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Shop tax-free this weekend

New Mexico gets a jump on back-to-school shopping

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The third time's a charm for New Mexico's tax holiday for back-to-school shopping.

Responding to complaints about back-to-school shopping lost to El Paso because of a sales tax holiday before the start of school, New Mexico three years ago began offering the same kind of tax breaks on more items during the first weekend of August, which used to be same weekend as Texas.

This year, New Mexico has the jump on Texas because the Lone Star state has moved its tax holiday to the third weekend in August as a result of later school openings in many of its school districts.

That just adds to the good news for retailers who already know the New Mexico program has been successful in not only keeping in-state business, but also attracting some El Paso customers.

Susan Palmer, marketing director for Mesilla Valley Mall, said the tax-free holiday has become one of the biggest shopping weekends for stores, second only to Christmas holiday shopping.

Although it's usually bad news that comes in threes, there's one more bit of good news to retailers this weekend, according to Palmer. She said the International Council of Shopping Centers is predicting a 5 percent increase in back-to-school shopping this year.

The New Mexico tax holiday begins Friday, Aug. 3, and ends Sunday, Aug. 5.

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Senior Olympics begin



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Jean Duncan, Eugene Pettes, Robert Graham and Inez Giron participated in the torch run for the Opening Ceremony of the New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games 2007 at the New Mexico State University Activity Center Wednesday night. Pettes, holding the Olympic torch, is from Las Cruces. A cardboard cutout of John Wayne is in the foreground symbolizing the Olympics' Western theme, "Partner

Las Cruces hosts 32 counties and 1,400 athletes

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games held their opening ceremony Wednesday night at the New Mexico State Activity Center, honoring those that have competed and those that continue to compete.

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The games, which are expected to bring more than 1,400 senior athletes to compete in Las Cruces, began early Wednesday morning and will run through Sunday, Aug. 5. Competitions will be held throughout the city, at Sun Lanes, Meerscheidt Recreation Center, Munson Senior Center and at several locations on the NMSU campus.

"It fires up athletes in Doña Ana County. We have a lot of people moving in that are in their early 50s, and this really gets them going," said Irene Aguilar, local coordinator for Doña Ana County Senior Olympics. "We did get 100 new athletes this year, but we lost 80. What happens is health or family problems come up, but they come back"

For the opening ceremony, several deserving athletes were recognized for their continuing efforts towards competition and sportsmanship.

The 2007 Courage Award, presented to a Senior Olympian who competes in spite of his or her non-reversible medical

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Charity goes digital
United Way creates website database



El Paso Electric agrees to ease rate shock

PRC asks company to spread fuel adjustment costs over next four months

El Paso Electric Company has agreed to reduce the impact of rising fuel costs on customers by spreading those costs out over the next four months.

District 5 Public Regulation Commissioner Sandy Jones said Tuesday, July 31, that El Paso Electric's customers in southern New Mexico got hit with a "double whammy" on their July bills. While newly approved base-rates amount to a modest 2 percent increase for residential customers and about a 14 percent increase for most businesses, fuel cost adjustments for May were also reflected on July bills. Because fuel costs were higher than expected, customers saw unusually high bills for July and were poised to see high balances again in August.

Jones asked the commission's staff to work with the company to spread the fuel cost adjustments on August bills over the next four months. The utility submitted a voluntary plan to the commission this week that will help its customers better cope with the increases.

"Because of these fuel cost adjustments, combined with the new base rates and the fact that July and August are typically high-usage months, some customers saw a more than 25 percent increase on their July bills," Jones said. "The utility has agreed to spread the fuel cost adjustments on forthcoming August bills to ease the burden on its custom-

"We are happy that a solution has been worked out between El Paso Electric and commission staff to mitigate the impacts of fuel under-recoveries on August bills," said Ershel C. Redd Jr., El Paso Electric president and CEO.

The PRC acted on the utility's plan to spread costs at the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Last month, the PRC approved a \$5.8 million rate increase for El Paso Electric. The utility had originally requested about \$13 million in additional base rate revenues, but after several parties intervened in the case, the company agreed to reduce its request.

Customers who have questions about their bills or need to set up a payment plan can call El Paso Electric's customer service line at (800) 351-1621. The PRC's Consumer Relations Division, (888) 427-5772, can also help guide consumers through the process of setting up a payment plan with utilities.





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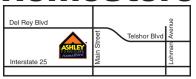
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Rocket system explosion kills 3 in Mojave

Spaceport architectural announcement delayed by testing mishap for Virgin Galactic spaceliner

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Three are dead and three more are seriously injured following an explosion late last week at Scaled Composites, the Mojave, Calif., company developing Virgin Galactic's fleet of spaceliners expected to fly out of Spaceport America 45 miles north of Las Cruces.

The incident has left the closeknit community of private space entrepreneurs shaken and now facing a more uncertain future as the fledgling private spaceflight industry tries to gauge how much the fatal industrial accident will affect the confidence of investors, potential passengers and government licensing officials.

Among the fatalities were key team members who had fashioned Burt Rutan's SpaceShipOne, which won the \$10 million Ansari X PRIZE a little less than three years ago using the same hybrid nitrous oxide and rubber rocket system – a system touted as "non-explosive" by its developers.

The Scaled Composites team was reportedly running a routine "cold-flow" test of nitrous oxide through an injector system when it somehow exploded. Nitrous oxide, the "laugh-

ing gas" used by dentists and surgeons since the 1800s for its mild analgesic properties, has become the oxidizer of choice for the hybrid rocket engines and motors because it is seen as safe, stabile and easy to store. Nitrous oxide is officially classified as a non-flammable gas, but the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines warn that it "can form an explosive mixture with air."

Citing the need for respect to the tragedy, New Mexico Spaceport Authority officials last week canceled a planned press conference last week to announce the selection of an architectural firm to design the primary hanger and facility.

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For New Mexico Spaceport Authority Executive Director Rick Homans, the press event planned for Friday, July 27, would have been his last official action with the Spaceport America effort before beginning a new rubber recycling venture in Gallup with a Malaysian company that has actor-director Mel Gibson as a partner. But after the Mojave incident on Thursday, July 26, he had to issue a statement that the event would be canceled.

"In light of the tragedy at

Mojave Air and Space Port, we feel that it is important now to turn our complete attention, prayers and thoughts to the families and friends of the workers who lost their lives," Homans said in his issued statement.

What followed were a series of issued statements by members of the private spaceflight industry.

Virgin Galactic's website posted: "We have heard the news of a serious incident at Scaled Composites at Mojave Airport. We extend our deepest sympathies to those involved and their familes. We will await results of the investigation that Scaled Composites will undertake along with the relevant authorities before making any further comment."

Prior to the accident, Virgin Galactic was seen as the leader in the effort to open up the space tourism market by offering suborbital flights on spaceliners based on SpaceShipOne's technology. Even at the price of \$200,000 a flight, Virgin Galactic reported it had some 80,000 registered and about 200 already putting down cash desposits.

Key to making Spaceport America the premier spaceport was getting Virgin Galactic to be its "anchor" tenant and to set up its U.S. headquarters in New Movie

Assuming New Mexico gets its spaceport license from the Federal Aviation Administration by next year, Virgin Galactic was aiming to make its first suborbital flights out of Spaceport America by late 2009 or early 2010.

It is not known if the Scaled Composites explosion will significantly delay the development of the six-passenger

SpaceShipTwo.
Killed in the explosion were Todd Ivens, 33; Eric Blackwell, 38; and Glen May, 45. Seriously injured were Keith Fritsinger, Gene Gisin and Jason Kramb.

Jason Kramb.

S c a l e d
Composites, the
Mojave spaceport
and California's
OSHA are conducting investigations into the
blast.

Gov. Bill Richardson issued a statement of sympathy and support. "The space community is a close-knit group, and this accident touches us deeply," Richardson said. "We are confident the cause of the explosion will be determined and the commercial space industry will move forward."

With so much still unknown about the blast and other scheduling difficulties for the planned event on the Spaceport

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Gov. BILL RICHARDSON

America design developments, a press release on Wednesday, Aug. 1, announced the selection of the San Franciscobased URS Corp. teamed with lead designer Foster + Partners of the United Kingdom for the terminal and hangar facilities design.

"The URS/
Foster team presented us with a concept that blends sensitivity to the environment, cuttingedge technology and a stunning image and shape when viewed from high above," said Kelly O'Donnell, New Mexico

Spaceport Authority chair.

O'Donnell said the state's General Services Department will negotiate the contracts. The designs and other details will be unveiled after those negotiations are complete.



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Saturday, August 18, 2007 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Corbett Center Student Union

New Mexico State University invites you to help us welcome our new student and their families to campus. Over 800 new students and their families will attend Aggie Welcome Week as part of their introduction to campus life. We hope you will use this opportunity to advertise your business to our new Aggies!

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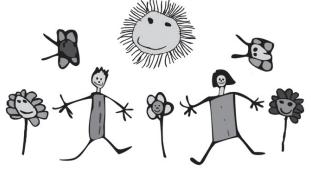
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Opinions

The sad saga of Tyrone Nelson

Basketball star's Aggie career ends with 'prank' gone awry

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

Last Tuesday in a Las Cruces courtroom, NMSU senior Tyrone Nelson made a difficult decision. He accepted a prosecutor's deal to avoid a possible prison sentence by pleading no contest to three charges stemming from his involvement a year ago with a couple of friends in a stupid act of taking a pizza and chicken wings from a Domino's delivery man.

The plea automatically caused Nelson's dismissal from the Aggie basketball squad, effectively ending his college career as a star athlete.

Nelson, who is on track to graduate next spring, is a shy, skinny 6'9" young man from Hempstead, Texas. He has lived to play basketball. In his first year of college at Prairie View A&M he was named Freshman of the Year in the Southwestern Athletic Conference after averaging more than 15 points and nearly eight rebounds per game. He felt he could play at a higher level and signed with Lou Henson and the Aggies in 2004. He had to sit out an NCAA-mandated red shirt year during the 2004-05 season.



The next year Goach Henson retired and flamboyant new coach Reggie Theus was in charge. Nelson and Theus did not exactly hit it off well early on. Nelson's shy, unassuming personality did not meet Theus' expectations for his players to be aggressive and at top speed every day. Their relationship tempered though as the season began and Nelson proved to be a transmitted of the season began and the season be "gamer" by utilizing his smooth, competitive style to average nearly 18 points, nine rebounds and two steals per game. He was named first team all Western Athletic Conference, the first Aggie sophomore to receive the honor since Slab Jones in 1978.

The next season looked bright for Nelson and the Aggies until just after school had started on Aug. 22, 2006. That was the night that Nelson, his brother and a cousin allegedly came up with the plan to order a pizza and chicken wings to be delivered to a location near the campus where they would commandeer the "free" food. They might have gotten away with the illegal act except that Nelson was recognized by the pizza delivery person a few days later when both individuals were ironically in the Mesilla Valley Mall at the same time. Charges were filed and Nelson's fortunes began to spiral downward over the next year. He broke a bone in his hand and missed the early part of last season. His statistics dropped to 11.5 points and 6.4 rebounds.

As Nelson dealt with his legal issues, he compounded his off-court problems when he allegedly attempted to bribe another person to "take the wrap" for the pizza fiasco. Consequently, after the "bribee" told the authorities about the offer,

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During the legal ordeal, the NMSU Athletic Department has supported Nelson and developed a strict "behavioral contract" to ensure Nelson's compliance. A provision of the contract included the loss of his scholarship which meant that, had he retained his eligibility, he would have been a walk-on player for his senior year. However, all this became moot with Nelson's decision to plead no contest to the charges. The decision came after the district judge rejected Nelson's request for a conditional discharge, a legal maneuver that would have allowed Nelson to eventually have his record wiped clean after completing a probationary period.

A couple of questions remain. Why was Nelson the only person charged in the alleged crimes? Was it because he was an athlete? Was it because of the consistent, front page media attention over the past year? Was there more to the incident that was never reported publicly? It is doubtful that any of these questions will be answered. At this point we can only wish Tyrone Nelson well and that he completes his college education. We also hope that this unfortunate outcome will prevent others from making similar bad decisions.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wilderness needs support

Las Cruces and Doña Ana County are extremely blessed with public lands that are undeveloped and so important to the character of the area. They offer recreational opportunities of many kinds and important biological resources, but perhaps most important is the sense of freedom and the connection to our natural and historical heritage.

The feeling of openness will be one of the most important things for us to preserve for our children and future generations. It will also be important to the desirability of the area to newcomers, and the protection of our remaining open areas will be very significant to the enhancement

of local property values. The Doña Ana Wilderness Coalition has worked to form a very acceptable wilderness proposal and I urge everyone to look at their website at www. DonaAnaWild.org to see the an impressive display of what they are trying to protect. After you look at it please encourage people to contact Sen. Jeff Bingaman, Sen. Pete Domenici, and Rep. Steve Pearce to support the Citizen's Proposal for Doña Ana County Wilderness and National Conservation Area.

JIM GRAHAM

Protect Organ Mountains

This is a clarion call to Sens. Domenici and Bingaman and Reps. Pearce and Udall to push legislation to make the Organ Mountains a wilderness area. It was a rancher, President Teddy Roosevelt, who stated succinctly: "There can be no greater issue than that of conservation in this country." This is the great issue in Doña Ana County. It was this president, who preserved more land for national parks

and wilderness preserves than all of his predecessors together - 194 million acres. This was a remarkable achievement.

Only a few ranchers are stridently opposing legislation to make the Organ Mountains a wilderness area for a laundry list of reasons that don't make sense. First they moan about the restrictive aspects of the Wilderness Acts of 1964 and 1980. Both pieces of legislation were largely written under the supervision of the powerful ranching interests. Just recently the ranching industry pressured the Bureau of Land Management to lower the federal grazing fee to only \$1.35 per unit – the lowest amount in years.

Further the Wilderness Act of 1980 entrenches livestock grazing interests in our national wilderness preservation system. In no uncertain terms it ratifies the grandfathering of livestock grazing in wilderness areas. It allows for new fences, water and other developments. It even allows for an increase in livestock, and there is no reasonable regulation in any designated wilderness wrea.

Now we have to listen to a few ranchers offering no compromise and total opposition to the Organ Mountains Wilderness Area. These ranchers need to realize that the wilderness area will benefit all Doña Ana County and as well as New Mexico residents. There is no way the ranchers will be greatly affected by wilderness despite their exaggerated clamors.

It is in the common interests of all parties to conserve the Organ Mountains for the unborn generations. The rancher Teddy Roosevelt would be proud of us and would sanction our conservation actions.

GREG LENNES

Editor's note: In last week's Bulletin a guest column by Don Patterson, Sandy Schemnitz and Gill Sorg inadvertently included the name of Nathan Small with the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance, who helped provide the guest column but was not one of its authors.

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Domenici will run for seventh term

Problems won't deter Senator Pete

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici has been busy around New Mexico lately. That's not unusual for a U.S. senator whose six-year term is about to expire.

But there has been much talk about Pete calling it quits. He's 75 now and has some health problems. It's not the first time for health problems and he's overcome them before.

But Pete does have some political problems here at home. He has deftly avoided such problems ever since going to the Senate in 1973. But the Iraq War is beginning to weigh on many of his political supporters.

And then he didn't come out looking good in the aftermath of the firing of U.S. Attorney David Iglesias. He faces a possible ethics probe on that matter.

The result is a reported drop to 51 percent in a recent Survey USA poll. That is unheard of for Pete. He brushes it off, but he also seems to be doing something about it.

Besides making more appearances around the state, he has called on President George Bush to change his war strategy. He hasn't cast any votes against him yet, but Pete's put the president on

He's not being too rough on the unpopular president yet, however. He's asked Bush to help him raise big money at an Aug. 27 Albuquerque fund-raiser. Next year Pete can keep Bush under wraps.

If the tide is turning against Domenici, he's fortunate that no big Democrats have declared against him. Three second-tier candidates have announced their chal-

lenge.
Chief among them is Santa Fe developer Don Wiviott, who primed his campaign war chest with \$400,000 of personal money and says he's willing to go a million. The two others in the race also are Santa Feans, Jim Hannan and Leland

Lehrman.
There's always an outside chance that Gov. Bill Richardson will decide to forget the presidential race and take aim at the Senate if Domenici drops out or appears sufficiently weakened. He would have to

make a decision before the first primary in order to get on the New Mexico ballot.

But if he were to have an agreeable

person be a placeholder for him, Richardson would have until this time next year, when the general election ballot is being finalized. You can be sure Wiviott will be watched closely for any signs of chumminess with Richardson.

There is word that Domenici may even have a primary opponent. That kind of talk is likely to start the earth rumbling. Pete has not had a primary opponent since the seven he had when he first ran

A wealthy newcomer to the state, Spiro Vassilopoulos, has shown a flurry of activity in Republican politics of late. He's starting with a strike against him because of that first name. Republicans thought they had seen their last Spiro 30 years ago.

Blogger Joe Monahan says Spiro V. made his money in oil and gas interests in the Middle East. He spent 12 years in Iran and is now a naturalized American. He's considering the possibility of taking on Pete V. over his switch in Iraq policy.

If Vassilopoulos were to decide on a primary election challenge to Domenici, he would have to get past the state pre-



primary nominating convention, which requires a candidate receive at least 20 percent of delegate votes. That's not likely and the avenue of getting additional signatures to qualify was quietly barricaded by the 2007 Legislature.

So how likely is Pete to run? My guess is very likely. When I first got into this business 20 years ago, Pete, a heavy smoker, had some serious lung problems. The word was that he would have to forego a run for a fourth term in the U.S. Senate.

One of my first columns insisted that was not going to happen. I'd known Pete since college days and knew he was a determined fighter. I received thank yous from his staff for coming to the boss' defense.

I also countered arguments that he wouldn't seek a fifth and sixth term. I wasn't thanked on those occasions. My conclusion: the closest Pete ever came to having to leave the Senate was three terms ago

I think he's in better shape now than he was then.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog park at Hadley preferred

The Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition thanks and appreciates the Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for their recommendation to the city council on our behalf. At their Tuesday, July 24, evening meeting, the board voted to send a recommendation to city council regarding site selection for our "off leash" park.

First preference was given to the Hadley site (located behind the Meerscheidt Center, between the in-line skating rink and the Las Cruces Police Department training facility). Second preference was designated as the Legends West location (directly north of the Field of

The Hadley Complex location, the board's first preference, is also the preferred choice of the Dog Park Coalition due to its central location, ease of maintenance, and safety concerns (always people around in the area, and easily accessed by all emergency services.

The city council will discuss the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's recommendations on Aug. 20 during a regularly scheduled city council meeting. In preparation for this council meeting, we are having an important meeting for all dog park supporters. This meeting will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, 141 Roadrunner Parkway. We are asking all supporters to attend this session and join in the final planning and presentations being planned for the city council's Aug. 20th meeting. We want you to be involved and we want your input. This is a community park and

it calls for community input. Hope to see you all there on Aug. 4 and 20.

As always, for anyone who would like more information, please visit www.lcdogpark.com.

ELLEN MANGAN, ELI VALDEZ and MELANIE BROOKS **LC Dog Park Coalition**

Poor voter turnout lamented

Democratic presidential candidates wooing "key" Hispanic voters is not going to work unless they go after the massive Hispanic non-voters. For every Hispanic voter, there are dozens in complete ignorance of what the issues are. A good example of this is, up to 73 percent of registered Hispanic voters in Doña Ana County alone don't show up at the polls on election day.

As a Doña County precinct chairman, I'm familiar with the drivel from Hispanics who do not vote. The most appalling excuse is, "my vote doesn't count." Latin Americans have a saying: "El voto o la bota" (The vote or the boot). It applies to all who do not exercise their voting rights.

My own belief is, it's going to take a massive educational effort on behalf of all Hispanics to correct the apathy. Taking our idle youths off the streets and into the voting process would help.

Come on, folks, we cannot blame others for our shortcomings. The stakes are too high. Vital issues aside, voting is a constitutional right. Just in watching daily events unfold says much about apathy being a threat to our democracy.

In short, getting involved is the key.

FERMIN-FERMON TORRES

Protect our firefighters

I write in support of the Doña Ana County Commission adopting safe and sane fireworks regulations. These regulations prohibit ground audible and aerial fireworks, but permit eight other categories of fireworks for individuals to use.

As a retired firefighter, having previously served as the County Fire Marshal and FEMA Director, the safety of the public and our dedicated firefighters is an ongoing concern of mine. During the city's discussion of adopting safe and sane fireworks regulations a few years ago, I recall the city fire marshal's response to a question from a member of city council regarding danger to firefighters responding to fires, including those caused by fireworks.

The city marshal said that anytime firefighters run 'lights and sirens" to respond to a fireworks fire, there is a risk of injury or death to those responding. That day, our city council voted unanimously to enact safe and sane fireworks regulations for Las Cruces. As a result, fireworks fires have dramatically dropped in the city over the past two years.

If our commission enacts safe and sane fireworks regulations throughout our county, this won't prevent all fireworks fires or injuries. However, these common sense regulations will reduce the number of needless fireworks fires and injuries to firefighters and the public.

Public safety and the safety of our firefighters, most of them are volunteers in the county, is a core concern of our county commission. I urge our commissioners to pass safe and sane fireworks regulations and join a growing number of like-minded states, counties and municipalities. Our firefighters and the public surely deserve this consideration.

TONY OTERO

Blood meal vanquishes rascally rabbits

While living in Indiana I enjoyed vegetable gardening in my back yard.

Unfortunately, so did the cottontails. Someone, probably an old-timer I was lucky to live near, told me about blood meal. The secret I guess is that it is organic. Anyway, as the newly planted veggies broke ground I commenced sprinkling blood meal on the little gems and lo and behold, neither bunnies nor deer would feast

All I can say is that it worked for me during the sev-All 1 can say is that it worked to eral years I practiced my green thumbing.

PHIL INSKO

Libby sentence excessive

This is in response to a letter printed in your July 13 issue in which the writer was severely critical of President Bush's commutation of the prison sentence given Scooter Libby for supposedly lying under oath. This 30month prison sentence handed by an obviously prejudiced judge with no consideration of liberty while Mr. Libby filed an appeal was considered excessive by the president, and rightly so.

Let me refresh your memory on a more famous individual who lied under oath to a grand jury and admitted that he had lied. The former president, William Jefferson Clinton, not only lied to a grand jury, but looked us in the face on national television, shook his finger, and denied that he had sex "with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Mr. Libby's 30-month prison sentence was for supposedly "lying under oath." Did Bill Clinton receive any prison time behind bars for lying under oath? And let's not forget the many, many pardons and commutations given out by Clinton to an assortment of criminals, Puerto Rican terrorists, his brother, Hillary's brother – and international criminal Mark Rich.

It is documented that the Clintons received remuneration in one form or another from many of these pardons and commutations. ("The Final Days" by Barbara Olsin, best-selling author and reporter who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon).

Bill Clinton issued over 450 pardons during his term, and on his last day in office issued 140 pardons and commutations to an assortment of convicted criminals. So, do we still want to accuse President Bush of disregard for the legal system? At least the president is following rules established by the Justice Department, Bill Clinton did not.

CATHERINE FULLER

Bulletin Poll

This month's question: How did your latest electric bill compare to

the previous one?

It was lower

It was about the same

It increased less than 10 percent

It increased from 10 percent to 25 percent

It increased more than 25 percent

Last month's question:

Do you plan on using a doa park if one is built in Las Cruces?

51.3% I will use it often

8.5% I will use it occasionally

12.8% I own a dog but won't use it

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The whole situation will stabi-

lize, gasoline prices will be high, consumers will have a choice between those supporting Chevron or supporting Cargill, the govern-ment will get your taxes either way and corn farmers will be back to growing \$1.58 corn which will keep the price of steaks, spareribs, chicken nuggets, ice cream and quiche at restaurants down, thus encouraging people to eat out more often, use more gas, plant more



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corn, feed more cattle ... it is a process as complicated as a raindrop falling from a cloud over Iowa and eventually evaporating from the Gulf of Mexico. Or a candidate falling from a cloud over Iowa and eventually evaporating from the White House in Washington (sorry,

To ethanol or not to ethanol. I must confess I feel uneasy putting cow feed into my pickup. It sounds Transformerish. Should I worry about the old truck bloating, getting B.S.E. (bad stinking engine) or, heaven forbid, prolapsing its

exhaust pipe? Oh, well, I'll just install an RPC gauge, revolutions per cud, of course, and monitor its performance.

Students must register for 2007-08 school year

All students who plan to attend public school in Las Cruces in the 2007-08 school year must register before classes begin. Classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 14, for traditional-calendar schools. Students who are new to the school system should register as early as possible.

For the second year in a row, sixth-grade students will begin classes early with "Early Start" sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 7-8. Classes will be held 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bus service will be provided and lunch will be served. Parents can call their child's school for specific bus route information.

School officials said the early days will help the students transition into their new schools, allowing them time to become familiar with the larger school buildings and help them get acquainted with school rules and teachers.

School officials said an early session is also scheduled for ninth-grade students. They will pick up their schedules during a parent/freshmen night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, at Oñate, Las Cruces, Mayfield and San Andres high schools. Freshmen will also attend a transition day on Friday, Aug. 10, from 8:55 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buses will be provided and lunch will be served.

A complete list of registration and school dates is on the LCPS calendars, traditional and balanced at www. lcps.k12.nm.us. Calendars also are available at all schools and the LCPS administration building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249.

School registration and class schedules are as follows: Traditional-calendar elementary schools

- Friday, Aug. 10: Registration for grades K-5, 8 to 10 a.m.; buses provided;
- Tuesday, Aug. 14: classes begin for first through fifth grades:
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Aug. 14, 15, 16: Kindergarten transition days;
- Friday, Aug. 17: Kindergarten classes begin;
- Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 27-28: Pre-school registration. Pre-school includes Head Start, Even Start and DD pre-school;
- Wednesday, Aug. 29: Pre-school classes begin.

Balanced-calendar elementary schools (Booker T. Washington and MacArthur)

- Friday, Aug. 9-10: Pre-school registration. Pre-school includes Head Start, Event Start and DD pre-school;
- Monday, Aug. 13: Pre-school classes begin.

 All middle schools

- Through Monday, Aug. 13: New students register;
- Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 7-8: sixth-grade early start, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.;
- Tuesday, Aug. 14: First day of classes; seventh and eighth graders pick up schedules.

All high schools

- Monday, Aug. 6: Seniors pick up schedules, 9 to 11 a.m.;
- Tuesday, Aug. 7: Juniors pick up schedules, 9 to 11 a.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 8: Sophomores pick up schedules, 9 to 11 a.m.;
- Thursday, Aug. 9: Freshmen pick up schedules at Parent/Freshmen Night, 6:30 p.m.;
- Friday, Aug. 10: Freshmen early start, 8:55 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, contact LCPS Communications Director Jo Galván at 527-5811 or jgalvan@lcps.k12.nm.us.

New school hours announced

School hours will be changing for the 2007-08 school year in many of the schools in the Las Cruces Public School District.

All elementary students will attend school from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Middle and high school students will see the biggest change; they will attend slightly later in the day, from 8:55 a.m. to 4:05 p.m. They previously attended school from 8:40 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

New hours for students at White Sands Schools will be

 $8{:}15~\text{a.m.}$ to $2{:}45~\text{p.m.}$ for elementary students and $8{:}15$

a.m. to 3:25 p.m. for middle school students. LCPS Communications Director Jo Galván said all after-school activities and bus services will be adjusted to the new schedule.

Changing the hours of school was based on several

factors, Galván said.

Primarily, the school district must meet state mandates with regard to the number of hours of instruction that children must receive. To be proactive with the potential change in regulation, LCPS opted to not count passing periods within the number of required minutes mandated by law. Therefore, a few extra minutes were needed for secondary students, Galván said.

Parents who have questions about school times can contact their child's school or the LCPS Department of Instruction at 527-6628.

Pearce, Domenici balk at proposed Farm Bill

By MARVIN TESSBEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici and Rep. Steve Pearce are challenging the proposed Farm Bill, but from different direc-

In a letter to Agriculture Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Harkin, Domenici suggested that modifications in the Farm, Nutrition and Bio-Energy Act of 2007, the official Farm Bill name, would create jobs, support agribusiness entrepreneurs and improve rural housing opportunities.

"I believe that this farm bill presents us with the opportunity to legislate several much needed revisions to Farm Credit's lending charter, which will insure a vibrant, competitive agriculture sector and will continue to foster the growth we are seeing in rural America," Domenici said in his letter. "In New Mexico we are experiencing tremendous economic growth in rural communities. I wish to see this growth continued and that is why it is critically important that we provide greater access to the Farm Credit System, including allowing agribusiness to begin to utilize its services. These changes will benefit rural communities by bringing more capital to support rural economic growth at no cost to the taxpayers.

"The population restriction placed on the farm Credit System's rural home mortgage lending authority appear to be outdated given the population growth in our rural areas. I believe that we can continue to promote rural economics by relaxing the population restrictions so that they are in line with the population growth we are seeing in rural America."

Pearce charged in a news release that the Farm Bill "was combined with fiscally irresponsible tax hikes that would damage the New Mexico economy and reduce our ability to become energy independent.

The Farm Bill would raise taxes on foreign companies that have subsidiaries the United States. These companies

employ more than 12,000 people in New Mexico. If taxes were increased, these companies would look to other competing countries, Pearce said in his news release.

Specifically, England-based Virgin Group would have to pay higher taxes. Virgin Group is planning to build Virgin Galactic in southern Sierra County to become the world's first commercial space tourism business. The spaceport is expected to create 4,700 new jobs in the next four years, according to Pearce's release.

The Farm Bill also would discourage energy companies to invest in domestic supplies of oil and natural gas, which would force the United States to depend on the volatile Mideast and counties ruled by dictators, such as Venezuela,

"I could not, in good faith, vote for legislation that would cost New Mexicans thousands of jobs," Pearce said. "The majority party should have been able to address the needs of our farmers and ranchers without raising taxes, killing jobs and making us more dependent on foreign energy."



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- Clothing and footwear, \$100 or less per item
- School supplies such as pens and paper that are typically used in a classroom setting, \$15 or less per item
- Computers, \$1,000 or less per item

Assorted computer equipment, \$500 or less per item

The price limits are for each item - not for the total amount spent for all purchases. For example, a family could purchase three computers tax free as long as each computer did not exceed the \$1,000 limit per computer.

"A family can save up to \$42 in taxes if they spend \$600 on school clothes, and there are additional savings for computer purchases as well as school supplies," David Harwell, spokesman for the state Taxation and Revenue Department, said in a statement.

As for the Texas tax holiday Aug. 17 - 19, it covers only clothes and shoes priced at less than \$100, with school backpacks costing less than \$100 added just this year.

Further details on the New Mexico tax holiday, including which items are excluded from gross receipts tax, can be found on the NMTRD web site: www.state.nm.us/tax. Also, the Las Cruces Taxation and Revenue office can be contacted by calling 524-6225.

Nontaxable Transactions During the Tax Holiday

The law limits the tax-holiday deduction to receipts of retailers from sales of the following types of items:

- Clothing or shoes sold for less than \$100; however, accessories and special clothing or footwear primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and not normally worn beyond the scope of the athletic activity or protective use remain taxable
- Desktop, laptop or notebook computers sold for no more than \$1,000, and any associated monitor, speaker or set of speakers, printer, keyboard, microphone or mouse sold for no more than \$500
- School supplies students normally use in a standard classroom for educational purposes. The law specifically lists notebooks, paper, writing instruments, crayons, art supplies, rulers, bookbags, backpacks, handheld calculators, maps and globes as deductible during the tax holiday. It specifically excludes watches, radios, compact disc players, head phones, sporting equipment, portable desktop telephones, copiers, office equipment, furniture or fixtures. The law does not consider such items to be school supplies that students normally use in a standard classroom. Sales of those items are taxable during the three-day period.

Transactions Taxable During the Tax Holiday

Even when the transactions take place during the gross receipts tax holiday, gross receipts tax is due and payable on gross receipts from:

- Sales of services performed on otherwise qualifying tangible personal property; for example, clothing alterations, repair and dry cleaning, or computer services, installation and
- Sales of all other services performed in New Mexico during the tax holiday, including, but not limited to, construction, repair, maintenance, landscaping, medical treatment, physical examinations for school purposes, etc.
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- Sales of qualifying items that exceed the allowable value established by statute or regulation

Source: The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department

Senior Olympics

condition, was given to Margaret Gold of Las Cruces, Gold, 79, is tethered to an oxygen tank because of emphysema, yet still competes yearly in the 8-ball Pool, Shuffleboard and Bowling competitions. She also volunteers "tirelessly" as a local registrar for statewide Senior Olympics.

Vernon Dyer of Roswell and Laverne Jones of Water-flow were honored as the 2006 Golden Athletes. Dyer was recognized for his love of running and his work to pass that love onto another generation. Jones, 84, competes in the Air Gun, Bowling, Dance, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Swimming and Table Tennis competitions despite having triple bypass surgery in 2005.

According to Aguilar, the connections made between athletes are just as important as the Senior Olympics goal of fitness and wellness for competitors.

