them in the second game to show who they really are and what they are made of and they responded."

UTEP opened up game one by scoring one run in the top of the first off a Kelly Lombard single.

After giving up a walk and two singles to three of the first four batters of the game, Watson settled in and struck out five consecutive Miners.

In the bottom of the second, the Aggies drew two walks and had an infield single to load the bases for sophomore Rishelle Gastelum, who drew a walk of her own to bring in the first run of the game for NMSU. Sophomore Kristi Randall was due up next with the bases still loaded, but was unable to plate any more base runners as she popped out to the shortstop to end the inning.

The Miners answered with a solo home run in the third to push their lead back to one.

UTEP's lead did not last however as junior Stephanie Herrera scored in the third after

she stole third base and the Miner catcher threw the ball into right field, allowing Herrera to come home and tie the game once again, this time at two.

With runners on second and third and one out in the bottom of the sixth the Aggies had a chance to take the lead, but they were unable to drive in the runners.

The Miners made NMSU pay for not taking the lead in the sixth as they hit two, two-run home runs to left field in the top of the seventh, giving UTEP a 6-2 lead.

NMSU got its first two batters of the bottom of the inning on base on an error and a walk. After freshman Angie Ortega popped out, sophomore Kristi Hanan walked for the second time in the game to load the bases for Kimbro.

Kimbro flied out near the fence along the left field line, which allowed Herrera to score from third and brought the Aggies within three. Sophomore Stacey Lien came up next and hit a screaming ground ball to the shortstop, who booted the ball allowing Roszkos to score from second.

After a wild pitch advanced Hanan and Lien to second and third, junior Ashley Frisby came up with a chance to win the game. After fouling off six consecutive pitches, UTEP's Nichole Tunget got Frisby to foul out to the first baseman to end the game.

The loss to the Miners in game one was the first ever loss to the Aggies I-10 rival at the NMSU Softball Complex.

Freshman Amanda Pulley got the Aggies on the board first in the second game when she plated Lien from third on a fielder's choice with the bases loaded in the bottom of the second. NMSU added one more run in the inning thanks to a RBI single from Hanan.

Simone Holland tied the game for the Miners in the top of the third with her two RBI doubles to right center.

Roszkos broke the tie in the bottom of the inning when she hit her seventh home run of the year, a two-run shot over the left field fence. Kimbro added another run for NMSU in the inning with her RBI single, giving the Aggies a 5-2 lead.

NMSU added four more runs in the fourth and one in the fifth to win after five, 10-2.

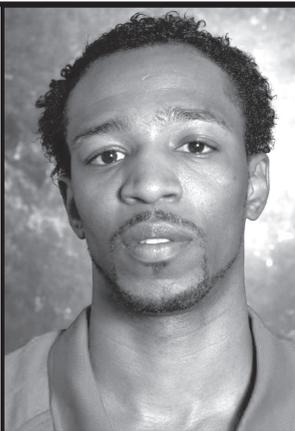
The Aggies are now 12-4 all-time against UTEP and Herrera had hits in both games to extend her hitting streak to nine games.

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Senior Elijah Ingram was named the Chevrolet Player of the Game for New Mexico State after scoring a team-high 16 points in a loss to No. 4 seed Texas in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, March 16. Ingram, who was 6-for-14 from the field, including 4-for-11 from the 3-point line, added a season-best six rebounds. It was the 21st time this season that Ingram scored in double figures and the 76th time in his career.



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Worried about escaping from a cavernous sand trap? No problem. Trying to salvage a hole after dunking your ball in the lake? Piece of cake; but what about the real hazards of golf? Over my years of playing golf on hundreds of different golf courses, I've seen mishaps that would surely fall in the "freak" accident category, and some that would be a candidate for the Darwin Awards. Guys driving carts into lakes, angry club-throwers, golfers slipping into ponds, but lets focus on the big ones. We're talking snakes, lightning, carts and other golfers.

If you don't think poisonous snakes inhabit our golf courses here in the Southwest, think again. A couple of years ago an assistant at the New Mexico State golf course was bitten by a rattlesnake while searching for his ball near thick underbrush. The hospital bills were nearly \$100,000, which is not unusual for those accidents, I'm told by medical people. Antivenom is very expensive and often in short supply. The bite did serious and lasting damage to the young man's leg. I've had several personal encounters with rattlesnakes since living here in Las Cruces. In each case I had to leap over an out-stretched snake to avoid stepping on it. Just understand, where there is desert, there are snakes.

On the subject of critters, many golfers fall victim to bee stings, mosquito bites and fire ants. In fact, the USGA considers fire ants in the category of a "dangerous situation" and affords relief without penalty in a manner consistent with ground under

repair. I know what you're thinking. The answer is "no" you don't get relief when your ball is up against a dangerously prickly cactus; unless, of course, it's sitting in the coil of a snake.

Then there is lightning. Longtime PGA teacher Herb Wimberly recalls vividly the day in the mid-1960s when a bolt of lightning struck near what is now the number 11 green on the NMSU course, and lifted Lee Trevino and Orville Moody completely off the ground. "A huge hole in the ground smoldered for a couple of days after," recalled Herb. Every year, according to medical statistics, lightning on a golf course kills someone.

Also, every year an increasing number of serious injuries and occasional fatalities occur as the result of reckless operation of golf carts. According to the Golf Club Owners Association, alcohol is often involved; big surprise there. A few years ago the cart fleet at Marty Sanchez Links in Santa Fe had to be throttled back to a snail's pace (using governors) because "these guys are playing demolition derby instead of golf," said Ross Nettles, head PGA professional there.

Medical statisticians report that the most common accidental injury for golfers is trauma to the eye. That is as opposed to on-purpose injuries to the eyes from fistfights – and there are plenty of those. Typically someone gets struck in the eye

“ I’ve had several personal encounters with rattlesnakes since living here in Las Cruces. ”

by a clubhead swung by another golfer, or by a ball from close range. A titanium club with a mass of 460cc, moving at 100 mph, can cause incredible damage to stuff softer than a golf ball. The most catastrophic and sometimes deadly outcomes happen when clubs come apart. The USGA has a file of many cases where golfers have hit tree trunks with a swing follow-through, breaking the club in half, and getting skewered by their own pointed shaft.

In the interest of reducing your pain, and possibly saving a life, here are some suggestions for staying safe on the golf course:

1. If you must go into the brush to look for your ball, always take a club with you.
2. Don't reach into a bush or a hole with your bare hands.
3. Respect signs for "environmentally sensitive" areas and avoid venturing there.
4. Storm cells move quickly in the desert. When you hear thunder, there's

lightning.

5. Even if lightning is far away, leave the golf course immediately.
6. If you have to take cover find a suitable shelter, not under a tree.
7. Check behind you and always take practice swings away from other folks.
8. Avoid dislodging stones, pebbles or turf during practice swings.
9. Nothing good can ever happen from winging a club. Please no club throwing.
10. Use some common sense and courtesy as you drive your golf cart.
11. Don't drink and drive. Don't even putt.

Realizing that intense sun and scorching heat are formidable foes to all of us on New Mexico golf courses, we'll deal with these in a later column. Meanwhile send me some of your stories.

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UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Tournaments

Date	Event	Location	Phone
March 26	Ladies Presidents Cup	Picacho Hills CC	523-2556
April 6	Ray Narvaez Tournament	LC Country Club	526-8731
March 23	Westbrook Homes Tournament	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 24	HS City Championships	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 27	Rotary Club Tournament	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 28	Sonoma Senior Series	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818

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AGGIE INSIDER

Aggies weigh in on Thursday, March 29

See NMSU brawn in action



PETE
Pete's Ponderings

The pride of the Aggie football team comes from a guy who doesn't suit up, doesn't wear reading glasses and doesn't ride a horse at the home games. The man who develops the pride in the Aggie football staff is Matt "The Punisher" Walter. He didn't get that nickname from hurtin' people, although those who haven't worked hard in the weight room probably have had their feelin's hurt by Walter.

His nickname comes from the hard work he puts the squad through to make them stronger, faster and more athletic when the season kicks off at the end of August. Now fans can see just how strong the Aggie football players really are. The work done in the Coca-Cola weight room will be on display Thursday, March 29, in Aggie Memorial Stadium in the NMSU Night of Champions. Hal Mumme's squad invites you to experience this intense training first hand starting at 6 p.m.

Twelve of the strongest football players will go head-to-head for year-long bragging rights, on who is the team's strongest man. The players will compete in the three core lifts, bench press, power clean and squat, in a power-lifting style competition. The event will be set to music and lights to ensure an entertaining and enlightening experience for all ages.

Compared by some to the Western States "Mr. Millennium" Fitness competition at the University of Wyoming, "the Punisher" has had these events at other schools where he has worked and has seen the value of the head-to-head competition.

NMSU students will be allowed into the event free of charge with a student ID. The cost of the event is \$5 for non-students and \$10 allows you on the field with the players. It is coming a day after the academic honors dinner sponsored by El Paso Electric, so I guess it is a case of brawn following brain. It takes both to succeed in sports, and both are stressed these days in the Fulton Center. Come on out and see who the strongest Aggie football player is. And don't be afraid to say hello to "the Punisher." He's a mighty friendly guy despite that nickname.

Hail and farewell to Athletic Trainer Matt Morrison, Pete was just singin' his and his colleagues praises a week or two ago, now Morrison has found a new assignment, helping others of course. He is gonna be working with the regions saw bones, I mean orthopedic physicians, as a representative for replacement limbs. He has been on the staff for a decade after getting his Aggie degree. His understated wit and wry observations on the world will be missed by all who know him.

PETE

Season end thoughts

Appraisal of the Reggie Nation's second year at New Mexico State



JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

The Aggies won as many games as Duke and Norte Dame: Not that it makes anyone feel any better, but NMSU left at the same time as those "sainted" national entities. Most in the Lone Star state expected Texas to waltz into the second round. They didn't, and next year's Aggies squad should be better in terms of chemistry, discipline and talent.

Here's how to improve the NIT again: Have the first round opponents return to the game ala the Bracketbuster Series. It would go a long way to helping the mid-majors help their RPI and show how good Michigan and the like play in Logan, and Fresno like the rest of us.

Was it consistent time on court or his fan club?

Ted Knauber proved to be one of the major reasons the Aggies got into the NCAAs at the end of the season. He finally shook off the injury bug and got a chance to play more minutes when Fred Peete suffered a similar wound. His three-point accuracy and hustle on defense made the difference in the WAC tourney. It probably was the court time, but having two SunDancers wearing his jersey before and after the games probably didn't hurt.

Tougher sked up ahead:

With Louisville already inked up for a pre-Christmas game and the return contest with Ohio, the Aggies are also getting interest from the network TV folks who are trying to put together a four-team tourney in Los Angeles. Nothing is settled, and these things frequently fall through, but NMSU is on the national radar now as a marquee squad.

Utah 911: With his scuffle with local police put to rest, Nevada coach Mark Fox is mentioned as a possible choice to make a million dollars a year as the coach at the University of Utah. The Utes didn't spend all of their money buying out Ray Giacaletti, and Nick Fazekas' departure might make it the right time to move considering the recruits Fox has brought into Reno so far.

Wating in the wings: Utah State has a transfer from Ohio State, Brayden Bell, ready for the coming season, and Fresno State has two D-I transfers becoming eligible also. Let's hope Idaho and San Jose State can crawl up the RPI rankings as well for the good of the league.

Rainbow coach search:

Jack Lord and Don Ho won't be much help, but the folks who buy the tickets on the islands want assistant Bob Nash as the next head Warrior. A.D. Herman Frazier isn't saying much. The 'Bows get Nash's son and Matt Gibson back for a nucleus.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, March 23

Softball
San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
2 p.m.

Baseball

San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
6 p.m.

Saturday, March 24

Track and Field
Dr. Pepper Invite
Waco, Texas
11 a.m.

Baseball

San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
1 p.m.

Softball

San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
1 p.m.

Sunday, March 25

Baseball
San Jose State
San Jose, Calif.
11 a.m.

Monday, March 26

Men's Golf
Morris Williams
Intercollegiate
Austin, Texas
All Day

Tuesday, March 27

Men's Golf
Morris Williams
Intercollegiate
Austin, Texas
All Day

Baseball

Texas Tech
Lubbock, Texas
6 p.m.

Wednesday, March 28

Softball
New Mexico
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Colleen Kimbro,
Junior
Softball

Junior outfielder Colleen Kimbro hit .700 last week for the Aggies and had a team-high seven

hits in the four games NMSU played. She had two doubles, three RBIs and stole two bases. Kimbro has recorded at least one hit in the last six games now and is leading the team with a .411 batting average.



Joe Leghorn
Junior
Baseball

Junior catcher Joe Leghorn went 8-for-16 with seven RBIs, last week. In the 9-6 win of

the year over New Mexico, Leghorn was 4-for-5 with a RBI. Leghorn led the Aggies to their first WAC win of the season. He also scored the winning run in the 10-9 victory against Sacramento State, March 18.



Inah Park
Senior
Women's Golf

Senior golfer Inah Park led the Aggie women's golf team to a seventh-place finish at the UNLV Spring Rebel Invitational with a

ninth-place individual showing. Park was 3-under-par 213 (73-70-70) and she recorded her second consecutive top-10 finish. Park tied for eighth at the Spartan Invitational.



NMSU to take on San Jose State in baseball

Lobos whip Aggies, 13-10, in Albuquerque

The New Mexico State baseball team resumes Western Athletic Conference play Friday with a three-game series at San Jose State.

The Aggies of coach Rocky Ward lost two of three to Sacramento State in their opening league series last week and followed with a 13-10 loss to New Mexico on Tuesday.

