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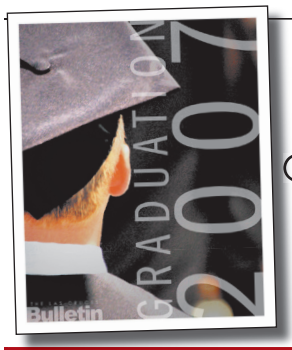

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NM National Guard prepares for Iraq

White Sands hosts training program for 131-man unit

By **Jim Hilley**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On Tuesday, May 22, members of the New Mexico National Guard 2/200 Infantry Battalion had a training session southeast of the Organ Mountains in an area of White Sands Missile Range controlled by Fort Bliss. Charlie Company, which has been called to active duty for a tour in Iraq, was at a firing range familiarizing themselves with several weapons they will depend on while in the Middle East.

Consisting of 131 men, the unit is composed of National Guard troops from around New Mexico, El Paso, the Texas Panhandle and Arizona. Ten are from Alamogordo, 19 are from El Paso and 38 guardsmen are from Las Cruces, where the headquarters are located. According to Executive Officer Rick Ryczkowski, around a dozen of the men have already spent time in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Their training, on the 50-caliber M-2 machine gun, MK-19 40MM grenade launcher and the M4 carbine, fitted with the M-203 40MM grenade launcher, is part of a 31-day program adopted by the New Mexico National Guard to give guard units more time to become cohesive and combat ready before shipping out.

It was evident most of the guardsmen were not well acquainted with the firearms. Several minutes elapsed before the first rounds fired from the 50-caliber machine guns shattered the silence of the beautiful southern New Mexico morning. The machine guns are a relic of the World War II era, but they have reportedly proven to be effective in the type of combat situations often encountered during the U.S. mission in Iraq. After adjusting the guns' register and timing, a seemingly frequent necessity, the bursts of fire became more frequent, as the familiarization process achieved results.

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These New Mexico National Guard troops train on the MK-19 40mm grenade launcher at White Sands Missile Range Tuesday morning. The unit consists of 131 men from throughout the region who will be sent to Fort Dix, N.J., for further training in June.

Officers in the outfit said most of the unit's training to date has been mount training (assaulting a building or structure) and training on the handling of detainees. Some of their training took place in the Old State Prison in Santa Fe.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Rivera said all the troops being deployed to Iraq were asked if that's what they "really wanted" to do, and their entire families had to

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City council approves annexation

Vistas at Precidio effects to be felt beyond city's growing borders

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

After one of the lengthiest debates over a proposed annexation and development, the Las Cruces City Council Monday, May 21, approved the Vistas at Presidio development on the East Mesa.

The debate was understandable. Philip Philippou's deal to develop nearly 6,000 acres of mostly state land into neighborhoods with businesses, schools, police and fire substations and, more significantly, add between 30,000 and 44,000 dwelling units is estimated to bring in at least 82,000 people, nearly double Las Cruces' current approximate population of 85,000.

What caused the lengthy debate over the huge annexation – 4,200 acres of the which was outside of city limits – was the ruling of the state Attorney General's that state law gave a range of 30 to 60 days for debate, not just a straight 30 days, which had been the city's interpretation of the law.

For those concerned about the scale of the project, extending the debate 30 days wasn't long enough to answer questions about whether the annexation would be a drain on the city's water supply, exasperate traffic congestion and strain city services. Some of the opposition warned they'd remember the councillors' votes come the next city election in November.

But the political fallout may very well extend beyond who remains sitting on the council next year. The scrutiny of the deal also brought to light ethical concerns that could hurt state Land Commissioner Pat Lyons' future political ambitions.

And regardless of the council's decision, recently elected state Rep. Nathan Cote says he will look into revising New Mexico's annexation law if the same rules apply for a 42-acre annexation request as a 4,200-acre proposal.

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Hunting, outdoor groups compromise on wilderness plans

Representatives sign pact

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

An agreement between hunting groups and conservationists signed this week calls for movement on establishing permanent wilderness areas in Doña Ana County.

Significant to getting the deal struck were compromises made to improve access to some of the larger proposed areas.

Originally, boundaries for the Broad Canyon-Robledo Mountains and for the West Potrillo Mountains "cherry stemmed" access roads. Now, the maps for the proposals includes boundaries that link the north and south ends of the upper Robledo Mountains and a loop road into the heart of the West Potrillos.

John Moen, president of the Quail Unlimited hunting association, said that willingness to compromise to improve access into these larger areas was key to the negotiations.

"If you don't have access to it, what's the use of protecting it," Moen said after the signing ceremony held Wednesday, May 23, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

At the ceremony, state Representative and New Mexico Wilderness Alliance's Southern Director Jeff Steinborn noted how compromise is needed in governance and progress. "We need to work together and not let small differences distract us," he said.

According to a statement handed out at the ceremony, Noel Cooley, vice president of the Doña Ana County Sportsmen group, said he was impressed by the willingness for compromise from local conservation groups. "After visiting the areas, we sat down to craft a responsible proposal," he said in the press release. "In the end, I think we came up with something that works for most everyone."

In what's being called the Citizens Proposal, proponents are requesting that more than 300,000 acres be awarded permanent wilderness status. Of that total, the east and west Potrillos, along with the Aden Lava Flow and Mt. Riley, encompass more than 197,000 acres in the southwest section of the county. Besides being used by hunters and outdoor enthusiasts, the area also is used for ranching. The proposal for the Robledo Mountains, which includes Broad Canyon near Radium Springs, encompasses 75,966 acres.

Other nominated areas in the county include 11,068 acres in the Sierra de Las Uvas northwest of the Robledos and 20,800 in the Organ Mountains, which includes Pena Blanca and the Organ Needles.

The Citizens Proposal also calls for the establishment of a National Conservation Area in the Organ Mountains of 103,687 acres, which includes the Doña Ana Mountains and Tortugas Mountain. The Bureau of Land Management also oversees the 56,480-acre Organ Franklin Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) that runs north and south through the southeastern county.

Another hunting group signing on is the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen, which has been a regular supporter of the wilderness proposal.

"My grandson is just now beginning to hunt and explore the county," said Sandy Schemnitz, chairman of the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen. "He and other children deserve open spaces free from subdivisions and spider webs of roads."

Also signing the agreement were representatives from the League of Women Voters, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce, the Southern New Mexico High Tech Consortium, the Lower Rio Grande Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen, the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society, the Wilderness Society and the Las Cruces Country Club Neighborhood Association. Steinborn noted that more than 115 businesses support the proposal.

This additional support is meant to keep pressure on U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici to re-introduce wilderness legislation. Domenici withdrew a bill he proposed last year because it included releasing 65,000 acres on the West Mesa, which created concerns among both the local conservationists and developers.

At Domenici's request, the city attempted to form a consensus proposal, but there has been opposition to the idea of creating wilderness areas by some ranchers and off-road enthusiasts who don't trust that their livelihoods and recreation, respectively, will be preserved.

Jeff Steinborn, southern director for the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance and state representative, watches as Sandy Schemnitz, chairman of the Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen, signs an agreement Wednesday, May 23, that modifies boundaries for citizen-nominated wilderness areas in Doña Ana County.

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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Memorial Day a time to remember

Originally established as 'Decoration Day,' holiday began in 1868 to honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country

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

This weekend we will celebrate Memorial Day. The annual three-day weekend has become a favored time to gather for barbecues, softball tournaments, family gatherings and trips to the lake or the mountains. For some of us, Monday will be a regular workday.

MCCOLLUM

Most retail businesses will be open. In fact, Memorial Day has become an important marketing period for retailers. Consumers are inundated with a variety of media advertising that promotes special Memorial Day sales events. It seems that everything is on sale this weekend, from automobiles to grocery items to furniture.

Actually, this unashamed holiday merchandizing is a relatively recent phenomenon. It wasn't all that long ago that Memorial Day was much simpler holiday with a more solemn purpose.

My personal recollections of Memorial Day, as a child growing up in rural Oklahoma, include our family making trips to the cemeteries to place flowers at the gravesites of family members. I recall the local residents all buying and proudly wearing "Buddy Poppies," which were artificial, single red poppy flowers that were made and sold by disabled veterans.

Over the years our family had many happy family gatherings over Memorial weekend. We typically had outdoor picnics that featured some of my favorite food including hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, mashed potato salad and hand-cranked, homemade ice cream. Before we ate, a family member would pray, giving thanks that we were privileged to live in a free country. The prayers also honored the people who had given their lives in defense of our country. There was always a spirit of somber thankfulness and a sense of pride to be an American. This all made a very strong impression on me as a youngster.

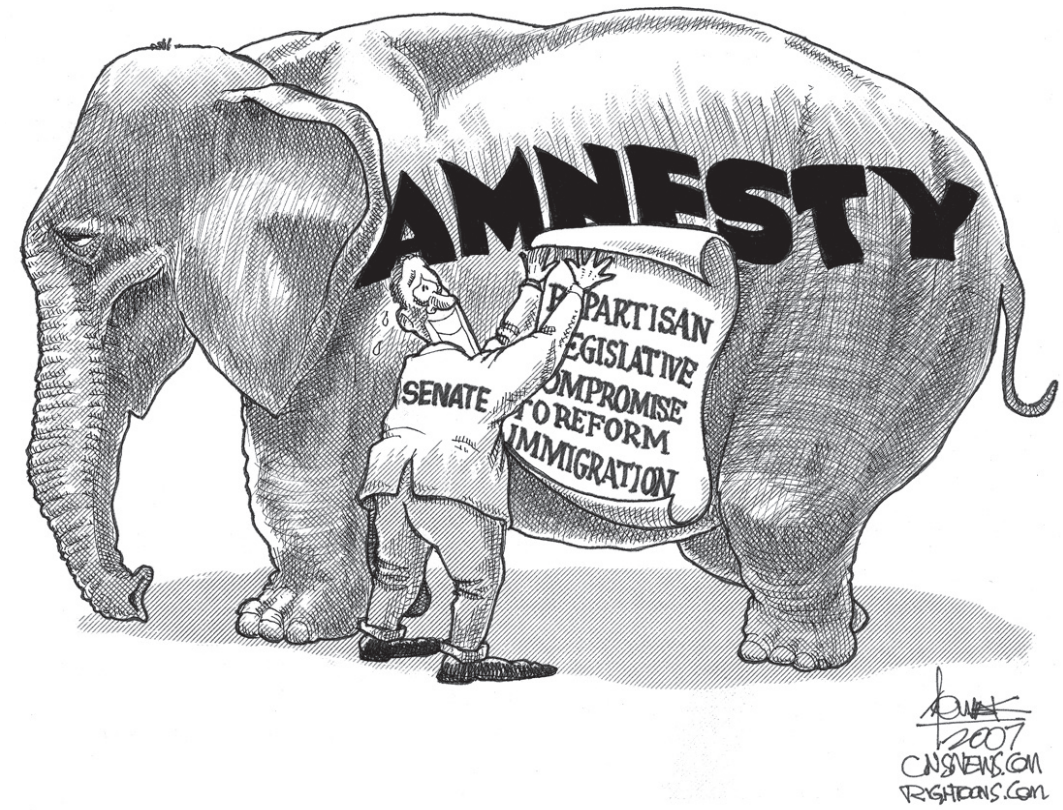
The origin of Memorial Day actually dates back to 1868 when Gen. John A. Logan, the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, proclaimed May 30 to be a day to honor fallen Americans by "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country…and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet church-yard in the land." Because of the act of decorating the graves of military veterans annually on May 30, the day became known as "Decoration Day."

With the passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971, Decoration Day became an officially recognized holiday. The act also moved the day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May, thus creating the annual three-day weekend.

Unfortunately, today it seems that much of the original purpose for Memorial Day has been lost. While families use the long weekend to gather and have a good time, it appears that fewer and fewer are taking the time to seriously reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of others.

This weekend, we encourage you and your family to look past the sales and holiday promotional advertising. If you have not yet visited our wonderful Veterans Park on Roadrunner Parkway, this weekend would be a perfect time to do so. The park has several monuments, including a wall inscribed with more than 6,000 names of local veterans, dating back to the Civil War.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we all could take the time this weekend to reflect on the original purpose of "Decoration Day" so that the young people in our community can continue to share the reverence and respect for those who have given their lives so that we can live in a free country?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Memorial Day ceremonies

In 1882, the nation observed its first official Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and honor the sacrifices of those who died in all our nation's wars.

On this Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, we invite you to attend one or all of the ceremonies planned for our community.

First is the Riverside Services on the bank of the Rio Grande under the West Picacho bridge starting at 7:30 a.m. and hosted by the District III, Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S.

The Garrison Flag will be raised at 8 a.m. at Veterans Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway. We invite our youth to help raise the flag and to lower it and fold it at 5 p.m. that evening.

The American Legion, Post 10, will host for the second year the Memorial Day ceremony at 9 a.m. at Veterans Park. Mayor William Mattiace has been invited as the guest speaker.

Also at 9 a.m. is the traditional Memorial Day services at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, 5140 W. Picacho Ave., hosted by the J.M. Carriere VFW Post 10124 and Ray McCorkle VFW Post 3242.

Starting at 8 a.m. at Veterans Park, the Veterans Memorial Wall Committee and the city of Las Cruces will have a display of over 3,000 names of our fallen heroes killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. The names will be honorably displayed all day, so please stop by at your convenience and pay your respects.

Let us remember that on Memorial Day we honor the ideals and values our soldiers stood for and died defending. They did their job, and they did it well, now it's our turn to do ours.

DOLORES C. ARCHULETA
City Councillor, District 3

Gas credit

Over the last few years the Democrats have been screaming about gas and fuel costs and naming the Republican leaders as the cause of the high prices. Now with the Democrats in charge, the price of gas and fuel have soared to well over $3 per gallon with a barrel of sweet oil at $62 and crude oil laboring around $66 dollars per barrel.

Gas prices had dropped under the Republican control to close to $2 per gallon after a surge to $3. It appears that the Republicans controlled gas prices far better than the Democrats.

Why aren't the Democrats screaming about these record gas prices that have reached staggering record highs? They will just add additional tax to the price for you, the public, to pay. That certainly will reduce the price of fuel for us!

It is time for them to quit political stupidity and start performing their true duties in Congress.

THOMAS E. FRY

Swimming Pool

I thought that the city might take notice and change their minds on the importance of building a 50-meter indoor competitive pool at the swimming facility that they are scheduled to start building. Santa Fe has a recreation center with an indoor ice skating rink, two Olympic sized indoor pools, an indoor kids' pool with a water slide, etc. Santa Fe is a smaller city than Las Cruces, but they have a recreation center where children and adults can go to exercise and stay off the streets. Las Cruces should take the funding available to build the swimming pool facility as an opportunity to adequately provide a swimming facility to fit the needs of all Las Cruces citizens.

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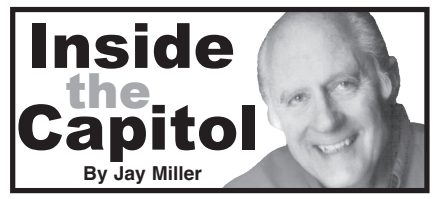
The saga continues: The Kid, the coop, the backhoe

A strange case of digging up desperados to find DNA in the dust

Unless Gov. Bill Richardson is elected president, Billy the Kid remains our most famous New Mexican. But Billy is now in danger of being caught dead in Texas.

The danger really isn't that great. Texas is just doing its usual thing of trying to steal stuff from New Mexico. First it was land. Then it was water. Now it's Billy.

Back in 1950, a 90-year-old Texan named "Brushy Bill" Roberts came to Santa Fe to try to get Gov. Tom Mabry to grant him the pardon territorial Gov. Lew Wallace had promised Billy. Mabry listened but wasn't convinced.



Roberts died shortly thereafter, but his legend didn't. Some locals still believed him and that has led to a monument at Brushy's grave in Hamilton, Texas; a museum in nearby Hico, where he lived and another museum along an Interstate, in Canton, Texas.

We warned in a recent column that Billy's ghost is stirring in Texas. We now learn that Lincoln County Deputy Sheriff Steve Sederwall has asked the Hamilton City Council for permission to dig up Brushy Bill and test his DNA.

Sederwall was one of the three sheriffs who were trying to dig up Billy and his mother three years ago in New Mexico. Court action stopped those two exhumations, although a judge in Silver City ruled that if Billy's DNA can be obtained, he'll reconsider exhuming his mother.

The Texans have themselves a bit of a problem. Since Brushy is buried in a town that doesn't have a museum taking advantage of his bogus claim, the city council isn't particularly interested in letting anyone dig in its cemetery.

So the Hamilton city council rejected the exhumation request after two hearings and considerable discussion. New Mexicans might be interested to know that the objections raised by the Hamilton councilors were almost identical to those raised in Silver City and Fort Sumner three years ago.

They were worried about relatives who might object. They had trouble believing that a carpenter's bench recently pulled out of an Albuquerque chicken coop really contained Billy's DNA. And they wondered about who has sufficient interest in the exhumation to underwrite it.

But it isn't over yet. Hamilton officials expect those interested in digging to go to court to obtain an exhumation order.

The only place Sederwall and his associates have been able to dig is in Prescott, Ariz. John Miller, whom many thought to be Billy, was buried at the Arizona Pioneer Home cemetery. His exact grave location is unsure because it isn't marked.

But the investigators dug anyway, with a backhoe, and unearthed two skeletons. DNA from the one thought to be John Miller was tested over a year ago to determine if it was identical to that found on the carpenter's bench.

Since no report has yet been made public on that test and since the investigators now want to dig in Texas, it seems reasonable to assume that no DNA match was found in Arizona.

The people who are wanting to dig now have a different motivation than they originally did. In the beginning, Sederwall said they wanted to prove that Lincoln County Sheriff Pat Garrett did shoot Billy, thereby preserving the reputation of New Mexico's most famous lawman.

Sederwall had visited the Hico, Texas, Billy the Kid Museum and was incensed that it was claiming that Garrett, whose image is on the Lincoln County Sheriff's emblem, killed someone else and lied about it.

But a few years later, Sederwall is saying he has "a lot of stuff that says history is different than what is reported." He now says he has an open mind and wants to "let science show us the truth."

If the truth is that Billy went to Texas to live nearly 70 more years, the title of most famous New Mexican becomes a race between Smokey Bear and the Roswell aliens.

Letters to the Editor

War costs

As I read all the distressing news from Iraq and Afghanistan, one thought keeps coming back again and again.

It seems clear enough that there are extremist Muslims who hate us, who are clearly our enemies. They look for opportunities to abuse us and even go so far as to curse us.

That fellow Jesus, the founder of Christianity, had some specific advice for those who would follow him, but somehow that advice has been ignored, unfortunately to our grievous loss.

That advice could not be any clearer: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." *Luke 6:27*

Just think what good could have been accomplished if we spent $400 billion doing good instead of what we have spent on really doing evil?

ANTHONY F. AVALLONE

Roses of the Desert

The number of migrants who die each year while crossing the Mexican border has increased dramatically with hundreds expiring due to exposure to heat and cold in the desert, according to a new report to Congress.

According to the U.S. Government Accountability Office, 472 border crossers were reported to be dead last year alone and 31 deaths reported in the El Paso border region. Though most of these deaths were reported to be men, a fact sheet according to the Border Patrol's data reveals that deaths among women shot from 9 percent to 21 percent of the total during the past seven years. According to the report, the leading cause of these deaths was supposed to be, exposure to the extreme hot and cold weather conditions in the desert.

Though the Border Patrol reports these deaths as a result of human trafficking, we ought to concur with the fact that some these people were just trying to escape their dreadful living conditions and immigrate in search of jobs in United States and a better living.

Whatever the cause of death and the nationality of these individuals, we need to comprehend the fact that these are human beings losing their lives as a result of lack of life sustaining water and food in the wilderness. Besides our political apprehensions and limitations, as human beings, we should honor the lives of our fellow beings or at least be compassionate to their sufferings. Desert Humanitarians is one such compassionate organization, moved by the death toll in the desert and established to help the poor souls in the wilderness. The aim of this organization is to provide humanitarian aid to these immigrants (people) in the form of supplying water, food, medical first aid so as to decrease the amount of life lost in the desert as a result of migration.

The organization also takes part in providing legal support to some of these people as we are aware that apprehensions of border crossers has complicated the legal system and has resulted in large numbers of folks being incarcerated with little hope of advocacy and humanitarian aid. The organization which has set up a resource center at Palomas, Mexico, is appealing to the people to be compassionate to these people and "try to regard the lives of these people as one would regard their own" and it is ascertaining the fact that American people are always upfront in bestowing humanitarian support to the deprived.

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Progress Club thanks

GFWC Progress Club of Las Cruces held its annual Style Show on April 21 at the Mesilla Valley Inn. The funds raised by the fashion show and the raffle are used to primarily support educational programs in the community.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the community for all its support and the local businesses for their generous donations.

The following businesses were donors:

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A special thanks to Sue Deerman, owner of Charlotte's, who provided the clothes and gave of her time to make the fashion show a great success, and to all of those who attended. Also, all the work by the members of the Progress Club was greatly appreciated, as this could not have happened without their support.

JUANITA KIENTZ
fund-raising chair

Reservoir Update

The Rio Grande flow into Elephant Butte Reservoir this week, as measured at San Marcial, was 2,957 cubic-feet per second as warm weather increased the mountain snow pack runoff, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Division, reported.

The San Marcial flow volume was 92 percent of the long-time average for this time of year.The bureau has granted the Elephant Butte Irrigation District 212,997 acre-feet for its 2007 allotment, about 58 percent of normal. The EBID board of directors is holding its farmer quota to 18 inches, about 1.5 acre feet.

The peaking inflow has added 15,834 acre-feet to Elephant Butte to increase the storage to 577,855 acre-feet, 30 percent of a full reservoir, the bureau reported.

Caballo Reservoir, where the irrigation water is released, gained 2,658 acre-feet last week.

Arrival of summer brings West Nile virus danger

Doña Ana County takes steps to alleviate problems with mosquitos

Armando Cordero, Doña Ana County's director of facilities and parks, is cautioning residents of Doña Ana County to be vigilant during mosquito season and to take precautions to reduce the chance of contracting West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

Each summer in Doña Ana County, the proliferation of mosquitoes follows the spring and summer rains, and then lasts into the autumn season. It used to be that mosquito populations abated in winter, but heartier varieties of mosquitoes are now found in the region that survive through the winter months and continue to bite, Cordero said.

Mosquitos are the carriers of West Nile virus, which has been detected in Doña Ana County for the past four years.

West Nile virus has been confirmed in Doña Ana County each year since 2003, and it is prudent for every member of the community to begin taking sustainable precautions to mitigate mosquito populations, Cordero said.

Cordero said most birds are carriers of the virus, but many are not affected by it and don't become ill. Humans are susceptible to the virus, as are horses.

Doña Ana County is involved in a comprehensive testing program in which mosquitoes are trapped weekly from different sites around the county and sent to a laboratory for evaluation. This testing allows the county to identify areas where problems may occur and to prioritize treatment procedures accordingly.

The county owns and operates a small fleet of vector-control trucks that are equipped with spraying equipment. These trucks are regularly sent out in the predawn hours to places where mosquitoes are most likely to breed.

Spraying, however, is only one component of a successful control program. Doña Ana County's Vector Control division also can provide free mosquito larva-eating fish to private 6 residents whose land is marshy or contains large bodies of standing water. These fish each consume five times their own weight in mosquito larva each day.

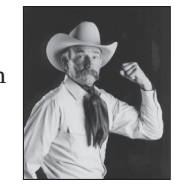
The spray and the fish, Cordero said, are the second-best tools available to government. The best tool is an informed and motivated population whose members will, individually, address problem areas on their properties. "Working together," he said, "we can greatly reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses that affect wildlife, livestock and – most importantly – humans in Doña Ana County."

Doña Ana County's Vector Control unit has some helpful tips on how to mitigate these flying, biting, blood-sucking nuisances.

- Mosquitoe larvae mature in standing water. Removing unnecessary standing water inhibits opportunities for mosquitoes to lay eggs near your home. Empty standing water from old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys and other concave objects that can hold water.
- Periodically replacing containers with fresh water also can eliminate the full development of mosquito larvae. Circulate and treat water in swimming pools. Change water troughs every three days. Water in birdbaths, fountains, dog dishes, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays should be replaced at least once a week. Yards, pastures, parks and fields that are over-irrigated create large-scale breeding sites for mosquitoes.
- During mosquito season, stay indoors during the evening, when mosquitoes are most active. When ventilating your home, make sure windows and door screens are bug tight. Replacing outdoor lights with yellow lights will help repel bugs. If you are going to be outdoors, wear clothing that covers your torso, arms, legs and feet. Effective sprays also can be employed containing the chemical Deet. Other effective mosquito repellents include picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus, both of which are considered to be good alternatives to Deet.

For more information, call the county's Vector Control Division at 526-8150. Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request the Vector Control office extension.

Humane Society going to the dogs



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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

How many of you think of the Humane Society as a benevolent benign group whose focus is to rescue, care for, and/or humanely dispose of the hundreds of thousands of unwanted dogs and cats? So did I. I have always looked at them with respect and lent my support. I am saddened to see their transformation into a radical animal rights group now aligned with People for Ethical Treatment of Animals and the Farm Sanctuary.

They are by far the wealthiest non-profit animal rights group. In 2005 they dedicated $11 million (9.2 percent of their budget) to "campaigns, legislation and litigation," and $28 million to "regional and local programs." I have seen them in action in my state.

Why have they taken the activist approach? Money. They have so much and greed is addictive. They display the mask of their kindly historical image as they continue to seek donations and invest their cash. But behind the puppy face, they appear to have a darker agenda – eliminating animal agriculture as we know it.

If they were truly concerned about improving the welfare of food animals it would be logical to assume they might build their own hog farm or veal barn. They could spend some of their wealth and effort into trying to understand the complexity of producing food at a price affordable to the masses, and improve it if they could. Then, at least, they would have some credibility with the producers they are trying to put out of business.

But they are basically a big money bully corporation. And it has become clear that they are not trying to improve modern animal agriculture, they are trying to eradicate it.

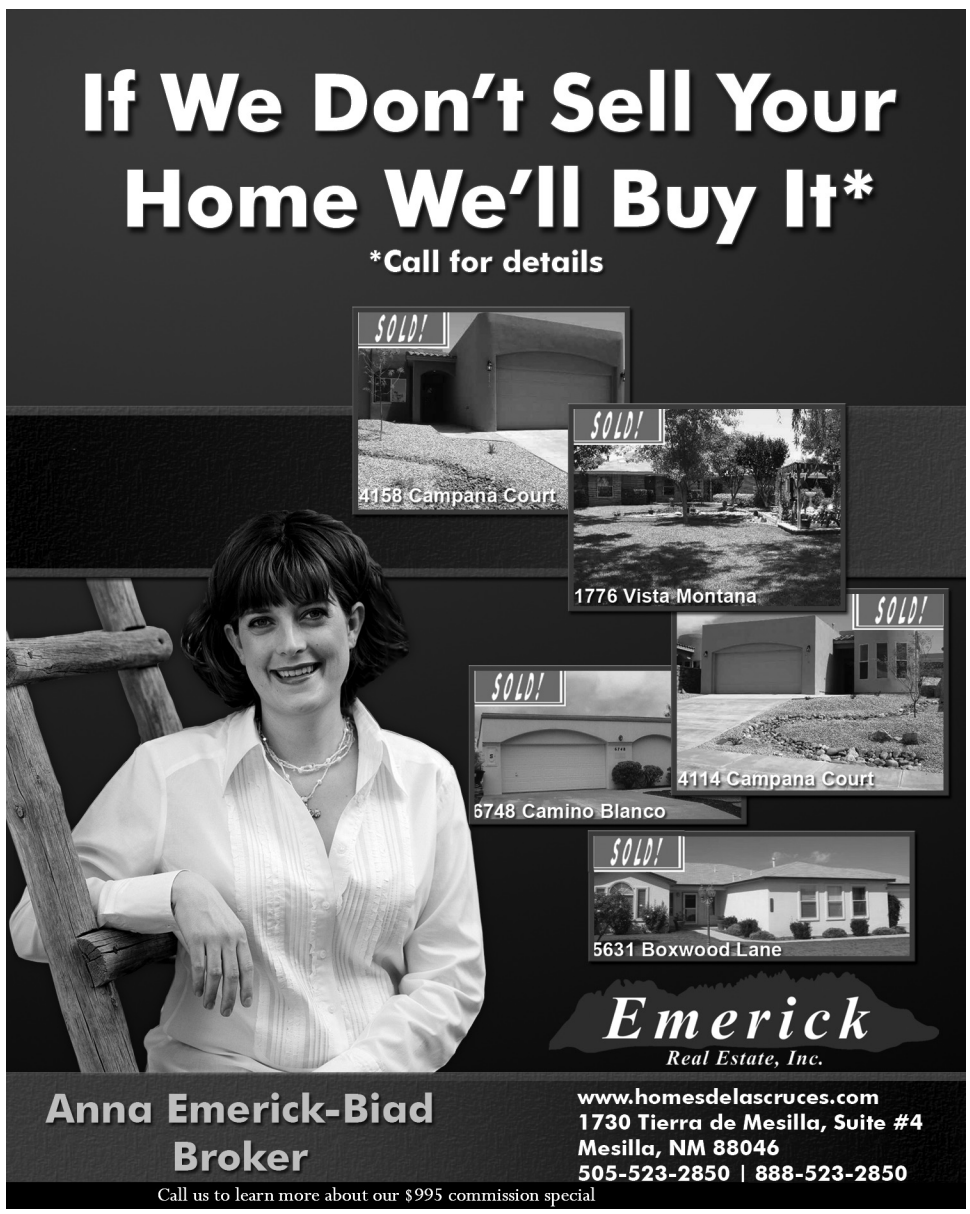
In my discussions with representatives of the anti's, I have observed they have very little knowledge, much less experience in the businesses and methods they are trying to destroy. I would be embarrassed for them if they were not so shamelessly righteous.

Jesus said about lawyers;

"...Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers." *(Luke 11:46)*

"Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." *(Luke 11:52)*

Substitute "radical animal rights activist" for "lawyers" and it's right on the money.



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Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds speaks Monday at a press conference.

Superintendent: No layoffs planned

LCPS uses hiring attrition to combat budget shortfall

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Rumors of massive teacher layoffs in June are untrue, says Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds.

The district is facing a major budget shortfall, however, that will result in more than 100 non-renewals of temporary employment contracts, Rounds said during an interview with reporters on Monday, May 21.

Without significant "belt tightening," Rounds said, the district's $161 million operational budget for the coming fiscal year faces a $2.8 million deficit and state law forbids deficit spending. So, the district sent out 117 letters last week to employees working under the temporary contracts to not expect rehire.

This action, Rounds said, shouldn't be confused with having to lay off employees across the board, often called a reduction in force, or RIF. "This is not a RIF," he said.

To identify the budget's problem, Rounds had administrative staff make comparisons to other school district spending in the state. The most obvious area was in payroll, which in the Las Cruces district accounts for 93 percent of the operational budget, compared to a statewide average of 86 percent. This district currently has some 3,800 employees.

The district's administration is taking a hard look at its budget after identifying a trend in the last three years in which the carryover of unspent money has been shrinking. This year, it is at $2 million, $5.3 million less than three years ago. And the predicted $2.8 million deficit includes the current $2 million carryover.

With expected student growth, 10 new teaching positions are open, but every principal is being asked to review and justify each school's staffing levels, according to Rounds. That goes for departments in district administration, said Rounds, who noted that he isn't filling a vacancy for director of second education at the central office.

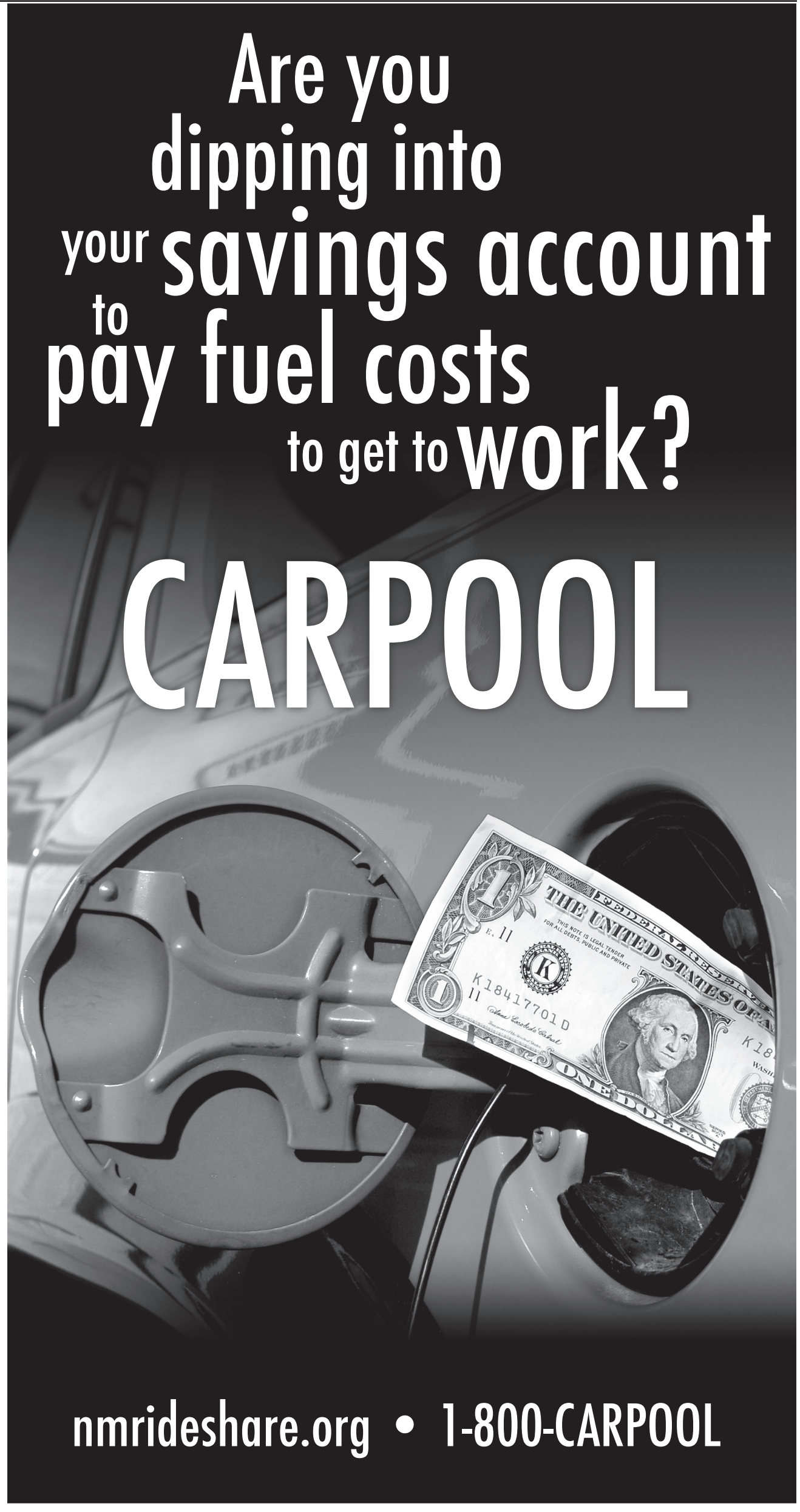
Although the state is not yet restricting what percentage of a school system's budget goes to administration, Rounds said similar comparisons of district spending to state averages will be made for administration. One of the school board's goals is to cut central office spending, he noted.

"Central office does not escape that filter," Rounds said. "We're doing this across the spectrum."

Rounds said no new hiring is being allowed without his approval. "Judicious" hiring in filling vacancies and reorganizing some job duties could allow attrition to close the budgetary gap, according to the interim superintendent.

Rounds also emphasized that it will take some time to get the budget in better balance. "We're not going to do this in one year," he said.

With the city expected to grow about 3 percent a year, and with the expected influx of residents related to a growing military presence in the area, Rounds said "this is the right time to be having this dialogue as we are seeing the genesis of a fairly large expansion."



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Also saying he was responding to concerns raised by his East Mesa constituents, councillor Ken Miyagishima at first tried to disqualify councillor Gil Jones, whose sister-in-law is the sister of Philippou's wife, from voting on the question. Jones has insisted that his contact with Philippou has been minimal and that he could make a decision on the question objectively. At the meeting, Jones also noted language in the city's ethical policies that councillors couldn't vote on matters in which they have "direct or indirect" financial interest.

The ethics code also requires some evidence of that benefit, according to Jones and city attorney Fermin Rubio. Without evidence that he somehow stood to benefit from the development's passage, Jones contended there was no reason to disqualify him.

With the exception of Miyagishima, the rest of the councillors agreed with Jones. Miyagishima would also be the lone dissenting vote against the proposal once the vote was made at nearly 1 a.m.

Before the start of Monday's debate during the eight-hour city council meeting, city officials advised that they could act on the matter because it was a matter of policy.

State Attorney General Gary King has been asked to investigate the legalities about some aspects of the deal between Philippou and Lyons. The state land commissioner sought a request for proposal from other possibly interested developers after finalizing negotiations with Philippou.

> "Please don't shut the door."
>
> STATE REP. JONI GUTIERREZ

Prior to the deal, Philippou had donated money to a political action committee that donated to Lyons' re-election campaign before the deal. Also, Lyons – who is a New Mexico State University graduate – got a free ride on a plane chartered by Philippou to Spokane, Wash., to see the Aggies play in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

As the state land commissioner, Lyons is limited to two terms and was being discussed as a possible Republican candidate for governor in 2010.

At Monday's meeting, Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace said he also spoke with King about whether the council could act on the request with questions about the propriety of the dealings being investigated. Mattiace said King assured him the council's vote on the proposal was a separate question and not germane.

Councillor Steve Trowbridge prefaced the debate by cautioning against an approach suggested by a group calling itself the Quality Growth Alliance that the council could approve the annexation, but hold off on approving zoning. Once the zoning is approved, a developer could build to maximum density allowances – which in the Presidio's case could be up to 90,000 dwelling units – and only the developer can request future zoning adjustments.

Without approving the proposal's master plan and zoning requests, Trowbridge said, the council would have to approve some kind of conditional zoning, which results in the city losing some "negotiation" influence.

City staff then tried to answer many of the other questions that's been raised since people became aware of the proposal – much of it in a "Frequently Asked Questions" format:

• Water

City officials cited a series of studies over the past 20 years that have looked at the water supply in anticipation of steady growth in Las Cruces. Those studies are the foundation for the city's 40-year water plan that assumes Las Cruces will keep growing by about 3 percent each year. The city is beginning to add surface water treatment and aquifer replenishing to its water supply efforts, with the first surface water treatment facility being built near the development.

• Parks and Open Space

The city has been charged by the State Land Office to ensure arroyo preservation. The setback standards can be made more stringent by the time the development applies for the preliminary plats.

• Roads and utilities

Philippou has agreed to put in major roads and utilities before construction. Most significantly, he wants to first connect Dunn Drive with Lohman Avenue. Along with the "new urbanism" approach to put businesses, shops and needs in close proximity to neighborhoods within the development, City Assistant Manager Robert Garza said this major connection will serve to "disperse" some of the East Mesa traffic often seen at the intersection of Lohman Avenue and Telshor Boulevard.

This was one of Miyagishima's main disagreements with the proposal. He contended that the Dunn-Lohman connection should be larger than four lanes – he sees more a need for six lanes – and that no matter how he crunched the number,

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Miyagishima said he still sees another 11,000 cars being added to the traffic congestion at that intersection.

• Schools

Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds told the council he was recommending to the school board that they accept Philippou's offer of 249 acres for schools at no cost to the district. Rounds said he has a commitment in writing from Philippou on the school sites. He added that he hasn't seen this kind of commitment from a developer before.

> "The community wasn't brought in at the beginning."
>
> DON KURTZ, Quality Growth Alliance

• Density

City staff agreed that the maximum density of 90,000 dwelling units was unlikely. Philippou's staff is predicting closer to 30,000 dwelling units built over 20 years in nine phases as sections of state land are released. Miyagishima said he believed that number would be closer 44,000 dwelling units.

• Drainage

The developer will have to have to come up with a drainage master plan before platting as part of the platting process.

• Arroyos

These will be less expensive than what arroyo crossings have cost in the past, because the development is further up on the East Mesa where the arroyos are more narrow and easier to cross.

Garza said many of the questions being asked are too early in the process to come up with definitive answers for prior to the developer doing more intensive surveying and engineering, which will be required in later stages of the development.

Don Kurtz, speaking for the Quality Growth Alliance, said his group was nonetheless bothered by how it seemed "an inside deal" and that the general public should have known about it sooner, especially since it involved state land. The main result from passing the proposal would be a "loss of trust," he said.

"The community wasn't brought in at the beginning," Kurtz said. "You can't treat this like a 50-acre subdivision."

State Rep. Joni Gutierrez spoke in favor of the proposal, saying she was bothered by a sense of some residents wanting "to shut the door" after arriving here. "Please don't shut the door," she asked the council.

John Hummer, speaking for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, read a letter in support of the proposal, citing its ability to attract quality business.

When it came to the councillors' turn to give their thoughts, several noted the many emails they received, and they voiced resentment about the political threats in some of them. Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Connor went as far as to read a portion of one the emails into the record. Connor also spoke in support of Jones, noting that the city is still small enough for officials to easily be remotely related to each other.

In the end, it's still up to personal integrity, she said.

"I will not do favors for my friends if they are illegal," Connor said.

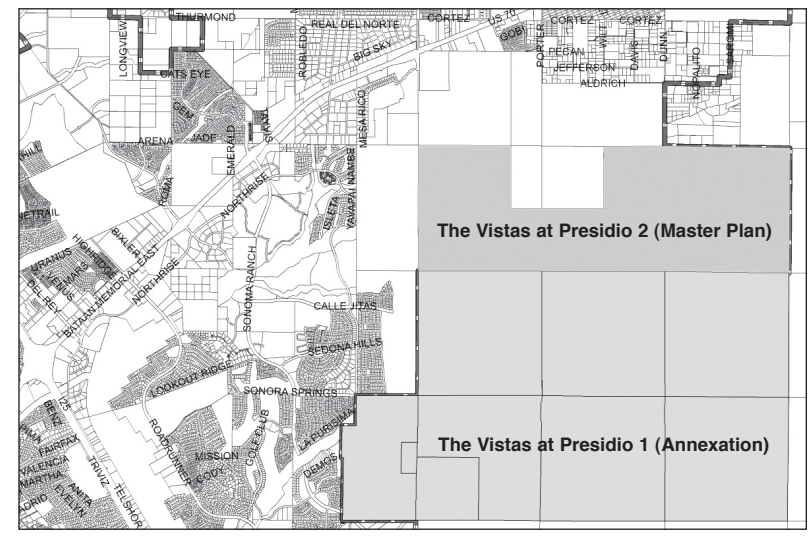
Connor said she liked how this portion of the East Mesa will actually have a street grid and that growth was always expected up to Weisner Road, which borders the development along its eastern edge.

Councillor Jose Frietze said it is better for the area to grow in the city with sewer and water service than in the county.

Councillor Dolores Archuleta admitted she was saddened when she first saw the proposal's size and scale, but all of her concerns have been answered by the planning of Philippou's organization.

Trowbridge said the city does need to look at its process to make it more transparent, but that the proposal was a responsible approach to growth.

Miyagishima was able to win one accommodation from the other councillors – a 40-foot height limit on buildings in areas zoned for apartments. He also wanted to limited what types of manufacturing uses would be allowed, but the motion failed.



This map shows the area for the Vistas at Presidio 1 and 2. The Presidio 2 is the portion that was already in city limits. The Presidio 1 is the recently accepted 4,200-acre annexation, which will be developed over the next 20 years.

Honors College Scholarship goes to well-traveled local student

The 2007 New Mexico State University Honors College Scholarship has been awarded to Sandra Yezenia Gutierrez, a senior double majoring in criminal justice and Spanish, originally from Aguascalientes, Mexico.

The scholarship includes a $5,000 stipend, designation as an Honors College scholar, a faculty member to monitor the student's development and a foreign travel experience.

Gutierrez came to the United States at the age of 12 and lived in Hatch, before coming to Las Cruces to attend NMSU. She is scheduled to graduate in December 2007 and is an NMSU Crimson Scholar, a College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) alumni and a McNair Scholar.