"Being with people that like the same things, you form these friendships, it's like a network. It's like a support group. A lot of these seniors have been doing this for 20-25 years, so they really come to care about each other," she

In conjunction with the Senior Olympics, NMSU's Corbett Center Level II will host a health expo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 3.

The Senior Olympics also will host a banquet at Corbett Center Level III at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, and a Final Ball at Corbett Center Level III from 8 p.m. to midnight on Sunday, Aug. 5.

Engineers and astronomers team up for planetary studies

New Mexico State University engineers and astronomers have teamed up to get a better look at the colors of Jupiter and Saturn.

David Voelz and Robert Hull, both in the Electrical Engineering Department, worked with Nancy Chanover and Paul Strycker of the astronomy department to capture images of the planets using an astronomical imaging sensor, the NMSU Acousto-optic Imaging Camera (NAIC), developed by Voelz and Chanover.

Astronomy graduate student Paul Strycker, left, adjusts the Acousto-optic Imaging Camera, used to take photos of Jupiter and Saturn, as electrical engineering associate professor David Voelz, center, and astronomy associate professor Nancy Chanover



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The camera is based on an acousto-optic tunable filter, which can be tuned electronically.

"It's different than a normal photographic camera," Voelz said. "Photographic cameras use fixed filters; you can take the filter off, put a different one on, or change them with the help of a filter wheel mount, but this is continuously tunable."

An acousto-optic crystal receives a radio frequency signal, which is tuned to select what the crystal will let

The filter allows only a narrow band of light to pass, so you can tune through the colors," Voelz said. "The crystal in the NAIC system can be tuned to pass a band of light anywhere from ultra violet wavelengths through near-infrared wavelengths.'

This type of filter is not entirely new; one of its most common applications is for use in laser light shows, Voelz said. However, this filter is large enough for planetary

A grant from the National Science Foundation allowed the group to take the photos using the AdvancEd Electro-Optical System (AEOS), a 3.67-meter telescope owned by the Department of Defense and housed by the Maui Space Surveillance System in Hawaii.

The purpose of the observations was to study the colors of the planets to determine their chemical makeup.

"What we try and do is take pictures of the planets at lots of different color bands. Then we try and figure out what chemicals must be in the atmosphere," Voelz said.

The astronomers decide the important things to look

for and the engineers get the camera ready to make the right kinds of measurements.

"If you look in all these different colors," Chanover said, "they correspond to different absorptions by certain constituents of the atmosphere. So if you look across the whole planet, you see where they are located across the

"One of the main reasons we do this, for Jupiter in particular, is people still don't really understand what causes the different colors. We're trying to address that question," Chanover said.

The AEOS telescope is ideal for planetary imaging.

"It has a tilt tracking system that stabilizes the image, and it also has an adaptive optic system that works to correct the changes in the atmosphere due to turbulence, the twinkling that you see in the stars," Voelz said.

The telescope is a 90-minute drive up Haleakala, a volcanic peak. "We would come up in the early evening, watch the sunset over the mountain and then take pictures of the planets through the night. It's a great experience," Voelz said.



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In the News-

NMSU president issues guidelines against employee misconduct

In response to an investigation of employees misusing New Mexico State University funds, NMSU President Michael Martin on Thursday, Aug. 2, issued a memo to faculty and staff.

"A few months ago, we received very specific, credible allegations of misconduct and mismanagement in the Office of Facilities and Services," Martin wrote. "We immediately responded to these allegations in two ways: (a) a criminal investigation led by our police department was begun, and (b) a review of practices, processes, transactions, and controls in OFS was instituted."

The NMSU student newspaper The Round Up broke the story last May about the accusations when employees of the office were placed on administrative leave. The Round Up reported that the FBI was assisting the NMSU Police investigation.

According to The Round Up stories, the employees were accused of using funds and supplies for personal use.

In his memo, Martin said that while the investigation and review are still being conducted, issues that need to be addressed included:

- Theft and unauthorized property usage
- Conduct that interferes with the efficient operation of the university
- Abuse of privileges
- Time card accuracy
- Excessive use of overtime
- Control of inventory, use of "P-cards" and petty cash
- Project estimation accuracy and control
- Project-specific management and oversight
- Conflict of interest, conflict of commitment by employees and supervisors

"New procedures will be developed to address these issues in order to enhance our overarching responsibility to be good stewards of the university's valuable resources," Martin wrote. "This will take some time, but we will move as quickly as possible."

BLM chief visits area

Last week, U.S. Bureau of Land Management Acting Director James Hughes visited southern New Mexico to look at concerns revolving around the border and with urban growth affecting federal public lands.

Hughes was named acting direc-

tor of the BLM last February and had been its deputy director for Programs and Policy since 2002.

The visit for Hughes to Las Cruces had an added significance. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from New Mexico State University.



HUGHES

While he admits that the area is familiar, Hughes acknowledged that the regional BLM office is working with a series of demanding issues, such as revising its management plan and dealing issues related to urban growth. Also, there are groups wanting to establish wilderness and a national monument for the Robledo Paleozoic trackways on BLM land.

Because many of these issues can be controversial, Hughes said it is important for the regional BLM office to have full transparency in its actions and dealings. "We have to put it all on the table," he said.

On issues such as the wilderness proposals, local BLM officials are beholding to the bureau's official 1992 recommendations until policymakers – i.e. the congressional delegation – decides differently. That means eight areas around Doña Ana County remain wilderness study areas until Congress decides whether or not to grant them full wilderness designations.

Hughes disagreed with the notion that the BLM is merely interested in getting the most financial value out of the public lands. "We use the public lands to preserve the quality of life for Americans," Hughes said.

So, in some cases, quality of life does mean using the minerals, oil and gas for energy, Hughes said. But it also means preserving wild places and areas of historical or cultural significance, he said.

For example, Jim McCormick, assistant district manager for the Las Cruces BLM office, said he has been working on a state program to restore some open range to its original grassland conditions. That doesn't get as much attention as the controversial matters the BLM sometimes finds itself in, he noted.

Those controversies frequently involve urban encroachment into once isolated BLM land, Hughes said, including increased off-roading and illegal dumping. Hughes said part of his visit was to help him determine what budget needs the local BLM office has to help local staff deal with these issues.

Registration begins for after-school programs

The City of Las Cruces will be holding registration for the After School Program for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The program is being offered at Alameda Elementary, Conlee Elementary, Hermosa Elementary, Highland Elementary and Lynn Middle School.

Registration for the 2007/2008 program will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.. Registration will continue until all slots are filled. Each session is open on a first-come, first-serve basis to the first 55 children at each site.

The program runs concurrently with the Las Cruces Public Schools calendar and is held Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at elementary school sites and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the middle school site. The cost of the program is \$60 per child for a 20-day session.

For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2161.

Foundation announces spring awards

The Healthcare Foundation of Southern New Mexico recently announced the recipients of their Spring Cycle Grant Awards.

The Region II Emergency Medical Services was awarded \$5,680 to help defray the cost of providing local continuing education to volunteer emergency service providers in rural southern New Mexico counties. Region II EMS is responsible for the development and maintenance of comprehensive emergency care systems in seven southwestern NM counties.

The New Mexico Lions Crane Reading Foundation, whose mission is to provide every child in New Mexico adequate vision examinations and eye glasses to give them the opportunity to read and write proficiently, was awarded \$4,320 to purchase a Phoropter and a Tonometer for use in their vision screening program.

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School district retreat begins this weekend

The Las Cruces school board will meet in a planning retreat from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Inn of the Mountain Gods in Ruidoso.

Board members will discuss the district's mission statement and Board of Education goals for the 2007-08 school year during the retreat, said Las Cruces Public Schools Communications Director Jo Galván.

The board also will discuss legislative priorities and how to improve communication with the public and schools.

"Each year, the board's retreat sets the stage for district operations and how we'll work together on goals to improve student achievement," Galván said. "Improving academic performance stems from the over-arching goals that the Board sets for the entire system."

Galván said the retreat is open to the public.

Others attending the retreat will be Superintendent Stan Rounds; Dr. Steven Sanchez, interim associate superintendent for Teaching, Learning and Research; Herb Torres, interim associate superintendent for Operations; Karen Robles, chief of staff; Leslie Cervantes, School-Business Partnerships coordinator; and Galván.

The board's retreat will follow two days of professional development for LCPS principals and directors. On Aug. 2 and 3, 62 district administrators are attending the Southern New Mexico Education Research Consortium's administrative conference, held at the Ruidoso Convention Center.

LCPS joins 13 other school districts from southeast and southern New Mexico for training sessions on poverty, curricular issues, communication, technology, hiring practices, staff discipline, student civil rights and education-related legislation passed during the 2007 Legislative session. New Mexico Public Education Department Secretary Dr. Veronica C. Garcia will address the 200 attendees at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3.

Galván said private businesses are paying for the majority of the expense for Las Cruces administrators to attend the conference.

"In a belt-tightening year, the superintendent was adamant that donations would be needed in order for our staff to be able to attend the annual training," Galván said. "We received tremendous support from the business community for the expenses that are part of attending professional conferences."

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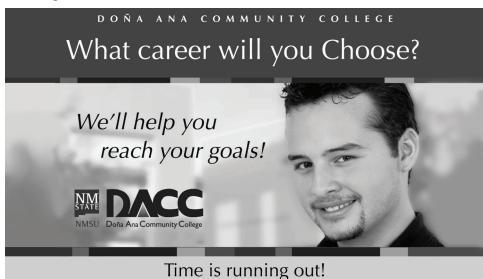
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Taking the oath of office Friday, July 27, during the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Academy graduation ceremony at the county office complex are, from left, front row – Sheriff's Deputy Jason Gleason, Deming Police Officer Joshua Flores, Deputy Jeffrey Flora, Officer Robert Chavez, and Deputy Jacob Ballard. Back row—Deputy Ismael Porras, Officer Jose Montoya, and (hidden) deputies David Lucero, and Tony Chong Liu. The six sheriff's deputies and three Deming police officers spent 25 grueling weeks of training at the academy before the graduation.



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Valedictorian Cadet Jason Gleason, right, presents a plaque of appreciation to Sgt. Henry Cooper from the DASO Academy No. 12 Triple Threat class, during the Sheriff's Academy graduation ceremony.

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Pearce to hold 'listening sessions'

Commissioners object to make-up of panel

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who announced

he will convene "Listening Sessions: How the Issues Affect You" during August as he travels the Second District, has already run into controversy before they even

The first session in Las Cruces was billed as a panel discussion on "Managing the Land: Debating the Current Wilderness Study Areas in Doña Ana County." Ťhat is scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in the Las Cruces Public Schools boardroom, 505 S. Main St., Suite 249.

In his announcement on the sessions, Pearce said they would be designed to ensure the views of all interested parties are represented and that the public has a chance to hear all sides of an issue.

But when Pearce's office released a list of the eight invited panelists, Jeff Steinborn of the New Mexico Wilderness

Alliance was the only known pro-wilderness speaker.

In a letter sent to Pearce's office late Wednesday, Aug. 1, two Doña Ana County commissioners objected to the listening session's format. "It appears that you have only invited a narrow group of individuals who are almost exclusively opposed to protected wilderness in Doña Ana Coun-

' wrote commissioners Oscar Vasquez Butler and Bill McCamley - who is campaigning for the Democratic nomination to challenge Pearce in the next general

Besides Las Cruces, other listening sessions will be held in Alamogordo and Ruidoso on Tuesday, Aug. 7, Hobbs on Thursday, Aug. 9, Carlsbad on Friday, Aug. 10, Silver City on Aug. 13 and Anthony on Aug. 15.

"The goal is to build a better New Mexico," said Pearce in the original press release announcing the sessions. "Whether it's strengthening families, encouraging a vibrant economy or securing a safe environment, we all have interest in hearing each other out and moving New Mexico forward. This is the foundation needed to build a better



PEARCE



At the annual

Judy Price Blood Drive

Doña Ana County employees and visitors to the Doña Ana County Government Center on Wednesday, Aug. 1, donated 41 pints of blood in honor of the late Judy Price, who died Sept. 4, 2001, after a long battle with cancer.

This was the seventh Judy Price Blood Drive since 2001, and nearly 600 pints of blood have been donated in her memory.

Price began her employment with Doña Ana County on April 15, 1991, as director of planning. She was named acting assistant county manager in September of 1991, and held the position for

four months before returning to the Planning Department. In 1994, under her leadership, the department was renamed the Department of Community Development to indicate the wide range of services provided. On Dec. 13, 1995, Price was appointed acting county manager while a sevenmonth search for a permanent manager was underway. In July 2000, she was again named acting county manager, and she remained in the position until Jan 22, 2001.

Doña Ana County also holds an unnamed, second blood drive near the holidays.



Janine Divayk, chief planner for the county and coordinator of the Judy Price Blood Drive, looks away as United Blood Services' Adrian Serna sticks a needle in her right arm to draw blood.



Pio Sanchez, a warehouse manager for the county's facilities and parks, squeezes a foam football as he donates plasma.



Felipe Scobell, the county's web developer, donates plasma.



PHOTOS BY TODD DICKSON

United Blood Services' Maria Limon, right, attends to Paul Dugie, director of the Doña Ana County Flood Commission, as he donates plasma at the seventh annual Judy Price Blood Drive.

After giving blood, Elizabeth Warpula, an administrative assistant in the county's finance department, picks out a T-shirt offered to donors.



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Romero announces county commission candidacy

Incumbent McCamley backs candidate focusing on more responsive local government

By Todd G. Dickson

It's not every day that you hear a sitting first-term county commissioner endorsing the candidate seeking his party's nomination for the seat he now holds.

But District 5 commissioner Bill McCamley is making the leap from county politics to state and national issues in his run to gain the Democratic nomination for U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce's office.

You can't run for two offices at once, especially if one wants to be elected to Congress and unseat an incumbent representative.

As a result, McCamley is heartily endorsing the candidacy of Las Cruces retiree Vicente "Vince" Romero for his District 5 position on the Doña Ana County Commission. "I totally support him," McCamley said as he rushed to a recent commission meeting.

Though it's pleasing to get such support, Romero said he wouldn't have run if McCamley hadn't decided to campaign for the congressional seat. Once McCamley announced, Romero began preparing for his campaign.

Romero has been active in the community since he retired from the U.S. Department of Justice in 1989 and settled in Las Cruces with his wife Minerva. A longtime Retired and Senior Volunteer Program volunteer, Romero also serves as the chairman of the advisory council for the J. Paul Taylor Juvenile Detention Center, has helped organize the League of United Latin American Citizens' Navidad en El Barrio that provides Christmas gifts to less fortunate children, raised funds for historic church registration in Doña Ana village and chipped in to help last year's flood victims in Hatch.

"I'm not a person who sits back and lets other people do all the work," Romero said. "I have to get involved."

Romero said he is especially interested in being an advocate for the elderly and for at-risk children. With the elderly, he advocates for access to good health, housing and other services while ensuring their right to work and provide protection from abuse. For young people, the former school board member has focused on prevention programs, such as the Red Ribbon campaign.

"That's why I have so much problems with No Child Left Behind," he said. "It leaves nothing for the at-risk kid."

Originally from Santa Fe, Romero went to work at the Penitentiary of New Mexico after serving in both the Army and Navy. In 1967, he went from working in the state prison



system to being a guard in the federal system, and he worked his way to administration until finishing out his career at La Tuna. Every now and then, Romero said, he is asked to tour the county's detention center for advice and consultation.

While the only elected office he's held was on the Anthony, Texas, school board, Romero said he wanted to run because he has seen government in the past 10 years forget its responsibility to serve the people. Too often, public input is more tolerated than listened to, he said, and government should be more responsive to people's concerns.

"The way I look at it," he said, "if you win (the election) you represent the people.

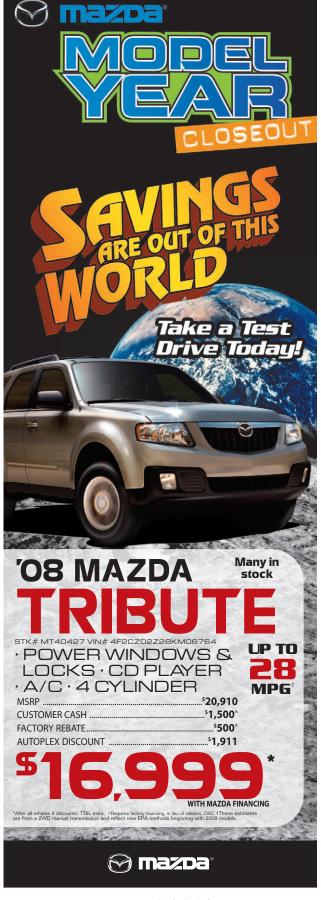
While saying he's all for progress, Romero also said he believes that growth and new development should be planned and responsible.

"A lot of these issues are common sense issues." he said. "You can come up with ways to solve them if you have good common sense, and I believe I have good common sense."

Also, Romero said he wants the city and county to work more closely and cooperatively on these local issues and noted that he gets along well with Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace.

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Vincente "Vince" Romero stands in front of the Doña Ana County Government Center before the start of a recent county comission meeting. Romero has announced his candidacy for the District 5 seat currently held by Bill McCamley, who is running for Congress.





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The Bowman family recently hosted a VIP fund-raising event at their Ashley Furniture HomeStore. Paul Bowman emceed the gala, which included a fashion show coordinated by Dillard's and an auction that benefited the March of Dimes.

Below: Models who participated in the fashion show included (I to r) Alexandra Ortiz, Raquel Enriquez, Miss New Mexico Teen USA Liz Kranz, Tierney Fickler, Alma Balderama, Cleopatra Smith and Amy



Bob and Wanda Bowman greeted guests as they arrived.

Crime Stoppers: Stabbing death, homicide

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward a bronze-colored, 1977 GMC pick-up truck. The pick-up for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons involved in a

homicide.

On June 26, 1997, at approximately 4:45 a.m., officers of the Las Cruces Police Department were dispatched to the area of 1647 Mahaney, space 32, in reference to a subject outside yelling and making a lot of noise.

Upon arrival, officers located a subject, later identified as David Campos, lying motionless in the back of

truck was parked in front of space 40. Campos had suffered one stab wound, which was determined to be fatal.

If you have any information regarding this crime or any other crimes, you can all 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



Officer dies in accident

A first-year Las Cruces police officer died July 26 in a motorcycle accident at the intersection of E. Lohman Ave. and Indian Hollow Road, according to a press release.

David Andrew Cordova, 24, was traveling east on Lohman Avenue on a personally owned 2005 Yamaha when at around 9:30 p.m. his motorcycle struck a 2003 maroon Mercury that was exiting Indian Hollow. Cordova, was not wearing a helmet. No charges have been filed.



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- At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, evening program on "The Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks.'
- At 8:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, evening program on "Star Talk: Watch the Stars Come Out and Learn the Summer Constellations.
- At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11, evening program on "Land of Lost Borders.

Schedule is subject to change. For more information, call 479-6124 or 679-2599 ext. 230, or visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

Benefit car wash

There will be a benefit car wash at Lube 'n' Go, 2141 E. Lohman Ave., on Sunday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations will benefit the family of a local man recently injured in a motorcycle accident.

Volunteers for victim assistance

The Las Cruces Police Department's Victims Assistance Unit is accepting applications for volunteers interested in becoming Crisis Intervention Response Team

The Crisis Intervention Response Team works with crime victims by informing them of their rights, the procedures of the criminal justice system and the laws of New Mexico that deal with domestic violence and other issues.

Applicants must be able to speak English as their primary language. Those who are also fluent in Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants should be at least 21 years of age, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation and must be able to pass a criminal background check. Those selected will attend a 40-hour training academy and must be able to make a one-year commitment to the program. Volunteer advocates are asked to be oncall one weekend a month.

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For more information, contact the City Council Office at 541-2066.

The TTY number is 541-2182.

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enforcement and victim's assistance.

Those interested in volunteering their time are asked to call Lana Weir, volunteer coordinator for the LCPD Victims Assistance Unit, at 528-4111 or TTY at 528-3541. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 17.

Detention center cadets graduate

The Doña Ana County Detention Center will graduate eight detention officer cadets on Friday, Aug. 3.

The graduating cadets have satisfactorily completed the six-week Basic Detention Officers' Academy, which consists of physical training, classroom instruction and field experience.

The graduating cadets are Debbie Dorado, Joshua Dresser, Roy Garcia, Rebecca Hanks, Jorge Herrera, Michael Prince, Michael Prangner and Emmanual Sianez.

Commencement will be held in the Commission Cham-

bers of the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 3. The public is encouraged to attend.

Family life seminars at library

The Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., and Alice B. Davenport, certified Family Life Educator, are co-sponsoring a series of free Family Life Education Seminars on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the Terrace Gallery.

On Aug. 5 the seminar will be "Connections: The need to find your biological roots," and on Aug. 19, the seminar will be "Parents: Dealing with your children's divorce and the grandkids."

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

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Info: 505-523-6586

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**HE = Holy Eucharist, *P = Prayers

Assemblies of God

Central Assembly of God

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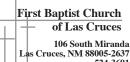
Baptist

East Mesa Baptist Church

Sunday bible study 9am Sunday worship 10:15 am & 6 pm

Children's Church Sun 10:30am

Pastor Linvell Tisdale 6160 Moongate • 382-0386



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CHURCH NEWS

■ SONOMA SPRINGS **DEDICATION**

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will speak at the dedication of Sonoma Springs Presbyterian Church's new facility at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. The church is located at 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave. The public is invited to the dedication and a reception will follow the celebration. Sonoma Springs Church, which moved into its new facility earlier this year, is an orthodox member congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Church features a blend of contemporary and traditional styles of worship and was designed with that in mind. For more information, call 526-4907.

■ EDDIE B. AT CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a power-packed time of song and ministry with Eddie B. as he returns to Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. For more information, call 528-5683.

■ END TIMES SERIES

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces seeks to provide an answer to the question. "What is the world coming to?" in a month-long series of teachings on end times prophecy. The series will begin Aug. 5 and will run every Sunday night through-out August. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Chapel sanctuary, 139 S. Main St. Teachings will include "What Is the World Coming To?" on Aug. 5, by Pastor Chuck Smith. This teaching seeks to answer the question of the final days of man upon the earth and the momentous events to follow based on the prophetic and unerring account given in the book of Revelation. On Aug. 12, "Epicenter" will be presented by Pastor Skip Heitzig and Joel C. Rosenberg. Pastor Skip Heitzig documents how the current events of the Middle East will impact your future. Continuing the series on Aug. 19 will be "The Coming Last Days Temple," by biblical prophecy and Middle Eastern expert Dr. J. Randall Price Dr. Price documents a close-up look at the compelling drama of the ongoing preparations to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem in fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Closing out the series on Aug. 25 will be Pastor Chuck Smith with a "Maranatha" message that will energize your faith and enliven your hope as we await our Lord Jesus' return in light of events in our world today. Refreshments will be provided. For further information, please call the church office at 524-0985.

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



OEL COURTNEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Teens at Mesilla Valley Hospital participated in a "pilot" project Tuesday to tie fleece blankets for Project Linus that will then be given to the pediatric patients of Memorial Medical Center.

Mesilla Valley teens give back to community

By JOEL COURTNEY

Project Linus, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing blankets to children in need, has partnered with the Memorial Medical Center Auxiliary and Mesilla Valley Hospital to provide a project for teen-age girls at Mesilla Valley Hospital.

The girls tied nearly 30 fleece blankets that will be given to pediatric patients at Memorial Medical Center. The MMC Auxiliary generously provided the funding for the blankets.

"When they approached us about funding the project, we were more than happy to do it," said Kathy Fusco, president of the MMC Auxiliary.

Although confidentiality rules of Mesilla Valley Hospital prevent the use of the girls' names, each girl happily talked about the importance the work they were doing.

Many girls spoke of their Project Linus blanket they had received as a child, and how they enjoyed being able to return the favor for other children.

One girl said: "The blankets are important in developing self-esteem, dealing with emotional distress and having security."

Several other girls said they would gladly continue working with Project Linus after leaving Mesilla Valley

Another girl said: "I just want all the kids to know that their blanket was made with love, and they should cherish them the way we cherish the work we did."

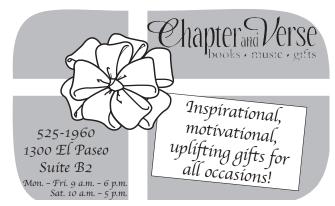
The project was organized by Dayle Sillerud, Las Cruces Chapter coordinator for Project Linus, and Dede Jackson, a nurse at Mesilla Valley Hospital.

"I think it builds our community to have cooperative ventures," Sillerud said. "One of the missions of Project Linus is to provide opportunities for service that benefits children. I hope that the girls who made the blankets today will feel the enjoyment of doing something with their hands and their hearts in making blankets that will give security, comfort and warmth to other children."

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"I think this is an outstanding project," said Maggie McCowen, new CEO for Mesilla Valley Hospital. "It gives our kids a chance to do something for others, and that's part of the healing process."

According to Sillerud, Project Linus is eager to repeat this project at Mesilla Valley Hospital, and groups or businesses that would like to sponsor a session should contact her at 532-4602 or sillerud@comcast.net.



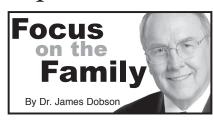
Marriage built on commitment can weather the storms of life

Strong marriages require iron-willed determination

My uncle and aunt were happily married for nine years before a couple of terrible things happened. First, their youngest child drowned in a neighborhood pool, and then my uncle was injured in an automobile accident. Instead of bringing them together, these two events drove them apart. How could they have weathered the storms? How will my fiancée and I stay together through the difficult times in our lives?

Having served on a large medical school faculty for 14 years, I watched many families go through the kind of hardship your relatives suffered. All too commonly, I saw marital relationships succumb to the pressures of personal crises. Parents who produced a mentally retarded child, for example, often blamed one another for the tragedy that confronted them. Instead of clinging together in love and reassurance, they added to their sorrows by attacking each other. I didn't condemn them for this human failing, but I did pity them for it. A basic ingredient was lacking in their relationship which remained unrecognized until their world fell off its axis. That missing component is called ... commitment.

I heard the late Dr. Francis Schaeffer speak to this issue some years ago. He described the bridges that were built in Europe by the Romans in the first and second centuries A.D. They are still standing today, despite the unreinforced brick and mortar with which they were made. Why haven't they collapsed in this modern era of heavy trucks and equipment? They remain intact because they are used for nothing but foot traffic. If an 18-wheeler were



driven across the historic structures, they would crumble in a great cloud of dust and debris.

Marriages that lack an iron-willed determination to hang together are like the fragile Roman bridges. They appear to be secure and may indeed remain upright ... until they are put under heavy pressure. That's when the seams split and the foundation crumbles. It appears to me that many young couples today are in that precarious position. Their relationships are constructed of unreinforced mud, which will not withstand the weighty trials lying ahead. The determination to survive together is simply not there.

It's not only the great tragedies of life but also the daily frustrations that wear and tear on a marriage. These minor irritants when accumulated over time may even be more threatening to a marriage than the catastrophic events that crash into our lives. And yes, there are times in every good marriage when a husband and wife don't like each other very much. There are occasions when they feel as though they will never be in love again. Emotions are like that. They flatten out occasionally like an automobile tire with a nail in the tread. Riding on the rim is a pretty bumpy experience for everyone on

Let's return to your specific ques-

tion. What will you do when unexpected tornadoes blow through your home or when the doldrums leave your sails sagging and silent? Will you pack it in and go home to Mama? Will you pout and cry and seek ways to strike back? Or will your commitment hold you steady? If you want your marriage to last a lifetime, you must set your jaw and clench your fists. Make up your mind that nothing short of death will ever be permitted to come between the two of you. Nothing!

What causes attention deficit disorder?

It is believed to be inherited. Russell Barkley of the Department of Psychiatry at the SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, N.Y., estimates that 40 percent of ADD kids have a parent with similar symptoms, and 35 percent have an affected sibling. If one identical twin is affected, the chances are between 80 and 92 percent that his or her sibling will be also. ADD is two to three times as likely to be diagnosed in boys as girls.

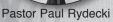
The cause of ADD is unknown, but is probably associated with subtle differences in brain structure, its neural pathways, its chemistry, its blood supply or its electrical system. As of this writing some interesting hypotheses are emerging, although definitive conclusions can't yet be drawn.

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.

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LOOKING BACK

This week in the history
** of the Mesilla Valley ***

75 years ago 1932 • Postmaster Charles C. Lee was concerned that many businesses were having their own personnel deliver monthly statements to save money on increased postage. He noted that postal service and employ-

ee numbers are based on post office gross receipts and decreases could affect service, which would signal to other communities that Las Cruces was in a business slump.

- The Board of Education agreed to return to an earlier calendar and resume classes at Union High School the first week of September.
- Tutweiler's Dairy was selling Jersey cow milk for 10 cents a quart and six cents a pint.

50 years ago 1957 • Runoff from heavy rains in the Hatch Valley was flowing from arroyos between the Hayner Ranch and Leasburg and increasing Rio Grande volume. The Bureau of Reclamation was diverting 320 acre-feet

of excess water into farmers' crop fields to prevent flooding. The river flow at the Mesilla Dam was 2,500 cubic feet per second. Earlier, a late snow runoff also had increased the river volume. The combined capacity in the Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs was 389,000 acre-feet, the



highest since 1942. EBID manager John Gregg said that the district probably would increase the irrigation quota from 10.25 inches.

- New Mexico A&M received blue ribbons for Extension Service information training letters for county extension offices and for radio transcripts for stations throughout the state.
- The Lions de Noche received its charter and Ed C. Anderson was the president.
- In American Legion Baseball action, Las Cruces beat Alamogordo 13-2 to qualify for the state tournament.

25 years ago 1982 • Rupert Mansell looked back on his teaching career after 27 years as vocational agricultural instructor at Las Cruces High School. He said that he taught students to believe in themselves,

that each student had something he or she could excel in, but it was up to the teacher and student to learn what that was.

• Angela Pinkston, 18, was named the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Posse Queen to represent the county in the New Mexico State Fair queen contest



Many local girls attended school at the former Loretto Academy that was run by Catholic nuns.

- Wendy Snyder pitched a no-hitter as the Stacked Deck defeated the Fire Birds 11-3 to win the city's Younger than 12 Girls Softball Championship.
- Rain that measured from threequarters of an inch to two inches flooded the Las Alturas and Tellbrook areas.

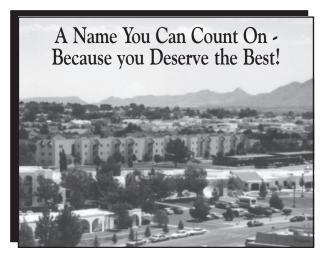
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• Ben Archer celebrated his 90th birthday in Hatch where he was honored for his many years of community service. He was on the board of directors when the new Memorial Medical Center was built and helped organize the Ben Archer Clinic for rural health service.

- Las Cruces public schools banned student beepers and pagers.
- Curtis Bounds, Stephanie Hefty and Ellen Marie Swank won 4-H Foundation scholarships.
- New Mexico State University awarded Ray Powell the Fabian Garcia Founders Award of Excellence.

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Health care advocates review study

Mathematica: Costs don't increase if all residents covered by one plan

By Todd G. DICKSON The Las Cruces Bulletin

More than a quarter of New Mexicans under 65 and without federal or institutional health care coverage are without health insurance for at least part of the year, according to newly released results of a study commissioned by the state.

That equals 432,100 people, the Mathematica study finds, and 185,000 of them are uninsured the whole year. Most of these uninsured residents are under the age of 45 and work for small companies of less than 25 employees, the study states. While only 12 percent of children are uninsured all year, 70 percent of them will be uninsured at some point during the year, the study notes.

But the Mathematica study did more than just look at who is and isn't insured. The study also analyzed health care administrative costs in comparison to proposed universal health care system costs

This part of the study found that it would cost about the same to insure everyone than to leave things status quo with many residents uninsured, said Katherine Hughes-Fraitekh of the state Health Care for All Campaign at a forum last week in Las Cruces.

The current health care spending in New Mexico for the population studied runs a little more than \$6 billion for about 1.68 million residents, according to the study. Of that, people are paying \$1.1 billion of the total expenditures out of their own pocket, the study found.

Mathematica was charged with project-

The Health Care for All Campaign advocates for:

- A health care model that covers all people living in New Mexico
- Provides structural reform of the current system
- A health care model that restrains the rising cost of health care

If you are insured

- In 2005, the average annual premium was \$3,401 for a single person and \$9,623 for a family of four.
- This year, those premiums are running an estimated \$4,500 for a single person and \$12,900 for a family of four. Source: Mathematica study

ing those costs unchanged and then how those costs would run for covering everyone under two versions of the proposed state Health Security Act, two variations of New Mexico Health Choices and "Health Coverage" - expanding Medicaid and private coverage with an individual mandate. Mathematica estimated all the options to cost about the same, with the original Health Security Act costing the least at \$6.03 billion and the two New Mexico Health Choices costing the most at about \$6.7 billion. Mathematica projected the total expenditures out five years and estimated that the original Health Security Act would still be the most affordable at a little under \$8 billion by 2011, with the status quo costing \$8.76 billion and the two Health Choices options exceeding \$9 billion each.