Against Sacramento State on Sunday, junior Marcus Quade hit a walk-off single to center field to lead NMSU to a 10-9 come-from-behind victory. The win salvaged the series for the Aggies who dropped the first two games 7-3 and 9-5.

Quade (Littleton, Colo.) brought in junior catcher Joe Leghorn (Victoria, B.C.), who hit for the cycle on Sunday, to propel the Aggies to a come from behind victory. The Aggies were down 8-1 going into the bottom of the fourth inning.

"It was big day for Joe and a big day for the ball club," head coach Rocky Ward said. "We kept on fighting and kept on struggling back to get this win."

Leghorn hit a single in the first, a home run in the fourth, a double in the sixth and finished it with a triple in the ninth to score Cody Fielding (Wolfforth, Texas), who came in as a pinch runner for Marcos Rosales (Gilbert, Ariz.), who went 4-of-5 at the plate on Sunday, and hustled out an infield single in that inning to represent the tying run.

The Aggies scored 10 runs on 18 hits with three errors, while Sacramento State scored nine runs on 15 hits leaving 10 runners stranded. Senior Brian Gausman (Aurora, Colo.) came in as the reliever and threw for six innings, striking out four Hornet batters and walking just one to earn his team-leading fifth win of the season.

"It was a good effort by the team, an outstanding outing by Gausman, and that's what we needed today," Ward said. "It was one of those games that we probably shouldn't have won, but we found a way to do it and I'm really proud of the team."

Sacramento State scored first as Blake Crosby hit a double to center field to bring

in Patrick Cummings. Then they put up two runs in the second and two in the third, before NMSU scored their first run of the game off a Leghorn sacrifice fly to center field with the score going to 5-1.

The Hornets had a three-run fourth inning that started with a triple from Tim Wheeler. He was brought in by Brett Tanigawa. Tanigawa scored off an Aggie error and Patrick Cummings, who got on with a double to center, crossed the plate when Montana Dye hit a single to left field taking the score to 8-1.

The Aggies more than cut the Hornet lead in half in the fourth inning when Adam Harvey started off with an infield single. He advanced to third on a Marcos Rosales (Gilbert, Ariz.) single to right field. Both runners scored when sophomore Richard Stout (Boise, Idaho) hit a double to center field for his 11th and 12th RBI of the season. Joe Leghorn came up to the plate for his first home run that brought in two runs. After four innings the score was 8-5.

The sixth inning brought in three more Aggie runs when Leghorn started the inning with a double and scored off a Tyler Hardt (Hereford, Ariz.) double to center field that also scored Quade who got on with a walk. Adam Harvey (Celine, Texas) singled for his sixth RBI of the season and the score was 9-8 with the Hornets leading, before the Aggies won the game in the bottom of the ninth.

"We salvaged the series and now we have to look forward to New Mexico to try to even that series," Ward said.

The Aggies take to the road on Tuesday, March 20 as they take on the University of New Mexico for the final game of the four-game series at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque. The Aggies won the last game against the Lobos 9-6. The game will be on the web at www.golobos.cstv.com and a recap will be available at www.nmstatesports.com. It will also be broadcast on the radio at KSNM 570 AM. Game time is set for 6:05 p.m.



New Mexico State's Anthony Arrieta throws the ball to Leo Aquirre, Saturday, to try to get out a base stealer during a game held at the NMSU baseball field.

Ags face six bowl teams in '07

New Mexico State to play Auburn on Sept. 22

The New Mexico State 2007 football schedule includes six bowl teams from last year, including a Sept. 22 game at Auburn.

The Aggies also face the Fiesta Bowl champion Boise State Broncos.

NMSU will play seven home games for only the second time in school history, with three of its first five games of the season at home. The Aggies' five non-conference games feature two Division I-AA schools and two of NMSU's biggest rivals in the UTEP Miners and the New Mexico Lobos.

"I'm excited about this year's schedule and the teams we will be facing," Aggie coach Hal Mumme said. "I feel that the 2007 schedule gives our players more of an opportunity to be competitive. We are looking forward to the challenges that are ahead for our team in 2007. I think anytime you have the chance to play seven home games in front of your students and fans and not have to worry about traveling it is an advantage."

The Aggies open the 2007 season Aug. 30 at home against Southeastern Louisiana, the same school that Mumme coached at in 2003 and '04 before taking the Aggies' head coaching job.

Last year the Aggies defeated the Lions, 30-15. NMSU then faces I-25 rival New Mexico, Sept. 8, in Albuquerque. The Aggies last win in Albuquerque came in 1999, a 35-28 victory. The Aggies' second home game is against I-10 rival UTEP, Sept. 15. NMSU is 4-1 at home against the Miners since 1993.

NMSU then travels to Auburn, Ala., to face the Auburn Tigers, who finished 11-2 in 2006 with a win in the Cotton Bowl Classic. New Mexico State has met Auburn once in school history in 1993 and lost 55-14.

NMSU wraps up its non-conference schedule with a home game against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, a team the Aggies have never faced in school history.

Mumme's squad starts the conference season on a two-game road swing, first at

Aggie 2007 Football Schedule

Aug. 30 - Southeastern Louisiana
 Sept. 8 - at New Mexico
 Sept. 15 - UTEP
 Sept. 22 - at Auburn
 Sept. 29 - Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 Oct. 6 - at Boise State
 Oct. 13 - at Louisiana Tech
 Oct. 20 - Idaho
 Oct. 27 - at Hawaii
 Nov. 3 - Nevada
 Nov. 10 - at San Jose State
 Nov. 17 - Utah State
 Dec. 1 - Fresno State

the 2007 Fiesta Bowl Champions Boise State, Oct. 10, followed by a trip to Ruston, La., Oct. 13 to take on the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech. NMSU then comes home for a match-up against Idaho, Oct. 20, then hits the road for its third road game of the month at Hawaii, Oct. 27.

NMSU opens the month of November at home against Nevada, followed by a road trip to San Jose State, Nov. 10. The Aggies then wrap up the 2007 regular season with two home contests against Utah State, Nov. 17. NMSU then has a bye week of Thanksgiving and finishes the regular season with a Dec. 1 showdown with Fresno State.

NMSU begins spring practice Wednesday, April 4, with the Crimson Bowl scheduled for April 28 at 6 p.m. at Aggie Memorial Stadium. The Aggies will practice every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. with scrimmages on Saturday, April 14 and 21, (Artesia, N.M.) at 10 a.m.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Drew Marketto Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Drew Marketto is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is the starting varsity shortstop and a pitcher for the MVCS baseball team. After a pre-season tournament, he is batting seven hits in nine at bats for an average of .778. He is a leader both on and off the field. He brings a great work ethic to the team, as well as being an encouraging teammate to his fellow players.



Marketto is equally dedicated to academics, maintaining a 3.70 GPA. When not on the field, he enjoys many outdoor activities in all seasons as well as being an accomplished musician.

Rodeo

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Clay Acuna, of Santa Fe, N.M., won Saturday's tie-down roping, Means placed second and Tony Steele, of Alamo, Nev., placed third. Means was second place tie-down roper on Sunday, as well.

J.W. Nicolson, of Bosque Farms, N.M., placed third in the steer wrestling event on Sunday.

Means and partner Matt Garza, of Mesquite, N.M., won Saturday's team roping, while Aaron Moyers, of Moriarty and partner Chance Whitworth managed a third-place time.

NMSU dominated Sunday's team roping, with NMSU teams holding each of the top seven spots. The event was won by Gow and her partner Colton Gow. Monte Topmiller, of Silver City, N.M., and Chad Steele, of Alamo, Nev., placed second. Means and Garza were the third place team.

Tanner Crofts, of Orderville, Utah, won Sunday's bareback contest and placed third in Sunday's saddle bronc event. With an 80-point ride, Dean Daly, of Belen, N.M., was the winning saddle bronc rider on Sunday.

The rodeo teams will compete in a rodeo sponsored by Navajo Technical College in Crownpoint, N.M., April 6-7.

“
The girls continue to dominate in the region.”

JIM DEWEY BROWN,
NMSU rodeo coach



DAN HUBBELL | For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Bailey Gow, NMSU rodeo star, ropes a calf in competition.

Aggies 16th in men's golf Esparza's 5-over par paces NMSU

The New Mexico State men's golf team wrapped up play at the 61st Annual Western Intercollegiate Tuesday in San Jose, Calif., finishing in 16th place.

The Aggies' team score was 61-over par, 901.

Senior Freddy Esparza led NMSU with a 15th place finish, firing a final round 7-over par, 77.

He finished the tournament 5-over par, 215. Travis Reid tied for 55th overall with a three round score of 16-over par, 226, shooting the lowest round of the day for NMSU and 3-over par, 73.

Matt Edwards stumbled in round three with an 11-over par, 81, finishing in a tie for 68th. Ryan Wood fired a 7-over par, 77, placing him in 78th overall at 24-over par for the tournament. Mark Mueller rounded out the Aggie competitors with a three round total of 33-over par, 243.

In the first two rounds of the

Western Intercollegiate the Aggies were 15th overall with a team score of 33-over par, 593. Esparza was the highlight for the Aggies on day one shooting a two-round score of 2-under par, 138, and sat in a tie for sixth overall. He fired a first round score of even par, 70, then carded a 2-under par, 68, in round two.

Edwards started day one with a first round score of 5-over par, 75, but improved in round two with a 3-over par, 73, and sat in a tie for 47th overall going into the final round. Reid shot a two-round score of 13-over par, 153, and was in a tie for 75th, while Wood carded a two-round score of 14-over par, 154, tying him for 79th overall. Mueller rounded out the Aggie competitors with a 22-over par, 162, placing him in 93rd.

The Aggies will be back in action on March 26-27 at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate in Arlington, Texas.

Coach

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from field to field. When one of my sons came up to bat, I would walk over to his field to watch him, then move on to the next one.”

Angel remembers seeing something different in his fourth son.

“Miguel was a very, very intense player,” he said. “All of the boys took the game seriously, but Miguel would add more intensity to it.”

Robert now lives in Arizona and Daniel is an assistant principal at Sierra Middle School. The family suffered the loss of Angel Jr., who died in a car accident in 1987. When Miguel was named the program's head coach last year, he immediately recruited David to join him on the staff that already included Jaime, who coaches the freshman team. David had been a teacher and baseball coach in Phoenix, Ariz.

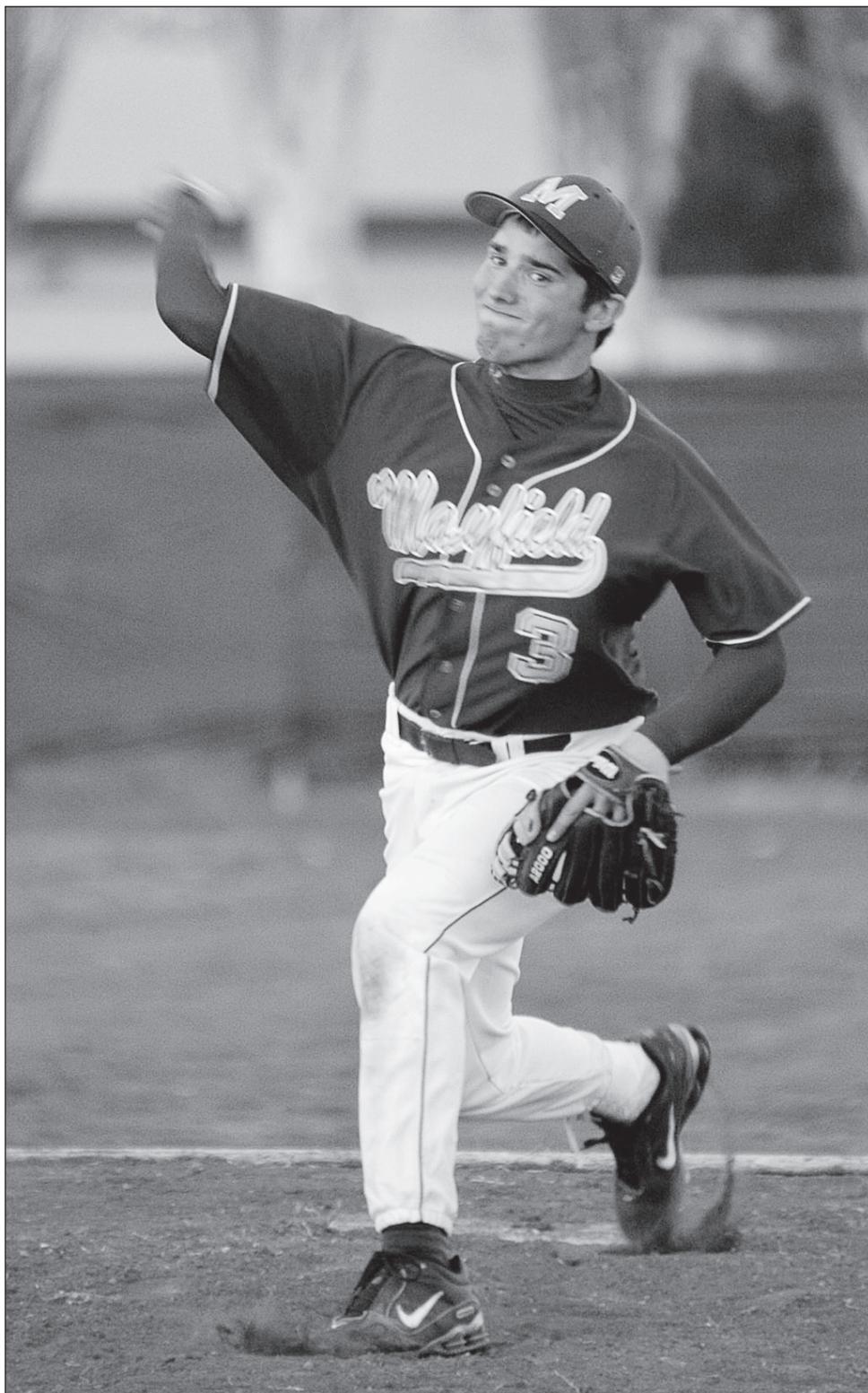
“Our whole staff is Mayfield alumni,” said Miguel, proudly. “There is a lot of tradition here, and it's a great honor to have this job.”