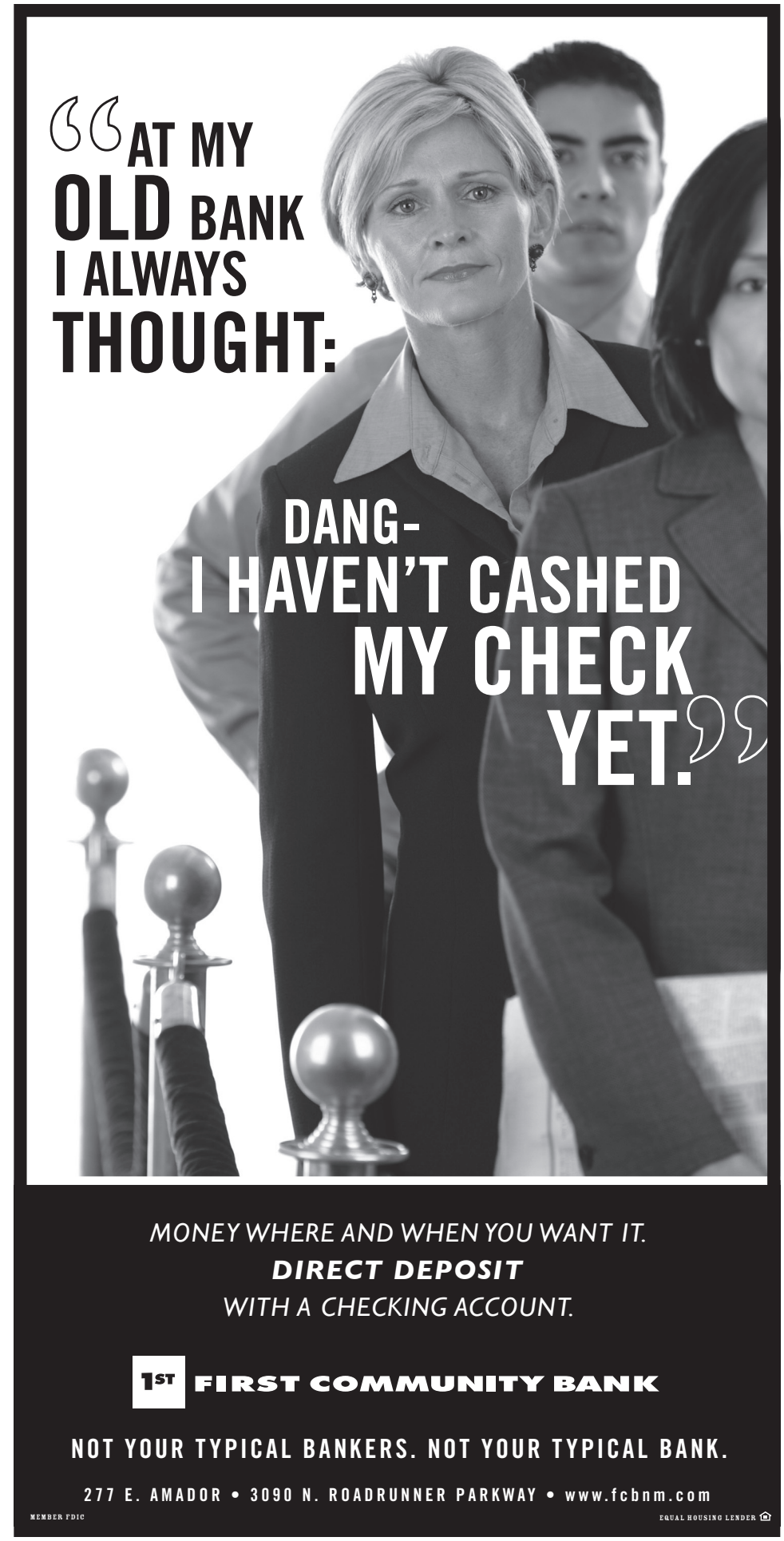
For her foreign travel experience, Gutierrez will go to Zacatecas, Mexico. Her research will focus on reducing undocumented immigration through education. She also will conduct workshops concerning the dangers of immigrating.

"I will find out about the patterns of potential immigrants, ages 14-17," Gutierrez said. "I hypothesize that as education attainment increases, migration levels will eventually decrease."

In addition, Gutierrez also will write a book on the life of an immigrant. For this part of the project, she will interview Don Jose Acevedo, a member of an indigenous tribe from Zacatecas and her father, Ciro Gutierrez.

"Receiving such a prestigious award changed my life," Gutierrez said. "I will have the opportunity to conduct research as an undergraduate, an opportunity many students obtain during their master's studies. I plan to attend graduate school and this project will serve as the seed project for my master's thesis."

This is the third year the Honors College Scholarship has been awarded. It is given to sophomore and junior students who exemplify the qualities of intellectual curiosity and achievement, mental agility, questing spirit, moral character and leadership.



Baked to perfection

Lujan Bakery has 50 years of history

STORY AND PHOTOS BY LILY DALE

Watching the three full-time bakers of Lujan Bakery make Mexican sweet bread from scratch every morning is like watching a well-choreographed dance. They move around each other with the grace of dancers, anticipating each other's next move and pounding down dough in a catchy rhythm. The beats are broken by the sound of requests yelled across the table from one baker to another but, the movement never stops until all the bread has been baked for the day.

Lujan Bakery, located at the corner of Amador Avenue and Mesquite Street in Las Cruces, has been at this location for the last 50 years. The bakery is owned and operated by Enrique and Delfina Sanchez. Enrique Sanchez worked for the previous owner, Alfredo Lujan, for five years before buying the store from him 16 years ago. The couple said some of their customers still confuse them for the Lujan family sometimes.

Sanchez grew up in a family of bakers. His father owned a bakery in Mexico, and Sanchez said he'd pull up a stool alongside his father at a very early age so he could learn to bake.

"My father taught me everything about baking," he said in Spanish. Sanchez said he knows so much now that he can tell if a mix is missing yeast or salt by simply touching it.

Lujan Bakery makes as many as 130 different varieties of bread throughout the year. Different breads are also available during different seasons For example, special bread is baked during Easter and "biscochos" (Mexican wedding cookies) are most popular during Christmas.

"Baking bread is an art," said Sanchez.

He added that more and more of the old-time bakeries have replaced bakers with machines. His bakery uses only two "automated" machines: a giant mixer to handle the different doughs and a hand-pulled machine that cuts the dough into equal pieces. This helps speed up the process of making bread but Sanchez said the three bakers he employs are still slower than what he's used to. He said he can bake twice the amount of bread in an hour than all three of his bakers, but he doesn't want to automate any further than he already has.

Sanchez enjoys teaching others to bake. He taught family members how to make doughnuts, and he said they now own a popular doughnut shop in Arizona. He beams with pride when he tells me about how light and fluffy their doughnuts are and how they have far surpassed his baking skills.

When asked if he's passed on his skills to his four children, Sanchez looks sad. His wife, Delfina, said none of their children have been interested in learning to bake, although they will occasionally help out in the front of the store. Sanchez said he's also tried to pass on everything he knows about baking to his three bakers, but he said he feels they're too young to understand the importance of it or to be interested in it. Sanchez ended by saying that he's afraid he'll die without ever passing on his skills and his love for fresh-baked bread.

Antonio Soto lathers this sweet bread with cherry pie filling then coats it in coconut before it goes out on the shelf. Soto has worked at Lujan Bakery for the last two years.

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Clockwise from left: Hector Acosta has worked at the bakery off and on for 10 years; Antonio Soto for two years and Jose Garcia for 10 years. They each say they can't imagine doing anything else.

Jose Garcia shows off some pastries. Garcia has worked at Lujan Bakery for 10 years. He started when he was 15 years old.

Delfina Sanchez, co-ower of Lujan Bakery, stands ready to help customers.

Bakers at Lujan Bakery make every bread by hand. Here, a baker rolls out dough that will be shaped into one kind of Mexican sweet bread. The three full-time bakers at Lujan Bakery make as many as 2,200 additional pieces of bread during Easter time.

Empanadas are filled with pineapple filling and readied for baking. Fruit-filled empanadas are very popular at the bakery and just one of as many as 130 varieties of Mexican sweet bread cooked up at Lujan Bakery in Las Cruces.

Alma d'arte students protest teacher dismissals

Arts-based charter school students take 'vow of silence'

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Between 60 to 80 of the predominantly goth-clothed Alma d'arte students added new fashion accessories Wednesday morning – duct tape and gags over their mouths.

The students were protesting the dismissal of two of their teachers.

"Alma is a family," said Dalton Gorden, one of the students organizing the protest. "This is like an excommunication."

Protesting students said they were dissatisfied with answers given to them at a meeting earlier that week.

Travis Relyea, another student protest organizer, said the school's charter calls for democratic governance of the school, located in the Court Youth Center. But students weren't involved in the decision, he said, and the teachers not notified until they learned that other returning teachers had received their contracts.

Protesting students met that morning with Irene Oliver-Lewis, one of the charter school's founders and its executive producer. They told her how much the let-go teachers meant to them and how they felt "blindsided" by the action.

Oliver-Lewis told the students she was limited by law to say what the problems were with the teachers being dismissed, but added that she understood their need to feel heard in the matter.

One idea being considered to give students a greater say in deciding which teacher stays or goes, she said, is to have a student-evaluation process, similar to what's done at the university level.

The protest began as the three-year-old school was preparing for its first graduation on Friday, May 25.

After the meeting with the students in which she promised to re-evaluate the actions in light of their concern, Oliver-Lewis said she saw the students' organized, respectful protest as a good sign the school is teaching them to be involved in their education as "empathetic lifelong learners."

Also, she said the protest illustrated the ownership Alma's students have in their school. Many of the school's students did poorly in regular school, largely as a result of skipping school. Most of those students now have high attendance because they passionately enjoy the school, Oliver-Lewis said.

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Students at Alma d'arte Charter High School gather on the front lawn of the Court Youth Center Wednesday morning to plan their "vow of silence" protest over the dismissal of two teachers before meeting with Irene Oliver-Lewis the school's founder and administrator.

For all that makes the small charter high school of 165 students and 36 teaching staff unique with its focus on learning with an arts focus tied to real-world applications, Alma is like any other public and must meet educational benchmarks, she said.

"We are a unique school," Relyea said to Oliver-Lewis about the dismissed teachers. "We look at them and see a person, not an employee."

Students weren't totally out of the loop, Oliver-Lewis said, because two students sit on the school's governing council. Members of the council were informed about the reasons being given for the dismissals, she said,

Though Oliver-Lewis said she would be talking to the dismissed teachers again before making the decision final, she also said she stood by the decision made by the school's leadership team.

Oliver-Lewis refused to talk about specific issues with the fired teachers because it is personnel matter and that information is protected.

"It's by law, you guys," she told the students.

News Briefs

Kid fishing clinic set

The Annual Kids Fishing Clinic sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Flyfishers, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Sportsman's Warehouse, and Wal-Mart will be held Saturday, June 2, at Alumni Pond on the NMSU Campus.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. and run through noon. The clinic is open to all children and their parents, but especially for kids 6-11 years old with little or no fishing experience.

Topics that will be included in the program include Casting, Fly Tying, Baits and Tackle, Aquatic Insects, Conservation and Ethics, Rules and Regulations, and Fish Identification.

The event is free to children 11 and younger. Kids are required to bring their own fishing gear.

Each participant must pre-register with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish by calling 532-2100 or by stopping by the office at 2715 Northrise Drive.

An adult must accompany their children attending the event. There will be free fishing goodies for the kids, posters, and more.

Police warn of possible scam

The Las Cruces Police Department wants the public to be aware of an individual who may be fraudulently soliciting donations from area businesses on behalf of a campus organization.

Police have received a report of a man by the name of Shawn who was asking for cash donations to benefit the New Mexico State University "Hearing Center." It is believed that the individual has, in at least one instance, misrepresented himself in an attempt to collect a donation.

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating this individual. Anyone who has made a donation to this individual, or anyone with information on this case, is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or from outside the Las Cruces area at 1 (800) 897-2746.

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Spaceport launch payload retrieved

UP Aerospace finds rocket in missile range flatlands

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's mission accomplished for the second flight out of Spaceport America as UP Aerospace began returning payloads to customers this week from its April 28 launch.

Bad weather and a wayward transmitter delayed recovery of the SpaceLoft XL's payload section, UP Aerospace President Jerry Larson told the Bulletin in a telephone interview from the company's Colorado offices.

Last Month, the 20-foot rocket streaked into the sky from its temporary launch facilities at Spaceport America in the desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences. More important than its successful takeoff, the solid-fuel propelled rocket held its trajectory to complete its 15-minute flight to reach suborbital space at 384,000 feet. The rocket's booster then separated from the payload section and they parachuted back down to the surface on the White Sands Missile Range side of the San Andres Mountains.

Search crews easily found the rocket's booster, but had difficulty finding the payload carrying a cargo of experiments and small portions of the cremains, including actor James Doohan, beloved for his portrayal of "Scotty" on Star Trek, and Mercury 7 "Right Stuff" Astronaut L. Gordon "Gordo" Cooper. Alongside the celebrity cremains, the ashes of 200 others took the ride.

The transmitter on the payload section indicated that it had come down in a rough and rugged section of the mountains with heavy vegetation. The searches were conducted in between other tests at the missile range, and rough weather – including tornadoes – also interrupted searches.

Eventually, the transmitter was found, but it was no longer attached to the payload.

"The transmitter had come loose when it was over the mountains," Larson said.

The team went back to the flight tracking data and the computer model suggested another area to search.

"The landing area was actually in the flatlands," Larson said. "We were looking in the wrong spot."

It was comparatively easier to find and retrieve. The payload section was sent back to Denver and opened on Monday. All the payloads were in fine shape, Larson said.

Although they had intended to begin returning the payload contents earlier, Larson stated he was glad to be able to return the educational experiments while school was still in session.

Because UP Aerospace is a new company, the customers have been largely understanding about the delay, Larson said. He also complemented the missile range's staff cooperation in the effort.

Larson admitted he felt some anxiousness when the search first came up empty-handed.

The first SpaceLoft rocket spun out of control soon after takeoff on Sept. 25, 2006, and crashed into the desert.

With the recovery of the payload section, "it all turned out OK in the end," he said.

Along with restored confidence comes more enthusiastic customers looking to send small payloads into suborbital space for an affordable price, Larson said.

Four launches are being planned for September, October and November. Larson said adjustments will be made in the flight plan and to better secure the transmitters.

"The dream and the vision is still alive," Larson said.

Recovery crew at the landing site, from left: Bobby Bixter (Flight Engineer), Roger Bodwell (Pilot), Jerry Larson (President UP Aerospace), Ed Levine (Merlin Systems Inc.), and Todd Miller (White Sands Missile Range).

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Iraq deployment

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concur. Rivera said one guardsman, whose wife balked at the idea, was not allowed to go, despite his repeated pleas to be deployed.

Rivera returned from Afghanistan in September and has been on active duty for almost four years. When his active duty is over, he intends to return to work for the City of Las Cruces as the recreation administrator.

> "There's a mission to be done and we're going to do it."
>
> PVT. GARRETT ARAGON

Another officer in the unit is a correctional officer at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility in his civilian life. Since handling detainees will be part of Charlie Company's duties in Iraq, a training exercise was planned at the prison, but was thwarted by a lock-down.

One seasoned veteran in the unit is Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bonnette, who spent time in Saudi Arabia with a Hawk Missile unit. Bonnette has been on active duty for the last couple of years teaching a warrior transition course. The course "helps soldiers from the Navy or Air Force or Marines adapt to the Army's ways, " Bonnete said. It also helps soldiers that have been out of the military for three or more years, he said. Bonnette is from El Paso and has two daughters.

The soldiers were supportive of what they were being asked to do on this deployment and welcomed the challenge.

Pvt. Garrett Aragon of Albuquerque said, "I think it's the right thing to do. It's definitely going to be an experience. I expected to be deployed when I joined, that's what I joined for."

"It's good to be in a positive unit (like Charlie Company). There is a mission to be done and we're going to do it," he said.

Aragon is planning to be married to his fiancé, Rachel Loya, on Tuesday, May 29. "Just the official stuff," he said, "We'll have the ceremony when I get back."

Cpl. Edward Fish, of Las Cruces, was also eager for the assignment. "I think it will be a good year for me. I'll get a regular paycheck and some character building." Fish has been attending New Mexico State University as a computer science major.

Sometime in June, the unit will depart for Fort Dix, N.J., where they will formally qualify on the weapons and receive three months of intensive training. Their mobilization time, one year in Iraq and approximately 30 days leave at the end of the deployment, will add up to 400 days. Once they have completed this deployment, they will not be available for call up until 2011 or 2012, Ryczkowski said.

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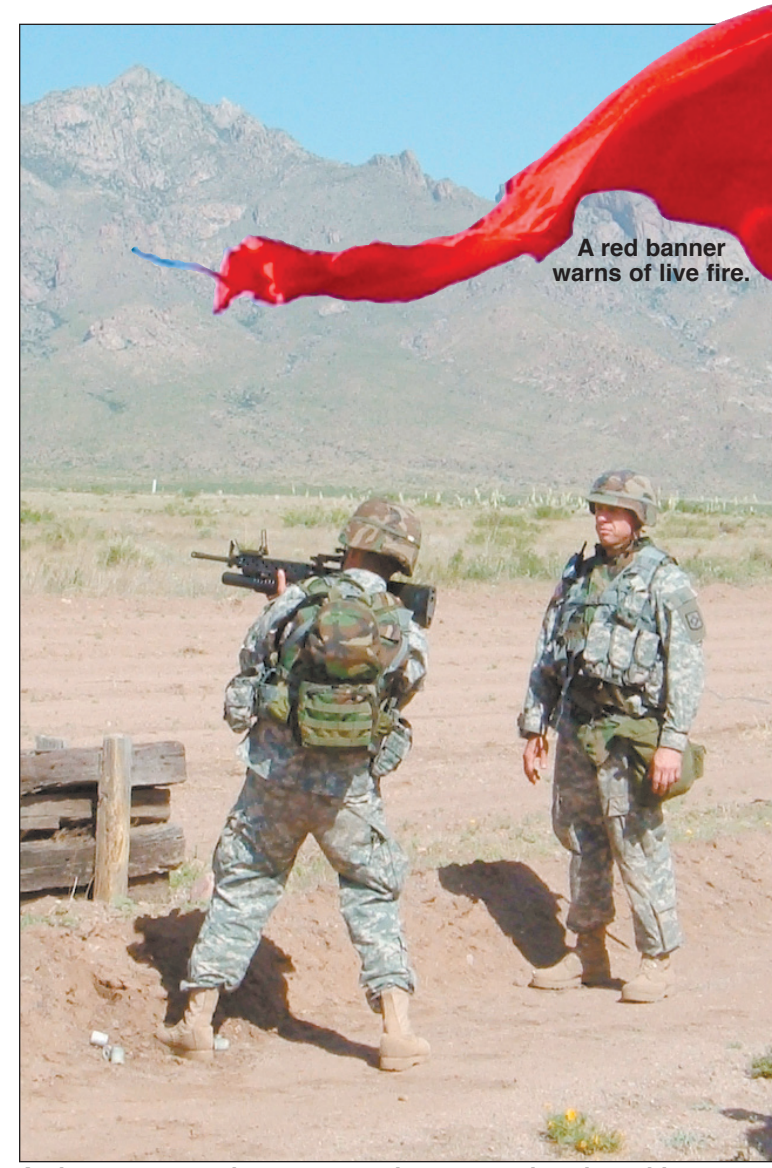

An instructor watches as a guardsman practices launching grenades using an M-203 and an attached 40MM grenade launcher.

Command Sgt. Maj. James Rivera and Capt. John Anderson address the media before training exercises on the White Sands Misslie Range Tuesday.

Memorial Day area closures

With most people getting Memorial Day off on Monday, they will be using the three-day weekend to enjoy friends, family and the outdoors.

Here's what will be open and closed for the holiday:

- Most City of Las Cruces offices will be closed, including City Hall.
- Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.
- All city recreation centers are closed, including Frenger Pool. However, Apodaca and Laabs swimming pools will remain open.
- All senior programs including home delivered meals are closed.
- The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library and the Bookmobile are closed.
- All RoadRUNNER Transit services will not be operating.
- All museums will be closed.
- Solid Waste offices are closed, but trash collection will take place as normal.
- The Recycling Center at 2855 Amador Ave. will close at 2 p.m. The old city landfill and yard waste recycling center at 4755 Foothills Road will be closed.
- The city's regular city council meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, instead of Monday.
- Most Doña Ana County offices will be closed.
- The county's solid-waste convenience stations in Anthony, La Mesa, Hill, Butterfield, Mesquite, La Union, Hatch and Garfield will be closed.
- In preparation of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, the New Mexico State Police will participate in Operation C.A.R.E., a national program aimed at reducing crashes on interstate highways during holiday weekend driving periods.

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County begins issuing permits for vehicle restoration

According to a press release, county residents will have their property files researched for codes-related issues and citations when vehicle restoration permits are applied for.

In addition, Doña Ana County codes enforcement officers will periodically inspect properties to which permits have been issued to ensure that no codes violations are evident in the area, the release says, and the officers are empowered to issue citations where codes violations are found.

The release states that the county planning office has now begun issuing the $35 vehicle-restoration permits which allow a resident to keep a non-running vehicle in plain view on their property for 18 months while it is refurbished.

Vehicles that are garaged or otherwise shielded from public view are not required to have permits the release says. Inoperable vehicles that are neither permitted nor shielded from public view will be subject to codes citations and significant fines, according to the release, and only race cars and agricultural equipment are excluded.

Residents must apply for the permits at the Planning Department in the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Boulevard and they must bring the title and/or registration for the vehicle being restored and pay a $35 permit fee for each vehicle the release said.

The press release says that as part of the application process, staff will research the property owner's files to determine if other codes issues exist on the property or whether any codes-related citations remain outstanding.

The release says that a maximum of two non-renewable permits will be issued per address, and that each permit will carry a description of the vehicle, as well as the approved location for the restoration work to be performed.

Once approved, each permit must be conspicuously placed on the vehicle to which it pertains according to the release.

In most cases, the release says, officers will attempt to educate the owner about codes compliance before any citations are issued, and the release says that residents who remedy violations within a reasonable period of time may avoid citations at the discretion of the codes enforcement officers.

The last graduates

TODD DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Last week's graduation of two Rivers Academy students was bittersweet for its founder and students. Carlos Jimenez and Timothy Lytton are the small, private school's last two graduates. Next academic year, Rivers Academy will transition into a lab school and outdoor classroom with tutoring services, with a heavy focus on teaching science, math, technology and engineering.

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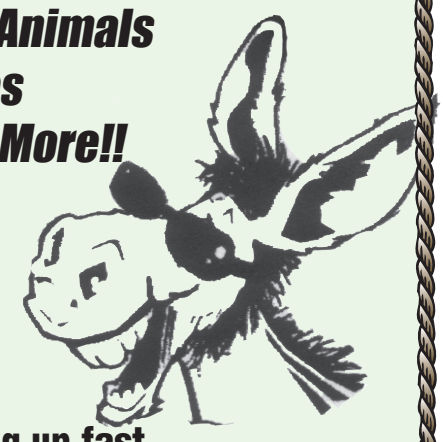
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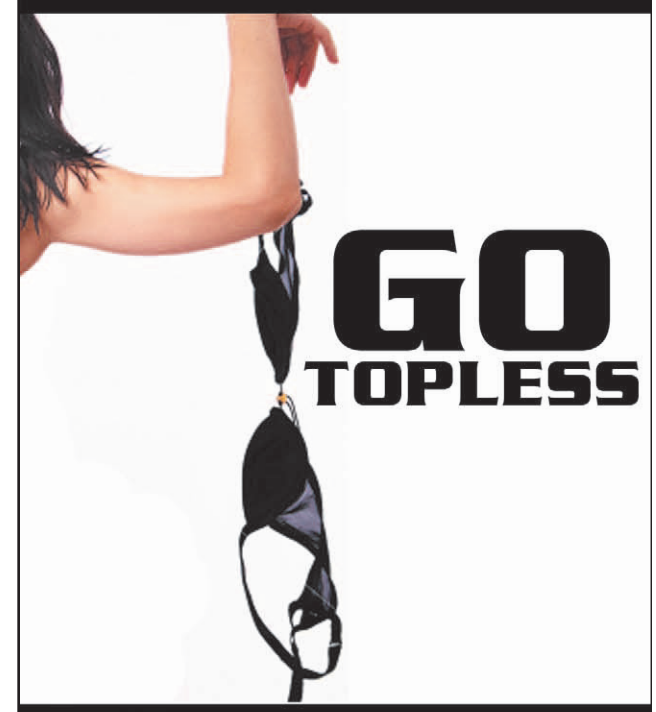
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Coming Up

Blue Moon at White Sands

White Sands National Monument continues its 2007 Full Moon Program series on Thursday, May 31. The park will stay open late for the second full moon, or "blue moon" in May. Visitors may enter the Dunes Drive until 10 p.m. that night and must exit the park by 11 p.m.

The evening's activities begin with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 7 p.m. The sunset stroll will focus on the geology, plants, and animals of the dune field and will provide an opportunity for photographing the dunes at sunset.

An evening program will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater in the heart of the dunes. Entitled "The Moon: More Than Just a Pretty Phase," the slide program reviews the historical significance of the moon. There is no seating at the amphitheater. Visitors who do not wish to sit on the sand may bring blankets or folding chairs to sit on.

The park entrance fee is $3 per person age 16 and older. Children and holders of National Park Passports are admitted free. For more information, call 479-6124 or 679-2599 extension 230.

Creating a Fountain

A workshop on Creating a Fountain will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. The workshop will focus on using found objects to create a fountain. Contact Enchanted Gardens for suggestions for fountain materials. The workshop costs $5 and participants must supply their own materials. Class size is limited. To register or for more information call 524-1886.

High Range Picnic

The High Range Neighborhood Association will hold their annual summer picnic on at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, in Veterans Park, 2561 Roadrunner Parkway.

All residents of High Range are invited to this free picnic. The meal will be catered so those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by calling Robin Hutchins at 522-1044 by June 4.

The evening's events will include door prizes and a special guest speaker, Richard McDonald of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. McDonald will talk briefly about wildlife and safety precautions to take when walking in area deserts and nature parks.

Family life seminars

A series of Family Life Education Seminars will be held at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Terrace Gallery. The seminars are co-sponsored by the Library and Alice B. Davenport, certified family life educator. The seminars are free and will be held from 2 to 4:30 p.m..

The topic on June 3 will be "Belonging: Will your children belong to your family or to a gang?"

On June 17, the seminar will be "Conversations: They belong to both parties and may become public."

The July 1 topic will be "Violence: Teaching our children how to recognize date violence."

On July 15, the seminar will be "Married and dependent: When he/she takes care of everything."

The seminar on July 29 will cover "Parents: When your adult children are alcoholic or drug addicts."

The Aug. 5 seminar will focus on "Connections: The need to find your biological roots."

On Aug. 19, the seminar will be about helping parents deal with their children's divorce and grandkids.

For more information contact Mark Pendleton, 528-4001, or email: mpendleton@las-cruces.org or contact Alice Davenport at 527-1411 or email: adavenport@totacc.com.

Senior activities

The following are among activities planned for senior citizens in Las Cruces.

A CORE/Floor Exercise Class will take place from 10:15 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.. Exercise routines to strengthen the abdominal muscles and back will be taught. All exercises are done on mats, which are available at the center. The suggested donation for this class is 50 cents.

A senior water exercise class or aquatics class with Nora Bailey will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. The class is held on a first come, first served basis with a suggested donation of 50 cents.

An exercise class with Nora Bailey will be from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. on Fridays at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Exercises are done using resistance equipment. Suggested donation for this class is 50 cents.

A Hatha yoga class will be conducted at 8 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road, by certified instructor Nora Bailey. This class is funded in part under an agreement with the area Agency on Aging. Suggested donation for this class is 50 cents.

The Mesilla Park Exercise class meets three times a week at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at the Mesilla Park Center, 304 W. Bell, Room 3. Certified instructor Lucille Garcia teaches the class. Suggested donation for this class is 50 cents.

Tai Chi classes with Cher meet from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays and from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. and 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday at East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive.

Many on-going activities are held at the Munson Senior Center,including, walking groups, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art sand painting, the crafters and the Munson quilters.

Senior Programs will be closed May 27-28 for Memorial Day.

Call 528-3000 or more information about Senior Programs. The TTY number is 528-3217.

Sierra Club outings

The Sierra Club will have a campout and outing Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3 near Turkey Creek in the Black Range with U.S. Forest Service biologist Marikay Ramsey. In the evening there will be a program about bats, owls and other creatures of the night, with a bird watching program in the morning. Participants are asked to meet at noon Saturday in the U.S. Forest Service office parking lot, 1804 North Date St., in Truth or Consequences. Call 894-6677 or 744-5860 for more information.

The Sierra Club will also have a strenuous seven-mile day hike to Indian Hollow in the Organ Mountains on Saturday, June 9. Participants are asked to meet at the K-Mart parking lot at 1900 Bataan Memorial East at 8 a.m. Hikers should dress appropriately and bring money for the entrance fee, food, water, and sun block. For more information call 526-7116.

Registration for Summer Enrichment Classes extended

June Jamboree 2007 Summer Enrichment Classes will be held at the Las Cruces Catholic School campus on June 4 to 8 with a second session to be held on June 11 to 15. Classes will be held Monday through Friday – Session 1 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Session 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The program is open to all youth in the Las Cruces area from kindergarten through eighth grade.

The following classes are available: Beginning Piano, Computer Fun, Creative Writing, Ballet Folklórico, Scrap booking, African Safari, Beginning guitar, Football Camp for ages 5 to 10, Volleyball camp for grades 4 to 8, Cheer/Dance ages 5 to 13. Registration is ongoing through June 1.

Register at the Las Cruces Catholic School office on 1331 N. Miranda St., 526-2517. For more information call Margaret Torres at 524-0458 or 649-8835.

Summer School classes

Las Cruces Public Schools' Summer School graduation is set for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center.

The graduation ceremony is open to all high school students who completed their required coursework after the May 2007 graduations.

Some spots remain open for summer school classes, which will be held at Oñate High School.

The following is the summer school schedule:

- Session I: May 29-June14: Week I: May 29-June 1; Week II: June 4-7; Week III: June 11-14;
- Session II: June 18-July 5: Week I: June 18-21; Week II: June 25-29; Week III: July 2-5.

For more information, call Oñate High School at 505.527.9430.

NMAA Town Hall

The New Mexico Activities Association will host a town hall meeting at the Las Cruces Public Schools Board Room from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 30, to discuss the role and relationship of club and interscholastic athletics and the rules and regulations that govern them.

The NMAA would like to hear opinions and feedback from school administrators, parents, coaches and players regarding club and high school sports and about topics such as out-of-season coaching, summer participation and dual participation.

"The NMAA really wants to get a good idea of the public's perception of the role of club and high school sports and how the two entities can operate together for the benefit of all students in New Mexico," said NMAA Executive Director Gary Tripp.

For more information call Robert Zayas, NMAA communications director, at (505) 977-5386.

Garrison flag raising

The City of Las Cruces Garrison flag will be raised on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28, at Veterans Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.

The flag will be raised at 8 a.m. and will fly at half staff until noon. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Udell Vigil at 541-2200. The TTY number is 541-2182.

In the News

Senators praises postal changes

In a press release this week, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman said he is pleased that the U.S. Postal Service has agreed to hire 15 employees to staff a third shift at the El Paso mail processing plant.

"I'm very glad that the U.S. Postal Service is hiring additional employees at the mail processing center." Bingaman said. "We'll keep a close eye on the situation to ensure that Las Cruces residents see an improvement in service."

Last month, Bingaman and Rep. Silvestre Reyes wrote to Postmaster John Potter, asking for a reevaluation of the decision to move the Las Cruces processing operations to El Paso and called on the USPS to take the steps needed to improve delivery to the area.

"We have received complaints regarding late delivery of mail, specifically of bulk items, many of which are time sensitive," they wrote. "The El Paso mail processing facility has been the focus of many mail delivery issues in the area and the United States Postal Service (USPS) has failed to address the problems sufficiently.

"We urge you to conduct a study and determine whether transferring the Las Cruces processing operations to El Paso was an appropriate action to take. If USPS determines that the move was necessary, then it is clear that more personnel must be hired to ensure the efficient and timely operation of the El Paso facility. While we commend USPS for its recent hires in the Albuquerque area to address delivery issues, these same steps have not been taken to address the delivery issues in the El Paso/Las Cruces area."

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici also welcomed the decision to add personnel to make the facility a 24-hour operation.

Domenici not only called on Postmaster General John E. Potter about the problem, he contacted Dan G. Blair, chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, about the mail service problems in southern New Mexico.

Domenici vowed to continue monitoring the situation, as well.

The new workers being added to the El Paso center come on the heels of the USPS decision to hire an additional 75 employees to work in the New Mexico/Albuquerque District in order to improve mail service to central New Mexico.

Crime Stoppers: 1992 homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a 15-year-old homicide.

At about 6 p.m. on March 15, 1992, officers of the Las Cruces Police Department were called to 2029 Sagecrest Court in reference to a structure fire. In 1992 this location was the Las Cruces Nursing Center, which acted as a retirement home.

When officers arrived, they discovered that 74-year-old Inez White was inside the room where the fire originated. White died as a result of the injuries she received during the fire.

Through the investigation detectives learned that the fire was intentionally set and White was the intended target of the fire. New evidence has shed some light on this investigation but detectives still need the community's help in solving this most heinous crime. Detectives believe that there are persons still in the community who hold valuable information for the successful resolution of this case.

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.

Fire Marshal's Office moves

The operations and staff of the Doña Ana County Fire Marshal's Office have begun moving to the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.

The Fire Marshal's Office will maintain transitional offices in the Doña Ana County Public Health Building at Spruce and Solano for a few weeks.

"Moving the fire marshal and his staff completes the last substantive step for making the Doña Ana County Government Center a true one-stop shop for county business," said County Manager Brian D. Haines.

Military space office opens

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici this week lauded the opening of the Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) office at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

"The ORS will increase Kirtland's value and importance to our nation's defense," Domenici said. "Space is already becoming strategically important to our national security, and now Kirtland will play a larger role in ensuring United States interests are well protected in that realm.

"I also believe this new mission will make Albuquerque and New Mexico even more attractive to researchers and industry in the space field."

Rick Homans, New Mexico Spaceport Authority executive director, also attended a ceremony marking the opening of the ORS office and noted that it is expected to do some of its testing at Spaceport America, 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

Other Kirtland space activities include: Space and Missile Systems Center Space and Development Test Wing; Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) Space Vehicle Directorate; Office of Aerospace Studies; AFRL Directed Energy Directorate; and Sandia National Laboratories.

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TICKETS ARE $15 PER PERSON WITH A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFITING MISS NM SCHOLARSHIPS.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT spencertheater.com
Spencer Box Office 505-336-4800 or at the door on Sunday, June 3, 2007.

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Now, follow these lovely "idols" to Alamogordo, as they continue their quest for the title of Miss New Mexico 2007!

AT THE TAYS AUDITORIUM IN ALAMOGORDO

Preliminary competition will be June 7th and 8th at 6:30
Final competition is Saturday, June 9th at 7:00 PM

Mistress of Ceremonies will be Kellye Cash, Miss America 1987 and the niece of the late Johnny Cash. Kellye has performed with numerous musical artists including Vince Gill, Lee Greenwood and Billy Joel. She is charming, witty and exciting!

Tickets for the Alamogordo event are available at:
First National Bank and Comfort Inn in Alamogordo, or by calling 505-430-5523.

NEW MEXICO LAND OF ENCHANTMENT TOURISM DEPARTMENT

WHO WILL BE MISS NEW MEXICO 2007?

Sponsored in part by the Alamogordo Promotions Board

Religious Services

for the week of May 27, 2007

Anglican

St. Mary's
Historic Anglican Church
(Hill, NM) 7975 Doña Ana Rd.
ACIC, ACUSA, ADGS
Using the 1928 BCP
Info: 505-523-6586
Saturday 6:30 pm Evensong/HE
Sundays 9 am HE**
Tuesday 10 am Morning P
10:30 am Bible Study
**HE = Holy Eucharist, *P = Prayers

Assemblies of God

Central Assembly of God
Sunday School: 9:45
AM Service: 10:45
PM Service: 6:00
Pot Luck 2nd Sunday of the Month
(No Evening Service)
Bilingual Service
524-0824

Baptist

East Mesa Baptist Church
Sunday bible study 9am
Sunday worship
10:15 am & 6 pm
Children's Church Sun 10:30am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7pm
Pastor Linvell Tisdale
6160 Moongate • 382-0386

First Baptist Church of Las Cruces
106 South Miranda
Las Cruces, NM 88005-2637
524-3691

Sunday:	
Early Worship	8 am
Bible Study	9:30 & 11 am
9•3•0 Worship	9:30 am
Morning Worship	11 am
Prayer	6 pm
Wednesday:	
Fellowship Meal	5 pm
University of Life	6 pm

Child Care Available

Scripture Baptist
"Always Preaching the Truth"
COME JOIN US
WHILE WE BUILD
OUR NEW BUILDING.
WHILE GOD BUILDS
HIS CHURCH!
Pastor Richard Johnson
642-3607

Bethel Second Baptist Church
Reverend
Gregory Arthur
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 6 pm
405 E. Hadley Ave.
523-7850

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday	6:05 p.m.
Sunday	8:15 a.m.
	9:30 a.m.
	10:45 a.m.

1800 S. Locust
522-7900

Bible

Grace Bible Church
Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234
Sunday Worship
10 am - 11 am
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Sunday Evening Fellowship
6 pm - 7 pm
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting
7 pm - 8 pm
at 2615 Missouri Ave.

Catholic

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church
A Loving Community Where All Are Welcome
Services:
Sat: 5:30 p.m. & Sun: 10 a.m.
Fr. Jim Lehman - Pastor
www.zianet.com/lehhar
702 Parker Rd. • 644-5025

Christian Science

Christian Science Church
Sunday Service and
Sunday School 10 am
Wed. Testimonial
Meeting 7 pm
325 W. Mountain
(off Alameda)
523-5063
Reading Room
409 N. Downtown Mall

Episcopal

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
Thurs. Eucharist: noon
Monthly healing 7pm
every 3rd Thursday
Logos program for children & teens Wed 4-7:30pm
518 N. Alameda
526-6333

St. James' Episcopal Church
Sunday Worship:
8 am, 10:30 am
Sun. School 9:15 am
Sun. 4:30 pm: Youth Group
Wed. 10 am: Eucharist
Ministry for the whole family
105 St. James St.
1 block south of University & Main
526-2389

Foursquare

Church Triumphant
"A Place for People to Grow"
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am
Wednesday/**180 Youth**: 7 pm
Kid's Church for all ages!
churchtriumphantlc.com
Ty Loyd - Pastor
2020 N. Valley Dr.,
528-LOVE(5683)

Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Nursery Provided
www.zianet.com/peacelutheran
1701 E. Missouri
Corner of Missouri & Locust
522-7119

Mission Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)
God's Unchanging Word
For An Ever Changing World
Sunday Services: 8 am & 10:30
Sun. School & Bible Study: 9:15 am
¡Lo invito! a la Iglesia Lutherana Misión
Los Domingos:
La escuela dominical 10:30 am
La misa en español 12 pm
2752 Roadrunner Pkwy.
522-0465

Faith Lutheran Church
LCMS
Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service 10:30 a.m.
"For by grace you have been saved through faith..."
Eph. 2:8
Presently worshipping Sundays at:
240 Three Crosses Avenue
522-0465 for more information
Pastor Joe Ed Pederson
Registration Open for
Mission Lutheran School
Preschool through Grade 5

Methodist

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Gospel Worship Service	8:15
Sunday school & Fellowship	9:30
New Day Worship Service	9:30
Oasis Service of Praise	10:45
Traditional UMC Worship	10:45
SHOUT! Youth Choir	4:30
UM Youth	5:30

Senior Pastor Gorton Smith
email: spoffice@zianet.com
www.stpaulslascruces.com
Call church for more weekly activities
225 W. Griggs 526-6689

Messianic

Etz Chayim-Tree of Life Messianic Congregation
134 S. Downtown Mall
parking lot #10
Shabbat Service 10 am
Davidic Dance class
Pot Luck Oneg (lunch)
Bible Study 1:30 pm
382-0193

Non-Denominational

Southern New Mexico Church of God
Pentecost? Should a christian observe Pentecost?
Interactive Bible Study
SERVICES
• Saturdays 1 p.m. •
Branigan Library Board Room
650-7359
Everyone is welcome

Word of Fire Christian Center
"is not my word like as a fire?" - Jeremiah 23:39
Prayer:..... 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Sunday School:..... 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Paster's Lee & Flora Rush
Co-Pastor Nadean Moore
Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, Atlantica Room
901 Ave. de Mesilla
312-7748

Calvary Chapel of Las Cruces
139 South Main
Verse by Verse,
Chapter by Chapter Book by Book
Be fed! Be edified! Be equipped!
Ephesians 4:12

Sunday Services
Bible Teaching & Worship, 9 & 11 am
The Refuge Young Adult Service 6 pm
Monday
Men's Prayer Meeting - 7pm
Tuesday
Calvary Chapel Bible College 6pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7 pm
Thursday
Calvary Chapel Bible College 6pm
Friday
Kinship Group Bible Study-7 p.m.

Call 524-0985
for further information
www.calvarychapellascruces.com
email: calvchapfc@yahoo.com

New Thought

WELLSPRING CHURCH
An Inclusive New Thought Community

Sunday Celebration	11:00 AM
Youth Program during Service	
Discussion Groups	9:30 AM

Meeting at the ARC Life Center
NE Corner - Griggs and Walnut
Rev. Sam Ritchey - 647-2560

Religious Science

Mastery in Life Center of Religous Science
Rev. Sandhi Scott, Minister
Sun. Celebration 10:30 am
Tues. Support Group 1 - 2:30 pm
Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm
(Drummers and Healers welcome!)
A Course in Miracles Study Group
Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm
All groups are open to everyone
575 N. Main
(on the Downtown Mall)
523-4847
milcrelsc@zianet.com

Unity

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley

Sunday Service	10:30am
Thursday Refresh with Prayer	11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Rev. Terry Lund
125 Wyatt
(between El Paseo & Main)
www.UnityofLasCruces.org
523-5592

Interested in being on our religious page? Call Stephanie at 524-8061 for details

CHURCH NEWS

MEDITATION CLASSES

Eight Steps to Happiness with Buddhist nun Kelsang Chenma will be offered Mondays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through June 25. Each class includes teaching, meditation and discussion. Meditation classes with Chenma are also offered Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. through June 26. Classes are held at 116 W. Las Cruces Ave. (between Water and Church streets). The cost is $8 per class. Guests are invited to drop in to any class. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the Shakyamuni Buddhist Center at (505) 292-5293 or visit www.meditationinnewmexico.org.

UNITY CHURCH OF MESILLA VALLEY

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley presents a series based on the DVD "The Secret," which is taking the country by storm. The event is offered by Millie Jordan and Rev. Terry Lund and will run for six weeks through Wednesday, June 13. Each workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the church, 125 Wyatt Drive. Guests are invited to join at any time. No fee is required, but a love offering is accepted. For more information, call 523-5592 or 525-9227 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

HAND BELL PLAYERS

Hand bell players meet at 5:15 p.m. every Tuesday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., in the choir room (entrance on Alameda Boulevard). For more information, call Cathy at 373-9075 or Mary Ann at 527-5136 (after 3 p.m.).

CELESTIAL SOUNDS REHEARSALS

Celestial Sounds, a small group of women singers, meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, every Monday from 7 to 9 p.m. They are currently looking for new members, 16 years old and older. If you enjoy singing and would like to be a part of a group, please come to a rehearsal. If you would like more information, call J. Vigerust at 524-0930. There is a placement audition. Reading music is helpful, but not a requirement.

THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin
welcomes submissions of local church events and activities.
Send your church news to joel@lascrucesbulletin.com

Prayer Network expands mission

Funds needed to help connect community to local churches

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Prayer Network (LCPN) has found a new home.

After having the Prayer Center based on Mall Drive for the last four years, LCPN Executive Director Fred Schultz has moved the group's office to 1115 Commerce Drive, Suite 3.

According to Schultz, the building on Mall Drive fulfilled the group's needs well over the last four years but was too large for the new vision.

"Now the Prayer Network is out in the community, and we didn't need a gathering place," he said.

The LCPN was successful in bringing many Christians together in prayer, but they are now enlarging their focus to further connect the community to the church.

"We are no longer just looking for answers, we are looking for solutions," Schultz said. "We want to know how the faith community can be a blessing on the community (as a whole)."

Another part of the new vision is "forming a regional coalition of citywide ministries," by getting ministries from throughout the Southwest working together towards the same common goals.

To help facilitate this process, Schultz is serving as the chair of the New Mexico Prayer Transformation Council, which works to have all New Mexico churches work together more effectively, share resources and keep their prayers towards the same goals.

"We're trying to stir a fresh awakening in the hearts of our leaders," Schultz said.

As a way of further serving the community, the LCPN wants to do more for victims of domestic violence, the poor, the homeless, widows and the fatherless, according to Schultz.

"We really need a cash flow to get resources built up. All these things we're going to take on are going to need money," he said.

The LCPN is seeking $7,000 as start-up funds for the enlarged mission and vision.

Donations may be brought by the office or mailed to LCPN, P.O. Box 2591, Las Cruces, NM 88004. LCPN is a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, so contributions are tax deductible.

In addition to taking on new ministries and goals, the LCPN will continue to coordinate their regular activities, such as the First Friday Prayer, held the first Friday of each month.

Now that First Friday Prayer will not be held at the Prayer Center, Agape Christian Church, 2407 W. Picacho Ave., will be the first local church to host the event.

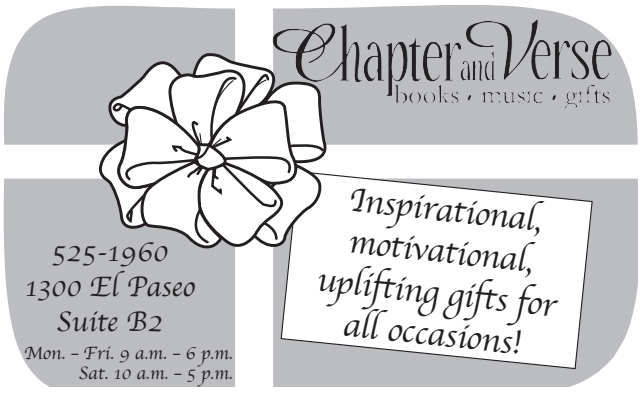
"I would like to see other (First Friday Prayer locations) start throughout the city, instead of them being held in just one place," Schultz said.

Wednesday Open Prayer will still be held at the LCPN office, because it is a smaller group.

"We still pray for the city, always. That's our focus," Schultz said.

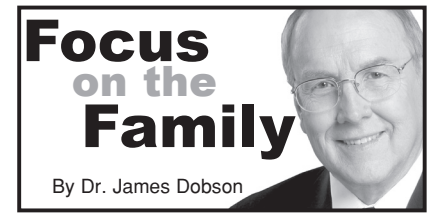
The Las Cruces Prayer Network has been serving the Southwest region through ministry for the past six years.

For more information about the LCPN, call 522-7729 or visit www.unitelascruces.org.



Childhood trauma can inspire greatness later during lifetime

Eleanor Roosevelt an example of overcoming trauma



Do childhood traumas inevitably twist and warp a person in the adult years?

No. It is well-known that difficult childhoods leave some people wounded and disadvantaged, but for others, they fuel great achievement and success. The difference appears to be a function of individual temperaments and resourcefulness.