Despite the favorable evaluation for the Health Security Act legislation, members of a governor's commission on health care which commissioned the study - couldn't agree on which model they liked best and agreed with Gov. Bill Richardson's recommendation to create a state health care authority and get more input from the health insurance industry.

Doña Ana County commissioner Oscar Vasquez Butler, who attended the forum, said he didn't understand the governor's reluctance to embrace the Health Security Act. Fellow commissioner and Democratic candidate for U.S. representative Bill McCamley said the establishment of a health care authority seemed to merely create more bureaucracy and made a



Dick Mason, right, and Katherine Hughes Fraitekh, both with the **New Mexico Health Care** for All Campaign, answer questions at a forum July 25 in the Doña Ana County commission chambers. The forum reviewed findings from a state-commissioned study about health care costs and insurance coverage in New Mexico.

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waste of the \$337,000 spent on the Math-

Dick Mason of the Health Care for All Campaign urged those in attendance to let policymakers know what they think about the study. While acknowledging that his organization hasn't yet endorsed one of the universal health care models, he urged people to pressure the state's politicians to resolve this question in the next legislative

session.
"We agree with your frustration,"
Hughes-Fraitekh told the audience. "That's why we're bringing the information out in

In Doña Ana County

- More than 25 percent of the population lives below the poverty level, according to the 2000 Census
- Of the state's 55 federally designated underdeveloped communities – or colonias – 37 are in Doña Ana County.
- The New Mexico Environment Department estimates that 97 percent of residents in colonias are Hispanic with an average income of \$5,000, and 85 percent of these residents are U.S. citizens.

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West Nile virus found in city

County resident hospitalized, Alameda neighborhood sprayed

By Todd G. Dickson

The New Mexico Department of Health this week announced the second human West Nile virus case in New Mexico so far

The two cases are: A 66-year-old man from Doña Ana County was hospitalized with West Nile meningitis in Texas and has been hospitalized since July 19.

A 57-year-old woman from Chaves County was also hospitalized in Texas with West Nile meningitis, and she has been hospitalized since July 18.

Meanwhile, the city of Las Cruces reported that a pool of mosquitoes captured in traps in the north Alameda District of Las Cruces have tested positive for West

The mosquitoes were trapped July 19 and the New Mexico Environment Department confirmed that the mosquitoes tested positive for the virus.

The species caught are predominantly "container species," which means they breed in standing water in containers located in residential back yards.

To help eradicate mosquitoes in the impacted area and to prevent the spread of West Nile virus-breeding mosquitoes, Entomology Consultants, a mosquito management firm contracted by the city of Las Cruces, fogged a one-square-mile area of the north Alameda District and another one-square-mile area to the south and west

of the area.

The fogging area was from Three Crosses Avenue to Amador Avenue and North Main Street to Valley Drive.

Recent heavy rains, seasonal residential watering and farm irrigation have created a breeding environment for mosquitoes.

The city reminds residents to protect themselves from the potential threat of West Nile virus

Anything that holds water for more than a few days is a potential breeding site. Residents can help identify and eliminate any standing water that may collect in areas around residents, such as open boats, tree holes, bird baths, clogged rain gutters, pet dishes, sumps, water gardens, leaky watering equipment, wheelbarrows, buckets, ponds, kiddie pools, old tires, tarps, rain barrels, barbeques and neglected hot

Protect yourself and your family by eliminating all sources of standing water. Check and repair screens on windows and doors. When outside, wear protective clothing (long sleeves, long pants, socks) and use a mosquito repellent product that contains DEET. Read the label carefully and follow directions.

The following hotline numbers are available to report mosquitoes:

City of Las Cruces Mosquito Hotline:

- 541-2547
- Doña Ana County Vector Control: 526-8150
- Town of Mesilla: 524-3624
- Village of Hatch: 267-5216

Common West Nile symptoms are fever, nausea, headache and muscle aches. In rare cases, West Nile virus can cause meningitis or encephalitis. If someone has these symptoms, they should see their health care provider. People older than 50 are at most risk for serious disease from West Nile virus.

Both meningitis and encephalitis can be fatal, especially in the elderly. However, most people who become infected have either no symptoms or have only mild symptoms, and less than 1 percent of all people infected, including those who have no symptoms and have not been tested, develop meningitis or encephalitis. Meningitis is an infection of the lining around the rain, while encephalitis is an infection of the brain itself.

Last year's first case of West Nile was in late July, and there were a total of eight cases with one fatality. In 2005 there were a total of 33 laboratory confirmed cases with two fatalities. In 2004 there were 88 cases with four fatalities, and in 2003 there were 209 cases with four fatalities

"We see the most cases of West Nile, including fatalities, in July and August," said State Epidemiologist C. Mack Sewell.
"Fortunately, it is easy to protect yourself by taking precautions, such as using a repellent when you are outdoors, especially during the evening and early morning when mosquitoes are most active.

The department has set up a West Nile surveillance system across the state and provides traps, shipping and testing for local mosquito control programs that collect mosquitoes.

The recent rains across the state have created numerous breeding sites for mosquitoes," said Dr. Paul Ettestad, state public health veterinarian. "Protecting yourself from mosquitoes is especially important as summer progresses and the number of mosquitoes increase."

To protect yourself from West Nile infection, the state recommends the following.

- Use insect repellent on exposed skin when you go outdoors. Products con-taining DEET or Picaridin can provide long-lasting protection. Use products with no more than 35 percent DEET for adults and follow the directions on the label for children from ages 2-12. Natural products containing soybean oil or oil of lemon eucalyptus have also been shown to be effective but need to be applied more often.
- When weather permits, wear loose-fit-ting, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks. Mosquitoes can bite through thin clothing, so use an EPA-registered
- repellent on your clothing.
 The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for mosquitoes. Take extra care to use repellent and protective clothing, or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.
- Keep windows and doors closed if not screened. If you leave your house doors or windows open, make sure they have screens that fit tightly and have no
- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Regularly change water from old tires, flowerpots, trash containers, swimming pools, birdbaths, pet bowls,
- Vaccinate your horses against West Nile virus, as well as Western Equine Encephalitis, which is also carried by
- mosquitoes.

 Do not use inspect repellent on cats and dogs. So far, both have been resistant to the virus.

To learn more, visit the DOH website at www.health.state.nm.us/epi/wnv.html.

The other side of West **Nile virus**

By Melissa St. Aude

When Hank Willemsa of Radium Springs developed a fever and body aches last May, he thought he had a bad case of the flu. When his symptoms didn't improve over a matter of days he went to his doctor who diagnosed a case of West Nile virus. But as his symptoms were the mild version of the disease, rather than the acute version, he was not given a blood test to confirm the

diagnosis.
"The doctor said it was West Nile virus," and I was down for a good period of time, Willemsa said. "I was hurting all over."

Only a small number of people who are bitten by a West Nile virus-infected mosquito will develop the severe form of the disease, which often requires hospitalization and sometimes results in death. An estimated 80 percent, like Willemsa, develop the milder version of the disease and others develop no symptoms at all. As only the acute cases of the disease are laboratory confirmed, mild cases, like Willemsa's are usually not counted by health officials.

Dr. Robert Patterson of Coventry Clinics said that the test to confirm the disease is expensive and takes time.

"By the time the results are back, most people have recovered," Patterson said. "The vast majority of patients have a clinical diagnosis based on signs and symptoms and the absence of other conditions. Most physicians treat symptomatically for mild cases of the

He said that the majority of people who become infected with West Nile virus never become ill or only feel mildly ill. They tend to treat their symptoms with over-the-counter medications and often do not seek medical attention.

"Physicians tend to see the patients who are sicker," Patterson said.

He said that people who believe they have West Nile virus, especially if they are suffering from an altered mental state, high fever or severe muscle pain should not hesitate to seek medical attention.
"There are two issues. First, the very

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West Nile virus takes deadly toll on horses

Vaccinating equines reduces infections

By MELISSA ST. AUDE The Las Cruces Bulletin

When West Nile virus was first detected in New Mexico in 2002, it quickly began to take its toll on horses throughout the state. By October of 2002, 78 horses in 14 counties were stricken with the disease and most died as a result of the infection.

The following year, 2003, more than 200 laboratory-confirmed human cases of the disease were diagnosed along with 438 known equine cases. Since then the numbers have reduced. In 2006 only eight human cases were diagnosed in New Mexico along with only two equine cases, according to the state Department of Health.

Local veterinarian J.T. "Skip" Prichard says that he hasn't seen many cases of West Nile virus in area horses lately and he feels that good equine vaccination habits are behind the declining numbers.

"Most of my clients keep up on their horse vaccinations," Prichard said.

Health officials recommend vaccinating horses against West Nile virus in the late winter or early spring so that the animal has time to build immunities against the disease before the mosquito breeding season begins.

"Immunity from the disease isn't immediate," Prichard said. "The animal needs time to develop its own immunities."

Prichard recommends vaccinating in February or March and following up with a booster as the summer mosquito season gets underway.

"We have mosquitoes here in the valley year-round," Prichard said. "I've seen cases of West Nile virus in horses on ranches that are dry and more than 20 miles from the river."

Prichard recommends a vaccination program that includes protecting horses from West Nile virus as well as encephalitis, influenza and other infections. Horse owners who haven't vaccinated their animals yet this year still have time, he said.

"The first week in July we were busy, administering a lot of vaccines," Prichard said. "I don't recommend that horse own-



Vaccinations have resulted in fewer West Nile virus cases among horses.

ers wait until next year to have their horse vaccinated, if they haven't done it yet. They should go ahead and do it now so that the horse will be protected from the fall mosquitoes."

The microbe that causes West Nile virus is a flavivirus that is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquito becomes infected when it bites an infected bird or another animal. Although West Nile virus cannot be passed to humans or other animals directly from an infected horse, the animal can act as an "incidental host," according to the National Institutes of Health, when a mosquito transmits the infection from animal to human.

"Complex interactions between the virus, birds and other animals, mosquitoes, and the environment have influenced the pattern of (West Nile virus) emergence and distribution across the United States. Yet specific factors contributing to the emergence of WNv are poorly understood," the NIH said on its West Nile virus website.

The death rate among infected horses is 25 to 40 percent and Prichard said that the animal suffers from the effects of the disease.

Symptoms of the disease in horses is often evident in the animal stumbling or becoming uncoordinated, depressed, weak in the limbs or paralyzed.

"I saw a good, healthy stallion become paralyzed by the disease and he had to be put down the next morning," Prichard said. "Once they get in that shape they're goners."

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Classes & Events

Aug 7

How Sound Affects Body, Mind and Emotions, with AwRa Bolling Tuesday, August 7, 12-1 p.m.



What You Need to Know About Decisions at the End of Life, with Attorney Katherine Blackett & Terra Van Dyke of Mesilla Valley Hospice Thursday, August 9, 10-11 a.m.



Alzheimer's Disease: Do you Know Enough? With Mary Lacy of the Alzheimer Association

Tuesday, August 14, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.



What is Probate? With Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido and Attorney Katherine Blackett

Wednesday, August 15, 10-11 a.m.

Aug 17 The Law of Attraction Workshop, with Barbara Alpher of Alpher Wellness Plus

Friday, August 17, 11 a.m.–12 p.m

Aug

Grief 101, with Yvonne Jasso, M.S., Bereavement Services Coordinator, Mesilla Valley Hospice

Monday, August 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Aug

Stress and Your Immune System, with Michael R. Rupp, MD from the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

Wednesday, August 22, 12-1 p.m.

Aug 23

How To Get Along With Others Without Giving Up Too Much of Yourself, with Al Galves, Ph.D

∫ Thursday, August 23, 10-11 a.m.

Aug

MountainView Regional Medical Center Birthday Celebration, south side of the hospital, 4311 E. Lohman, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Cake ice cream, free screenings, giveaways, games and more.

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cream, free screenings, giveaways, games and more. Friday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Aug 25

Breast Cancer Support Group held at the MVRMC Community Education Room, first floor of hospital

Saturday, August 25, 10-11:45 a.m.

Aug 28

Are You at Risk for Diabetes? With Connie Fetters of MountainView Diabetes Education Program
Tuesday, August 28, 10-11:30 a.m.

Aug 29

Safety Tip #3: Maximizing Your Independence at Home, with Maria Lourdes Lopez, MountainView Regional Medical Center Registered Occupational Therapist

Thursday, August 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Aug 30

Diabetes Roundup Networking Group, with the MountainView Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education Center, held in the NMSU Room, 3rd floor of the hospital.

Tuesday, August 30, 1-2:30 p.m.

Aug

Information and Assistance for the Primary Caregiver of a Loved One With Dementia, with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care Thursday, August 30, 11 a.m.–12 p.m

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■ NEW MEXICO SENIOR GAMES HEALTH EXPO

A health expo will be held in conjunction with the New Mexico Senior Olympic games on Friday, Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Corbett Center, Level II. The health expo is open to game participants, spectators, residents and all who wish to attend. Planned

exhibitors are companies and associations that serve seniors. A number of booths will be set up during the expo offering health and wellness information. For more information call 522-1232.

■ FAMILY FAIR DAY, "AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT CHILD **DEVELOPMENT'**

Aprendamos Intervention Team and the Children's Garden Child Development Center will host a free program on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Children's Garden Child Development Center, 200 E. Boutz Road. The program will provide parents and children a day to learn about child development. Parents may choose from six 45-minute classes that are led by licensed speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, developmental specialists, family therapists and teachers from the Children's

young and the elderly are the people most at risk of the complications from West Nile virus. They're more likely to succumb to death. Children and the elderly should be seen by a doctor right away if they have symptoms," Patterson said. "The other issue is that there are many other medical conditions that share symptoms with West Nile virus, like types of meningitis that can be treated with antibiotics. If a person says 'I have a headache, it must be West Nile virus and there's nothing that can be done about it,' they could be their own worst enemy. There could be another cause for their symptoms. People shouldn't diagnose themselves.

As Willemsa discovered, even the mild form of the disease is painful. Like many patients, Willemsa had body aches and fever. He soon became dehydrated and lost 10 pounds in three days, which later led to a kidney infection. He was put on an antibiotic to treat the kidney infection and was given painkillers to treat the pain.

West Nile virus knocks your immune

system down. It's the secondary infection you have to watch out for," Willemsa said.

West Nile virus cases run seasonally, with the greatest number of cases occurring in summer and fall when the area is at its wettest.

Although a vaccine exists for horses, there is no vaccine available to protect humans from the disease. Repelling mosquitoes remains the most effective way to protect oneself from the disease.

"We see the most cases of West Nile, including fatalities, in July and August," said DOH State Epidemiologist C. Mack Sewell. "Fortunately it is easy to protect yourself by taking precautions, such as using a repellent when you are outdoors, especially during the evening and early mornings when mosquitoes are most active."

Willemsa is now feeling better and is back to his old routine caring for his horses and ranch. But he's a bit more careful around mosquitoes.

"I make sure that I wear long sleeve shirts with collars and long pants. I've always been pretty careful, but one got me anyway," he "Getting bitten (by an infected mosquito) is like winning the lottery, but it's the

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Young Pecan expanding local plant operations

Addition should be complete in time for fall, winter harvests

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Young Pecan is strengthening its commitment to Mesilla Valley's high-quality Pecans by expanding its plant at 2455 Entrada del Sol.

James W. Swink, Young Pecan president, visited the construction site late last week and said that the company is constructing a 20,000-square-foot plant that will be used mainly for production operations.

He and Plant Manager Paul Koenig said they hope to have the new section in operation by early October in time for the fall and winter harvests.

 $\label{lem:Garland-Loman Construction Co.} Garland-Loman \ Construction \ Co. \ is \ the \\ main \ contractor.$

The plant addition will include more modern equipment for pecan cracking and sorting and will increase production by 40 percent, Swink said.

After the pecans are cracked, they are moved down a conveyor belt where the kernels are electronically separated from the shell fragments.

Swink frequently visits the Las Cruces

plant from his Florence, S.C., office to check progress on the plant construction and new equipment.

"We have been supporting New Mexico pecan growers for more than 30 years," Swink said. "New Mexico is one of the three largest pecan-producing states in the country, and the growers do a superb job of growing pecans in this valley. They produce an excellent quality of pecans."

Young Pecan was founded in 1925 in Florence and has bought pecans throughout the South, including Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama and south Texas.

The company acquired the Las Cruces facility in the 1970s. The plant processes pecans from west Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Chihuahua, Mexico. Last October, the company became a subsidiary of King Ranch.

The reputation of New Mexico pecans is spreading, and Young Pecan is shipping nuts throughout the United States and Western Europe and also has entered the Asian market, Swink said.

New Mexico's 2006 pecan harvest was 46 million pounds, 29 percent less than



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James W. Swink, Young Pecan president, checks out progress on expansion work at the Las Cruces plant at 2455 Entrada del Sol. He said he believes that the high quality of Mesilla Valley pecans makes the expansion a good investment.

2005's record year of 65 million pounds but 18 percent more than 2004's 39 million pounds, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service reported.

The 2006 pecan prices averaged \$1.85

a pound, a slight increase. The production value was \$85.1 million compared with \$110.5 million in 2005 and \$88.9 million in 2004.

See Young Pecan on PAGE B4

Computer science camps address industry shortage

Programs focus on women, bioinformatics

By NATISHA HALES

Addressing a shortage of students pursuing a career in computer science, New Mexico State University's Department of Science was hard at work this summer

Science was hard at work this summer.

The department hosted three summer camps — Young Women in Computing camp, Computer Science College camp and the High School Bioinformatics camp — for high school and community college students to interest them in pursuing a computer science degree at New Mexico State University.

"The main purpose is to draw interest in computer science," said Rachel Jensen, who is coordinating the Young Women in Computing camp. "There are a wide range of things that fall under the banner of computer science that are both interesting and exciting."

Even with a shortage of people pursu-

Even with a shortage of people pursuing careers in computer science, Jensen said the free camps are highly popular, and each year, coordinators have had to turn students away.

Each student must fulfill a grade-point average requirement, and students must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers or professors and an essay

outlining their interest in the program.

"We look at the whole student – do they express interest, do they have a willingness to learn more," Jensen said. "We try to see if they have a strong background."

By observing each student through the application process, she said each coordinator chooses a wide range of students – nine students are accepted into the college camp, 14 are admitted into the high school bioinformatics camp and 13 students are accepted into the young women camp. Jensen said the coordinators monitor the students' progress by giving them an initial assessment at the start of the camp and an exit survey when they complete the camp.

Students in this year's College Computer Science camp are studying computer science at community colleges in Las Cruces, El Paso, Farmington and Arizona. Jensen said some of the students in the college camp already have programming experience, so they are able to hone some of their skills while writing programs and working with Java, a programming language.

"They do lecture and do in-lab work so they learn how to write code," she said. "A lot of them already know it, and some of them have no experience in it."

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Rachel Baca, a participant in the High School Bioinformatics Camp sponsored by NMSU's computer science department, presents DNA cloning research, which she learned during the summer camp.

The Land of Mañana needs stuff done today

Shopping Girl fills new niche





As New Mexico is quite often referred to as the "Land of Mañana" by many, it doesn't seem like there's a need for a business specializing in errand and concierge services. But when I met with Jessica Gonzalez, owner of Shopping Girl, I was told the I'll-get-it-done-when-I-get-around-to-it attitude is not shared by as many as I thought

"I realized a lot of people don't think the service is for everyone, but I think it will help a lot of elderly. When you're taking care of Mom, you need help, and some people would rather pay than put the burden on themselves," Gonzalez said. The crew of four at Shopping Girl are

The crew of four at Shopping Girl are ready to do your grocery shopping, run your errands, take care of your pet, take care of your house and even wait for the repairman, cable guys or any special deliveries.

As a geriatric nurse, Gonzalez said she realized the need for Shopping Girl's services when family members would come in and ask for help with their loved one's bills. Although she couldn't help at the time, Gonzalez became ill and couldn't work.

"Whenever I felt good, I would ask (friends and family) if they needed me to do anything for them," she said.

Teaming up with three other stay-

at-home moms, Shopping Girl was born and officially opened for business about a week ago. The business website, www. myshoppinggirlonline.com, was launched earlier this week.

Here's how it works:

For a service such as grocery shopping, Gonzalez (or another "Shopping Girl") will come to your house, help create a list and go shopping. There's no need to pay up front for the services.

"We pay for it up front," Gonzalez said.
"I don't want anyone to think we'll take their money and run.

"And we'll go wherever you want. If you want us to go to Albertson's, we'll go to Albertson's. If you're more on a budget, we'll go to Wal-Mart for you. We're not going to be selective shoppers."

When she comes back with the groceries, dry cleaning or the dog, that's when

the customer pays.

Running errands isn't the only thing these shoppers will do. They will check on your home while you're on vacation, and if you don't want to take your pet to the kennel, they will feed, water and walk the pet for you.

In fact, Gonzalez said the only thing

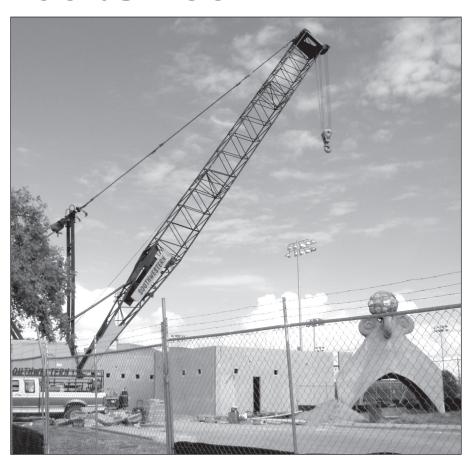
In fact, Gonzalez said the only thing the experts at Shopping Girl won't do is transport people.

"But we'll be happy to find someone who will," she said.

Right now, Gonzalez said her schedule

is open, and she's ready to go.
"The sky's the limit, really," she said.
"As we get busier, we might require a 24-hour notice, but most things we can do starting that day."

Building Las Cruces Laabs Pool

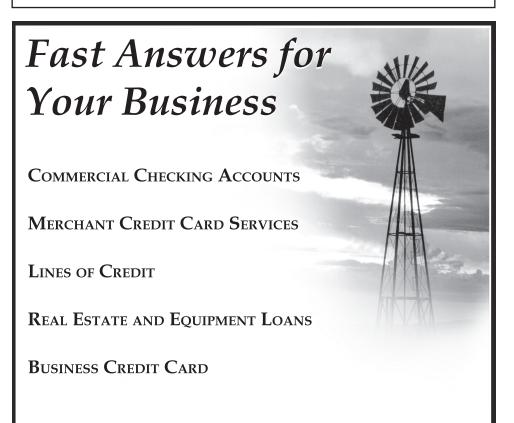


The City of Las Cruces has enlisted the help of Wooten Construction to construct the new Laabs swimming pool at Lions Park, 701 W. Picacho Ave. The new pool, estimated to cost \$1.6 million, will replace the existing one built in 1949. It will be ADA compliant with state-of-the-art equipment and furnishings.

Opening soon FedEx Kinko's



A second FedEx Kinko's store will open Aug. 20 at 2200 E. Lohman Ave., in the same shopping center as PetSmart, Old Navy and Bed, Bath and Beyond. The store will offer the same products and services as the other location at 1001 E. University Ave., said Christopher Prado, center manager.



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Dress the Child dinner reservations available

Reservations are available for the 10th annual Salvation Army Dress the Child Charity Gala Dinner, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The dinner is held each year to raise money to provide clothing for more than 450 area needy children. Area residents, athletes and concerned citizens serve as shopping guides for the children at JCPenney, and the Wal-Mart Supercenter at 571 Walton Blvd.

The theme of this year's dinner is "Taste of the USA," with each of the seven courses representing a different section of the country. All food, wine, champagne, decorations, menus and entertainment are donated, so all proceeds from the gala event benefit the

Reservations are \$50 for individuals and \$100 per couple. Reserved tables of eight are available for purchase through Friday, Sept. 28. All reservations and table purchases must be made in advance.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the gala, contact Bernadine Dallago at the Salvation Army at 524-4713; Julie Koenig of First New Mexico Bank at 556-3000; or Doug Rains at 522-8955.

Grinnell joins Counselors of Real Estate



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Wayne Grinnell, vice president of planning and development CSA Design Group Inc., a professional engineering firm in practice in southern New Mexico and West Texas, has been invited to and accepted membership

in The Counselors of Real Estate (CRE). CRE is an international organization of high-profile professionals who provide unbiased and expert advice on complex real property and land-related issues. With 1,100 members worldwide, membership is by invitation only and is offered to individuals who are considered to have extraordinary expertise in their field. Grinnell will be presented formal membership at the CRE Annual Convention in San Francisco.

Grinnell also is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and has been a practicing land use planner to both the public and private sector in West Texas and southern New Mexico for 30 years. His clients in site and subdivision design, highest and best use studies, transportation planning, zoning, land use and development have included the City of El Paso, the U.S. General Services Administration and major private property interests.

CONNECT New Mexico deadline approaching

Leadership New Mexico will launch the first session of CONNECT New Mexico, "The Next Generation of Leadership," Oct. 3-6. The program is designed to offer young professionals the opportunity to develop personal leadership skills, learn how New Mexico systems and structures work and explore critical issues facing the state. CONNECT New Mexico will encourage participants to cultivate new ideas, and they will also be introduced to recognized leaders who will provide insight into a wide range of issues and topics

There will be two sessions of CONNECT NEW MEXICO - Oct. 3-6 in Albuquerque and Dec. 5-8 in Las Cruces. Each program will involve 40 to 45 young professionals, ages 25-40, from throughout the state. Applicants must be nominated by a Leadership New Mexico graduate, and there will be a strong focus on four areas of diversity when selecting the class, including gender, ethnicity, business sector and geographic location.

Tuition for the program is \$750. Applications can be downloaded from www.leadershipnm.org, and the application deadline is Aug. 7.

To learn more about CONNECT New Mexico or other Leadership New Mexico programs, call (505) 241-4800, email leader@leadershipnm.org or visit www. leadershipnm.org.

Sandler named Talk Show Host of the Year

Gary Sandler, president of Gary Sandler Inc. Realtors, 1240 S. Telshor Blvd., was named 2007 Talk Show Host of

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the Year by the New Mexico Broadcasters Association. Sandler earned the award in the Division 2 categorv. which includes the Roswell, Farmington, Las Cruces and Santa Fe markets.

"I'm honored to have received the award, and I appreciate the opportunity to



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share information with the listeners," said Sandler, who has been selling real estate for 33 years.

Sandler's radio show, The Real Estate Connection, is broadcast each Monday from 4 to $5:30\ p.m.$ on KSNM-AM 570. The show presents and discusses real estate, mortgage and credit issues.

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Selling to avoid foreclosure can produce positive outcome

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If you're a regular reader of this column, you already know that local and national inventories of new and existing homes are increasing in size with every passing month. You also know that the number of available buyers, especially in the existing-home segment of the market, has been on the decline since mid-summer.

As the gap between these two market components continues to widen, selling a home becomes more and more challenging. So challenging, in fact, that some homeowners will have to practically give their homes away just to get out from under mortgages they can no longer afford. But what happens when the market just won't cooperate and foreclosure appears imminent?

Before I answer that question, I want to point out that New Mexicans are in far better shape foreclosurewise then are the majority of homeowners in other states, according to Realty Trac (www.realtytrac.com). Ranked number forty-one in foreclosures during the month of June, the Land of Enchantment saw but one foreclosure for every 4,768 households. To put that number in perspective, the U.S. foreclosure rate during the same period was one default for every 704 households.

New Mexicans are also holding fewer sub-prime single-family mortgages than are U.S. borrowers as a whole (12 percent vs. 18.9 percent), according to the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBAA). That means fewer possibilities of default, which may be a contributor to New Mexico's 45.3 percent decline in foreclosures from May of 2007 and the 66.85 percent decline in filings from June of 2006. OK, back to the question: What if foreclosure appears imminent?

The first order of business is to buy as much time as possible. First, phone your lender immediately. Repeat: Immediately. Theoretically, having more time to sell a property generates a higher sales price and your lender has the power to grant you more time. The second order of business is to use the time wisely. Using the time wisely includes finding out exactly what has to be done to dispose of the property.

In some cases, an owner can offer his or her lender a deed in lieu of foreclosure. While deeding the property back to the lender to avoid the foreclosure sounds like a simple remedy, it is not. The legal ramifications for both the lender and the borrower can be significant, so tax and legal advise should be obtained before choosing this option.

In most cases, however, "pre-foreclosure" homes are listed for sale and "retailed" alongside all of the other properties that are on the market at the time. If a Las Cruces area pre-foreclosure property were put on the market July 30, 2007, it would have had 1,616 other competing homes to contend with, according to the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR).

The next order of business is to price the property competitively and put in place an aggressive marketing plan. How does that work? I'll explain in detail next week. In the meantime, I hope to ...

See you at closing!

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Gary also publishes the Real Estate Connection newsletter, is a member of the Board of Directors of Las Cruces Downtown Inc., and is the 2007 recipient of the NMBA's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@sandlerteam.com

New Mexico United States Homeownership Rates 71.5% 69% 68.9% 72% 68.8% **All Loans (Single Family)** Number of Loans 15,576,852 Dollar Volume \$11,130,642,000 \$2,817,352,293,000 \$134,289 Average Loan Amount \$180,868 Number of Loans \$53,136,331,000 Dollar Volume \$489,136,000 Average Loan Amount \$111,142 \$121,782 **VA Guaranteed** Number of Loans 2,262 149.608 Dollar Volume \$346,418,000 \$23,584,462,000 Average Loan Amount \$153,147 \$157,642 **Rural Housing (FMHA)** Number of Loans 20,748 Dollar Volume \$14,515,000 \$2,080,055,000 \$101,575 Average Loan Amount \$118,008 **Single Family Prime Originations**

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Young Pecan

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The 2006 production is the kind of harvest growers expected in an "off" year, Young Pecan plant manager Koenig said, but the quality was good.

Pecans are alternating bearing nut trees, heavy production one year is followed by light production the following year while trees rebuild their energy.

"Right now the pecan crop looks good," Koenig said. "The leaves have a good color to take in sunlight and grow pecans, and it looks like we're going to have a good load of pecans. And the rains we've been having are washing off the aphid insects."

Currently, the Mesilla Valley pecan orchards are on the normal track of development, David Salopek, New Mexico Pecan Association president, said.

"And last year's production was the biggest off year we've had on record," he said.

Reports are that Georgia's crop is looking promising and probably will be the top producing state this year. But New Mexico will be the second, Salopek believes.

"Doña Ana County is probably the biggest pecan-producing county in the United States," he said.

And he believes that the Young Pecan's expansion proves how important New Mexico is to the pecan industry.

"Young Pecan is making a financial commitment to the pecan industry here because it feels positive about the pecan industry in the Mesilla Valley," he said.

Les Fletcher reported that his pecan orchard north of Las Cruces is looking good, promising a heavy yield, although it may be down a certain percent from the record harvest two years ago. Many growers have been pruning trees, a regular management practice, and a wind storm in June damaged several trees.

"In our area there were gusts up to 45 to 50 milesper-hour for more than an hour, and a lot of branches were broken off," Fletcher said. "It was a rare event and it did a lot of damage, something I hope that I never see again."

Fletcher feels positive about Young Pecan's expansion plans.

"It's a big, strong company and welcome in the Mesilla Valley." he said.

The New Mexico pecan industry is on a growth curve. In 1980 the production was 14.5 million in-shell pounds and had a value of \$12.3 million; in 1990, 34 million pounds had a \$52 million value, and in 2000, 35 million pounds produced a \$47.9 million value.

Doña Ana is a leading production county with 23,743 acres of bearing trees. In 2005, the record year, Doña Ana growers harvested 48 million pounds of pecans.

The figures were reported in the latest New Mexico Agricultural Statistics publication.





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'Nobody's gonna break her stride'

DACC's dual-credit program a success

By TERI HOPE

Measuring the success of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in the Southwestern Region is very simple; if you don't succeed, then we don't succeed. Elizabeth Quizada's success, therefore, is celebrated not only by the 42 members of the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board (SAWDB), but by the numerous WIA program providers and participants who are working each year to improve the local job market and labor force.

The success of the Doña Ana Community College Bridge Manufacturing Program and its participants "testify to what can be accomplished when government, education and industry get together in a united effort," said Vince Thomas, program coordinator. The program was launched in 2005 using \$140,000 in WIA funds and Carl Perkins funding, along with another \$25,000 in WIA funding provided last year. Currently it is contracted with WIA's Youth Program in Doña Ana County, Families and Youth, Inc. (FYI).

In response to New Mexican manufacturers who expressed concern about their hiring needs and the lack of skilled laborers in the region, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman asked his local staff to

help link education with employment opportunities. Gov. Bill Richardson also offered his support, directing his local staff to help create and launch this program. He identified Gadsden School District as the focal point for the pilot program. Organizers developed a curriculum that supports many different types of manufacturing activities and ensures that all students have a chance to succeed while earning both college and high school credit.