Miguel inherits a squad that returns eight starters from a team that made it to the semifinals of the state tournament last year. Ace pitcher Gera Sanchez leads a solid group of seniors that includes Sam Perez-Wright, Matt Sullivan, Sam Smith, Pancho Ybarra and Miguel Perez. Key juniors for the Trojans are Freddy Young, Luis Quinones and Nathan Enriquez.

“The kids are working hard every day, and they're beginning to understand our philosophy of the game, our love of the game,” said Miguel. “A lot of kids take it for granted. We want them to be out here because of their love of the game.”

Angel and Arlene have retired in Mora, N.M., but still travel back to Las Cruces regularly to watch their sons coach and teach the game they used to play. Four times a year, the brothers hold two-day, baseball mini-camps called Gomez Baseball Academy.

“We enjoy the experience of watching the boys coach,” Angel said as he relaxed in the Apodaca Park bleachers before a Mayfield game last week. “They love working with young kids in the community, and that makes us feel proud. They're good at it, and Miguel is very, very good at it.”



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Mayfield pitcher Matt Sullivan delivers in a game against Oñate. The Black Knights finished fourth in the Southern New Mexico Invitational Baseball Tournament.

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NMSU track team at Baylor

Three Ags set new marks at Tucson

The New Mexico State track team will travel to Waco, Texas, this weekend to compete in the Dr. Pepper Invitational, hosted by Baylor University.

Last week, freshman jumper and sprinter Candyce Allen, senior distance runner Anna Gagliardi and sophomore thrower Nicole McClure set lifetime bests as the Aggies competed at the Willie Williams Classic, in Tucson, Ariz.

Head coach Ed Crawford said that he was pleased overall with his squads performance.

"They are a young bunch," coach Crawford said. "We made some good marks today and we performed how I thought we would."

Allen set a career best in the high jump, which was one of the strongest performances of the day for the Aggies with a jump of 5-3.

Gagliardi set his lifetime best in the 1500-meter race with a time of 4:45.08.

McClure recorded a lifetime best in the hammer throw with a mark of 143-4, a seventh place.

Sophomore thrower Randi Grimes placed eighth, tallying 140-7 and freshman thrower Michelle Barnard threw for 125-1.5, which was good enough for 10th place.

In the shot-put, McClure placed eighth with a toss of 39-9.25 and Jennifer McConnell finished 10th with a mark of 37-5.

Four Aggies placed within the top-10

in the 5000-meter run. Freshman Ingrid Flores led the way with a fourth place finish, with a time of 19:02.59, while junior Andrea Leitner stopped the clock at 19:35, a sixth place finish. Sophomore Detrick Valerie placed eighth with a time of 19:58.58 and rounding out the top-10 was sophomore Christina Herrera with a time of 20:12.86.

Senior Beth Sandoval placed fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:16.72 and freshman Precious Nelson placed seventh recording a time of 2:18.23.

Dayna Galindo placed sixth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:08.48. While Beth Sandoval placed second in the 3000-meter steeplechase, stopping the clock at 11:24.33 and sophomore Isabel Chea placed second in the triple jump with a leap of 36-7.75.

Leading the way for the Aggies in the 200-meter dash was senior Anna Sandoval, stopping the clock at 25.79, which was good enough for 10th place. Freshman Allen Candyce placed 12th, with a time of 26.02.

In the 200-meter dash, senior Anna Sandoval placed 10th with a time of 25.79 and in the 100-meter dash Allen led the way for the Aggies with a fifth place and stopped the clock at 12.65, while teammate Leah Benton was right on her heels, finishing sixth with a time of 12.73. Lekeah Durden placed eighth for the Aggies with a time of 12.96.

Aggies 10, SAC State 9



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Joe Leghorn's bat was instrumental in New Mexico State's 10-9 victory over Sacramento State Sunday, March 18. Leghorn got four hits that day as the Aggies salvaged one victory in a three-game series.

At the 2007 Senior Olympics

PHOTOS BY JIM HILLEY



Mary Kammann prepares her shot during the Senior Olympics singles shuffleboard competition Tuesday at the Doña Ana County Senior Games Center, 201 E. Lohman Ave., while Jennie Portillo looks on.

Margaret Gold plays shuffleboard during Tuesday's Doña Ana County Senior Olympic games in Las Cruces. The New Mexico state Senior Olympics games will be played in Las Cruces beginning in early August and will be held in the City of the Crosses for the next four years according to local Senior Olympics board member Dee Harris.



A shot by Olivia Soliday (right) is on its way in Senior Olympics singles shuffleboard play on Tuesday. Playing on the far court are Bernita Stegal, (left) and Dee Harris. Stegal and Harris are proudly wearing gold medals awarded in earlier play.

Softball at the Field of Dreams

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Oñate center fielder Michelle Tejada slides home on a passed ball.



Oñate catcher Kathryn Newberry fields a pitch during Oñate's game with Sandia High School. The Black Knights finished third in the Southern New Mexico Invitational Softball Tournament.



The Las Cruces Bulldawgs' Elizabeth Martinez warms up before the second inning of Las Cruces High School's Southern New Mexico Invitational Softball Tournament game against Rio Grande Friday, March 16, at the Field of Dreams. The Bulldawgs won 7-4 and finished eighth in the 16-team tournament.

Las Cruces High School catcher Brook Montoya gets a throw too late to prevent a Rio Grande runner from scoring.



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Rio Grande High School catcher Liz Garcia slides into second with a stolen base just ahead of the throw to Las Cruces High School shortstop Celeste Paez.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT EVERETT C. McGUIRE, Petitioner,

vs.

TESHA McGUIRE, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Divorce Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Everett C. McGuire, 2241 Entrada del Sol #5H, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Pro Se

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY: Richard Armijo DEPUTY

Pub# 6242 Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601841

ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF PATTI A. DEBRAAL, DECEASED; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR., IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 4, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate in Section 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being located generally Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod found for the south-east corner of the tract herein

described at the intersection of the centerlines of two 50 foot wide road and utility easements: WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears N. 60 deg 30' 24" E., a distance of 1,609.41 feet; THENCE from the point of beginning along the centerline of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement being the southern boundary N. 89 deg 53' 30" W., 138.07 feet to an iron rod found as the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the southwest corner along the western boundary N. 00 deg 16' 35" E., 315.77 feet to an iron rod found for the northeast corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the northeast corner along the eastern boundary S. 00 deg 16' 35" W., 315.77 feet to the place and point of beginning containing 1.001 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 25 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the south and east boundary. And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto.

The address of the real property is 5275 Devaca Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$30,525.44, plus interest from February 1, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.5% 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 mobile home 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 22, 2007.

Pamela Carmody Special Master

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06-2824/Debraal, John and Patti A.; P278612

Pub# 6243 Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2007, Michael and Janet Johnson, 1810 Little Road, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-12031 with the State Engineer for Permit for Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to use existing domestic well LRG-12031, permitted under NMSA 1978 §72-12-1, drilled to a depth of 140 feet with 4-inch casing, located in the SE 1/4 SW1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing pre-basin domestic well LRG-10786 located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 6, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. Proposed supplemental well LRG-12031 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and can be found at the physical address of 1810 Little Road.

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 #6250 Dates 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-307-2006-620

TCIF REO BAR, Corp., Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN ARREOLA; ESTELLA ARREOLA; JOSE DELGADO; YOLANDA DELGADO; US WEST FINANCIAL SERV. INC.; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF the STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that on April 4, 2007, 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 613 Tumbleweed Road, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Being the description of 1.00 acres of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 16, for the Southwest and beginning corner of this parcel, from whence the Southwest corner of said Section 16 bears South 00 deg 10' 27" East a distance of 313.50 feet; Thence North 89 deg 45' 14" East, at 30.00 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of a 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.15 feet to a 12" rebar with plastic cap set for the southeast corner of this parcel; Thence North 0 deg 10' 52" West, a distance of 132.00 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this parcel; Thence South 89 deg 45' 14" West, at 50.00 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap at the West side of a road and utility easement, at 300.14 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of said 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.14 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of this parcel; Thence South 0 deg 10' 27" East, with the West line of said Section 16, a distance of 132.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.00 acres of land. A 30.00 feet wide Road and Utility Easement is reserved along the entire West side of this parcel. A privately maintained, Road and Utility easement is reserved on the North 25.00 feet of the East 50.00 feet of this parcel, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1986 Fleetwood, VIN No. TXFLAM2ABG281210873.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$65,909.58 and the same bears interest at 13.75% per annum from January 12, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,060.89. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1684

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

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OCTAVIO MEDINA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 11, 2007, 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 2650 Night Owl Lane, Anthony, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate North of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 23, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 12" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northeast corner of Section 23, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances; N.89°50'50"E., 399.40 feet; thence N.00°08'10"E., 1644.80 feet; Thence from the point of beginning, S.89°50'50"W., 264.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the West line of Night Owl Lane for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence along the West line of Night Owl Lane, N.00°06'50"E., 165.00 feet to a 12" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N.89°50'50"E., 264.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence S.00°06'50"W., 165.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. Subject to a 15 foot wide road and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the North boundary line and a 30 foot wide road and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the West boundary line. Also subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Deed filed January 14, 2004, in Book 490, Pages 1390-1394, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #05-0137. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 5, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$132,068.38 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from January 16, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,867.06. 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 herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale

takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-307-2006-620

TCIF REO BAR, Corp., Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN ARREOLA; ESTELLA ARREOLA; JOSE DELGADO; YOLANDA DELGADO; US WEST FINANCIAL SERV. INC.; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 4, 2007, 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 613 Tumbleweed Road, Chaparral, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Being the description of 1.00 acres of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 16, for the Southwest and beginning corner of this parcel, from whence the Southwest corner of said Section 16 bears South 00 deg 10' 27" East a distance of 313.50 feet; Thence North 89 deg 45' 14" East, at 30.00 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of a 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.15 feet to a 12" rebar with plastic cap set for the southeast corner of this parcel; Thence North 0 deg 10' 52" West, a distance of 132.00 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this parcel; Thence South 89 deg 45' 14" West, at 50.00 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap at the West side of a road and utility easement, at 300.14 feet pass a 12" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of said 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.14 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of this parcel; Thence South 0 deg 10' 27" East, with the West line of said Section

16, a distance of 132.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1.00 acres of land. A 30.00 feet wide Road and Utility Easement is reserved along the entire West side of this parcel. A privately maintained, Road and Utility easement is reserved on the North 25.00 feet of the East 50.00 feet of this parcel, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1986 Fleetwood, VIN No. TXFLAM2ABG281210873.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$65,909.58 and the same bears interest at 13.750% per annum from January 12, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,060.89. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
505-525-2711

Pub #6264
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6,
2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of GLORIA SHELLEY CAMPBELL, a/k/a Gloria H. Shelley, Deceased.

No. PB 07-22
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Christopher H. Shelley has been appointed, personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the under-

signed personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court. The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2007.

/s/ Christopher H. Shelley
CHRISTOPHER H. SHELLEY
Personal Representative
1010 N. Armijo
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub #6265
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. DM-2007-00175
Judge Martin

MANUEL CHAVEZ, Petitioner,

vs.

BEATRICE CHAVEZ, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: BEATRICE CHAVEZ

GREETINGS:

You are notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Cause No. DM-2007-00175, wherein you are identified as Respondent and wherein Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within thirty (30) days from the fourth publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Daniel A. Dolan, 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, Telephone (505) 525-0077.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico this 22 day of February 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
Clerk

By: /s/ WJ
Deputy

Pub # 6266
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ELVIA MORALES and EUSTOLIA CARRASCO, Plaintiffs,

vs.

NICOLE L. HENKE, Defendant.

No. D-307-CV-200601328
Judge Jerald Valentine

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION AND SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO NICOLE L. HENKE Defendant,

GREETINGS: You are noti-

fied that the above named Plaintiffs have filed a civil action against you in the above entitled Court and cause. The general object thereof being to recover damages that were sustained by the Plaintiffs as a result of your negligence in crashing your vehicle into the rear of Plaintiffs' vehicle more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.

You are notified that if you fail to file with the District Court in the above entitled cause an answer or motion to the Complaint is the matter, or an entry of appearance, within thirty (30) days of the end of this publication that judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or other appropriate relief will be rendered in this cause against you, and you will thereafter not be permitted to contest Plaintiffs' right to recover damages from you.

Name, address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Mario A. Esparza, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2468, Las Cruces, NM 88004, (505) 524-8312

Respectfully Submitted,
Mario A. Esparza
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Pub #6267
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Leroy Portillo and Rosa C. Portillo, Petitioner

vs.

Cindy Felix and Javier Esparza, Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Appointment of Guardianship for the minor child, A.E. 5/23/2003 (initials of minor child and date of birth)

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition for Guardianship will be granted.

Leroy Portillo and Rosa C. Portillo (Petitioner's Name and Address)

Witness the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 13 day of March, 2001.

Nadine Sanchez
Clerk of the District Court
By: /s/ Jodie Castillo
Deputy

Pub #6268
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Application for Change of Name of Minor child Byron Javier DIAZ MARRUJO

Case SA-2006-23
Judge Fernando Macias

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NAME CHANGE

At 9:00 a.m. on April 20, 2007 before the Honorable Fernando Macias, Third Judicial Court, 201 West Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces NM 88005, application will be made by the petitioner Virginia Diaz to change the name of her minor child from Byron Javier Diaz Marrujo to David Joshua Diaz.