In a classic study called "Cradles of Eminence," Victor and Mildred Goertzel investigated the home backgrounds of 700 highly successful people. The researchers sought to identify the early experiences that may have contributed to remarkable achievement. All of the subjects were well-known for their accomplishments; they included Einstein, Freud, Churchill and many others.

The backgrounds of these people proved very interesting. Three-fourths of them came from troubled childhoods, enduring poverty, broken homes or parental abuse. One-fourth had physical handicaps. Most of those who became writers and playwrights had watched their own parents embroiled in psychological dramas of one sort or another. The researchers concluded that the need to compensate for disadvantages was a major factor in the drive toward personal achievement.

One of the best illustrations of this phenomenon is seen in the life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the former first lady. Being orphaned at 10, she underwent a childhood of utter anguish. She was very homely and never felt she really belonged to anybody. According to Victor Wilson of the Newhouse News Service, "She was a rather humorless introvert, a young woman unbelievably shy, unable to overcome her personal insecurity and with a conviction of her own inadequacy."

The world knows, however, that Mrs. Roosevelt rose above her emotional shackles. As Wilson said, "From some inner wellspring, Mrs. Roosevelt summoned a tough, unyielding courage, tempered by remarkable self-control and self-discipline." That "inner wellspring" has another appropriate name: compensation!

Obviously, one's attitude toward a handicap determines its impact on his or her life. It has become popular to blame adverse circumstances for irresponsible behavior; i.e., poverty causes crime, broken homes produce juvenile delinquents, a sick society imposes drug addiction on its youth. There is some truth in this assumption, since people in those difficult circumstances are more likely to behave in destructive ways.

But they are not forced to do so. To say that adverse conditions "cause" irresponsible behavior is to remove all responsibility from the shoulders of the individual. The excuse is hollow. We must each decide what we will do with inner doubt or outer hardship.

The application to an individual family should be obvious. If a child has gone through a traumatic experience or is physically disadvantaged, the parents need not give up hope. They should identify the child's strengths and natural abilities so that they can be used to overcome the hurdle. The problem that seems so formidable today may become the inspiration for greatness tomorrow.

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You have described two extremes that are both harmful to kids, being too permissive and being too harsh. Which is the most common error in Western cultures today?

Permissiveness is more common and has been since the 1950s. But harshness and severity still occur frequently as well. These dual dangers are equally harmful to children and were described by Marguerite and Willard Beecher in their book "Parents on the Run." This is how they saw the two extremes:

"The adult-centered home of yesteryear made parents the masters and children their slaves. The child-centered home of today has made parents the slaves and children the masters. There is no true cooperation in any master-slave relationship, and therefore no democracy. Neither the restrictive-authoritative technique of rearing children nor the newer 'anything goes' technique develop the genius within the individual, because neither trains him to be self-reliant. The way to raise healthy children is to find the safety of the middle ground between disciplinary extremes."

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.

Mesilla Park Community Church

3101 S. Main
524-7658
www.getrealchurch.org

Have you noticed that some people who have little are joyful and content, while many people who seem to "have it all" are never satisfied?

I love the story about the kids who played a trick on their grandpa. They rubbed limburger cheese on his mustache while he took a nap on the couch. When he awakened he sniffed, snarled and said, "Man, this living room stinks." He tried to escape the smell and walked into the kitchen, then the den, then a bedroom. "The whole house stinks," he said. Grandpa hurried outside desperate for some fresh air. He took in a deep breath but before he could fill his lungs, he coughed and gagged. "Good Lord," he moaned, "the whole world stinks!"

In the same way that the freshest air can smell bad if one has a stinky mustache, the best day can be ruined with a stinky attitude. On the flip side, a great attitude enables one to find the good, and for which to be thankful for in the worst of circumstances.

In the Bible we read the words of the Apostle Paul, "By the help of the Lord always keep up the glad spirit (or be filled with joy); yes, I will repeat it, keep up the glad spirit." (Philippians 4:12 WNT)

Always? Did he really mean always? Yes. Paul wrote while imprisoned in Rome, chained to a guard twenty-four hours a day, awaiting the possibility of execution. In every circumstance, even while imprisoned, Paul had learned to experience joy and thanksgiving. How? Because he chose to, with God's help. He chose to focus on the blessings in life that can never be taken from him – God's forgiveness, love, presence, promises and purposes.

This week, take something with you everywhere you go that will fill your life with joy, contentment and thanksgiving – a good attitude. A good attitude which is anchored in God and His blessings.

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1932

• Old Mesilla residents sought blessings from San Ysidro, the agricultural patron saint, for high-crop yields, protection from insects and gentle rains with pageants along fields outside of the town. Participating in the pageant were 100 young women dressed in white bearing the Blue Cross of the Virgin Mary, 100 boys dressed in red as the Children of Christ, 40 choir girls and 20 girls dressed in veils and crowns. The pageant also featured a San Ysidro statue, a two-foot, wooden statue with two oxen, in George Griggs' Billy the Kid Museum.

• W.L. Else, New Mexico A&M Extension Service director, during a Doña Ana County Taxpayers League meeting at the Temple of Agriculture, proposed a cut in its budget. But he advocated more services to advise farmers in marketing to help during the economic depression.

• Leon J. Valdez was elected state deputy for the New Mexico Knights of Columbus.

50 years ago 1957

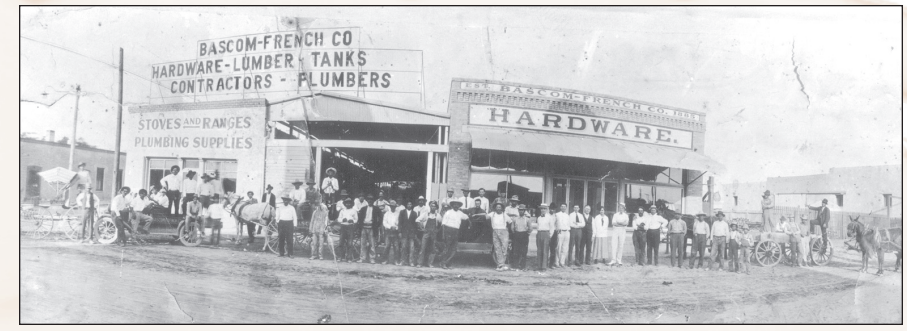
• NMA&M awarded E.O. Wooten an honorary doctorate degree in biology. He was serving with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in WashingtonD.C., but formerly he had been on the college staff until 1910 and had helped establish the Southwest Plants Herbarium in Foster Hall.

• The El Paso Hay Association was paying $10 a ton for alfalfa and a 60 percent advance to members.

• The combined storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs was 124,768 acre-feet. The gates at Caballo had been closed on April 30 to conserve water, and Elephant Butte had received 70,760 acre-feet.

• The New Mexico Knights of Columbus were holding its 49th annual meeting in Las Cruces. Featured speakers included National Director George M. Turner, and Chihuahua Diocese Bishop Antonio Guizary y Valencia.

• Memorial General Hospital opened its new pediatric ward.



The Bascom-French Co. store apparently had many customers, according to this undated photograph, providing them with supplies for horse-drawn wagons and gasoline-powered automobiles.

• The Las Cruces Jaycees won the Henry Giessenbier award, named after the organization's founder, as the state's outstanding chapter.

• The Las Cruces Education Association named Richard Apodaca, Washington Elementary principal, president.

25 years ago 1982

• The County Commission declined to act on a weapons proposal, drafted to keep guns out of hands of convicted criminals, explaining that it was too vague.

• The Doña Ana County Historical Society named Carmen Freudenthal and the W.W. Cox family to its Hall of Fame.

• The Mesilla Board of Trustees approved a $413,000 budget.

• Aurora Vasques, 43, who had migrated from Saucillo, Chihuahua, alone as a child, received her high school diploma at Mayfield.

10 years ago 1997

• The New Mexico State University Board of Regents placed President J. Michael Orenduff on administrative leave. But he said he had been asked to sign a resignation letter because the board wanted "changes at the top."

• The county commission approved a $54 million budget.

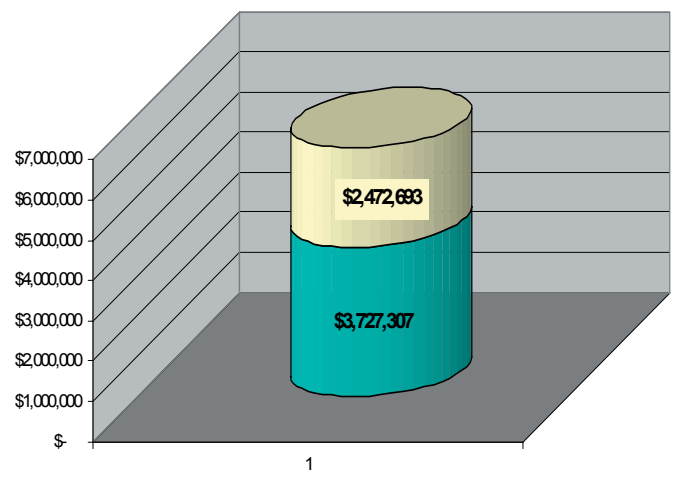
(Sources: NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections, Branson Microform Area and Las Cruces Sun-News, Las Cruces Bulletin and Las Cruces Citizen.)

Mesilla Valley Hospice
Continuing the Dream Campaign

Mesilla Valley Hospice is excited to announce that our campaign team has raised $3,727,307 as of May 7, 2007!

As of today, we are at 60% of the $6,200,000 goal. We are extremely excited and hope to reach our goal by the end of August. We are now challenging the community to help us raise an additional $1,000,000 toward our final goal before June 30, 2007.

Please join us as we complete our master plan and continue the dream of hospice services for all in Dona Ana County.



Mesilla Valley Hospice
Your Wishes… Our Job

299 E. Montana Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505)525-5709 Fax (505)525-5775
www.mvhospice.org

Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
1st Annual Stroke Information Fair

Come and join us for our first Stroke Information Fair

RHSNM is proud to offer the following services:

- Blood sugar checks
- Blood pressure checks
- BMI calculations
- Fitness tips
- Smoking cessation education
- Stroke risk factor screening
- Nutritional education

Dr. Altaf Ahmed will be giving a talk on "Secondary Stroke Prevention" At 12:00 p.m.

Date: Saturday, May 26th
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Place: Lobby of Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico
4441 E. Lohman Avenue
(505) 521-6400

REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OF SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

Health News

Sister study aims to find cause of breast cancer

If you could help your daughters, granddaughters and nieces possibly avoid getting breast cancer, would you? The sister study needs women between the ages of 65 and 74 who have never had breast cancer and whose sisters had breast cancer. The project will help researchers learn how our environment and genes affect the chances of getting the disease. Conducted by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, one of the National Institutes of Health, the sister study is empowering women to leave their mark on breast cancer research.

The month of May is "Older Americans Month" and with the theme being "making choices for a healthier future," women can sign up for the sister study and help prevent future generations from having to battle breast cancer.

The chance of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women in their 70s are almost twice as likely to get breast cancer as women in their 50s. Studying women ages 65 to 74 whose sister had breast cancer will provide clues to how age is involved. Older women are also important to the sister study because they have a longer history of living and working in a variety of surroundings and have more life experience than the younger women in the study. Senior women have powerful information to share and can truly make a difference by participating in the sister study.

Joining the sister study is not difficult and can be done from home when it is convenient for you. "At the beginning, women will answer some over-the-phone and written surveys and provide blood, urine, household dust and toenail samples," said Dr. Dale Sandler, principal investigator of the sister study. "Then we'll touch base once a year, for up to 10 years, to learn about changes to their address, health or environment." She added, "The sister study does not require participants to take any medicine, undergo any medical treatments or make any changes to their habits, diet or daily life."

The sister study has a number of active nationwide partners including the American Cancer Society, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Sisters Network Inc., the Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization and the Intercultural Cancer Council.

For more information visit www.sisterstudy.org or call the hotline from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST, toll-free at 1-877-4-SISTER (1-877-474-7837). For deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY 1-866-TTY-4SIS (1-866-889-4747).

Help available for osteoarthritis

Each year, approximately 400,000 people nationwide undergo total knee replacement surgery. Most of them suffer from severe osteoarthritis and hope for a better life with their new artificial knee joint. When all other options for treating severe osteoarthritis of the knee have been exhausted, artificial knee joints offer a solution with a high rate of success.

But how should you prepare for this major operation, and what can you do afterwards, to protect the new joint and keep it intact for years to come?

With support from some of the world's leading knee surgeons, the American Arthritis Society has compiled practical tips for anyone who is preparing for this important operation. Developed with the help of some of the world's leading knee surgeons, each tip is easy to follow and can be helpful in preparing for an operation.

The tips may be viewed at that American Arthritis Society's website at www.americanarthritis.org.

Program seeks volunteer mentors for new mothers

The Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico is seeking mentors to be partnered with new mothers as part of a their Las Compañeras: Mothers Mentoring Mothers program. The aim of the program is for mentors to offer positive parenting skills and emotional support to young mothers. The program was developed to support young mothers as they adjust to the challenges and responsibilities of motherhood after a series of child abuse deaths in Doña Ana County. Mentors will provide support to new mothers that will include information on infant care, the mother's well-being, positive parenting skills, handling stress and community services.

A Las Compañeras mentor will meet expectant mothers in their third trimester and will mentor them through the baby's first six months. Mentors will be provided with comprehensive training from the First Step Center, 390 Calle de Alegra, prior to meeting with the mothers.

For those wishing to become mentors, a comprehensive training course will be conducted at First Step Center, beginning June 8 from 1 to 5 p.m., and continuing June 9 at Aprendamos Intervention Team of Las Cruces, 301 Perkins Drive, Suite B, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Volunteers unable to attend some of this training will be able to make up the training hours by videotape at First Step Center. Interested volunteers are encouraged to contact Joyce Gormley at 556-8188 or email lascompaneras@firststepcenter.org for more information.

The Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico is a 501(c)3 charitable resource dedicated to improving health in southern New Mexico. Rooted in service and accomplishment, HFSNM continues its history of integrity by promoting public/private collaboration and individual and family philanthropy. Interested donors are encouraged to call HFSNM at 521-4794 or visit www.cfsnm.org to make contributions to healthcare programs serving their community.

NMSU celebrates Better Hearing and Speech Month

The boy looks at the pretty young woman who is holding his hand. He wants to tell the woman that he loves her, but he just can't seem to get the words out.

The boy is 4 years old, and the young woman is his mother. It isn't nerves that prevent the child from telling his mother "I love you," it is his communication disorder. Every time he tries to talk, his words come out sounding garbled and are difficult to understand, even for his mother.

Communication disorders affect people of all ages and can be inherited or acquired. Although a number of medical conditions, such as stroke or brain injury, can result in a communication disorder, the cause often is unknown.

"Communication is the key to success as an adult. Problems with speaking or reception don't just affect communication; they can impact every part of a person's life," said Charlotte Mason, coordinator of clinical services at New Mexico State University's Speech and Hearing Center.

The Speech and Hearing Center is a full-service audiology and speech-language pathology clinic that serves New Mexicans of all ages who are coping with communication disorders.

DARREN PHILLIPS

Christine De Lette, a teacher in the New Mexico State University Myrna's Children's Village, assists Isaac Hutchison with a hearing screening. Hutchison is one of several children who were screened by the NMSU Speech and Hearing Center in May to celebrate Better Hearing and Speech Month.

The center serves as a training facility for NMSU students in the fields of speech-language pathology and audiology in addition to providing an important service for the community.

"I want to pursue a public service career, and working at the clinic has been a great opportunity. I've seen a lot of progress with clients I've been able to work with and am becoming a better clinician," said Jake Martinez, a student pursuing a master's degree in communication disorders. Martinez is one of a handful of male students involved in the program.

"Although we have some very successful male students, the field is primarily dominated by females. About 10 percent of our students are men," Mason said.

Students like Martinez, male or female, can look forward to a successful and enjoyable career in speech-language pathology or audiology. The U.S. News & World Report magazine recently included both careers in its list of the best careers for 2007. According to the magazine, the job market is expected to remain especially strong for Spanish speakers.

The importance of bilingualism in the field is demonstrated to NMSU students training as clinicians in the NMSU Speech and Hearing Center, where many clients receive services in Spanish.

In its 43rd year, the clinic serves New Mexicans from all walks of life and with many different conditions.

"We serve clientele from the entire region. Not only do members of the campus and Las Cruces community use the clinic, we get clients from Deming, Hatch and surrounding areas," Mason said.

The clinic's efforts do not end at its walls; in fact, the members of the clinic regularly do hearing and speech and language screenings in the area. Recently, they have done screenings for Gadsden Public Schools, Doña Ana County Head Start and the NMSU Myrna's Children's Village.

Self-supporting, the clinic does not receive any funding from the university. The clinic charges minimal fees and relies largely on donations to support clinical services.

The Las Cruces Sertoma Club, part of an international civic organization that supports the field of communication disorders, recently donated $25,000 to the clinic for infant hearing testing equipment.

"This equipment is essential, and the money to purchase it wouldn't have come from anywhere else," said Connie Stout, associate professor of special education and communication disorders.

Used for hearing screenings within and outside the clinic, the equipment was part of a "wish list" of needs that the clinic presented to the Sertoma club, said Charles Wagner, who serves as a liaison between the Sertoma club and NMSU.

In May, the clinic will join other members of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in celebrating Better Hearing and Speech Month.

Jan Martin, wife of NMSU President Michael Martin, is serving as Honorary Chair for Better Hearing and Speech Month events planned by NMSU.

"Better Hearing and Speech Month has two primary purposes – education and awareness. We want to educate people about communication problems and make them aware of services that are available," Stout said.

If you have a concern that you or your child might have a communication disorder, you should contact your doctor or a certified audiologist or speech-language pathologist right away, Stout said.

Located on the university's main campus in the speech building, near the intersection of University and Jordan avenues, the Speech and Hearing Center is open during business hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Services are offered in English and Spanish. For more information, call 646-3906 or TDD 646-6191.

The Speech and Hearing Center is one of NMSU's continuing outreach efforts to help educate and improve the lives of members of the community and state.

Health News

Student athletes benefit from reduced cost exams

Family Care Associates volunteers time to ensure that students are fit to play

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On a sunny Thursday afternoon, while many students ran to catch their bus home, others trickled into the Picacho Middle School gymnasium where they lined up to see a doctor. With Family Care Associates on hand offering students athletic physical examinations for the bargain rate of $5, more than 100 boys and girls sacrificed after school hours to accept the offer.

Doctors Conchita Paz and Denise Leonardi performed the examinations while staff members from Family Care Associates volunteered their time to assist.

"This really is a time saver and I'm so appreciative that this is being offered at the school," said Maggie Rey, whose two sons, Austin and Mark, are involved in sports at the school. She said that having the examinations performed after school in the gym eliminates the need to make an appointment with the pediatrician.

Another parent, Sandra Reyes said that her son, Robert, a seventh-grader who plays football, enjoys the camraderie that results from most team members getting their examinations together.

"It feels like a team activity – everyone is getting their physical at the same time and it's more comfortable than sitting in the doctor's office," she said. "It's not so much about the reduced cost of the exam, but the convenience."

Picacho Middle School Ahletic Coordinator Rey Muñoz said that having one day where all student athletes can have a low-cost examination helps to ensure that on the first day of school, students are ready to play.

"This is a great benefit to the kids and the coaches," he said. "A lot of times, on the first day of practice, kids don't have their physicals either because their parents were busy or they couldn't afford it. This way, before the school year even ends, a good majority of the kids who will be playing sports next year already have their physicals and are ready to play."

He said he hopes the service can be repeated at the end of each year.

"I hope we can form a partnership where this can be an ongoing thing," Munoz said.

The examinations were performed in the school locker rooms – girls in the girls' locker room and boys in the boys' locker room.

Erik Khan of Physican Services said he coordinated the reduced cost examinations at the request of the school.

"It took about five minutes to arrange – I talked to Family Care Associates, and they were eager to help," Khan said.

As well as assuring that the student-athletes were in good health to play sports, doctors checked blood pressure, ears, vision, temperatures and for heart murmurs.

Dr. Conchita Paz of Family Care Associates listens to a student's heart to ensure that she is fit to play sports next year. Family Care Associates offered reduced-cost physicals to student-athletes at Picacho Middle School last week.

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Birthing Center Open House

JOEL COURTNEY I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Lori Foster, left, tours a delivery room at MountainView Regional Medical Center's Birthing Center during an open house held Sunday. Barbara Clark, director of women's services at MountainView, right, leads guests through the tour of the facility.

MountainView's Birthing Center opened in August 2002 with six full-service labor and delivery rooms (LDRs), which allow mother and baby to stay together immediately after birth until they are moved to the postpartum area of the Birthing Center.

The center is fully contained within the second floor of MountainView, and in addition to the six LDRs, has two operating rooms, a postpartum area, a level-two nursery, a nutrition room, a recovery room and an in-house anesthesiologist.

Heat warnings

Las Cruces Police Department spokesman Dan Trujillo holds a melted candle after it sat on the dashboard of a Toyota Celica for about 10 minutes. The thermostat went over 125 degrees. Police are reminding people to not leave children and pets in cars during the hot summer months.

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Around Town

Health events and support groups

ART OF BIRTH & WELLNESS "STUFF SALE"

The Art of Birth & Wellness center will host its annual fund-raising "name your price stuff sale," from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at the center, 1210 N. Main St. A $5 haircut-a-thon will also be held. The Art of Birth & Wellness is a nonprofit organization specializing in home birth, water birth, hospital labor support, postpartum and women's health care.

BENAVIDEZ HEALTH FAIR

A health fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the Benavidez community Center, 1145 McClure Road. Several booths with information will be set up and free health tests and screening, including blood pressure, blood glucose and blood sugar screenings, will be offered by several participating providers. Free massages will be offered throughout the day. Face painting, jumping balloons and popcorn will be available for children. For more information call 541-5185.

CRANIAL STRAINS AND MALOCCLUSIONS

The Touch Educational Network will present a professional and continuing educational program titled "Cranial Strains and Malocclusions" on Saturday, May 26, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn. The program will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The workshop is recommended for professionals who treat adults and children with cranial strains that present as malocclusions, distortions in facial symmetry, altered posture, speech and swallowing problems, pain and related sequellae. Seminar participants will receive cutting- edge information and instruction in clinical recognition, management and corrective approaches. Cost is $79 for those who pre-registered or $99 for those who did not pre-register.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Dr. M. Darvy Fuller, board certified in hematology and oncology, will present "Targeted Therapy in Breast Cancer" at the breast cancer support group meeting on Saturday, May 26. The meeting will be held in the Community Education Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Sign-in and coffee will be from 9:30 to 10 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m.

The meeting is open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers, and anyone wishing to learn more about 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 at 621-7721.

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.

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.

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 Regional 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 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 Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The meetings are open to the public and for anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more information, call 523-9096 or 522-0517.

NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as one million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet, and surgery. The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping, and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is and opportunity to be with other who understand the nature of long-tern illness. Friends and family members welcome. The Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.

Women's Resource Center

at MountainView Regional Medical Center

The Women's Resource Center at MountainView Regional Medical Center encourages and supports women so they can make informed decisions about their health and their families health. Resources, classes and educational events are available to everyone in the public and are free. *Call* ***505.556.6890*** *or visit* ***mountainviewregional.com*** *for more information about the Center or for additional resources.*

Classes & Events

JUNE 6 — **Wednesday · 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**
Insomnia and Other Sleep Concerns with Jana Weisborn Founder of the Insomnia Clinic and member of American Acadamy of Sleep Medicine

JUNE 8 — **Friday · 10 - 11 a.m.**
Turn 'Negative' Emotions into Positive with Al Galves, Ph.D

JUNE 11 — **Monday · 1-2 p.m.**
Living with Arthritis with Maria Lourdes Lopez, Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR) of MountainView Regional Medical Center

JUNE 12 — **Tuesday · 10-11 a.m.**
Tips for Managing You or Your Loved One's Swallowing Problem with Dora Jasso Speech Language Pathologist from the MountianView Regional Medical Center Therapy Services Department

JUNE 12 — **Tuesday · 2:30-3:30 p.m.**
What is Probate? with Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido and Attorney Katherine Blackett

JUNE 14 — **Thursday · 10-11 a.m.**
What You Need to Know About Decisions at the End of Life with Attorney Katherine Blackett and Terra Van Dyke of Mesilla Valley Hospice

JUNE 15 — **Friday · 11 a.m.– 12 p.m.**
The Law of Attraction Workshop with Barbara Alpher of Alpher Wellness Plus

JUNE 18 — **Monday · 10-11 a.m.**
Introduction to Yoga with Jane Allen, RYT

JUNE 21 — **Thursday · 11 a.m. – 12p.m.**
Information and Assistance for the Primary Caregiver of a Loved One with Dementia with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care

JUNE 23 — **Saturday · 10-11:45 a.m.**
Breast Cancer Support Group at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room

JUNE 26 — **Tuesday · 9-10 a.m.**
How to Manage your Blood Pressure with Angelica Reyes, RN of Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at MountainView Regional Medical Center

JUNE 27 — **Wednesday · 10– 11 a.m.**
How Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Insurance Pay for Long-Term Care with Long-Term Care Insurance Specialist Gerald Carson

Classes are free to the public but pre-registration is required.

MOUNTAINVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Classes are held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman, Suite 404, unless otherwise noted. To register or for more information, call (505) 556-6890

Visit us online at ***mountainviewregional.com***

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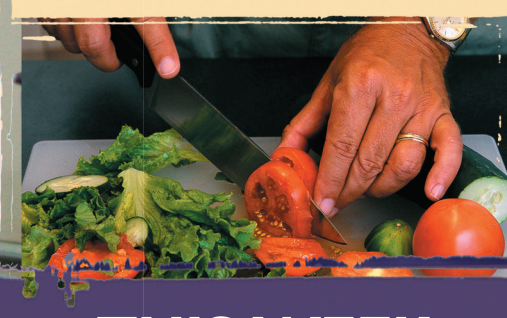

Teamwork is key to the success of MountainView Regional Medical Center. This month we are honoring all staff members and volunteers for their commitment to the health of our community. Thank you.

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Food and Nutrition
Laboratory
Occupational Therapy
Plant Operations
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology Services
Security
Speech Therapy
Wound Care

National media is catching on

Las Cruces is a great place to live

As Spaceport America has gained national attention, so have the issues of real estate, annexation and Las Cruces in general.

The Wall Street Journal, in a May 2 edition, talked with several retirees who relocated to Las Cruces for the sunny weather and affordable luxury homes. But the article also introduced readers to the Mesilla Valley.

The agriculture industry, including "chili peppers," still contributes enormous amounts of money into New Mexico's economy.

Groundbreaking research is conducted at New Mexico State University, which serves more than 16,000 students each semester.

Testing for Future Combat Systems is done at White Sands Missile Range, and thanks to WSMR's restricted air space, Spaceport America has been born.

In fact, Las Cruces is projected to grow 6.7 percent in the next five years, according to the article, and there will be a 19.3 percent increase of residents aged 55 to 65 years old.

An April 15 New York Times article even touched on the annexation proposal, which was finally approved after a long debate lasting through Monday night.

What we have known for years has now become "news" to the national media – Las Cruces is a great place to live, work and play.

As more businesses and families are attracted to the area, our business climate, which has recently been rated as mediocre, will become "good" or "excellent," and our children will be able to stay home to find well-paying jobs once they graduate from college.

And while the entire metropolitan area continues to flourish, more people will get to take in breathtaking views of the Organ Mountains – something we may take for granted as we drive to work or school every day.

Gene Alexander told the New York Times he takes pictures of the sunrise over the Organ Mountains, a view that can be seen from his back yard.

"It's always changing, when the thunderstorms are in or from a dusting of snow," he said. "You can't beat it."

New ambulance provider in town

AMR brings more than 50 jobs to county in July

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

American Medical Response will take over as Doña Ana County's exclusive 911 and non-emergency ambulance provider beginning July 1.

The company was chosen through a competitive bidding process to earn the contract, which will continue through 2011 with the possibility of four one-year extensions, according to a press release.

AMR provided service before Southwest Ambulance Service was awarded the contract four years ago.

"We're just trying to let the community know that we're coming back to Las Cruces," said AMR spokesperson Amy Viator.

Coming back to Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, the organization will bring 52 employment positions available to local residents. Mike Beech, AMR human resources generalist for New Mexico and South Texas, said the company will be hiring 23 paramedics, 23 emergency medical technicians, three supervisors, an administrative assistant, clinical education specialist and an operations manager.

"It's going to be a pretty good-sized operation," Viator said.

To recruit employees AMR will hold several job fairs through June 26.

So far, the business has held and Beech said there was a good turnout.

"We've never had less than 10 applicants a day," he said.

Viator said AMR will not be hiring dispatchers, as the county already provides those services through the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

AMR, headquartered near Denver, employs a total of 17,000 paramedics, EMTs, nurses, doctors and support staff and serves more than 250 communities, according to its website.

AMR Job Fairs

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Friday, June 1
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 2
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, June 8
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 15
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, June 22
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Flood plain concerns residents

FEMA identifies deficient levees

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Vulnerable property owners are unhappy about flood hazard designations, but local and federal agencies said recently at the Federal Emergency Management Agency meeting that property owners have recourse for readjustment.

More than 150 residents attended the meeting at the County Government Center to ask questions about FEMA's notice that property that would not be protected against what it referred to as a 100-year flood would be liable to higher insurance rates.

They were able to review FEMA maps, Special Flood Hazard maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps during the meeting. Copies also are available at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

Paul Dugie, Doña Ana Flood Commission director, told people attending the meeting that the maps are preliminary, are being reviewed and could be modified.

He also advised that dissatisfied property owners could appeal their cases at the Office of the Flood Commissioner. For more information, call 525-5554 or visit www.donaanacounty.org/flood.

"If property owners feel that their houses are higher than indicated on maps, they can appeal," said Susie Webb, FEMA spokeswoman. "But they need to provide technical reports showing that it is higher than the 100-year flood plain."

The county will forward the appeals and technical reports to FEMA.

FEMA has been modifying maps into a digital form because of changes caused by housing development and increasing population. If the maps show that the levees do not provide adequate protection, FEMA can withdraw accreditation.

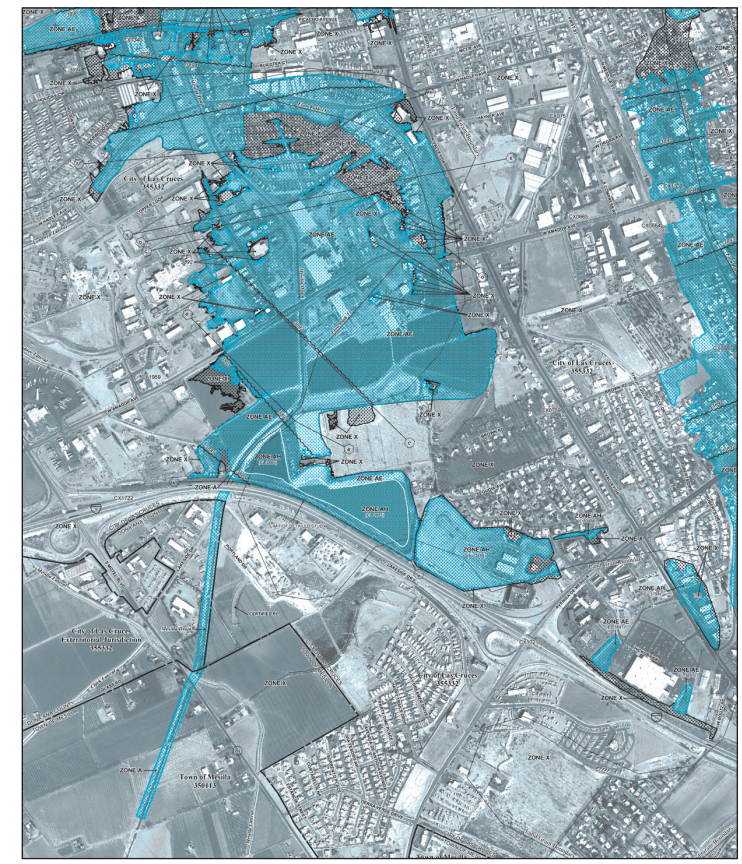
"Our main concern is risk if the levees can't contain a 100-year flood to protect homeowners," Webb said.

Effected homeowners will have the options of adding flood protection to their property or obtaining insurance.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, during an earlier public hearing, has already reported inadequacies in the Rio Grande levee system.

Concerns that were expressed at the FEMA hearing were:

- Will the Letter of Map Revision show property changes or map errors?
- If property owners can prove that their property has a higher elevation, can they obtain lower insurance premiums?
- What agency is responsible for arroyos structures to prevent flooding, city or county?
- Would developers help with arroyo maintenance to prevent flooding? And why are some property owners paying for arroyo maintenance that has not been started?
- Some questioned the accuracy of maps showing flood plains, contending that regular surveys with ground instruments are more accurate than digital maps.
- Developers and engineers questioned the accuracy of the flood plain maps.



This map highlights flood zones in west Las Cruces including Burn Lake, West Amador and Valley Drive.

- Will funds be available to improve property?

FEMA has identified levee sections totaling 38 miles along the Rio Grande that would be deficient in a large-scale flood. The flooding could affect about 3,000 structures.

The reported deficiency is the levees' height, not structure. FEMA mandates that the levels must have three feet of freeboard, or height at least three feet higher than the flood waters, commission spokesman Steven Smullen said.

U.S. Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman have petitioned the Senate to include $20.56 million in its supplemental bill to support IBWC projects to improve the levees.

The levees sections what would require work to meet specifications were identified as:

- Tonuco Bridge, Hatch and Rincon areas.
- Mesilla Valley, Doña Ana and Mesilla areas and south of Las Cruces.
- Downstream from Mesilla Dam to the American Dam.

PROFILE

Grace Duran: Shaping the local justice system

Former district judge integral part of domestic relations division

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since she came to Las Cruces out of law school in 1977, former district judge Grace Duran has had a hand in shaping today's local legal system.

Originally from La Luz, N.M. – eight miles north of Alamogordo – Duran said she knew she was going to be involved in groundbreaking work, but she didn't know it would be related to law.

After graduating from the University of New Mexico with bachelor's degrees in secondary education and Spanish, Duran had accepted a position in Pueblo, Colo., to help start a bilingual education program.

"I actually had no intentions of attending law school," she said.

A high school friend encouraged Duran to apply for the UNM School of Law. She did it, but when she received a letter from UNM, she said she threw it in the trash. Her mother, who was helping her pack, found the letter, which said Duran had been accepted to the school.

"She told me, 'Are you nuts?" Duran said. "Her motivation was she wanted me to stay in state. She talked me into going to law school. Because of my mother, I ended up being an attorney, and ultimately it was the right decision."

After law school, Duran came to Las Cruces and became the first staff attorney for Southern New Mexico Legal Services – now New Mexico Legal Aid.

The organization, funded through National Legal Services, provides free legal aid to those who are unable to afford it. The services are for civil cases.

"It was my introduction to the community," Duran said.

From there, Duran opened her own private practice from 1980 to 1990, when she was named the first Child Support Hearing Officer and Domestic Violence Hearing Officer.

She continued to shape the domestic relations division of the Third Judicial District Court.

"My interest in negotiations convinced the district judges to start the Third Judicial District Mediation Program," Duran said.

The mediation program helps parents come to a decision regarding their children. Duran also had a hand in creating the pro se clinic for domestic relations, which was designed for those who did not have access to an attorney.

"It started making the Domestic Relations Division more accessible," she said. "We started developing people-friendly forms for people who didn't have access to attorneys. My fingerprints are all over the documents you see now if and when you try to get anything done within the domestic relations division."

Her experience in the court led Duran to run for a district judge position, which she won in November 1995. She was the first woman elected judge in the Third Judicial District.

In January 1996, she began her role as Division 6 judge, which she said was specifically earmarked by the State Legislature for domestic relations.

"The county was growing, it still is," she said. "They were recognizing the need in the amount of filings of DM (domestic matters) cases."

In the Domestic Relations Division, Duran handled cases involving the dissolution of marriage, child custody, child visitation, child support, adoption, guardianship and others that involved "breaking up the family."

Despite her expertise in domestic relations, being a judge was a challenge, Duran said.

"I especially found it difficult as a judge because there is no right answer," she said. "You have to go with your gut feeling. As a judge, the child custody cases are the most difficult when the people are both good parents. You rarely get feedback that your decisions are correct."

She did, however, receive feedback from one couple who thanked Duran for her decision regarding a son.

"They were so grateful because their son was graduating from high school and going to college on a scholarship," Duran said. "Most of the time on the bench, you see people who are in crisis. You very rarely get to see the other side. It was very gratifying."

"This is my home."

Duran was a district judge until 2005, when she was offered an opportunity to do more groundbreaking work.

Duran relocated to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to be a special assistant U.S. Attorney for the district of San Juan. She was an employee of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and acted as a liaison for the two governmental entities. Because of her litigation and organizational skills, Duran was asked to help start a litigation unit in San Juan for ICE.

"That was awesome just being on the island and getting to know the people," Duran said. "Even though it is a commonwealth of the United States, it is still its own little country. San Juan is a huge city, and it has all the problems of a huge city. But the infrastructure is bursting at the seams. A lot of the amenities we take for granted here are hard to get there."

As an assistant U.S. attorney, Duran handled "impact cases," which were designed to set precedent in Puerto Rico. The cases she handled put her at high risk.

"The federal government is the only effective law enforcement arm in Puerto Rico," she said. "They have municipal and state law enforcement, but there is a lot of corruption and a lot of drug activity because it's a huge port. Because of the dangerous work we were doing, we were targeted.

"As a result of the high-level work I was doing, the experience I got there in one-and-a-half years is equivalent to five to 10 years here."

Although her original plan was to relocate to San Juan with her family, Duran said things didn't fall into place as quickly as they needed to. So she returned about seven months ago.

"This is my home," she said. "I feel very comfortable here, very peaceful here."

She started a private practice and only handles domestic relations cases.

Where she was once secretary for the District Judges Association and a board member for the Diocese of Las Cruces before she left for Puerto Rico, Duran said she is now taking it slowly.

"I was extremely busy before," she said. "A skill people need is the ability to say 'no.'"

Grace B. Duran
Attorney

Family
- Husband Udell Vigil, City of Las Cruces director of communications
- Two sons, both students at New Mexico State University

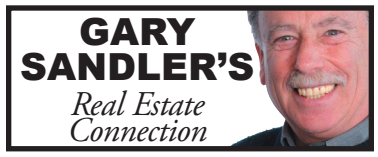
Education
- Bachelor's degrees, secondary education and Spanish, University of New Mexico
- Law degree, University of New Mexico School of Law

Organizations
- Active member, Holy Cross Catholic Church
- Past Secretary, District Judges Association
- Former board member, Diocese of Las Cruces

Awards
- Outstanding Judicial Service Award, District Judges Association, 2005
- Outstanding Attorney at Law, LULAC, 2007

Spring, summer ideal for selling homes

Seasons spawn additional sales, higher prices and shorter selling times



It's no secret that more people move in the spring and summer months than during any other time of the year, and folks here in Las Cruces are no different. At least that's what statistics from the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) subsidiary of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) showed on May 21.

According to the MLIS report, 55.6 percent of our year 2005 residential sales of homes, townhomes and condominiums were closed during the spring and summer months, with fall and winter sales accounting the other 44.4 percent of the closings. Sales closed during the spring and summer of 2006 produced a slightly better result, accounting for 56.9 percent of that year's total closings. The fall and winter seasons of 2006 produced the remaining 43.1 percent of the happy buyers and sellers that closed that year.

During the past two years, the number of new and existing homes sold during the winter months averaged 19 percent of the total number of closings for the year. The 388 sales closed during winter 2005 produced 18.3 percent of the 2,123 properties sold that year, while the 458 sales closed during the winter months of 2006 accounted for 19.7 percent of the 2,323 total sales for the year. If the 415 closings booked during the winter of 2007 also make up around 19 percent of our annual total, we can expect this year's number of residential sales to end up in the 2,150- to 2,250-unit range.

Sales prices also tend to increase during the "selling season," according to the MLIS report. The median price of a new home sold during April of this year was $234,175. That's $13,425, or almost 6.1 percent, higher than January's median sales price of $220,750. The median price is where half the homes sold for more and half sold for less. Existing home prices also rose during the first four-months of this year, with April's median sales price of $173,500 exceeding January's median of $169,000 by $4,500 or 2.7 percent.

Market times, commonly referred to as days on the market, tend to decrease during the "selling season." The time required to sell a new Las Cruces area home, townhome or condominium fell to 117 days in April, from the 137 days it took to bring January sales to a closing. That's a reduction of almost three weeks or just over 17 percent. Existing homes are also moving a little faster, with April's 98-day market time just four days faster than January's 102-day span.

Other statistics also indicate a better time ahead, but I'll wait until next week to share them with you. Until then, I hope to….

See you at closing!

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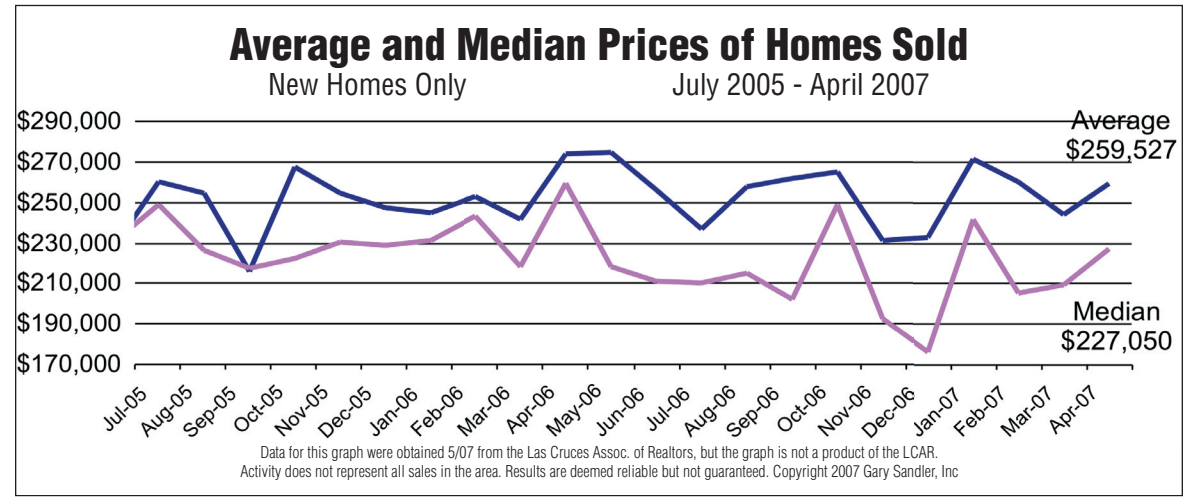

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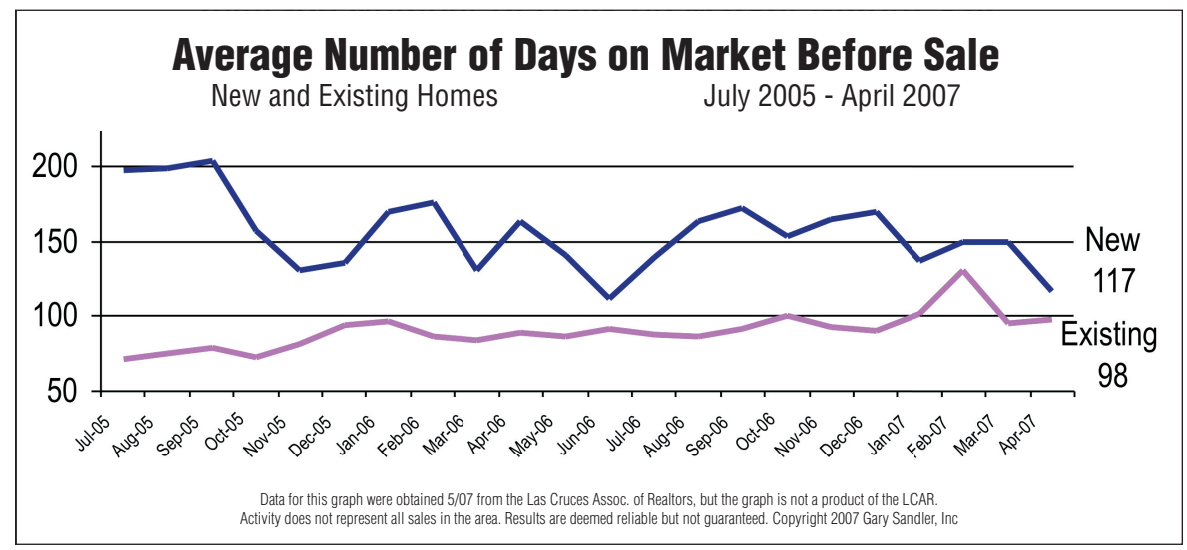

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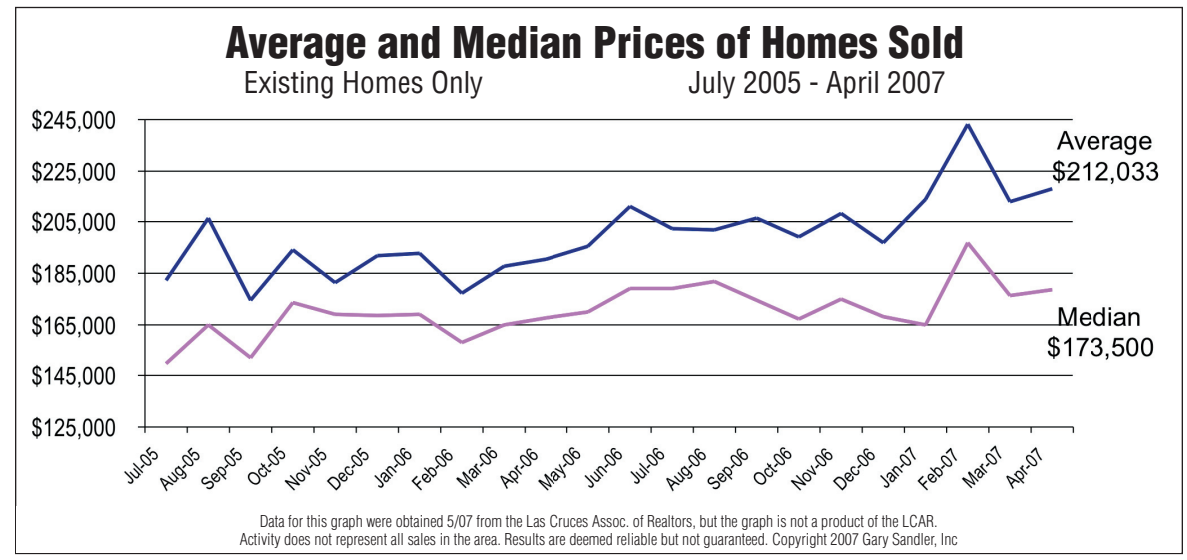

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Twelve questions every business owner should ask and get answered today

As a business owner you have already engaged in some form of business planning, perhaps when you first started your business or were looking to expand. But all too often as a business owner, we are working so hard in the business that we fail to work on the business.