Quizada was one of the first students to go through the dual-credit program. Coming "from a lower income family," Thomas said, Quizada faced many obstacles to education. "This is sad for such a bright young lady. With help from WIA she was able to go through the program and is now attending DACC full time, studying architectural drafting with the hope of continuing at (the University of New Mexico) to become an architect," he said. "Elizabeth currently works for DACC in its work-study program helping (bridge program) instructor John Pallares."

"The bridge program encouraged me to go on," Quizada said. "It showed me that I could do something great with my life. I also had an opportunity to be exposed to college life and to believe that I could do it," she added.

The success of the program itself has



Elizabeth Quizada, standing, once a participant in DACC's dual-credit program, now works for DACC helping program instructor John Pallares.

garnered national attention, with recognition last year by the U.S. Department of Education in Washington D.C. as a model for future programs nationwide. The program recently graduated its third class, and with its contract with WIA provider FYI, it plans to launch its fourth class in the coming weeks.

"This program gives young people hope, lets them know they can succeed, that it is possible," Thomas said. He noted that many students coming into his program feel that they don't have many options for their future after high school, but go on to attend a secondary educational institutes. The southwestern region -- which includes Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, and

Socorro counties – faces many unique economic and rural conditions.

Five students from the first class were able to find jobs with ADC Telecommunications, a manufacturing company in the Santa Teresa Industrial Park. Thomas noted that he ran into one of these students who was "simply thrilled to death" with his ongoing employment. "He said to me that if it had not been for the program he wouldn't be where he is now," Thomas said.

Teri Hope is the outreach technical specialist for the SAWDB and can be reached at (505) 744-4857 or by visiting www.swjobconnect. org. Visit your local office of Workforce Solutions for information on Workforce Investment Opportunities.

Computer science

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High school freshmen and above are welcome to join the High School Bioinformatics camp, which focus on a combination of biology and technology. In this camp, Jensen said, students learn to conduct biological research using computer programs and databases.

"Students can research diseases, use databases to compare DNA sequences, find out why mutations happen," she said. "There are a lot of interesting things."

Girls that are in 10th grade or above can apply for the Young Women in Com-

More than 30 students participated in three camps hosted by NMSU's Department of Computer Science – the Computer Science College Camp, High School Bioinformatics Camp and Young Women in Computing.

puting camp. Jensen said the main goal for the young women camp is to teach them basic programming through animation. The girls also work with robotics and learn to program robots to do different actions, such as tell one color from another

While there are hundreds of computer science camps around the United States, Jensen said the NMSU camps are unique because they are free. All local students are paid a stipend to attend and receive lunch during the day camp. Students from out of town stay in dormitories on campus and receive a meal plan, Jensen said.

meal plan, Jensen said.

"They get paid to learn, which makes it even better for a lot of students," she said. "Most computer science camps around the United States are pretty expensive."

For the last two weeks, all three camps have merged and have focused on bioinformatics through in-lab research. They learned how to use databases and spent the last week working on presention.

"They all kind of work together, and they get to experience working in groups with people that they may otherwise never have interaction with at all," Jen-

All students create large posters on a topic of their choice related to bioinformatics and research they've conducted and presented them Friday during a small fair in the atrium of NMSU's Science Hall. College camp students also presented computer programs they created with their research

ated with their research.

"Some students did AIDS, some did
the Ebola virus," Jensen said. "We had

parents come in, and we invited other NMSU departments to come see their accomplishments.

"The students each took turns presenting what they learned, how they did their research and professors asked them questions. We tried to have it as a fun thing. They're proud of the work they've done. You see the things they've accomplished and what they've learned. We definitely have a very intelligent group of students."

Though they receive a well-rounded background in computer science during the summer camp, each student also is introduced to the university and community, Jensen said.

"We also try to do one fun activity a week – swing dancing lessons, bowling, game night, movie night," she said. "The young women have seminar days, like a self-defense class. We give them a taste of what we have around town."

Many of the camps are in their second or third years, so it is difficult to tell whether they have made the transition to New Mexico State University, Jensen said. However, three or four of the attendees of the Young Women in Computing camp have expressed a strong interest in attending NMSU and majoring in computer science.

"Most of our students are already interested in the sciences," Jensen said. "With computer science they've found that it's interesting or cool, or that it's not what they thought it was

"We need a little bit more time to see if it's successful in that way. They're starting to graduate, and we will be able to gauge whether we have drawn them toward our program."

= IN GOOD COMPANY: CASEY CARPET OF LAS CRUCES =

Casey Carpet offers exclusive products, warranties

Only Stainmaster Flooring Center in area

By Natisha Hales

When it comes to flooring, most customers mainly think of durability and stain resistance in addition to style, color

The employees of Casey Carpet of Las Cruces - which includes 15 showroom employees and 50 to 60 installers - think the same thing. As the area's only Stainmaster Flooring Center and a franchise of Flooring America, the store is able to offer services and warranties others are not able to find anywhere else in town.

"It gives us a competitive edge, but it also helps consumers buy top-of-the-line products," said Gina Hoffman Schweinebraten, vice president of Casey Carpet. "Some of our products are exclusive, and

you can't get them anywhere else."

Not only does Casey Carpet offer a lifetime warranty on all retail installations, but Stainmaster warranties are also transferable to new owners. Certain styles and products also come with a 30- to 60day satisfaction guarantee.

Each flooring expert at Casey Carpet of Las Cruces is trained to provide

expertise on Casey Carpet's exclusive products, as well as other products throughout the store - residential and commercial carpeting; laminate, sheet vinyl and hardwood flooring; ceramic and porcelain tile; and a complete line of window treat-

"They're constantly training," she said. "They're well trained by Flooring America and Stainmaster national programs.

"A customer can come in without a real idea of what they want, and the staff is trained to help find the most fit floor for our consumers. Whether it's style or performance, they're trained to find the right one.'

The president of the company, Hank Schweinebraten, started out as a sales coordinator himself. A family friend in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio, had opened a Casev Carpet store in Las Cruces in 1982, and he came in 1983. In 1989, Hank Schweinebraten was presented with the opportunity to buy the store, and he

In 1999, Casey Carpet moved to its current location, 1515 W. Amador Ave. The store has gained a reputation as one of the largest commercial flooring centers in southern New Mexico.

"He's well known throughout the state of New Mexico," Gina said.



The Casey Carpet of Las Cruces showroom and warehouse is located at 1515 W. Amador Ave.

"People call from Albuquerque and Santa Fe for Casey Carpet."

Though the company is a full-service flooring center and provides services for every customer - retail, wholesale and commercial - Hank Schweinebraten said commercial flooring is really the company's forté.

"Our only real competition would be in Albuquerque," he said. "We do all of the city and (New Mexico State University) and a lot of the (Las Cruces Public) Schools' work, and we deal with top general contractors.

When Hank Schweinebraten isn't busy dealing with government entities and top general contractors, he also does what he

can to contribute to the community.

He is an Aggie Athletic Fund boost-

er, and he said he provides small donations when he can. After the Hatch flooding, Casey Carpet donated a substantial amount of flooring during relief efforts.

Hank stays in touch with the community as a member of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association and the New Mexico Floor Covering Association. But he comes in touch with most of the community through his business with an innovative showroom, exclusive, high-quality products and a staff that provides great customer service.

Because of their commitment to each consumer, business hasn't slowed.

"Interest rates have gone up and the housing market trend has slowed," Gina said. "Our business grows despite all of that, and that's a reflection of us."

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Talking business with President Hank Schweinebraten

What inspired you to go into business

Casey Carpet was already a family-owned business. I was the acting manager at the time, so when the business eventually became available for purchase, I decided to buy it myself.

What is unique about your business? Although we are privately owned and operated, we are a national franchise operation of Flooring America, and we are southern New Mexico's exclusive Stainmaster Flooring Center.

Who are your customers?

We service cash and carry, retail, homebuilders, commercial contractors and institutional accounts such as New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces.

Where do you see the business in five

years?
We predict that business will double, not only as a result of the dramatic growth occurring in the area, but also because of our strong performance.

What is your business philosophy? Our business philosophy has always been to remain diversified by contracting our goods and services within all sectors of the marketplace. This includes retail and wholesale consumers, as well as homebuilders and institutional clients.

What is the best part of your job? I particularly enjoy working with the many Las Crucens who have helped to make Casey Carpet of Las Cruces the success that it is today. Our customers are not just people who buy from us; most of them become dear friends.

How do you keep your competitive

We provide superior service.

How are you marketing the store? Although we rely on most traditional advertising venues to market ourselves, word-of-mouth advertising has proven to be our biggest asset.

What do you look for in an employee? Honesty, integrity, accountability and a strong desire to learn and grow as a professional.

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

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The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours was held Thursday, July 26, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.



Musician David Valenzuela provided entertainment on the patio as guests enjoyed drinks and hors



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Hotel Encanto General Manager Susan Raitt and Sales Manager Audrey Valdez with Troy Tudor



Researchers to develop flood-prediction capabilities

Previous floods provide test cases

A team of New Mexico State University researchers has been funded by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) to develop tools for rapid monitoring and prediction of water levels in the Rio Grande Basin.

The agency, a part of the Department of Defense, is providing \$450,000 over three years for the project through its University Research Initiative program. The researchers will enhance existing software tools and develop new techniques for using remote-sensing data to monitor water levels and predict events such as flash floods with precision not currently

The project will create a hydrologic model of the Rio Grande Basin from El Paso north to the river's headwaters in southern Colorado, said Bill Stein, senior imagery analyst with NMSU's Physical Science Laboratory and one of the lead scientists on the project.

Using 25 years' worth of meteorological and hydrological data, plus continuous updates from satellite imagery and other remote-sensing techniques, the researchers aim to develop tools to monitor and predict flows in real time.

"I'm not aware of any operational capability in the country right now to do flash flood forecasting with the level of detail that we're going to attempt," said Max Bleiweiss, a scientist in the NMSU College of Agriculture and Home Economics and co-principal investigator on the proj-"With the data we'll have available to us, we should be able to come up with

A question still to be answered, Stein said, "is how rapidly can you do that?"

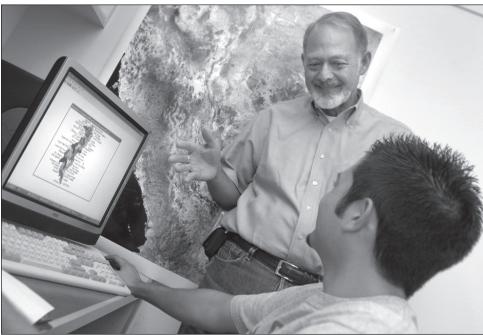
Data from the devastating flood that occurred in Hatch last year, as well as other flash flooding in the area in recent years, will provide useful test cases as the scientists develop the prediction capabilities of the software tools, Bleiweiss said.

The tools, which will be adaptable to other river basins and reservoirs, will be made available to the NGA for use in disaster monitoring and crisis response

"In addition to supporting the Defense Department, the NGA has been involved in some of the environmental disasters we've had in the United States in recent years, like Hurricane Katrina," Stein said. "They provide imagery and help in recovery efforts. So to have software tools that could be used to predict flooding in the United States or in areas where troops might be would be very helpful to the

The tools should have other applications in managing water resources as well as predicting and responding to problems, the researchers said.

Stein is a former NGA research scientist who joined PSL after retiring in 2005. Bleiweiss, director of NMSU's Center for Applied Remote Sensing in Agriculture, Meteorology and Environment, was a physicist with the Army Research Laboratory from 1992 to 2005. The NMSU team also includes Thomas Schmugge, the Gerald Thomas Professor of Water Resources at



Max Bleiweiss, director of NMSU's Center for Applied Remote Sensing in Agriculture, Meteorology and Environment, works with student Phillip Lujan on software for monitoring and predicting water levels.

NMSU and former senior researcher at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hydrology and Remote Sensing Laboratory.

The group plans to collaborate with the PSL's unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) program, with Sandia National Laboratories, and with international consultants.

Stein said the project will be undertaken in three stages.

"The first stage is to get the software up and running, and perhaps to put a sensor on a UAV to take remote sensing of the Rio Grande Basin that we can put into the software," he said. "The second part is to look at using high-resolution commercial satellite imagery. Third is to work with Sandia to get radar data in the model and see how radar does."

The radar is a type known as synthetic aperture radar, or SAR. "Sandia has the capability to fly the SAR on an airborne platform," Bleiweiss said.

As important as the real-time data will be, the researchers said, exhaustive information on pre-existing conditions will play an equally crucial role in the system's predictive capabilities.

"You need to know what the basin conditions are prior to a rainfall event," Bleiweiss said. "You need to know what the states of the soils are and what the land cover is doing and so on. If you can update that on a daily basis, when the rainfall then occurs, you can input Next Generation Radar weather radar data and other kinds of information and forecast the flood event.

Head of the class



Lt. Gov. Diane Denish took time to speak to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Las Cruces class about key issues facing New Mexico, such as immigration and health care.

Local businesses encouraged to welcome new NMSU students

By NATISHA HALES

New Mexico State University is encouraging local businesses to get

involved during Aggie Welcome Week, a four-day student orientation program led by 80 student volunteers.

Businesses can introduce themselves to new students and their families during the Las Cruces Connection Information Fair, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Corbett Center Student Union.

With a six-foot table provided by the university, businesses can tion, call 646-5089.

showcase their goods and services dur-

Student Marketing and Transitions Program Director Valerie Pickett said an estimated 650 students and their par-

ents are expected to attend Aggie Welcome Week, which provides an opportunity for incoming freshmen to meet new students, learn about campus resources, meet representatives of student organizations and find their way around campus.

The deadline to reserve a table at the Las Cruces Connection Information Fair is Aug. 13. For more informa-

Send us your business briefs!

The Las Cruces Bulletin encourages organizations, businesses and individuals to submit business and personal briefs for publication in the Business section. Please send information via email to business@lascrucesbulletin.com. Email is preferred. You may also drop them off or send them to the Bulletin at 840 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite E, Las Cruces, NM 88011.

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

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.

Briefs deadline: Fridays at noon

Synergy Network meeting

Business people seeking to grow their $businesses\ through\ creating\ relationships$ are invited to join Synergy Network at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, and alternating Wednesday mornings. The group gathers at The Planet, 2293 Divot Drive. Members have an opportunity to introduce their business each week and take turns making lengthier presentations on their products and services and having displays. They assist each other in growing their businesses by providing qualified business leads. For more information, call Anna Paradox at 640-0979.

Wednesday, Aug. 8 Date: Time: 7:30 a.m. The Planet **Location:** 2293 Divot Drive

Contact: 640-0979

Supervising seminar

Fred Prvor Seminars will present

a one-day training session on how to supervise from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Ramada Palms Resort and Conference Center, 201 E. University Ave. Attendees will learn the role of a supervisor, how to overcome obstacles and adjust to changes, among other topics. Those interested can register by call (800) 780-8469 or by visiting www.pryor.com. Cost is \$79 per person or \$74 per person for groups of five or

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 19 Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ramada Palms Resort Location:

and Conference Center 201 E. University Ave.

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MVEDA Business on the Border Forum

The August meeting of the MVEDA Business on the Border Forum will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn Columbus Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

This month's topic, "The Las Cruces Economy is Sizzling; Now for Act II," will be presented by Christopher Erickson, who has served on the faculty of the New Mexico State University Department of Economics and International Business since 1987 and is the executive editor of the New Mexico Business Outlook.

Luncheon cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. The meeting is open to the public and reservations are not required.

Tuesday, Aug. 7 Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Best Western M.V. Inn **Location**: 901 Avenida de Mesilla 525-2852

Contact:

SNM SHRM breakfast meeting

The Southern New Mexico Society for

Human Resource Management will hold a breakfast meeting from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla.

The guest speaker is Amy Fox, staff development and training manager at Tresco Inc. Her presentation will focus on identifying what motivates the adult learner, sharing facilitation techniques that encourage participants to increase their participation in the training process and showing how to increase retention of training information.

The cost is \$11 per person. RSVP to Doris Gleason at 527-7552 or gleason@nmsu. edu no later than Monday, Aug. 6.

This program has been approved for one credit hour toward PHR and SPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute.

Thursday, Aug. 9 Time: 7:30 to 9 a.m.

Location: Best Western M.V. Inn 901 Avenida de Mesilla **Contact:** Doris Gleason, 527-7552

\$22.8 million donation will benefit engineering students

Software donation is second largest received by NMSU

UGS Corp. recently made an in-kind grant of finite-element, solid-modeling software to the College of Engineering at New Mexico State University. The software, valued at \$22.8 million, is the second-largest in-kind corporate contribution ever received by NMSU.

The award was made via the Partners for the Advancement of Collaborative Engineering Education (PACE), a joint philanthropic initiative of General Motors, EDS, Sun Microsystems and UGS Corp. The group has worked together since 1999 to support key academic institutions worldwide with computer-based engineering tools to prepare mechanical designers, engineers and analysts with the skills to compete in the future.

A PACE contribution last year valued at \$112.7 million is the largest in-kind corporation contribution ever made

NMSU is part of the PACE collaboration, which now includes 38 strategically selected universities around the world, including MIT, Virginia Tech, the University of

Michigan and Georgia Tech.

The new grant from UGS is for 60 seats of I-deas software for use in digital manufacturing and product design. The software will be used primarily by students and fac-

ulty in the mechanical engineering department.
"We are very pleased with the donation of state-ofthe-art CAD design tools from UGS. Our students will be well prepared for the workforce through the use of these tools incorporated into our curriculum," said College of Engineering Dean Steven P. Castillo. Mechanical engineering associate professor Gabe Gar-

cia will use the software in applied finite elements.

"We've used this software before, but couldn't afford to continue using it. As PACE partners, we are now able to

use it again. It's very powerful software.
"We will use the software to build full three-dimensional models of objects and analyze the conditions the parts would experience in the real world," he said.

understand modeling using finite elements. There are many software programs for modeling, Garcia said, but I-deas is particularly useful in teaching because it allows students a lot of freedom in what they can do.

"It's easy to get numbers, but students need to know how to determine if the numbers are right," he said.

Finite-element modeling is used in any industry that manufactures a product. Students who understand the concepts, regardless of the software used, can apply them anywhere, said Garcia.

"We are committed to improving the technical stature of NMSU and its ability to develop world-class engineers and technologists for our global communities, customers and business partners," said Hulas King, director of GO PLM and community relations at Siemens A&D UGS PLM Software. "We believe that our combined partnership will increase the skills of the workforce, introduce the most advanced technologies and improve product life cycle management.

"We are proud to team with NMSU's strong academic leaders and gifted students to enhance manufacturing

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07-0TC-7636	Complete Building Service	Haston	Res/New	3086 Chippewa Summit	Diamond Springs	\$142,740	\$3,400
07-0TC-7596	Homeowner	Charlie Estrada	Res/Add	1515 Smith	N/A	\$25,000	\$163
07-RB1-7123	Building Systems Tech	Building Systems Tech	Res/New	4419 Galisteo	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph 3	\$183,540	\$3,495
07-0TC-7787	Charlos Homes, LLC	Charlos Homes	Res/New	6540 Teal Drake Court	Desert Song	\$142,800	\$1,801
07-OTC-7880	Homeowner	Gilbert Espinoza	Res/Add	2115 Larado Ave.	N/A	\$1,000	\$35

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Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit	
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32543	Self	Lauro & Rosa Castillo	Res/New	12455 Fort Bayard Road	Ft. Seldon Haciendas	\$414	
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32549	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6512 Phoenix St.	Inspiration Heights	\$312	
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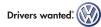




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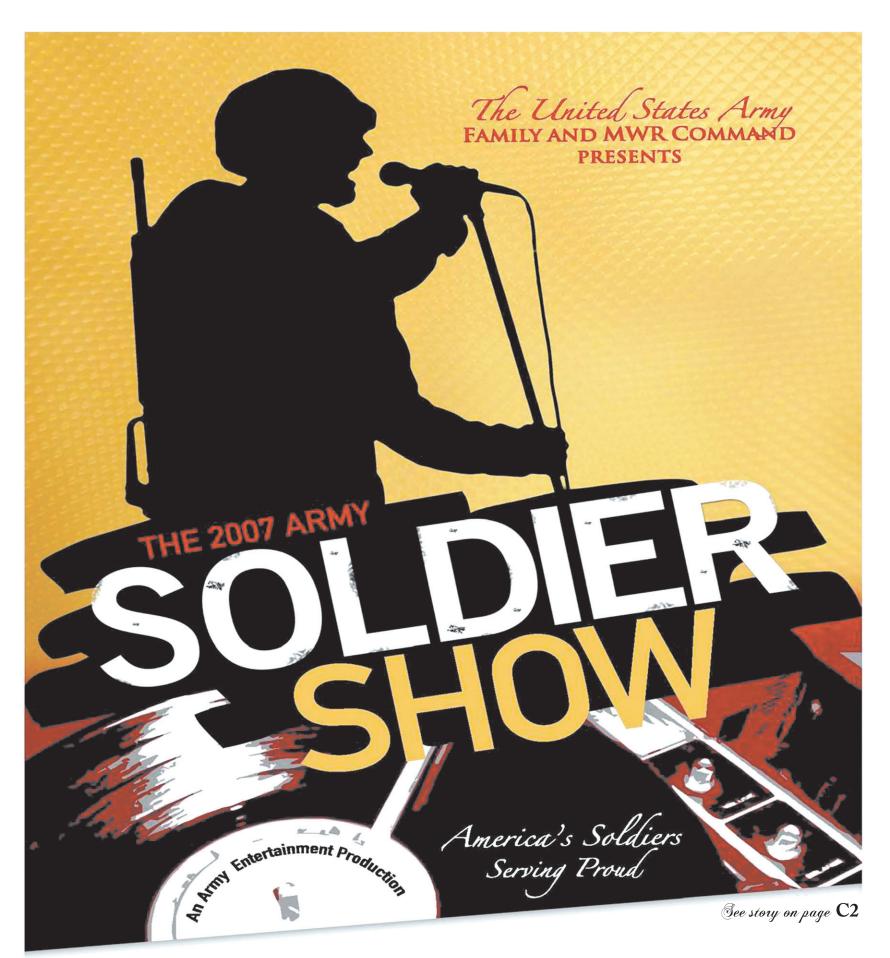
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The U.S. Army Soldier Show combines country, R&B, gospel, rock, Broadway, oldies and even classical opera to provide a free show of epic proportions.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show

Show times are: 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9

at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center

5700 Mesa Grande Drive

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For more information, call 678-1134





TIM HIPPS I USAFMWRC Public Affair

Seventeen U.S. soldiers/performers from around the world will take part in the U.S. Army Soldier Show 2007, which will be presented in two free shows at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9.

U.S. soldiers take the stage

White Sands Missile Range sponsors free Soldier Show

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The White Sands Missile Range Morale Welfare and Recreation Division have brought the finest performers from throughout the U.S. Army together for an evening of music and dance, and it's all free to the public.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show will have two shows, at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Seating for the shows is on a first-come, first-served basis, with the doors open one hour before curtain time.

"It's a whole different type of show this year," said Victor Hurtado, artistic director for Army Entertainment and the director of the Soldier Show. "We have a whole different type of energy this year."

According to a press release from WSMR, the Soldier Show is "a high-energy, 90-minute live musical review showcasing the talents of active-duty soldiers. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. They come from infantry, transportation, military police, medical, intelligence, aviation, signal and other tactical units. The show is assembled in six weeks and then tours for 6.5 months"

New cast members are selected each year for the Soldier Show. Aspiring soldiers worldwide submit application packages that include videotapes, biographies, photographs and letters of recommendation from their commanders. Soldiers must have an outstanding record in their units as well as demonstrate musical talent, movement, stage presence and versatility.

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and Family Support Center directors, soldier peers and selected senior Army leaders.

Nearly 200 soldiers applied for the 17 performer spots in the 2007 show. In addition to being scored by a panel of judges on showmanship, talent and poise, the finalists are required to pass a rigorous test of physical fitness, uniform inspection and a dance audition. Audio and lighting technicians are selected based on their military and civilian theater experience and training, recommendations and military record.

Although they've been selected to entertain, putting on

Although they've been selected to entertain, putting on the Soldier Show is no picnic for the 17 men and women chosen to participate.

Twelve- to 16-hour days for the soldiers begin with military formation followed by aerobic workouts, vocal coaching, dance training and learning how to assemble and dismantle the stage trusses. The technical crew learns computer-based lighting, audio and video functions as they design the show's lighting, sound and effects.

In addition to learning choreography, performers are required to memorize as many as 40 songs ranging from country, R&B, gospel and rock chart-toppers to Broadway tunes, movie themes, oldies, soul, patriotic songs and even classical operatic pieces combined in solos, duets, group and fast-paced production numbers that make up the show.

Once on the road, soldiers work an average 14-hour day, seven days a week for six-and-a-half months. Totally self-contained, the cast and crew offload, set-up, dismantle and load 18 tons of equipment at each stop on the tour, including four miles of cable and 100 theatrical lights.

"It's an example of who our Armed Forces are and what they're capable of doing," Hurtado said. "The program serves so many purposes other than entertaining soldiers and their families. It also serves as an outlet for our soldiers to develop as humans and as artists."

The modern version of the U.S. Army Soldier Show originated in 1983 as an outgrowth of several shows existing in various Army commands, with soldier talent selected from worldwide competition. The Army is currently celebrating the 87th anniversary of the debut of the first Army Soldier Show in 1918 and the 23rd anniversary of the modern U.S. Army Soldier Show.

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The motto, mission and philosophy of the show were established during World War I by a Russian immigrant, Sgt. Israel Beilin, also known as Irving Berlin: "Entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier." The first Army Soldier Show, "Yip Yip Yaphank," was conceived and directed by Berlin and appeared on Broadway in 1918.

Ana Castillo's "The Guardians" book signing —



Guest author Ana Castillo admires a cake created in her honor before the world premiere of her latest novel "The Guardians," Saturday evening, July 28, at the Mesilla Community Center. The event, sponsored by The Border Book Festival, included a reading from the novel by the author, a plática (conversation) between the author and Guillermina "Gina" Nuñez-Mchiri, Doctor of Cultural Anthropology at UTEP, an audience question and answer session, a raffle, a book signing by the author, and a reception. The cake, designed to look the jacket of "The Guardians," was created by the BBF's "cakeista" Laura Robles, who designs most of the cakes for The Border Book Festival events.

Ana Castillo, renowned Chicana writer, visited the Mesilla Community Center to read from her new novel "The Guardians" on Friday, July 27. The reading was sponsored by the Border Book Festival and The Cultural Center de Mesilla. The book will officially be published by Random House in August, but this reading served as the official pre-publication international kick off. Following the reading, Castillo took time to answer questions and sign books.

Castillo also is the author of "Peel My Love Like an Onion," "So Far From God" (a New York Times Notable Book), "Sapogonia" and "The Mixquiahuala Letters" (winner of the American Book Award), as well as the short story collection "Loverboys." Her books of poetry include "My Father Was a Toltec," "I Ask the Impossible" and "Watercolor Women Opaque Men" (a novel in verse). She is the recipient of a Carl Sandburg Prize and a Southwestern Booksellers Award.

In her newest tale, Regina, a virgin-widow in her 50s living in rural New Mexico, cares for her unusually disciplined teenage nephew, Gabo, who believes he's destined for the priesthood. Gabo's father often crosses the border to visit, but this time something has gone wrong, and given the gruesome fate of Gabo's mother, there is cause for alarm. As Gabo intensifies his prayers and penance, Regina, a teacher's aide unaware of her allure, asks Miguel, a chivalrous activist history teacher, for help, and he, in turn, enlists his covertly resourceful grandfather, Milton.

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Guillermina "Gina" Nuñez-Mchiri, left, Doctor of Cultural Anthropology at UTEP, chats with guest author Ana Castillo, who read from and autograph copies of her latest novel "The Guardians."





FEATURED ARTIST

Breaking through traditional molds

Fallstead dives into past and future of sculpting

By JOEL COURTNEY

Brian Fallstead doesn't just create art; he molds, bends, pushes and twists art until it is released from him.

Since the age of 8, when his mother first gave him some clay to play with, Fallstead has been sculpting. And from his first piece, a recreation of Vincent Price's mask from "The Pit and the Pendulum," his skill has grown by leaps and bounds.

Fallstead, who is dyslexic, said that working with sculpture came very natural to him, and the more he has studied dyslexia, the more he has found dyslexics tend to be very visually oriented people.

A seventh-generation Californian, Fall-stead was raised in an art-friendly environment. His grandfather was a renaissance man who did some sculpting in the 1920s and '30s, and his mother was also an artist who encouraged Fallstead to try anything he wanted.
By high school, his artistic tendencies

pushed him toward art classes, but by the middle of his freshman year, he found himself spending his time assisting the teacher with instruction.

After college, Fallstead continued his studies at West Valley College in Saratoga, Calif., as well as Sacramento City College and American River College.

"I was always a sculptor, but while I was in college I wanted to try it all. All of my professors said I need to decide what I want to do,' he said. "Now - looking back - so much time was wasted."

Although he had been selling his sculp-tures, winning awards and creating commissioned pieces since his sophomore year of high school, Fallstead said he didn't fully embrace his identity as a sculptor until his mid-30s.

"Some people create art for fun, some people create art for money and some people create art because they have to," he said. "I feel compelled to create art. I do it because I have to do it.'

He will always be crafting art, but Fall-stead said he discovered through his years of assisting teachers and working with his wife in the public school system's volunteer programs that he loves to teach.

He teaches a class for portrait bust sculptures, which will begin again in October at White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave. Fallstead also works as an assistant in the Ceramics Studio at the Las Cruces Museum

of Art, 490 N. Downtown Mall. "The (Ceramics) Studio is open all the time, and even though there's not always a teacher there, I am usually available to help people out and answer their questions," he said.

Fallstead said he especially loves his class at White Raven Studios because of the repeat interaction he gets with his students.

"My students never really go away," he said. "I tell them, You took my class last time, so now we're going to kick it up a notch."

He began in clay and has worked in every

media for sculpture, but Fallstead has found his own niche working with the 500-year-old art form of French paper mâché and his relatively modern creations of pencil rod steel. Both have allowed him to follow his passion of creating life-sized and heroic, or largerthan-life pieces.

Fallstead's work is originally sculpted in clay, then a mold is made of the clay sculpture and finally the French paper mâché is pressed into the mold.

Though paper mâché has a reputation for being structurally weak, Fallstead said that because he presses the paper mâché to approximately one-inch thick, it becomes very strong when it dries. Additionally, he seals his work by painting it with jesso.

"The key to good work is not overworking your pieces," he said.

Fallstead said he originally had to force himself to step back from his work and look at it from all angles. After teaching himself to back away from his work, he said it

has now become automatic. As well as being a very durable substance, French paper mâché has the added bonus of being quite lightweight. Fallstead lightweight. Fallstead said that one of his favorite pieces, a sculpture of a woman named "Only One View," stands six feet tall yet weighs only four pounds. "I started experimenting

and making more and more undercuts," he said. "You can just do phenomenal things with (French paper mâché)."

Fallstead's pencil rod steel work, which he said he just "pulled out of his hat" one day, provides another unique outlet for his large work that is lightweight and durable.

The steel, which usually is between .25- and 1-inch thick, is hand-bent unheated by Fallstead. Though he uses jigs to help bend his metal, Fallstead said all the curves and sharp bends of his pieces are created by his hands,

because the metal bender he purchased just didn't work as well as he would

Because the two media he prefers to work in are so labor intensive, especially the steel, Fallstead said he knows that he won't be able to do this forever. He threatens to his wife that he will take up watercolor painting as soon as he retires full time for a physically lessdemanding artistic outlet.

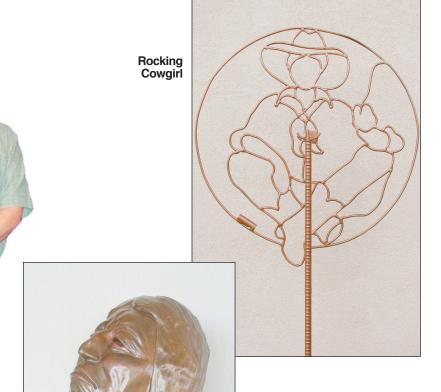
His newest creations, however, are still created using pencil rod steel. Through welding, Fallstead fashions smaller pieces together to form a three-dimensional sculpture, rather than the flat metal pieces he was bending previously.

Due to the copious amounts of time necessary to complete each new pencil rod piece, there will be no example at his upcoming show, but he said he will be creating several in the near future.

Fallstead is displaying his newest sculptures in the El Paso Electric Gallery of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall, throughout the month of August. His work also can be seen at Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, Imagine That! Artful Living in Ruidoso and Phoenix Gallery in Sacramento, Calif.



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A love story you won't forget

'Away From Her' tackles issue of love and aging

By Jeff Berg

August programming for the Fountain Theatre will offer three of the strongest lesser-known films released so far this year for art-house cinemas.

"Away From Her," this week's feature, is followed later in the month by the outstanding documentary, "Into Great Silence," which starts on Aug. 17. The month concludes with my second favorite picture (thus far) of 2007, "Once."