Brent Poirier, Attorney
New Mexico Bar #3113
P.O. Box 6068
Las Cruces NM 88006
Phone and Fax (888) 206-0262

Pub #6270
Dates 3/23, 3/30, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELIZABETH HARRISON, Deceased.

No. PB-07-030 (Robles)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representatives in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 251 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: March 15, 2007.

/s/ Benjamin A. Harrison
Benjamin A. Harrison
Personal Representative of the estate of Mary Elizabeth Harrison, deceased

/s/ Patricia A. Dimmie
Patricia A. Dimmie
Personal Representative of the estate of Mary Elizabeth Harrison, deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY: JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A. Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(505) 524-0833
(505) 526-0960 (Telefax)

Pub #6271
Dates 3/23, 3/30, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-75

THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A., AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff

vs.

MARGARET A. RUIZ, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; PATRICIA A. HOLGUIN, and if married, JOHN DOE B (true name unknown), her spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 18, 2007, 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 1734 Webster, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 54, BLOCK 5, SUNRISE TERRACE ADDITION, PHASE #2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 29, 1978, RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGES 170-172, 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 March 14, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$53,670.14 and the same bears interest at 12.5% per annum from March 1, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$900.62. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
505-524-2121

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Dates 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13,
2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200602074

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION FKA PHH US MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

L.D. CASEY; MICKEY J. CASEY; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 2, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 6, BLOCK 12, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES, NO. 15, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 1871, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 2, 1988, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 15, PAGES 353-354, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. The address of the real property is 805 Cedardale Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 12, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$76,356.49, plus interest from February 16, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 9% 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: March 20, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868
06-3193/Casey, L. D. and
Mickey J.; P282597

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**2007 SPECIAL ELECTION PROCLAMATION
PROCALAMCCION ESPECIAL DEL 2007**

Pursuant to the Election Code of the State of New Mexico, as amended, I Rita Torres, County Clerk of the County of Doña Ana, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby issue the following Proclamation:
De acuerdo con la Elección del Código del estado de Nuevo México, como es enmendada, yo Rita Torres, Escribana del Condado de Doña Ana, por virtud y la autoridad dada a mí, desciendo la siguiente Proclamación:

That a Special Election is hereby called to be held for throughout the County of Doña Ana and in each Precinct thereof on April 3, 2007;
De que una Elección Especial es llamada para hacerse en todos los lugares del Condado de Doña Ana y cada caseta desde el 3 de abril del 2007;

That the Special Election shall be held for the consideration by the qualified electorate of Doña Ana County of the question of whether the Doña Ana Regional Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax as enacted by Ordinance No.227-7 shall be approved
Que la Elección Especial será contenido por la consideración del electorado componente de Doña Ana en la pregunta si ENCASO de que si la Regional Espacial total de ingresos como es otorgado por la Ordenanza Numero 227-7 será aprobado

That the form of the ballot question is as follows:
Que la pregunta en la boleta es lo siguiente:

"Shall the board of County Commissioners of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, impose a County Regional Spaceport Gross Receipts Tax at the rate of one-fourth of one per cent (.25%) of the gross receipts reported or required to be reported on persons engaged in business in the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Dpna AndCounty for the privilege of engaging in buisness in this County ?"

"Debería la Dirección de Comisionados del Condado de Doña Ana, Nuevo México, imponer los Impuestos por los Ingresos Brutos para el Puerto Espacial Regional el Condado a una cantidad de un cuarto de un por ciento (.25%) de los ingresos brutos reportados o que se requieran que reporten las personas que participan en negocios en las áreas incorporadas y no incorporadas del Condado de Doña Ana por participar con sus negocios en este condado?"

That the Special Election will be held between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on said date in the following precincts and the Precinct Election Workers will be as follows (Note: Precinct Election Workers subject to change without notice):
De que la Elección Especial se llevara acabo las horas de 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. en la fecha dada. En las siguiente taquillas los trabajadores de las casetas será lo siguiente:

PJ = Presiding Judge = Juez Presidario
J = Judge = Juez
C = Clerk = Escribana

Early Voting Precint Board:
Caseta de Dirección Por Adelantado:

Precinct Name / Nombre de Caseta	Address / Dirección	Pricinct Election Workers / Trabajadoes de las Taquillas
County Government Center Condado Govenral Central	845 North Motel Boulevard 845 Norte Motel Bulevar	Jennifer Billings - PJ Robert Hernández - J Josie Medina - C Amelia Davis -C

Precinct/Location
Recincto/Lugar

Name/
Nombre

PRECINCT #	PRECINCT NAME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	ELECTION WORKERS
1	Garfield-Salem	Garfield Elementary School	8820 Hwy 187, Garfield, NM	Anita Higginbotham - PJ, Antonio Pineda - J, Erlinda Trujillo - C
2	Hatch East	Hatch High School	119 East Herrera, Hatch, NM	Alice S. Marshall - PJ, Claudia Hensley - J, Nancy Brown - C
3	Rodey	Hatch High School	119 East Herrera, Hatch, NM	Helen Gillis - PJ, Tillie Banegas - C, Johnnie Gillis - J
4	Doña Ana West I-25	Doña Ana Community Center	5745 Ledesma Dr., Doña Ana, NM	Mark Ford - PJ, Albert Balizan - J, Samuel Weiss - C, Sandra Weiss - C
5	Moongate	Ocate High School	5700 Mesa Grande Dr. Las Cruces, NM	Margaret Lee - PJ, Maurice C. Metz - J, Shirley M.etz - C, Maricela Rodriguez -J
6	Organ South	Space Murals Museum	12450 E. HWY 70, Organ, NM	Jack I. Lowe - PJ, Tonia Franklin - J, Nelson Theriault - J
7	Pecan Valley North	New Covenant Fellowship	20 Holy Cross Rd., Las Cruces, NM	Vincent Boudreau - P, Ivan White - J, Morris Wolfe - J, Pamela Wolfe - C, Wynn Winkler - C
8	Mesquite South	Vado Elementary School	330 Holguin Rd. Vado, NM	Evicta Harvey - PJ, Josefina Fernandez- J, Robert St. John - J, Modesta Vasquez - C
9	Berino	Berino Elementary School	92 Shrode Rd., Berino, NM	Stewart George -PJ, Jacob Guerra - J, Rosalie Ramirez - C
10	Berino South	Berino Elementary School	92 Shrode Rd., Berino, NM	John E. George - PJ, Penne Elwell - J, Selma Aguirre- C
11	Anthony North	Anthony Elementary School	609 Church St., Anthony, NM	Judy Contreras -PJ, Elva Flores- J, Raquel Sepulveda - C, Elsa Sanchez- C
12	Anthony West	Anthony Community Center	875 Anthony Dr., Anthony, NM	Ana Villalobos - PJ, Tonie Faulkner - J, Elizabeth Sanchez - C, Guadalupe Saenz - C
13	Sunland Park West	Riverside Elementary School	9001 McNutt Rd., Sunland Park, NM	Melissa Chavez - PJ, Irma Coronado - J, Rose Carillo - C
14	Santa Teresa	Santa Teresa Middle School	4800 McNutt, Santa Teresa, NM	Vicki Harder - PJ, Gayle White - J, Stephen White - J, Steven Harder - C, Marsha Heaton - C
15	La Union	La Union Elementary School	875 Mercantile, La Union, NM	Arnold Plaza - PJ, Sandra Gardner - J, Irene Plaza - C, Lori Gardner - C
16	Chamberino	Chamberino Fire Station	301 S. Medina Rd., Chamberino, NM	Arnold Plaza - PJ, Irene Plaza - J, Sandra Gardner - J, Lori Gardner - C
17	La Mesa	La Mesa Pre-K Center	210 E. Barela, La Mesa, NM	Anita Martinez - PJ, Irene Quiroga - J, Lazaro Urbina - J, Amada Martinez - C, Lugarda Martinez -C
18	Mesilla	Mesilla Elementary School	2363 Calle del Sur, Mesilla, NM	Ramona Avalos - PJ, John Barclay - J, Richard Caro - J, Josephine Perez - C

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19	Fairacres	Fairacres Elementary School	4501 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Mary Wheeler - PJ, Donald Patterson - J, Martha Burke - C, Hortencia Butler - C
20	Elks Club North	Vista Middle School	4465 Elks Rd., Las Cruces, NM	Edna Acosta - PJ, Rito Silva - J, Ann Dunifer - J, Rita Fernandez - C
21	Picacho Hills	Picacho Hills Country Club	6861 Via Campestre, Las Cruces, NM	Robert Bucci - PJ, Liliana White - J, Kenneth Eastlack - J, Elaine Childs - C, Carolyn Lumbard - C
22	San Andres	Mayfield High School	1955 N. Valley Dr., Las Cruces, NM	Donna Birkenbuel - PJ, Theodore Murillo - J, Maria Hayes - J, Sandra Murillo - C
23	Mayfield	Henry Benavidez Community Center	1046 McClure Rd., Las Cruces, NM	Joseph Fuller - PJ, Lucinda Huber - J, Lorraine Sanchez - J, Rosemary Guerrero - C, Connie Baca - C
24	Highland	Las Cruces 7th Day Adventist Church	240 Three Crosses, Las Cruces, NM	Tony Trujillo - PJ, Erlinda B. Apodaca - J, Lilly E. Gomez - J, Flora Trujillo - C, Flora E. Trujillo - C
25	Holy Cross	Holy Cross School	1331 N. Miranda, Las Cruces, NM	Tamie A. Smith - PJ, Cesar Contreras - J, Mary L. Thompson - J, Shelton C. Eubanks - C
26	Country Club	Las Cruces Country Club	2700 N. Main, Las Cruces, NM	Grace E. Barnett - PJ, James M. Barnett - J, Sheila H. Unglaub - J, Irma D. Delgado - C, Earnestine R. Gorman - C
27	Loma Heights West	Mira Vista	2141 N. Solano Dr. Las Cruces, NM	Frank G. Avalos - PJ, Joseph Michael McNally - J, Lorraine Mierzwa - J, James T. Wessels - C, Samuel Avalos - C
28	Washington East	Washington Elementary School	755 E. Chestnut, Las Cruces, NM	Jerry A. Hernandez - PJ, Joann M. Jones - J, Daniel E. Nevarez - J, Trinnie L. Nevarez - C, Jaime L. Powers - C
29	Washington West	Washington Elementary School	755 E. Chestnut, Las Cruces, NM	Anastasiya Y. Helmstetler - PJ, Katherine N. Ertl - J, Guy J. Powers - J, Inez E. Rodgers - C
30	Alameda South	Henry Benavidez Community Center	1046 McClure Rd Las Cruces, NM	Ray Jaramillo Soular - PJ, Julie Mae Bohon - J, Linda Mary Gibbons - J, Ashley L. Soular - C
31	Alameda North	Henry Benavidez Community Center	1046 McClure Rd Las Cruces, NM	Victoria B. Estrada - PJ, Robert C. Aguirre - J, Silvia G. Sandoval - J, Nancy L. Anderson - C
32	Lucero	Branigan Memorial Library	200 E. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM	David J. Soto - PJ, Emma M. Soto - J, Roberta E. Troestler - J, James E. Troestler - C, Edward P. Soto - C
33	Encantada	ARC Building	2225 E. Griggs, Las Cruces, NM	Myrtle W. Silva - PJ, Richard Frederick Silva - J, Lucille S. Whitehead - J, Jacquelyn L. Dillman - C
34	Sierra	Sierra Middle School	1700 E. Spruce St., Las Cruces, NM	John D. Schmelzer - PJ, Nathaniel S. Bromwell - J, Mary K. Morrisroe - J, Robert P. Garcia - C
35	City	St. Genevieve's Parish Hall	1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Abel L. Chavarria - PJ, Gloria J. Martin - J, Paula L. Perez - J, Maggie L. Griego - C
36	Hermosa Heights West	Teacher's Center	821 E. Lohman Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Irene M. Misquiez - PJ, Felipe D. Avalos - J, Daniel B. Saenz - C
37	Court	Central Elementary School	150 N. Alameda Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Jane L. Grider - PJ, Elena A. Hernandez - J, Edward Gomez - C, Israel A. Hernandez - C
38	MacArthur	MacArthur Elementary School	655 N. Fourth St., Las Cruces, NM	Reed R. Burn - PJ, Maria Teresa Ramirez - J, Margaret Lee Cottrell - C, Olga S. Burn - C
39	City Center	City Office Center	575 S. Alameda Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Barbara Ann Danley - PJ, Rhonda Lynn Brown - J, Takeshi Miyake - J, Jean H. Long - C
40	Valley	First Assembly of God Church	1605 S. Valley Dr., Las Cruces, NM	Harold L. Morris Sr. - PJ, Ruben F. Aguilar - J, Mildred J. Jones - J, Charles A. Teach - C
41	Bradley West	Munson Center	975 S. Mesquite, Las Cruces, NM	Sandra L. Lantz - PJ, Emma Fierro - J, Rosie O. Barela - C, Rosa Lynn Amaro - C
42	Bradley East	Munson Center	975 S. Mesquite, Las Cruces, NM	Ernestine Chavarria - PJ, Bertha S. Rodriguez - J, Isaac Saenz Gomez - C, Eddie L. Wilson - C
43	Old Armory	Lynn Middle School	950 S. Walnut, Las Cruces, NM	Frank D. Gomez - PJ, Nell Delfin - J, Daniel V. De La O - J, Juliette B. Sambrano - C
44	Lynn West	Lynn Middle School	950 S. Walnut, Las Cruces, NM	Jose V. Morales - PJ, Lauren A. Lunderville - J, Felipe Rosas - J, Yolanda H. Alvarez - C
45	Lynn South	Temple Baptist Church	2300 Missouri Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Ronald S. Lautenbach - PJ, Manuel L. Duran - J, Jennie E. Troy - C, Mary Helen Lopez - C
46	Conlee North	Conlee Elementary School	1701 Boston Dr., Las Cruces, NM	Joy Dean - PJ, Joseph M. Jr. Acuna - J, Minnie Barreras - C, Leslie C. Marguez - C
47	Bellamah	Conlee Elementary School	1701 Boston Dr., Las Cruces, NM	Arron Gabriel Meraz - PJ, Beverly L. Courtney - J, Lorenzo S. Meraz - J, Roberto H. Benavidez - C
48	Valley View	Valley View Elementary School	915 E. California Ave., Las Cruces, NM	Elizabeth M. Lockyear - PJ, Claudette Kaye Kohli - J, Beverly A. Hubbard - J, Viola C. Carbajal - C, Eva C. Betancourt - C
49	Las Cruces	Las Cruces High School	1755 El Paseo, Las Cruces, NM	Lynford Ames - PJ, Walter F. Baker - J, Tomas M. Vasquez - J