When was the last time you took a hard look at the business and yourself and asked "What if"? What if you died or became disabled? What if your key person left the company? Like it or not, you and your business are intertwined and an integrated approach is needed to ensure the financial security of both. Depending on your business situation, what follows are should-be-asked questions:

1. What would happen to the business and your family if you or a key employee died?
2. If you became disabled, could the business assure payment of business expenses?
3. What will happen to the business when you want to retire?
4. Are you able to recruit, retain, and reward key employees?
5. Do you provide an enhanced executive benefit program for select employees?
6. Do you provide a competitive and cost effective employee benefit program, including group benefits?
7. Are you providing for the long-term care needs for yourself and your employees?
8. Is your business funding your personal financial goals (i.e. retirement, college, etc.)?
9. Have you developed an investment strategy for your retirement plans?
10. Have you developed a plan to preserve your assets for the next generation?
11. Can you ensure credit for a business expansion?
12. Can you protect personally guaranteed corporate loans?

Asking the questions though is not enough. No business owner sets out to fail, but many fail to prepare beyond the business plan. To take your business to the next level it's important to select a financial professional to help you get the answers to these questions. Do they have an understanding of both your personal and business needs? Do they have a team of experts who can meet the many diverse needs of your business? Choosing the right person for the task is by far the most important decision you will make. Never be afraid to ask questions and clear any doubt you might have, as finally it's all about you and your decisions.

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Hummer awarded CCIM designation

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Steinborn Inc. Realtors has been awarded the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute. The designation was awarded to CEO John Hummer during the Institute's business meetings May 3 in Indianapolis.

Hummer was among the more than 220 commercial real estate professionals who earned the designation in May by passing the Institute's Comprehensive Examination, the final element in the designation process. Of the estimated 125,000 commercial real estate practitioners in North America, only 9,000 hold the CCIM designation.

The CCIM designation is awarded to commercial real estate professionals upon successful completion of a graduate-level education curriculum and presentation of an in-depth portfolio of qualifying industry experience. Hummer's portfolio included his many hospital/medical development projects throughout his career. The curriculum, consisting of more than 160 classroom hours addresses financial analysis, market analysis, user decision analysis and investment analysis – the cornerstones of commercial investment real estate. CCIMs are recognized experts in commercial real estate brokerage, leasing, asset management, valuation and investment analysis.

The CCIM business network encompasses 1,000 markets throughout North America, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean. CCIM Designees include professionals who work in brokerage, investment and development, the corporate environment, property management, appraisal and related segments of commercial real estate. An additional 8,600 professionals are pursuing the designation as Institute candidates.

The Chicago-based CCIM Institute is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors® and is the governing body of the largest commercial real estate network in the world.

SNM SHRM receives distinguished award

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) in Alexandria, Va., has awarded the Superior Merit Chapter designation to the Southern New Mexico Society for Human Resource Management (SNM SHRM) for its scope of work in perpetuating and supporting the mission of the organization in 2006.

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 200,000 individual members, the Society's mission is both to serve the needs of human resource professionals and to advance the human resources profession. Founded in 1948, SHRM currently has more than 550 affiliated chapters within the United States and members in more than 100 countries.

"By achieving Superior Merit designation, your chapter has distinguished itself as an outstanding organization dedicated to serving the networking and professional development needs of your members and to the advancement of the human resources profession," noted Keith J. Greene, SPHR, vice president for Member Relations for SHRM.

SNM SHRM receives a Certificate of Recognition, a specialized banner to display at its meetings and events, and is being recognized in SHRM's publications and at its conferences.

During 2006, SNM SHRM increased membership, increased the average attendance at monthly meetings, increased attendance at the Annual Employment Law Update, awarded scholarships to area students, and recognized accomplishments of individual members.

Teen job fair to be held May 26

The City of Las Cruces presents the City Nights Teen Job Fair to be held Saturday, May 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Various agencies will be on hand to provide information on job placement for teens during the summer months. Teens will be able to pick up applications and meet potential employers. City Nights Basketball will take place concurrently. All teens between the ages of 13-18 are welcome to participate in City Nights Basketball from 6 to 10 p.m.

Registration is required the day of the event.

For more information, please contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

NMSU to host safe produce workshop

To address potential consumer concerns about security of the U.S. food supply since the contamination of spinach, peanut butter, pet food and other issues, a safe produce workshop will be held May 30 with New Mexico producers, processors and retailers.

"We will have the president of the California Growers and Shippers Association, specialists in the Good Agriculture Procedures program, producers, retailers and researchers collaborating in a round table discussion to identify vulnerabilities and areas of potential contamination in New Mexico," said Billy Dictson, director of New Mexico State University's Office of Biosecurity in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

"The New Mexico produce industry cannot afford to ignore potential market loss that can occur when something happens that causes a loss of consumer confidence in the product," said Jeff Witte, director of Agriculture Biosecurity with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture.

The afternoon session will include a food chain assessment and vulnerability exercise.

This event is part of NMSU's continuing outreach efforts and is sponsored by the Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center, NMDA, NMSU's College of Agriculture and Home Economics and NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service.

The free event will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., formerly Hilton Las Cruces. The Southwest Border Food Safety and Defense Center is providing a free working lunch.

Register online at http://cahe.nmsu.edu/safeproduce.

Recent court decision changes credit card procedures

Confusion over the requirements of a federal law restricting the display of credit- and debit-card digits and expiration dates on customer receipts has resulted in a wave of class-action lawsuits against restaurant companies and commercial retailers.

The New Mexico Restaurant Association (NMRA) is notifying all its members about the issue in hopes of avoiding similar actions in this state.

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA), passed by Congress in 2003 requires businesses to not print more than the last five digits of a credit card number or the expiration date on any receipt given to the cardholder at the point of sale. This provision took full effect in December, 2006 but the clarity of the specific language used caused many businesses to hesitate before making any changes. According to Carol Wight, CEO of the NMRA, the resulting litigation – about 130 lawsuits have been filed nationwide, so far – has resulted in only one decision. A federal district court in California ruled on April 6 that the language was clear and that businesses needed to take two steps: restrict printed card digits to five or fewer and get rid of the expiration date.

"I run a restaurant, not a credit-card processing company, so I was surprised to find out my credit card company knew nothing about this," said Jerry Harrell, general manager of the Double Eagle Restaurant. "I'm pleased the restaurant association was on top of this."

The lawsuits seek damages of between $5,000 and $1,000 per violation of FACTA and every time a card is swiped in a business could be counted as a separate violation for alleged "willful violation of FACTA." This could amount to millions of dollars for high-volume restaurants and retailers.

"We suggest immediate consultation with your attorney and your credit card processor," said NMRA's Carol Wight.

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People stories with photos have a better chance of being published. A mug shot is fine. Photos may be emailed, brought in or mailed in as either high quality prints (non-digital printout is preferred) or in electronic forms, i.e., CD, memory stick, floppy or zip disks. PDFs, TIFs and JPGs are the best formats to ensure good reproduction quality. Resolution must be at least 300 dpi.

Business and personal briefs must be received by noon Friday for consideration in the next week's Bulletin. Stories may be edited for length or content.

At the FirstLight Federal Credit Union Grand Opening

FirstLight Federal Credit Union CEO Karl Murphy, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces President Raul Garcia and FirstLight FCU Lohman Branch Manager Debbie Ferreira cut the ribbon during a grand-opening celebration of FirstLight Federal Credit Union's Lohman branch, 3791 E. Lohman Ave.

FirstLight Federal Credit Union CEO Karl Murphy and official spokeswoman Cynthia Hughes.

Raul Garcia, president of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

Sylvia Farley, assistant branch manager of FirstLight Lohman branch; Carol Walterscheid, assistant branch manager of FirstLight's Kenworthy branch in El Paso; and Isabel Fajardo, senior member service representative

Karen Trujillo of KT & Co. Homes, D.I. Babbey of Exit Horizons Realty and Patricia Bello of Exit Horizons Realty

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More than 200 attend Lohman branch celebration

The newest FirstLight Federal Credit Union branch was officially opened on Wednesday, May 16. More than 200 attendees enjoyed live mariachi music and food before the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the opening of the third FirstLight location in Las Cruces.

The newest branch, located at Lohman and Foothills, was opened in order to better meet the needs of FirstLight customers in that rapidly growing part of the city. The new location features eight drive-through lanes, a night deposit drop, safe deposit boxes, and a full range of low- to no-fee personal and business banking services.

As the first credit union to open on the city's rapidly growing east Lohman corridor, the new facility has promised to be "not another bank," but a new FirstLight Federal Credit Union. FirstLight President and CEO Karl Murphy was on-hand at the ceremony, and said, "It's exciting to be a part of the growth of Las Cruces and to be able to meet the needs of our members. With all the banks already in the east Lohman corridor, we're proud to give people a choice and help them move beyond banking."

This latest FirstLight location is the third branch for the city, which makes a total of seven locations in Las Cruces and El Paso.

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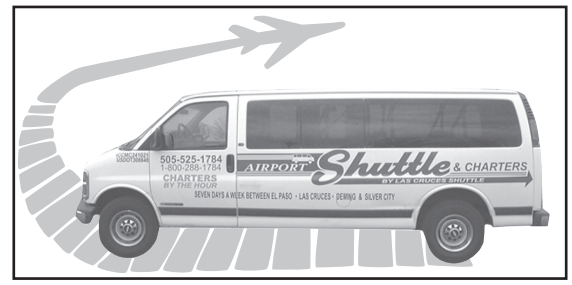

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In Good Company: Insta-Copy Imaging

Making a home Downtown for 25 years

Insta-Copy provides digital and conventional printing services

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Insta-Copy Imaging has provided businesses and individuals with a one-stop shop for all office needs – imaging, printing, office supplies and office furniture.

The business was started in 1981 by Parry Lyon, who had come to Las Cruces to attend New Mexico State University and "never left."

"I've been involved in the office-products market most of my working life," Lyon said. "It's what I knew."

He also knew Las Cruces businesses were ready for a convenient place to get all the office products they needed. So he opened the store Downtown on Water Street. In 1982, Lyon's wife Diana and Phil and Sylvia Ewing joined Lyon as managing partners of Insta-Copy Imaging.

"We all pitch in," Phil Ewing said.

It started out small, Lyon said, with just a couple of employees and one printing press.

"It just grew as time went on," he said.

As the company grew, Lyon said the business moved several times before making its current location at 318 N. Downtown Mall its home in 1986, but it has always been located in the Downtown area. Now Insta-Copy Imaging employs 23 people, and businesses and individuals can get brochures, forms, banners, logos, invitations, a complete office furniture setup and more than 23,000 office items. Insta-Copy is primarily a business-to-business company, but individuals come in often because they offer additional products and services, such as passport photos, lamination and FedEx. The store also offers greeting cards, cookbooks and artwork from local artists.

"There's a wide variety of little things that we do," Parry Lyon said.

"People would come here and go to the post office, pay their gas and electric bills, and all the banks used to be located here," Diana Lyon said.

As Downtown continues to undergo major changes, the managing partners of Insta-Copy Imaging are ready for the new Downtown, which will include the construction of a new courthouse in a few months.

"We're all looking forward to the Downtown revitalization," Phil Ewing said.

"They've really planned it (the construction) out pretty good," Parry Lyon added. "I think they're only going to close one street and offer a shuttle service (while constructing the federal courthouse). The city's current administration is real good about working with people if there are any problems. It doesn't upset us that they're building that courthouse.

"Downtown's going to change a lot – it's going to have a lot of nice things."

Business for Insta-Copy Imaging won't be affected by the Downtown revitalization, they said. Challenges did come, however, from big box office supply stores.

"It's made an impact," Parry Lyon said.

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Insta-Copy Imaging bookkeeper Mary Kuester helps Gilbert Madrid of Sun Vista Construction.

"The hardest thing is the perception that we can't compete just because we're smaller. We provide all the services they do."

"But our main thing is customer service," Diana Lyon added. "We really aim to please the customer."

Because Insta-Copy is a local business, the company carries local charge accounts and has an accounts receivable department to work with businesses. All 23,000 items available from Insta-Copy can be delivered the following day.

"We have our own delivery service," Diana Lyon said. "They can pick it up, or we can deliver it – whatever's convenient to the customer."

"We have a lot of very loyal customers," Parry Lyon added.

Some customers even have business meetings at Insta-Copy.

"You'd be surprised how many people say, 'Let's meet at Insta-Copy,'" Diana Lyon said. "We don't mind."

"They develop their own networking just by coming in," Sylvia Ewing added.

An additional service offered by Insta-Copy Imaging is office setup and design, including fabric selection.

"There's no hidden cost," Sylvia Ewing said.

Being a local business also allows for more community involvement.

"I got involved in the community, and I like that," Parry Lyon said.

Sylvia Ewing and Diana Lyon are both members of the Junior League of Las Cruces and Diana Lyon also serves on the board for Las Cruces Downtown. Phil Ewing serves as a board member for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, and Insta-Copy Imaging is a member of both chambers of commerce.

"I feel it's important to give back to the community," Sylvia Ewing said. "(Three of us) were born and raised here, so it's important to us."

Growth may continue throughout Las Cruces, directly affecting Insta-Copy Imaging, and the managing partners all agreed that Downtown will remain the company's home.

"It was born and raised Downtown, so we're staying Downtown," Sylvia Ewing said.

"Sure businesses change. We have constant software upgrades and updates," Parry Lyon added. "As times change, so will we."

"Everyone's welcome," Diana Lyon said. ""We'll grow with our customers."

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In Good Company: Insta-Copy Imaging

Q&A: Talking business with Managing Partner Phil Ewing

What inspired you to go into business?
We wanted to stay in Las Cruces and coming back to the business in 2005 gave me the opportunity to stay here and do something I really enjoyed.

What is unique about your business?
It was the first business in Las Cruces that combined printing, office supplies, office furniture and copying in one location. "A one stop shop."

Who are your customers?
We can service all businesses, large and small, in Las Cruces and the surrounding area.

Where do you see the business in five years?
We should see a growth in the digital side of the business. Technology is constantly changing and equipment needs to be updated every three to four years.

What is your business philosophy?
Treat every customer, small and large, the way you would want to be treated when you go into a store.

What is the best part of your job?
Knowing that our customers are pleased with the service they received from our staff.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
By trying to give better customer service than the competition at competitive prices.

How are you marketing the store?
Outside sales, newsprint and magazine advertisement and word of mouth.

What do you look for in an employee?
Great attitude, presentable appearance and a willingness to learn our system.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
Being trained and working with my eventual partner Parry Lyon. On-the-job training.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
Make sure you really have a passion for the type of business you go into. You spend a lot of time at work, you need to enjoy it.

What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?
We provide; printing – brochures, business cards, forms etc.
Graphic design – logos, invitations, etc.
Copy center – color copies, oversized copies, self-inking stamps, laminating and FedEx service.
Office supplies – more than 23,000 items delivered next day.
Office furniture – from one chair to an entire office setup.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?
Even though we are a small business, we can be competitive with any of our competition, no matter how large or small they are.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
It is stable and growing.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?
We are a small business and have had to change the way we do things to compete with the big chains.

What are your business goals?
To be a part of the business community in Las Cruces for many years to come.

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Parry and Diana Lyon and Sylvia and Phil Ewing have worked together for almost 25 years as managing partners of Insta-Copy Imaging.

Name: Insta-Copy Imaging
Address: 318 N. Downtown Mall
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Downtown Las Cruces has been home to Insta-Copy Imaging, 318 N. Downtown Mall, for 25 years.

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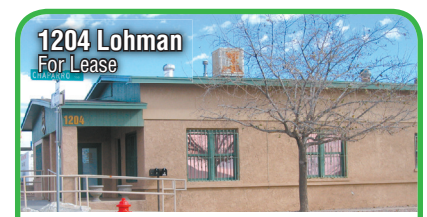

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Spaces still available ranging from 1000 SF to 1500 SF. Floor plans available for this complex close to Telshor and off Missouri. Plenty of parking available. Priced at $10.50 per SF. Great value!

This office condo contains 4000 SF of office space, partially leased. The fees include water, sewer and sanitation in addition to the yard maintenance. The peaceful setting and convenient location off Boutz makes this a great investment. Lease space available, please call Hector for details.

Bidding farewell to Provost Flores

Community members and leaders gathered at New Mexico State University's Kent Hall May 10 to bid farewell to Executive Vice President and Provost William Flores. Flores took a position as the state's deputy secretary of higher education in Santa Fe.

Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, right, presents Flores with a certificate of recognition for his appointment as deputy secretary of higher education.

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Flores shows off a gift made by NMSU alumna Theresa Montoya Basaldua and given to him by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, dean of the College of Business, showcases gifts for William Flores during a reception the university held in the provost's honor.

Jan Martin, Jozi DeLeon and Celina Garcia

Left: Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore and Lou Henson

Right: NMSU President Michael Martin wishes Provost Bill Flores well in his new position as New Mexico's deputy secretary of higher education.

On the Agenda

Manager training session

2K Compliance & Training, Inc. and Kelly Services are pleased to offer a one-day training session from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 19, for managers, supervisors and office managers with human resource responsibilities. Topics include preventing discrimination and harassment, keeping discipline and termination legal and dealing with difficult employees.

The session will be presented by Kathe Stark, who has more than 24 years of experience in management at the municipal, county and state levels as well as nonprofit and private-sector experience. Cost is $109 for a single registrant or $89 if registering two or more from the same company. Registration deadline is July 1. Registration forms are available by email request to kstark@2kresources.com or by calling 373-0753 or 639-9031.

Date: Thursday, July 19
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Location: Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino
1200 Futurity Drive
Contact: Kathe Stark, 373-0753
kstark@2kresources.com

Manufacturer workshop

The New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership will present "Lean 101," a free workshop on how to eliminate waste, Wednesday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

Attendees will learn how to identify and eliminate the eight types of waste and the content and application of Lean principles in a live simulation.

Space is limited and open to manufacturers with less than $32 million in sales annually and less than 500 total employees.

Date: Wednesday, June 6
Time: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn
901 Avenida de Mesilla
Contact: Jeff Abrams, (505) 681-1438 or jeffa@newmexicomep.org

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report May 17, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Value	Permit
07-OTC-5258	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5719 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	$93,840	$1,687
07-OTC-5253	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	4248 Great Sandy Drive	Desert Breeze	$110,460	$1,726
07-OTC-4994	Apex Development	Max Bower	Res/New	3580 Evy	North Point	$151,500	$3,337
07-OTC-5260	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5707 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	$93,840	$1,687
07-OTC-5255	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5731 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	$100,560	$1,703
07-OTC-5381	Taj Construction, Inc.	Taj Construction Inc.	Res/New	4407 Galisteo Loop	Sonoma Ranch East 2 Ph 3	$186,420	$3,502
07-OTC-5425	Coba Construction	Mr. Ceilinzky	Res/Alt	2792 Lookout Ridge	N/A	$7,000	$69
07-RBI-5024	Balera Custom Builders	Balera Custom Builders	Res/New	3580 Saddle Rock	Sonora Springs	$248,700	$3,404
07-OTC-5083	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	4555 Mesa Central Drive	Mesa Grande Estates	$181,620	$2,410
07-OTC-5197	Camacho's Construction	Destinee Camacho	Res/New	5156 San Carlos Court	The Pueblos at Alameda	$210,900	$2,401
07-OTC-5138	Nu Tech General Construction	Irene Keith	Res/Alt	802 Campo St.	N/A	$5,000	$57
07-OTC-5256	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5727 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	$106,860	$1,717
07-OTC-5251	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5552 Kalahari Lane	Desert Breeze	$117,780	$1,743
07-OTC-5324	DRF Construction & Properties	Ray Franich	Res/New	3305 Valverde Loop	Los Contentos	$107,580	$3,318
07-OTC-5382	Taj Construction, Inc.	Taj Construction Inc.	Res/New	4413 Galisteo Loop	Sonoma Ranch East 2 Ph 3	$186,420	$3,502
07-OTC-5387	AA Wild Fire Support	Mike Kopriva	Res/Alt	3570 Crescent Creek	N/A	$35,000	$313
07-OTC-5496	Homeowner	Jim Willis	Res/New	4449 La Cienga	Sonoma Ranch Ph 2	$194,640	$3,521
07-OTC-5453	Mesa View Homes, LLC	Mesa View Homes	Res/New	2845 San Miguel	Legends West North Ph 1	$116,400	$1,491
07-RBI-5350	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes LLC	Res/New	4994 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	$122,040	$3,352
07-RBI-5347	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes LLC	Res/New	4991 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	$122,040	$3,352
07-RBI-5355	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes LLC	Res/New	4998 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	$122,040	$3,352
07-OTC-5419	Farrell Thurston Construction	Farrell Thurston	Res/New	4750 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	$117,060	$3,284
07-OTC-5442	Above and Beyond	Callaghan	Res/New	3122 Rio Arriza	Las Palmas	$110,460	$3,325
07-OTC-5346	Homeowner	Yoona Valencia	Res/New	4539 Maricopa	Sonoma Ranch East 2	$180,900	$3,405
07-OTC-5252	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5544 Kalahari Lane	Desert Breeze	$91,560	$1,682
07-OTC-5257	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5723 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	$116,880	$1,741
07-RBI-5351	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes LLC	Res/New	4996 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	$137,100	$3,387
07-OTC-5344	Diemer Building and Remodeling	Vette	Res/Alt	515 Old Farm Road	N/A	$61,000	$322
07-OTC-5507	Charlos Homes, LLC	Charlos Homes	Res/New	5863 Century Lane	Mesa Village	$150,840	$1,820
07-OTC-5072	Homeowner	Marco Garay	Res/Alt	913 Alamo	N/A	$1,800	$44
07-OTC-5494	Everhart Properties Inc.	Passage Properties	Res/New	4332 Hopi Court	The Pueblos at Alameda	$138,720	$2,310
07-RBI-5349	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes LLC	Res/New	4984 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	$122,040	$3,352

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report May 17, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
32200	Self	Pascual Delmuro	Res/New	9505 Alegria Court	N/A	$335
32201	Pena's Tile Installation Inc.	Jose Peña	Res/New	4520 Organ Mesa Loop	Organ Mesa Ranch	$1,159
32203	Debco	Charles Arater	Res/New	3929 Stoney Brook Court	Rios Encantados Ph 4	$861
32207	Debco Construction	Michael/Priscilla Madrid	New Res/4-Plex	6035 Ledesma Drive	Val Verde Homesites	$773
32210	Twilight Const. LLC	Twilight Snow Rd LLC	Res/New	8342 Green Run Road	Snow Rd Estates	$596
32213	GL Green & Assoc.	GL Green Properties	Res/New	4101 Camino Bonito	Dripping Springs	$770
32216	Black Bear	Jeremy & Billie Mancell	Res/Add	5091 Usana Court	EBL&T	$90
32218	Frank Flores	Jimmy Ray Perea	Res/New	2410 Sandollar Court	N/A	$467
32220	Stearns Custom Homes	Pinholster Properties LLC	Res/New	1797 San Leonardo Court	Sanctuary Phase 1	$525
32221	LC Transit	Anneliese Medina	Res/New	8672 Snow Road	Anne Medina Subd	$542
32222	Silver Spike LLC	Samuel Smith	Res/New	11375 Starfly Road	Blair Canyon Acres	$768
32224	Gary L Lane Inc.	Larry Stamps	Res/New	5506 Redfox Road	Grey Fox Subd Phs IV of II to IV	$638
32225	Self	Juan & Martha Leyva	Res/New	9124 Clovis Road	Brazito Acres Subd	$405

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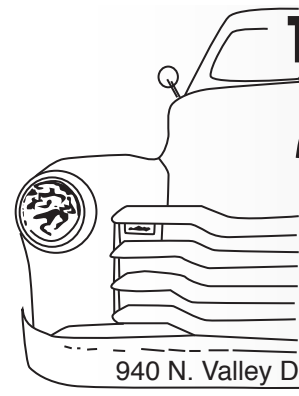

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At Business After Hours

Doug Rains and Rich Gregory enjoy refreshments at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours event held Tuesday, May 15, at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

PHOTOS BY JOEL COURTNEY

Courtney Berger and Troy Tudor accept their door prizes.

Dolores Connor and Summer Woods

Monina and Curtis Graham of the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy entertained the crowd with an Argentine tango.

Nikki MacDonald, Susan Palmer and Jim Berry got the crowd out of their seats and networking.

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SECTION C

2007 SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO WINE FESTIVAL

See story on page C2

Wine festival brings it all together for Memorial weekend

New Mexico wineries, artists, musicians come to fairgrounds

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Memorial weekend is right around the corner, and the New Mexico Wine Growers Association has a real "corker" of a good time set up to celebrate it in 2007.

Of course, the event is the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival.

The Southern New Mexico Wine Festival will run from Saturday, May 26, through Monday, May 28, from noon to 6 p.m. each day at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds, located 11 miles west of Las Cruces on I-10.

The Southern New Mexico Wine Festival is a draw to everyone, from wine aficionados to those who enjoy the occasional glass.

Festival attendees can sample from wines of 12 New Mexico wineries: Blue Teal, St. Clair, DH Lescombes, Santa Rita, Mademoiselle, Tularosa, Luna Rossa, Ponderosa, Heart of the Desert, Arena Blanca and Wines of the San Juan. Each of the wineries will offer a wide range of options, from the sweeter, lighter chilled wines to the full-bodied, robust dark reds.

"The festival is a great way for new wine drinkers to try and compare several varietals and styles without having to spend money on entire bottles until they're sure they like something," said Dawn Starostka, event coordinator.

Wine also will be available to purchase by the glass, as well as by the bottle or case to take home.

Live music is always a big part of the fun at the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival, and this year is no exception. Along with local favorites Guitar Slim, Billy Townes and Captain Radio, attendees can see nationally known recording artist Jason Allen from Austin, Texas.

Allen is an up-and-coming performer that will put on a great show, performing his No. 1 hits "Lucky Arms" and "Your Heart Turned Left." The festival will also host a special guest appearance by Elvis "interpretation artist" Bud Sanders.

"It's so much fun. People dance in the grass and have a good time," Starostka said.

Tents will be set up throughout the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds for the Southern New Mexico Wine Festival May 25-28. Twelve New Mexico wineries will have wine available for tasting and sale.

The 2007 event will feature all the favorite attractions of previous years, including Sabroso's University of Wine with regularly scheduled seminars throughout each day to help explain the science of winemaking and the art of pairing food and wine.

Approximately 50 arts and crafts vendors from throughout the Southwest will display and offer fine paintings, stained glass, sculpture, original photography, jewelry, weavings and more. Plus, attendees can sample from a wide range of local foods and gourmet treats.

Admission to the festival is $13 per adult, which includes a souvenir wine glass. Attendees under the age of 21 are free and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Monday, May 28, is Military Monday, and active duty military receive a $3 discount. Attendees must have picture ID to taste wines.

As always, the use of designated drivers is encouraged.

The New Mexico Wine Growers Association is an association for New Mexico wineries dedicated to promoting locally grown and handcrafted New Mexico wines.

For more information about New Mexico wine festivals or the New Mexico wine industry, contact the New Mexico Wine Growers Association at 866-494-6366 or visit www.nmwine.com.

2007 Southern New Mexico Wine Festival

Saturday, May 26th
Entertainment Schedule

Noon	G.E.M. (country and rock and roll)
Hourly	University of Wine
2 p.m.	Captain Radio (rock and roll)
5 p.m.	Bud Sanders (Elvis tribute artist)
6 p.m.	GATES CLOSE

Sunday, May 27th
Entertainment Schedule

Noon	Garcia Family Band (country and tejano)
3:15 p.m.	JASON ALLEN (country)
6 p.m.	GATES CLOSE

"Millitary" Monday, May 28th
Entertainment Schedule

Noon	Billy Townes & Modern Session (blues and jazz)
3:15 p.m.	Guitar Slim (blues)
6 p.m.	GATES CLOSE

The SNMWF's children's area includes a moon bounce jumping balloon, toddler lot, arts and crafts, face painting and more.

University of Wine Schedule

Saturday, May 26th

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	What Makes a Great Wine (Bob Senecal)
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Grilled Fruit Salsas (with Jane Steele)
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Meet the Winemaker: Tularosa Dave Wickham

Sunday, May 27th

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	What Makes a Great Wine (Bob Senecal)
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Meet the Winemaker: Paolo d'Andrea Luna Rossa Winery
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	Grilled Fruit Salsas Tularosa Dave Wickham

Sunday, May 28th

2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	If Tannins are used to cure leather, what are they doing in my wine? (Ed Linderman)
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Meet the Winemaker: David Arnold, Wines of the San Juan
4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	If Tannins are used to cure leather, what are they doing in my wine? (Ed Linderman)

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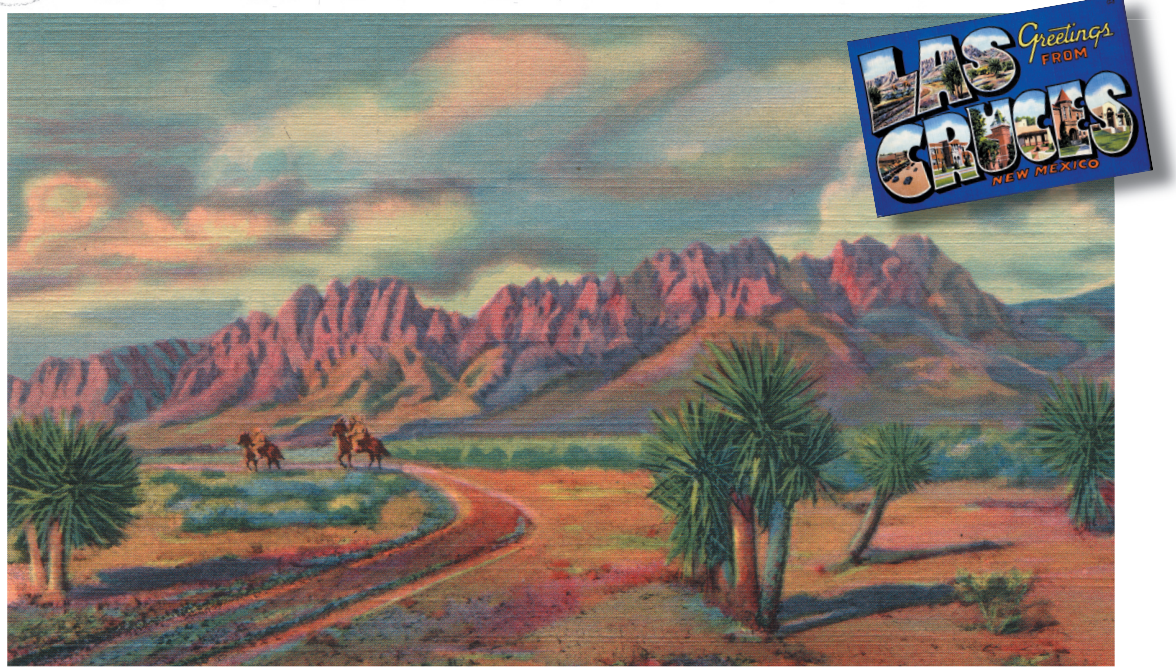

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World-renowned jazz trombonist Bill Watrous will be the star of the Mayor's Jazz Fest, the opening concert for the 2007 Music in the Park series from the City of Las Cruces.

Music in the Park begins

Summer-long series kicks off with Mayor's Jazz Fest featuring special guest Bill Watrous

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Music in the Park series, which has been provided by the City of Las Cruces since 1994, opens at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 27.

Music in the Park will begin with the traditional series opener, the Mayor's Jazz Fest.

Headlining the Mayor's Jazz Fest will be world-renowned jazz trombonist Bill Watrous. The concert will also feature local jazz singer Helen Sachs and latin jazz group Azucar.

The City of Las Cruces' Music in the Park series is a 14-week musical extravaganza offering Las Cruces an eclectic mix of music performed by local, regional and nationally recognized artists at a number of venues throughout the city. Music offerings include: jazz, rhythm and blues, mariachi, country and Western, bluegrass and pop.

The series runs every Sunday through September 2, although performers for July, August and September have not yet been announced. According to public information office, the full schedule will be available in early June.

Attendees are reminded that in accordance with a City of Las Cruces policy, pets are not permitted at special events held at City of Las Cruces facilities.

For more information about the Music in the Park series or a complete online listing of performers, visit http://las-cruces.org.

2007 Music in the Park

The Mayor's Jazz Fest will be held at Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave., at 6 p.m.

May 27
Helen Sachs, Jazz Singer
Azucar, Latin Jazz
Bill Watrous, Trombone

June Concerts will be held at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., at 7 p.m.

June 3
Steve Smith & Hardroad Bluegrass
The Deming Fusiliers, Americana

June 10
The Quinessential Brass Quintet, Chamber Music
Thea Chip, Classical Singer

June 17
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Mariachi Alegre, Mariachi
Espuelas De Plata, Mariachi

June 24
The Next Chapter, Roots Americana
La Cella Bella, Pop/Classical

Concerts for July, August and September have not yet been announced.

CALL TO ARTISTS

LAS ESPERANZAS GATEWAYS & BUS STOPS PROJECT

Las Esperanzas, Inc., in collaboration with the City of Las Cruces, is seeking artists and/or teams of artists to design gateways and bus stops within the Mesquite Historic District/Original Townsite of Las Cruces. These gateways and bus stops will tell the history of the neighborhood through art and should be highly visual original artwork.

Gateways are to be located at the following sites: the southwest corner of the intersection of Campo and Organ streets (this is the corner which was passed by funeral processions from St. Genevieve's to St. Joseph Cemetery), the front section of the vacant lot in the middle of the block on the north side of Amador between San Pedro and Campo, east of the Saenz building (this is the historic site of the sacred dancing ground of the Piro Manso Tiwa) and the vacant lot formed by the intersection of Hadley and Manzanita where the road jogs.

Six bus stops will be located throughout the district. The shelters will be fabricated prior to applying the artwork. Because the bus stop architecture will be exactly the same for each stop, designs will not be site specific.

Approximately $500,000 is available for all aspects of the design, implementation and installation of all gateways and bus stops. Approximately $40,000 is available for the design component of this project.

This proposal is for the design only. Execution of the design does not fall under this proposal. Gateway proposals will include renderings of architectural features and landscaping – the entire gateway design – in addition to artwork. Bus stop proposals will include only proposals for artwork that could be accommodated within the existing conceptual designs for adobe bases for bus stops.

Compensation for the designs will be $10,000 per gateway design and $2,000 per bus stop design.

Each Mesquite Historical District/Original Townsite proposal must contain the following information: 1) A letter of intent, not to exceed two pages, which includes a description of your ideas and the proposed media for the gateway and/or bus stop. 2) Visual representations on 1-3 sheets of paper, not to exceed 8 1⁄2-inch-by-11-inch each, of your ideas for the gateway and/or bus stop with views that indicate 3-dimensionality and includes design details, scale, colors, texture, etc. 3) A current résumé, no more than 2 pages. 4) Photos, slides or digital images (JPEG format) of 10 samples of previous artwork, labeled, with a key describing the title of the work, the media, dimensions, community partners (if relevant) and year of completion. 5) An approximate budget for the project, including the design fee, materials, etc.

Submissions must be in Las Esperanzas, Inc.'s possession by Wednesday, July 18. Mail designs to: Las Esperanzas, Inc., P.O. Box 16261, Las Cruces, NM 88004. Deliver designs to: Estella Sánchez, 520 E. Court St., Las Cruces, NM 88001.

For more information, contact Jeanne Abkes at 524-3836 or jmabkes@yahoo.com.

JURIED EXHIBIT AT TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The "ROCK ON" show will be open to all forms of art inspired by images on stone (petroglyphs and pictographs) found in New Mexico. The show will be the Tombaugh Art Gallery ArtsHop exhibit for September 2007. The show is open to New Mexico residents 18 or older living within a 150-mile radius of Las Cruces. The work must have been completed within the last two years and not have been exhibited in any show or gallery in Las Cruces. All work must be for sale with a 30 percent donation going to the church. Accepted media include: original oils, watercolors, pastels, graphics, chalk or oil pastels, computer assisted art (no giclée reproductions of work in another medium), collage, mixed media, sculpture, clay and jewelry. One piece per artist will be allowed to height, width and weight specific as listed in the prospectus. For an entry form, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: ROCK ON, Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Completed entries must be received by June 30 and be accompanied by a $10 jury fee. Works will be selected for the show by Silvia Marinus of NMSU who holds degrees in fine arts and archaeology and has visited many rock art sites. Call 522-7281 for more information.

NEW HORIZONS SUMMER BAND CAMP

Enrollment forms are now available for the Las Cruces New Horizons eighth annual Summer Band Camp, which will be held at New Mexico State University June 11-16. New Horizons is a concert band composed mostly of seniors aged 50 and up, but open to all adult musicians from beginner through advanced levels. It is part of a network of over 70 bands around the United States. The Las Cruces Band Camp draws instrumentalists from the local New Horizons Band and from around the country. William Clark, retired head of music at New Mexico State University, is the camp director. The day camp, which consists of various sectionals, master classes and band rehearsals, culminates in a free public concert in the NMSU Music Center. Other activities include a potluck dinner and tours of area highlights. Tuition is $110. Participants are encouraged to enroll by May 20, but later enrollment is possible. For more information, contact Clark at 646-1582 or Beverly Briggs at bjmbriggs@zianet.com.

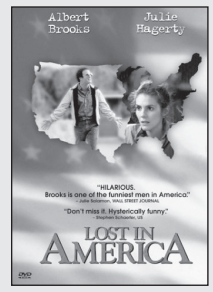
GALLERY OPENINGS

Local contemporary gallery seeks artists to complete its 2007-2008 exhibition schedule. Local artists only need apply. Please send artist resume, statement and 10 slides of your current work along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Laughing at the Sun, 2346 Aguirre Ct., Las Cruces 88011. For more information please contact Irine Roane or Aline Fister at 522-1890.

Brooks' film unravels the American dream

'Lost in America' shows a modern family falling apart at the seams

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, May 26, will be "Lost in America" (1985, 90 minutes, rated R). As a special gift for Memorial Day, admission will be free for all veterans.



In the Mesilla Valley Film Society's continuing quest to screen every movie that has been shot at least in part around Las Cruces, they have reached back to the '80s for this topical comedy.

David (Albert Brooks) and Linda (Julie Hagerty) Howard are a California couple who are just about ready to move into a new and larger house. Although Linda feels in a rut at her job, David eagerly awaits promotion in the advertising agency where he's worked for years.

When David's boss tells him that the position has been given to another man and that he wants him to handle a new account in New York City, the ever-steady and responsible David explodes in a verbal torrent of anger and sarcasm. Naturally, he's fired. Eight years of playing the corporate game, and it all comes to zip.

Eager to savor his new freedom, David convinces Linda to quit her job. They liquidate their assets, purchase a Winnebago, and hit the open road. "We'll be like Easy Rider with a nest egg!" he tells his wife.

But the dream is short-lived. Linda, in a rush of adrenalin, blows their $150,000 nest egg at the roulette table while David sleeps in their Las Vegas hotel room. After a clever but unsuccessful attempt to convince the casino manager (Garry K. Marshall) to return their money as a public relations gesture, the Howards drive on to Hoover Dam where David blows his stack and blames Linda for ruining their lives.

An audacious movie, "Lost in America" serves up a serio-comic look at the work ethic of people who measure their worth in terms of financial success while inwardly dreaming about a carefree life of total freedom.

In this well-realized and very relevant movie, Brooks manages to make us ponder the quiet desperation of our working lives and the sharp edges of our fantasies – which if fulfilled could be far more treacherous than we might think.

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, including a number of films that have been made in New Mexico.

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.

Rob (Michiel Huisman) and Rachel/Ellis (Carice van Houten) ride by German soldiers in "Black Book," which screens at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla beginning on Friday, May 25.

The Americanization of a Dutch director

Verhoeven's 'Black Book' adds sex and violence to a historical drama

By Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

THE PLOT – Young attractive Jewish woman is hiding with a Christian family in World War II Holland. A tragedy befalls the family (which, oddly, she does not acknowledge), when an errant bomb destroys the home she is staying in.

Now, on the run, she is helped by a series of benefactors who just happen to show up – unannounced and unexpected. After several narrow escapes, she ends up working with the Dutch underground. She is easily able to make her way around the offices of the SS and Gestapo, since all of the Germans, as the song says, "can't keep their eyes off of you (her)" … most especially, one of the top Gestapo officers, who she is soon having a passionate affair with. They soon fall in love and are in flagrante at times.

Crosses and double crosses ensue, both within the German command and the Dutch resistance. No one is to be trusted, especially the director of the film.

The war ends, and all of the tides turn. The Canadians enter the scene, and are buffaloed by all that is going on. Our heroine tries to save her Gestapo lover, who momentarily at least, had shown that he might have been human by trying to save some resistance fighters who were to be executed.

THE CAST – Rachel/Ellis is played by Carice van Houten, whose performance is none too convincing. Attractive and fairly smart, one wonders why she doesn't escape through one of the many holes in the plot

Sebastian Koch, last seen in the wonderful "Lives of Others," plays Muntze, and he seems miscast as a stamp collecting Nazi Gestapo officer.

But that may be because he was so convincing in the aforementioned picture where he didn't collect stamps.

SUPPORTING CAST – A variety of interesting actors and actresses fill the ranks, but the most curious is the woman who plays Ronnie. A coquettish redheaded vamp, Ronnie is the Nazi party girl with a secret. Now that I think of it, only one main character in the film is not a double turncoat of some kind.

THE DIRECTOR – Paul Verhoeven directed this film. Early in his career, Verhoeven did some very tailored pictures such as "Soldier of Orange" and "Turkish Delight" in his home land (Netherlands). He came to the United States, where he did a few interesting films, including "Starship Troopers," "Basic Instinct," and "RoboCop." Now, with his return home, it seems like he is trying to do American action movies in Europe but with a European twist. It doesn't work too well, and he would be better off going back to his roots.

THE RESULT – "Black Book" weaves and twists its way through a lot of unnecessary territory. As an old-timey/throwback action film it works OK. It has all of the cinematic platitudes of a World War II flick – nasty Germans, good-hearted civilians, decent battle scenes, dumb guards (Ever see a guard in a movie who didn't end up dead?) and even a bit of historical review, which will certainly appeal to World War II historians. Verhoeven, never one to be afraid of what he has called "real life," adds some spice to the flick with some sexuality and some epic bathroom-related scenes, but somehow the chemistry just isn't quite right.

THE REVIEWER'S SUMMARY – Well, all in all, it is an OK picture. As my wife likes to say when she is not enamored with a film, "It held my attention, and I wanted to see what would happen next." Indeed, that is a good précis. It will hold your attention, and the more than two-hour running time, does breeze right along.

The less your expectations, the better "Black Book" will be.

Jeff Berg doesn't keep his secrets in a black book. To find out where he keeps them, email jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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NSTC holds 'The Bald Soprano' auditions

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for "The Bald Soprano," written by Eugene Ionesco and directed by Bobbi Masters, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, on Tuesday, May 29, and Wednesday, May 30, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Rehearsals begin tentatively at the BBToo Rehearsal Hall on June 11. Performances are Aug. 3 through 19.

Actors may prepare a monologue or sides will be available for a cold-read. Actors are asked to read the play prior to auditions. A copy of the script is on reserve at the Branigan Library Reference Desk, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Roles available are Mr. and Mrs. Smith – a "very British" couple aged 40-50-ish; Mr. and Mrs. Martin – a "very British" couple aged 20-30-ish; Mary, the maid – youngish and fiery; The Fire Chief – in his prime.

Ionesco describes them as "Characters without character. Puppets. Faceless creatures. Or rather empty frames, which the actors can fill with their own faces, their own shapes, souls, flesh and blood."

The roles of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Martin require minor dialect work.

For more information, call the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

DAAC readies for Awards Gala

Nautical-themed event salutes art leaders

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

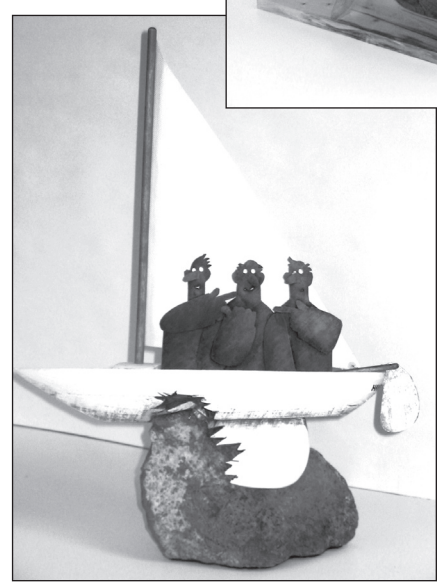
Nominations are solicited from the community at large, and the awards are presented at DAAC's Annual Arts Awards Gala. This year, the Annual Arts Awards Gala will be a night of dinner and dancing, held on Friday, June 1, at 6 p.m. and sponsored by the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The theme for this year's Arts Awards Gala is "Sail Away with DAAC," and the decorations will reflect a nautical theme. The table centerpieces are one-of-a-kind sailboats by various local artists that will be for sale in a silent auction throughout the evening. The money raised from the silent auction will be put towards DAAC's arts programs in the community.