'Away From Her" is the directorial debut of Sarah Polley and is based on a short story by Alice Munro called "The Bear Goes Over the Mountain." Polley, a fine actress, works with one of the best actresses in the universe, Julie Christie, and comes up with a rather unusual love story.

Fiona, played by Christie, and her husband Grant, played by Gordon Pinsent, are a retired couple of the upper middle class variety.

Normally an efficient and healthy woman, Fiona notes that some of her health and behavior are becoming a bit suspect.

Grant also observes this, and in an intelligent and logical way, they begin to discuss the possibility that Fiona perhaps has the early stages of Alzheimer's.

His acceptance is marred by a strong feeling of denial, and as her condition worsens – first by the loss of recent memory, which unmasks the unresolved issues of their past - Grant becomes more and more fragile.

With great dignity and selfrespect, Fiona agrees to leave her home, her life and her husband and to move into an extended-care facility. Although her symptoms are not severe yet, both of these able people know what can happen in no short order and

take steps to circumvent what will be inevitable. The story switches gears here in an unexpected way. Fiona seems to adapt amazingly well to her new surroundings and becomes the doting attendant of another patient, a man whose illness is far worse than hers.

An understanding nurse tries to help Grant make sense of this, as his sense of loss is heightened by the attention that was once given to him which is now bestowed upon a "stranger."

Although this story sounds rather grim, it is truly not. It is so strongly written and so believable that a couple like Grant and Fiona would have such a sturdy and caring relationship, that we are swept up in the story of real love, not romantic love.

And as Grant's misery deepens, Fiona's condition worsens. There is no resolve to this, and even though deep in his heart he knows that Fiona does not "love" the man she is helping, his sense of grief and loss overcome his logic.

The casting is perfect and includes a memorable appearance by Olympia Dukakis.

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New Mexico resident Val Kilmer narrates the

CineMatinee features New Mexico filmmakers

The CineMatinee at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday Aug. 4 will be the New Mexico Filmmak-

The theater will present a feature film, and several short films, all made by New Mexico filmmakers that won a recent non-juried competition sponsored by the State of New Mexico Film Office. Several of the filmmakers will be present, and admission is free. The public is invited to come for one film or to come for all of them. The event is hosted by the State of New Mexico Film Office.

The New Mexico Filmmakers Showcase includes

the feature film "American Meth" - a blue-collar documentary of tragedy and triumph that looks not only at the overall problem of methamphet-

amine use, but at its effects on one American family. The film is narrated by New Mexico resident Val Kilmer (80 minutes).

Also featured will be: "A Piece of Pie"

– a flat tire on a lonely New Mexico road
pits two strangers together over a piece of pie (18 minutes); "Baptism of Fire" - a documentary about the experiences of British soldiers dur-ing WW I (11 minutes); "Long Haul" three women truck

drivers share their humor, insight and experiences of driving 18-wheelers for a living (20 minutes); "Saturday Night Special" – Eddie understands the mean streets of the city, and that's why he quit the life, but this night his only choices are hard ones (14 minutes, contains adult material); "Discrepancies" - two men confront the demise of their friendship in order to sort out the discrepancies of an evening of lies and harsh behavior (18 minutes, contains adult

Each and every Saturday afternoon, the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla screens a quality-talking picture (with an occasional silent one). The general theme of this ongoing series is life in the West, which could mean the "new" West, the historical West or anything in between. It also includes a number of films with a New Mexico "connection" - pictures that have been filmed in the state or have a tie of some kind with the state's historic filmmak-

All screenings begin at 1:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one block south of the plaza.





Fiona (Julie Christie) and Grant (Gordon Pinsent) deal with the effects of Alzheimer's on a marriage in "Away From Her," which screens at the Fountain Theatre beginning Friday, Aug. 3.

Polley's direction is remarkable, especially for someone who is so young and new to this part of the filmmaking craft.

Canada, believe it or not, has a pretty good-sized film

industry. It is frustrating that more of the work of Canadian filmmakers can barely make it across the border, especially such interesting films as the terrific documentary "Radiant City," which looks at the subject of - uh oh - unchecked suburban-type growth. Perhaps "Away From Her," a

winning film on all levels, will change that.

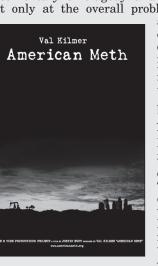
"Away From Her" is screened nightly at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. only. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

I would like to thank everyone who

sent cash donations large and small or offered their help in other ways, perhaps by volunteering time, goods, or services in the recent Save the Fountain campaign. Indeed, it looks like the Mesilla Valley Film Society will continue to operate, but perhaps under the auspices of a new land-lord land-lord land langer. For more information, contact influence. lord / lady / person. For more information, contact jeffberg@ lascrucesbulletin.com.







EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

■ HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic will expand in August to include a concert along with the open mic series. The regular first and third Friday event will continue with the open mic portion for acoustic musicians and poets beginning at 7 p.m. with sign up starting at 6:30 p.m. The event is free to the public, and light refreshments will be served. The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse takes place at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call Bob Burns, music director, at 525-9333.

■ FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Cookbooks and CDS will be featured at the Friends of Branigan Library Booksale held in the Dresp Rooms of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Puzzles, audiobooks, videos, records and books for all ages and interests will be available. Donations are always welcome. For information, call Arlene Dohr at 521-4845.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

■ TRAVELING PANTS TALK

The City of Las Cruces Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will hold a book talk and craft activity on summer favorite, Ann Brashares' "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. The program is open to 12 to 18 year olds. The book tells the story of four girls who share a great pair of jeans. Come hear the book talk and decorate your own pants. Bring a pair of jeans to decorate and your appetite, refreshments will be served. All supplies will be provided. For more information, contact Teddie Riehl or Lanee Lujan at 528-4003 or 528-4000.

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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■ MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS

Susan Long will be guest speaker at the next Mesilla Valley Writers meet, held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Long is a learning specialist, writer and artist who has published articles and reviews, edited three books and taught writing workshops for adults and children. She is currently coauthoring a book with her husband, Peter Shotwell, to be published in November. Additionally, she is working on a collection of narrative pieces regarding education and society and is illustrating a children s book she has written. Long stalk will reflect on connections between writing and art, breaking through writer □s block and how art can jumpstart and enrich the writing experience. The Mesilla Valley Writers meet the first Saturday of every month for lunch, 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, or for general information, call Vesta Siemers at 532-5897.

■ 'MARRIED ALIVE' SIGNING

Author Alan Riehl will have a booksigning at COAS My Bookstore, 317 N. Downtown Mall, from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 4. Riehl will be signing copies of his newest book, "Married Alive," and will have copies available for sale. For more information, call 524-8471.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

■ ACTING WORKSHOP

Janet Davidson will give an acting workshop from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Black Box Theatre Annex (BBToo) Rehearsal Hall, 717-A N. Mesquite St. Davidson, a Directors Guild of America director, has worked with many of the best Hollywood actors. Her short award-winning film "A Piece of Pie" is screening at the Fountain Theatre on Aug. 4. The half-day workshop, which runs from 1 to 5:30 p.m., will focus on changes theatre actors can make to apply their skills to the film world, as well focus the senses of the participants to the choices they have in everyday life. The workshop will take scenes and look at various choices to make those scenes come alive. Actors are encouraged to bring scenes they would like to work on. The workshop training is helpful in many performance situations, including the audition process. The cost is \$30 per person. Call (505) 438-6078 or email Betbuddy@msn.com to reserve a space.

■ MESILLA VALLERY JAZZ & BLUES SOCIETY

The Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m Sunday, Aug. 5, with social time beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. The program, following a short business meeting, will feature Head's Up, a jazz quartet from El Paso featuring leader/guitarist Dave Borrego and native Las Crucen Danny Garcia on saxophone and flute. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. For more information, call Bob Burns, president, at 525-9333.

■ FOLK & BLUEGRASS JAM SESSION

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will sponsor a folk and bluegrass jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at Doña Ana Community College, room 129. All players are welcome. For more information, call Janet at 526-5174.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

■ FREE SUMMER MOVIE

Allen Theatres will be offering free showings for the community every Monday throughout the summer at the Video 4, 1005 S. El Paseo Road. The free showing for August 6 is "Barnyard" (PG), which will be shown at 9 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call 523-6900.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. The group has had folks join who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. They meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop, 300 N. Downtown Continued on following previous page

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Mall. 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, AUGUST 8

■ BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Fox trot, waltz, swing, cha cha, rumba, American tango and merengue classes will be offered on a continuing basis each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the WIA Building, 340 Reymond St. This is a 14-week series, but new students may join the class at any point. Instructors are Monina and Curtis Graham. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. For more information, call 382-1640 or 496-2761.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

■ BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

Dance every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. to the music of the Ron Thielman Band at the Las Cruces County Club, 2700 N. Main St. The cost is \$6 for members and \$8 for

non-members and includes waltz lessons at 7 p.m. during August. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 382-5255 for more information.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

QUILT JUDGE AND LECTURE

Gail Cunningham will present a lecture and mock judging of quilts from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 11, at University Terrace Good Samaritan Village, 3025 Terrace Drive. Gail Cunningham, New Mexico's only National Quilting Association Certified Judge (NQACJ), will talk on "Moving into the Winners' Circle." Following the lecture, attendees will show their own quilts and have them critiqued according to a quilt judge's criteria. Attendees may also bring a wall hanging or quilt-related apparel for the mock judging. The event is sponsored by Las Colcheras Quilt Guild and is open to members and non-members for \$7 admission. Contact Linnea Egbert at 521-0521 to sign up.

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■ HAND KNITTING GUILD

The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of

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

■ LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM

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

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MONDAY, AUGUST 13

■ LAS COLCHERAS QUILT GUILD

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will meet at the Elks Lodge, 3000 Elks Drive, at 7 p.m. Las Colcheras Quilt Guild is a member organization consisting of individuals interested in promoting the art of quilting and to sharing their talents, knowledge and friendship. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and members, potential members and guests are invited to attend. For more information contact Libby Pruett at 521-3050.

■ FREE SUMMER MOVIE

Allen Theatres will be offering free showings for the community every Monday throughout the summer at the Video 4, 1005 S. El Paseo Road. The free showing for August 13 is "Everyone's Hero" (G), which will be shown at 9 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call

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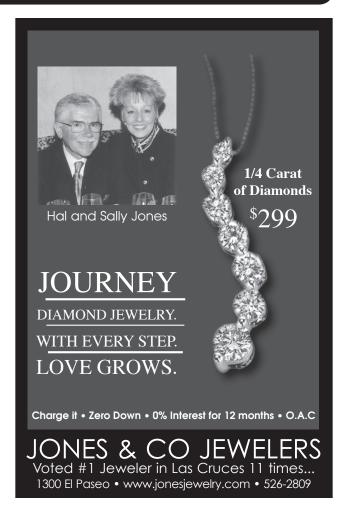


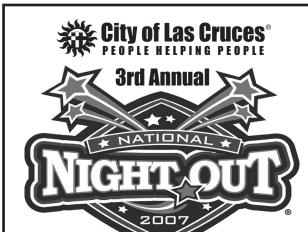
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Lowdown on Downtown

Las Cruces Downtown creates advisory council

In order to expand their outreach into the community and to enhance their base, Las Cruces Downtown has created an advisory council. This body of people will bring to the table ideas and citizen input, which may not be readily available to the LCDT Board and its scope of work. The advisory council will also be asked to study certain issues and concerns that arise with Downtown revitalization and bring their solution skills and advice to the board at large. The Downtown/Main Street of Las Cruces is the heart of the city, the cultural and historic hub, and this area belongs to everybody, not just to those who live and work on Main Street and the adjoining neighborhoods. LCDT believes that the advisory council will help them realize a larger vision during the revitalization process.

Serving thus far on the Advisory Council, will be auto dealer Lou Sisbarro; Mike Martin, president of New Mexico State University; Sally Cutter, gallery owner and arts professional; John Darden, an attorney who lives and works Downtown; Myrle Schwalm, CPA and downtown business owner; Bob McNiel, retired executive vice president of El Paso Electric; Heather Pollard, retired executive director of LCDT; Ruben Smith, past mayor of Las Cruces and property owner of buildings in the Downtown, Jim Berry, president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce; and Les Baldock, marketing director for the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

Sites Southwest wins state award for plaza design

The New Mexico MainStreet program will recognize Sites Southwest, the Albuquerque firm that designed the center portion of Main Street, for its Annual Design Award. Bob McCabe, formerly the principal architect at Sites Southwest, crafted the master plan for the Las Cruces Main Street and the plaza. The master

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Sites Southwest, the design firm responsible for the design of this enchanting and attractive portion of Main Street will be awarded the Annual Design Award by the New Mexico Main Street program.

plan has proven invaluable over the past few years and is being followed closely. Patrick Gay, the new director at Sites Southwest, will accompany McCabe to Las Vegas, N.M., where the award will be presented at the NMMS Summer Institute in mid-August. Also being honored is the City of Las Cruces and Las Cruces Downtown, for their work in the revitalization of Downtown.

LCDT welcomes three new board members

Las Cruces Downtown is pleased to announce the addition of three new board members. Art Schobey is the owner of Art Schobey Interactive, a firm dealing with sophisticated web services. He wants to serve LCDT to help spread the word and excitement about the revitalization of marketing background. He is currently a member of the Rio Grande Rotary Club and a MVEDA volunteer and partner. Schobey has served on the Branigan Cultural Center Foundation, was vice president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association and served on the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce board.

Guy Floyd is the owner of Las Cruces Abstract and Title Company, which is located in the recently remodeled historic Valencia Building on Campo Street Downtown. He says he brings to LCDT his belief, enthusiasm and his commitment to the Downtown project. He is currently a member of Mesilla Valley Rotary and St. Genevieve's Knights of Columbus. Other volunteer work includes serving on the Steering Committee and serving as tools coordinator for the building of Unidad Park.

Clay Doyle is the new V.P. for New Mexico Affairs for El Paso Electric. He is interested in serving on the Finance Team and the Communication and Marketing Team for LCDT. Doyle is currently a mem-

ber of the Kiwanis Club and a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of America. His previous volunteer work includes the Children's Miracle Network, March of Dimes and the American Heart Association. Doyle is a graduate of NMSU and currently resides in Mesilla with his family.

Cindi Fargo takes the LCDT reins

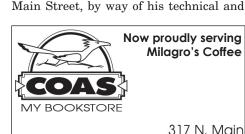


Cindi Fargo

On Aug. 1, Cindi Fargo will assume the executive director's position at Las Cruces Downtown. Fargo and her husband, Ben Maestas, have bought a home in Mesilla Park and will leave Montana to relocate in Las Cruces. The couple has a wide range of interests, including

a menagerie of sheep and horses, dogs and a cat, but only the dogs and cat will migrate from the colder climate. Maestas is a weaver who is a native of northern New Mexico, and the pair owns and operates an art gallery in Montana. They will leave their gallery under "excellent managers" and plan to open a new gallery in the Mesilla Valley, hopefully Downtown. Maestas' son and his family will follow shortly, pursuing a career in restaurant management (hopefully downtown).

Fargo has more than 15 years experience as a Main Street manager, in both Encinitas and Escondido, Calif. She is very familiar with the principles of Main-Street, which include economic development, organization, marketing and finance. Her networking experience with other Main Street managers nationwide will bring great levels of expertise to the Las Cruces revitalization process. She has had a great deal of success in business recruitment and retention, marketing and fund raising, as well as event planning. Fargo replaces Heather Pollard, who will remain on the LCDT Board of Directors and the advisory council. They will be looking for support as they leave the snows of the north and embrace the Land of Enchantment, green chile and sizzling summers. Please welcome Fargo and Maestas to this community.



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- THEATER -

Traveling troupe brings operetta

'The Mikado' represents Gilbert and Sullivan at their creative height

The Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso celebrates its 38th annual musical comedy production, presenting the classic favorite "The Mikado" directed by Artistic Director Joan Quarm, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. The two performances are on Sunday, Aug. 5, at 3 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 12, at 6 p.m. The company has been bringing their productions to the Black Box Theatre starting with "Trial by Jury" in 2004. After the success of their one act operetta "Trial By Jury" in 1875. Gilbert and Sullivan, and their producer

After the success of their one act operetta "Trial By Jury" in 1875, Gilbert and Sullivan, and their producer Richard D'Oyly Carte, decided to produce a longer work. D'Oyly Carte was very interested in developing an English form of light opera to displace the French works that had dominated the London theatre scene. Whereas the French operettas often had stereotypical and cartoonish characters, Gilbert and Sullivan wrote operettas which avoided overt sexual references and situations found in French operetta and developed characters which were much more identifiable.

The D'Oyly Carte repertory and production system began with "The Sorcerer"



which was presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso at the Black Box Theatre last summer. In contrast to other musicals at that time, in which casts typically had one or two stars, a group of supporting players, and a pick-up band of musicians, Gilbert and Sullivan wrote operettas for ensemble casts rather than individual stars. Gilbert directed and oversaw set and costume design, while Sullivan oversaw the musical preparation.



The Gilbert and Sullivan Company of El Paso will perform the classic operetta "The Mikado" on Sunday, Aug. 5, and Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The body of their collaborative work, with their wittiness, crispness and polish, redefined popular musical theatre on both sides of the Atlantic.

"The Mikado" is a crowd-pleasing favorite and is performed often throughout the country. A year before the action of this operetta begins, Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado of Japan, fled his father's imperial court to escape marriage with Katisha, an elderly (and not particularly attractive) lady. Disguised as a traveling musician, he met and fell in love with the very beautiful Yum-Yum, the young ward of Ko-Ko, a cheap tailor in the town of Titipu. Yum-Yum, however, was already betrothed to Ko-Ko, and Nanki-Poo left the town of Titipu in despair. The operetta begins with Nanki-Poo returning to Titipu, meeting Yum-Yum again and preparing to die rather than face life without her. Ko-Ko, who is now The Lord High Executioner, agrees to let Nanki-Poo marry Yum-Yum, and in return, Nanki Poo agrees to let Ko-Ko behead him at the end of the month and marry his widow. The usual Gilbert

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and Sullivan plot complications follow, but all ends well. Ticket prices for "The Mikado" are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Reservations are strongly suggested and may be made by calling 523-1223 or visiting www.no-strings.org.

Together on the same stage: witty and poignant

'On Golden Pond' recreates the classic movie on the Las Cruces stage

Las Cruces Community Theatre presents "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson and directed by Art Haggerton through Aug. 26. Opening Gala Night is Friday, Aug. 10, with a catered party following the show.

This play has been produced in 40 countries around the world and has set up home in three Broadway houses. Such notables as Henry Fonda, Christopher Plummer and James Earl Jones have played Norman Thayer. Katharine Hepburn and Julie Andrews have played Ethel.

Those familiar with the 1981 movie classic starring Katherine Hepburn, Henry Fonda and Jane Fonda will be delighted to see it in its true form on stage, and it will be a revelation to those who are unfamiliar with it. The story is about Ethel and Norman Thayer who have spent each summer since early in their long marriage at their summer cottage. Their daughter Chelsea visits this year with her fiancé and his son in tow. The play explores the relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage.

Director Art Haggerton has directed plays for more than 30 years and brings his sensitivity and insight to this classic.

The cast includes Ken Eastlack as Norman Thayer Jr., Sylvia Boudreau as Ethel Thayer and Susie Whelpley as Chelsea Thayer Wayne. Also performing are Shaun Hadfield as Charlie Martin, Ryan Romero as Billy Ray, Art Haggerton as Bill Ray and Rachel Young playing the Operator.

Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2

Ticket prices are \$8 for regular admission, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 per seat for groups of 10 or more and \$5 for children age 6 and under.

The theater is at 313 N. Downtown just north of Las Cruces Avenue. Attendees are asked to arrive 15 minutes prior to the show to pick up their reservations. For reservations, call 523-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org.



Ethel Thayer (Sylvia Boudreau) and daughter Chelsea (Suzie Whelpley) bond in Las Cruces Community Theatre's "On Golden Pond," which opens Aug. 10.



Billy Ray (Ryan Romero) and Norman Thayer Jr. (Ken Eastlack) prepare to fish in "On Golden Pond."

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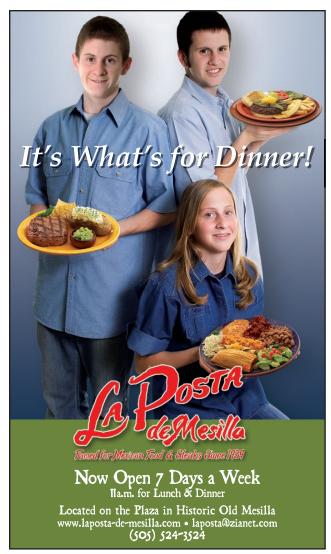




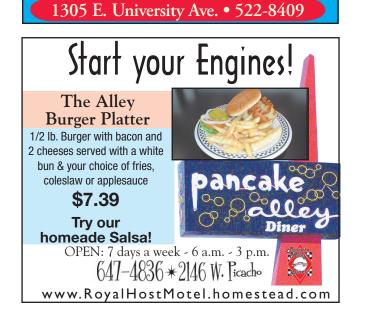


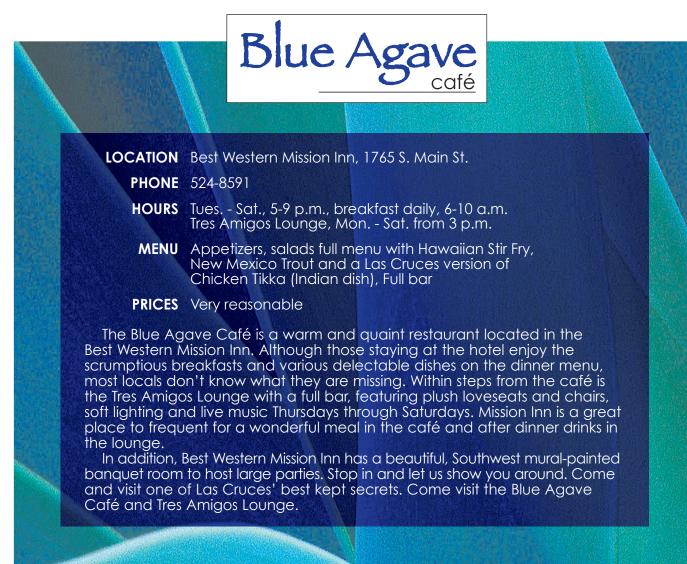
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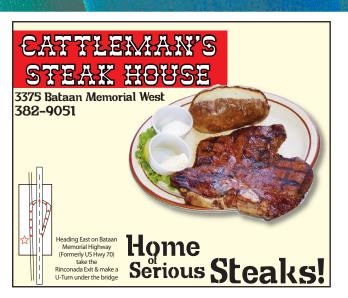








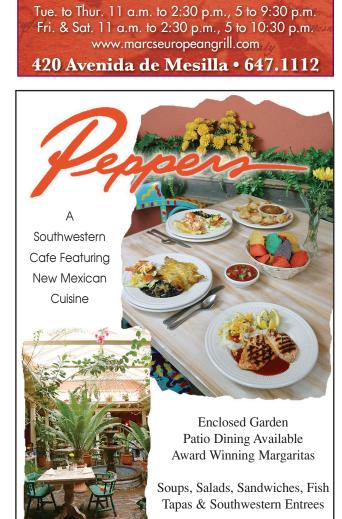












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At the Kids Expo 2007—



Shelby Brown, 2, and Joshua Lo, 3, find that Las Cruces firefighters have pretty big boots to fill, as they try on a pair with assistance from firefighter Tony Aguilar during the second annual Kids Expo last Saturday.

The City of Las Cruces sponsored the second annual Kids Expo on Saturday, July 28, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center. The event brought several local groups and organizations together in one place to give parents an opportunity to more easily register their children for a number of extracurricular activities

and services that are available for area youth. To help to attract parents, the center provided food and numerous fun activities to keep the children occupied, including a variety of arts and crafts, face painting, a toddlers' room and outdoor activities.

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Three-year-old Kai Hewus crawls through a play tunnel in the toddler room at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center during the second annual Kids Expo Saturday, July 28. The event, which lasted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., was sponsored by the City of Las Cruces.



Eight-year-old Daniel Holguin learns that he will have to grow a little to fit into a firefighter's gear as Las Cruces firefighter Nicky Palma helps.



Hector Ventura, 10, tries on the necklace he just finished creating with gimp and beads during the second annual Kids Expo Saturday, July 28 at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center.



With his face brightly painted, and his name painted across his forehead, Trevor Gordon, 5, pauses to eat a free hot dog.

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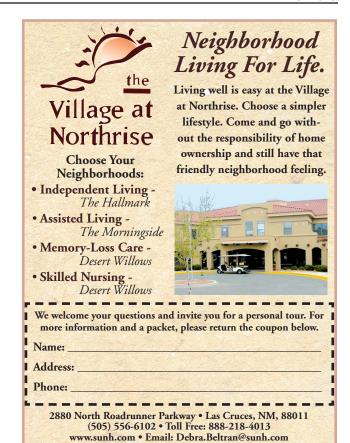
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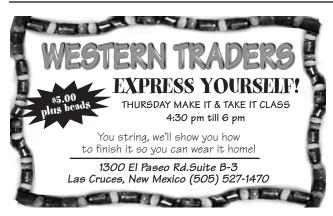
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ABC	7 7	News (N)		News (N)	Insider	"Confession	ons of Drai	na Queen"		Science F		News	(:35) Chea		Access
KFOX		Star Trek		Smallville			Cops	Most Wan		News (N)	Seinfeld	Mad TV 🚾		Talkshow	
NBC		News (N)			Raymond			Got Talent	CC	Top Chef	CC		(:34) Satur		
KINT			Noticiero	Casos-Fa		Sábado Gi							Noticiero		
KTDO	11 48	J . J	Noticie		nmediata"					s Tinieblas	" (1992)			Conquista	
KTFN	13 6	★★ "Canii	no 9000"		ky II " (1979			Fútbol-Lig	a Mexicana				Pepsi Mús	ica	Servicio
KVIA	14	(4:00) "Po			CinemAtt			Stone Und	lercover		My Wife				Eye Eye
WGN	15				ector Gadge			WGN New	s at Nine		24 (In Ster		24 (In Ster		Gods
ESPN	16				Induction	X Games (Live) 🚾			SportsCer		Baseball T		SportsCer	
USA	31	Burn Noti		Law & Ord		Law & Ord		Law & Ord		Law Order		*** "The			5) 🚾
TNT	32	(3:30) "To	mbstone"	*** "Gla	diator" (200	00) Russell (Crowe, Joa	quin Phoeni	X. CC	*** "Am	istad" (199	7) Morgan F	reeman. Pr	emiere. 🚾	
TBS	33	"Shangha	i Knights"	*** "Sha	anghai Nooi			1 - /		en Yards" (,	(:15) * * "	The Cable	Guy " (1996) CC
SPIKE	34		cky III " (198) Sylvester		TNA Wres		Murder		Disorderly	
LIFE	39				01, Crime D					Army Wive		Medium @		State of M	
A&E	43	Sell	Sell	Flip This I		Flip This H		American	Justice	American		Flip This F		Flip This I	House
HIST	44	Modern M		Boneyard		Boneyard		Boneyard		Boneyard	CC	Boneyard		Boneyard	
TLC	45	Flip	Flip				Flip	Real Estat	ie	Property I	.adder		Flip	Real Estat	te
DISC	47	Ocean of	Fear	Eaten Aliv	e	Sharkman	(N)			Tiger Shar	'ks	Eaten Aliv	-	Sharkman	
FAM	51	(4:00) **		Fallen (N)		Fallen (N)		Fallen ©		Fallen ©			(2003) Mike		
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	,	Montana		Emperor		
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	"Drake &			Mr.	Videos				Fresh Pr.			
AMC	57				t Earp" (199								l ory " (1989		
SCIFI	58	"The Beas	st of Bray F	load" (2005	5) CC	"Bram Sto	ker's Way	of the Vam			sk Till Daw			"From Du	sk-3"
CNN	62	This Weel		Investigat		Larry King				Investigat		Larry King			rday Night
HBO	306	X Files	*** "Mac					ds " (2005) 🛚			Last Kiss'		(:45) John		
MAX	322	Catch			2006) (In Ste			Momma's				06) Liev Sch		★ "The Ma	
SHOW	343	(:15) * * *	Sahara" (2	005) Matthe	w McConau	ighey.	** "Child	l's Play" (19	988)	Meadowla	nds (iTV)	Boxing Sh	owtime Cha	ampionship.	(iTV)

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KRWG	2	22	(Off Air)	ı			Spiral Fitnes	SS	Signing Tim	e	Buying the	War The Unite	ed States and	Iraq.
CBS	4	4	Homeown.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News S	Sunday Morn	ing (N)	Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Final Major	·
KCOS	(5)	13	(Off Air)		•		Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Suze Orman	: Women & I	Noney (In Ste	ereo) 🚾
ABC	7	7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morni	ng America	News (N)	•	This Week-0	George Steph	anopoulos	TBA
KFOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News S	unday	Jones	Homebuil	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	Reel Talk	Hispanics	Today Sorbe	ets. (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Pre	ess (N)	Matthews	Hispanics
KINT	10	26		Caliente			de Semana	(N)	Aquí y Ahor		República D			
KTDO	11	48		Pagado	Pagado	Pagado		Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Mi		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN	13	65	Carita de An		Azul			Patrulla	Plaza Sésa		Animal	Animal	Pepsi Músic	
KVIA	14				Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Adventure	WHADDYA
WGN	(15)				Key-David		Paid Prog.		Feed		Lizzie	Lizzie	Even	Even
ESPN	16		SportsCente		SportsCente			Lines		SportsCente				Baseball
USA	31		Paid Prog.		Ed Young		Law & Orde		Law & Orde		Law & Orde		Law & Orde	
TNT	32						nt Eastwood.			g Tall " (2004)			stone" (1993	
TBS	33		, ,	n of the Mas					s in Goldme			ghai Knights		
SPIKE	34		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.					MuscleCar		MuscleCar		
LIFE	39		Dr. Frederic	k K. Price	Hour of Pov		Paid Prog.			rts' Sanctuar	, ,		"Blue Smok	
A&E	43		Bio.: Travis		Biography "		Private Sess	- ()	American J		American Ju		American J	
HIST	44			HistoryCTR		Generatn	Boneyard "C		Boneyard L		Boneyard "E		Dogfights "	
TLC	45				Paid Prog.		While You V		While You V		Trading Spa		Trading Spa	
DISC	47					Paid Prog.	The Electric		Killer Squid		Killer Ants		Amazon Ab	
FAM	<u>51</u>			Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House		Boy World		Grounded		Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN	52			Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop		Wiggles	Higglytown		Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54		,		Neutron	Neutron				OddParent			Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC	57						stner, Dennis		Mad Men			Shootout	** "Three	
SCIFI	58				Paid Prog.		"Alien Abdu					mong Us" (2		astwood.
CNN	62	_	CNN Sunda		I/ 0=1 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		CNN Sunday		Reliable So			With Wolf B		
HBO	306		(3:55) "True				s" (2006) Zac			After" (1998)			Costas NO\	
MAX	322						Neaver. (In St			Wild Bunch				Tokyo Drift
SHOW	343	3	(:15) "Whirly	ygirl" (2006)	Monet Mazur.	[CC]	(6:50) ** "(Clean Slate"	(1994) iTV.	(:45) * * * *	Mad Hot Ball	room" (2005)) [CC]	Genesis