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50	University Hills West	First Church of the Nazarene	1900 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM	Mary Ann Rodriguez - PJ, Tommy C. Rodriguez - J, Marlena Vargas - J, M Sandra D. Griego - C
51	University Hills East	University Hills Elementary School	2005 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM	Juanita Ortega-PJ, Emma Nichole Mascagni - J, Angie Ramirez - J, Patricia Ann Campbell - C
52	Conlee South	University Hills Elementary School	2005 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM	Doyle Mathews - PJ, Marilu Darby - J, Linda A. Dorsey - J, Joseph H. Darby - C
53	University Baptist	St. Albert's Catholic Church	2615 S. Solano, Las Cruces, NM	Edna M. Barela - PJ, Jaime Marie Krynitz - J, Frances M. Clark - C, Justin P. Macdonald - C
54	University Campus	Corbett Center	Otero Room, 1st Floor, NMSU	Sharon R. Willoughby - PJ, Michael Herenandez - J, Michelle Rodriguez - J, Monique G. Sambrano - C
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Home tours

- **When:** March 25, from 1 to 5 p.m.
- **Where:** This year's tour focuses on the Mesquite Street Original Townsite National Historic District. Featured will be homes, churches and businesses of historical and architectural importance in the early development of Las Cruces. An event brochure will include a brief history of New Mexico, interviews and oral histories of participants, significant elements of early construction techniques and a tour map.
- **Cost:** \$20 for the tour alone. \$30 for luncheon and tour.

Pre-tour luncheon

- **When:** March 25, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Where:** The Kiva Patio Café, 600 E. Amador Ave (at Tornillo St.). Enjoy a choice of tasty luncheon entrees (vegetarian and non) in this charming 1850-1860 historic building.
- **Cost:** \$15 for the lunch alone. \$30 for luncheon and tour.
- **Where to buy tickets:** Luncheon and tour tickets will be on sale at the Kiva Patio Café beginning at 11:30 on March 25. Pre-event tickets will be available at Glenn Cutter Jewelers & Gallery (2640 El Paseo Rd) and Enchanted Gardens (413 W. Griggs).
- **Where to pick up a tour brochure:** The Kiva Patio Café on March 25

Directions

- **To the Kiva Patio Café:** 600 E. Amador Ave. (Corner Amador Avenue and Tornillo Street)
- **Number of stops on the tour:** There are 14 stops on the tour including several homes, businesses and churches.

Note

Cameras are not allowed on the tour.

For more information

Contact Barbara Alford at 524-7390.



Because of its historical significance to the area, the entrance to the Jardin de Mesquite, at the corner of Spruce Avenue and Tornillo Street, is a stop on the Las Cruces Symphony Guild's 16th annual Home Tour tour.

Touring through a bygone era

The Las Cruces Symphony Guild's 16th annual Home Tour will showcase historic neighborhood

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For those who want to take a step back in time and get a glimpse at the building styles and trends of Las Cruces' early days, the Las Cruces Symphony Guild's 16th annual Home Tour, scheduled for Sunday, March 25, offers a special trip to a bygone era.

This year's home tour event will focus on Las Cruces' oldest neighborhood – the Mesquite Street Original Townsite National Historic District. The neighborhood, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, includes Klein Park and 44 of the original 84 blocks first surveyed in 1849, according to Barbara Alford, chairwoman of the home tour.

"The home tour has never before focused on the founding of Las Cruces," Alford said.

In the early days of Las Cruces' founding, "houses were built of adobes and cottonwood poles; nearby, goats and other livestock grazed. Outlying fields of corn, pumpkins, chili, beans and vineyards were planted, irrigated from the adjacent acequia madre, the 'mother ditch,' diverted from the nearby Rio Grande," the Guild's brochure reads.

Of the 14 buildings on the tour, many are

homes, but churches and some businesses are included as well. Each building was selected for its historical significance to the founding of the community, Alford said.

The home tour, a fundraising event for the Las Cruces Symphony Guild, is set for Sunday, March 25, from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost to participate in the tour is \$20. An optional pre-tour luncheon will be served from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Kiva Patio Café, 600 E. Amador Ave. Participants may purchase tickets for the lunch and the tour together for \$30.

The tour is self-guided, but attendees will receive a 22-page brochure chock-full of historical information, photographs and directions to each stop. Docents will be on hand at each stop to answer questions that attendees may have.

Alford said that most of the stops are within a seven- to eight-block radius and participants should be able to find each structure easily and many may choose to walk from stop to stop.

"It won't be like previous years when attendees were driving all over town," Alford said. "Everything is closer together this year."

In past years, the Las Cruces Symphony Guild's annual Home Tours have included

the homes of people who were important contributors to the local arts and music scene, said Ruth Stovall, a guild member and media coordinator.

"Each year the tour has a different focus," Stovall said. "We're excited that this year the focus is such a historically significant area for Las Cruces. Each building on the tour has a history of its own."

Learning about and documenting those histories is an undertaking that Alford spent eight months completing.

"I've been at this for eight months just doing the histories," Alford said. "It was fun just delving into it. I've learned a lot along the way, and I hope that participants on the home tour learn a lot of what I learned. I tried to convey much of the histories in the brochure."

Among the historic homes whose stories Alford said she found to be fascinating is the home of Estella Sanchez which is included on the tour. Built in the late 1800s, although the home has a non-original ornate façade, the core of the home is plain adobe rectangle nearly one block wide and deep, according to a written history, based on Alford's oral histories, provided by the Las Cruces Symphony

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The 1800s adobe home of Estella Sanchez is one of the many unique buildings on the tour. Since it was built, the structure has been many things – a bordello, rentals and lastly, a family home.



Each building on the tour, including this one at 120 S. Mesquite St., was selected for its historical significance to the area. See more info on E6-7.



This home on the corner of Mesquite Street and Picacho Avenue will welcome visitors during the tour. The home is an example of the classical 1800s adobe building style.



This adobe at 639 S. San Pedro St. will be open during the tour.

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Guild. The dwelling encompasses a good portion of Court and Tornillo streets and is designed in wings of rooms built around a center courtyard. Originally designed as a bordello, each room in the house originally had its own street-facing door and a window.

The home was purchased by the Sanchez family in 1935 and was used as rental units for many years before one of the Sanchez sons converted the building into his family residence, according to the history.

With some adjustments made to accommodate modern living, the interior construction and floor plan of the home remains much as it did at the turn of the century making it an ideal example of Las Cruces' early building styles.

"Most notable throughout are the 24-inch adobe walls, narrow doorways, low ceilings and fluctuating floor levels, many of which have been replaced with hardwood flooring and carpeting," the history says.

Another history provided by the Las Cruces Symphony Guild tells of the Fitch-Oliver compound at 336 E. Kansas, also included on the tour.

Purchased by John Fitch in 1941, the property contains two four-room adobes believed to have been built between 1900

and 1910, according to the history.

"Each home contained a kitchen, a parlor and two bedrooms, the typical floor plan and adobe construction of the time," the history says. "Both were humble dwellings with wide boards serving as vigas rather than the more opulent rough-hewn log beams. Latillas of bamboo or yucca stalks topped with adobe mud completed the ceilings and roofs. Walls were 18-24 inches, and floors were dirt."

Over the years, the family made improvements to the buildings on the compound, "knocking out walls, rewiring the electricity, adding plumbing, enlarging the front window and, over the years, expanding the original four rooms to the current 1,800-square-foot home in the front and the 3,000-square-foot home in the back," the history says.

The front house on the compound will be open for the tour.

Alford said that local resident and president of the Las Esperanzas Silvia Camuñez was an asset in documenting the history of the neighborhood.

"If she hadn't helped, I don't think this could have happened. I wouldn't have known where to start," Alford said. "She seems very, very pleased with the outcome."

The Las Cruces Symphony Guild is a 501(c)3 organization and funds raised through the home tour help to fund its many programs, aimed at introducing young people of the community to music and the symphony.



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Learning to love wool carpets

Synthetic fiber rugs are becoming a thing of the past



**MARIANN
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Design Diva

Comfort is at the heart of all homes, and nothing creates comfort better than wool. Wool carpets? In my conversation with Hank of Casey Carpets of Las Cruces I asked him about this new trend featured at the 2007 Surfaces Convention. In bygone days, the woven carpet was a prestigious investment, an indication of good taste and prosperity. Visit any stately home, and it will most likely have wool carpets. These carpets have passed the test of time and have endured for generations. They are featured on luxury liners such as the Queen Mary II, the royal residences and homes of the rich and famous. Despite hundreds of years of wear, the carpet's beauty remains intact. For many, this aged appearance enhances the appeal, showing that, even in antiquity, wool continues to out-perform other fibers.

For the last 40 years, new technologies in ansol and nylon products have replaced the wool carpet with more affordable floor coverings. But the demand of the environmentally safe green products has sparked a renewed interest in natural fibers that may be produced over and over again without depleting the earth's resources. Wool is one of those fibers.

We all want floor coverings that look good. Creating a home now requires the use of materials that promote environmentally friendly values and improve our indoor and outdoor lifestyles. Because a large percentage of a home's space is devoted to the floor, material choice can make a big difference. The manufacturers have made the selections of carpeting more complicated; there is more to carpeting than meets the eye. Carpets and rugs can be divided into two categories, natural and man-made (synthetic). Some of the most common natural fibers include wool, silk, cotton, jute, coir and sisal.

Mother Nature really outdid herself when it comes to wool. Though it has been around for centuries, wool continues to amaze us with its benefits, and many of those benefits have yet to be replicated. Wool is a natural fiber that embraces our lives and is the only one that can clothe, protect, comfort and inspire us to live well.

To understand the benefits of wool carpets, here are some interesting facts. The wool shorn from sheep is completely natural. When a wool carpet is installed in a home, it works to improve air quality by absorbing common contaminants. Safety is another inherent quality of wool. The high moisture content of the fiber, along with wool's protein constituents, gives wool carpet excellent flame resistance. The wool fiber will not support combustion; therefore, wool is difficult to ignite and is self-extinguishable. For spills, wool is inherently stain resistant and can be as simple as blotting up the moisture as much as possible and applying a mild wool detergent and cool water to rinse.

Manufacturers today have created a new quality of wool carpets that offer the most extensive range of



It's now hip to buy rugs made from natural fibers, but is it the right choice for your home?

designs, colors and coordinates. Classic prints, dramatic patterns and wholesome textured piles make wool carpets the new product of choice in the marketplace. But, is the wool woven or tufted? To understand the difference, wool in carpet is used in different manufacturing methods, but falls into two different types, woven or tufted.

Woven carpets are made on a weaving loom. The backing threads and pile are woven at the same time and create a strong interwoven carpet. Tufted carpets on the other hand are produced by machines, which punch hundreds of needles with yarn through a backing, which form loops. These are then cut to produce cut-pile or are left as loops to produce loop-pile carpets. A further backing is applied with adhesive to give the carpet strength. Many plain and textured carpets are tufted.

Soft and luxurious, wool has a therapeutic quality that cannot be replicated by any other fiber. Wool is a time-tested product. It is wonderfully tactile and brings instant relaxation to the home in the same way that a hot bath and a milky drink does at the end of the hard day.

However, some people who have experienced itchiness from a wool sweater think they are allergic to wool. What appears to be an allergic reaction is simply the "tickle and prickle" of the wool fibers when worn close to the skin. In fact, wool carpet minimizes allergic reactions because it is able to hold dust in its structure until it is removed by

a vacuum. Because wool is too long and too coarse to be inhaled, it does not affect asthma sufferers. Those who have had wool carpets in the past feel a little safer and breathe a little easier, not to mention the fact that they contribute a little more to the sustainability of our planet.

Mariann Novack is the design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Court. The showroom features Arizona tile, 'Designs by Mariann' and is open to the public. Mariann welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann@lascrucesbulletin.com or 524-2831.



Sheep's wool is used to make fine carpets that can last for centuries.

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With the warmer temperatures many around the county are firing up their grills and cooking and entertaining outdoors. At Las Cosas Cooking School in Mesilla, the spring lineup of cooking classes is designed to inspire the inner chef in everyone, while teaching cooking skills and introducing new cuisines and kitchen equipment.

"Our motto is 'We cook for fun,'" said Las Cosas Cooking School Director Chef John Voltertsen.

Most classes will be led by Chef Lynn Linde, the owner of Big Red Chef LLC, a personal chef service. Linde has been a personal chef, caterer and private in-home cooking instructor in Las Cruces since 2002. She is a member of the United States Personal Chef Association and a graduate of the former United States Personal Institute in Phoenix, Ariz.