DAAC will begin with a no-host cocktail hour, continue with a delicious dinner and top off the night with desserts and dancing to live music from the Rio Band. Attendees are encouraged to dress in cocktail or yachting attire. Tickets are $75 per couple or $40 per person, and DAAC requests that reservations be made and paid for by May 31.

To make reservations and for more information, call the DAAC office at 523-6403 or visit www.daarts.org.

"Floating Forest" by David Hereford



"He Did It" by Stephen Hansen

"Dream Boat" by Ouida Touchon is one example of the more than 30 boats that will be on display at the Doña Ana Arts Council's "Sail Away with DAAC" 2007 Arts Awards Gala, which will be held Friday, June 1. The boats, which were all made by local artists, will be auctioned to attendees, raising money for DAAC's art programs.

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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, MAY 25

LA CELLA BELLA CONCERT

La Cella Bella cello quartet will play popular and classical music on Friday, May 25, at Spirit Winds, 2260 S. Locust St., from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 521-0222.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

FIBER ARTS FIESTA BUS TRIP

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild in Las Cruces is sponsoring an all-day coach bus trip to the Albuquerque Fiber Arts Fiesta, Saturday, May 26. The Fiesta features exhibits, displays and vendors for a wide range of fiber art activities including sewing, weaving, beading, embroidery, quilting and dollmaking. The cost of the trip is $30 per person. To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Becky LeRoy at 532-8151 or jleroy@zianet.com. More information about the fiesta is available on the website www.fiberartsfiesta.com.

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the jazz music of Colin McAllister and Helen Sachs on Saturday, May 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a $5 cover charge. Music will be provided by Jim Corrons. Call 528-3000 for more information.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

BIG BAND TEA DANCE

The Big Band on the Rio Grande will host the last Tea Dance before summer break at the home of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 4038, 980 N. 17th St., on Sunday, May 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Cover charge is $5 per person, and a cash bar is available. The all-volunteer 17-piece band plays all types of traditional and contemporary swing dance music, from cumbias and polkas to waltzes and jitterbugs. All proceeds go to community projects or for music and supplies. Singles are welcome. For more information, call Helen Sachs at 373-2188.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

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 Bountiful Bakery, 3050 E. 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, MAY 30

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	START DATE	LOCATION
SNM Wine Festival	Sat., May 26 - Mon., May 28	SNM Fairgrounds
Mayor's Jazz Fest	Sun., May 27	Apodaca Park
DAAC Arts Awards Gala	Fri., June 1	Mesilla Valley Best Western
Raft the Rio	Sat., June 16	La Llorona Park
Tortugas Turtle Fiesta	Thur., June 21 - Sun., June 24	Our Lady of Guadalupe

THURSDAY, MAY 31

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

The Big Band Dance Club is hosting its annual prom on Thursday, May 31 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 non-members and includes foxtrot lessons at 7 p.m. during May. Singles are welcome. Formal attire is necessary. Call 382-5255 for more information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

CD RELEASE CONCERT

The "Spanish Guitar through the Ages" CD release concert will feature Joseph Mancilla, guitar, and guest artist Tracey Anne Trambley, singer and Spanish dancer, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, on Friday, June 1, at 8 p.m. Tickets are $12 and can be purchased in advance at White's Music Box, 200 S. Downtown Mall, or at the door.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Stock up for summer reading at the big booksale sponsored by the Friends of Branigan Library in the Dresp Rooms, 200

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E. Picacho Ave., on Friday, June 1, from 1 to 5 p.m. Audiobooks, videos, puzzles and books for all ages and interests will be available. Donations of materials always welcome. For information call 521-4845.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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TUESDAY, JUNE 5

■ 'MURDER ON THE WHITE SANDS' SIGNING

Who murdered Col. Albert Jennings Fountain and his son in January of 1896 as they traveled home from Lincoln by wagon? A jury of the day came to no conclusion and no bodies were ever found. Fountain brought 8-year-old Henry with him when he went to Lincoln to testify before a grand jury. His testimony secured a number of indictments on cattle rustling charges against several prominent local "hard characters." Fountain understood that he was taking his life into his own hands by testifying even before he left his home in Mesilla. But, as his wife said, "No one would be so evil as to kill an eight-year-old child." So, Henry accompanied his father. During their stay in Lincoln, Fountain felt uneasy. On the final day of the court session, he received a crude death threat. But he was not a man who was easily intimidated. Father and son never made it home.

Corey Recko has some ideas about this legendary cold case from the Old West. Recko is the author of "Murder on the White Sands: the Disappearance of Albert and Henry Fountain" to be released on May 30 by the University of North Texas Press. You can hear Recko talk about his work, the first full book-length treatment of this crime, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho, on Tuesday June 5, at 7 p.m. After the presentation, he will have copies of the book on hand for purchase and signing. For more information on the program at Branigan Library, contact Mark Pendleton at 528-4001 or mpendleton@las-cruces.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

■ MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS

Leslie Ullman will be guest speaker at the June 9 meeting of the Mesilla Valley Writers to be held 11:30 a.m. at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Ullman is an award-winning poet who has published three collections of poetry. A recent retiree from UTEP, she currently teaches for the low-residency MFA Program at Vermont College and does freelance editing for creative writers. Her topic will be "How a piece of writing asserts its intentions and establishes authority." The Mesilla Valley Writers normally meet the first Saturday of every month for lunch ($8, including food, tax and tip – or order from the menu), which is followed by a guest speaker and short business meeting. Annual dues are $10. All are welcome. For additional program information call Cheryl Fallstead at 521-3838; for general information, call Vesta Siemers at 532-5897.

■ HAND KNITTING GUILD

The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of the month. Guests are welcome – both new and experienced – bring your knitting. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St, in the Shannon Room. The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild is associated with The Knitting Guild of America, and their dues are $12 per year. For more information, contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or meadows@zianet.com.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 12

■ ST. PETERSBURG QUARTET CONCERT

Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music announced an up-coming concert, "From Russia With Love," at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, in the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 411 N. Downtown Mall. The concert will be performed by the internationally acclaimed St. Petersburg Quartet. The program will feature the Borodin Quartet #2, with its much-loved Nocturne as well as the Dvorak "American" Quartet.

St. Petersburg Quartet has garnered noteworthy awards from a number of prestigious competitions; among them are first prize at the All-Soviet Union String Quartet Competition, first prize and both Special Prizes at the International Chamber Music Competition in Florence, Italy, and first prize and "Grand Prix" at the Australian International Chamber Music competition. Widely recognized as eloquent and insightful interpreters of a vast array of repertoire for the string quartet, the group has performed in 46 states and on five continents.

Tickets are $20 each, available at White's Music Box, 200 S. Downtown Mall, or by calling 571-1000 or 523-7714. Advance purchase is advised. For additional information visit www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org.

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Veterans' Groups Guide

• **The American Legion Auxiliary** hosts a $4 pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.	• **Women Veterans** meet for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month at various restaurants. All are welcome. Call Judy at 532-5760 or Peggy at 526-6465.
• **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.	• **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.
• **American Legion Riders Motorcycle Chapter 4** meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at IHOP, 2900 N. Telshor Blvd. For more information call 650-4125.	• **Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment** meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. For more information call 382-0759.
• **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.	• **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.
• **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.	• **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.
• **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.	• **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.
• **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.	• **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10** is sponsoring the great American breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. The cost is $4.

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At La Fiesta de San Ysidro

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Rosa Arochia, a caregiver with the Little Playmates Day Care Center, helps Flor Hernandez, 11, make a carrot-shaped piñata while caregiver Aaron Boyer looks on in the background during La Fiesta de San Ysidro, Saturday, May 19, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum volunteer Jake Brooks, 11, helps Casey Peters, 3, set his miniature adobe brick in place to help to create a miniature house made entirely of adobe bricks Saturday, May 19, during the museum's annual Fiesta de San Ysidro.

Gary Briggs, of Radium Springs, a member of the New Mexico Vintage Iron Tractor Club, right, gives New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum visitor Paul Bauml, of San Antonio, Texas, a ride in a 1925 Model T Ford with tractor conversion last Saturday.

Amanda Steinborn, 8, of Las Cruces, rolls out a tortilla which will be grilled by New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum volunteer Evelyn Davidson.

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Education Coordinator Lena Bates removes loaves of freshly baked bread from an horno (oven) during the museum's annual Fiesta de San Ysidro.

State Sen. Mary Kay Papen and State Rep. Andy Nuñez, front, and Miles Culbertson, rear left, Museum Founders Board vice president; and John Bigbee, board member return the bulto (statue) of San Ysidro Labrador to the museum after the blessings of the fields and the bread at La Fiesta de San Ysidro.

Tile art piece by Virginia Maria Romero, who received help for her business, Arte de Romero, from the New Mexico State Arrowhead Center and College of Busine

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NMSU business students help make art profitable

Virginia Maria Romero is a successful, award-winning artist, but now she is taking her passion even further thanks to the work of New Mexico State University business students.

Romero approached NMSU for help with a marketing plan and business strategy for Arte de Romero, a young company she and a partner created. The company markets ceramic tiles with images reproduced from Romero's original artwork for gifts and murals. The project was given to Arrowhead Center, which specializes in helping small businesses get off the ground. This was Arrowhead's first time helping an artist.

"I was able to ask questions and get answers I wouldn't have been able to get anyplace else," said Romero of her work with Arrowhead Center. "Their help was more than anything I ever anticipated."

Romero has won recognition for her artwork. Her gift tiles are sold in a variety of locations across New Mexico, but she wanted to expand to more shops in more locations around the country. She also wanted to market her tiles for murals in museums, universities or other public places, giving large-scale visibility to her work.

Arrowhead assigned Romero's project to NMSU's Business Administration 502 class, the capstone course for the College of Business's MBA program. The student team of Jaren Broadbent, Richard Hernandez and Renee Huber-Landrum met with Romero once a week throughout the semester while conducting market analysis and developing the best plan for her.

Romero asked for marketing strategies to promote and distribute her tiles to a larger client base. She also requested suggestions for what her management team should look like and any other recommendations the Arrowhead Center could provide.

The students studied all aspects of the company including policies and procedures, legal issues, sales, income, cost reduction and marketing. The final draft of their plan for Romero was presented for their BA 502 final exam.

"With the qualities of products Arte de Romero produces, as well as Mrs. Romero's ability to form relationships with people, we believe Arte de Romero has a lot of potential," said Hernandez.

Romero said she is already using some of their recommendations, including charting sales and other figures, to monitor growth. She said she is excited about implementing more of their suggestions.

Giving back to those in need

Nancy Ritchey (center), director of Mesilla Valley Chorale, hands over two $1,500 checks, one to Shirley Jaquez (left), executive director of Jardin de los Niños, and another to Pamela Angell (right), executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope on Tuesday, May 15. The money was raised by the Mesilla Valley Chorale during their spring concerts.

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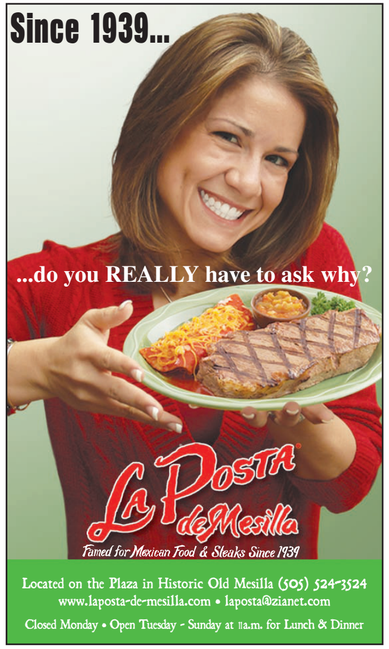
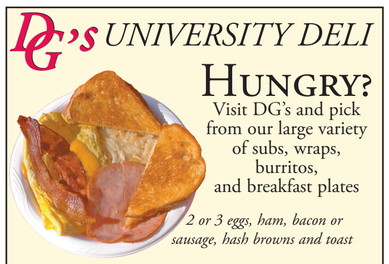
Jim McMullan, owner, stands next to an 1800's stagecoach.





Geneva Chavez and her singing chihuahuas

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Capturing the human essence

Linda Montoya

CATHERINE MARTINEZ

Linda Montoya follows in footsteps of the masters

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Linda Montoya not only takes amazing pictures of people, she creates an image so full of life one expects them to move.

Born and raised in the Santa Fe area, Montoya said she came from a very art-oriented family. Her father was a santero and created images of the saints on carved wood. Montoya's grandmother used a Kodak box camera since the 1920s to photograph their family.

While working in Boston, Mass., as a medical secretary, Montoya said she found herself becoming bored and wanted something more for herself, outside of work.

Trying to find an outlet, she took classes in sculpture, ceramics and photography, but found that photography truly held her interests.

"I liked going into the darkroom and seeing what develops in the dark," she said.

After moving back to Santa Fe in the '80s, Montoya was able to pursue her new interest on a professional level. A friend of the family offered her a job at a custom photography lab and gallery, DeColores. Although she had no experience in the lab, the owner was willing to train Montoya on the job.

Through her position at DeColores, Montoya was able to meet some of the most talented photographers in the Santa Fe area. Not only did these photographers critique her work, but they also shared with Montoya the techniques they used to achieve their work.

After two to three years of working at the DeColores gallery, Montoya decided to show some of her work as fine art.

During her time in Santa Fe, she became friends with famous photographers such as Willard Van Dyke, R.C. Gorman and Yoseph Karsh (through an introduction from Gorman).

Although she enjoys taking some landscape photographs, Montoya admitted that she always prefers taking portraits.

"I'm always drawn to capture the soul of a person through photographs," she said. "I like showing a passionate and loving side of people."

Montoya moved to Las Cruces in 1998, where she works as a full-time photographer with her own business, Linda Montoya Images. Although she still does fine art photography, Montoya also works as a wedding and commercial photographer.

"I always liked Mesilla and the surrounding areas," she said. "I guess I was looking for some new images, and I like being close to Mexico. I love taking pictures there."

She has worked as a full-time photographer for many years now, but the industry has changed dramatically since she began.

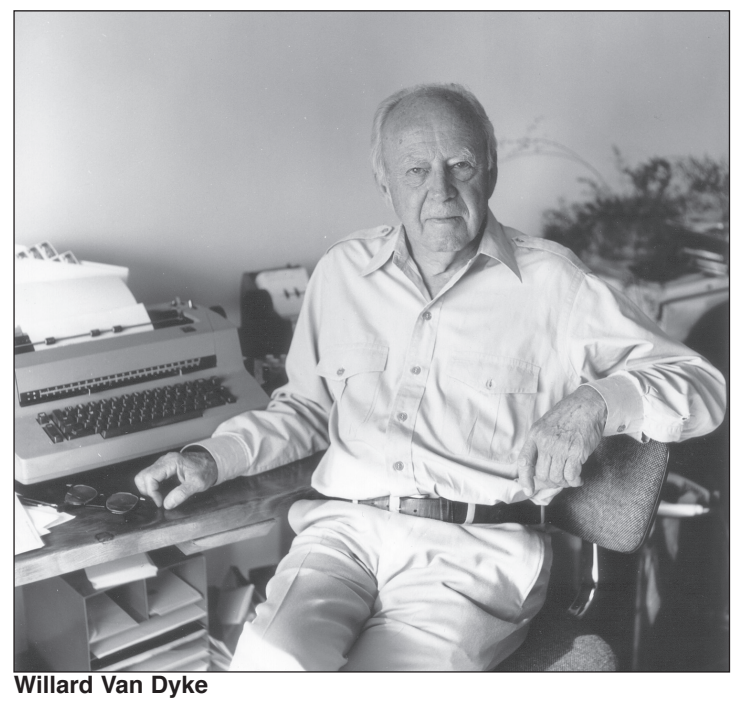
"There's always something to learn in your field. It's always changing," she said.

The advance of technology and techniques is a constant issue in the world of photography, and Montoya said she still takes classes to keep up to date. When she began taking photographs 26 years ago, she worked with a 35 mm Pentax camera and black and white film. Now Montoya works with a Nikon digital camera, but still gets some requests to use the black and white film.

Montoya's work is part of permanent collections at the Millicent Rogers Museum in Taos, the First National Bank of Albuquerque and the Capitol Rotunda in Santa Fe, as well as several art publications.

To see more of Linda Montoya's work, visit the Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado Suite 1, or visit www.lmfineimages.com.

Lola Beltran



Willard Van Dyke

R.C. Groman and brushes

Television Listings

Sports News Movies

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FRIDAY EVENING — MAY 25, 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	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW (N)	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Minding	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer		Close to Home		NUMB3RS "Brutus"		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Group	State	Bill Moyers Journal		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Home Videos		National Bingo Night		20/20 CC		News (N)	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	★★ "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider" (2001)				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	1 vs. 100 CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Nuestra Belleza		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		Boxeo				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★★ "Cowboys de Ciudad"		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★ "Guilt by Association" (2002) CC				News	MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers. CC					Videos
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	College Softball: NCAA Super Regional				Baseball Tonight (Live)			SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Monk CC		Law & Order: SVU		House "The Jerk"		★★★★ "The Silence of the Lambs"			
TNT 32	Law & Order "Ego"		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		TBA	(:45) ★★ "Torque" (2004) Ice Cube CC				★ Driven
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.					Friends	Friends	King	King	(:40) ★★ "Wimbledon" (2004)		
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Fight Night (In Stereo)				Ult. Fighting		All Ac	Most	Game	Wild
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"To Have and to Hold" (2006) CC				Housewives		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Trent"		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		War Tactics		Dogfights: The Greatest Air Battles CC				Mail Call CC		War Tactics		Dogfights: Air	
TLC 45	Chef	Chef	Making the Cut (N)		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Making the Cut		What Not to Wear	
DISC 47	I Shouldn't Be Alive		I Shouldn't Be Alive		Man vs. Wild CC		Deadliest Catch		Stunt	Stunt	I Shouldn't Be Alive		Man vs. Wild CC	
FAM 51	Smallville "Legacy"		★ "Head Over Heels" (2001) CC				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Sister	Sister	So Raven	So Raven	Life De	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Cory	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff.			
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	★★ "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius"				Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"Quick-Dead"		★★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Adventure)				2007 World Stunt Awards				★★ "Army of Darkness"			Hallown 5
SCIFI 58	Heroes CC		Stargate SG-1		"Lake Placid 2" (2007) John Schneider.				★ "Shark Attack 2" (2000) Nikita Ager				Stargate SG-1	
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(4:30) "Rebound"		REAL Sports		"Cheaper by the Dozen 2"		(:45) ★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) CC						Entou	Entou
MAX 322	"Star Wars Ep. I"		(:15) "Star Wars: Episode II -- Attack of the Clones"				(:35) "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith"						"Star Wars" (1977)	
SHOW 343	"Dirty Dancing"		★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990) CC				★★★ "The Terminator" (1984) CC				The Tudors (iTV)		Penn	Penn

SATURDAY MORNING — MAY 26, 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	Barbecue
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Madeline	Sabrina	Trollz (El)	Horseland	Cake	Revolution
KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Curious	Dragon	This Old Hous		Real	TBA
ABC 7 7	Overdrive	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Winx Club	Viva Pinata	Viva Pinata	Turtles	Turtles	Chaotic	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!
NBC 9 9	Poker After Dark CC		Today Kevin Bacon; Rene Fris; outdoor furniture.				Babar (El)	Dragon (El)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie	Jane	Jacob
KINT 10 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin			Pinky	Carmen	Bill	Lente Loco	Trato	Mochila Azul	
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Tu Hogar:
KTFN 13 65	Carita de Ángel		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Escuadrón	Escuadrón	Mega Match	
KVIA 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T	Legion	Batman
WGN 15	Enterprise	People	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				College Softball	
USA 31	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Coach	★★ "Dante's Peak" (1997, Action) Pierce Brosnan. CC					★★★ "Red Dragon"	
TNT 32	★ "The Patriot" (1998) Steven Seagal. CC				★★★★ "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. CC				★★★ "Rocky II" (1979) CC			
TBS 33	Harvey	Harvey	★★ "Something to Talk About" (1995) CC				★★ "Alfie" (2004) Jude Law, Omar Epps. CC				(:15) "Fools Rush In"	
SPIKE 34	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Reality Racing (N)		★★ "Summer Rental" (1985) John Candy.				Hrsepwer	MuscleCar
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★★ "Fatal Vision" (1984) Karl Malden. CC			
A&E 43	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Biography "Johnny Depp" Actor Johnny Depp.				Sell House	Spender	Design	Design
HIST 44	Heavy Metal CC		Mail Call CC		Vietnam: Homecoming		Dogfights CC		Dogfights "Air Ambush"		Dogfights CC	
TLC 45	Comfort	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Riches	Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Trading Spaces CC	
DISC 47	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Mega Builders CC		Oil, Sweat and Rigs		Futureweapons CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	★★ "Sister Act" (1992) Whoopi Goldberg. CC				Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN 52	So Raven	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Doodlebop	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	El Tigre	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC 57	(3:45) "Blood Alley"		(:15) ★★★ "Sands of Iwo Jima" (1949) CC				"Santa Fe Stampede"		(:15) ★★ "Wake of the Red Witch" (1948)			
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone		Twilight Z.	"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (1997) CC				Lost
CNN 62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Live Saturday	
HBO 306	(4:55) ★★★ "Frankie and Johnny" (1991) CC				★★★ "Dunston Checks In" (1996)			"Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties"			Legendary	Major 2
MAX 322	Return-Jedi	★★★ "Wolfen" (1981) Albert Finney. (In Stereo)				★★ "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) Kevin Costner.					"Batman Begins" CC	
SHOW 343	Deceiver	(:45) ★★★ "Untamed Heart" (1993) CC				★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours" (2005)			★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006) iTV.			

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 26, 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	Decisions	Fly Tying	Desert
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	LatiNation	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Golf Crowne Plaza Invitational -- Third Round. (Live) CC						Dalbey	Paid Prog.
KCOS 5 13	High Q	Americas	Food	Lidias	Gourmet	Cooking	Sewing	Sews	Texas	Hometime	Workshop	Old House
ABC 7 7	Montana	Suite Life	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WNBA Basketball: Sparks at Sun				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ebert
KFOX 8 14	NASCAR Racing Craftsman Truck Series -- Ohio 250. CC				MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers. (In Stereo Live) CC							
NBC 9 9	Animal R.	Old House	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golf Senior PGA Championship -- Third Round. From Kiawah Island, S.C.						Paid Prog.	Reporter
KINT 10 26	Mochila Azul		Bajo el Mismo Techo		Casate y Veras		La Parodia				Primer Impacto	
KTDO 11 48	Nitido		Vas o No Vas		★★★ "Stuart Little" (1999) Geena Davis.				★★ "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" (2003)			
KTFN 13 65	Mega Match		★★★ "Napoleón Dinamita" (2004) Jon Heder.				★★ "Punto de Quiebra" (1991) Patrick Swayze.				"De Ladrón a Policía"	
KVIA 14	Batman	Xiaolin	Kids Club	Wild Am.	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Exploration	NASCAR	Movie	
WGN 15	Lizzie	Even	Soul Train CC		★★ "Flubber" (1997) Robin Williams. (In Stereo)				Funniest Home Videos		American Idol Rewind	
ESPN 16	College Softball		College Softball NCAA Super Regional -- Teams TBA. (Live) CC									
USA 31	(10:00) ★★★ "Red Dragon" (2002)			★★★★ "The Silence of the Lambs" (1991) Jodie Foster.					★★ "Hannibal" (2001) Anthony Hopkins. CC			
TNT 32	(9:30) "Rocky II" (1979)		★★★ "Rocky III" (1982) Sylvester Stallone. CC				★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson. CC (DVS)					
TBS 33	(10:15) ★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997)		(:35) ★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001, Comedy) CC					(:45) ★★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001) Jennifer Lopez. CC				
SPIKE 34	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	★★ "Hamburger Hill" (1987, War) Anthony Barrile.					★★ "Sniper" (1993) Tom Berenger, Billy Zane.				Sniper 2
LIFE 39	(9:00) ★★★ "Fatal Vision" (1984) Karl Malden.				★★ "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" (2000) Kris Kristofferson, Marg Helgenberger. CC							
A&E 43	Driving	Driving	King Cars	King Cars	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Sell House	Sell House
HIST 44	Underworld		Underworld		Nazi America: A Secret History CC				Hippies The counterculture. CC			
TLC 45	Handyman	Handyman	What Not to Wear		Moving Up CC		Moving Up CC		Flip House	Flip House	Property Ladder CC	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs CC		Summer of the Shark		Shark Rebellion		Tiger Shark Attack		Mythbusters		Mythbusters	
FAM 51	"Like Mike 2: Streetball" (2006, Comedy) CC				"Lovewrecked" (2006) Amanda Bynes. CC				★ "Head Over Heels" (2001) Monica Potter.			
DISN 52	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	★★ "Cadet Kelly" (2002) Hilary Duff. (In Stereo)				Replace	Replace
NICK 54	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent
AMC 57	Wake-Red	★★★ "The Shepherd of the Hills" (1941) CC				★★★★ "Rio Grande" (1950) John Wayne.				★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960)		
SCIFI 58	"Lost in the Bermuda Triangle" CC		"Path of Destruction" (2005) Danica McKellar.					★★ "Timeline" (2003) Paul Walker, Frances O'Connor. CC				
CNN 62	In the Money CC		CNN Live Saturday		Special Investigations		CNN Live Saturday		CNN Live Saturday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	(10:30) ★ "Major League II" (1994)			★★★ "Wide Awake" (2006) CC			★ "King's Ransom" (2005) CC			(:45) ★★ "The Wedding Date" CC		
MAX 322	(10:00) ★★★ "Batman Begins"			(:20) ★★ "8MM" (1999) Nicolas Cage. CC				★ "Big Momma's House 2" (2006)		(:15) ★★ "Phat Girlz"		
SHOW 343	(:05) ★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005)				(:05) ★★ "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage.				Tudors	★★ "Bad News Bears" (2005) CC		

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SATURDAY EVENING — MAY 26, 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	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Aggie	America	Farmers	News	Lawrence Welk		Keep Up	Summer	Fields	Red	MontyP	My Fam	Baxter B.	Road
CBS 4 4	News	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	NUMB3RS cc		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: Miami cc		Paid
KCOS 5 13	Ask This	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk		In the	TBA	The Civil War (In Stereo) cc				Austin City Limits		(Off Air)	
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	NBA	NBA Basketball: Conference Final -- Spurs at Jazz					Latino	Insider	News (N)	(:35) Cheaters cc		Access
KFOX 8 14	Star Trek: Ent.		Smallville cc		Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	Mad TV cc		Talkshow	King
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	★★★ "Chicago" (2002) Catherine Zeta-Jones. (In Stereo) cc						News (N)	(:34) Saturday Night Live cc		
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia		Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Noticie	"Juan Armenta, el Repatriado" (1974)				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003) Lucy Liu				Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador	
KTFN 13 65	"De Ladrón-Poli"		Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				★★ "La Gran Pelea" (2002, Drama)				Contacto	Pepsi Música		Año Que
KVIA 14	(4:00) Movie		Writer's	CinemAtt	Cold Squad		Stone Undercover		Scrubs	My Wife	Comics	Comics	Eye Eye	Eye Eye
WGN 15	MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Chicago White Sox.						WGN News at Nine		Sex &	24 (In Stereo) cc		24 (In Stereo) cc		Carlito's
ESPN 16	SportsCenter cc		College Softball: NCAA Super Regional				Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter cc		Fast	Baseball Tonight		SportsCtr
USA 31	(3:00) "Hannibal"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		House cc		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32	★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock. cc						★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003) cc				(:15) ★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004) cc			
TBS 33	★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) (PA) Tom Hanks. cc						★★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003) cc					(:45) ★★ "Fools Rush In"		
SPIKE 34	(4:30) ★ "Sniper 2" (2002)			"Sniper 3" (2004, Action) Tom Berenger.				The Ultimate Fighter	TNA Wrestling			★★ "Windtalkers" (2002)		
LIFE 39	"Arthur Hailey's Detective" (2005, Crime Drama) Tom Berenger, Annabeth Gish. cc							Medium cc			"Amber Frey: Witness"			
A&E 43	Sell	Sell	Flip This House		Flip This House		Jackpot Diaries, Part 2 Lottery winners.				Flip This House		Flip This House	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		★★★★ "Planet of the Apes" (1968) cc					The States (N)		Murders	★★★★ "Planet of the Apes" (1968)			
TLC 45	The Real Deal		Little	Little	The Real Deal (N)		Frst	Frst	Little	Little	The Real Deal		Frst	Frst
DISC 47	MythBusters cc		Hitler Secrt		MythBusters cc		MythBusters Ninjas.		Man vs. Wild cc		Hitler Secrt		MythBusters cc	
FAM 51	★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst.				"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006) cc				"The List" (2006) Wayne Brady. cc				Whose?	Whose?
DISN 52	Emperor	Emperor	Dragon	Kim	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Cory	Suite Life	"The Emperor's New Groove"			So Raven
NICK 54	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"North to Alaska"		★★★★ "The Quiet Man" (1952) John Wayne. cc					★★ "Hellfighters" (1968) John Wayne. cc					★★ "McQ" (1974)	
SCIFI 58	"Earthstorm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin.				"Dark Storm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin.				★★★★ "Jaws" (1975) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. cc					
CNN 62	This Week at War		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
HBO 306	(:15) ★★ "The Family Stone" (2005) cc				"Garfield: Tail"			Shrek	★★★ "Over the Hedge" cc			The Sopranos cc		40 Year
MAX 322	(4:15) "Phat Girlz"		★★★ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989) cc				★★★ "Red Eye" (2005) cc			★★ "The Transporter 2" cc			"Final Destin. 3"	
SHOW 343	Bad	★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours"			★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) cc				The Tudors (iTV)		★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006)			

SUNDAY MORNING — MAY 27, 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)				Boohbah	Curious	Signing	Zoboo	Raven Tls	NOW	Religion	Minding
CBS 4 4	Homeown.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Latin Lif	Paid Prog.
KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Nova cc (DVS)		Session	Travel
ABC 7 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Indy Prerace	
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Homebuil	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC 9 9	Reel Talk	Hispanics	Today (N) cc		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Paid Prog.
KINT 10 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin			Pinky	Carmen	Bill	República Deportiva			
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN 13 65	Carita de Angel		Azul		Pequeño	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	Pepsi Música	
KVIA 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Adventure	WHADDYA
WGN 15	Changing	Paid Prog.	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Morris Cerullo Helpline		Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Lizzie	Even	Even
ESPN 16	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter cc		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) cc				Baseball
USA 31	Fitness	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc	
TNT 32	★★★ "A Time to Kill" (1996) Sandra Bullock, Samuel L. Jackson. cc						★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson. cc (DVS)					
TBS 33	(4:30) ★★★ "Something's Gotta Give" (2003)				★★ "Legally Blonde" (2001) Luke Wilson cc				★★ "The Wedding Planner" (2001) cc			
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Fat Burn	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!
LIFE 39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power cc		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	"Mary Higgins Clark's Lucky Day" (2002) cc			
A&E 43	Ask This	Ask This	Breakfast With the Arts		Breakfast With the Arts		Jackpot Diaries Lottery jackpot winners. cc				Cold Case Files cc	
HIST 44	Scientists	HistoryCTR	Historys	Marvels	War Tactics		UFO Files cc		UFO Files cc		UFO Files cc	
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	While You Were Out		Trading Spaces cc		Trading Spaces cc		Trading Spaces cc	
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Desert Crocs		Nile: Croc-King		Perfect Disaster		Hitler's-Secret: AU-864	
FAM 51	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN 52	Barbarian	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Doodlebop	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar	Mr. Meaty	Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC 57	(4:30) ★★★ "The Purple Heart"				(:45) ★★ "Battle at Bloody Beach" (1961, War)			★★ "American Guerilla in the Philippines"				Big Red 1
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone		★★ "Snakehead Terror" (2004) Carol Alt cc				★★★★ "Jaws" (1975)	
CNN 62	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources cc		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer cc			
HBO 306	I Still Know	Lewis Black		(:20) "Over the Hedge"	"We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story"				When It Was a Game		REAL Sports	
MAX 322	Vampires	(:20) ★★ "Final Destination 3" cc			"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III"			(:40) ★★ "Bachelor Party" (1984) Tom Hanks.				Waist
SHOW 343	★★ "Asylum" (2005, Drama) cc			(:45) ★★★ "Winter Solstice" cc			(:15) ★★★ "Mad Hot Ballroom" (2005) cc				★★★ "Capote" (2005)	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MAY 27, 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	Santa Fe	Business	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	Great Performances at the Met "Eugene Onegin" (In Stereo) cc						Seasoned
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	PGA Tour Special (N)		PGA Golf Crowne Plaza Invitational -- Final Round. (Live) cc						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
KCOS 5 13	Europe	Travels	Secrets of the Dead		Texas	Business	Healthy	Mature	Lincoln and Lee		D-Day Freedom	
ABC 7 7	IndyCar Racing Indianapolis 500. (Live) cc							Motorcycle Racing		Paid Prog.	Entertainment Tonight	
KFOX 8 14	★★ "Flubber" (1997) Robin Williams. cc				★★★ "Dancer, Texas Pop. 81" (1998, Comedy)				NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Coca-Cola 600.			
NBC 9 9	To Be Announced		CORR Off Road Racing		Golf Senior PGA Championship -- Final Round. From Kiawah Island, S.C.						Paid Prog.	3 Wide Life
KINT 10 26	Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				Qué Locura		Festival del Humor				Primer Impacto	
KTDO 11 48	WWE Raw				Nitido	Titulares	Ritmo	Just Laugh	★★ "The Body" (2001) Antonio Banderas.			
KTFN 13 65	La Guerra de los Sexos		★★ "Pausa Antes de Morir" (1991) Brad Davis.				★ "Máxima Velocidad II" (1997) Sandra Bullock.				"Solo los Fuertes"	
KVIA 14	Health	Woman	Movie				Designers	CinemAtt	Latino	Urban	All of Us	Girlfriends
WGN 15	Home Imp.	★★★★ "Rain Man" (1988) Dustin Hoffman. (In Stereo) cc					MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers. cc					
ESPN 16	College Softball NCAA Super Regional -- Teams TBA. (Live) cc										SportsCenter cc	
USA 31	Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc		Monk cc	
TNT 32	★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) Wesley Snipes.				★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003) Uma Thurman.				(:15) ★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004, Action) cc			
TBS 33	MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Atlanta Braves. (Subject to Blackout)						Home Imp.	Home Imp.	★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) (PA) Tom Hanks.			
SPIKE 34	★★★ "Apocalypse Now Redux" (2001, War) Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen.									★★ "Sniper" (1993) Tom Berenger.		
LIFE 39	"Dead by Sunset" (1995) Ken Olin. An unsuspecting doctor begins an affair with a sociopath. cc								"What if God Were the Sun?" (2007) cc			
A&E 43	Cold Case Files cc		Cold Case Files cc		Cold Case Files cc		Cold Case Files cc		Cold Case Files cc		Cold Case Files cc	
HIST 44	UFO Files cc		UFO Files cc		UFO Files cc		Star Trek Tech cc		How William Shatner Changed the World cc			
TLC 45	Home Made Simple		Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		Property Ladder cc		The Real Deal cc		The Real Deal cc	
DISC 47	Adventure Bhutan				Giant Squid: Caught		Survivorman cc		Survivorman cc		Man vs. Wild cc	
FAM 51	Sabrina	Sabrina	★★ "Bring It On" (2000) Kirsten Dunst. cc				"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006, Comedy) cc				"A Cinderella Story"	
DISN 52	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	"The Emperor's New Groove" cc			Life Derek	Suite Life	So Raven
NICK 54	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Amanda	School	Naked
AMC 57	(10:45) ★★★ "The Big Red One" (1980) cc				★★★ "The Enemy Below" (1957) cc				★★★ "PT 109" (1963, Drama) Cliff Robertson.			
SCIFI 58	(10:00) ★★★★ "Jaws" (1975) Roy Scheider.				★★★ "The Abyss" (1989) Ed Harris. An oil-rig crew must search for a sunken nuclear sub.							
CNN 62	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money cc		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Brad Pitt. cc				★★★ "The Man Without a Face" (1993) cc				Real Time		(:15) "The Break-Up"	
MAX 322	(10:30) "Waist Deep"		(:05) ★★★ "American Psycho" (2000) cc				(1:50) ★★★ "Die Hard" (1988) Bruce Willis. cc				"Willy Wonka"	
SHOW 343	(10:00) "Capote" (2005)		★★ "Judge Dredd" (1995, Action)			(:45) ★ "The Zodiac" (2005) Justin Chambers.				(:25) ★★★ "Coach Carter" (2005)		

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KRWG 2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova CC (DVS)		Nature (In Stereo)		Memorial Day Concert			Airgroup	Burt Wolf	Smart	Travel	(Off Air)
CBS 4 4	News	News (N)	60 Minutes (N)		The Amazing Race		Cold Case CC		Without a Trace		News (N)	CSI: Miami CC		Paid
KCOS 5 13	Liberty Ships		World War II		Memorial Day Concert			Airgroup	Bill Moyers Journal		Memorial Day Concert			(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	Home Videos		Makeover: Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News (N)	Ebert	Insider	Latino
KFOX 8 14	(3:00) NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Coca-Cola 600. CC						Sunland Star CC		News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Cowboys
NBC 9 9	NBC	News (N)	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) CC				Friday Night Lights		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	(:35) Alias CC		Shield
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	"Pobre, Pero Honrada" (1973, Comedia)				"Duro Pero Seguro" (1978) Jorge Lavat				Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad	
KTDO 11 48	Remix TV	Noticie	★★★ "Tarzan" (1999) Glenn Close				★★★ "Cliffhanger" (1993) John Lithgow				Titulares	Pagado	"Mantenids-Llor"	
KTFN 13 65	"Solo los Fuertes"		La Boda de Charytin			★★★ "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern.					Contacto	★ "Americaton" (1979)		
KVIA 14	The	Chris	7th Heaven CC		Smallville CC		Supernatural CC		Access Hollywood		Kickin' It CC		Stargate Atlantis	
WGN 15	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind		Maximum Exposure		News	Replay	Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sex &	NASCAR	Exposure
ESPN 16	Baseball Tonight		MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Detroit Tigers. (Live) CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC			Baseball Tonight		SportsCtr
USA 31	Monk CC		Monk CC		Monk CC		Monk CC		Monk CC		Monk CC		Monk CC	
TNT 32	"Kill Bill: Vol. 2"		Pregame	NBA Basketball: Conf. Final					Inside the NBA		★★ "Dead Presidents" (1995) CC			
TBS 33	"Forrest Gump"		★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) (PA) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. CC						★★★ "Cast Away" (2000) (PA) Tom Hanks, Helen Hunt. CC					
SPIKE 34	Sniper	★★★ "First Blood" (1982, Action)			CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn			First Bld
LIFE 39	"Gone but Not Forgotten" (2005, Drama) Brooke Shields, Lou Diamond Phillips. CC								Grey's Anatomy		Strong Medicine		Strong Medicine	
A&E 43	Cold Case Files		Dog	Dog	Simmons	Simmons	Gene Simmons		The First 48 CC		Dog	Dog	Simmons	Simmons
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		True Caribbean Pirates CC				Star Trek: Beyond the Final Frontier				True Caribbean Pirates CC			
TLC 45	The Real Deal		The Real Deal		The Real Deal		The Real Deal		The Real Deal		The Real Deal		The Real Deal	
DISC 47	Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild Kenya.		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild Kenya.	
FAM 51	"A Cinderella Story"		★★ "Ice Princess" (2005) Joan Cusack.				★★ "Ice Princess" (2005) Joan Cusack.				J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN 52	Sadie	Phil	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001)			So Raven	Phil	Sadie
NICK 54	Drake	Jordan	Zoey 101	Play	Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	(3:00) "PT 109"		★★★★ "Patton" (1970, Biography) George C. Scott, Karl Malden. CC							★★ "Flying Leathernecks" (1951)				Enemy
SCIFI 58	★★ "Creature" (1998, Horror) Craig T. Nelson, Kim Cattrall, Matthew Carey. CC								"Frankenfish" (2004) Tory Kittles. CC				★ "Blood Surf"	
CNN 62	CNN Live Sunday		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night	
HBO 306	"The Break-Up"		★★★ "Clueless" (1995) CC		(:45) ★★ "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Brad Pitt. CC						"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" (2007)			
MAX 322	Willy	(:45) "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"			(:45) ★★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts, Jack Black. (In Stereo) CC								"Shawshank R."	
SHOW 343	Coach	(:45) ★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) CC			Tudors		★★ "Elvis" (2005) Jonathan Rhys Meyers. iTV Premiere.						The Tudors (iTV)	

MONDAY EVENING — MAY 28, 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	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Antiques Roadshow		American Exp.		The Last Ridge		Group	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Mother	Christine	Two Men	King	CSI: Miami CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience CC (DVS)				Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap (N)		Ex-Wives Club		Supernanny (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	On the Lot The 18 finalists' short films. (N)				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Real-Crashers		Miss Universe 2007 (Same-day Tape)				News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Cristina		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Camino a la Corona		Miss Universo 2007				Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	★ "Lord Dragon"		Qué Dice la Gente		★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"Muñecas de California"		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	All of Us	Girl	The	Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN 15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	(4:00) SportsCenter		NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Conference Final -- Spurs at Jazz					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Fast	Baseball
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		"Love Actually"	
TNT 32	Law & Order "Seer"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Cold Case CC		Law & Order "Hate"		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family	Family	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★ "Blue Streak" (1999) Martin Lawrence.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"My Name Is Sarah" (2007) Premiere.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	(4:39) The Sopranos		The Sopranos CC		(:09) The Sopranos CC		(:23) The Sopranos			TBA	The Sopranos CC		(:09) The Sopranos	
HIST 44	Band of Brothers		Star Wars Tech (N)		Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed (N)				Star Wars Tech		Star Wars Tech		Star Wars-Lgcy	
TLC 45	Little People		Little	Little	Big Medicine		16 Children		Little	Little	Big Medicine		16 Children	
DISC 47	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Stunt	Stunt	MythBusters CC		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
FAM 51	Falcon Beach (N)		Kyle XY CC		Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Kyle XY CC		Paid	Riches
DISN 52	Kim	Kim	Suite Life	Suite Life	Phil	Phil	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "Leroy & Stitch" (2006)			So Raven	So Raven	Life De
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	GroPains	Cosby
AMC 57	(2:30) "Patton" CC		★★★ "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (1970, War) Martin Balsam.						★★★★ "Twelve O'Clock High" (1949, War)					D-Day
SCIFI 58	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		★ "Rottweiler" (2004) William Miller. CC				Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	★★ "The Ring Two" (2005) Naomi Watts.				"Cheaper by the Dozen 2"			Ocean 13	Real Time		★★★ "Over the Hedge" CC			Wide
MAX 322	(:15) ★★ "You've Got Mail" (1998) CC				(:15) ★★ "Monster-in-Law" (2005) CC				★★ "Final Destination 3"			On Set	"X-Men: Last"	
SHOW 343	★★★ "In the Line of Fire" (1993) CC				(:15) ★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006) iTV.					Heroes	Weeds	Weeds	The Tudors (iTV)	

TUESDAY EVENING — MAY 29, 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	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova CC (DVS)		Independent Lens (N) CC			Echoes	Smiley	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS CC		The Unit "Bait"		Kimberly Dozier		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Nova CC (DVS)		Great Lodges		Independent Lens (N) CC			Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Lopez	Lopez	Jim	Jim	Boston Legal CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	On the Lot CC		House CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Law & Order CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Ver Para Creer		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "Chain Reaction" (1996, Acción)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★★ "Cronos" (1993, Terror)		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gilmore Girls CC		Veronica Mars		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye for	Holly	Date
WGN 15	Home Videos		Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at New York Mets. CC						Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law CI	Law & Order: SVU		★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) CC					Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		"Breakfast Club"	
TNT 32	Without a Trace		NBA Basketball: Conf. Final							(:45) Inside the NBA	(:45) ★★ "Murder at 1600" (1997) Wesley Snipes.			
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex &	Sex &	Friends	Friends	Sex &	Sex &	★★★ "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Predator 2" (1990) Danny Glover, Gary Busey.					Sports	CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Nora Roberts' Carolina Moon" (2007)				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog
HIST 44	Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed CC				The Universe CC		UFO Files CC		Dogfights CC		Modern Marvels		The Universe CC	
TLC 45	Things Removd		Rides Graphic artist.		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Rides Graphic artist.	
DISC 47	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		After the Catch		MythBusters CC		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
FAM 51	Smallville "Truth"		★★ "Here on Earth" (2000) Chris Klein.				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Falcon Beach CC		His Sight	
DISN 52	Boy	Boy	Phil	Phil	So Raven	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	"Wendy Wu: Homecoming Warrior" (2006)				So Raven	Life De
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Grow	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"Enter the Dragon"		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996) Will Smith. CC						★ "Catwoman" (2004) Halle Berry. CC				"Dead Calm" (1989)	
SCIFI 58	Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		ECW (Live)		Painkiller Jane		Dark Angel CC		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(:15) ★★ "Everything Is Illuminated"				Shrek	★ "The Avengers" (1998) CC			The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC	
MAX 322	"Don't Tell Mom-Babysitter"		(:45) ★★ "Conspiracy Theory" (1997) Mel Gibson.						★★ "American Dreamz" (2006) CC				★★ "The Ringer"	
SHOW 343	"Elizabethtown"		★★ "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage.				★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" CC				The Tudors (iTV)		Penn	Strangers

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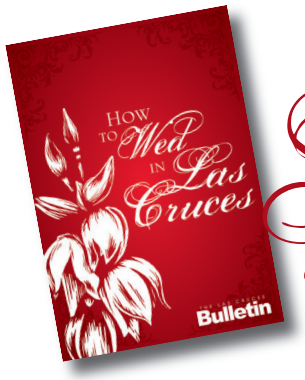

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KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Craft in America (N)		Craft in America (N)		Craft in America (N)		One	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	King	King	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Craft in America (N)		Craft in America (N)		Craft in America (N)		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Next Best Thing		Traveler "Pilot"		Traveler (N) CC		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance (N) CC				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Moments	Moments	Moments	Moments	Medium CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Don Francisco		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN (13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "El Regreso Imposible" (1996)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★ "Depredador 2" (1990)		
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Hidden Palms CC		One Tree Hill (N)		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN (15)	Home Videos		MLB Baseball Florida Marlins at Chicago Cubs. CC						News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr	NFL Live	NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Conference Final -- Jazz at Spurs					SportsCenter CC			Fast	Baseball
USA (31)	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		"First Wives"	
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Without a Trace		Las Vegas CC		Law & Order "Thrill"	
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	★★★ "Galaxy Quest" (1999) Tim Allen.				"Analyze That" CC	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"What Comes Around" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		(:15) The Sopranos CC			TBA	CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		History Rocks (N)		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels	
TLC (45)	War Wounds		Untold Stories		Obesity Clinic		Mystery ER		Untold Stories		Obesity Clinic		Mystery ER	
DISC (47)	How	How	Hazard Pay (N)		MythBusters (N)		Cash	Cash	Dirty Jobs CC		Hazard Pay		MythBusters CC	
FAM (51)	Smallville CC		★★ "Look Who's Talking Now" (1993)				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Riches
DISN (52)	Emperor	Emperor	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "The Country Bears" (2002) CC				So Raven	Life De
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	GroPains	Rose
AMC (57)	"Independence"		★★★ "Patriot Games" (1992) Harrison Ford.					★★★★ "Glory" (1989) Matthew Broderick.					"Hell-High Wtr"	
SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		★ "The Triangle" (2001) Luke Perry.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO (306)	★★ "The Break-Up" (2006) (In Stereo)				★ "A Sound of Thunder" CC			Making	The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Real Time	
MAX (322)	Pass 57	(:45) "Final Destination 3" CC			(:15) ★★★ "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989)				(:15) ★★ "Cruel Intentions" (1999) CC				"Final Destin. 3"	
SHOW (343)	Blown	(:45) ★ "The Zodiac" (2005) CC				★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours"			The Tudors (iTV)		★ "10th and Wolf" (2006, Drama) iTV.			