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KRWG	2	22	Suze Orman	: Women & I	Money (In Ste	reo) 🚾	Andre Rieu	Radio City N	lusic Hall	•	Dr. Wayne I	Dyer: Change	Your Thoug	hts
CBS	4	4	PGA Golf W	GC Bridgesto	ne Invitationa	l Final Rour	nd. From Fire	stone Country	Club in Akror	n, Ohio. (Live)	CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
KCOS	5	13	Christiane N	lorthrup: Mei	nopause and	Beyond	Dr. Wayne I	Oyer: Change	Your Though	hts, Change '	Your Life 🚾		Visions of	taly
ABC	7				sh Open Fin			om Los Angel						ent Tonight
KFOX	8							ity " (1997) Jo				Go With	We Have a	
NBC	9					Triathlon Iro		Kailua-Kona, I	lawaii.	Beach Volle	yball: AVP C	rocs Tour		3 Wide Life
KINT				Liga Mexica	na		Qué Locura		Festival del				Primer Imp	acto
KTDO			Fútbol				Nitido			Just Laugh				
KTFN	$\overline{}$		La Guerra d					. Confidentia	, ,	1 7			"Jackie-1st	
KVIA	14			Woman	*** "Posse				Designers		Latino	Urban	All of Us	Girlfriends
WGN	15				k " (2003) (In			tor Gadget 2'			Funniest Ho		Funniest H	
ESPN	16		NASCAR Co					/Ivania 500. Fi						SportsCtr.
USA	31		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Orde		Law & Orde		Law & Orde		Law & Orde	
TNT	32		(9:30) "Tomb					ibson, Heath L				iator" (2000) I		-
TBS	33	_			Rockies at Atla					ghai Noon" (*** "Rush	
91 111	34	_	The Kill Poir		*** "Rocky				CSI: Crime S		CSI: Crime		CSI: Crime	
LIFE	39	-	"Blue Smok	-	"Nora Robei					rts' Montana			"Angels Fa	
A&E	43	$\overline{}$		on of Wanda	()			unt Officials p			Coreys		Dog	Dog
HIST	44		(10:00) Dogf		Dogfights ©		Dogfights ©		Dogfights "J			s Seven Wond		21-1 [-::
TLC	45	\rightarrow	Miami Ink ©		Miami Ink ©		Miami Ink		Miami Ink @		Miami Ink		Miami Ink "	
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FAM	<u>51</u>						,	**		: Homecomir			Suite Life	Montana
DISN	52				Sprites SpongeBob		K. Possible	OddParent			SpongeBob		School	Naked
NICK	<u>54</u> <u>57</u>		** "Three A		** "Fletch"					Lives" (1989)			"National L	
AMC SCIFI	58				93) D.B. Swee			er" (2005) Jei				ayne" (2006) k		
CNN	62		This Week a		Special Inve				CNN Live Su		CNN Live S		Lou Dobbs	
HBO	306				en" (2005) (Ir			al Magic" (19				ith" (2005) Br		
MAX	322		"Tokyo Drift					3) Sean Penr				ne Wash" (200		History
SHOW	343	_	(10:35) "Gen		** "Madea'					he Honeymo		(:20) "She G		
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KRWG	2	22	Dr Wayne	Dyer	Johnny Ca	sh	Johnny Ca	sh	Mystery!:	Adventures	3	Suze Orma	an: Women	& Money	CC	(Off Air)
CBS	4	4	News	News (N)	60 Minutes	3 CC	Big Brothe	er 8 (N)	Cold Case	CC	Shark ©	•	News (N)	CSI: Miam	[CC]	Paid
KCOS	5	13	Visions of	Italy: North	hern Style	John Denv	er: A Song	's Best Fri	end Comm	entary from	friends and	family.	Pink Floyd	Live: Puls	e cc	(Off Air)
ABC	7	7	News (N)		Home Vide		Extreme-H		Housewiv		Brothers &		News (N)			Latino
KFOX	8	14	Idol Rewin	nd	'Til Death	King-Hill	Family	Family	Family	Family	News (N)	CC	Seinfeld	Sex &		Paid
NBC	9	9					Shadow of J		Law & Ord		Law & Ord	ler: SVU		(:35) Alias		Shield
KINT	10	26		Noticiero			Buscando						Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Ver	
KTDO	11	48	Remix TV				tada" (2004				(1984, Acci		Titulares	Pagado	"Esta Noc	
KTFN	13	65	"Jackie-1s	tStrike"	**** "Da	ances With	Wolves" (1	990, Weste	rn) Kevin C	ostner, Mar	y McDonnel				ca del Tanq	
KVIA	14			Chris	Smallville		Schooled	\ /	Pussycat		Access Ho		Kickin' It 🛚		Stargate A	
WGN	15		Funniest	Funniest		-	Maximum			1 1 1		Scrubs		Sex &	NASCAR	Exposure
ESPN	16		Baseball T				o Cubs at N				SportsCen			Baseball 1		SportsCtr
USA	31		Law & Ord		Law & Ord		The 4400 (N) cc			Law & Ord	ler: SVU	The 4400 @		(:01) The D	ead Zone
TNT	32		(3:00) "Gla		The Comp				The Comp				The Comp			
TBS	33		(4:00) "Ru			,	001) Jackie				998) Jackie		, ,		the Bronx"	,
SPIKE	34		CSI: Crime		CSI: Crime		The Kill Po	()	The Kill P		CSI: NY 🚾		CSI: Crime		The Kill Po	
LIFE	39		"Angels Fa		Side Orde		State of M		Army Wiv		Side Orde		State of M		Army Wive	
A&E	43			Dog			Simmons			Coreys		Match	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
HIST	44		Ice Road T	Truckers			evealed 🔯		Ice Road	Truckers	Human We		Fort Knox	: Secrets R		
TLC	45		Miami Ink	CC	Miami Ink	CC	Miami Ink		Miami Ink		Miami Ink	CC	Miami Ink		Miami Ink	
DISC	47		MythBuste	ers 🚾	Weather			rm" (2007)		henson.	Weather				Nicola Step	
FAM	51		Fallen 🔯		Fallen (N)		Fallen (N)		Fallen 🚾		Fallen 🚾		J. Osteen		Zola Lev	
DISN	52		So Raven		Cory	Cory		Suite Life			Suite Life				utfield " (199	
NICK	54				Drake	Drake				Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.				Fresh Pr.	
AMC	57		"National I				European						hevy Chase		* ★ "Fletch	
SCIFI	58			n the Dark			"Mammoth				Mind Cont		Painkiller .		Twilight	
CNN	62		CNN Live		Investigati		Larry King		CNN Sund		Investigati		Larry King		CNN Sund	
HBO	306	_		of the Wo			(:15) * * "				Big Love ©		John-Cinc			Con
MAX	322	_	"History o			ate Movie"		★★ "Tomn					rious: Toky		*** "48 F	_
SHOW	343]	(4:55) "The	e Breakup /	Artist"	(:25) * "Th	ne Zodiac"	(2005)	★★ "Made	a's Family	Reunion" (2006)	Dexter (iT\	/) CC	Meadowlar	nds 🔯

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KRWG	2	22	Business	News-Lehi	rer	News	Andre Rie	u: Radio Ci	ty Music H	all	Dr. Wayne	Dyer: Chai	nge Your T	houghts, C	hange You	r Life
CBS	4	4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Mother	Christine	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miam	CC	News (N)	Late Show	ı .	Late Late
KCOS	(5)	13	Curious	News	News-Lehi	rer	Dr. Wayne	Dyer: Cha	nge Your T	houghts, C	hange You	r Life	Business	Charlie Ro	se (N)	(Off Air)
ABC	7		News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Wife Swap	(N)	Fat March	CC	Supernant	ıy (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kir	nmel Live
KFOX	8	14	Dr. Phil 🚾		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Hell's Kitc	hen 🚾	Hell's Kitc	hen (N)	News (N)	C)	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC	9	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Age of Lo	ve cc	Age of Lo	ve cc	Dateline N	BC 🔯	News (N)	Tonight Sh	now	Late
KINT	10	26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a	Juan	Amar sin I	_ímites	Destilando	Amor	Cristina		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de	e la Risa
KTDO	11			Noticiero	Dame Cho		Madre Lur		La Esclava		La Esclava	a Isaura	Noticiero	12 Corazo	nes	Rojo Vivo
KTFN	13	65	La Hija del	Mariachi	Qué Dice I	a Gente			991) Sean <i>I</i>	Astin.	Así Es la \	/ida	Contacto	*** "Roc	ky Marciar	10"
KVIA	14		My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill			Girl	The	Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN	15		Home Vide		Home Vide		Home Vide		WGN New			Scrubs		Becker	Home Vide	
ESPN	16		MLB Base	ball Teams	to Be Annoi				Baseball T	onight	SportsCen				SportsCer	nter 🚾
USA	31		Law Order	: Cl	Law & Ord		WWE Mon	day Night I			(:05) Burn	Notice	Psych 🚾		Monk ©	
TNT	32		Law & Ord		Heartland	\ /	The Close		Saving Gr		Cold Case		The Close		Law & Ord	der
TBS	33			Raymond					My Boys			Seinfeld		er & Hooch		
SPIKE	34		CSI: Crime		CSI: Crime						er. Premiere		CSI: Crime		Star Trek:	
LIFE	39	_	Still Stnd		Army Wive				2007) Prem			Will		Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	43		CSI: Miam		CSI: Miam		The Sopra			(:16) The S			CSI: Miam		The Sopra	
HIST	44		Modern Ma		Modern Ma		Underworl		Maneaters		Shark Atta		Modern Ma		Underwor	
TLC	45		Tuckerville		Twins, Twi		Kids by th	e Dozen	Big Medic		Twins, Twi		Kids by th		Big Medic	ine
DISC	47	_	Survivorm		Survivorm		Survivorm		Survivorm		Survivorm		Survivorm	an 🔯	Survivorm	-
FAM	<u>51</u>		Grounde		Kyle XY (N		Greek (N)			Whose?	The 700 C		Greek 🚾		Africa's Cl	
DISN	52		Suite Life			Cory		Life De						So Raven		
NICK	54					Sponge		Rose	Rose	Rose				Rose	Rose	Rose
AMC	57		"Dragon: E			litt" (1968)					y Rider" (1			**** "PI		
SCIFI	58		Star Trek:		Star Trek:		Star Trek:		Star Trek:		Noein (N)			Fighter		Twilight
CNN	62		The Situat		Paula Zahi	-	Larry King			Cooper 36			Larry King		Cooper 36	-
HBO	306				My Super E			Rebels Oa			ht/Black R		Big Love (John-Cinc	
MAX	322				6) Mel Gibso			Shadow" (1			★ "The Ma			On Set	*** "Ran	
SHOW	343)	Cypher	★★ "Lone:	some Jim"	(2005)	(:15) ** "	House of D	" (2004) 🚾		** "Last I	Holiday" (2	006) Queen	Latifah.	Weeds	Weeds

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KRWG	2	22	Business	News-Leh	rer	News	My Music:	The 70's E	xperience	(In Stereo)	CC	My Music:	The Britisl	n Beat 🔯	•	Animusic
CBS	4	4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Power of	10 CC	Big Broth	er 8 (N)	NCIS ©		News (N)	Late Show	I	Late Late
KCOS	5	13	Curious	News	News-Leh	rer	Bachman	Cummings		Last of the	Breed 🔯		Business	P.O.V. 🔯		(Off Air)
ABC	7		News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Laughs	Laughs	Primetime	: Crime	i-Caught ©	C	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Ki	mmel Live
KFOX	8	14	Dr. Phil 🚾		Simpsons	Seinfeld	On the Lo	t cc	House "Ha	alf-Wit"	News (N)	C	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC	9	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	America's	Got Talent	(N) CC	Singing	Law & Ord	ler: SVU	News (N)	Tonight SI	now	Late
KINT	10	26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a	Juan	Amar sin l	Límites	Destilando	Amor	S.O.S. Sex	0	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora d	e la Risa
KTDO	11	48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Cho	colate	Madre Lur	na	La Esclav	a Isaura	La Esclava	a Isaura	Noticiero	12 Corazo	nes	Rojo Vivo
KTFN	13	65	La Hija de	Mariachi	Qué Dice	a Gente	★★ "Justo	a Tiempo'	, (1995, Sus	spenso)	Así Es la \	/ida	Contacto	★★ "Un E	xtraño Bre	baje"
KVIA	14		My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gilmore G	irls 🚾	Beauty, G	eek	Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN	15		Home Vide	90S	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN New	s at Nine	Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Vid	eos
ESPN	16		SportsCtr	NFL Live	Series of I	oker	Series of I	Poker	Bronx-Bu	rning	SportsCen	iter 🔯	Bronx-Bu	ning	SportsCe	nter 🔯
USA	(31)		Law Order	: Cl	Law & Orc	ler: SVU	Law & Ord	ler: SVU	** "The I	lummy Re	turns" (200	1) Brendan	Fraser. 🚾		The Dead	Zone
TNT	(32)		Law & Ord	ler	Law & Orc	ler	Law & Ord	ler	The Close	r [CC]	Without a	Trace	Without a	Trace	Law & Or	der "Hate"
TBS	33		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Engvall	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	★★★ "Tin	Cup " (199	6) 🚾
SPIKE	34		CSI: Crime	Scn	CSI: Crime	Scn	CSI: Crime	e Scn	Murder (N)	CSI: NY 🚾		CSI: Crime	e Scn	Star Trek:	Voyager
LIFE	39		Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Fantasia	Barrino: Li	fe Is Not Fa	airy Tale"	Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	(43)		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hu	ınter	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Dog	Dog	Bounty H	inter
HIST	44		Modern Ma	arvels	Modern M	arvels	The Unive	rse (N)	Ice Road	Truckers	Shootout!	CC	Modern M	arvels	The Unive	rse 🚾
TLC	(45)		Miami Ink	Medium.	Miami Ink	[CC]	Miami Ink	[CC]	LA Ink		LA Ink		Miami Ink	[CC]	Miami Ink	CC
DISC	47		Really Big	Things	Dirty Jobs	CC	Dirty Jobs	(N) CC	Build It Bi	gger (N)	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	CC CC
FAM	51		** "Bring	It On" (20)	00) Kirsten I	Dunst.	★★ "Bring	It On" (20	00) Kirsten	Dunst.	The 700 C	lub 🔯	Kyle XY 🖾		Fighting f	or Life
DISN	52		Boy	Boy	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	"My Date \	With the Pr	esident's D	aughter"	So Raven	Life De
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MAX	322	2	*** "Jun	gle Fever"	(1991) (In S	Stereo)	(:15) ** "	Stay" (2005	5) Ewan Mc	Gregor.	"Charlie a	nd the Cho	colate Fact	tory" 🚾	★★ "Band	lidas"
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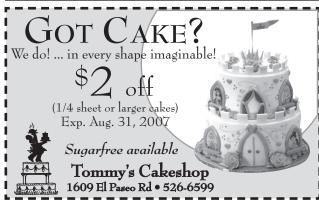




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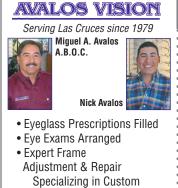












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Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic not math and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the grey matter.

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Difficulty rating: Easy

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Difficulty rating: Moderate

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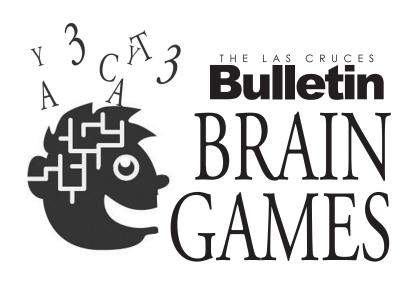
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WORD SALSA

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 españo que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

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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. DOWN

ACROSS

- Armored vehicle Track
- Pizzey and Gray Vitality
- 12 Expose as false 14 Small cavity
- Shoe points
- 15 17 BLT spread
- Monopoly building Hayes or Hunt
- Square things In full hearing
- 23 27 Takes care of business?
- Envisions
- 28 29 TKO official
- Pelt 30 Evanston's transp.
- Amer. ship letters
- 33 34 36 Chewy candy Mooncalf
- Singer Cooke 40
- "Teenage __ Ninja Turtles"
- Parts of saddles Site of
- Mohammed's tomb
- Heart of the matter
- Sharpton and Smith Thurman of "Batman & Robin"
- 500-mi. event
- Downy ducks Toni Morrison novel
- 53
- Tropical fruit
 McMahon and Ames
- Mighty long stretch 60
- Greeted and escorted
- Distress signal NASA outpost
- 63 Dalmatian detail
- 65
- Earl Grey, e.g. Slippery catches
- Confirmed nessimist
- 67 70 71 Book before Joel
- Ballet skirts Bronte or Dickinson
- 73 74 75 76 River deposits Barbie or Ken
- Appear to be Destitution
- Wrote out
- 79 83 Dexterous
- Military foul-up Gentle pace
- Easy pace

- Williams of the Red Sox
- "We __ the World" Whinpoorwill hill
- Author of "Hunger
- Abridge again Noah's boat
- Now seen
- everything! Consent to
- Superlatively haughty
- Obsessive observer's problem
- Reactive organic compounds
- Easily beaten pugilist,
- slangily Transmits
- Thaws
- Guitarist Brown
- Doesn't lack Interpret
- 20 24 25 Bulk
- 26 30 Like a noxious vapor Run the show
- Gruesome
- Writer Terkel
- Yarns
- 35 Arabian country
- Middle East peninsula
- Williams and Devine
- Chichen Itza populace
- Hatchet relative
- Flagged vehicle
- Forlorn
- Guacamole, for one
- Change one's datebook Tenth grader "The Virginian' author Wister
- Contaminators
- Appraisal In a loud manner
- Colonized
- Immune system
- component Needle boxes Jay follower
- "___ a Wonderful World" 76 Joev
- 77 78 Braggart's problem
 Itty-bitty bite
 Armed conflict

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

81 Sky saucer Stay __!

LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN DOUGH

ACROSS

- Caspian Sea feeder Folk singer Phil
- Little Boy Blue tote
- Long-eared hopper Bastes and hems
- 20 Puffed up 21 Theater honor
- Take off cargo John Dough's hobby? 22 23 26 Twists and turns
- "Mighty __ a Rose" (1901 song) Not on the up-and-up
- Hideouts
- Gusto Sour tasting, old-style Foul mood
- Expresses
- Ample
- Ryan of "Star Trek: Voyager" 42
- Military gestures John Dough's
- theme song? 50 First name in talk shows
- Chatter First-stringers
- Paul Simon's "Slip ___ Away" Paul Anka's "_ Beso"
- Calla lilies, etc. Skewers
- Napoleon's fate Pupil setting 63 64
- 65 67 Crowning point Pith helmet
- 69 Rupert of films Icicle hangout
- John Dough's favorite book?
- Fortas and Vigoda Unworried
- Carol or ballad 81 Tour guide Flirtatious 83
- In the dark Salmon serving
- Seasoning herb Nabokov novel 89
- 91 Reviled bitterly
- Wry twist 95 Compass pt. Cordelia's sister John Dough's Hollywood dream?
- 102 "The Waste Land" poet

- 104 Madeline of "Blazing Saddles"
- 109
- writer
- Better copy
- John Dough's
- 129 Tolerate
- Hindu hero
- Yellowstone feature
- Croat's neighbor Small particle 135 Former Tunisian

DOWN

- Roused
- Astronomer
- 10 "Mikado" hand
- Putin's place 14 15
- John Dough's favorite pop music group? March time
- 30 33 Plummet
- San Luis __" Very, in Verdun
- 40 Island strings 41 Piece of cake

- mater Racetrack shape
- Stumbling blocks Rendered immobile
- Zest source
- __ Arbor, MI Burst into flames
- 17
- 35 37 39
- Seller's inducement

- Menacing Punch or Judy Spiritual adviser
- 113 "Goosebumps' Bamboozle
- 118 Ulster city 122 Homer's neighbor 122 Homer's 123 Activate
- tucking-in ritual?
- 131 Press

rulers

- Capitol topper Tie again
- 4 Shag's alma
- Sagan Take on
- 12 Desert of Israel
- 18 Dry run 24 Fancy meat entree 25 Japanese mercenary
- "The Bridge of
- Certain scientist Away
- Lampoon 66 Spotted predator

CRYPTOGRAM

49

- 46 Clog or pump 48 Gives off
- Stirred Stare at stars 52 iPhone entries 53 John Dough's pre-cruise shindig? Graff of "Mr. Belvedere'
- Comportment 61 Small frv
- Moroccan region 70 Singly 73 Signed up 74 Out of whack
- 75 Florida Air Force base77 Ragout 79 Rutabaga cousin
- 82 Salon personnel Dray Prized wood 83 85
- Joule fractions Singer Amos 87 88 92 Move with a mouse
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- 107 Power
- Goes blonde again Memorable Poitier role Part of UHF

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117 Hammock anchor, maybe 119 Autostrada auto

114 Unaccompanied 115 Fetching

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- Cochlea site 127 Soaking spot

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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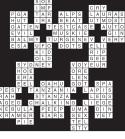
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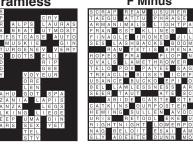
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GALLERIES & OPENINGS



"Closed on Sundays" by Phil Yost at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

'Spirit Feathers" by Sally Quillin at the Branigan **Cultural Center**



Collage of work by Artists Who Paint with Julie and

Annetta at the Tombaugh Gallery

OPENING THIS WEEK

■ THETHEATREGALLERY

"Through My Eyes," work of Alice Dressler, opens with a reception at thetheatregallery in the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, at the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Perky, fun-loving and an awardwinning Las Cruces artist, Dressler is thoroughly excited to present "Through My Eyes," her first one-person show. She celebrated both her 85th birthday this month, and her 50th year in America. A native of Lithuania, and gifted in art as a child, her first chance to seriously follow her artistic bent was 12 years ago upon seeing the Organ Mountains on vacation, practically purchasing a home in Las Cruces on the spot, and moving here from Long Island, N.Y., to paint the beauty of nature that she found in New Mexico. Dressler, a member of the Las Cruces Arts Association for the past five years, served as treasurer of the organization for three. This year she began a monthly portrait class at the Branigan Fine Arts Museum, sharing her skills with fellow artists freely. There will be a reception on Aug. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. as part of the Downtown Ramble. The exhibit runs through August 19 and is open an hour before performance times or by calling the Black Box Theatre at 523-1223.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The sculptures of Brian Fallstead and the drawings of Gerardo Pimentel will be featured during the month of August at the Rio Grande Theatre Galleries. Fallstead, whose work will be shown in the El Paso Electric Gallery, came to Las Cruces from Sacramento, Calif., where he studied art at several area colleges. While having worked in a variety of

media, he is now focused on figurative sculpture made with pencil rod steel as well as pieces made from paper mâché. He creates a sculpted clay mold into which the paper pulp is pressed. After the pieces are painted they resemble stone but are lightweight and durable. Pimentel creates his elaborately detailed drawings using black pen, colored oil pastels, colored pencils and felt-tipped pens. They are executed on paper, canvas, wood or cardboard. His work ranges from down-to-earth subjects such as humans and animals to outof-this-world galaxies and UFOs. His influences come from Native American, Mexican and African images as well as cur-rent events. Pimentel's work will be featured in the Carolene de Mesilla gallery. The exhibit begins with an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery's featured artists for August are Phil Yost and Ann Peck. The gallery will also host 30 other local artists in several media, who offer new and exciting works. Peck's pastels and watercolor paintings express her interest in the charm of florals, old adobes, desert landscapes and many other distinctly New Mexican subjects. Yost's detailed watercolors describe a wide variety of landscapes and other subjects from throughout the United States. In addition to original paintings, ceramic and photography, also available are affordable prints, handmade cards, greeting cards that are copies of original works and miniature paintings.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, in the historic Fountain Building, just across from the Fountain Theater. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit mesillavalleyfineartsgallery. blogspot.com

ALEGRE GALLERY

C.C. Cunningham will be the featured artist for August at the Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado. Cunningham paints abstracted figuratives and imaginary scenes with texture and flamboyant, rich color. Her paintings are humorous and whimsical at times; other times they are spiritual and othercal. It has been eaid that her work replaces its view. ethereal. It has been said that her work recharges its viewers, like "soul batteries." A reception for Cunningham will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 11. For more information, call Carol at 523-2311 or visit www.alegregallery.com.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

Fred Chilton commands a prominent position in 21st century American art. His newest watercolor, "The Antique Dress Shop," takes center stage at the Patio Art Gallery, University Avenue and El Paseo Road, with an artist's reception from 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 4. The show, Fred Chilton Month, runs through August. Painting for nearly half a century, Chilton, 63, might agree that he thrives on the struggle of turning out an exquisite piece of art. The Las Cruces native tossed out his oils and acrylics six years ago – actually he gave them to friends – and continually hones his skills with watercolors which he finds "intuitive" and "responsive" in his work. "I think that 'The Antique Dress Shop' has the psychological impact that I seek in my work," he said. "I am always aware of technical challenges, but it is the psychological success of a painting that I strive to achieve." With shades of lavender, turquoise, brown, blue and pink, Chilton captures the sensual and formal beauty of silk and the human in the midst of the informal clutter in a Detroit antique shop circa 1977. Struck by the charm of what he saw but not thinking he was up to the challenge of or what he saw but not thinking he was up to the challenge of painting it, the young Chilton snapped a photo and then set it aside. This year, with a boost of confidence, Chilton brought out the photo and set about making the painting. Today, the work is avant garde, a reflection on a reflection. Work by Patio Art Gallery artists Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta J. Hoover, Joyce T. Macrorie, Julie Ford Oliver and Dan Tapper is also on display. For more information, call 541-7401 or visit www.patioartgallery.com.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN GALLERY

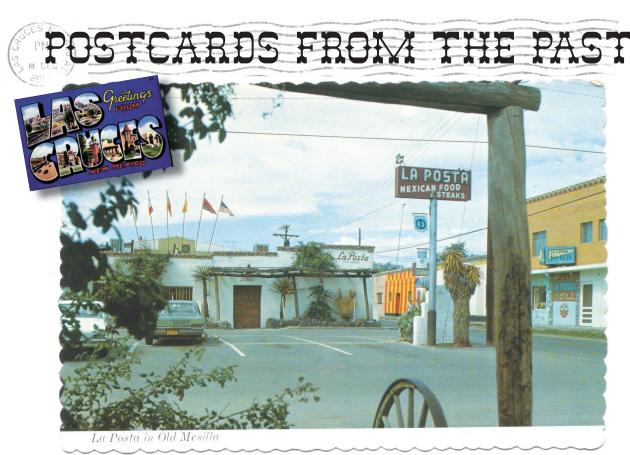
Laughing At the Sun Gallery, 1910 Calle de Parian, will feature artist Susan Frary during the month of August. The exhibit, entitled "Another Day in Paradise," focuses on the universal theme of beauty and joy. "Sometimes we get so busy we forget to see the beauty around us. A parallel situation exists regarding joy and happiness. It's all around and inside us if only we remember to experience it," Frary said. "We've all experienced pain, sorrow and frustration. The world is full of unhappiness. I believe it's important to honor and celebrate the good. I make art that will be in people's homes and daily lives. I hope the positive energy I put out will multiply. Let's all celebrate and create a better life." For more information, call 523-1890.

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, will display the works of Sally Wheat during the month of August. Wheat is an artist who works in pastels, watercolors and oils of the region and whose subjects include, mountains, skies, deserts, valleys, buildings and florals. For more information, call 524-4300.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Downtown Mall, will host an exhibit featuring the works of Sally Quillin titled "Masks and Continued on following page



The back of this postcard reads: La Posta Restaurant, Mesilla. Built about 1799, this is the last of the Old Butterfield Trail Stations still in use commercially. Just a few miles southwest of Las Cruces, La Posta's thick adobe walls have withstood attacks by man, time and the elements.

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Costumes" through Saturday, Sept. 1. The opening reception will take place during the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. "Don't be misled by the title of the show," stated Garland Courts, director of the Center. "Sally's paintings of masks and costumes have so much depth to them they feel like they could be actual masks." Quillin achieves this effect through the use of feathers, beads and other materials on her canvas. This three-dimensional effect is her distinct trademark. A resident of Las Cruces, Quillin is a member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society and she has exhibited in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Since 1991, Quillin has been an instructor in various studios and galleries in the area, including the continuing education program at Doña Ana Community College, Branigan Cultural Center and the White Sands Missile Range Community Service Center. The center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge to tour the exhibits, and the building is fully accessible to all audiences. For more information about exhibits and programs, call 541-2155.

■ IN EFFECT

Artist Dennis Lujan is opening a new gallery in Las Cruces. In Effect, 514 W. Griggs Ave., is a cutting-edge gallery that gives seasoned artists a venue to show the best of media they use. "Expect grit, guts, gaul and thee audacity. In Effect Gallery is never boring. Expect the unexpected," Lujan said. The gallery will host a "soft opening" of the exhibit "Rip the Tight Elastic" from 5 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8. Artists represented by In Effect Gallery include: Pamela Enriquez-Courts, Linda Carr, KRAFTHO, Don Sandoval, Preciliana Sandoval, Digital Art by KURT, VIVIAN, Stan Karp and contemporary Taos Indian artist/owner Dennis Lujan. In Effect is an adult-oriented gallery in its entirety. The gallery is not for families with minors. In Effect will be a night gallery — open five nights a week from 5 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 526-1551.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

"Artists Who Paint with Julie and Annetta" promises an array of color and motif to delight a wide audience. With 25 artist-participants in the group's third annual August show at the Tombaugh Gallery, 2000 S. Solano Drive, work is diverse and awash with varied mediums. The public is invited to the artists reception, Sunday, Aug. 5, from noon to 3 p.m. "It is a joy to be connected to these artists," said Julie Ford Oliver of the Patio Art Gallery. "They are not hobbyists, rather artists who have a serious intent to improve their skills to attain a professional level with their art. Some of them already exhibit their work in other galleries in and outside of Las Ćruces." Oliver and Annetta Hoover, both Patio Art Gallery artists, work with fellow artists several days a week in a studio format at the gallery, University Avenue and El Paseo. "I have such fun working with the artists in the Patio Art Gallery studio," added Hoover. "They are good and a pleasure. Rewarding to me is recognizing some of my own idiosyncrasies, and helping others to avoid developing bad habits in their work." "Artists Who Paint with Julie and Annetta" runs at the Tombaugh Gallery through August with hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For art studio information, contact 541-7401 or visit www.patioartgallery.com.

■ COTTONWOOD GALLERY

"Chihuahuan Desert Secrets: Wildflowers," a collection of photographs by Wynn Anderson, will be displayed at the Cottonwood Gallery, 275 N. Downtown Mall. The exhibit highlights the beauty people destroy as they plunder in the Chihuahuan Desert. "Chihuahuan Desert Secrets: Wildflowers" will open for the Downtown Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, and can be viewed weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Southwest Environmental Center, home to the gallery. Long an advocate for protecting Chihuahuan Desert beauty for public accessibility, Anderson, an amateur botanist and botanical curator of UTEP's Chihuahuan Desert Gardens, discovers his colorful subjects under desert shrubs, in arroyo banks and on canyon walls. "I fear that soon these pretty plants that I have photographed for the past thirty years will find limited safe havens and then only in private places with no public access," Anderson said. "I hope the exhibit will encourage the public to demand protection for these treasures." If possible, Anderson, currently on a botanical excursion, will make it back to town for a stop at the Downtown Ramble opening.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave., will host an exhibit featuring the work of Michael Lowry, Michael Ponce and Michael Phillip. The exhibit will consist of paintings and sculptures and will continue through Sept. 4. White Raven Studios will host "Street Art on the Deck" from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4. It will be an old-fashioned art happening in a new genera by local artists with music, food and camaraderie. For more information, call 525-9543 or visit www.whiteravenstudios.com.

■ TERRACE GALLERY

"Anything Goes," the Las Cruces Arts Association summer show at the Terrace Gallery, runs through August with a reception to welcome visitors and meet artists from 4 to 5:45 p.m., Friday, August 3, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The Terrace Gallery is on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Both stairs and an elevator are available. As part of the Las Cruces Arts Association's mission to offer affordable original art work to the community, art work is for sale for \$200 or less.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

The photographic exhibition, "Voices of American Farm Women," presents a contemporary perspective on women in agriculture. Photographer Cynthia Vagnetti has documented women from across the United States whose farming techniques promote environmental responsibility, economic stability and community well-being. The exhibition weaves together the power of image and word by featuring selections from oral history interviews conducted with the subjects of Vagnetti's work. The 30 striking black-and-white photographs explore a diverse group of women and their relationship to the land. Their voices narrate a multifaceted view of work, family, and community. Strong opinions on many topics – including farm work, childcare, and housework – dispel many misconceptions about women who work the land. "Voices of American Farm Women" is toured by ExhibitsUSA, which is the national touring division of Mid-America Arts Alliance, a nonprofit regional arts organization based in Kansas City, Mo. For more information, call 522-4100.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Take a journey with artist Becky Holtzman through her exhibit, "Dwelling," which runs through Aug. 25, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Downtown Mall. Upon entering the gallery, guests will encounter Holtzman's "Salt Labyrinth" - a full-size walking labyrinth, laid out with salt-rimmed stones that dissolve into a curving line of salt at the center. The labyrinth is the focus of "Dwelling," and the works that ripple around its stones represent Holtzman's exploration of ancient memory: cultural, familial and genetic. Concepts of home and origin figure prominently throughout the exhibit, with the natural world and repetition providing the framework for the pieces. Beyond the labyrinth, suspended from the ceiling, sways "Cradle," a 10-foot long cocoon of sandstones that nestle into one another. "Stretching Solace," a floor-based sculpture, is a long line of reedy horsetails that reach up out of paper pods, as if they were plucked directly from beside the Rio Grande and set down in the gallery. In the photo-based work "Departure," a woman has turned her back to the viewer, her spine a straight line of mysterious symbols; in the companion piece, "Arrival," she turns toward the viewer, arms full of sunflowers, a starry sky framing her figure. Holtzman's works suggest that all journeys eventually lead back home, whether to a physical abode or to an origin myth. Her references to the natural world encourage us to imagine the landscape, the body and the mind as home: as comforting and comfortable as any house we might inhabit. For more information, call 541-2159.

■ FUNKY KARMA

Funky Karma Tea and Incense Shop, 207 Avenida de Mesilla, will host Funky Fractal Artists with their unique and interesting art for the home and office. For more information, call 635-2275.

■ MAIN STREET GALLERY

The Main Street Gallery is launching its guest artist program featuring the wild and energetic southern New Mexico scenes of Britt Coalson. In addition, the Main Street Gallery collaborative continues including: Penny Duncklee, Daphne Wirthlin, Ruth Drayer, Mark Ploss, Lois Wilson and Lynn Unangst. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 647-0508.