A native of Minnesota, Linde has also taught baking and pastry classes in Minneapolis and has won numerous awards in baking competitions.

The Las Cosas Cooking School in Mesilla is modeled after the company's successful 9-year-old Santa Fe school.

Cooking classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required by calling 541-9735.

The spring schedule is:

Perfect Pastry. Sunday, March 25, from noon to 3 p.m. In this class, Linde will teach baking secrets of the perfect pastry crust. Attendees will learn traditional and food-pro-

cessor methods for both sweet and savory crusts. On the menu will be lattice-topped apple pie, mocha fudge-pecan pie, fresh strawberry tart, classic quiche lorraine and creamy chicken pot pie with dill crust. This is a hands-on class. Cost is \$60.

New Mexico Soups and Stews. Friday, March 30, from 6 to 9 p.m. Linde will celebrate New Mexico's famous hearty, meal-in-a-bowl soups and stews that are rich in flavor and use local ingredients, including chiles. Participants will prepare several favorites from light summer soups to rib-sticking stews for cooler nights. The menu includes vermicelli soup with little meatballs, potato-poblano soup, shrimp and tomatillo posolé, pork and green chile stew and michoacan beef. This is a hands-on class. Cost is \$60.

Great Vegetarian Convertables. Sunday, April 15, from noon to 3 p.m. This class will appeal to meat-lovers and those wishing to follow a vegetarian lifestyle. The class will consist of a repertoire of tasty, healthy vegetarian recipes that with a little tweaking can appease even carnivores as well. Linde will teach Thai noodle salad, hearty French onion soup with cheese toasts, Asian stuffed zucchini with potatoes and peas, goat cheese enchiladas with black bean sauce. This is a hands-on class. Cost is \$60.

Spring Vegetable Harvest. Wednesday, April 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. This class will show-

case the bountiful crop of spring vegetables including cabbage and onion from local growers and asparagus from Mexico that are harvested at their peak. Linde will help participants learn to take advantage of the locale's good fortune while making roasted cabbage salad with bacon and blue cheese vinaigrette, stuffed sweet onions with goat cheese and sun-dried tomato, asparagus flan, cabbage roulades with lamb in lemon sauce and gruyere and asparagus and caramelized onion panini. The class is hands-on. Cost is \$60.

Tasty Tapas Party. Monday, April 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. This class will focus on Spain's answer to the cocktail hour appetizer, tapas, which are perfect for entertaining yet hearty enough to comprise a full meal. Linde and participants will prepare several "little tastes of Spain" including roasted bell pepper salad with olives and capers, tortilla Española, shrimp in saffron sauce, smokey Spanish almonds, spicy lamb meatballs in red wine-tomato sauce and naranjas borrachas – the famous drunken oranges. This is a hands-on class. Cost is \$60.

Shrimply Delicious. Sunday, May 6, from noon to 3 p.m. Cooking with shrimp is quick, affordable, easy and always delicious. Visiting Chef Johnny Vee will explore this versatile seafood while teaching attendees to make real shrimp toast, shrimp wontons with dipping sauce, Spanish shrimp with garlic and red pepper flakes and Thai shrimp with coconut milk and lemon grass.

Museum hosts Dutch oven gathering

Demos, samples and fun planned

Visitors to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum on Saturday, March 24 will enjoy the aroma (and taste) of bread baking in Dutch ovens.

Las Cruces Cast Iron, a local Dutch-oven cooking group, will conduct demonstrations at the museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on that day. Several groups will create a variety of recipes in their Dutch ovens. The bread that is baked will be given out as free samples to museum visitors.

From 10 a.m. to noon, Dutch-oven Chef Robert Murphy will be signing copies of his books, "Mesilla Valley's Best Chile Recipes" and "The Basics of Dutch Oven Cooking."

Museum admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

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\$400,000 - \$499,999

\$462,000 - Telshor Area - 3140 Arrowhead Road, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3-car garage, 2,366 sq. ft. Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 777250

\$450,000 - Santa Teresa - 115 Crested Peak Court - Truly a stunning home. This custom 5 bed, 3+ baths is located in the heart of the Santa Teresa Country Club with separate gated entry. The home boast's Cherry wood floors, a Granite gourmet kitchen, cherry cabinets through-out, plantation shutters, Wet bar, crown molding, separate office with built in desk and cabinets, Master with 4 head marble travertine shower, large walk in closet with built in island. Slate and/or marble in secondary baths, all jetted tubs, lighted picture niches, overall great design. For more information call Jamey Cannedy 312-9496 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778621

\$445,000 - Organ Mtns./I-10 - 4166 Sotol Court - Gorgeous well built home with fresh paint, new carpet, new bathroom vanities and faucets. Lots of windows bring the look of the desert landscaping inside. Four sided glass atrium inside accessible from the formal dining room and kitchen. 3 car garage PLUS 2 more big enough for RV's

to make a total of 7 car garage. In ground heated pool with cover and plenty of decking for outdoor entertaining. Gazebo & fish pond completes the fabulous backyard. For more information please call Beth Marr 496-1848 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778604

\$300,000 - \$399,999

\$399,900 - High Range - 2744 Custer Way, this is a absolutely stunning home that has been completely upgraded - gorgeous travertine tile throughout, new carpet. Master suite has a sitting area with double-sided fireplace and a sun-deck, large lot with in-ground pool, backyard built for entertaining. Two decks and a sunporch off family room. Shows like a model home!! Call Kelley Coffeen 649-3882 or Darcy Salopek 650-6006 to view. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778872

\$399,000 - High Range - 3070 Harmony Ridge, 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths with over 2500 sq. ft. This home is just reaching a year old and has custom cabinets, beautiful office with views. Granite throughout, stainless steel appliances, tile back porch and entry way. Call Russ Nielsen 644-3341 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778758

\$367,900 - High Range - 3495 Midnight Ridge Drive

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\$359,900 - High Range - 3224 Escuela Court, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2-car garage, 2,235 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 777835

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\$200,000 - \$299,999

\$285,000 - High Range - 2612 Poco Lomas Court, fabulous contemporary home located in Poco Lomas. Wonderful open floor plan

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\$279,500 - SW Mesa/Valley - 6970 Camino Encanto, this impeccable one-of-a-kind property is a "must see"! Enjoy the breathtaking views from the outdoor kitchen on the large front porch while listening to the running water in the pond. Grow vegetables in the greenhouse and enjoy the seclusion of owning 10 acres high atop the Mesa. 40' X 50' Metal barn for vehicles/equipment or storage. New carpet, new tile, new paint, security gate with electric opener, alarm system and so much more! Renee Peterson 640-7228 Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850. MLS # 778884

\$269,900 - Elks Club - 4000 Lilac, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 3,401 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 776716

\$269,900 - Telshor Area - 3233 Fairway Drive, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2-car garage, 3,295 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778645

\$249,900 - High Range - 4351 Kachina Canyon

Road, nearly new home in Sonoma Ranch. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas. Extensive landscaping front and back. Unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains from the front yard. Close to Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Call Beth Marr 496-1848 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778862

\$229,900 - Mesilla Park S. - 1410 Union, there are two homes on this property. The larger home is approximately 1,298 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, a living room plus a large family room that could be a 3rd bedroom. The home has been well maintained and the outside stucco and roof have been replaced during the past two years. The smaller home is approximately 300 sq. ft. and has 1 bedroom and 1 bath. There are 4 covered carports and ample storage. Call Mary Mulvihill 496-6597 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778748

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\$179,000 - Country Club - 1680 Valencia Drive, large home with detached building for office or music room. Room is carpeted and has its own A/C unit. Call Renee Axtell 621-6881 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778883

\$179,900 - High Range - 4106 Campana Court, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace

in Campana Subdivision. This home is just a little over 2 years old. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 or David Lither 680-6800 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778868

\$154,900 - E. Mesa - 4876 Calle Bella Ave., this home has good views from the back. New home community, great rental. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with a refrigerator, washer and dryer. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778870

\$137,000 - Valley View - 2210 Hixon - This 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath just had new carpet installed in hall and bedrooms and kitchen counters. There is ceramic tile in living room and dining room. This house is currently listed at \$137,000 by Laurel Coyle 650-3500 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778618

\$120,000 - Elks Club - 4031 Calle Estados, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Carport, 2,280 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778877

\$115,000 - Bellamah - 2320 Idaho, 3 bedrooms, 1 baths, carport, 1,160 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778731

Doing the grind and shake

The variety of pepper mills offer something for every budget

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As long as there has been pepper, there has been the need to grind it from its small berry-like consistency to even smaller flakes. Once thought to cure such ailments as constipation, diarrhea, earache, heart disease, indigestion and insomnia, pepper has been used in one form or another, as a seasoning or medicine, since prehistoric times.

For centuries, pepper and other spices were ground with a mortar and pestle. Spice mills began appearing in European kitchens by around the 14th century. Although many prefer to buy their pepper pre-ground, culinary experts say that the berry begins to lose flavor and aroma as soon as it is ground, so to get that full pepper flavor the spice should be ground at the time that it is being used.

What is it?

The pepper mill is used to grind pepper from its dried berry form to smaller, savory flakes. Although different styles and models are on the market, most are made with a rotating handle, which, when turned, rotates one grinding mechanism against another. When the berries are forced between the grinders, they are crushed into smaller pieces, then dispensed.

Electric or manual?

When purchasing a pepper mill, the consumer faces the inevitable question – do I want to turn a rotating handle as many as two to five times or do I want to simply press a button and be rewarded with freshly ground pepper? Many electric models have different settings, and some even feature mini-lights – perfect for late night grilling or candlelight dining. Although manual pepper mills are generally simple to use – and much cheaper than their electric counterparts – the electric ones are perfect for people with arthritis who might have trouble turning a handle.

Other uses:

Pepper mills are great for grinding other spices or coarse sea salt into smaller pieces.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: The Pepper Mill

are convenient to have on hand, more adventurous flavor fans may do better with a good-quality, non-disposable grinder that allows the consumer the opportunity to blend various peppercorn varieties and spices.

What to look for when buying one:

A good pepper mill requires a smooth-turning grinding mechanism preferably made of stainless steel. Other than that one main requirement, there are a host of possibilities such as hand-crafted pepper mills, those made of acrylic, plastic, wood or stainless steel. Find one that suits your tastes and is built to last.

A word about disposable grinders:

Disposable grinders, sold with the peppercorns (or other spices) already in the device, are popular options as they are inexpensive (a few dollars) and convenient. They are generally used until the pepper or other spice mixture is gone, then discarded. These work just like their upscale counterparts – the handle is manually turned to grind pepper or other spices that are pre-selected and sealed into the container by the manufacturer.

Attempts to reopen the mechanism and replace it with additional spices when the mixture is gone is difficult, and often not worth the trouble. Although disposable grinders

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Featured structures in the Las Cruces Symphony Guild's 16th annual Home Tour

This year's Las Cruces Symphony Guild 16th annual Home Tour will focus on 14 buildings in the Mesquite Street Original Townsite Historic District – the oldest neighborhood in Las Cruces. The neighborhood contains Klein Park and 44 of the original 84 blocks surveyed in 1849. In 1985, the area was included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Extensive oral histories have been provided from all residents, owners, etc., on the tour, paying special attention to the age of the buildings, architectural details, place in history, and family histories. A 22-page tour brochure will include photos.

Stops on the tour include:

1. Jardin de Mesquite
2. Sina Brush house
3. Kiva Patio Cafe (pre-tour luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)
4. Fitch-Oliver Compound (also afternoon refreshments)
5. Casitas de Adobe (Gilbert Herrera)
6. St. Genevieve's Church (altar crucifix, windows, Stations of the Cross, Beatitudes, and statue of St G., all from the original St. G's)
7. San Jose Cemetary
8. Gloria Gonzales - 150 yr. old guest house
9. Phillips Chapel (oral history from Clarence Fielder, grandson of founder of CME church in Las Cruces)
10. Sunshine Grocery (Bestina Sanchez, Viola Loya, Harry James Sanchez)
11. Abkes/Brown home
12. Estella Sanchez home
13. Joyce Macrorie home (old Van Patten house)
14. Joyce Macrorie Studio



Afternoon refreshments will be served in this historic adobe that was built in the early 1900s. The Fitch family purchased the two adobes on the compound in 1941. Only one of the two homes on the compound, 333 E. Kansas Ave., will be open during the tour.



The Kiva Patio Café, 600 E Amador Ave., will do double duty during the home tour. It will be the location of the guild's luncheon, and it will also be a featured stop on the tour.

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Event helps to fund music programs for area youths

Money raised from the home tour will help students discover music

The Las Cruces Symphony Guild was established in 1981 as an affiliate organization of the Las Cruces Symphony Association. The organization assists with concert performances and educational programs for area youths. Through such events as its annual home tour, the Guild raises funds in support of the Las Cruces Symphony and its youth programs through various events. Among the programs supported by home tour funds are:

- In-school music education programs such as "Music in our Schools" and "Sweet Sounds"
- Concert programs: Family and Youth Concerts
- Opportunities for young musicians: performance stipends for New Mexico State University students
- Side-by-side performance opportunities
- Ensemble visits to area retirement communities
- Classics Concert Series sponsorship
- Musical interludes



For information on becoming a member and or to support the work of the Guild, call 373-8446. For all other information call 526-6159. Mailing address: P.O. Box 490, Mesilla Park, NM 88047

As one of the many historic buildings in the Mesquite Street Original Townsite National Historic District, the Sunshine Grocery building will be a stop on the tour.



Located at 630 N. Tornillo, this historic chapel will be a featured stop on the homes tour.