THURSDAY EVENING — MAY 31, 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	11:00	11:30
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Globe Trekker		Sierra Center Stage		Austin City Limits		Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Pirate Master CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Shark CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		El Paso Physician		This Old Hous		Ballroom Chall		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	2007 Scripps National Spelling Bee CC				Grey's Anatomy		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?		You Can Dance		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Name	30 Rock	Office	Scrubs	Studio 60-Suns		News (N)	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 (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN (13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "Asesinato en la Casa Blanca"				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★ "Investigador Privado"		
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Sneeze"		Supernatural CC		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN (15)	Videos	★★★ "Jackie Brown" (1997) Pam Grier. (In Stereo)					WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (16)	College Softball: NCAA Tourn. -- Teams TBA					College Softball: NCAA Tourn. -- Teams TBA					SportsCenter CC		Fast	Baseball
USA (31)	"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse"				Starter Wife (Series Premiere) (N) CC				House CC		Starter Wife CC			
TNT (32)	Without a Trace		NBA Basketball: Conf. Final					(:45) Inside the NBA	(:45) ★★ "Blade II" (2002) Wesley Snipes. CC					
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★★ "Spider-Man" (2002) (PA) Tobey Maguire.					(:40) ★★★ "Spider-Man" (PA)		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA Wrestling		The Ultimate Fighter		The Ultimate Fighter		Wild	Sports	Most	Real TV
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Living With the Enemy" (2005) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E (43)	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 (N)		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels		Man-Machine		Mega Movers CC		History Rocks (N)		Hooked: Illegal		Man-Machine		Mega Movers CC	
TLC (45)	Overhaulin' CC		American Chopper		American Chopper		Wrecks to Riches		American Chopper		Wrecks to Riches		American Chopper	
DISC (47)	Allosaurus: Walking		Rise of Man		Rise of Man		Riddle of the Skull		Cash	Cash	Rise of Man		Rise of Man	
FAM (51)	Smallville CC		★★ "Ice Princess" (2005) Joan Cusack.				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN (52)	So Raven	So Raven	Life De	Life De	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "Johnny Tsunami" (1999) (In Stereo)				So Raven	Life De
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Grow	Cosby
AMC (57)	"Patriot Games"		★★★ "Braveheart" (1995, Historical Drama) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau.								★★★ "Enter the Dragon" (1973)			
SCIFI (58)	★ "Queen of the Damned" (2002) CC				★ "BloodRayne" (2006) Kristanna Loken.				"Bloodsuckers" (2005) Joe Lando.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN (62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO (306)	"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" (2007)				Making	★★ "Rebound" (2005) CC			The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos CC		Big Love CC	
MAX (322)	Red Eye	★★ "Rumor Has It ..." (2005)			(:05) ★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) CC				On Set	★★★ "Red Eye" (2005) CC			★ "Waist Deep"	
SHOW (343)	"The Terminator"		★★ "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.				★★★ "The American President" (1995)				★★★ "Shame" (2006)			Tudors

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

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BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

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PLOW	ARADO
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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

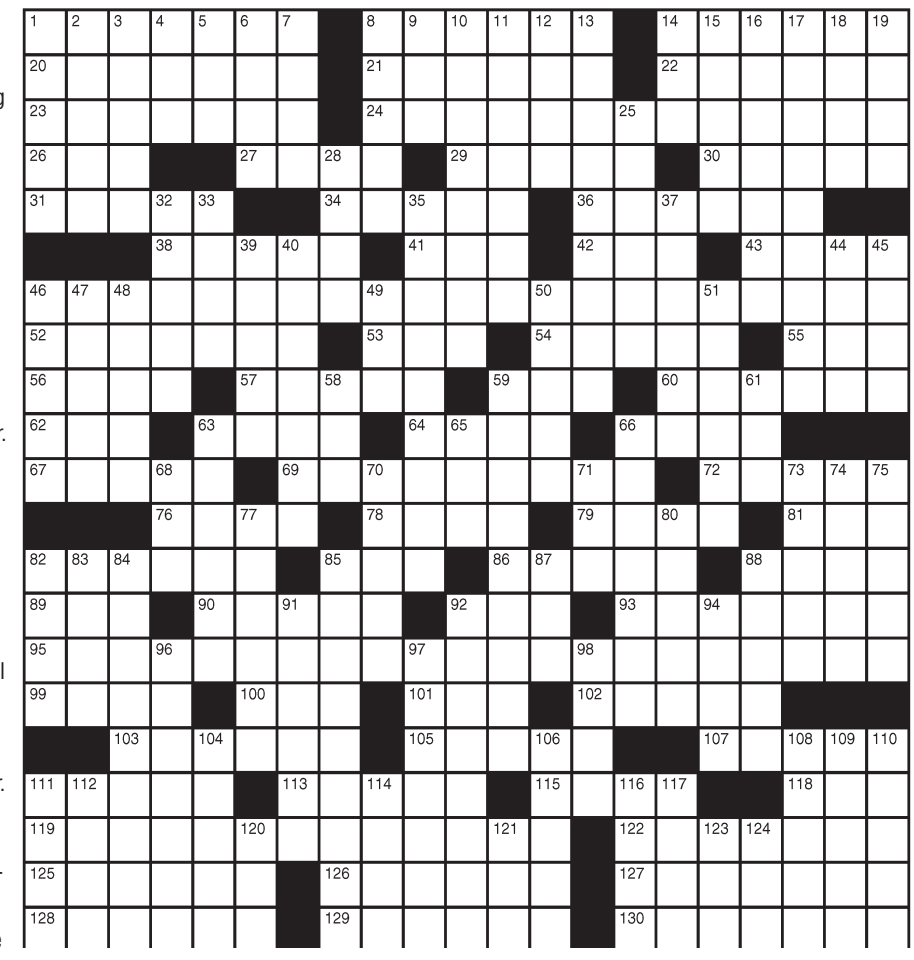
ACROSS
1 "Rossiniana" composer
9 Removal by cutting
10 Manner
13 German idealist philosopher
15 Was dressed in
16 That guy
17 Artist's stand
18 "The Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
19 Chowed down
20 Sleeping-sickness spreader
24 Tumbler rim
27 Goober
31 Smiled derisively
32 Providing weaponry
35 Corrections list
36 Pekoe or oolong
37 I've got it!
38 Mixing utensil
42 Dominican friar
45 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
46 Suffering
47 Law enforcement officers
51 Contents of a shot
52 Bank
53 Actress Dunne
55 Paddle craft
58 Cryptographer
60 Unstable
63 Spotted wildcat
65 Part of TGIF
68 Japanese martial art
71 Pointed tooth
72 Incongruous art movement
76 Skier's course
77 Attempt
78 Begs to differ
80 Rope-a-dope pugilist
81 Bird's bill
82 Sovereign decree
85 Sturdy cup
86 Holm and Hunter
87 "Rebecca" writer
89 Bikini piece
90 University of Paris
91 Slow tempo passages

DOWN
1 Transform
2 Stimulator
3 Aggregates, slangily
4 __ a la mode
5 Skye or Wight
6 Monster of the Mojave
7 Device for lifting
8 "The Afterglow" painter
10 "As the __ Turns"
11 Military force
12 Roll-call vote
14 Narrow valley
15 Married woman
21 Hanoi holiday
22 Behold
23 Historic period
24 Claim on income
25 Squid squirt
26 Org. of Toms and Love
28 Forty winks
29 Beehive State
30 See ya!
32 Long, long time
33 Actress Dee
34 Non-invasive diagnostic
39 Called strikes?
40 Of the pride
41 Finished
42 Kingston's island
43 Meetings' plans
44 Satisfied
48 Treatment for swelling
49 Bad dog
50 Urban RRs
53 Screen symbol
54 Memorization method
56 Hardwood trees
57 Etc.'s cousin
58 Disavow
59 Lilly or Whitney
61 Author Levin
62 Aromatic garden plant
63 Halloween mo.
64 Pullman or sleeper
65 Neighbor of Wash.
66 Label
67 Knight's title
69 High-octane fuel ingredient
70 Political refugees
72 Ross or Rigg
73 Queries
74 Ranked competitor
75 Stheno's sister
78 Darling
79 Neil or Paul
81 Apron element
83 Jack or ace
84 Orchestra instrument
88 Director Howard

CHANGING PARTNERS

ACROSS
1 Cooking utensil
8 Duck entree
14 Salt marsh
20 Of a certain speech sound
21 Kitchen gadget
22 Pollen-bearing organ
23 Mob violence counter-measure
24 Start of Barbra Streisand quote
26 Very long spell
27 Salinger girl
29 "John Brown's Body" poet
30 Sharp
31 Edison's contemporary
34 Inert gas
36 Brain cell
38 Storage room
41 Fink
42 OR workers
43 Sorry 'bout that!
46 Part 2 of quote
52 Positions properly in place
53 Foot the column
54 Exclaimed in pleasure
55 Sullivan and Begley
56 Part 3 of quote
57 Lariat
59 Good modifier?
60 Astronaut Judith
62 Employment figures grp.
63 Hindu music form
64 Chi-town paper
66 Peak in Northern Greece
67 Worn and shabby
69 Part 4 of quote
72 Willful injuries
76 Redo a column
78 Profit's antonym
79 Fit as a fiddle
81 Very wide shoe width
82 Canyon comebacks
85 17th-century Eng. economist
86 Actor Savalas
88 Part 5 of quote
89 __-Magnon
90 Carrying a burden
92 Lily or launch follower
93 Senses
95 Part 6 of quote
99 Ornamental jug
100 Legendary Oriole Ripken
101 Glob or mod ending
102 Form of trap-shooting
103 Tends after
105 Marina skyline elements
107 Window parts
111 Elite invitees
113 Made a choice
115 Seep slowly
118 Kind of gloss or service
119 End of quote
122 Aromatic herb
125 Nearby
126 Kigali's country: var.
127 Invigorated
128 Very third-rate
129 Grammer of "Frasier"
130 Sea polyp

DOWN
1 Jack of no-fat fame
2 Satchel of baseball
3 Lotion additives
4 Do lacework
5 Actress Hagen
6 Shoestring
7 Contingencies: abbr.
8 Actor Tyrone
9 N.T. book
10 Data entry device
11 Paragraph indications
12 Inert gas
13 Backstage lounge
14 Retirement grp.
15 Fighting battles
16 Victim of Poseidon
17 Virus fighter
18 Pleasingly orderly
19 Actress Bancroft
25 Foul odor
28 Bill of "Maude"
32 Erie and Placid
33 Abbr. on an env.
35 Subtle change
37 Shows seats
39 Colorful aquarium fish
40 Intuition
44 Foot: pref.
45 Can. province
46 Protected places
47 Fanon of the pope
48 Shampooing step
49 Swallow
50 Italian Olympic skier Alberto
51 "__ Fideles"
58 Small battery size
59 Passes gossip inaccurately
61 __Paolo
63 Bobby of "Bye Bye Birdie"
65 Some NFL linemen
66 Concubine in a harem
68 "__ Gracias"
70 Overly frank
71 Org. of Flames and Lightning
73 Punch again
74 Cogs
75 Perceive
77 Newton and Stern
80 Jeff of ELO
82 Behold, Caesar!
83 Boast
84 Gets closer
85 Edison location
87 Old English letter
88 Little Richard hit, "__ Frutti"
91 One-celled algae
92 Heroic champions
94 Boot tips
96 Way to summon an elevator
97 Of the shoulder
98 Mobil rival of old
104 Of a people: pref.
106 The present
108 Argentine plain
109 Thread from flax
110 Josiah's china
111 Latin learner's verb
112 Georgia currency
114 False alternative?
116 "Nana" author
117 Poetic Ireland
120 D.C. summer hrs.
121 Dutch commune
123 12/24 or 12/31
124 Precious stone



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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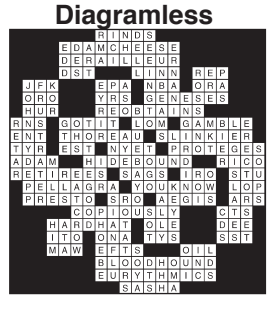

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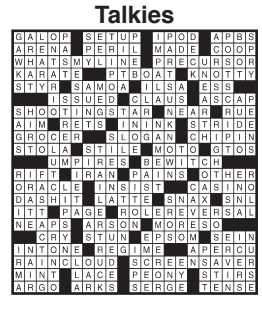

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"Owner of failing restaurant claims it has old world charm. Sure, the kitchen reeks of ancient grease!"

Did you know?

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Monday Morning," by Margaret Bernstein at thetheatregallery

"Kiona (Brown HIlls)," by Kathe Stark at Rio Grande Theatre

"Aix en Provence," by Barbara Howe at Glenn Cutter

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART

Artwork by some very talented Las Cruces Public Schools elementary school students will hang through September in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. Media includes crayon, pen and ink, felt, watercolor, charcoal and paper. For more information, contact LCPS Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Bonnie Hosie at 527-5888 or bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"From the Ground Up XXIII" Juried Regional Ceramics Exhibition will be on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, June 30. The annual event is sponsored by the Las Cruces Potters' Guild and the Museum of Art. Ceramic works by 25 artists representing five states in the Rocky Mountain region make up the exhibition. They range from utilitarian ceramics to ceramic sculpture and installation works. Included are pieces by Liz Fisher, Klyf Brown, Suzanne Kane and Joe Krasean of Las Cruces; Ben Brooks and Geneva Bailey of Roswell; Kari Rives, Heidi Loewen and Judy Nelson Moore of Santa Fe; Lia Rosen of Albuquerque; Saundra Reynolds of Clovis; Mary Holmes of Belen; and George Rodriguez of El Paso. The exhibit also includes works by artists from other areas of Texas, Colorado, Idaho and Utah. The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Downtown Mall. Exhibits are accessible and free of charge. For information, call 541-2137 or visit www.museums.las-cruces.org.

■ NMSU MUSEUM

Photographs detailing the history of the Chiricahua Apache from 1872 to the present will be housed in the New Mexico State University Museum lobby through Aug. 28. The historical photographs feature Cochise and Naiche family descendants. The museum is free and open to the public. Hours of operation are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-3739.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Three legendary saddle makers are featured in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's ongoing exhibit, "Legends in Leather: Saddle Makers of the Southwest." For the next year, the historic saddle makers section of the extensive exhibit features three men who played a big part in the booming saddle-making industry in Pueblo, Colo., during the late-1800s and early-1900s. The Museum is displaying the leather work of Samuel Caldwell Gallup, Robert Thompson Frazier and Tom Flynn. While several saddle makers operated shops in Pueblo during this time, Gallup, Frazier and Flynn are most associated and well-known with this community and the Pueblo Saddle. The three men were key figures in the origination and manufacture of the Pueblo Saddle style. All three saddleries made virtually identical saddles, differing only in the custom leather carving decoration and the reputation behind the name stamped on the cantle. All three companies reached their business peak in the 1910s and saw a decline in the 1920s. Ultimately, only Frazier's company survived the Great Depression. The Museum 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, call 522-4100.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

"Water in the Desert," a Patio Art Gallery Invitational exhibit featuring established and emerging artists, runs through June 16. Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta J. Hoover, Judy Licht, Joyce T. Macrorie, Julie Ford Oliver and Dan Tapper of the Patio Art Gallery, with guest artists Mary Beatle, Jo Ledbetter, Bonnie Mandoe, Lynn Leland, Joan Shepack, Lucia Wilcox and Daphne Wirthlin, will present this timely show. The artists are from Las Cruces and El Paso. "The use of water in the desert often takes on political and social meaning," said Carolyn Bunch, gallery co-owner, "but through art, we can also consider the historic and artistic influences of water. The Patio Art Gallery, which does have a fountain, reflects the beauty and value of water in its show, "Water in the Desert." The Patio Art Gallery is located at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays with art classes offered on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 541-7401.

■ THETHEATREGALLERY

Inspired by pictographs and scenic landscapes throughout the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, Margaret Bernstein tries to capture the joy of a moment in paint and color. She loves to work with theatre because of its tradition and spontaneity both relevant to a painter's perspective. This exhibit, "Under Glass," includes new and recent work in watercolor and acrylic media of landscapes, flowers and abstracts. Thetheatregallery is located in the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 523-1223.

■ 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 media 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.

■ 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.

■ 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 studio 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 reinspired from the artist's early years as a fashion designer. 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.

■ 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 Lavernne 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.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

••LAST CHANCE••

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The works of 39 local artists will be judged by two signature members of the New Mexico Watercolor Society in Albuquerque at the fifth annual NMWS/Southern Chapter Spring Show. This, the Southern Chapter's first judged show, will run through the Memorial Day weekend. The Branigan Cultural Center will also host the Las Cruces Arts Association. The Las Cruces Arts Association, formerly known as the Las Cruces Arts and Crafts Association, has been exhibiting at the Branigan Cultural Center and formerly the Branigan Library, since 1971. The 45th annual mixed-media art exhibit will feature works by more than 25 members. The exhibit will be open during normal Cultural Center hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. View these wonderful paintings, and vote for your own favorite. For more information, call 526-5374.

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, will host a show for Barbara Howe. Howe's show is entitled "A World Traveler's Expressions of Beauty." Her travels have taken her throughout the world to such places as France, Italy, Spain, England, Greece and Thailand, and the influences of these countries are very evident in her work. She will include paintings from at least 10 countries in her show. For more information, call 524-4300.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The gourd art and masks of Kathe Stark will be featured at the El Paso Electric Visual Arts Gallery and the Carolene de Mesilla Information Center and Gallery located in the historic Rio Grande Theatre. Stark utilizes locally grown gourds to make adorned masks, sculpture and containers or ollas, all of which are created by layering various dyes, inks and paints on top of burned designs. Brightly colored feathers, beads, fur and other elements are then added to complete the design. The galleries at the Rio Grande Theatre are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

"Chacoan Treasures," by Phil Yost at Branigan

■ ALEGRE GALLERY

The featured artist for May at Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla, is photographer Linda Montoya. Her show, entitled "Intimate Portraits of Famous People," features notable figures such as Carlos Santana. Other portaits in the exhibit will be of R.C. Gorman, Lola Beltran and local celebrity Irene Oliver Lewis. The gallery's regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 523-2311.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

A solo exhibition of original digital prints by Las Cruces artist Kurt Van Wagner will be featured in May at the Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit, entitled "Timeless: A Journey Within," will run through May 30. Each piece is a limited edition print using archival Epson inks and paper, which Epson states will last and not fade for over 75 years if mounted underneath glass. The canvas giclée prints will last for over 50 years. His recent works with the human figure are his interpretation of man's purpose and meaningful existence in our world; The beauty that is in each and every one of us starting with our physical presence to our souls. "In order for the journey to be within and realistic, I have created these artworks in a very personal way. Both my wife Jenni and I are the uninhibited models for all the works displayed," Van Wagner explains. His digital art merges figure, place and thought to create unique images that explore the beauty of tasteful nudes and sacred landscapes. They reflect a divinity attained through a life journey – a path where everything has purpose, happiness and peace. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 522-7281.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun is pleased to announce that Teresa Fernandez is the gallery's Artist of the Month for May. Fernandez is a teacher as well as an artist and teaches Art History and Art Appreciation. But it is her art that is her first love and one glance will tell the viewer this is where her heart lies. Fernandez will be exhibiting her small story boxes as well as a number of her powerful paintings. Her story boxes are a recent addition to her work. Using many layers of vibrant color and diverse textures she creates fascinating shapes to produce narratives. Each one presents its story to the viewer on a personal level. Teresa has exhibited in El Paso and Juarez and had a painting included in the Branigan Cultural Center's Consulate's Exhibit. Laughing at the Sun is located in the Old Tortilla Factory, 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. The exhibit will continue through May 31.

NMPAA fundraiser show

MELISSA ST. AUDE | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Performing Arts Academy/Citydance Theatre held its Spring into Summer showcase fundraiser on Sunday, May 20 with spectacular performances by dance teachers and students. Above students from Sara Alvarez's youth hip hop class, from right Isabella St. Aude, Jamie Lee Justice, Kimberly Hernandez and Annie Quintana prepare to perform. For more information about NMPAA's summer class schedule, call 521-0274.

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JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

Fourteen years ago, it was simply called the Burger Time Golf tournament.

You could say it in one breath. Squeeze the title into headlines.

Kevin McGrath, the tournament director who operates five Burger Time franchises on the side, apparently owns good lungs. He keeps expanding the name of this event annually.

Not long from now – July 12-13-14 to be exact – the 14th annual It's Burger Time Sandra B. McGrath High School Golf Tournament tees off at the Las Cruces Country Club.

The current one. If the club's new 18-hole course east of the city is completed by the summer of 2008, McGrath will move this golfing atrocity there.

He promises there will be a 19th hole at the new facility, thereby relieving tons of anxiety from many of us who enjoy the social experience rather than competiton.

You know the tournament is big when it raised $195,000 for football at Mayfield, Oñate and Las Cruces High School last year. More than 600 golfers hacked their way through 18 holes.

And some guy named Richardson (I didn't get his first name) drove all the way from Santa Fe to present the $195,000 check to the schools. That's a long drive, which makes me wonder if maybe he's running for office.

McGrath's tournament is expanding its purpose this year. Not only will high school football benefit, but other prep sports as well.

Last year, the Burger Time tournament gave each school's football program $15,000 plus an additional $7,000 for the raffle tickets team members sold.

Although McGrath plans to spread the wealth this year, athletic programs at all three schools will receive a nice bonus.

McGrath, forever focused on the search for dollars, says there are still openings for two 18-hole rounds all day Thursday, July 12, and morning 18-hole rounds on the mornings Friday and Saturday.

Interested parties can call 526-4976.

Local prep teams impressive

Trojans, SonBlazers lose baseball championships

By **Craig Massey**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Three baseball teams from Las Cruces played their best ball of the season last weekend at the state tournament. And while Mayfield, Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, and Oñate fell short of winning state championships, the three squads created quite a bit of excitement in Albuquerque.

Mayfield, which won the District 3-5A title, defeated Rio Grande and Eldorado in the state tournament, before falling to Rio Rancho in the championship game, 4-1, on Saturday night at Isotopes Park.

The Trojans were in their first season under new head coach Miguel Gomez and finished the year with 23 wins. Gomez's squad got better as the season progressed.

"I think we picked it up right after the New Mexico Invitational," he said. "We only had one loss in district and that was to Oñate, and then the other loss was in the state championship game.

"The kids just picked it up and started focusing on what we wanted to do in district and what we wanted to do at state," he said. "I'm most proud of our kids and our coaching staff. Our coaching staff was new and they were able to get the kids to buy into our philosophy. The kids did everything we asked them to do. They played hard and ended up having a successful season."

The Knights kept the pressure on Mayfield all season long and fell one game short of taking on the Trojans in the state championship game. Oñate entered the state tournament as the ninth seed, but made it all the way to the semifinals after defeating four-time state champion La Cueva in the first round and top-seeded Valley in the quarterfinals.

PAT VASQUEZ-CUNNINGHAM I The Albuquerque Journal

Luke Hollomon, Mesilla Valley Christian's first baseman, stretches for an errant throw to no avail during the class 1A semifinal game against Gateway Christian. The SonBlazers lost 13-1 in a game called in the fourth inning due to the 10-run rule.

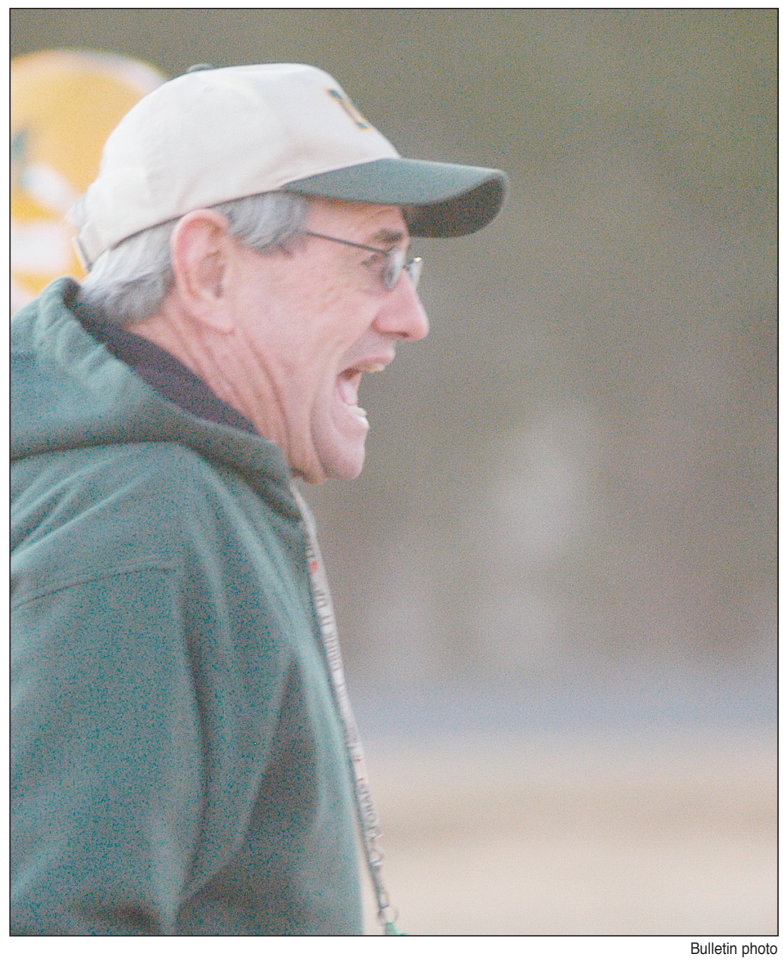
The Knights, who finished the year with an 18-11 record, fell to Rio Rancho in the semifinals. It was the team's second year under head coach David Reyes.

The Mesilla Valley Christian Schools Son Blazers entered the Class A state tournament as the seventh seed, but beat No. 2 Gallup Catholic and No. 3 Elida to reach the championship game. In that contest, MVCS fell 13-1 to top-ranked Gateway Christian.

The SonBlazers, under head coach Steve Beardsley, finished the season with an 11-7 record.

Switching game plans

Jim Bradley: semi- coach, semi- retired



Bulletin photo

Although Jim Bradley is officially retired as Mayfield's head football coach, he still serves on the Trojans' staff coaching the quarterbacks and running the scout team.

By **John Keith**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Jim Bradley retired? Get serious.

Granted, that was the plan. But this cantankerous 74-year-old football coach is far from predictable.

You don't wave goodbye to eight state championships and seven second-place finishes overnight. Football is still Bradley's passion, outranked by family only.

There's also Flipper, the 10-year old cocker spaniel mix and the household's senior resident. "She's 87-9, two state championships and three runners-up," Bradley said, referring to his coaching record at Mayfield since Flipper's arrival.

When Bradley's Trojans lost the state championship game to Las Cruces High in 2002 Flipper was on thin ice. "She probably didn't know it, but the family wanted me to get rid of her," Bradley said.

"I got 11 pet turtles. Flipper controls 'em. Without her, the house would be a mess."

Although he officially retired as the Trojans' head coach more than a year ago, Bradley stays involved in Mayfield's program.

"He coaches the quarterbacks and runs the scout team," says son Gary Bradley who succeeded his father as the Trojans' commander in chief.

"Did he say that?" Jim Bradley asked. "Well, at least I have a title. You gotta have a title."

Bradley is semi-working on retirement. "I went fishing last week," he said. "I wasn't too successful. If you're not successful it ain't fun.

"I play golf. I like golf.

"I just try to stay busy. You got to stay busy. Today, I gotta go home and mow the lawn. Not long ago, I tried to fix the air conditioner at home and screwed it up. Had to call a serviceman for help."

Bradley, a National Hall of Fame coach who won state titles at both Roswell and Mayfield high schools, owns a motor home. "I like it," he said. "Yeah, we do some traveling."

Despite the high cost of gasoline, he adds. "Boy it goes up fast," Bradley said. "I remember

See **Bradley** on PAGE D7

Oñate's Gabriel Taney is too late in getting to an infield hit last Friday afternoon at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque during their semifinal matchup. Rio Rancho defeated the Knights 8-0 to advance to the finals.

ROBERTO E. ROSALES
The Albuquerque Journal

Local prep teams enjoy banner year

LCPS athletics director pleased with results

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It was Friday, May 18, and Ernie Viramontes was headed for Albuquerque to watch some baseball.

The Las Cruces Public Schools athletics director wanted to be there in person to see if Mayfield and Oñate could win their semifinal games and reach the Class 5A state baseball championship game.

He also wanted to see if LCPS could add to its impressive tally of state champions for the 2006-07 school year.

Rio Rancho may have defeated Oñate in the semifinals and Mayfield in the finals, but the all-around successes of the LCPS athletes this year lifted Viramontes' spirits.

"It was another great year," he said. "It seems like in every sport, our schools always do well.

"We had good representation at the state tournaments and all three of our schools did a great job."

Mayfield had an outstanding year with two team titles and three individuals earning state championships. The Trojan football team completed its second straight undefeated season to win another state championship, and the MHS girls basketball team capped off a dominating season with a title.

The Mayfield tennis doubles team of freshman Austin Hooker and junior Glenn Turbyfill won the state title earlier this month. Back in February, MHS wrestler Jimmy Nevarez III won the state championship in the 145-pound weight class.

Las Cruces High's state champ this year was wrestler Joaquin Marquez in the 103-pound class. Oñate got a state title from pole vaulter Natalie Wells.

Several teams and athletes fell just short of winning it all. The LCHS volleyball took second at state, as did the LCHS girls soccer team and the Mayfield baseball team.

Viramontes was not only pleased with the performances on the playing field this year, but also the students' work in the classroom.

"Academics come first," he said. "The kids do a great job in the classroom and the grade-point averages are good."

Viramontes also emphasized the school district's dedication to sportsmanship. LCPS is implementing a new program called "Pursuing Victory with Honor."

"It teaches morals and ethics in athletics," he said. "The New Mexico Activities Association came down and presented a workshop. It's something we'll do more with next year."

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Mayfield's Nathan Enriquez slides safely into second base during the Trojans' 4-1 loss to Rio Rancho in the class 5A championship game at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque last Saturday.

Ags sign softball star

Head coach Kathy Rodolph announced that she has signed Brittany Clifton to a National Letter of Intent to attend New Mexico State and play softball for the Aggies next season.

Clifton is a utility player from Semi Valley, Calif. and a 2007 graduate of Royal High School where she helped the Highlanders to three straight Marmonte League Championships.

"Brittany has great drive and passion for the game," Rodolph said. "These are qualities we need as our program continues to move towards a WAC Championship."

Clifton also played with the Corona Angels and most recently the So Cal Pumas Junior Olympic Gold Team. She earned All-Maramonte League honors her sophomore and junior seasons and helped the Highlanders to the CIF-SS Division I Championships as a sophomore and to the quarterfinals her freshman year.

Earning numerous all-tournament awards in high school, she was also named the Royal High School Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year twice. She led the team in RBI (22) and home runs (3) her junior season and has hit above .300 for her entire career.

She has proven to be an excellent defender, as her sophomore year she had a .992 fielding percentage and a .983 mark as a junior. Also as a sophomore, she led the team with seven stolen bases.

Rodolph has now added five players to the 2008 Aggie softball team. Clifton joins Kristen Marris, Ashley Maroda and Kandis Jones, all who signed National Letters of Intent. The final addition is transfer Daniel Fagan, who comes over from Temple University after she made the Atlantic-10 All-Freshman Team in 2006.

On the green

Double your weapons

How to add 14 'clubs' to your mental bag

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

As I was going through some files recently I discovered notes from a golf program I had done several years ago.

In the late 1990s I had been invited by the men's golf coach at Arizona State University to present a full-day clinic on the mental game. Knowing there is an abundance of sport psychologists in Arizona, I was pleased to hear the ASU coach, Randy Lein, say, "Yeah, but you're one of the only shrinks I've seen who actually knows how to play."

As some know, Arizona State is where Phil Mickelson and several other big-name PGA Tour stars played their college golf. What I presented to the ASU golfers, and later to the NMSU players, consisted of a package of 14 mental golf skills that we all need to master if we are to reach our full golfing potential. Learning these fourteen mental competencies for golf, I believe, is like having 14 more clubs in your bag. Here they are.

1. Positive Attitude. Think positive, not negative. Stay upbeat.
2. Adaptive Thinking. Golf demands that we adapt quickly to change.
3. Concentration. This is the "take dead aim" principle, meaning full focus.
4. Mental Toughness. Winners show courage and learn not to choke.
5. Belief in Yourself. You must expect to succeed and trust what you do.
6. Self-control. Always be in control of your emotions and your thoughts.
7. Imagination and Creativity. Sometimes golf requires artistry.
8. Strong Work Ethic. Practice, practice, practice. Like piano.
9. Appropriate Priorities. Golf resembles life; but it isn't life.
10. Perseverance. Rewards often come to those who don't give up.
11. Relaxation. Tension is the enemy of the golf swing and performance.
12. Visualization. Seeing the target and picturing the result unleash power.
13. Patience. Success doesn't happen overnight. Neither do birdies.
14. Playfulness. This is a game. Let's play it as a game, not some drudgery.

With 14 powerful extra "clubs" in your bag – the 14 mental golf skills – how can you lose? Golf is an endeavor that takes far more than just physical talent deftness. If we want to be the very best we can be on the golf course, under competitive conditions, we have to have a complete package of swing and shot-making techniques accompanied by mental and emotional techniques.

Two of the college golfers I worked with that day at ASU were Jeff Quinney and Paul Casey. These are two splendid examples of competitors who took advantage of the ability and experience they demonstrated as younger players. I've seen plenty of exceedingly talented college golfers who somehow never are able to make it as tour professionals. Quinney, you may recall, won the U.S. Amateur in 2000. On the PGA Tour this year he has won over $1 million and is ranked 23rd in the world. Paul Casey, the outspoken Englishman who was a member of the winning European Ryder Cup teams in 2004 and 2006, is currently ranked 14th in the world. Both of these fine golfers have since hired their own coaches and counselors, but there can be no doubt that they exemplify how well the 14 mental skills serve someone in the heat of competition.

Putting the mental skills to work takes effort, self-monitoring and practice. When you spend hours on the practice green hitting thousands of putts, you become a better putter; unless you're practicing the wrong technique. The matter of how to practice skills that will make you mentally stronger is certainly not simple, either. It has to involve your teacher or coach. Coach Lein at Arizona State gives each of his players a credit-card size reminder of how "attitude" really works. One of the statements on the card reads, "Attitudes are more important than facts." Quinney and Casey carried the cards in their pockets. Probably still do.

Upcoming golf events

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Tournaments

Date	Event	Location	Phone
June 2	Charles Garcia Memorial	Las Cruces CC	526-8731

Aggies sign three new women's golf recruits

Bowerman-Ritchie ranked No. 1 in Canadian Junior Golf Association

Paul Brilliant, the New Mexico State women's golf coach, recently announced the signing of three new recruits.

On the top of the list is Buz Bowerman-Ritchie from Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Bowerman-Ritchie ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Junior Golf Association in national merit points after three victories and eight top-10 finishes.

Bowerman-Ritchie played in the 2006 Callaway Junior World Championships at Torrey Pines and in the Coaches Tournament and Academy in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where she was the runner-up. Bowerman-Ritchie was a member of Team Canada in 2006 for the CJGA Euro Cup where she helped the team win all six of their matches.

On the national level in Canada, Bowerman-Ritchie placed fourth at the Nike Golf Junior Championship and second at the CJGA Mizuno Eastern Canadian Championship. She also had a sixth place finish at the Mizuno CJGA National Golf Championship at National Pines.

In 2005, Bowerman-Ritchie placed second at the CJGA Worlds Qualifier, tied for second at the Ontario Junior Masters College Preview, first at the CJGA Canada Cup Qualifier and first at the CJGA Nike Junior Series, along with many other five other top-10 finishes.

Joining Bowerman-Ritchie on the 2007-06 squad will be Apinporn "Mint" Swaschuto from Bangkok, Thailand. Although Swaschuto is originally from Thailand, she went to high school at St. Hilda's High School in Gold Coast, Australia, where she was captain of the golf team from 2003-05. During the 2003 season her team took first in the regional's, while they took first in regional's and state in 2004 and 2005.

Suteera "Pang" Chanachai, the third player who signed with NMSU was actually supposed to play in the 2006-07 season but couldn't gain eligibility because of paperwork that failed to process from Thailand.

Chanachai attended Demonstration Yamhumghang University in Bangkok and played golf as an amateur. In 2005, she won two tournaments and finished in the top-five in another. Chanachai led her Thai team to wins at the 30th Demonstration Sport in Khom Pang Sand and the 23rd Sea Games in the Philippines in 2004, while also winning the individual medal at both tournaments. She also competed at both the 2005 Philippines Ladies Open, where she finished fifth, and at the 2005 Junior World Championships in San Diego with an eighth place showing. In 2004, Chanachai won the individual title at the Mercedes Junior Championship and finished 12th at the 2004 Junior World Championship.

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Aggie catcher Ashley Roszkos became the third player in NMSU history to be named to the NFCA All-Region team.

Roszkos on NFCA All-Region team

Aggie catcher sets three school records, ties another

Junior catcher Ashley Roszkos was selected to the NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) West Region Second Team on Wednesday, May 16. Roszkos becomes the third player in Aggie softball history to be named to the all-region team.

The honor comes for Roszkos after she had a record setting year for NMSU, as she broke three major offensive records and tied another. The 43 runs she drove in this season set a new single-season record, and it gave her 109 for her career, which broke the all-time career mark.

The Benicia, Calif., native also set the single-season total base record with the 110 she had this spring, and her 17 doubles tied the most by an Aggie in a sole season. She now has 39 career doubles, one behind Christine Stephens's record of 40.

The other two Aggies to receive the all-region honors were Stephanie Bonillas and Danny Dunn, both in 1997.

Roszkos batted .351 on the year with 61 hits and scored 33 runs while earning Second Team All-WAC honors. She ranked second in the conference for doubles, fourth in slugging percentage and total bases, fifth in RBI and struck out only 14 times in 174 at-bats (just 8 percent of the time). NMSU's talented catcher gets it done defensively as well. Her .986 career fielding percentage is the fifth best in Aggie softball history.

The New Mexico State coaching staff has high expectations for Roszkos next season in her senior year where the Aggies look to improve on their 31-win tally from 2007, the fourth best in school history.

Ags sign three for women's tennis

Three ladies join a talented group of returnees

New Mexico State tennis coach Don Ball has signed Bianca Discordia, Sophia Marks and Manon Sylvain to National Letters of Intent to play for the Aggies next season.

Discordia and Sylvain will both be entering their freshman seasons, while Marks is a junior that comes to NMSU from the University of Lincoln in the United Kingdom.

Discordia comes from Zagreb, Croatia and will join senior Zeljka Juricek from the women's team and junior Roman Stoisavljevic on the men's team who are both from Zagreb. She graduates from Sportska Gimnazija High School this month and her national team was ranked No. 2 in the nation. She has played in 20 ETA and ITF tournaments, three of which were in the United States (Prince Cup, Eddie Herr and the Orange Bowl).

Sylvain arrives from Valence, France where she took part in many international tournaments, participated at the individual French Championships three times and won several league titles. She was selected to represent France at the Nike Tour Tournament in Paris, France, where she made it all the way to the semifinals.

In the International Tournament of Passy, she made it all the way to the finals and she was a member of a tennis academy in Nimes, France for five years. Sylvain plays a very aggressive style, has a big serve and forehand, which works well with the courts at the NMSU Tennis Center according to Ball.

"Her level of play in France is pretty good and we've had pretty good results with players from there," Ball said. "On paper she is better than Isabelle Mignot, who is the best player we've had since I've been here."

Marks is from Grantham in the United Kingdom and attended the University of Lincoln, where she did not play tennis. She had a high junior ITF ranking of 400 and competed in grade one in ITF's. In her junior playing days, she proved to be a top player as she reached the quarterfinals of the UK Under 18 Nationals three times and was runner-up in the under 15 and under 16 Clay Court Championships.

She was ranked in the Top 10 Under 18 level in GB in 2004 and won the Fred Perry National Tournament at the Under 16 level and twice won the Under 18 level. Although she did not compete at the University of Lincoln, she has been successful in the ETA, ITF and British Tour events and has completed a number of WTA events. She was a top Division I prospect.

The Aggies finished the year with a 10-14 record and return a talented group of players in addition to the new signees.

NMSU

NMSU's Gustave Diep is the school's first freshman tennis player to be named Mountain Region Rookie of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Aggie freshman wins tennis award

Diep named regional Rookie of the Year

New Mexico State freshman Gustave Diep was named the Mountain Region Tennis Rookie Player of the Year by the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association).

Diep becomes the first Aggie freshman to receive such an honor and it comes after he was named to the Second Team All-WAC. The Paris, France, native now becomes eligible for the national rookie of the year award, which was announced on May 22 in Athens, Ga.

"We knew coming in that we had an outstanding recruit and we expect big things from him in the future," coach Don Ball said. "The fact that he played No. 1 for us and was an all-conference selection to go along with this honor solidifies his status as a legitimate top player."

This spring, Diep led the Aggies with an 11-5 singles record playing at the top of the singles board. He went 21-10 overall in 2006-2007, which tied sophomore Roman Stoisavljevic (Zagreb, Croatia) for the team lead.

In doubles action, Diep finished with an overall mark of 13-11 with three different teammates. In the Aggies first round loss to Nevada at the 2007 WAC Championships, he and classmate Alejandro de Mucha defeated Augustin Myard/Eldar Dzhafarov, 8-3, to help NMSU win the doubles point.

From March 4-30, NMSU's freshman sensation won five-straight singles matches, two of which came at the No. 1 position. He had two wins over players from a ranked team, including a win over rival Max Jones of New Mexico who was ranked as high as No. 73 to start the spring season.

After missing the beginning of the dual match season because of an ankle injury, Diep came out and won his first four matches when he got back on the courts. One of those wins included that huge three-set victory over UNM's Jones on March 2 and he also won nine out of his first 10 matches to open the spring season.

Before coming to NMSU, Diep had an outstanding junior career where he was a three-time member of the French Team and had a Top Five nation ranking in his age group from 1998-2006. He was the No. 1 ranked player in 2000 and 2001.

The pre-medicine major has been excelling off the court as well for New Mexico State, as he has a perfect 4.0 GPA.

New Mexico State finished the spring dual match tennis season with a 9-12 record and the Aggies return a talented young group next season, where NMSU will look to win their first ever WAC Tennis Championship.

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Duran's victory highlights Grand Prix tournament

Seventy five players compete in tennis event

Craig Duran, former Mayfield High School tennis star, captured the Men's Open Singles in the Metal Craft Grand Prix at Picacho Hills Country Club last Sunday.

In the final, Duran defeated Jose Fanauzzi of Alamogordo 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Seventy five players from Las Cruces, Juarez, Alamogordo and Truth or Consequences competed in the five -day event.

In other events Manuel Fierro of El Paso won first place and Richard Ortiz of El Paso took second in a 3.5 round robin event. In the biggest draw of the tournament, Thomas Calderon, seeded No. 3, defeated Roel Simons, 7-5, 7-6.

In the Men's 4.0 singles, Jesus Hernandez beat Roger Spain 5-7, 6-0, 6-3 in a long three hour match. Dirk Muscheid won the 4.5 singles over Rafael Tirado 6-1, 6-2. In women's 2.5 singles, Rocio Perusquia defeated Gini Donnelly of Las Cruces, 6-4, 6-0 in the final. The women's 3.0 singles was won by Elena Quintero over Amy John 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

In the women's 3.5 singles round robin event, Rosanna Reed came in first and Ester Fierro placed second. The women's 4.0 singles was won by Gloria Gomez who defeated Susan Palmer of Las Cruces 7-5, 7-5.