■ 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.

A great gallery slightly off the beaten path

OUIDA TOUCHON Avt Talk



For the third July in a row, I have sojourned to Vermillion, S.D., to work with a wild group of enthusiastic printmakers at the university there.

It's a 26-year-old program called Frogman's by those in the know; an incubator of great training and ideas for those who attend. I am always challenged and always come home with a storehouse of new techniques to apply to my own printmaking work. Who knew?

Great ideas come from anywhere and everywhere! I guess I surprised them also, being from the faraway Chihuahuan desert.

As for printmaking, many people are yet to discover this art form but those who know a bit about it find it appealing and richly artisanal, revealing the hand of each printmaker through their impression on paper.

I myself am a woodcut printmaker, and I enjoy designing an image and then transposing it to wood, carving, inking and imprinting the image in small editions by hand. We have a wealth of great print-makers in this town. Are you surprised? One of the best and most recognized and respected nationally is Sam Peters. His work is abstract and dynamic, often carved of wood or linoleum. Then there is Louis Ocepek who led the Graphic Design Department at the university, then chaired the Art Department and is now retired and producing some of his most unique work in screen-printing and photogravure. We also have Winfrey Hearst who shows her work at the Patio Art Gallery and has been an aquatint/etcher for many years. Joyce T. Macrorie, also at the Patio, does monoprints and monotypes and recently, the Museum of Arts had an exhibit of **Tony** Lazorko's work in woodcut prints. The list goes on and on. The tradition of printmaking dates back to the 14th century and there is a strong New Mexican connection also, most notably, with the work of Gustave Baumann.

Getting back to places off the beaten path, there is a fairly new gallery owned by a very good printmaker, **Joseph Wade**, in Hurley. Forgive the repetition but, who knew? Joe and his wife Karin moved here from Phoenix and decided to establish a gallery in the Old Hurley Store, a building which was built in 1911 and was the place to go for all provisions from shoes, to bread to chicken feed if you worked at the copper mines. It's a huge building, 18,000 square feet, with hardwood floors and high ceilings and Joe and Karin have created a unique and attractive fine art gallery, printmaking workshop and picture frame gallery in what would otherwise feel like a cavernous space. I love the polished and painted floors, the high clearstory windows and the division of space. It's located on 99 Cortez Ave. right in the center of Hurley and has hosted several remarkable exhibitions of painting and printmaking.

Joe has done a series of cacti monoprints that are

Joe has done a series of cacti monoprints that are fresh and modern in their interpretation, not at all literal, more lyrical and elemental in color and form. He is hosting **Shannon Stirnweis**, renowned illustrator and painter from Ipswich, New Hampshire for a series of workshops on oil-on-canvas beginning Aug. 13. Stirnweis is not a printmaker but I mention him because his work is in many museums and he is nationally known as a member of the Western Artists

of America.

Hurley is 14 miles southeast of Silver City on Highway 180 or even better, a worthwhile destination of its own. The gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 505-537-3000. For further info on some of our local printmakers, contact me at ouida@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Nelson dismissed from team

Aggie forward violated NMSU code of ethics

New Mexico State senior forward Tyrone Nelson has been dismissed from the men's basketball team after he violated the student-athlete code of conduct.

Tyrone's no contest plea (to three felony charges) was not an admission of guilt, but it does identify him as a convicted felon. As athletic department policy states, he will not be a member of the New Mexico State University basketball team, said Athletics Director McKinley Boston.

"We are disappointed in the decision. I believe that basketball, under the conditions, would have provided the motivation for Tyrone to complete the academic credits he needed to graduate. Unfortunately for Tyrone, his brother and cousin were a night-mare in his life, which will prob-ably plague him for some time."

If the court had accepted Nelson's conditional discharge he could have participated on the team under the conditions of a behavior contract. Boston testified as a character witness on Nelson's behalf Tuesday, July 31.

The NMSU student-athlete handbook states that "a student-athlete shall be dismissed permanently from his or her team if he or she is convicted, pleads guilty, or pleads nolo contendre to a felony crime of violence or serious drug offense."

The behavioral contract consisted of eight stipulations:

• You need the credits to graduate from NMSU with a degree in BIS (Summer 2008).

• The scholarship has been gradated for 2007-08. You would have to participate as a walk-on.

• Any social misconduct (i.e. felony, violation of student code of conduct, etc.) will result in dismissal from the NMSU men's basketball team.

• Drug test every other week (a failed test would mean immediate team dismissal).

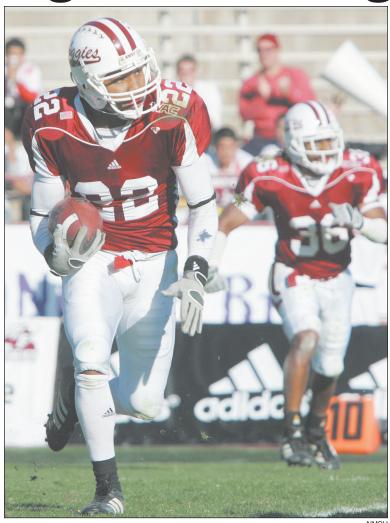
• Adhere to residence hall rules and policies while staying on campus. This also applies to behavior off campus as well as in apartments.

 Mandatory participation in A+ Aggie Program where 12 hours of study hall is required each

• Must attend class. Any unexcused absence from class will result in a one-game suspension (this includes study sessions with tutors and mentors).

• Missing basketball practice or arriving late to practice will result in a one-game suspension.

Ags face long, hard season



Defensive back Derrick Richardson will be one of the Aggies' key players in the 2007 season. New Mexico State opens fall practice on Monday, Aug. 6.

Volleyball drills to open

Jordan's Aggies face tough schedule

By John Keith

Granted, New Mexico State's volleyball team might be worthy of a national ranking again in 2007.

If so, they'll earn it. Coach Mike Jordan swears he wasn't angry when he drew up the Aggies' 2007 non-conference schedule, a formidable one.
There's Texas on Sept. 1, a team

Jordan says will be ranked in the top five nationally. And possibly defending national champion Nebraska in the four-team Ameritas Player's Challenge in Lincoln, Neb. NMSU opens against Louisville, and the ornhuskers play Duke on Sept. 7. The winners meet Sept. 8.

Jordan's squad will jump out of the WAC schedule to meet Utah Oct. 3, another top-10 team in

The conference schedule, as always, will be challenging. Defending champion Hawaii is picked to repeat this year. San Jose State, according to Jordan, is tough. "So are Idaho and Nevada,"

New Mexico State, 33-4 last

year, second in the WAC at 14-2, ranked 19th nationally at one time, and 23rd at season's end, will open practice for the 2007 season Wednesday, Aug. 8. Workouts, Jordan says, will not

be easy. Although the Ags return six starters, they're looking for two new outside hitters to replace Alice Borden and Tanya Allen.

Four players are in contention. They are sophomore Krista Altermatt, who missed last season with a broken leg, Lindsey Yon, junior transfer from Texas A&M and two freshmen, Alex Steinmetz from Las Cruces High School and Whitney Phillips from Scottsdale,

Jordan says that Alyssa Gintant, transfer from Iowa State, might be the replacement for graduated Jackie Choi at setter. "We'll miss Jackie," Jordan said, "but Alyssa was in school last year and set the team during our spring schedue.

NMSU returns middle hitters Kim Oguh and Amber Simpson and right side hitter Anna Callis. Also returning will be defensive specialists Jordan Bostic and Brianna Akree and libero Krystal Torres.

Mumme plans cautious approach as fall practice begins Monday

By John Keith

No scrimmages, limited con-

tact, short, two-hour workouts.
That's the plan when New Mexico State's football team opens practice for the 2007 season at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Judicious, coach Hal Mumme calls it.

The Aggies want healthy players and fresh legs this year. We play a 13-game schedule, a trying schedule, and I don't want to wear the kids out," Mumme

"At Valdosta State in 1993 I decided to hold one big scrim-mage the week before the season opened. Got my starting fullback hurt. Broke his hand. I learned my lesson then."

Two-a-day drills will also be minimized. Of the first seven practice days, only two of them will be devoted to two-a-days (Friday and Saturday, Aug. 10 and 11). "A lot of kids are finishing up summer school which limits their availability, Mumme said.

The Aggies will begin with nine practices on campus until Aug. 12. They'll break camp on the 13th, move their workouts to Gallup for seven days before returning home on Aug. 21.

Mumme expects 97 players to report for fall practice. "I think in time we'll probably have 105

counting walk-ons," he said.

The Aggies will practice in shorts and T-shirts Monday and Tuesday, add shoulder pads Wednesday and Thursday and work in full uniform Friday and Saturday.

With 18 starters returning (nine on offense) and a new kicker, Mumme said most of the contact drills will center on NMSU's younger players. "We won't tackle the quarterbacks at all," he added. Junior QB Chase Holbrook, a predicted first-round draft choice when he enters the NFL draft, is a huge priority. Keeping him injury free will be

Backup J.J. McDermott, incoming freshman from Katy, Texas, resembles Holbrook physically (6-foot-4, 220 pounds) and can throw with equal velocity.

Mumme welcomes a bigger, deeper offensive line for protection. There will be stiff competition at running back. Returnees Justin Buries and Jeremiah Williams should get challenged by Tonny Glynn and Ronald Opetaia.

The search is on for backups to the 18 starters. "We'll probably

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Middle hitter Amber Simpson is one of six returning starters as the Aggie volleyball team faces its toughest non-conference schedule

LCAT qualifies six for Swim meet in California

Local team finishes fourth at state meet

By Craig Massey

Coming off of a good performance at the New Mexico State Long Course Championships last weekend, the Las Cruces Aquatic Team is sending six of its top swimmers to the Far Western Championships in California this weekend.

The six local swimmers

- Rachel Dixon, 14; Jorgi
Hobson, 15; Sheila Salopek, 15; David Salopek, 13; Tory Hale, 18; and Andrew Gormley, 10 – will represent Las Cruces at the competition in Concord. Calif.

"It's kind of the next level up after the state meet," said LCAT coach Sean Muncie. "We've been getting ready for this big meet. We have several swimmers who are focusing on the next level and are ready to be introduced to national-level competition.

excited to see how his top swimmers perform at sea

"Going down in elevation will be important to us," he said. "Swimming at altitude slows you down quite

Two of the swimmers – Dixon and Hobson – sat out the state meet to concentrate on getting ready for the competition in California.

The Las Cruces team qualified 25 swimmers for the state championships in Los Alamos and came away with

a fourth-place finish out of 17 teams.
"I'm very happy with how we did," said Muncie. "We didn't have the numbers to win the meet. We were more

concerned with getting quality swims."

Listed below are the LCAT swimmers who placed in

the top three of their events:

Josi Vargas, 12 – High Point for 11-12 girls; 1st in 100 butterfly; 1st in 50 butterfly; 1st in 200 butterfly; 1st in 400 IM; 2nd in 200 IM; 2nd in 50 freestyle; 2nd in 100 freestyle; and 2nd in 200 backstroke.

Andrew Gormley, 10 - 2nd High Point for 10-under boys; 1st in 50 freestyle; 2nd in 50 backstroke; 2nd in 50 breaststroke; 2nd in 100 freestyle; 3rd in 200 freestyle;

3rd in 200 backstroke.

Katie Behm, 18 - 2nd in 200 freestyle; 2nd in 50 breast stroke; 3rd in 100 freestyle.

Luke Egnaczak, 22 -1st in 50 butterfly (state record); 3rd in 50 freestyle.

Matthew Gormley, 13 2nd in 800 freestyle.

Tory Hale, 18 - 2nd in 50freestyle; 2nd in 50 butterfly; 2nd in 50 backstroke.

Stacy Kilgore, 22 - 2nd in 100 breast stroke; 2nd in 50 breaststroke.

Daniella Martinez, 11 3rd in 200 breast stroke.

Lexi Moore, 14 - 3rd in 200 IM; 2nd in 800 free-

style; 2nd in 400 freestyle; 3rd in 1500 freestyle. Alex Reed, 19 - 2nd in 100 breast stroke; 2nd in 50 breast stroke; 3rd in 100 butterfly.

David Salopek, 13 – 2nd in 400 freestyle; 3rd in 200 freestyle; 3rd in 400 IM.

Sheila Salopek, 15 – 2nd in 200 freestyle.

Kyle Temple, 9 – 3rd in 100 butterfly; 3rd in 200 IM; 3rd in 100 freestyle.

Parker Temple, 12 – 2nd in 200 freestyle; 2nd in 100 backstroke; 2nd in 100 freestyle; 2nd in 200 backstroke; 3rd in 400 freestyle.

Josh Thomson, 15 – 1st in 1500 freestyle; 3rd in 800 freestyle.



Muncie said he's also Parker Temple, a member of the Las Cruces Aquatic Team, comes up for air during a workout.

NMSU picked No. 2 in WAC volleyball

Coming off its most successful season in school history, the 2007 New Mexico State volleyball team was picked second in the Western Athletic Conference

coaches' poll.

NMSU volleyball coach Mike Jordan is optimistic about his team in 2007, as it received 55 total points, defending WAC champion Hawaii. The Rainbow Wahine received 64 points, including eight of nine first-place votes, while San Jose State got the other first place The Spartans tied for third with Idaho each receiving 44 points.

"Preseason polls usually don't mean much to coaches, but I am happy that we were picked second," Jordan said. "Each coach knows their team better than anyone else and the way I know my team, I think we can win it if everyone stays healthy.

Nevada was picked fifth in the poll with 36 points, while Boise State was picked sixth with 30 and Utah State picked seventh with 22 points. Fresno State was chosen eighth with 20 points and Louisiana Tech rounded out the poll with nine points and was picked

"I really believe that we can win the conference, although it's not going to be easy because there are a few really good teams in our league," Jordan said.

NMSU finished the 2006 campaign with a 33-4 record and placed second in the WAC. The team advanced to the NCAA tournament with its first ever at-large bid, entering the tournament for the third time in the last four years.

The 2007 poll: Rank Team Points

1.	Hawaii	64
	New Mexico State	
3.	San Jose State (1)	44
	Idaho	
5.	Nevada	36
	Boise State	
	Utah State	
8.	Fresno State	20
	Louisiana Tech	

Butte rated 14th hottest fishing spot

For bass fishermen who strike out at Elephant Butte Reservoir, maybe it's their fault.

Field and Stream magazine ranks New Mexico's largest

body of water the 14th hottest fishing spot in the nation. Field and Stream, which calls itself the world's leading outdoor magazine, ranked 150 lakes, rivers and streams in America in its June edition.

"Located in the desert near Truth or Consequences," the magazine wrote, "40-mile-long Elephant Butte has two personalities.

"It's northern reaches are relatively shallow and its southern section is deep, the two are connected by a four-mile stretch called the narrows.

"Despite sparse vegatation, there is a fair amount of flooded timber, making an ideal bass habitat. You'll find more largemouths in the north and more smallmouths and stripers (40 pounds or bigger) in the deeper southern sections.

Elephant Butte is one of three New Mexico lakes or rivers to make the list. Also included were Conchas Lake near Tucumcari and the San Juan River near Farmington.

Field and Stream listed the top fishing spots by regions.

Nine local prep players In all-star football game

Nine local high school football players will play on the South team in tonight's North-South All-Star game that kicks off at 7 p.m. at University Stadium in Albuquerque.

Five played on coach Michael Bradley's Mayfield team that won its second straight 5A championship last fall. They are center Manny Ceniceros, Defensive lineman Chris Story, defensive end Matt Camilli, linebacker Trini Marquez and defensive back Alex Holguin.

Las Cruces High School has two representatives in tonight's game. They are quarterback Steve Honeycutt and receiver Alejandro Gonzales

Onate's Sam Tallent, a defensive lineman, also made the

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Playing the waiting game

Yawning through a six-hour golf round

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Last weekend I played in the Las Cruces City Championship golf tournament. The event was contested over three days and on three different golf courses. While waiting long periods in between shots - a situation that happened frequently - I had ample time to make notes. When something occurred to me, or someone said something that made sense, I made a note. Here are some of my notes from the City Championship.

Note to City Championship organizers. Do something brave and decisive about the pace of play. Six-hour rounds are completely unacceptable. This was a universal sentiment among everyone I talked to. Your cursory warning in the rules sheet doesn't do it. How can a round take six hours and nobody is awarded any penalty strokes? The only people penalized were the ones suffering out there. It was like suddenly Bernard Langer clones invaded the golf course. Consider an early-late set up, and maybe even a shotgun start; or tee times spaced 15 minutes apart. When I played in this event 10 years ago there were twice as many golfers. Maybe there's a reason fewer are now playing.

Note to Matt Williams (head of Sun Country Amateur Golf Association).

Thanks for helping out with the City Championship event. Your tireless announcing at the first tee all three days was reminiscent of the wonderful gentleman who announces the pairings at the British Open. We need your knowledge and professionalism, and we miss you here in Las Cruces. I hope the tournament organizers get you to help them run the show next year.

Note to self. Research the system they

have in Germany and other European and Scandinavian countries where they require players to get golfing licenses. A person has to prove that he or she actually knows how to play golf before they will let them on to the golf course.

Note to local courses. Thanks Las Cruces Country Club, Sonoma Ranch and NMSU for hosting the City Championship.

Thanks also for supplying range balls.

Note to fellow golfers. Spend some time watching tour golfers on television, as they step well away from the edge of the hole to pluck their ball out. They avoid the dreaded footprints that press the grass down at the edge of the cup, thereby causing what Dave Pelz calls the lumpy doughnut effect. And watch closely as the caddies replace the flagstick with extreme care so as not to even bump the edge of the cup. The cup should be inviolate space on the

Note to greens superintendents. Teach your employees how to dig a new cup. Go out on to the golf course and check to see how players like the conditions. Where were you during the actual playing time? Make yourself visible and ask for comments.

Note to City Championship organizers. In the future have more gross score competitions. Flights are set up to equalize golfers who compete within a small range of handicap numbers. Have several places for gross scores within each flight. Then, for people who insist on taking strokes off their score, have the net prizes. Almost everyone I talked to agreed that there is too much emphasis on the net score these days. Why bother having flights if it's all net? By the way, why wasn't there a Championship Senior division?

Note to volunteers. Thanks for everything. You're great. We need more of you.

Note to City Championship organiz-

ers. Why dont you spice things up a little

Upcoming golf events

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Sept. 21	LC Sister Cities	Sonoma Ranch	526-2449
Sept. 29	First Step Clinic	Picacho Hills CC	523-8641

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Aug. 25	Fairway Golf	Las Cruces CC	526-8731

bit. Have some closest-to-the-pin prizes on the par threes. Line up a hole-in-one car from Sisbarro or somebody else. Get some on-course volunteers to be forecaddies and spotters on each hole. Maybe it would be a good way for the high school kids, who get the benefit of our golf courses, to give something back. If not, the Hooters girls would do good. Why can't the Las Cruces city tournament be as big as the Burger Time tournament?

Note to Eric Chavez. Congratulations to you as the Champion Golfer of the Year in Las Cruces

Note to all photo editors and sports editors. What are you thinking when you send a photographer out to cover some-

Southwest Senior

thing? Always feature a picture of the champion in your story, not just a convenient shot. Did the wire service give you a picture of Michael Rasmussen for the Tour de France?

Note to Dennis Nourse. Very nice ound on Sunday. 74 with a triple at 14.

Note to City Championship organiz-

ers. Ask participants to fill out an evaluation questionnaire that covers everything you are responsible for. Ask for their suggestions. You'll only get a fraction of them back, but the input and feedback will certainly be valuable.

Note to self. No more trunk-slammer rounds. See if you can play a little better

Hooters' charity golf tournament slated

Proceeds to benefit Families & Youth Inc.

By Joel Courtney

Hooters of Las Cruces will hold its annual charity golf tournament at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St., on Friday, Aug. 17.

The money raised from this year's event will benefit the Families Youth Inc. Transitional Living Program, a United Way program.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble that begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Entrance into the tournament is \$400 per team. The field will be limited to the first 30 paid team entries.

Entry fees include lunch and dinner on the day of the tournament, as well as a tournament polo shirt and a golfing goodie bag. According to the

tournament press release, there will be at least \$1,000 word of prize funds based on a full field.

There will be a pre-tournament party at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17, at Hooters, 3530 Foothills Road. The party will have an auction of Hooters girls for caddies and a raffle for prizes.

Corporate sponsors are also being sought for the tournament. Hole sponsorships are \$100 and receive one hole sponsor sign. Corporate sponsorship costs \$250 and includes two hole sponsor signs and a banner. Platinum sponsorship costs \$500 and includes two hole sponsor signs, one banner and one team in the tournament.

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Ol' Pete welcomes back former Aggie golf coach

Booth returns to hometown



Pete is happy to welcome back a familiar face to the Aggie campfire, Jackie Booth.

She grew up in this town and was one of the founders of the NMSU women's golf team. It is only fittin' that she comes back to wrap up her coachin' career as an Aggie.

Booth moved up north to be a Lobo for several years and was one great coach for them. Many don't know it when they are holding a gold nugget in their hands, and the UNM athletic director is one of them greenhorn fools. He let Ms. Jackie go, and NMSU couldn't be happier to have her back. She was an assistant to tall walking Paul-Brilliant when NMSU hosted and played in the NCAA finals in 1988 and again will be helping Pablo out getting the lady linksters back to the big golfin' dance this coming year.

Pete can always tell a fine horse and a good person by checking the bloodlines. No exception here. Her poppa, Jim Crouch, is a member of the Aggie Hall of Fame just like Booth, who entered when the aforementioned 1988 golfers were inducted a couple of years ago.

She even did ole Pete a mighty big

favor once, loaning me her husband's set of Ping golf clubs for a weekend in Las Vegas. I did lose a couple of balls, but didn't dent up those fine clubs too much, but just the same it was the thought that mattered. She didn't give a second thought about doing a good deed for someone even though others might not have been so trusting of someone who had so little experience playing golf. That is the type of person she is, a big heart and warm feeling for those she knows. That kind of caring is always welcome around the NMSU campus and it made this old wrangler heart pound out a happy tune when I heard the good news. It will still take teachin' and work and perseverance to get the job done, but when you had someone who has been there and done that, you gotta know it is just a matter of time for the prize to be in the Aggie women's golf teams' hands. Welcome back Jackie.

While she rejoins us, we say goodbye to another alum who served well for the Crimson and Cream, trainer, I mean athletic trainer, Jeb Davis. He is gonna go for a Ph.D. in Albuquerque. Hail and farewell to a great guy and a real pro.





Former Aggie quarterback a hit in 'One Life to Live'

David Chisum a success on TV

(Chisum) was at the

throttle of the Aggie

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the 20-plus game

losing streak versus

Cal State Fullerton ...



JACK NIXON

Iack's Corner

The only Aggie athlete I am aware of who has pursued a career as an actor was Jim Hess' first quarterback, David Chisum.

Like most actors it took a few roles that weren't exactly "A" list material but has now landed in a role that I think he is suit-

ed for. He was one of the "pretty boys" on the TV Soap "One Life to Live." Along the way he had oneshot roles in "JAG," "24," "Third Rock" and "Melrose Place" and also had a scene on the TV show "Las Vegas" with Vanessa Marcil. If I didn't like Chisum so much, I would be jealous for that, but he went through a lot of heartache as an Aggie, so I forgive him for being around so many great looking and talented women.

Chisum came to

NMSU from southern California after playing two years at Fullerton Junior College. He was at the throttle of the Aggie offense when it ended the 20-plus game losing streak versus Cal State Fullerton and also played in one of the weirdest games NMSU had in the Big West. It was a game in Stockton, Calif., versus Pacific. If you have never been to Stockton, take my word, it isn't the sort of town you want to spend any more time in than necessary.

My broadcast partner, Bob Sherman, arrived three hours before kickoff to the bizarre sight of an empty stadium and mechanical pumps working overtime clearing water out of Amos Alonzo Stagg

At first my heart rate tripled because I feared that we had entirely missed the game. No such luck. A worker said that a deluge had submerged the field and the Pacific campus and the game start was moved back two hours. When it did kick-off, the endzones still had water covering them

as well as the sidelines but the field was at least clear of rainwater, soaked like the sponge you used this weekend to wash vour car.

This was another one of the "can't win for losing" experiences that saw the Aggies take a lead then lose it, then shoot themselves in the foot trying to come back. Chisum was doing his best to keep the ball in the Aggies' possession and run out the clock when he was flagged for intentional grounding while being sacked. It led to the Tigers winning drive and forced NMSU to wait one more week to

end the losing streak. Only the frogs were singing in the stadium that night since most of the two dozen or so Tiger fans that normally attended the games were back at home waiting for the skies to clear.

Chisum is now breaking hearts as Miles Laurence, who thinks of these names, on 'One Life" and probably has forgotten about that soggy night in Stockton. With memories of Vanessa Marcil and the rest, who can blame him?

Championship team



The Indians have captured the CBL Minors Champions. Pictured are (front row) Justin Petross, Casey Groen, Zach Estrada, Dominick Schneider, Tyler Evans, Adam Quiñones, Paul Aquirre, Garret Beal, (back row) coach Mark Evans, Alec Dean, Juan Lara, Phillip Marshall, Sean Guidi, Joseph Walker, Jeff Kellner and



RYAN TALBOT I NMSU

Center Mike Martinez will anchor New Mexico State's offensive line in 2007.

Football

play an eight-man rotation in the offensive line," Mumme said. "They'll all work at multiple positions. We need to find out who can play behind them."
On defense, coordinator

Widenhofer will concentrate on depth as well. "A lot of positions are already set defensively," Mumme said.

The Aggies' coach likes the attitude of his players. "I like the goals they have set for themselves," he said.

Holbrook relayed his teammates' feelings. "We want to go 10-2, win our rivalry games (UTEP and New Mexico) and go to a bowl," he said.

NMSU's quarterback said that the Aggies' 34-28 loss to the Lobos early last season proved they could score quickly on any opponent. When New Mexico jumped to a 34-14 lead, the fans who left Aggie Memorial Stadium early missed New Mexico State's quick-striking offensive rally that could very well have won the

"You don't ever want to walk out on

Aggies ink two in tennis

New Mexico State head coach Don Ball announced the addition of Stephanie Eusebe and Jim Brouleau to the women's and men's tennis teams respectively.

Eusebe (Champs sur Marne, France) transfers from the College de la Dailliere in Lognes, France. Back in her home country she participated in summer tournaments where she beat players with the skill level equivalent to a Top 100 Division 1 ranking. She enters NMSU as a junior and will have two years of

Stephanie is one of those hidden nuggets out there," Ball said. "I saw her play one of the top French junior players who was recruited by defending NCAA Champion Georgia Tech and Stephanie played extremely well against her. She should come in and be a factor for us immediately."

Brouleau, a freshman, arrives from Poitiers, France where he had a Top 10 junior ranking. There he played in both singles and doubles at two French Championships and was a finalist in several league championships.

"Jim is probably the third or fourth

best junior player in France and we're thrilled that we can attract that type of player," Ball said. "He has the potential to be one of the best players we've ever had come from France and that is saying a lot considering we had Marc Legris come here from France and he is probably the best men's player that I've coached.

One of Brouleau's greatest junior accomplishments was winning the pre-qualifying La Baule Tournament. Winning that tournament allowed him to play in tournaments at the Tennis Club Plaisir, the Nike Junior Tour and to represent France. Brouleau has also competed in many international tournaments including the Derby Cadets, le Pontet, la Balle Mimosa, les Petits As and the N1B Championnat d'equipe Nationale.

Both the Aggie men's and women's

tennis teams begin their preparation for fall play in mid-August. The men's team opens up the fall tournament season at home when NMSU hosts the Aggie Invi-tational, Sept. 14-16. The Lady Aggies first fall action comes on Sept. 21-23, when they travel down to El Paso, Texas, to participate in the UTEP Tournament.

Ward adds two coaches

Tidwell, Rosali join Ag baseball staff

New Mexico State baseball coach Rocky Ward announced the addition of two new coaches to his staff

Ward has hired Chase Tidwell, from Laredo (Texas) Community College and volunteer coach Tom Rosati from Albany (Ga.) High School for the 2007-08 season. Tidwell will be the recruiting coordinator and help with pitching, while Rosati will be in charge of varithe field and running basic drills during practices and will also help with pitching. ous tasks such as the maintenance of

Tidwell brings extensive experience to the team. He has three years of head coaching experience at the junior college level and two years of assistant coaching at the Divison I level.

"Tidwell brings plenty of experience because he knows how a team is supposed to be run, both on and off the field," Ward said. "He has always had to do his own recruiting in Laredo and has found good, quality players.

Tidwell coached current NMSU catcher and slugger Joe Leghorn (Victoria, B.C.) while he was at Laredo Community College. He also coached former Aggie Cameron McLachlan and is bringing Jacon Wilson (Corpus Christi, Texas) along with him this coming season. Wilson is a transfer who will look to make an impact on the mound for the Aggie pitching staff after playing well for Tidwell at Laredo CC.

Tidwell played for Southeastern Louisiana University from 1997-99 and was their starting catcher during that time, before transferring to Laredo CC where he played and started at catcher and first base from 1996-97

Rosati is coming in as the volunteer coach. He coached at Albany High School from 1986-2007 and had a 21 year coaching record of 306-237, while making 15 state tournament appearances. Rosati coached his team to three regional championships (1993, 1994 and 1996) and seven Elite Eight fin-

He was also selected as the 1996 AAA Region Coach of the Year when he led his team to a 24-0 record in the regular season, along with being selected as the Southwest Georgia All-Star Coach in 2006 and 2007.

"Rosati played for my dad (Gary Ward) at Yavapai Junior College when they won the National Junior College Championship and has won lots of games in Georgia as a high school coach so he knows how to be a winner," Ward said. "Usually we bring in guys who have just graduated to be our volunteer coach, but Rosati is a guy who is not only mature, but very energetic and he just loves the game of baseball."

The NMSU baseball team is looking to rebound from a 22-34 season and a seventh place finish in the Western Athletic Conference. The Aggies will be returning leading hitters Joseph Scaperotta (San Diego, Calif.), Joe Leg-horn and Marcus Quade (Littleton, Colo.) among others to the squad, along with some newcomers, which will be announced at a later date.





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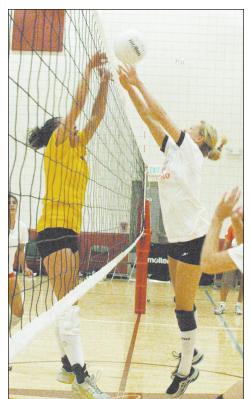
The success of New Mexico State's volleyball team is apparently spreading.

Coach Mike Jordan said that the turnout for his recent 10-day volleyball camp was the best ever.

"We had 80 campers in our two-day Setters Camp," he said. "For the four-day

All Skills Camp we had 150 campers and for the three-day Team Camp, we drew 17 teams."

The Aggies, of course, finished last season with a 33-4 overall record, second place in the WAC at 14-2 and ranked 23rd nationally in the final polls.

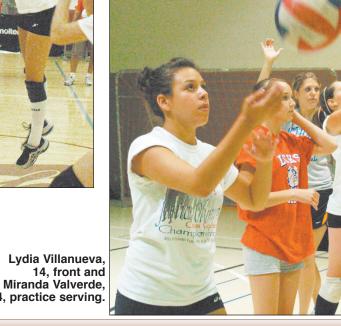


Lydia Villanueva,

14, practice serving.

Left: Jennah DeVries, left, and Madison Hardy battle for the ball.

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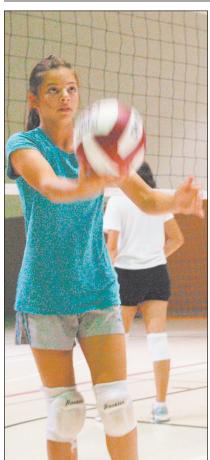




Monica Baxton, 12, in front and Michelle Skinner, 13, go through drills.









Kyla Rogers helps instruct Kelsey Nunn. Rogers traveled from lowa to help with the camp.



The Aggies' new assistant coach Stevi Adams worked as an instructor.





Ashton Wamble, 9, looks on.







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Featured Home: 4527 Maricopa Circle



A chandelier set among wooden planks and beams tops the foyer.

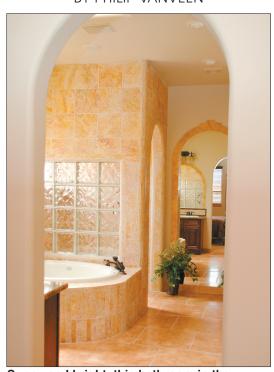


With faux finish walls and plush carpeting, the master bedroom is a relaxing spot.



Overlooking the living room, the sunny kitchen features custom cabinetry and beautiful tile work.

FEATURE HOME PHOTOS BY PHILIP VANVEEN



Sunny and bright, this bathroom in the home's master suite features an earth-hued color scheme. Detailed tile work, glass block windows, granite countertops and custom cabinetry add to the room's charm.



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No space is wasted in this 2,800-square-foot home. Builder Ryan Fancher designed the residence to be spacious and convenient as well as elegant.