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First signs of Spring



J.M. CRAMER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Spring officially began this week, and signs of the season are evident throughout town. This bee, spotted in a local garden, is already hard at work.

It's spring cleaning time

Effective cleaning tips to lighten the load

Keeping your house and your family clean can be easier than you think if you keep in mind a few quick but effective cleaning tips.

Carpet stains. Blot the carpet – never rub. As the nice weather approaches, kids will be playing outside more frequently and will most likely track more dirt and mud through the house. If you do find a muddy footprint on the carpet don't rub, blot. Blot the stain working from the outside in. Allow the mud to dry completely and then vacuum up.

Make your own furniture polish. Dusting furniture can be a never-ending job. Try making your own furniture polish with one cup of olive oil and a half of a cup of lemon juice in a spray bottle. Spray mixture onto your dusting cloth and rub with the grain. Never spray directly onto furniture, over-spraying can leave a residue.

Do laundry faster. Use large-capacity, high-efficiency washers. Having a family also means having a lot of laundry. If you currently use a standard agitator washing machine, now is a great time to switch. By using a high-efficiency (HE) washing machine you can double your load capacity and save money and energy. Just remember to use an HE specific detergent that is specially formulated to provide a deep clean in HE washing machines.

Sanitize the bathroom in seconds. Bathrooms are one of the most over-used rooms in the house and can be the messiest. However, dirt and bacteria in the bathroom often goes unseen until it's too late.

Keep a spray bottle of hydrogen peroxide full strength and spray all your areas as they become dirty. Ordinary hydrogen peroxide is a great cleaner that sanitizes without harsh fumes! Next time you are in the bathroom, give a quick spray to countertops and other areas to keep surfaces clean and sanitary.

Remove unsightly scuff marks quickly. Your floors can take a beating, especially in the kitchen. Whether it's your children's sneakers or your own dress shoes, scuff marks are inevitable. The next time you notice scuff marks on the vinyl kitchen floor, use a rubber eraser and rub over the mark until it disappears.

Sanitize your dishes. The dishwasher is one of the greatest shortcuts to cleaning up after a big family dinner. To keep your machine clean, put a cup of bleach into the empty dishwasher and run it through a cycle. This will disinfect and keep it from leaving food residue on your dishes.

Keep up on pet hair. Sometimes families extend beyond our spouses and children and often times include a family pet. Next time you go to sit down on the couch and you notice that it is covered in your pet's hair, grab a lint roller or rubber glove. Roll or rub your hand over the furniture and make a quick pick up.

Take time to read. Laura Dellutri, "The Healthy Housekeeper," is the author of the new book "White Couch, with Kids?!" and "Speed Cleaning 101." She offers more tips on her website, www.healthyhousekeeper.com

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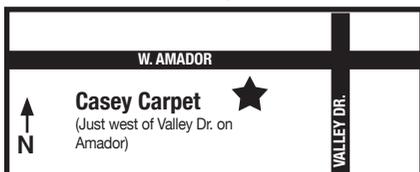
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The way life should be

This Las Cruces builder constructs homes for elegant Las Cruces living

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

After more than 35 years building high quality homes for Las Cruces, homebuilder Mitch Hines says he still enjoys taking the time to ensure that each project is built with pride.

"I'm not a big builder," Hines said. "I'm a hands-on builder, and concentrating on a few homes a year allows me more time on each job."

Hines generally constructs two homes each year, concentrating on high-end, detail-oriented projects.

He began in the construction industry in 1971, and in 1985, he attained his building license. He is currently building in the La Tierra Escondida subdivision, a neighborhood that he has partnered with his brother Jerry Hines and Judd Singer to

develop.

"The Mesilla Valley has some of the best builders around," Hines said. "I hope that I can measure up to them."

Located at the foothills of the Organ Mountains, La Tierra Escondida is an upscale, master-planned community designed for easy living. Most lots in the gated community feature fabulous mountain vistas, and many are large enough to accommodate horses.

The subdivision features a community area with tennis courts, equestrian trails, a playground and a fitness path.

One goal of the subdivision is to maintain as much of the natural terrain and native vegetation as possible, and Hines said that he strives to protect the land whenever he begins a new project.

The partners previously developed Tierra Verde subdivision. Hines also has some lots reserved in The Sanctuary subdivision.

Hines said that he enjoys the freedom and creativity of the homebuilding business.

"I enjoy meeting people and creating a home for them," Hines

said. "It's exciting seeing a project go from paper to finished product."

Knowing that a home is the largest investment most people make in their lifetime, Hines said that creating a high-quality home for a homebuyer requires listening to their desires and creating a home that suits their individual needs. He strives to ensure that each home is built to his high standards and contains special, unique qualities.

"It's a nice feeling to know that you are able to provide (homebuyers) with a great product worth their investment," Hines said.

He added that he hires talented subcontractors who do exceptionally good work.

"You're only as good as the people you hire and work with," he said.

On many projects, he teams up with interior designer Connie Hines, his sister-in-law, to expertly incorporate a variety of textures and materials – desert-hued tiles, hand-hewn wooden beams, faux-finish walls, knotty alder

cabinets and doors and granite countertops – to create a dramatic home that is elegant, yet warm and welcoming.

"Mitch is always on the job,"



HINES

“It’s exciting seeing a project go from paper to finished product.”

MITCH HINES,
Homebuilder

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Of special note
Mitch Hines' most recent project, 6116 Lazo Del Norte, was featured in the Bulletin on March 9.



Life in the La Tierra Escondida subdivision, near the foothills of the Organ Mountains, is the perfect place to enjoy New Mexico's outdoors life.



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The foyer at 6116 Lazo Del Norte makes a grand first impression. Homes by Mitch Hines tend to include similar details that make a home special.

Connie said. "He has an eye for detail and catches everything."

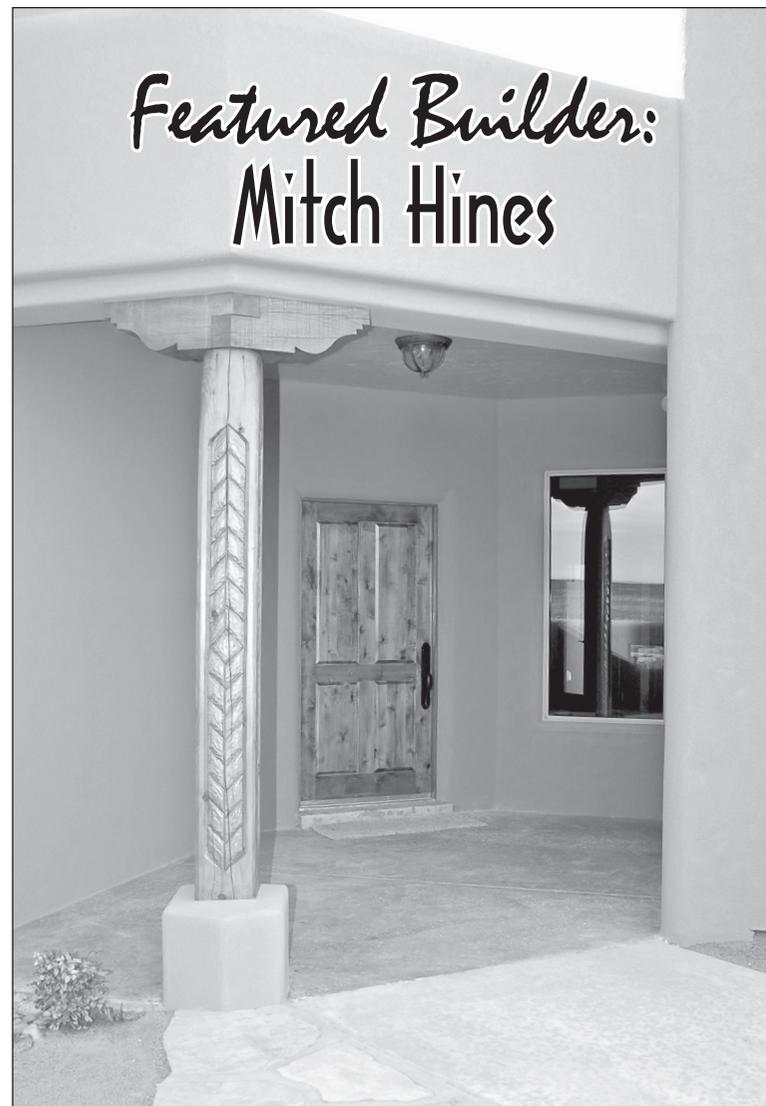
Realtor Ed Aeschliman said that he enjoys selling homes built by Hines.

"Mitch has an eye for fine

detail," Aeschliman said. "When Mitch says a house is finished, it's finished."

Hines and his wife Terry have two children, a son, Taylor, and a daughter, Lauren.

Featured Builder:
Mitch Hines



With exquisite attention paid to each detail, homes by Mitch Hines often include such characteristics as a unique floor plan, artistic tiling, lighted niches, hand-hewn beams and impressive wooden columns.

Spring cleaning made easy

This mineral compound does more than give your laundry a boost

Around the home item:
Borax

Spring officially began this week and for many that means it's time for spring cleaning and pulling out the box of borax. Borax is a naturally occurring mineral compound of sodium, boron, oxygen and water. With its potent disinfecting qualities, borax is often used around the home for cleaning everything from walls to windows to laundry.

In its many forms, borax is used to make laundry detergents, cleaners, soaps and other personal care products.

Although borax is non-toxic to humans, it is very harmful to

insects and plants, so it is often used as an insect repellent or to keep weeds in check, but use caution when using in the garden or near your lawn, as the compound may cause damage to your garden plants.

Borax is an essential for many spring cleaning tasks, but the compound's unique properties make it handy for many other jobs as well. These tips and more are available at borax.com.

1. Clean just about anything. Combine approximately half a cup of Borax with a teaspoon of dishwashing soap and two gallons of

warm water. Use the mixture to clean walls, the interior of your refrigerator, floors, baseboards or just about any place that needs a good shining.

2. Remove odors from mattresses by sprinkling with borax, rubbing into the mattress with a damp sponge than vacuuming clean.

3. Remove stains and odors from carpets by dampening the spot and rubbing borax into the stain. Allow to dry before vacuuming.

4. Boost your laundry detergent's washing power by adding a half a cup to the wash. For tougher stains, presoak garments in a combination of one tablespoon of borax and a gallon of water. Soak for at least 30 minutes.

5. Combine borax and lemon

juice to create a rust stain fighter. Use on bathtubs, showers or sinks.

6. Add approximately a half a cup of borax to the cat litter box to keep odors in check.

7. De-clog a drain by pouring a half a cup of borax into the drain followed by about three cups of boiling water. Allow to set for at least a half an hour and repeat if necessary.

8. Make glass cleaner for cleaning windows, mirrors and glass-topped tables. Combine three tablespoons of borax in three cups of water in a spray bottle.

9. Clean and disinfect your toilet by scrubbing approximately a half a cup of borax into the bowl. Allow to set then rinse away.

10. Preserve flowers. In an airtight container combine a cup of

borax with two cups of cornmeal. Lay the flowers in the mixture and cover. Allow to set for at least two weeks.

11. Sprinkle borax into the cracks of the concrete to repel ants.

12. Sprinkle borax on dog beds to fight fleas.

13. Kill roaches by combining sugar and borax and sprinkling where you see roaches. Borax interferes with the insects metabolic system, and when they eat it they will die.

14. Deter mice by sprinkling borax on the floors near cracks and crevices.

15. Sprinkle on the bottom of trash cans to control bugs and odors.

16. Clean china with borax, water and dish detergent.

Do you know of an ordinary household item with many unusual uses? We'd love to hear from you. Email Melissa@lascrucbulletin.com to let us know how you use ordinary items around the house.

Time for a spring clutter inventory

Follow the three Cs method to easy clutter control

Catch it. Cut it. Contain it. These are the three Cs of a thorough spring clutter inventory, according to the publisher of one of the country's fastest growing house wares catalogs.

"Spring cleaning may not be as critical as it was in our grandparents' generation, when a winter's worth of heating with coal, wood or oil left layers of soot everywhere," says Ginny Bean of Ginny's catalog and www.Ginnys-Solutions.com. "But that inherent desire to start fresh in the spring provides a perfect nudge for attacking the household clutter issues that plague most homes today."

Bean suggests starting with an inventory of each room in the house, noting the clutter problem areas:

Entryway - Most homes have piles of shoes next to the front door and a heap of coats on a banister. Often, entryway clutter can be eliminated with the addition of a functional piece of furniture, such as Ginny's popular shoe bench. The solid pine bench has drawers for hats, gloves and those ever-elusive car keys, a front-opening compartment with slots for 12 pairs of shoes and a place to sit while taking them off. For tighter spaces, Ginny's new Mission-style storage locker has double coat hooks, a shelf for shoes, and a large drawer for stashing everything from scarves to gardening gloves.

Family Room - It doesn't take long for multi-media mayhem to set in on any family room - disorganized piles of magazines, DVDs and that growing collection of remote controls in various stages of unidentifiable usefulness. Creative solutions from Ginny's spring '07 catalog include a universal remote with enough capacity to handle eight different components and big enough, at 11 inches long by five-inches wide, to defy misplacing. There's also a portable storage ottoman that not only provides extra seating, but opens to reveal space for 300 CDs, 134 DVDs or 72 VHS tapes.

Home Office - Many home offices double as guest

rooms, craft rooms or any of a variety of other functions. One of the tricks to controlling clutter in these instances is to employ functional pieces that can be easily moved and stored out of the way, as needed. Ginny's popular wheeled storage carts have drawers that are color coded for organizing projects and remove completely for even more portability. A new folding computer desk, with dual-level desktop and a lower level shelf, has casters for easy rolling, and two quick-release handles that collapse it to a size not much larger than a folding chair.