Other scores:

Men's 3.5 Doubles Calderon-McClure defeated Al-Tabbaa-Hicks 6-2, 6-3

Men's 4.0 Doubles Escalante-Quintero defeated Camara-Spain 6-7, 7-6, 6-1

Women's 3.0 Doubles Arcos-Perusquia defeated Briseno-Saliz 7-5, 6-2

Women's 3.5 Doubles Las Cruces players Eaton-Graber defeated Hancock-Orozco 6-3, 4-6, 6-2

Women's 4.0 Doubles Las Cruces players Stuart-Trost defeated Alvarez-Lanza 6-4, 6-1

Mixed Doubles 3.5 – round robin 1st Dunn-Matley, 2nd Reed-Reed

Mixed 4.0 Doubles Gonzolelzl-Stuar defeated Fennig-Pennington 6-3, 6-2

Mixed 4.5 Doubles Alvarez-Tirado defeated Las Cruces players Palmer-Vickrey 7-6, 6-4

Jose Fanauzzi of Alamagordo, left, lost in the men's open singles championship match to Craig Duran, right. Duran is the former Mayfield High School tennis star who finished second in the 2007 state high school tournament.

Susan Palmer, of Las Cruces, lost in the finals of the women's 4.0 singles in the Grand Prix tournament.

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Rodger Spain serves during his loss to Jesus Hernandez in the men's 4.0 singles event.

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Patrisha Almarez was one of 75 players who participated in the Metal Craft Grand Prix at Picacho Hills Country Club last weekend.

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Local swim teams hold five-day clinic

'Make a Splash' educates youth on swimming

The Las Cruces Aquatic Team and the NMSU Swim Team participated in the "Make a Splash" campaign initiated by USA Swimming.

The clinic was in response to the alarming number of drownings and near-drownings that occur every year. The initiative reaches out to children and families across the country in an effort to educate them on the importance of proper swim instruction and water safety.

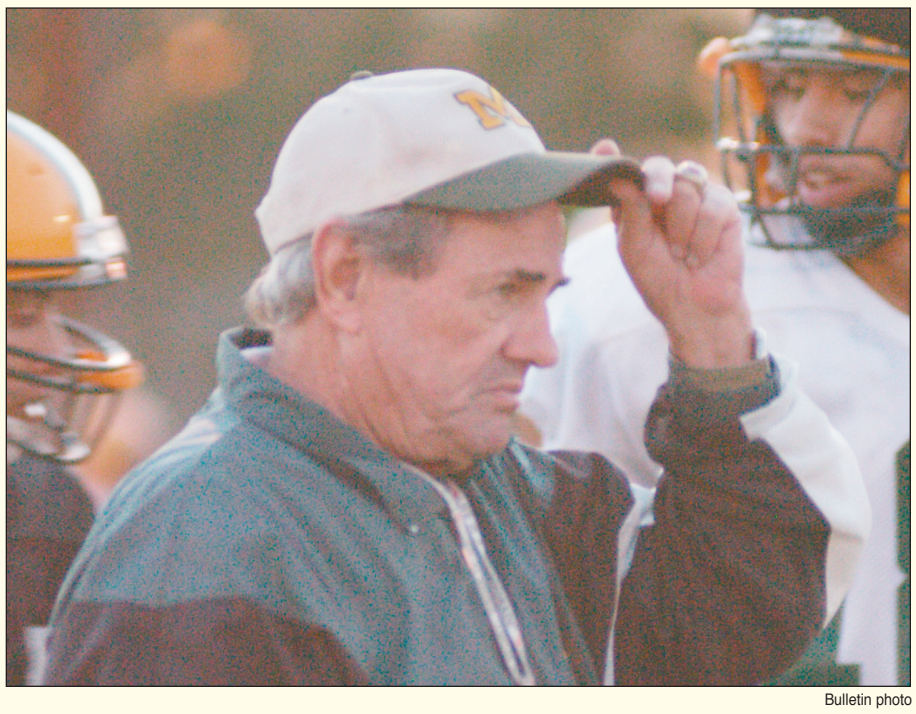
More than 2,800 USA Swimming member clubs nationwide were invited to host events.

LCAT hosted a free swim week at Frenger Pool, April 30-May 4. More than 100 swimmers from the Las Cruces area participated.

LCAT was also a winner in the "Pride in Your Club" contest. USA Swimming Club members throughout the United States were encouraged to go see the movie "Pride" and send in their ticket stubs. "Pride" is based on the life of coach Jim Ellis who founded and coached the Philadelphia Department of Recreation swim team. After seeing the movie, LCAT team captain Sheila Salopek collected and sent in 80 ticket stubs from team members. The Las Cruces Aquatic Team was the winner of the 76-125 member division and was awarded a Dartswim software package ($1,000 cash value) and a "Pride Movie Prize Pack." The Dartswim software is a powerful video analysis program used by the USA National Swim Team and will be used by LCAT coaches to analyze individual technique and race tactics for competitions.

The Las Cruces Aquatic Team is a nonprofit organization sanctioned by USA Swimming. For more information, contact head coach Sean Muncie at 496-8259 or CoachMuncie@yahoo.com.

Emily Woodworth and Russell Sayre instruct young swimmers at Frenger Pool during LCAT's free swim week.



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Jim Bradley went from Mayfield head coach to assistant coach after retirement.

Bradley

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taking a trip to Phoenix in the motor home a few years ago and gas cost $2.08 a gallon. Two weeks later on my way back to Las Cruces I was paying $2.46.

"I guess if I want to continue driving it I'm going to have to quit eating steaks and switch to hamburger. Maybe I'll drive slower. That oughta save gas."

Short on patience, long on advice, Bradley credits Mayfield's off-season program for its constant success in football. The Trojans lift weights, work on blocking sleds, run, jump and stay in peak physical condition until practice officially opens in the summer.

"Ninety minutes a day," Bradley said. "You gotta keep after 'em.

"We can do anything year round in New Mexico but put on the pads.

"As a coach, you have to be there to make sure the kids are working in the off-season. They want you there. If you're not, they'll slack off.

"Our out-of-season conditioning program is as good as it gets."

Four swimmers sign with NMSU

Pratt predicts strong team next season

New Mexico State swimming and diving coach Rick Pratt announced that high school stars Paola Garcia, Kelly Runestrand, Theresa Illgen and Kirstin Pickett have signed National Letters of Intent to attend school and swim for the Aggies next season.

All four student-athletes are high school seniors and will enroll at NMSU this fall as freshmen.

The Aggies have now signed nine swimmers and divers to this year's recruiting class.

"This is a very large and talented class," head coach Rick Pratt said. "All nine of our in-coming freshman have the potential to make an immediate impact at the conference level and will give us depth in every event. They are all great students and strong individuals and will help take things to a higher level. With our current athletes training hard during the off-season and these new additions joining our program things are going to be very exciting next year."

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>
> RICK PRATT, NMSU swimming and diving head coach

Garcia is graduating from Eastwood High School in El Paso this spring and swims for the Desert Sharks Swim Club and head coach Steve Flato. A solid butterflyer, Garcia's top times in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard butterfly are 58.6 and 2:10 respectively.

Runestrand swims for head coach Mark Taylor and the Bellingham Bay Swim Team and will graduate from Squalicum High School this spring. In four years of varsity swimming, Runestrand helped the Storm to a combined record of 33-3, three state championship appearances, two district titles and a pair of Northwest Conference crowns. She currently holds the school record in six different events, including the 100-yard freestyle (53.66), the 100-yard butterfly (1:01.49) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:06.09).

Illgen swims for head coach Fred Russell with the Elmbrook Swim Club. Her best event is the breaststroke and she also excels in the individual medleys. Her top time in the 200-yard breaststroke is 2:29 while her personal bests in the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley are 2:12 and 4:33.

Pickett is a native of Monroe, Mich. And will graduate from Monroe High School this spring. In four years of high school diving, Pickett was led the Trojans to four league titles and was named All-Mega Red Conference each season. As a senior this past season, Pickett was named All-State while leading Monroe High to a fourth-place finish at the state

The Aggies finished the season ranked second in the nation academically and was fifth at the 2007 WAC Championships.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700305

REGIONS BANK DBA REGIONS MORTGAGE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO UNION PLANTERS BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

DEBORAH S. MORAN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEBORAH S. MORAN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on June 6, 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 2, Block 2, THE MISSIONS SUBDIVISON UNIT NO. 1, in City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1434, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on April 7, 1986, and recorded in Book 14, Pages 177-178, Plat Records The address of the real property is 2672 Los Misioneros, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 19, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $186,276.68, plus interest from April 5, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7% 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.

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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: 4/27/2007.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-336

SUNTRUST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

FLORENTINO MUNOZ, aka FLORENTINO MUNOZ, JR.; STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 6, 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 3321 Chimney Rock Rd, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 45 OF FOOTHILLS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 2, 1993 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 17 AT PAGES 279-281, 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 April 27, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $166,045.63 and the same bears interest at 5.5% per annum from April 16, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,301.04. 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.

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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.

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BINGHAM INVESTMENTS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

MARIA CARMEN SIZEMORE, Defendant.

Cause No. CV- 2006- 02053
Judge Robert E. Robles

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on June 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 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 [and personalty] located in said County and State:
Lot 33L, Block 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND &TRUSTCO.SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF THE PART OF BLOCK 11, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 668 on June 6, 1966 in Book 9 Page(s) 97 of Plat Records,
The Property is more commonly known as 5230 Apache Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure In Rem entered on April 25, 2007, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and 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 $64,594.71 (including interest to the date of sale at the rate of 12.95% per annum), plus costs of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled atthe discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 7 day of May, 2007.

/s/M. Lea Brownfield
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. 0307CV200602195

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHRIS SCANLON; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CHRIS SCANLON, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on June 13, 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 1D, BLOCK 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966, RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE(S) 97, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. The address of the real property is 1609 Costales Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 24, 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 $68,056.97, plus interest from April 20, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.86% 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.

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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: 5/3/2007

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-330

BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN A. TARRO, aka JOHN TARRO; WANDA R. TARRO; AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 6, 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 1500 San Acacio Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 4 IN BLOCK M, COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER THREE, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 564 ON 12/29/1961 IN BOOK 1 PAGE(S) 60 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 April 27, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $174,210.27 and the same bears interest at 9.650% per annum from April 13, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,533.21. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 27, 2003, Halsell Farm, Inc., HC 60 Box 27, Rincon, NM 87940, filed application numbered LRG-4053-A with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of wells LRG-4053 and LRG-4053-S both of which are located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, on land owned by William Gary and drilling a new well 75 feet deep for 18-inch casing to be located in the NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 22, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 543.534 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater supplement to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) for the irrigation of 90.589 acres owned by the applicant and located within the NW1/4 of Section 26, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 and SW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 23, Township 19 South, Range 2 West, NMPM, NE1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 27 and the S1/2 SE1/4 of said Section 22.

The proposed well site is located southeast of Rincon and may be found by traveling approximately 3.2 miles south on Kit Carson Road beginning at the intersection of Kit Carson Road and Rincon Road from this point the new well site will be found immediately to the northeast of Kit Carson Road. Old wells LRG-4053 and LRG-4053-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, P.O. Box 729, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0729, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimile's 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 is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6390
Dates 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Gary Roybal, Petitioner

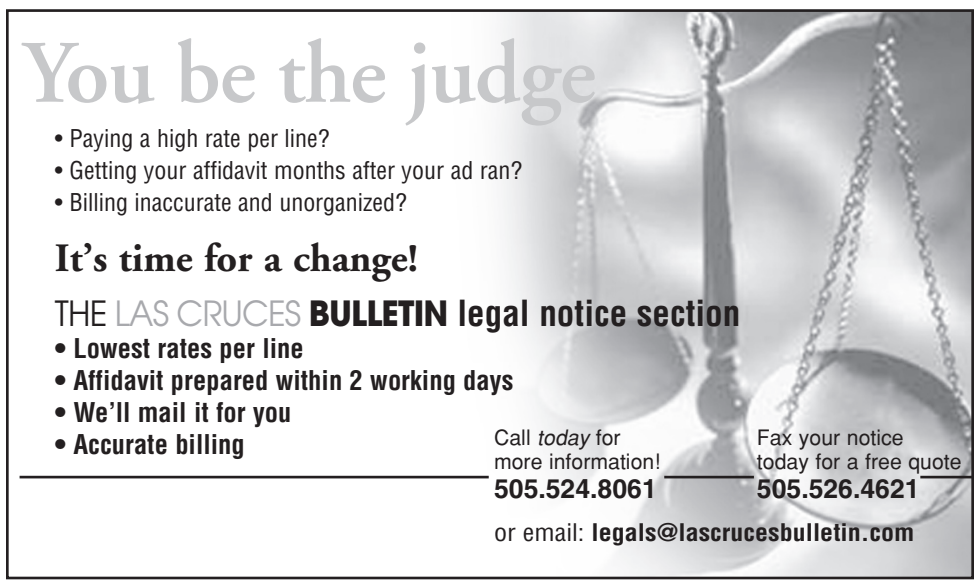
vs.

Miranda Yanez, Respondent.

NO. DM 2007-93
Judge Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or



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responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted. Gary Roybal, 999 W. Amador, las Cruces, NM 88005.

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 1 day of May , 2007.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: ELSA GOMEZ
DEPUTY

Pub #6391
Dates 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Emily Jane Rhodes, Petitioner

vs.

James Mitchell Rhodes
Respondent.

NO. Dm 2007244
JUDGE Mike Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.
You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.
Emily Jane Rhodes, 805, N. 17th St #178, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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 March, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: ELSA GOMEZ
DEPUTY

Pub #6393
Dates 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on March 13, 2007, Fletcher Farms, Inc., 6105 Shalem Colony Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007 filed application numbered LRG-863 POD6 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-863-S-2 located in the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 400 feet with 18-inch casing to be located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, supplemental to surface water rights on file with the Elephant Butte lITigation District for the continued irrigation of 485.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of projected Section 20, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and in the NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and SW l/4 of projected Section 21, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and in the SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of projected Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, as described in Subfile Number LRN-28-004-0008 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The proposed replacement well site is located north of Las Cruces, New Mexico and may be found approximately 2,200 feet southwest of the intersection of Trails End Road and Zorro Trail. Old well LRG-863-S-2 will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub# 6395
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 25, 2007, Barry Masters, 106 S. Hwy 28, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-14136-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning existing well LRG-14136-POD 1, also known as LRS18-0141 as shown on Map No. LRS-19 of the Hydrographic Survey of the Lower Rio Grande and located within the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, on land owned by Barbara Poth and drilling replacement well no. LRG-14136-POD 2 to a depth of 140 feet with a 8-inch casing to be located within the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 34, on land owned by the applicant for the irrigation of 18 acres of land situated in the NE 1/4 of said Section 34 as claimed under file LRG-14136. Ground water rights are supplemental to surface rights on record with Elephant Butte Irrigation District. The proposed replacement well site will be placed south of the unincorporated town of Anthony and at the physical address of 106 S. Hwy 28. The old well shall be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the State of New Mexico, you must show how 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. Facsimile's 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. Protest can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-12-3.

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Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-275
Judge: JERALD A. VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.
ERNESTINA LUNA, DAVID LUNA MANCHA, and 1988 FORD TAURUS, Brown; VIN: 1FABP5241KG153519 New Mexico License Plate No. HHN 084, Respondent(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: David Luna Mancha, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1988 Ford Taurus, Brown, VIN: 1FABP5241KG153519, New Mexico License Plate No. HHN 084.
2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub# 6397
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-478
Judge: JERALD A. VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.
MIGUEL OR EMMA DURAN, and MICHAEL DURAN, 1993 CHEVROLET LUMINA, White; VIN: 2G1WL54T5P257540 New Mexico License Plate No. CWK-820, Respondent(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Miguel Duran, Emma Duran and Michael Duran, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Chevrolet Lumina, White, VIN: 2G1WL54T5P257540 New Mexico License Plate No. CWK-820.
2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004 505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub# 6398
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-476
Judge: JERALD A. VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.
MARIE MADRID, JOSE HERRERA, and 1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, Black VIN: 2MEBM75F9JX678136 New Mexico License Plate No. HAY 584 Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Marie Madrid and Jose Herrera, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1998 Mercury Grand Marquis, Black; VIN: 2MEBM75F9JX678136.
2. You are named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004 505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub# 6399
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1239
Judge Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.
DISCOUNT TOWING, QUINTON PETROSS, and 1991 CHEVROLET GEO METRO, Blue; VIN: 2C1MR6469M6712526; New Mexico License Plate No. TEMP DEALER, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Quinton Petross, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1991 CHEVROLET GEO METRO, Blue; VIN: 2C1MR6469M6712526; New Mexico License Plate No. TEMP DEALER.
2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.
3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.
CITY OF LAS CRUCES
By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub# 6400
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

TO:
Celina Millerd Trevino
PO Box 380382
San Antonio, TX 78268

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0686 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be **SOLD** at **AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of $327.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Rocker, boxes, misc.

Date of Auction:
June 14, 2007

Time:
8 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub# 6401
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

TO:
Jose Rodriguez
860 Brook Circle
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0240 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be **SOLD** at **AUCTION** to satisfy our lien in the amount of $411.45, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Carpet, misc.

Date of Auction:
June 14, 2007

Time:
8 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub# 6402
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on April 6, 2007, David A. and Maria A. Trujillo, 211 Blue Sky Lane, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1192 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1192 located in the SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM on land owned by Bill and Mary Smith, and drilling a replacement well to be located in the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said Section 4, located on land owned by the applicant for the continued declared diversion of 6.30 acre-feet per annum claimed supplemental to surface water rights on file with the EBID for the irrigation of 1.26 acres of land owned by the applicant located in the NW 1/4 of said Section 4 as described in Subfile Order No.: LRS-28-002-0128 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County. The proposed replacement well site is located south of Mesilla Park, NM and may be found at the physical address of 211 Blue Sky Lane. Old well LRG-1192 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 ofNMSA 1978.

Pub# 6403
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1541
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.
ROY W. MAST AND PATRICIA A. MAST, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on June 21, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
A 2.50 acre tract of land situate in Section 5, Township 22 South, Range 3 E., N.M.P.M., of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, east of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit:
BEGINNING at a found iron rod for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, BEING IDENTICAL to the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of the aforementioned Section 5;
THENCE S 01 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds E, 331.40 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;
THENCE S 89 degrees 58 minutes 17 seconds W, 328.99 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;
THENCE N 01 degrees 09 minutes 45 seconds W, 332.50 feet along the centerline of a 60 foot road and utility easement known as Coyote Road to the northwest corner of the tract herein described;
THENCE N 89 degrees 50 minutes 15 seconds W, 329.14 feet along the east line of a concrete lined ditch to the place and point of beginning, containing 2.50 acre of land, more or less, and subject to easements of record and such as may exist on the ground.

The address of the real estate is 6580 Coyote Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 5, 2007, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $119,883.19 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

Notice is further given that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 10, 2007.

John A. Darden III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E.,
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Pub #6404
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D0307CV200700480

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, SERIES 2005-GEL4, Plaintiff,

vs.

JORGE AGUIRRE; GE MONEY BANK; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JORGE AGUIRRE, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s): Jorge Aguirre; The Unknown Spouse of Jorge Aguirre, if any. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 2520 Waltz Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 3 IN BLOCK D OF WEST PICACHO ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE III, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 15, 2000 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19 AT PAGES 563-564, PLAT RECORDS. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before July 2, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI

LEGAL NOTICES

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By: Karen Howden Weaver
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WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 4th day of May, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Oralia B. Frietze
Deputy

07-0277/Aguirre, Jorge;
P293185

Pub# 6405
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CU-07690

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARIA CELIA PIÑA

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maria Celia Piña, a resident of the City of Anthony, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Maria Celia Piña to Maria Celia Salazar, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 16th day of July 2007, at the hour of 8:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Maria Celia Piña
Maria Celia Piña
Petitioner, pro se

780 Church Street
Anthony, NM 88021

Mailing address if different:
P.O. Box 3514
Anthony, NM 88021
(505)882-5142

Pub #6406
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE
The undersigned, duly authorized agent for Alert Muffler and Break Service Lien holder, does hereby give notice that on Friday June 1 2007 at the hour of 2:00 pm on that day in front of DMV, 505 South Main Suite 357 Las Cruces, NM, shall be offered to public auction, wherein said vehicle will be sold to the highest acceptable bid in order to satisfy lien claimant, Alert Muller and Break, in regard to certain work performed resulting in the total amount due of $ 683.79 plus an additional storage through date of sale in the amount of$12,485.66 for a total of $13, 169.45. The vehicle to be offered to sale in is a 1987 Chevy PU Truck, VIN 1GCCC14HSEJ100753. This debt arose because of services performed by and on behalf of Alert Muller and Break Service November 2003.

Dana Thurman
Authorized Agent
Alert Muffler and Break Service

Pub# 6407
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-2007-945
Judge Jerald A. Valentine
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MIREYA TENA

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mireya Tena, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he/she seeks to change his/her name from Mayra Lizbeth L. Gonzales and David L. Gonzales to Mayra Lizbeth Leon Tena and David Leon Tena, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 16th day of July 2007, at the hour of 8:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Mayra Lizbeth Leon Tena
Mayra Lizbeth Leon Tena
Petitioner, pro se

6856 MacArthur Road
Las Cruces, NM 88012

(505) 373-1770

Pub # 6408
Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 15, 2006, Frank Paul Salopek, Kary Samuel Salopek, Gregory Vide and the Frank and Oleta Salopek Trust, of 4915 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1940-POD12 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County. Well LRG-1940-S-2, located within the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, is to be abandoned and a new (replacement) well is to be drilled on land owned by the applicants to a depth of 600 ft with a 18-inch casing in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 7. Replacement well LRG-1940-POD12 will continue to supplement surface water and existing wells LRG-1940, LRG-1940-S, LRG-1940-S-3 and LRG-1940-S-4 for the continued claimed diversion of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 310.876 acres of land owned by the applicants and located in said Section 7, Section 12, Township 24 South, Range 1 East, and, Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 2 East and also identified in the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey as Subfile Nos.:
LRS-28-001-0091, LRS-28-001-0097 and LRS-28-001-0 105. The proposed replacement well is located at the physical address of 4905 Snow 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 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. Facsimile's 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 is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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Public Notice of Abandoned Vehicles according NMSA §29-1-14 pertaining to unclaimed or abandoned property and Doña Ana County Ordinance No. 2002-204 Any vehicle that has not been claimed by the registered owner may be disposed of at auction. . Certified letters have been mailed to registered owners of these vehicles. The following vehicles as of the date of publication have not been claimed by the registered owner and may be auctioned on June 23, 2007 by Dickerson Auctioneers.

D200300267
1980 Chevrolet Luv - White
CLN14A8264237

D2003000558
1978 Buick Regal - Grey
4J4U8G182344

D2003000807
1977 Dodge Dart - Bronze

D2003000908
1987 Mercury Sable - White
1MEBM53U6HG64995

D2003001090
1989 Geo Metro - Blue
JG1MR6160KK720461

D2003001105
1972 Chevy Monte Carlo - Black
1H57J2L519692

D2003001125
1990 Buick Skylark - White
1G4NC54N9LM012737

D2003001132
1992 Ford Taurus - Tan/ Brown
1FACP52U4NG238489

D2003001140
1978 Toyota Celica - Red
RA42534015

D2003001143
1984 Chevy - White
1G1APB7H9EL137219

D2003001147
1997 Chevy Cavalier - White
1G1JF5247V7024995

D2003001358
1988 Pontiac Gran Am - Blue
1GZNE14U1JC6435335

D2003001700
1982 Buick Rivera
1G4AZ57Y5CE442407

D2003001769
1986 Oldsmobile - Brown
1G3NT69L3GM317089

D2003001988
1985 Oldsmobile Regency - Grey
1G3CW6939F1310937

D2003002014
1989 Chevy Sierra Pickup-Red
1GTFC24KXKE5258

D2003002055
1986 Chevy Astro Van - White
1GBDM1573GB202312

D2003002443
1989 Honda Accord - Maroon
1HGCA6185KA043507

D2003002782
1989 Dodge Ram PU - Red
JB7FL24D8KP057678

D2003002841
1982 Ford- Mustang
1FABP16B6CF20265

D2003003812
1992 Pontiac Grand Am - Green
1G2NE54N7NM068147

D2003003852
1996 Mazda Protégé - Red
JM1BB1413T0364039

D2003003995
1986 Cadillac Deville-White
1G6CD698964223320

D2003004694
1989 Buick Regal - Maroon
2G4WD14W1K1443814

D2003004886
1977 Ford Pinto - Beige
7R12Y140222

D2003005069
1989 Chrysler - Blue
1C3XJ45KG185070

D2003005312
1981 Nissan 280ZX - Gold
JN1HZ06SBX408419

D2003005627
1990 Mazda PU - White
JM2UF1230L0898791

D2003005843
1990 Volkswagen Fox - White
9BWBA2309LP026434

D2003005917
1987 Mercury Marquess - Maroon
2MEBM74F1HX694214

D2003006477
1987 Cadillac DeVille - Blue
1GCD1183H42533501

D2003006908
1989 Ford Tempo - Blue
1FAPP31XXKK179281

D2003007007
1978 Chevy Nova - Primer Gry
1X69U8W134844

D2003007188
1977 Cadillac - White
6D69S7Q163213

D2003007233
1989 Chevrolet Camaro - Gry/ Blue
1G1FP21S7KL107851

D20037452
1988 Nissan Stanza - Red
JN1HT21S2JT125221

D2003007463
1989 Cheverolet Camaro - Grey
1G1FK2180KL155051

D2003007611
1991 Nissan Maxima - Black
JN1HJ01P8MT550243

D2003007695
1988 Chevy C-10 PU - Blue
1GCDC14K8JE125276

D2003007914
1985 Buick Park Avenue - white
1G4CW6937F1434328

D2003008593
1991 Mercury Cougar - Silver
1MEPM6048MH624577

D2003008595
1999 Ford Escort - Red
1FASP11J85W305480

D2003008851
1993 Chevy Blazer - Brn/ Tan
1G8CT18B5D0118853

D2003008997
1989 Dodge Colt- White
JR3BG3969KZ025600

D2003009153
1971 Chevrolet C-10 PU - White
CS1412616819

D2003009465
1984 Buick Regal - White
1G4AM47A4EH402638

D2003010097
1979 Chevy Caprice - Blue
1L69L9C114967

D2003010643
1990 Geo Prism - Grey
1Y1SK5463LZ091078

D2003010713 1991
Ford Escort - Red
3FAPP11J6MR107167

Please contact the Doña Ana County Attorneys Office at 505-525-5917 if you would like to pick up your vehicle.

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Dates 5/18, 5/25, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-302

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES P. HARRIS, aka JAMES HARRIS; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 20, 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 1855 Hot Peppers Road, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot PT 34, MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATES (UNIT ONE), in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 693 on 7/22/1968 in Book 10 Page(s) 30 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 April 27, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $170,744.12 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from March 30, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,523.74. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Pub #6389
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1245
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

ANDREA CASANOVA also known as Andrea R. Osborn, ANTONIO C. ALANIZ and, 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass, White; VIN: 2G3AM5136J2305226; New Mexico License Plate No. HSL 935, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Antonio C. Alaniz, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass, White, VIN: 2G3AM5136J2305226, New Mexico License Plate No. HSL 935.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6411
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1414
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

LILLY ESTRADA, SILVESTRE GOMEZ and, 1999 SATURN COUPE, White; VIN 1G8ZF5281XZ174939 New Mexico License Plate No. GSG 026, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Lilly Estrada and Silvestre Gomez, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1999 Saturn Coupe, White, VIN: 1G8ZF5281XZ174939, New Mexico License Plate No. GSG 026.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
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Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6412
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1411
Judge: JERALD A. VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

ROLANDO J. GONZALES, CORONADO FINANCE, and 1979 GMC SIERRA C25 PICKUP, White; VIN: TCL249Z530715; New Mexico License Plate No. DWX 063, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Rolando J. Gonzales, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1979 GMC Sierra C25 Pickup, White.

2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6413
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB 07-37
Judge Robles

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE WALKER-DAVIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/GEORGE E. DIAZ
GEORGE E. DIAZ
Personal Representative of the estate of BEATRICE WALKER-DAVIS
2 Plaza Drive
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
(386)441-3819

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 6790
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(505) 523-7411
By:/s/Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6414
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB 07-36
Judge Valentine

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM JOHN DAVIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/George E. Diaz
George E. Diaz

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Personal Representative
of the estate of William
John Davis
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Attorney for the Personal
Representative
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(505) 523-7411
By: /s/Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6415
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

Cause #PB-2007-62
Judge Robles

**In the matter of the
estate of: YVETTE J.
WALL, deceased**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
BY PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that undersigned has been appointed as personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative, Nancy Hemandez in care of The Pickett Law Firm, P. O. Box 1239, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, Cause PB-2007-62 , 201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED this May 16, 2007.

/s/Nancy Hernandez
Nancy Hernandez
3924 Stern Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Personal Representative

THE PICKETT LAW FIRM
Attorneys at Law
P. O. Box 1239
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1239
(505) 526-3338

/s/LAWRENCE M.
PICKETT
LAWRENCE M. PICKETT
Attorney for Personal
Representative

Pub #6416
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. PH 2007-58
Judge Valentine

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
ALBERT A. FRENCH,
SR., DECEASED.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Albert A. French, Sr., deceased, and all persons having claims against said Estate are required to present their claims within two [2] months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned in care of Kenneth L. Beal, Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 725, Las Cruces, NM 88004, or filed with the Clerk of the above entitled Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

/s/Gloria A. Veneziano
Gloria A. Veneziano
1520 Ray Dr.
Burlingame, CA 94010

Pub #6417
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D0307CV200700705

**MIDFIRST BANK,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MARGARET L. KRIBS;
PATRICK K. FORTSON;
CHARLES WALK;
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF CHARLES WALK, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT STATE
OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendant: The Unknown Spouse of Charles Walk, if any.

**GREETINGS: YOU ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5821 Sandpiper Dr, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 44 Casas Lindas Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county clerk of said county on February 27, 1987, as Plat No. 1565, in book 14 pages 337 and 338 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before July 9, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
Karen Howden Weaver
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800-286-0013;
(719) 634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of May, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez CLERK OF
THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Peggy R. Brock Deputy
07-0335/Walk, Charles;
P293453

Pub #6418
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2006-1412
Judge: JERALD A.
VALENTINE

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
ex rel., LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**ANGELICA R. GARCIA,
TERESSA GARCIA,
AND 1995 MERCURY
XR7, Green; VIN
1MELM6247SH623316;
New Mexico License
Plate No. GZA 994,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

To: Angelica R. Garcia and Teressa Garcia, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1995 Mercury XR7, Green.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S.
(Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6420
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

NO: DM-2007-00209
JUDGE: James T. Martin

**Victoria L. Sherman,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**Chancey D. Sherman,
Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF CIVIL
ACTION PENDING THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

TO: Chancey D. Sherman

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in and for Doña Ana County, wherein Victoria L. Sherman, is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a decree of said Court dissolving the marriage now existing between you and Petitioner.

Unless you file an answer to this action on or before the time allowed by law, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted.

The address of the Petitioner is 3260 Hillrise Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 10 day of May, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT
ADMINISTRATOR

Pub #6421
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200601041

**WACHOVIA BANK,
N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE REGISTERED
HOLDERS OF GSRPM
2004-1, MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SHERON E. PICKAR;
PATRICIA KOLB; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SHERON E. PICKAR, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on June 28, 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 1, Block 1, DELARA ESTATES UNIT #1, in the county of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county Clerk of said county as Plat No. 860 on 01/21/1977 in Book 12 Page(s) 89 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 213 Jeanne Lane, Chaparral, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, 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 $49,838.54, plus interest from September 30, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.9% 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: May 22, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold &
Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868
06-2239/Pickar, Sheron E.;
P294296

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Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15,
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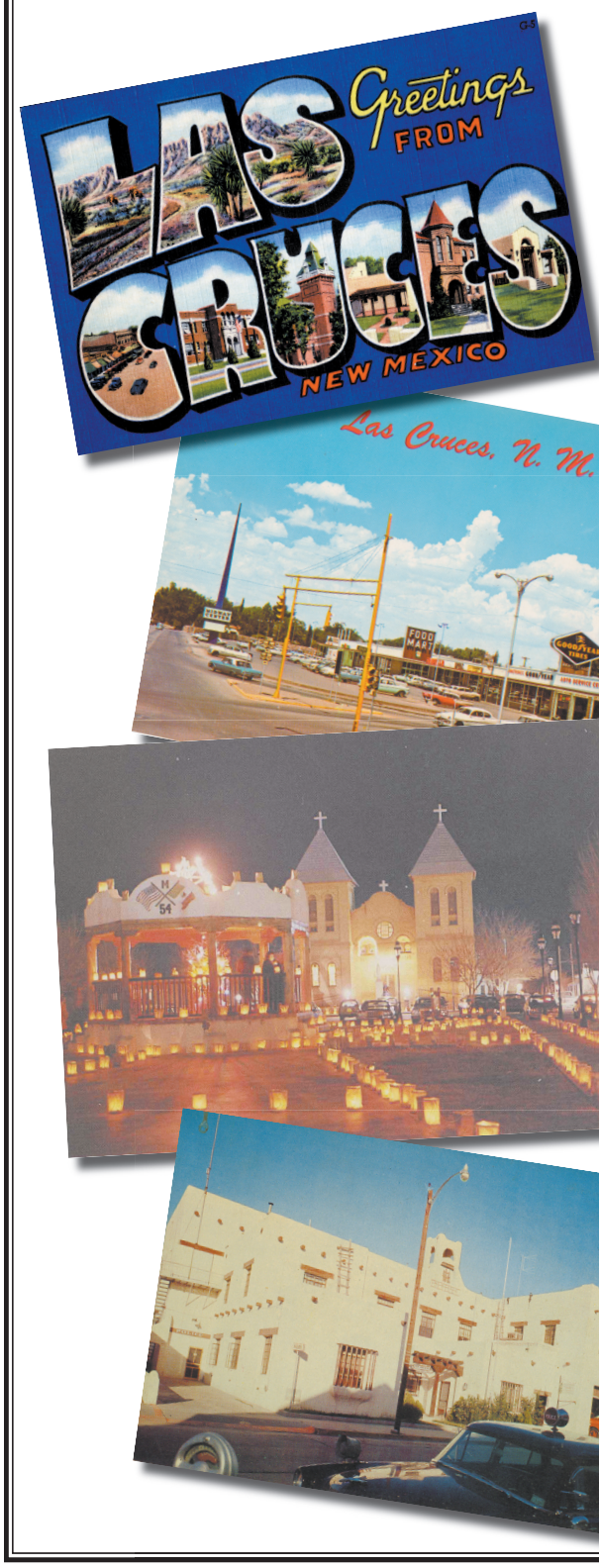

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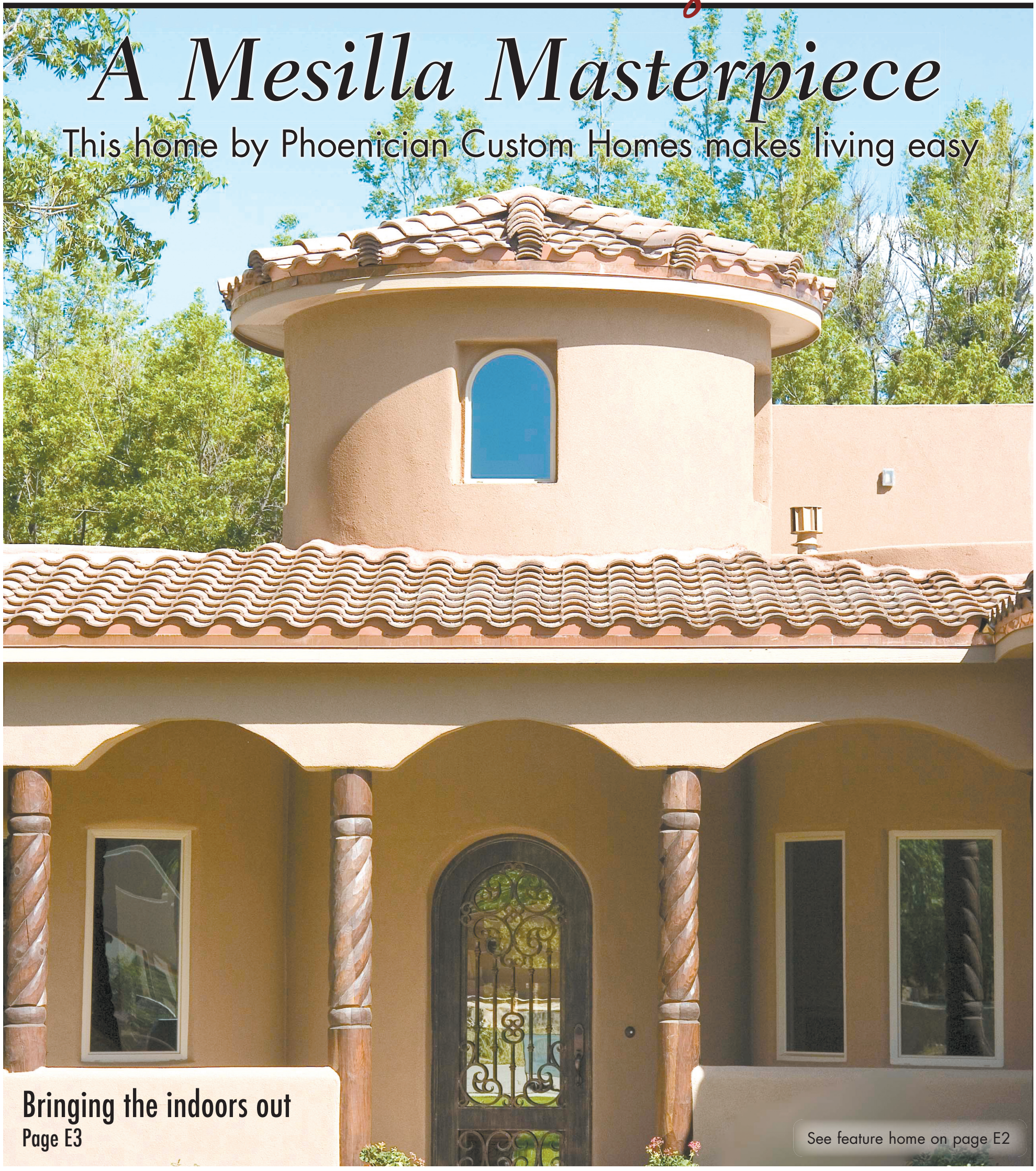
A Mesilla Masterpiece

This home by Phoenician Custom Homes makes living easy



Bringing the indoors out

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Welcome to a shaded slice of paradise

Keeping mature trees intact was one goal in creating this home

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Nestled on a quiet 1.1-acre lot, surrounded by an orchard of 25 pecan trees, 3021 Mesilla Verde Terrace was built to be at home in its tranquil surroundings. With its rustic, Old-World style and modern features, the home is cozy and warm while at the same time elegantly tasteful, and that's exactly the look builder Shawn Stalls of Phoenician Custom Homes was striving for when he built 3021 for himself and his wife, Amy.

"We wanted to create a home that was homey," Amy Stalls said. "We wanted an open floor plan and a big kitchen so that when we have company, there's plenty of room in the kitchen for people to help."

Designed with company in mind – the couple frequently host family members visiting from out-of-town – the house features a four-bedroom main house with two master suites along with a one bedroom guest casita that includes a living room, bathroom, bedroom and kitchenette. Between visits from family, the casita serves as a game room.

"We wanted a house where we could all gather for Christmas and other holidays and be in one place," Amy said. "Sometimes, family comes in droves, and we'll have 12 guests at a time. We wanted enough space so that everyone could be together and comfortable."

Shawn said that among other things, keeping as many of the 1.1-acre lot's mature pecan trees intact during building was important to give the final home a peaceful and secluded feel.

"We only removed eight of the 33 trees that were on this lot," he said. "The rest we left."

To accent the pecan trees, Shawn included a waterfall-inspired pond – surrounded by green grass and colorful flowers – in the backyard. He added a drip irrigation system to keep the thick carpet of lush grass healthy and vibrant green.

So that the peaceful landscaping could be easily enjoyed, the home was designed with abundant large windows, rounded walls and easy access to the back yard. A large covered patio, complete with fireplace and built-in grill, add to the indoor/outdoor living lifestyle.

To enhance enjoyment of the front yard, which overlooks a vast front lawn and trees, Shawn built a wrap-around front porch and accented it with wood-plank ceiling and intricately carved wooden columns. In line with the theme of flow and unity throughout the home, the porch was built with a curved half wall. To achieve unobstructed views in the front, he placed the oversized three-car garage at an angle on the side of the home.

The interior of the home features an open floor plan with the large living room, dining area and kitchen adjacent to one another in the center of the home.

Set against the lush green view of the backyard, the living room features a floor to ceiling fireplace of stacked stone. Wooden floors, towering ceilings, and uniquely angled built-ins add to the room's warm charms.

Walls throughout the home are painted in a faux-finish. Amy spent a month painting the home herself and included contrasting colors for added warmth and depth.

Set on 1.1 acres in Mesilla, 3021 Mesilla Verde Terrace was built while leaving 25 of 33 mature pecan trees intact. The result is a shady slice of paradise. See more featured home photos on page E6-E7.

The home's master suite includes a spacious room with a large walk-in closet with abundant built-ins and a granite-topped folding table. A washer and dryer are included in the closet to make laundry less of a chore.

The master suite includes a beautifully designed bathroom with a spa-styled tub, walk-around shower, custom cabinetry and expert tiling. Adjacent to the master suite is the home's fitness room and office.

"We wanted this area to be convenient and functional," Amy said.

The home is the 14th house built by Phoenician Custom Homes. A former professional soccer player, Shawn spent his childhood in Las Cruces and attended local schools.

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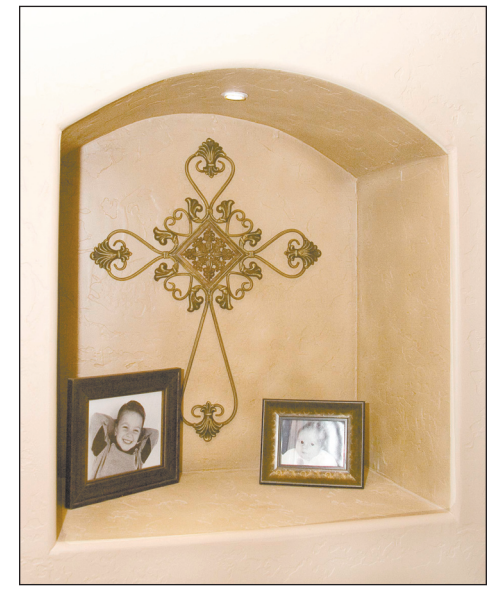

Phoenician Custom Builders strives to make each home a reflection of the residents that reside within its walls. In building a home for himself and his wife, company owner Shawn Stalls used soft edges wherever possible, such as walls, ceilings and nichos, to give the home a warm, welcoming feel.

FEATURE HOME PHOTOS
BY J.M. CRAMER

Creating spaces that flow together and inspire family togetherness were the themes in building the home. The living room, which overlooks the back yard, features a floor to ceiling fireplace of stacked stone. A rounded back wall and interesting angles on the room's built-in units combine to give the room charm and depth.

Interior decorating moves outside

Experience outdoor living as an extension of your home

MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

Americans like to be outdoors, and the best place to take advantage of the New Mexico outdoor lifestyle is right here in Las Cruces. Not only do we enjoy the great outdoors, but we also thrive on keeping the reminders of nature around us. The concept is missed as a lot of people tend to think of their outdoor environment as something they see rather than something they experience.

The home is no longer limited by its walls and stretches out across the yard toward the horizon and the sky above. Outdoor areas offer a soul-pleasing mix of civilization and nature's serenity, a spot to stop doing and just be.

There's something about sitting outside that's very different from kicking back on the living room couch indoors. Homeowners are taking the concept of the outdoor room literally and establishing a new space for entertainment and relaxation beyond the walls of their homes. The sound of birdsong, the butterflies flitting by, the gentle touch of the breeze, the unexpected hummingbird hovering in the trees – the spontaneous beauty of this world can help you unwind and reset your mind. The desire to spend more time outside is strong and growing.

A successful outdoor space is comfort, function and aesthetics, and as the outdoor room evolves, homeowners step across the thresholds and stack their stackable plastic chairs and picnic tables of yesterday for high-fashion furnishings and upscale decor. The trend is being defined in various ways as the outdoor room includes outdoor kitchens and outdoor living rooms. The manufacturers are making this all possible with weatherproof decorating options to fill up those outdoor rooms.

The sound of singing birds, the fresh mountain air and gentle breezes are part of what attracts Americans to the great outdoors. A successful outdoor space should be comfortable and functional.

> "Outdoor areas offer a soul-pleasing mix of civilization and nature's serenity."

Decorating the outdoor room starts with a focal point, and it usually begins with the fireplace. Fireplaces now have decor mantels that are available in handcrafted crushed stone and resin, making the mantel durable but conveniently lightweight. Mantels start around $599. To complement the mantel is the outdoor living room full of furniture. The furniture can be aluminum designed to resemble bamboo, wrought-iron, teak or woven wicker all with a fabric that is now weatherproof. This fabric is called Sunbrella. Durable Sunbrella cushions are thick and filled with air-laid polyester fiber specially woven to increase softness and comfort. The cushions are weatherproof and colorfast Sunbrella acrylic fabric that wipes clean with a sponge, repels water and resists chlorine, soil and stains.

A colorful and elegant way to enhance the outdoor seating area or add relief to a hot patio this summer is to add an outdoor rug. Outdoor rugs come in various sizes from 1 foot by 3 feet to 8 feet by 13 feet. They are crafted from 100 percent fine-spun polypropylene fiber to ensure strength and resistance to mold, mildew, sun and rain. The outdoor rugs are stain resistant, so spills can be spot cleaned or simply rinsed with a hose. These all-weather rugs are now made of soft yarns to add comfort and come in floral patterns and designs, a stunning departure from the one dimensional styles.

Kitchler lighting has revolutionized the meaning of the outdoor room, with the newest addition to the outdoor spaces introducing the weatherproof chandelier with matching sconces embellished with glass shades, all designed to be outdoors. So what's left? Curtains! In the Southwest, the sun and heat play an important part in outdoor rooms. To achieve privacy, consider adding draperies in a sun-resistant fabric that can be tied back to let breezes in or pulled closed for complete privacy. Sunbrella fabrics are not just pillows and cushions but can be made into curtains. The weatherproof fabric comes in solid colors, prints, plaids and strips and is sold by the yard.