Come in and relax

Hand-hewn beams and natural stone give this home an elegant edge

By Melissa St. Aude

Homebuilder Ryan Fancher of Desert Springs Construction began building 4527 Maricopa Circle the way he begins most other building projects – with an open floor plan and plans to use lots of wooden accents throughout the home.

"He loves using wood," said Wendy Fancher, Ryan's wife. "He puts lots of wood in each house he builds.

Wooden accents – columns, hand-hewn beams, trim, hardwood floors, and woodplank ceilings found in several areas of the home – are only part of what make 4527 Maricopa Circle special. Integrated with the wood is extensive use of natural stone and tile, in soft desert-hues, to give the home an elegant feel.

"Our specialty is providing innovative luxurious custom homes that only the imagination can exceed," Fancher said. "I love this house. I feel that way about every

is the most striking part of the home.

house I build. After you spend so much time working on a house, you just end up Fancher said that he believes the foyer



Address 4527 Maricopa Circle

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A beautiful foyer, lined with wooden columns and topped with a wood-plank ceiling and stained glass windows, sets a grand first impression for the home

Lined by wooden columns, a wood plank ceiling, stained-glass windows and a custom-tile mosaic, Fancher describes the

foyer as "elegant, but not gaudy."

"The entry way is what grabs everyone's attention," Fancher said. "It sets a presence for the house."

The living room's kiva fireplace is also unique. Painted with layers of rich redbrown hues to give it a leather-like look, the fireplace also has tile-lined niches.
"It's a really neat touch," Fancher said.

"It was difficult to get it just right without going over the top.

Fancher is also a Realtor and sees first hand what homebuyers are looking for in new homes. With that expertise in mind, he designed the home's layout along with his wife Wendy and positioned it to take advantage of the views and abundant

"We wanted the house to capture the views," Fancher said.

The home features a split floor plan with the dining room, living room and kitchen all open and adjacent to one another while the master bedroom and additional three bedrooms are on opposite sides of the main living area. Two of the bedrooms are designed Jack and Jill style, with a shared bathroom between them

"We wanted to create a home with a lot of openness," Fancher said.

With more than 20 years in the construction and real estate business, Ryan Fancher says that his approach to nopressure homebuilding has resulted in a

loyal following.

"My approach to building and selling any home is to make sure the house is of the highest quality and exceeds the expectation of the client," Fancher said. "I enjoy knowing that the homeowner has just gotten exactly what they wanted when they started their search for their dream house.

Since starting Desert Springs Construction four years ago, Fancher has built 15 homes. Specializing in luxurious custom homes specifically tailored to the homeowner, he averages about four to five months on each project. Building 4527 Maricopa took about four months.

Fancher's homes range in price from about \$250,000 to more than \$700,000.

"Because of the quality of each home, the price deserves to be where it is," he said.

He added that the local real estate market is growing and offers something for buyers in all price ranges.

"Whether you're a first time homeowner or have been working your way up to building your dream home, the sky is the limit right now," he said.

4527 Maricopa features a three-car tandem garage, custom window coverings and a fully landscaped yard.



Glass block, custom cabinetry, granite countertops and arched mirrors lend a graceful touch to the bathroom.



The Fancher family, Chelsea, Ryan, Kaitlin and Wendy, sit in front of a customdesigned fireplace in 4527 Maricopa Circle.





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A part of the Southwest's allure is its unique interior and exterior architectural design. Over the centuries the Southwest culture has unfolded as a response to the environment of its inhabitants, and in doing so has created an expression in its bold and honest use of materials combined with a sensitivity to the natural surroundings and the environment.

As history records, the early settlers to the valley searched for local building materials but found no stone, no forests of ponderosa pine trees and no established building style. The first settlers lived in sun-dried adobe-brick houses built on foundations of river rocks and roofed their homes with willow branches and cactus ribs topped by dirt. The rich history of Southwest architecture developed over thousands of years with each new wave of immigrants adapting their native culture to the environment.

The buildings in the Southwest are identified by characteristics arising out of a blend of Native American, Old World Spanish craftsmanship and Anglo-American ingenuity. As time has passed, the original use of design elements in the home have evolved. Interior courtyards, originally built for protection, have become

soulful private retreats. The inviting interior and exterior corner fireplaces, once essential for cooking and warmth, now are popular design additions. Openings with heavy protective doors and forged iron gates over window grills once needed for safety from raiders now provide a unique Southwest flavor. Vigas, latillas and other ornate features, once an intricate part of the building structure, remain favorite methods of ceiling design and architectural decoration.

But, desert newcomers are often overwhelmed with unfamiliar styles and material choices. To further confuse the homebuyer is a range of terms such as Sonoran Classic, Territorial, Spanish Colonial, Santa Fe Pueblo, Southwest Contemporary, Mediterranean, Mexican Colonial, Mexican Hacienda and Mexican Ranch. In the end, it's important to sit down and figure out what materials are authentic to the particular style and heritage of the Southwest home.

Each Southwest style, whether Spanish Colonial or Mexican Hacienda, has its own authentic materials to make its design styles true to its heritage.

Our area is rich in history, and with the tall ceilings, the living areas seem larger, and hand-plastered walls and antique doors add to the uniqueness.

The beautiful design elements of the Southwest such as beamed ceilings, saltillo tile floors, ornamental wrought iron and clay-tile roofs point to the diverse influences. Colors also play an important part in the Southwest style. The subtle hues of local earthen materials are contrasted with bright colors of Mexican influence, turquoise and bright blues accented by the deep red of a chili ristra.

A typical Southwest home emphasizes views of the natural surroundings and includes large overhangs and lots of covered patios. If you are remodeling a Southwestern home, it is possible to create your own desert style through a series of well-crafted details. Walls can



The architectural design of the Southwest is bold and sensitive to the environment at the same time.

be faux-finished to give the illusion of undulating adobe. Hammered iron work and hand-forged metal add an Old World look. Mexican-made tile, etched glass, hand-crafted furniture, built in nichos, and rusted metal finishes are just a few examples of the subtle details employed in today's desert dwellings. The use of many textures such as stone, brick, tile, wood and metals add to the blending of styles and your imagination will come alive as you explore a new lifestyle in the Southwest.

Mariann Novack is an interior decorator and design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Court. The showroom features Arizona Tile and is open to the public. Mariann welcomes your comments and can be reached at Mariann@lascrucesbulletin.com or 524-2831.

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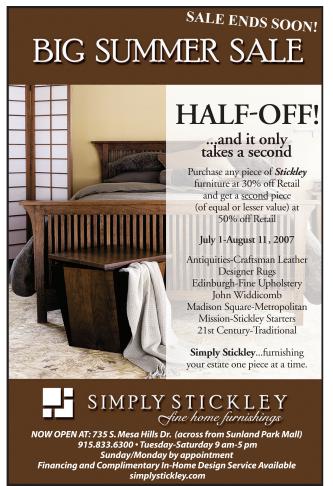
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It's not always easy being green

True custom homebuilding often means staying ahead of the trends

By Melissa St. Aude

Being the first to do something new is always a challenge, but Dave Homberger of DL Homberger Builders hopes that by building Las Cruces' first certified Build Green New Mexico home, he will soon start a new trend.

"I expect that the idea will catch on," Homberger said. "These Build Green New Mexico ideas may pave the way for the future of homebuilding."

Build Green New Mexico is an organization that promotes and facilitates sustainable construction. The organization certifies homes that meet its standards for performance, efficiency, sustainability and health. A home can earn a bronze, silver or gold rating based on the green building practices and materials used by the builder.

Homberger is building the home at the request of his client, Don Rudisill.

"I talked to several builders about building this house for me, and they all said that they couldn't meet the Build Green New Mexico requirements," Rud-

Rudisill and his wife moved to Las Cruces from Denver, Colo., several years ago and immediately began looking for a new home that had good indoor air quality and was energy efficient, using 50 to

Details

75 percent less energy than a standard

They looked at several homes, but couldn't find any that fit their environmental and energy-efficient requirements.

"We gave up and came to the conclusion that if we wanted a home with the features that we wanted we would have to build it ourselves," Rudisill said.

When he approached Homberger with the idea of building a certified green home, he was happy to find a willing and eager

"The first step to having this house built was to find a builder," Rudisill said.

Homberger said that the core idea behind a certified green home - an energyefficient home designed to last generations was an ideal on which he built his homebuilding company.

"Don is the consumer, and he wants to live in a quality home, and I want to build a quality house," Homberger said. "The idea makes sense.

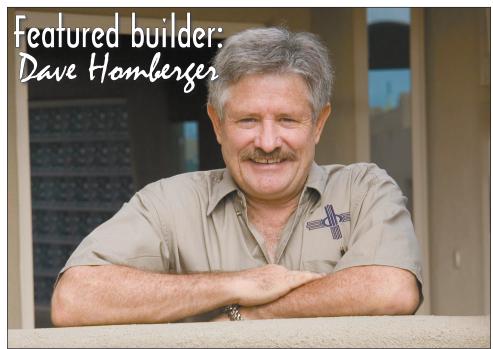
The home will be built on a lot Rudisill purchased in the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch, and Homberger expects to begin work on the project in the fall, once research is complete and plans are finalized. Homberger said the home will take longer to build than most others.

"I expect that it will take as long as it takes to build two standard houses – about six months," Homberger said. "There will be a learning curve with some of the new techniques that will be used to build this

But Homberger said he is always up for a challenge. In the 1990s he participated in a challenge to build a home in less than

"This was one of the first homes in the High Range area, and about 500 people participated in the challenge," he said. "We (the builders who participated) completed the house in 37 hours, but the planning, scheduling and organizing took more than year. What the public saw was that we completed a house in 37 hours. What we learned was that good planning and scheduling are just as important as quality

Homberger has been building homes in Las Cruces since 1980. He also has a plumbing license, which he acquired in 1981.



J.M. CRAMER I The Las Cruces Bulletin

A homebuilder since 1980, Dave Homberger builds three to five homes a year. He will soon break ground on a new house that aims to be the first certified Build Green New Mexico home in Las Cruces.

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DAVE HOMBERGER,

Homebuilder

"I started as an apprentice plumber in Boulder, Colorado in 1971 and worked up to journeyman status a few years later, he said. "It wasn't until I came to Las Cruces in 1974 that I began carpentry. I ran a framing-trim carpentry business for a while then went to work as a superintendent for a large residential builder.

That's where I learned the ropes of the start-tofinish building process and when he went out of business, I decided it was time to set out on

Homberger averages about three to five homes a year, focusing on custom-built homes.

"I like to pay attention to detail, but then so do a lot of guys," Homberger said. "Rubbing shoulders with some of the other long-time

builders and subcontractors in Las Cruces gives me a deep sense of appreciation."

He has built about 150 homes throughout his career and once averaged more than six homes a year. Health issues forced him to slow down.

"I've had a stent placed in my heart to open a 95 percent blockage, and I've had a total knee replacement. I've been forced to slow down and observe life around me as it rushes on," he said. "It's a new perspective, but truthfully, I've always enjoyed a somewhat slower pace compared to the mad rush approach. Building just one or two

homes at a time allows me to spend hands-on time every day at each site. Of course it means a smaller income, but my wife and I agreed early in our marriage (1977) to never spend more than we made, and it's been a good way of life.'

Homberger, who with wife Dina has three daughters, said that the support of his family is the secret behind his suc-

He said that Ruidisill's green home project couldn't come at a better time.

"I hope to continue as a small custom builder with an increasing emphasis on green systems and technology," Homberg-



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What it means to be green

How Build Green New Mexico certifies qualifying homes

By Melissa St. Aude

Homes that meet Build Green New Mexico's certification criteria must be built to a high standard of efficiency, durability and indoor air quality. These homes are designed to be healthier and less expensive to live in as well as being better for the planet.

According to Build Green NM, to be certified by the organization, a home must:

1. Work with the land. Lot preparation and design must take advantage of solar energy and compliment the natural landscape as well as reduce damage to the

2. Be energy efficient. As well as using energy efficient lighting and appliances, a certified home must be well-sealed and insulated and the heating and air conditioning equipment must be effective and efficient.

3. Conserve water. Homes must be designed to reduce water use with low-flow fixtures, water-saving appliances and water efficient landscaping.

4. Meet indoor air quality standards. Indoor air pollutants should be minimized by choosing materials that have a low or no volatile organic compound content. As well, appliances, equipment and building techniques should provide for clean, fresh, filtered air. Because of

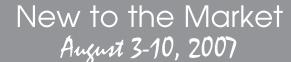


this requirement, certified homes are generally more comfortable and healthier for its residents.

5. Educate homeowners. New homeowners should be fully informed about their home and how to care for, operate and maintain their homes. As well, they should be able to connect with community resources like recycling facilities and public transportation.

6. Less global impact. The home should be designed have minimal adverse affects on the envrionment. Natural qualities of the state should be preserved.

This information and more may be found at the Build Green New Mexico website at www.buildgreennm.com.



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Continued from previous page 4471 Maricopa Circle, Quality construction by Purcella, you will feel the difference when you walk thru this home. Upgraded lighting and hardware, tiled floors in living areas, carpet in bedrooms and wood floors in dining room. Master suite has many extras: oversized bedroom, wonderful bathroom, double sinks and jet tub. MLIS # 781711 Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$323,000 - High Range - 4511 Maricopa Circle, Here is a beautiful home with tile floors in living areas, wood floors in dining, and carpet in the bedrooms. Home has upgraded lighting and hardware through-out, gorgeous Granite counters and tiled back splashes. With so many extras, you will feel the difference in quality and craftsmanship.MLIS # 781710 Call Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$200,000 -\$299,999

\$299,900 - Picacho Hills -5608 Mira Montes, This beautiful home features architectural design and upgrades galore. There are two master suites with private baths and a third bedroom with a full bath. Living areas have 18" limestone tile flooring; kitchen has custom cabine-try and stainless steel appliances. Other features include a soundproofing in the interior walls, insulated garage and low-e windows. MLIS # 781724 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$279,900 - High Range - 4051 Bella Sierra Court, Twilight Homes at Mission Espada! Buy now and take \$5,000 off of the price of this home! Save \$4,000 in closing costs by using our preferred lender Crescent Financial. Home is in a quiet cul-de-sac location near Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Magnificent kitchens with granite countertops, upgraded appliances, custom cabinets MLIS # 781846 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$250,000 - Telshor - 1625 Candlelight Drive, VIEW, VIEW, AMAZING VIEW of the Organ Mountains, and East side of property is backed by BLM land!! Property is located near shopping, medical services, schools and NMSU. REFRIGERATED AIR! Large bedrooms! Bring all offers! MLIS # 781798 Call Amy Noble 640-5536, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$249,900 - 4-Hills - 3444 Valverde Loop, Beautiful home in the Del Rey area! This home under construction now, but it has lots of open space and many extras! Call Emerick Real Estate for more information! MLIS # 781859 Call Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$244,900 - High Range -4079 Bella Sierra, Twilight Homes at Mission Espada! Buy now and take \$5,000 off of the price of this home! Save \$4,000 in closing costs by using our preferred lender Crescent Financial. Home is in a quiet cul-de-sac location near Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Magnificent kitchen with granite countertops, upgraded appliances, custom cabinets MLIS #781845 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$224,900 - Foothills - 271 Los Arboles, This home is terrific, 3 bedroom 2 bath close to shopping, hospitals, just about anything you may need. The master suite upstairs has adjoining loft and also an outside deck with beautiful views. Yards are Xeriscaped, and backyard has flagstone on entire area. Low maintenance yard and very attractive. MLIS #781923 Brenda Allen 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$100,000 -\$199,999

\$199,900 - San Andres - 1377 Mogollon Street, Large 2-story home Located in Legends West. This home has a great floor plan, spacious bedrooms and a covered porch. Corner lot at the end of the street with mountain views from the front window! MLIS #781906 Kari Hitner at 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$194,900 - Las Colinas - 4988 Jaradite Drive, Terrific home with an open floor plan and lots of light! This 4 bedroom 2 bath home has fresh paint, new carpet and is in super shape. Sits on a cul-de-sac for less traffic! Landscaping is Xeriscaped with a small amount of grass in the back. Must see! MLIS # 781878 Brenda Allen 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$186,000 - 4-Hills - 3348 Valverde Loop, Great home for a great price! Located the Del Rey area, this home is currently under construction, but it includes many extras and has lots of open space! You have to see this home! MLIS # 781858 Call

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Off with their heads

Decapitating flies combat red fire ants

Red fire ants' days are numbered in the United States, thanks to effective commercial pest control methods and a USDA program introducing natural enemies into the red fire ants' world, including right here in Doña Ana County

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In addition to Las Cruces, where red fire ants have been found for many years, the government has already started deploying these natural enemies in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Texas and Tennessee.

"This program and deploying these started and the started and

"This program could wind up saving the United States about \$4 billion a year," said Philip G. Koehler, a renowned University of Florida entomologist who spearheaded portions of the USDA research.

For more than 70 years, red fire

For more than 70 years, red fire ants have spread throughout the southern United States, stinging and irritating millions of Americans with impunity and causing nearly \$6 billion in damage annually to crops, livestock, electronics and residential populations in 12 states and Puerto Rico. And their stings can even lead to death in humans from anaphylactic shock.

Conventional pest-control methods destroy fire ant colonies – an effective, yet reactive solution. Accidentally imported from Brazil in 1931, red fire ants have had no natural enemies in the United States.

Meet the phorid fly, also known as the "decapitating fly." You've heard of the Terminator, now meet the Decapitator.

"The adult decapitating phorid fly actually lays an egg in the thorax of the red fire ant," Koehler said. "When the egg hatches, the larvae eats out the head of the ant until it literally falls off. Nothing else has the inside of a head like a red fire ant so the flies don't attack anything else."

Koehler, author of "Pests In and Around the Florida Home," said one fly has the potential to kill 200 to 300 red fire ants.

In addition, scientists are also using micro-biological warfare against the red fire ant. They are releasing Thelohania Solenopsae, a highly contagious and virulent red fire ant disease, which infects the ovaries of the queen, resulting in 90 percent fewer eggs. This begins a chain reaction where the lack of eggs leads to fewer worker ants, and when the mound is taken over by another colony, those ants contract the disease.

Scientists are also raising red fire ants in laboratories and releasing diseased larvae on red fire ant mounds, said Koehler.

To be certain the flies and the disease would not attack any other organisms, Koe-

organisms, Koehler said the USDA carefully conducted nearly a decade of research.

"We brought in the pest, but didn't bring in any natural enemies," Koehler said. "Combined with commercial pest control methods, these enemies will significantly impact red fire ant colonies over a period of time."

Koehler said the red fire ant population in Brazil – the red fire ant's home – is 80 percent smaller than in the United States – in large part due to the balance created by its natural enemies.

The flies and disease are longterm solutions and are not a substitute for conventional pest control



methods, Koehler said.

Our industry sees these new weapons as complements in the campaign to eliminate red fire ants. There can be millions of red fire ants per acre, and the decapitating flies and the red fire ant disease make our methods even more effective. Truly Nolen treats the red fire ant mounds with special baits and also treats the area around the perimeter to contain the population. In a relatively short time, a 100 percent success rate is achieved in destroying the red fire ant population in a particular area.

Based on these advances, red fire ants' days are numbered in the

United States.
And that's good
news to anybody
who has ever
been stung by one
or more of these
nasty little critters.
As national

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has over 20 years of experience in the pest control indus-

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Shunned food turned popular veggie

Full of cancer-fighting nutrients, the tomato may be the perfect food

By MELISSA ST. AUDE The Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to tomatoes, colonial Americans had it all wrong. Because the plant belongs to the nightshade family of plants (which includes tobacco, potatoes, chili peppers and other plants) early Americans believed that tomatoes were poisonous and shunned them. It wasn't until the early 1800s that tomatoes became accepted as an edible food in the United States. Today, the tomato is the nation's fourth most popular fresh vegetable behind potatoes, lettuce and onions, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

One medium, fresh tomato weighs about 5.2 ounces and has 35 calories. The vegetable provides 40 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin C and 20 percent of vitamin A. Research shows that tomatoes contain lycopene, a red carotenoid which may protect against some cancers, according to the USDA. Although watermelon, guava and pink grapefruit are other great sources of lycopene, per gram, tomatoes have more than any other fruit or vegetable.

Easy No-Cook Tomato Sauce

This recipe and more may be found on the California Tomato Commission website at www. eattomatoes.org

1 pound (3 to 4 medium) fresh California tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon olive oil
3/4 teaspoon each salt and sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground pepper
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar

In a food processor or blender, combine and process all ingredients to make a rough-textured sauce. Adjust flavors to taste. Makes about 1 1/2 cups of sauce

Around-the-home item: Tomatoes and Tomato Sauce

The United States is the world's largest producer of tomatoes. The vegetables grown in the United States fall into two categories:

- The vigetation of the commercially-grown fresh tomatoes are grown in every state but California and Florida account for nearly two-thirds of the commercially-grown fresh tomato market.
- Processing With a thicker skin and a greener hue, these tomatoes differ significantly from fresh tomatoes.
 Processed tomatoes wind up in a variety of products pizza and pasta sauces, ketchup, salsa, juice, tomato paste, etc. According to the USDA, an estimated one-third of all processed tomato products are purchased at food service outlets, like pizza and pasta restaurants.
 Consider these around the house uses for tomatoes.
- **1. Remove odors.** Whether its mystery odors in your plastic containers, garbage pails or on an unfortunate pooch that was sprayed by a skunk, tomato juice can combat them all.
- **2.** Clean pennies. Drop a few dirty pennies into a tomato juice bath and allow them to sit for a few moments while the citric acid goes to work. Remove, rinse and shine
- **3. Refresh hair color.** If your hair is looking a bit dull and lifeless, use tomato juice as you would conditioner or final rinse. Allow the juice to sit on clean hair for a few moments then rinse.
- **4. Drink or eat to your health.** Research has shown that 2 to 4 servings of tomato sauce per week may reduce risk of prostate cancer by 35 percent. Tomatoes are also good for fighting heart disease and signs of aging.

TIP: Store tomatoes at room temperature on a countertop. According to the California Tomato Association, most fresh tomatoes available in stores are not yet ripe (because ripe tomatoes bruise more easily). Once you get your tomatoes home from the store, allow them to ripen at room temperatures. Do not refrigerate until it is fully ripe – refrigeration will stop the ripening process and result in loss of flavor. When ripe, tomatoes will be completely red or reddish-orange and have a sweet, subtle aroma. It will give slightly to gentle palm pressure. For faster ripening, place fresh tomatoes in a brown paper bag. As the fruit ripens, it emits a natural gas, ethylene, which speeds the ripening process.

Considered inedible by early colonists, the tomato is now the fourth most popular vegetable nationwide.



Is it a fruit or a vegetable?

Although it is used as a vegetable, the tomato is botanically a fruit. In 1883, the U.S. Supreme Court proclaimed the tomato to be a vegetable as it is usually served with a meal rather than as a dessert.

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\$183,900 - East Mesa - 5080 Usana Court What a value at \$114.00 a sq ft! This 2004 built Southwest style ranch home has mountain views from the rear covered patio, wonderful natural light throghout the home, ceiling fans in all rooms and a fireplace in great room. Yard is low maintenance and zoned irrigation. RV access!!! MLIS # 781893 Ron Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$175,500 - Elks Club - 4791 Hilda Drive, Oversized lot, awesome views! Family room has fireplace, high ceilings and a French door to a covered patio. Kitchen has lots of cabinets, upgraded new stove and eating area. Nice split bedrooms! Large Master bedroom, with a nice size master bath and walk-in closet. Plenty of storage in garage! MLIS # 781770 Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$159,900 - Telshor Area - 3009 Majestic Ridge, Great investment property in a desirable location! Excellent rental history! One unit has been recently remodeled with tile throughout, new maple cabinets, new sinks, fixtures, and counter tips. Second unit is not remodeled but is in good condition. MLIS # 781909 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$157,450 - E. Mesa - 4874 Calle Bella Avenue, You must see this wonderful home in the East Mesa area! This home has over 1,600 square feet of living space, perfect for first time buyers. Kitchen has a breakfast bar, tile floors, built-in dishwasher, Formica counters and a nice pantry. MLIS # 781721 Call Quint Lears at 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$154,900 - E. Mesa - 6199 Payan Road, Here is a nice place to spread out, and tons of space for your toys and hobbies. Much of the home has been remodeled. The master has new carpet, remodeled bathroom, and all new ceiling fans. This home has an attached garage. Don't forget about the beautiful views! MLIS # 781689 Call Regina Hollars 621-9921, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$142,000 - 4-Hills - 3313 Valverde Loop, Don't be left out! Wonderful home in the Del Rey area! Home is under construction, but has a wide open floor plan and so many extras! MLIS # 781855 Call Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$140,000 - 4-Hills - 3309 Valverde Loop, Great home in the Del Rey area! This home is under construction now, but is has lots of open space and many extras! Don't miss out on this new home! MLIS #781856 Call Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850







Harvesting chile rellenos

The sweet scent of roasted chile will soon fill the air

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound ground pork

intact (your favorite)

It's hard to believe, but the next annual Hatch Chile Festival (hatchchilefest.com) is just weeks away – the weekend before Labor Day. And soon the aroma of roasting chiles will blanket our enchanting valley. A favorite dish to prepare from the harvest is chiles rellenos (CHEE-lehs rreh-YEH-nohs), whole chiles (usually battered and fried) stuffed with meat or cheese filling. As a calorie counter, I opt for baked chiles rellenos but heck, once in awhile I can't resist the "real thing." Below I share several enticing chiles rellenos recipes – clip and save them for when the first batch of chile rolls off the roasters!

Chiles Rellenos

4 large green New Mexican chiles, roasted and peeled, stems intact Cheddar cheese or Monterey Jack, cut into strips 3 eggs, separated 1 tablespoon water 3 tablespoons flour 1/4 tsp salt

Make a slit in the side of each chile and stuff the chiles with the cheese strips. Dredge the chiles in the flour. Beat the egg whites until they form stiff peaks. Beat the yolks with the water, 3 tablespoons flour, and salt until thick and creamy. Fold the yolks into the whites.

Dip the chiles in the mixture and fry in 2 to 3 inches

of oil until they are a golden brown.

Chiles Rellenos with **Ancho Chile Powder**

1 red onion 1 cup white rice 3 tablespoons favorite salsa 3 Roma tomatoes, diced 1 teaspoon ancho chile powder Salt and pepper to taste Monterey Jack cheese, shredded 2 tablespoons flour, plus 1 cup for dredging 4-6 roasted chile peppers, stems

Brown ground pork in sauté pan. Remove from pan and set aside to cool. Add onions to sauté pan and sauté until translucent; remove and set aside to cool. Cook rice and allow to cool. Once all ingredients are cool, mix pork, onion, rice, salsa, tomatoes, chile powders and salt and pepper together. Cook peppers at 400 degrees for 8 minutes or until slightly softened. Remove and allow to cool.

Make a slit down side and remove seeds. Stuff peppers with rice/pork stuffing. Add slice of cheese in center for stuffing. Skewer peppers with toothpick to keep closed. Separate egg yolks and egg whites. Whip egg whites with salt in mixer until it forms batter.

In a separate bowl, season about 1 cup of flour with salt and pepper. Dredge peppers in seasoned flour, then



Green chiles fresh from the roaster are pod perfect for chiles rellenos. (Photo taken at the Hatch Chile Festival, 2006.)

dip peppers in batter holding them from stem. Add pepper to frying pan with 1-2 inches of hot oil. Fry peppers for a few minutes per side (browned) and remove from oil. Drain on paper towel for a few minutes. Finish cooking peppers in 400 degrees oven for approximately 10-15

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Pork Picadilla Chiles Rellenos with Raisins

(Adapted from pepperfool.com)

8-10 green chiles (your favorite),
roasted and peeled, stems intact
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 medium onion, diced
1 garlic clove, minced
1 pound ground pork
6 canned plum tomatoes,
seeded and diced
1/4 cup golden raisins
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
and cinnamon
Salt and black pepper
1/2 cup flour
2 eggs, beaten
Sour cream for garnish

Carefully cut one lengthwise slit in each and remove seeds. Set aside for stuffing. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in large skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion and garlic until soft, about 5 minutes. Add pork and cook, stirring and tossing, until evenly browned. Add remaining ingredients and reduce heat. Cook over medium low heat, stirring occasionally, until liquid is evaporated, about 1/2 hour. Divide pork mixture and stuff into each chile. Dip each first in flour and then in egg to lightly coat. Heat remaining oil in large skillet over medium heat. Sauté chiles, split side up, until lightly browned on 3 sides, 2 minutes total. Serve with dollops of sour cream.

Chiles Rellenos

Eight to 10 7-inch green chiles (preferably Big Jims), roasted and peeled, seeds intact, stems attached 3/4 pound grated mild Cheddar (about 3 cups) 1/2 cup all-purpose flour 2 1/2 teaspoons salt 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper Vegetable shortening for frying 4 large egg yolks, beaten 4 large egg whites, beaten until foamy 1/4 pound grated sharp Cheddar (about 1 cup) **Favorite Salsa**

Preheat broiler. Carefully cut a lengthwise slit in each chile and stuff with some Cheddar. Combine flour, salt, and pepper and dredge chiles.

In a large saucepan, heat 1/2 inch shortening to 375 degrees on a deep-fat thermometer. Fold yolks into egg whites. Working with 2 chiles at a time, using a slotted spoon, dip chiles into eggs and fry, turning occasionally, until golden, no more than a couple of minutes. With a slotted spoon carefully transfer chiles to paper towels to drain.

Arrange chiles on a flameproof plate and sprinkle with sharp Cheddar. Broil chiles just long enough to melt cheese and serve immediately, accompanied by salsa if desired.

(Adapted from Gourmet magazine, September 1995)

Spicy Sauce for Chiles Rellenos

1/2 of 1 medium onion, sliced 3 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 (28 oz) can Italian style tomatoes 1 teaspoon garlic, pressed or smashed and finely minced Salt and pepper 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf oregano, crushed 1 teaspoon sugar Chicken broth or tomato juice, to thin sauce if too thick

Sauté onion slices in hot oil in medium-sized saucepan. Process canned tomatoes in blender or food processor with garlic; strain. Add tomatoes and garlic to sautéed onion slices. Season with salt and pepper and add oregano. Add sugar and correct seasoning. Cover and cook over medium heat for 5 minutes. If sauce thickens too much, add chicken broth or tomato juice and cook 2 minutes longer. Take to the table in a sauceboat or serve over chiles rellenos to cover.

(Adapted from "Mexican Family Cooking.")

Baked Chiles Rellenos

6 large green chiles
1/2 pound cheese, grated
or cut into strips
2 eggs, separated
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt

Peel chiles; remove seeds through a small opening in the side. Fill chiles with cheese. Fasten with a wooden pick, handling carefully. Beat egg whites until stiff; beat yolks until thick. Sift together dry ingredients; add to yolks, blending well. Fold in beaten egg whites. Dip chiles into batter; place in greased casserole. Bake at 325 degrees until batter is cooked and lightly browned on top.

Note: If desired, chiles may also be stuffed with well-seasoned cooked meat.

Baked Chiles Rellenos Casserole

4-6 green chiles, roasted 1/2 lb. Jack cheese 4 eggs, separated 4 tablespoons melted butter

Peel chiles. Keep stems intact. Remove seeds through a small opening in the side. Drain and split chiles. Remove seeds. Cut cheese into strips and stuff into chilies.

Beat egg whites until stiff, moist peaks form. DON'T WASH BEATERS and beat yolks until lemon colored. Fold into whites.

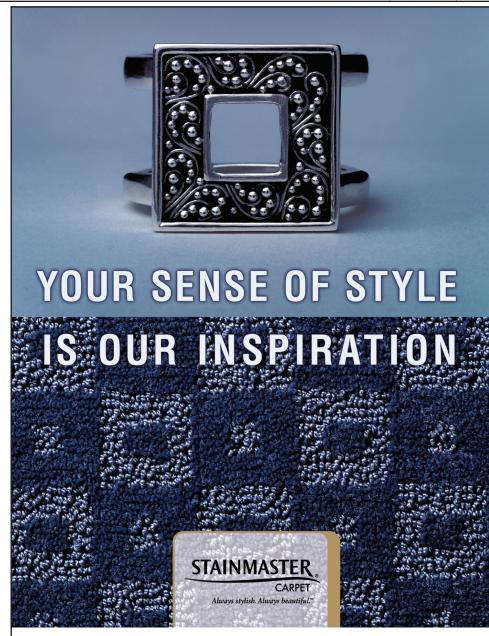
Brush bottom and sides of a shallow baking dish with butter. Spoon in half of the egg mixture. Arrange chilies on top. Spoon in the remaining egg mixture and drizzle with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until brown and puffy.

Sauce

1 8-oz. can tomato sauce 1/4 cup chopped onion 1/4 tsp. garlic powder 1/4 tsp. ground cumin 1/4 teaspoon oregano leaves

Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Heat and simmer 10 minutes. Pour over casserole before serving. Makes about 4 servings.

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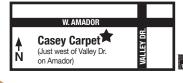


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