Kitchen - The kitchen is probably the room of a home offering the most organized storage space, yet somehow, it's usually the most jam-packed and disorganized. Bean points to a couple of handy pieces in her spring catalog that allow for moving frequently-used items out of cabinets, off countertops, and within easy reach. Ginny's hanging pot rack attaches to a wall, has 12 moveable hooks for customized configuration, holds up to 40 pounds of pots and pans and comes in many stylish colors. A refrigerator side shelf creates extra storage for spices, seasonings and condiments out of the unused space on the side of a fridge.

Bathroom - If the kitchen provides the most usable storage space in the home, the average bathroom easily provides the least. In inventorying bathroom clutter, Bean stresses that only essential items used regularly should be stored in bathroom drawers and cabinets. She also suggests making use of bathroom dead space with organizing solutions such as wheeled carts, hooks on the back of doors, shower caddies and hanging mesh bags. At just over a foot wide and nine inches deep, Ginny's bathroom basket tower fits into almost any sliver of unused wall space, but provides lots of extra storage in eight vertically-stacked baskets.

Garage - Spring is the perfect time for cleaning out the garage and getting rid of the clutter that's accumulated



Keeping clutter under control is easy when following the three C method - catch it, cut it and contain it.

over the winter months. Inspect and sort garden tools, bikes and sports equipment. Among a host of innovative gardening accessories in Ginny's current spring catalog is a folding gardener's stool with a detachable tool caddy that holds all the essentials in one compact piece that picks up and goes wherever the gardener does.

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Don't fear the spear

Embrace asparagus as a 'luxury yummy'

I was closing in on age 30 before I began appreciating asparagus, a veggie to which mom always referred to as "a luxury yummy." During the plant's peak months, March and April, mom served asparagus with almost every dinner, requiring that I clean my plate before excusing myself from the table. The only way I managed to polish off the slimy, gross things that lay limp (over-cooked) in a pool of butter was to cut them into microscopic pieces and hide them beneath a mound of chunky mashed potatoes slathered in gravy. But when my palate later matured, asparagus soon topped my roster of vegetable favorites.

Asparagus grows predominantly in California, Michigan and Washington. During off-peak months – July through December – Mexico and Chile are the world's largest producers. Grown in sandy soil, the asparagus plant ranges in color from green to purple to white, and survives for nearly a decade. French asparagus (white) is cultivated underground, which prevents it from becoming green.

White spears tend to be thicker and smoother than the green variety. The larger the spear, the more mature the plant. Tough stems are made more palatable by shearing the outer layer with a knife or vegetable peeler, and tough ends should be snapped off. The best-tasting asparagus has firm, bright green (or pale ivory) stalks with tight buds.

Asparagus stays fresh for several days when snugly wrapped in plastic or stored upright in one inch of water and covered with a plastic bag.

There are several ways to prepare asparagus – raw (in salads), steamed, microwaved, grilled, sautéed or roasted. Some chefs smother the stalks with white sauce or other gourmet-like toppings. Others prefer the steamed variety, drizzled with margarine and seasoned with salt and pepper. I used steamed spears al dente to create Espárragos Melody, a visually appealing and highly textured dainty garden mélange gently kissed with Sandia chile. Give it a try or select one of the other spicy asparagus recipes I share below.

Espárragos Melody with Pine Nut Sprinkles

If you're not a calorie counter, substitute fat-free items with the "real" thing.

- 1 package oversized flour tortillas, lard free (98 percent fat free variety) or whole wheat
- 1 pound asparagus, steamed
- 1 large and firm red bell pepper, julienne
- 1 medium onion, sliced paper thin
- 6 roasted, peeled and de-veined plump Sandia (or other favorite) chile, cut lengthwise
- 1/2 pound of asadero or Monterey Jack cheese, sliced thin
- 1/2 cup pine (piñon) nuts (roasted tastes best)
- Fat free sour cream
- Fresh or dried parsley or cilantro
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Steam asparagus, preferably resting in a vegetable steamer, until just tender or until it offers a slight resistance when bitten into. (Do not overcook.) Set aside. Place a flour tortilla on a microwaveable dinner plate. Put three pieces of cheese across the center of the tortilla. Wrap a chile slab around a bundle of five slender asparagus stalks (use fewer if asparagus is chubby). Place bundle in center of tortilla.

Top with bell pepper and onion. Scatter tortilla with parsley and pine nuts. (Easy on the high-calorie pine nuts!) Roll tortilla into a burrito. Microwave until just heated through and cheese begins to melt. Top with two or three dollops of sour cream and garnish with Parmesan sprinkles and two or three cilantro sprigs. For additional color, add a bell pepper sliver. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Serve with a spinach salad tossed with pinch or two of pine nuts, Mandarin orange slices and a favorite dressing. Serves approximately 6.

Red Pepper Asparagus Pasta Stir Fry

- 1 pound asparagus, trimmed
- 1/2 cup sliced onion
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger root, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed dried red pepper such as chile de arbol
- 6 ounces Vermicelli or angel hair pasta, cooked according to package directions and drained

Diagonally slice asparagus into 1-1/2 to 2 inch pieces. Stir-fry asparagus and onion until crispy tender. Add seasonings and mix well. Add cooked pasta and stir-fry until thoroughly heated and evenly mixed. Makes 6 servings.

Spicy Sweet Chunky Asparagus Salsa

- 1/2 pound asparagus spears
- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 2 tablespoons minced jalapeno peppers
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoons cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh pineapple (or substitute an 8-ounce can of pineapple chunks, drained)
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped seeded orange sections

Diagonally slice asparagus spears into small pieces. In large skillet, stir fry asparagus with 2 tablespoons water just until color intensifies, 1 to 2 minutes. Drain; rinse with cold water, drain well and set aside. In a medium bowl, stir together orange marmalade, jalapeño pepper, cilantro, vinegar and garlic salt. Add asparagus,



Slather al dente steamed asparagus spears with Vidalia onion dressing seasoned with finely minced serrano chile peppers. Topped with dried cranberries, it makes a delicious sweet-heat treat!

pineapple and orange and gently toss together until coated. Chill at least 30 minutes before serving. Makes 2-1/2 cups.

Spirited Asparagus Guacamole

- 1 pound asparagus
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 1 clove garlic (minced)
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons chopped serrano peppers, stemmed and seeded
- Dash salt and white pepper
- 1 small tomato, chopped and seeded

Cook asparagus. Drain well and place in blender. Add all ingredients except tomato. Blend until smooth. Stir in chopped tomato. Chill before serving with tortilla chips or as a crudite dip. Makes 4 cups.

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Celebrate the season with easy entertaining

These side dishes are the secret to a successful soiree

Seasonal celebrations provide a perfect opportunity to entertain at home. Just remember, the key to a successful and stress-free soiree is to keep it simple and think "side dishes."

Side dishes are a great way to show your versatility and shine in the kitchen. Prepare a meal with a simple roast or store-bought entrée, such as a glazed ham or roasted turkey, and you've got a terrific spread that will

keep your guests coming back for more.

Broccoli and cheese casserole is an easy and delicious spin on a plain broccoli side dish. Plus, it's a great way to get your younger guests to eat their veggies.

For a dish that is simple, but full of flavor, try broth simmered rice. Prepared with Swanson Broth instead of water, it is easy to customize to complement any main course. For a

tasty twist, make it "Florentine" by adding Italian seasoning, spinach and Parmesan cheese.

Three-cheese pasta bake is a creamy pasta dish that is sure to satisfy. Made with Campbell's Cream of Mushroom soup, this crowd-pleaser has only six ingredients and can be ready in just 25 minutes.

For more festive and flavorful recipes, please visit www.campbellskitchen.com and www.swansonbroth.com.

Casual Entertaining Tips

- To make your next weeknight dinner extra special, set the table with matching linens and provide a place card at each diner's seat.
- Music is an easy way to set the tone for a gathering. Once you choose a theme, select a few favorite compact discs to play throughout the evening.
- Choose dishes that can be prepared ahead of time. That way, when guests arrive you can spend more time socializing and less time in the kitchen.

Broth Simmered Rice

1 3/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth (Regular, Natural Goodness or Certified Organic)
3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice

Heat broth in 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat to boil. Stir in rice. Reduce heat to low. Cover saucepan and cook 20 minutes or until rice is tender and most of liquid is absorbed. Serves 4.



Florentine Simmered Rice: Add 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning to broth. Add 1 cup chopped spinach with rice. Stir in 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese before serving. Serve with additional cheese.

Squash Casserole

3 cups Pepperidge Farm Corn Bread Stuffing
4 tablespoons butter, melted
1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
1/2 cup sour cream
2 small yellow squash, shredded (about 2 cups)
2 small zucchini, shredded (about 2 cups)
1/4 cup shredded carrot
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Mix stuffing and butter in a medium bowl. Reserve 1/2 cup stuffing mixture for topping. Spoon remaining stuffing mixture into a 11- by 8- by 2-inch shallow baking dish. Stir soup, sour cream, yellow squash, zucchini, carrot and cheese in a large bowl. Spread vegetable mixture over stuffing mixture; sprinkle with reserved stuffing. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until hot and topping is golden. Serves 8.

3-Cheese Pasta Bake

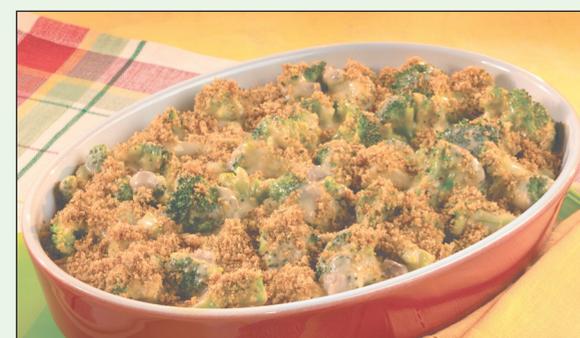
1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 8-ounce package shredded two-cheese blend
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 cups corkscrew-shaped pasta (rotini), cooked and drained

Stir soup, cheeses, milk and black pepper in 1-1/2-quart casserole. Stir in pasta. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until hot. *Easy substitution:* Use 2 cups of your favorite shredded cheese for the 8-ounce package. Serves 4.

Roasted Asparagus with Lemon and Goat Cheese

Vegetable cooking spray
1 lemon
2 pounds asparagus, trimmed
1 tablespoon olive oil
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup Swanson Vegetable Broth
3 ounces soft goat cheese, crumbled

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Spray a 17- by 11-inch roasting pan or shallow baking sheet with cooking spray. Grate enough lemon peel to make 1 teaspoon. Squeeze lemon to make 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Set peel and juice aside. Stir asparagus and oil in prepared pan. Season with black pepper; add broth. Bake 20 minutes or until asparagus is fork-tender, stirring once. Top with cheese, lemon peel and juice. Serves 6.



Broccoli 'n' Cheese Casserole

1 10 3/4-ounce can Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup milk
2 teaspoons yellow mustard
1 16-ounce bag frozen broccoli florets, thawed (about 4 cups)
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (4 ounces)
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
2 teaspoons butter, melted

Stir soup, milk, mustard, broccoli and cheese in 1 1/2-quart casserole. Mix bread crumbs and butter in small bowl; sprinkle over broccoli mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 6.

Set furniture from 'The Nanny Diaries' to be given away

Four winners will receive new furniture plus movie tickets



Scarlett Johansson stars in "The Nanny Diaries."

Elegant furniture pieces directly from the set of the upcoming movie "The Nanny Diaries" will be in the homes of four consumers this summer. Henredon Furniture and Traditional Home magazine have announced a nationwide sweepstakes to give away set furniture from the movie to four lucky winners.

Each of the winners will receive Henredon Furniture pieces featured in the movie. The total retail value of the Henredon Furniture prize giveaway is nearly \$15,000, according to a news release.

The grand-prize winner will receive a chocolate brown Henredon "Simone" love-seat and matching "Simone" accent chair, both with tufted backs, foam blendown seat cushions and welt trim. Included in this prize are four coordinating relax down back pillows (total retail value of this set is \$5,400).

The first prize is Henredon's "Simone" sofa valued at \$3,375; followed by a second prize of two matching Henredon "Symmetry" chairs valued at \$1,875 each; and a third prize of Henredon's Wing

Chair ("Revival Chair") with a suggested retail price of \$3,225. All four winners will receive two adult tickets to a showing of "The Nanny Diaries" movie at a theater in their hometown.

"The Nanny Diaries" is set in New York City in the fictional home of a posh Upper East Side family. Andrew Baseman, the movie's set decorator who is also an interior designer and president of Andrew Baseman Design in New York City, had a specific, captivating look in mind he wanted to capture.

The sweepstakes is sponsored by Henredon Furniture and Traditional Home magazine. For more information about Henredon Furniture, please visit www.henredon.com, and for more information about Traditional Home magazine, please visit www.traditionalhome.com.

"The Nanny Diaries" opens in theaters nationwide April 20, 2007. To view a trailer and for more information about the movie visit http://server.mammothnyc.com/nannydiaries/nannydiaries_trailer_640x360.mov

How to enter the contest

The sweepstakes will last through April 24. No purchase is necessary to enter or win, and there is no cost to enter. Contestants can register in one of three ways.

- Filling out an entry form at any Henredon store or dealership
- Registering online at www.henredon.com and submitting a completed online entry form
- By mail. Contestants should send a postcard with their name, address and daytime phone number to: "Henredon Nanny Diaries Sweepstakes" c/o Traditional Home, 125 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10017, Attn: Kerrie Savage.

Only one entry per household will be allowed. No group entries will be allowed.

For a complete listing of official sweepstakes rules, please visit www.traditionalhome.com.