Now, choose your accessories carefully and add them to the walls of the outdoor room, like you would put accessories on walls in your living room. Manufacturers have created outdoor wall décor such as floral prints framed in wood usually reserved for inside now weatherproof.

We used to call them pretty patios, but now they are outdoor rooms. By viewing the outdoor room as an extension of the home, you can create continuity and movement of energy between interior and exterior spaces.

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Gardening

TIP OF THE WEEK

By Gary Guzman

Container Color

Whether you are trying to sell your home or just want it to have some excitement and color, you can't go wrong with container gardening. There are all types of pots to use such as clay, plastic, wood, ceramic or even metal. It does not matter what you use, just make sure everything has a drainage hole in it.

Choosing the right mix or colors does not have to be difficult if you know what kind of light a given area is going to receive. Most flowering plants need about 6 to 8 hours of sunlight per day. The list of what you can use is extensive, but I will use what is readily available for full sun: lantana, aptenia, coreopsis, portulaca, vinca, marigolds, plumbago, various grasses and much more. These plants will take considerable heat as long as they have adequate water.

The plant list for shade is quite smaller and includes: impatiens (loads of color), aucuba, heuchera, vinca minor, pachysandra, monkey flower and lobelia. These plants need shade during the hottest part of the day.

Use a professional potting mix. Don't skimp on this as this is the very foundation of your container planting. As a rule, the lighter in weight, the better the mix. If you want to lighten the mix, you can use vermiculite or perlite. This will help create air pockets in the soil so roots can spread faster.

Finally, fertilize your planting regularly. I find that using water-soluble fertilizers, such as Peters professional mix, works best if you use it every week to every other week, and not "weakly." Whatever you use, please read and follow the directions exactly.

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Stay cool and lower your bills this summer

The Comfort Institute offers tips to keep your air conditioner efficient

With hot summer weather just around the corner, now is the time to give your home a "check-up." Here are six tips from the Comfort Institute to make sure your air conditioning bills don't blow your cool.

1. Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Many assume that windows and doors are the major cause of a home's energy wasting air leaks. But according to recent research by the Department of Energy (DOE), gaps, joints and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are much more significant. The DOE states that the typical duct system loses 25 to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central heat pump or air conditioner. Authorities recommend having an AC contractor test for leaks and then seal them with a brushed on fiber-reinforced elastomeric sealant. Duct tape usually dries out and fails. It turns out duct tape is great for many things, but sealing ducts isn't one of them!

2. Ask your AC contractor to perform an Infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument originally invented by the Department of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, such as duct leaks, and also measures how leaky the overall house is. Many homes have significant air leaks into the attic: hot dusty air often gets drawn in through recessed can lights and pulled down stairs. New sealing products are available to fix these significant leaks. Many AC contractors offer an Infiltrometer test as part of a "Whole House Health and Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance.

3. Close your fireplace damper. Did you remember to close it last time you used the fireplace? Shut it now or waste precious cool air all summer long.

4. Replace your air conditioner or heat pump air filter. Most systems need this done every month to ensure safe and efficient operation. Keep forgetting to do it? Ask your AC contractor for information on an extended surface area whole-house air filter that only needs to be replaced once a year. It also does a far better job of keeping your equipment and the air in your home clean.

5. Have your air conditioner cleaned and tuned. A pre-season tune-up is a great investment. It reduces the chances of breakdowns in the middle of summer and more than pays for itself through more energy efficient operation. Make sure the AC contractor cleans both the indoor and outdoor heat transfer coils, and checks refrigerant gas charge by measuring "superheat" or "subcooling."

6. Consider replacing your old air conditioner or heat pump. Just like a car, central cooling equipment doesn't last forever. Is your system more than 12 years old? Planning to stay in your home more than a few years? Many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently. A new system improves comfort, is more dependable and creates less air pollution. New units are up to twice as energy efficient, which saves money on your monthly electric bills.

However, government and utility research has found that more than 90 percent of newly installed high efficiency systems have energy wasting mistakes. Do some homework before talking to contractors. For more information, visit www.energystar.gov and www.comfortinstitute.org. Print out the free Comfort Institute reports "Tips and Secrets To Buying A New Heating and Cooling System" and "How To Identify a Good Heating and Cooling Contractor."

Summer is prime time for air conditioning units and high electricity bills are generally the result. Try these suggestions for keeping hour house cool and your bills low.

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We've all seen it: Too few electrical outlets in your office means that your computer, printer, monitor, scanner, CD player, lamp, cell phone and iPod charger are all plugged into one inexpensive, overloaded power strip. It's pretty unsightly, but did you know that the practice is also dangerous?

Overloaded electrical circuits pose both an electrocution and fire hazard. While we can't always control the number of outlets in our offices, the Electrical Safety Foundation says that if you must use a power strip, use a name-brand product from a reputable retailer. Low-quality or counterfeit power strips may contain wiring that isn't adequate to carry the load.

- Place power strips where there is plenty of air circulation to disperse heat.
- Do not attempt to plug grounded (three-prong) cords into ungrounded (two-slot) outlets. Do not bind, kink or knot electrical cords.
- Never run power cords under rugs or where chairs can roll over them.
- Keep cords close to a wall to avoid trip hazards.
- Keep all non-critical electrical items unplugged until you need to use them. Consider charging battery-operated devices in another area.
- If your computer screen flickers or fades, or you detect a burning smell, power down and immediately contact the building engineer. If you work from home, have a licensed electrician conduct an electrical inspection.

"In this high-tech age, many offices are filled with electronic equipment and an accompanying demand for power and outlet space," added Mr. Electric president Jeff Meyers. "However, it's important to follow all safety precautions when using them. Along with ESFI's terrific safety pointers, business owners may also want to contact their local Mr. Electric to schedule a comprehensive and professional 12-point business safety check-up. Visit www.mrelectric.com for more information."

For additional electrical safety information, visit the Foundation's website at www.electrical-safety.org or call 703-841-3229.

All buttered up

Rich in flavor and natural fat, butter has a variety of uses

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

There are few things in the world have the ability to make taste buds dance in delight as the simple taste of pure butter. By its design – 80 percent milkfat – butter is an all-natural, rich and creamy concentration of milk or cream that packs a flavorful punch.

Butter is a semisolid that hardens when cooled or melts to a liquid when warm – making it versatile in cooking. With its rich taste and abundant emulsifiers for stabilizing, butter is a key ingredient in a variety of cuisines in many cultures, especially French, and is often used to bring a rich flavor or shine to sauces or to add a flaky texture to baked goods.

Although butter's origins are unclear, historians believe it dates back at least 2,000 years and traces of butter have been found in King Tut's tomb. Just as old as butter itself is the method for making it – a simple process of agitating the cream – which has remained virtually unchanged for thousands of years.

Butter sold in the United States falls into three main categories – unsalted, salted and whipped, in which the butter is whipped to a light and fluffy textures suitable for spreading.

1. Carve a butter sculpture. This can be a great centerpiece or focal point for any dinner party or gathering. Start with frozen butter and keep it cool while carving.

2. Loosen a tight ring. Slather a bit of butter on your finger so that a tight ring slides off with ease.

3. Eliminate odors. Rub your hands with a dab of butter before washing to help remove fish, garlic or onion odors.

4. Treat your feet. Treat yourself to a butter massage to relieve dry feet, elbows or hands.

5. Prevent boilovers. A bit of butter in a pot of boiling pasta water will prevent boilovers.

Around-the-home item: Butter

Treat your feet to a butter massage or clean crayon or ink marks from plastic toys using butter.

6. Remove ink stains. Rub butter over ink-stained toys or other plastic surfaces then use soap and water to wash clean. This works with crayon marks as well.

7. Slice with ease. Rub butter over the blade of a knife before slicing sticky snacks like marshmallow crispy treats.

8. Store it. As long as it is sealed properly to avoid picking up odors, butter bought in bulk may be stored for up to four months in a refrigerator with a temperature of between 32 and 38 degrees. In the freezer, butter may be kept up to one year.

9. Flavor it up. Make your own butter spread by bringing one stick to room temperature then adding flavorings – cheese and herbs, almonds or other tastes – and beating until flavors are well incorporated. Refrigerate or freeze until ready to serve. Try making apple butter by mixing in a dash of apple cider and bits of diced apple or almond butter by adding almond extract and sliced almonds. Italian butter may be made by mixing butter with Parmesan cheese, oregano and garlic. Mix your favorite mustard with butter for an extra rich sandwich topping.

Easy homemade butter

Butter is made by agitating cream – either by churning or shaking. Agitation allows fats to conjoin, transforming the liquid into a semisolid, and the method for making butter has not changed for thousands of years. Butter can be made from milk or cream from any mammal and although cow milk is the most common substance used in United States, in other parts of the world, milk from sheep, goats or camels is commonly used.

Making homemade butter is easy and an excellent activity for children.

1 cup of heavy cream
1 jar with lid
Dash of salt to taste, if desired

Pour cream into jar and screw lid on tightly.

Using a back and forth motion, shake the jar until a solid mass forms – about 10 minutes.

The fats will join together – this is the butter – while the liquid separates – this is buttermilk (great for making pancakes or biscuits).

Separate the buttermilk and store separately.

Add salt or other flavorings to butter and stir.

Store it away – wrap the butter in plastic wrap and either freeze or store in the refrigerator.

F.Y.I.: One tablespoon of butter has about 100 calories, 100 percent of them from fat (about 11 grams per tablespoon), according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. About seven grams per tablespoon of butter is saturated fat. Each pat of butter also contains protein (about 1 gram) and vitamin A.

A termite in need may eat your deed

BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

Cellulose products among homeowner items serving as fuel for $5 billion dollars in termite damage every year

Although termites are known for their industriousness and can find a way into your home whether it is made of wood or concrete, homeowners need to be aware that have more at stake than just their homes when it comes to these destructive insects. In fact, according to Phil Koehler, professor of Entomology at the University of Florida, homeowners may not realize that their home isn't the only thing a termite will find satisfying.

"The deed to your home is just as vulnerable as your home itself!" said Koehler. "Consumers should be aware that anything made of cellulose, a material found in all plant cells, is inviting to a termite," said Koehler. "Whether it's photographs, a family Bible, a legal will or other important documents, these valuables can be safeguarded against through continuous protection."

> "Termites cause more damage in the U.S. than storms, fires and floods..."

In terms of numbers, the National Pest Control Association estimates that termites are responsible for $5 billion in damage every year.

Termites cause more damage in the United States than storms, fires and floods combined, and Homeowner's Insurance will not cover the cost of treatment. While you sleep, termites may literally be eating you out of house, home and even your business.

The rising cost of construction is a second trend Koehler believes makes continuous protection of homes from termites important.

"The cost of construction has risen from $140 to $250 per square foot for a house over the last five years," said Koehler. "If a home isn't continuously protected from termites, the repair costs can be exorbitant because it is almost impossible to find people who can handle such a repair."

Koehler said another potential issue with construction is the way pipes are wrapped during the building process.

"Termites are using the wraps around PVC pipes that come up into the slabs as their highway into a home," said Koehler. "While the wrap is imperative for copper pipes to help prevent corrosion, they are not necessary for PVC pipes. Therefore, many cities are trying to clarify the building code so builders are aware the wrap is unnecessary. Until these changes are made, continuous termite protection will help keep these intruders at bay."

Eastern subterranean termites are one of the types of termite that can cause problems in a home or personal belongings. Cellulose nourishment enables them to tunnel their way through solid wood such as house timber. Left undetected, they will tirelessly attack a home, causing dangerous and costly structural damage.

"Although Eastern subterranean termites generally swarm in spring, and fall, they can also swarm anytime environmental conditions are right such as unseasonably warm weather," said Murray.

Another termite that causes untold damage is the Arizona termite. Arizona termites are small, but much more aggressive. In fact, in comparison to the standard Eastern subterranean termites, these pesky critters congregate in more colonies per acre, causing more damage. Serious infestations or resistant termites require a professional.

A termite prevention program should include the following elements:

- A professional inspection done at least once a year because the potential damage is too great to rely on "do-it-yourself" methods.
- An ongoing preventive system including the newest sodium borate-based materials, which can be painted, sprayed, or spread onto the wood, or injected into hollow spaces inside the walls of the home.
- Having your pest control professional establish an "early warning system" that detects termites in the soil before they reach the home itself. The newest systems establish bait stations around the perimeter of the home, to detect the approach of termites while they are still several feet away.
- Anytime termites are found within five feet of a structure, begin more aggressive control treatments.

As national spokesman for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has over 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Founded in 1938, Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has 69 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. The company also has independently owned and operated franchises in an ever-growing number of territories including California, Florida, Texas, New York, Oklahoma, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Arkansas and Missouri, as well as Puerto Rico. For more information, visit www.trulynolen.com.

Featured Home:
3021 Mesilla Verde Terrace

Roomy and elegant, the kitchen features cabinetry made of alder wood. They are hand stained and scraped to match the home's Old-World feel. The cabinets were custom made for the home by Desert Craftsmen.

The dining room, located between the open kitchen and living room overlooks the backyard. Builder Shawn Stalls uses rounded walls wherever possible, like the dining room, to give the room a flowing look.

The 1,000-square foot casita features a bedroom, living room, bathroom and kitchenette. When not in use by guests, the casita serves as a game room.

Details

Location
3021 Mesilla Verde Terrace

Builder
Phoenician Custom Homes

Size
Main house: 4,100 square feet
Guest casita: 1,000 square feet

Number of bedrooms
Main house: 4 bedrooms, including 2 master suites
Guest casita: 1 bedroom

Special features
Beautifully landscaped yard that includes a thick carpet of lush green grass, a fountain-like pond and an orchard of 25 pecan trees. The home includes a covered front porch and a covered back patio with fireplace and outdoor kitchen.

Of special note
The home features 6 fireplaces and an exercise room

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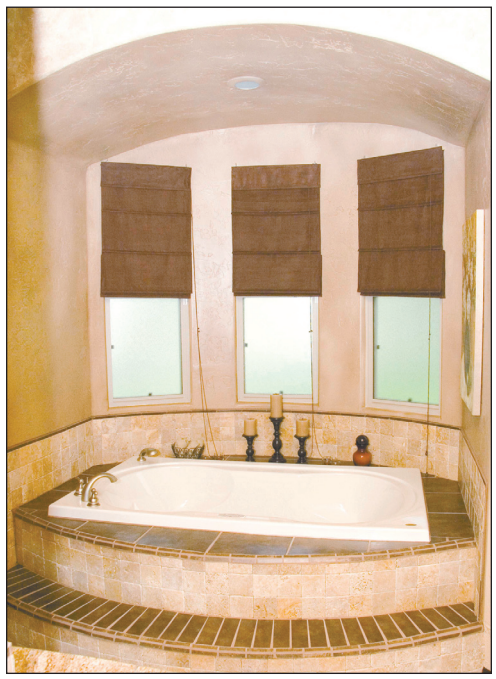

The inviting bathroom features a luxurious spa-style tub set beneath a graceful arch. Soft earth-toned hues of the tile work and walls add to the tub's allure.

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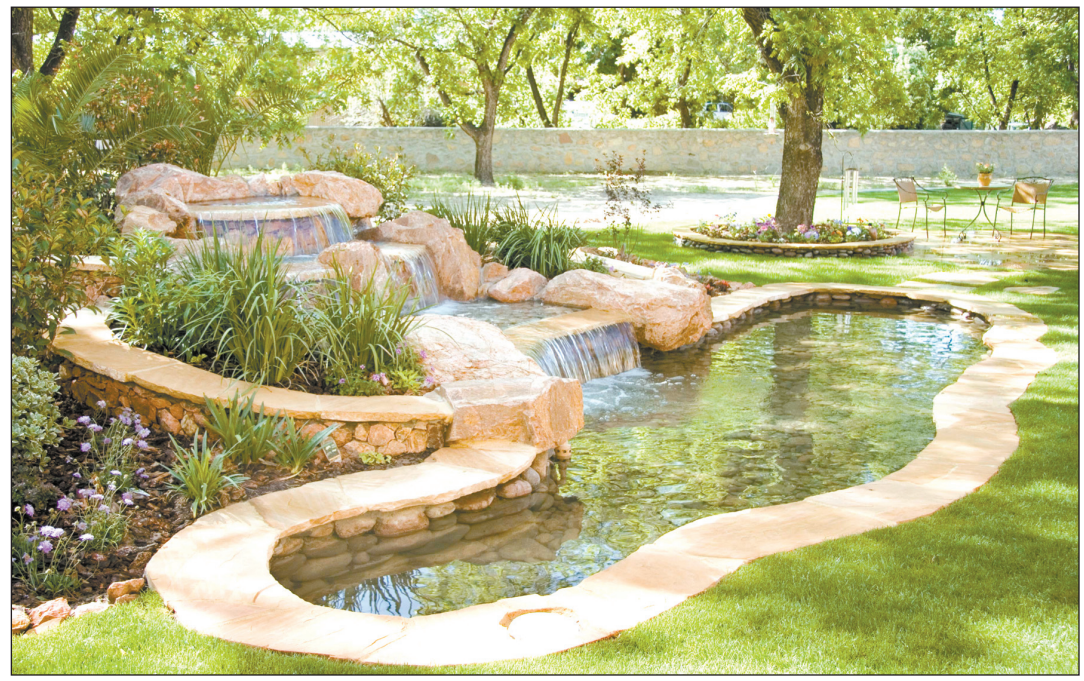

Designed to inspire, this waterfall styled pond is the focal point of the backyard.

Designed for efficiency, the spacious master suite is adjacent to the office and the fitness room. It features a private entrance to the home's lush back yard.

This covered back patio is a prime spot to catch a late-afternoon summer breeze. Overlooking a waterfall-inspired pond, pecan trees and a lush carpet of thick green grass, the patio features a fireplace and a built-in grill.

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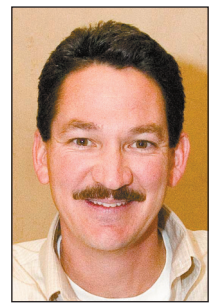
Homebuilding the Desert Sage way

Customer service and teamwork are the foundation of this company

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Orchestrating the building of a high-quality custom house is much like leading a team to victory, and at Desert Sage Building & Development, each team member strives to play their part to perfection.

"This company would not be where it is today without everyone's contributions," said Michelle Gordon, vice president of Desert Sage Building & Development. "One reason why this company is not named Gordon Builders is because the company is not about us – it's about the teamwork that goes into making every house we build a truly custom home."



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Desert Sage Building & Development was started in 1994 by Michelle's husband, David, who serves as the company's president. From the beginning, Desert Sage was designed to be a different kind of homebuilding company – one that combined innovative ideas and fine craftsmanship to create uniquely beautiful one-of-a-kind homes.

The customer experience was also designed to be different and from the beginning, the company took strides to remove the stress and guesswork from the homebuilding equation for its clients. Over the past 20 years, the company has fine-tuned its processes and continues to improve.

"As a company, we've always been attracted to innovative ways that make the home building process easier for clients," Michelle said. "Many of our clients are from out of town, and others live in town but have busy careers and lives so we needed a process that catered to their needs."

In March, Desert Sage opened the doors to its new showroom, located in Picacho Plaza. The home-like showroom serves as a one-stop shopping source for clients and houses samples of all the materials and fixtures that go into or onto the home – roof tiles, floor tiles, paint samples, door and bathroom hardware, cabinetry and other amenities – so that the client may visualize how the home will look when it's complete.

"They can see how the tile looks against the paint and how everything will look when it's all together," Michelle said. "They can also change things if they decide later that they don't like what they've chosen."

The showroom itself is set up like a home with a kitchen, living room, dining room, media room and other rooms to highlight products and materials that work well in many homes.

"People need to see materials and fixtures in place to be inspired," Michelle said. "Even if they see it and know right away that it's not what they want, it helps them determine what exactly they do want in a home."

To help clients achieve the desired outcome – a home they will be happy with for years to come – the Desert Sage team works with them at every stage in the homebuilding journey.

That journey usually begins with a sit-down with Roger Cole, the company's chief operating officer and design and planning expert.

"Every home we build is a custom home from the ground up," Cole said. "Even the planning is custom."

With Cole, the client decides on a floor plan and discusses the layout and structural characteristics of their home. They are able to view a three-dimensional image of the home to have a better understanding of how the final home will look.

When the layout and structural components have been settled, the next team member, interior design expert Connie Brittle, takes over.

"Our process is a true team effort. Everyone communicates at every stage in the process and everything goes very smoothly," Brittle said. "Everyone on this team has a passion for our jobs and that's evident in every house Desert Sage builds."

> "Every home we build is a custom home from the ground up."
>
> ROGER COLE, Desert Sage COO

With Brittle, the client puts together a palette of colors and material for the home that is appealing to them. Brittle's background as an accountant, along with her passion for home planning, help to ensure that the customer ends up with the look they want in a home, within budget.

When the house is complete – the walls have been painted, the tile is laid and the home is ready for its new residents – the next member of the team, service administrator Janet Acosta, takes the lead.

"Janet works with the clients to ensure that they understand the warranty process, but she also educates them on the materials in their home and how to care for their new home," Michelle said.

Acosta is a point of contact when the client has questions or concerns about their new home and she maintains relationships with the clients.

"Our service to the customer doesn't end when the customer moves in," Acosta said. "People call us often with questions or even years down the road, they might want an addition put on or have their home updated. We're here to provide that service as well."

Other team members also play a crucial part in the customer experience. Everyone from office personnel Dawn Shults and Julie Harris and project manager Luis Martinz do their part to ensure that the customer is happy, Michelle said.

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Homes built by Desert Sage are unique and innovative. Company President David Gordon says that the company's success is a result of a team-oriented approach to homebuilding.

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She added that the subcontractors the company uses are also important team members and the showroom is dedicated to showcasing their work.

At any stage in the homebuilding journey, customers, whether they are local or out of town, may check the status of their home through the company's Internet-based program that allows them to log in and see photos, view documents or schedules and confirm appointments.

"They can see what the schedule is for everything, from having the concrete laid to having the cabinets installed," Michelle said.

She added that the Internet program is also a great organizational tool for the company and its subcontractors.

"All the information for each project is stored in one place," she said. "We're excited about the capabilities of this program."

The program is also useful in the early stages of planning a new home, allowing the customer to select everything from a neighborhood and a floor plan to pricing estimates.

"What's nice about this is that because it is an Internet-based program, people can access it from anywhere (provided they have a log in code and access privilges)," Michelle said.

Michelle is quick to point out that the teamwork at Desert Sage is designed to make the process easier for the client and it is not a case of "too many cooks in the kitchen."

"Every client is different and has different needs. Our process allows us to not only build a custom house but to provide custom service as well," she said.

David is active in the community having served as the past president of the Las Cruces Homebuilder's Association and received the organization's "Builder of the Year" award in 2001. As well, he is a past president of the New Mexico Home Builder's Association and serves on the board of directors for the National Association of Home Builders and Trust. Michelle and David have two children, Robbie and Meg.

Desert Sage builds approximately 20 custom designed homes annually.

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Each team member at Desert Sage enjoys the part they play in building homes. Above, as part of a winning team, are from left, Connie Brittle, custom home planning coordinator, Luis Martinez, project manager, Dawn Shults, office administrator, Julia Harris, office assistant, Roger Cole, chief operating officer and Janet Acosta, service administrator.

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Michelle Gordon, vice president of Desert Sage Building & Development Inc., and Connie Brittle work hard to make sure each house fits its client's needs. The company's new showroom in Picacho Plaza is designed to make designing a house, and choosing its fixtures, easy and efficient for the customer. With everything from roof tiles to floor tiles on display, customers can see, touch and feel the materials that will eventually go into their home.

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Pounding with pleasure

Flatten meat with ease using this weighty tool

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Chicken Kiev, chicken cordon bleu, Swiss steak and many other recipes require one common ingredient – a well-flattened piece of meat. Whether pounding meat for quick cooking or for a rolled meat recipe, a meat pounder is a vital tool to achieving the right degree of thickness.

What is it?

Used to flatten meats, the meat pounder is a heavy tool often weighing between one and three pounds. It features an easy-grip handle, usually between three and six inches in length, and a flat pounding head that can be round, square or rectangular.

The tool is most often made of wood, stainless steel or high carbon alloy steel, but specialty pounders made of brass or other materials are also easy to find.

How is it used?

Cover the meat with plastic wrap and using a repeated, gentle, up-and-down motion, hit the meat with the pounder. Despite the name of the tool, meat should not be flattened with overly vigorous pounding motions, as doing so may tear the meat. Make sure that the meat is on a flat, sturdy surface before pounding.

What to look for when buying one:

Keep one rule of thumb in mind when shopping for a meat pounder – the heavier the tool, the easier pounding will be. A sturdy meat pounder often weighs two or more pounds. Along with having a heavy, preferably smooth head, a pounder should also have a comfortable, non-slip handle. Many meat pounders are sold as multi-use tools and feature both a pounding head and a tenderizer. Unlike the pounding head, the tenderizer is designed to break down tough fibers in the meat while the pounding head is reserved for flattening the meat. Using a tenderizer to flatten meat may cause holes and tears in the meat.

A dishwasher safe model is a plus.

How much does it cost?

A good quality meat pounder can be pricey compared with other kitchen gadgets its size. Expect to pay anywhere from $15 to $25 for a basic stainless steel meat pounder or more than $80 for a brass or specialty one. Wooden pounders are a bit less, averaging about $5, but they are often not as heavy and not dishwasher safe.

Other uses?

Because they are heavy, a meat pounder doubles nicely as a paperweight. It's also a great tool for weighing down sandwiches during grilling.

F.Y.I.

In a pinch, a rolling pin or the bottom of a saucepan may substitute nicely for a meat pounder.

Easy Chicken Kiev

4 ounces butter, softened
2 tablespoons fresh dill
Juice and grated zest from one lemon
4 boneless chicken breasts
1 egg
1 cup dry bread crumbs
salt and pepper to taste

In large bowl combine softened butter, lemon juice, zest and dill and stir until all ingredients are well-mixed. Wrap in plastic wrap and form into log. Freeze for at least two hours.

Using a meat pounder, flatten chicken breast until they are thin, but be careful that they do not have any holes. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Slice frozen butter into four even pieces. Place one piece of butter on each piece of chicken and wrap the chicken around the butter making sure that there are no open edges.

Beat egg and dip chicken roll into egg then coat with bread crumbs. Cover with plastic wrap and allow to sit in the refrigerator for at least two hours. Brown both top and bottom of chicken in hot skillet for three minutes on each side then bake in a 375 degree oven for about 20 minutes.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: The Meat Pounder

Despite its name, "meat pounder," this tool should be used gently, not vigorously, to avoid tearing the meat.

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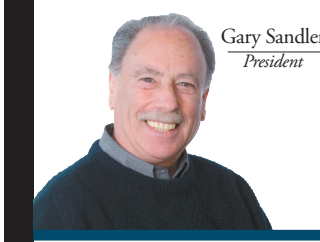

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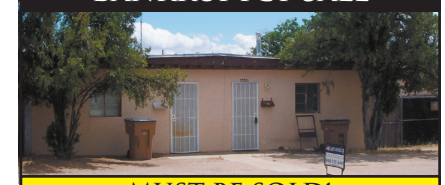

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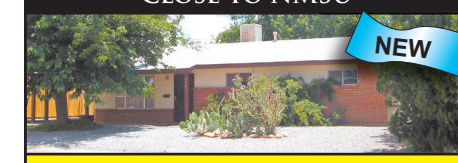

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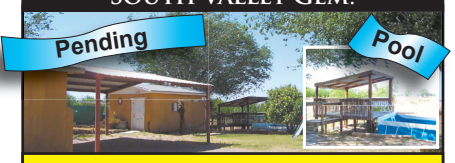

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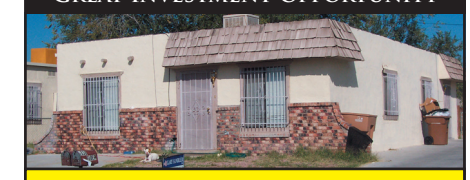

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Whether you need something fast for an impromptu backyard barbecue or something to jazz up a family reunion potluck, beet and corn salad is the perfect summertime side. The fresh ingredients like red bell pepper, sugar snap peas and corn in this tangy salad pair perfectly with grilled favorite entrées from burgers and chicken to chops and sausages.

The dressing on this seasonal salad comes together fast. Simply mix some of the liquid from the jar of Aunt Nellie's pickled beets with vinegar, Dijon mustard and oil, finishing with fresh basil. And it's not just the dressing that's quick and easy – because the beets are already pickled, the whole salad can be prepared in just 15 minutes. Plus, if you're serving a crowd, the recipe can be easily doubled.

Let beet and corn salad shine at your next summer meal. For more information, visit www.senecafoods.com.

Beet and Corn Salad

1 jar (16 ounce) Aunt Nellie's Whole Pickled Beets*
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup fresh, cooked or frozen corn (thawed, if frozen)
1/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
1/2 cup stringless sugar snap peas
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Dressing
2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 to 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 teaspoons chopped fresh basil

Drain beets, reserving 2 tablespoons liquid. Cut beets into quarters and combine with celery, corn, pepper, snap peas and parsley in a medium bowl.

To prepare dressing, whisk together reserved beet liquid, vinegar and mustard. Slowly whisk in oil until well blended. Stir in basil. Pour over beet mixture; toss gently to coat. Serve immediately, or chill.

*Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets may be substituted, if desired. Serves 4.

Alfresco dining bonds families

Summer evenings by the grill can be stress-free and fun

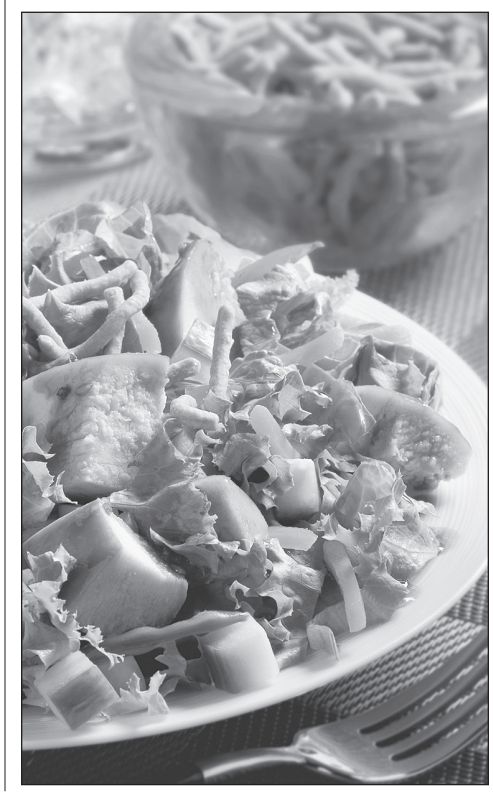
School is out which means the summer vacation season is underway. Family get-togethers by the pool and neighborhood barbecues by the grill are summer traditions. The sunshine and warm summer nights complement a backyard setting and provide us with the perfect atmosphere to entertain friends and build lasting memories with family.

For your next backyard party, get the most out of the occasion with these helpful tips:

Don't Spoil Your Dinner – Prepare foods that can withstand several hours outdoors with reliable ingredients such as barbecue sauce, and steer clear of mayonnaise and other perishable foods.

Get the Whole Family Involved – Create quality family moments by involving everyone in the cooking and preparation. Kids can set the table, relatives can make side dishes and friends can craft icy drinks to ease the heat.

Think Outside the Grill – Outdoor entertaining doesn't mean that all the cooking needs to happen on the grill. Try incorporating new grilling ingredients, such as tangy barbecue sauce, into conventional, kitchen-made recipes for a flavorful twist.



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Plan Ahead – Cook savory, flavorful recipes that can be served cold and made in advance, like Legendary Chinese Chicken Salad. When your guests arrive you can devote more time enjoying their company instead of on last-minute preparations.

Legendary Chinese Chicken Salad

2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 2 pounds)
3/4 cup KC Masterpiece Ginger & Garlic or Honey Teriyaki Marinade
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 head iceberg lettuce (or one 10-ounce bag shredded lettuce)
1/2 cup snow or sugar snap peas
1 cup cucumber, diced
1/2 cup carrots, shredded
3 green onions, sliced
1 cup crispy chow mein noodles
1/2 cup chopped cilantro (optional)

For easy clean-up, line an 8x8-inch baking pan with heavy foil. Place chicken breasts in pan. Mix marinade with soy sauce and pour over chicken; allow to stand at room temperature while oven preheats.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake chicken 45 minutes, basting frequently, or until chicken is cooked through and nicely browned. Pour off juices from pan into a small container; skim all fat that rises to the top and reserve for use as salad dressing. When chicken is cool enough to handle, cut into chunks. (Chicken and sauce may be prepared in advance to this point; cover and refrigerate until serving time.)

At serving time, arrange lettuce in a large bowl or platter. Scatter snow peas, cucumber, carrots, green onion, chow mein noodles and chicken over lettuce. Spoon reserved dressing over chicken and sprinkle with cilantro, if desired. Serves 6.

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Enjoying birds is one way to interact with nature for a richer life

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In today's highly interactive and short attention-span society, the backyard increasingly beckons to us as that accessible personal space in which to repair from life. And life has become increasingly defined as the flickering space of a television, computer screen, personal digital assistant or smartphone. Obviously, these ever-present devices are easy to take anywhere, even our backyards. But taking them there is one thing. To disengage is to realize the natural interactivity all around, just waiting to enliven our "backyard experience."

Also, momentarily forget the other entertaining elements for backyard enjoyment to be open to one of the most entertaining, soothing and natural of backyard activities – birding.

The allure of birding can be found anywhere in a range from infrequent to dedicated pursuit, with your backyard serving as the stage. No matter how you decorate or "accessorize" your personal outdoors, keep in mind you're doing it to create a haven for birds.

So what are the building blocks for enlivening your outdoor stage to attract the little winged actors?

Trees and Shrubs

For birds, trees and shrubs are elements of security within your yard. The types and densities of your trees and shrubs have a direct bearing on the amount and types of birds that visit your yard. For example, just planting shrubs in groups rather than a line and not closely pruned can afford covered ground access attractive to colorful robins, blue jays and cardinals. Single plantings or groupings of pine and fir trees provide yearlong insulation, cover and nesting perches. Without a doubt, tree and shrub type and arrangement are integral to optimum backyard bird activity. Visit www.howtoattractbirds.com to learn more.

Wildflowers

Wildflowers are natural magnets for attracting birds. They require minimum maintenance once the initial planting is complete. Not pruning or "deadheading" blooms is best for attracting birds through their remaining seed pods.

Birdhouses

Whether you build it yourself or buy a birdhouse, you'll find that putting up any house will gain residents. For certain types of birds, follow specific birdhouse structures. Details such as floor area, house depth and rise of entry hole above the floor, are a few dimensions that make a house more conducive to specific bird types. Knowing the type of birds desired should guide your birdhouse choice. Web sites like www.birding.about.com/od/buildhouses/a/completehouse.htm and www.birdhouses101.com contain house specifications for almost any bird you hope to attract.

Birdfeeders

Feeders come in general types: tube feeders, wall feeders, hopper feeders, sock feeders, suet feeders, tray or platform feeders, lantern feeders and variations on all of these. A tube feeder with a tray attracts cardinals, crossbills, finches and sparrows while a suet feeder attracts woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches and wrens. Feeders near the house call for a window feeder while an open area requires a tube feeder mounted on a pole. And then there are add-ons. The most common are squirrel deterrents such as baffles or cones. Go to the National Wildlife Federation's site at www.enature.com or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Web site at www.fws.gov/birds for complete sources for feeder information.

Bird Food

If you put the right food out, the birds will come. In fact, bird food is the most affordable and effective birding lure. Whether sunflower, safflower, white millet, cracked corn or thistle seeds, knowing which seed your favorite bird likes guides your bird seed purchase. Buying higher-quality mixes versus mixes with fillers can ensure complete consumption, as well as minimize ground or patio debris from uneaten fillers.

Filler debris attracts unwanted rodents under feeders or near your home. "Knowing the bird you want to attract, the quality of seed used and the ease-of-use in the packaging are the ABC's of an enjoyable birding experience," says Tony Vahedian, vice president and general manager of ScottsMiracle-Gro Wild Bird Food division. For easy Web information on bird food products, go to sites like Scotts' www.scottswildbirdfood.com and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Web site at www.birds.cornell.edu to learn the basics of quality bird seeds.

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Smart summertime stain solutions

Warm months mean an increase in stubborn stains

Summer adventures may bring smiles to kids' faces, but for parents they can mean laundry marathons. Grass stains, grease slicks, pink lemonade puddles, and ketchup smears can mean spending more time in the laundry room, and less time basking in the sunshine.

As luck would have it, the hot color for the summer season remains that stain magnet – white. In fact, according to a recent survey conducted by The Clorox Company, 65 percent of respondents said they wear more white clothing during the summertime than any other season. However, 35 percent of respondents with children in the household said they are more likely to avoid wearing white for fear of nasty stains.

"Dry Clean Only," "Handwash Only," "Wash Inside Out/With Like Colors/Gentle Cycle/Cold Rinse" – it's not just color that deters some people from wearing whatever they want this summer. Almost 60 percent of women decide not to buy certain clothing items based on the care label because they are afraid of ruining the garment.

So what's a family to do when faced with summer's unique stain challenges? Smart stain-fighters are calling Dr. Laundry at Clorox. Instead of wasting time searching for a solution to get out that mustard smudge, Dr. Laundry's Summer Stain Hotline provides easy solutions to common summertime blunders including cold beverages such as iced tea or coffee, ketchup and mustard and much more. Everyone can enjoy the season knowing the stain removal secret to saving their crisp white shirts or their kids' khaki shorts is just a phone call away.

Stains don't stand a chance with these stain-fighting tips from Dr. Laundry.

For cold beverage stains like iced tea or coffee and soft drinks:

- Immediately blot off excess
- Rinse with cold water from the back
- Do not use bar soap as it may set the stain

For condiment stains with intense color like barbecue sauce, mustard, ketchup, salsa and relishes:

- Treat these stains while fresh or you risk not getting it totally out
- Quickly blot or wipe up the excess
- Rinse with cold water from the back

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- Quickly blot up excess with a paper towel or cloth, try not to rub hard to avoid pushing the stain further into the fiber
- Pre-treat with a good liquid laundry or dish-washing detergent, rub into stain and wait 5 to 10 minutes

For more information and additional stain removal tips and solutions, visit www.drlaundryblog.com.

Summer means ketchup, finger paint, grass, mud and other tough-to-fight stains. Keep clothes looking clean and fresh with these stain-fighting solutions.

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Patio picnic Southwest style

Kick off Memorial Day with yummy grilled treats

Traditionally, Memorial Day launches the grilling season. But Southwesterners, such as us, can barbecue year-round. Nevertheless, what would Memorial Day be like without the great American cookout kickoff? Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 28, and many of us who have jobs have the day off. Take advantage of this free day by throwing a party on your patio. Ask friends to bring their favorite "grillable" and a side dish to share. (Consider one of the recipes I share below.) As a treat, make homemade vanilla ice cream, scoop into bowls and top with fudge sauce and sprinkles of minced habañeros – a sweet-heat tropical treat.

And lest we forget, Memorial Day salutes our American soldiers and war heros, which was officially designated a holiday in 1868 by General John A. Logan, who volunteered for the Mexican War in 1846 and then later traveled to Santa Fe, where he served as post quartermaster and learned Spanish. General Logan died December 26, 1886, in Washington, D.C., where he lies buried in Soldier Cemetery.

Cuban Garlic and Lime Pork Chops

6 boneless pork top loin chops, 3/4 inch thick (about 1 1/2 pounds)
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons orange juice
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
2 small seedless oranges peeled and chopped
1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

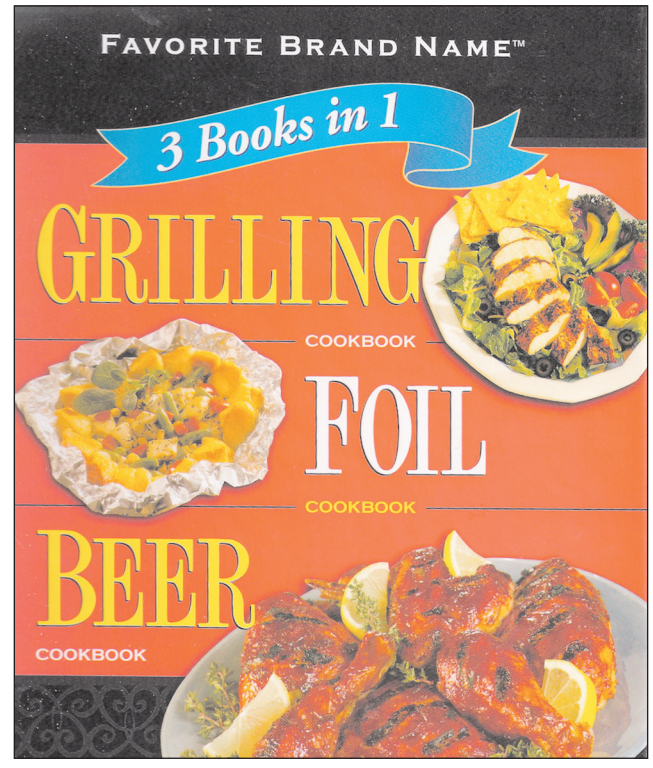
Put pork in a large, resealable plastic food storage bag. Add oil, juices, garlic, 1/4 teaspoon salt and red pepper flakes. Seal bag and shake to evenly distribute marinate; refrigerate up to 24 hours.

Combine oranges, cucumber, onion and cilantro in small bowl; toss lightly. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight. Add remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt just before serving. Spray grid with nonstick cooking spray. Prepare grill for indirect cooking. Remove pork from marinade; discard marinade. Grill or broil pork 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until desired doneness. Serve with orange mixture. Serves 6.

Beer-Basted Chicken

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup ketchup
2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
2 teaspoons chili powder
2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon each salt and black pepper
3 (12 ounce) bottles pilsner beer, divided
1/2 cup tomato juice
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 whole chickens (about 3 1/2 pounds each) cut into pieces

Heat oil in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook until onion is tender. Combine ketchup, brown sugar, chili powder, chipotle peppers, mustard, salt and black pepper in medium bowl. Add one bottle of beer, tomato juice, and Worcestershire sauce and lemon juice; whisk until well blended. Pour mixture into saucepan with onion and garlic. Simmer and cook until sauce has thickened slightly and is reduced to about 2 cups. Let cool. Refrigerate overnight.



Three Cookbooks in One: Grilling, Foil and Beer (Publications International, Ltd., 2007, $13.99, Amazon.com) has ideal recipes and grilling tips for the upcoming holiday.

Place chickens and remaining two bottles of beer in two large resealable food storage bags; seal bags. Refrigerate 8 hours or overnight. Spray grid with nonstick cooking spray. Prepare grill for direct grilling. Remove chickens from marinade; discard marinade. Grill, turning occasionally, 25 to 30 minutes.

Remove baster from refrigerator; reserve one cup. Brush chicken generously with basting sauce during last 10 minutes of cooking. Internal temperature should reach 170 degrees for breast meat and 180 degrees for dark met when tested with meat thermometer. Serve chicken with reserved baste.

Balsamic Spice Lamb Kabobs

1 pound boneless American lamb (leg or shoulder), cut into 1-1/4 inch cubes
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar or red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons water
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground coriander
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/2 firm cantaloupe, peeled and cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces
16 green onions cut into 2- to 3-inch pieces

Place lamb in heavy-duty resealable plastic food storage bag set in shallow dish. For marinade, in medium bowl combine vinegar, water, oil, garlic, rosemary, salt, cumin, coriander, red pepper and black pepper. Pour marinade over lamb in bag. Seal bag; turn to coat. Marinate in refrigerator 6 to 8 hours, stirring occasionally. Drain lamb, reserving marinade.

Thread lamb, cantaloupe and green onions on four 24-inch skewers. Brush with marinade. Place on grill rack directly over medium coals (or adjust for gas, which is easier to regulate temperature-wise and may take less time to cook). Grill 4 inches from coals 15 to 20 minutes or to desired doneness, turning once and brushing with marinade. (Or, broil 3 to 4 inches from heat 10 to 15 minutes, turning once and brushing with marinade.) Makes 4 servings.

Jerk Ribs

2 pounds pork back ribs
2 tablespoons dried minced onion
4 teaspoons ground thyme
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon onion powder
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons ground allspice
2 teaspoons ground allspice
2 teaspoons black pepper
1 teaspoon ground red pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Place all ingredients except ribs in small jar with tight-fitting lid; cover and shake until well blended. Rub dry mixture onto all surfaces of ribs. Prepare grill with rectangular foil drip pan. Bank briquettes on either side of drip pan for indirect cooking. Place ribs on grid over drip pan. Grill, on covered grill, over low coals 1-1/2 hours or until ribs are tender, turning occasionally. (Adjust for gas grill, which is easier to regulate temperature-wise and may take less time to cook.) To serve, cut into 1- or 2-rib portions. Makes 10 servings.

Conventional directions: Prepare rub as directed. Roast ribs on rack in shallow pan in 350 degree oven for 1 1/2 hours or until ribs are tender.

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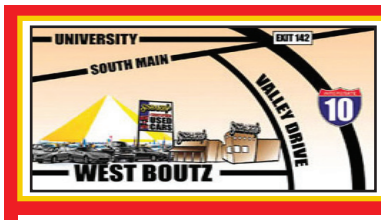

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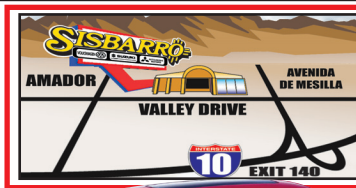

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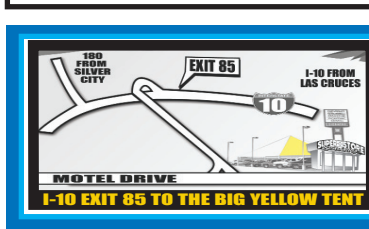

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