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WSMR to see troop increase

Army plans to boost presence by 6,000+

New Mexico's congressional delegation is announcing that the Army is planning to increase the number of units at White Sands Missile Range that could increase the number of soldiers stationed there by more than 6,000.

U.S. Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman and Congressman Steve Pearce on Wednesday, Dec. 19, announced plans for the potential relocation of two combat brigade teams now stationed in Germany to WSMR and Fort Bliss within five years.

The New Mexico lawmakers were briefed Wednesday morning on the Army's preliminary plans for WSMR, which are part of the ongoing "Grow the Army" Initiative (GTA) that involves enlarging the Army by 74,200 soldiers.

The senators were informed of the Army's intention to relocate two brigade combat teams now stationed in Germany to WSMR and Fort Bliss in FY2012 and FY2013. In addition, the GTA would base the 573rd Clearance Company at WSMR. These movements are expected to be completed by 2013.

"I will work with the Army to see that this growth at WSMR is carried out efficiently and in a manner that works well with WSMR's primary testing mission," Domenici said. "I am confident that these dynamic changes could be good for the Army and New Mexico."

"White Sands is the premier test facility for our military, and it is clearly growing in importance to the nation," Bingaman said. "The Army is finding new ways to make the most out of the range, and the fact that this new combat team is scheduled to come to New Mexico is great news for our state."

"As home to the training ground for the Future Combat Systems, White Sands is proving that New Mexico will play a growing role in the importance to America's Army," Pearce said.

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Superintendent story time

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds reads a story about rural New Mexico life to third graders at Alameda Elementary School on Wednesday, Dec.19, as part of the statewide Love 4 Reading Program sponsored by the New Mexico Public Education Department. Local school board members, other administrators and several local state legislators also read to the third graders throughout the school district that morning.

New high school will be on the East Mesa

Two 'finalist' sites are up by Lohman, Farm and Ranch Museum

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

And then there were two ...

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds will begin earnest negotiations to secure one of two East Mesa sites for the district's fourth high school.

The two sites, according to district evaluations, provide the most timely and cost-effective possibilities of the four sites that have been looked at. All the sites would require extensions of roads and utilities, but Rounds said the review and public input favored sites near the far end of East Lohman Avenue and a site next to the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum off Dripping Springs Road.

District officials had hoped to make a final decision at the Dec. 18 school board meeting, but Rounds instead asked that they approve letting him work on final negotiations for the two sites to improve the odds that unforeseen problems wouldn't delay opening the new high school by 2012.

The board agreed to let Rounds make the final necessary negotiations to make sure the final site selected is truly secured – i.e. roadway improvements allowed and easements transferable.

On the East Lohman location, Rounds will be talking to the State Land Office and local developer Philip Philippou, who promised this and other school sites at his controversial Vistas at Presidio development that was annexed earlier this year.

The other site is located on Bureau of Land Management property that NMSU leases at a low cost for educational purposes.

Rounds said he believes at least one of the sites could be secured by March when work will need to start on designing and building the new high school expected to cost more than $80 million and hold classes for 2,200 students.

On one hand, the State Land Office's mission is to raise money for education, so it usually works more swiftly than the BLM. The BLM lease to NMSU, however, is conditional that it be used for educational purposes, so Rounds said it's possible that getting the site could be as simple as NMSU turning the lease over to the school system.

In both cases, the school district will get the property at either no cost – as is the case with the Philippou development – or for next to nothing from the BLM.

Because the rule of real estate is that property gets more expensive as time goes on, Rounds also got the board to allow him to begin work on identifying other future school sites and to begin talks on securing them for the future.

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Meet the Candidate	Fri., Jan. 4	Uno's Pizzeria	6 to 8 p.m.
Coffee with Karen	Sat. Jan. 5	Roberto's Restaurant	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Sun., Jan. 6	Hotel Encanto-Azul Rm	4 to 6 p.m.
Enchilada Fundraiser $5	Sat., Dec. 31 thru Jan. 12	Habaneros Restaurant	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 • Absentee Voting Begins
Wed., Dec. 26 • Early Voting Begins

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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

The Christmas story

The timeless story of the birth of Jesus helps us reflect on love, peace and hope

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

The Christmas season is a wonderful time for families and friends to gather, share gifts and enjoy traditional celebrations. Many of us will be attending special Christmas church services where we will once again hear the wonderful story of the birth of Christ.

McCOLLUM

Because the story is so powerful and important in our local culture, we are pleased to take this opportunity to share with our readers the Christmas story as related in the New King James version of the Holy Bible.

Luke 2:1-20
Christ Born of Mary

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

So all went to be registered, everyone to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Glory in the Highest

Now there were shepherds living in the same country, shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart

Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told to them.

As we look forward to the New Year, Jaki and I, along with the entire Bulletin team, wish each of you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas holiday.

DAVID McCOLLUM, publisher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Protect wild areas

With its towering cliffs, rolling hills and sprawling deserts, Southern New Mexico is home to some of the nation's most beautiful wild lands. Those of us who live and work in Doña Ana County have been fortunate enough to call these stunning open spaces a part of our backyard.

Keeping our backyard free of development and destructive encroachment, however, takes more than a high fence or a guard dog. It takes federal wilderness designation. Some fear that this will limit our access to or activities in these wild lands. Actually, such protection will not only preserve our ability to hunt, horseback ride, camp and hike, picnic and otherwise enjoy wild natural places. Wilderness brings the appropriate level of protection for special places like the Organ Mountains.

Wilderness likely would bring more federal funding to manage these areas through the National Lands Conservation System (NLCS), increase our area's economic appeal, and permanently ensure these natural areas are protected for future generations.

Wilderness has over 40 years of research, study and work supporting it. It is the sure and safe choice to protect natural areas like the Organ Mountains, the West Potrillos and other areas.

I hope our representatives follow the lead of local supporters and move to keep the Doña Ana County's wild country wild. By acting now, we can guarantee our children a beautiful New Mexican backyard of their very own.

MERRILL SAPP

Friendliness appreciated

On Sunday, Dec. 9, I had the pleasure of hosting renowned actress Ali MacGraw, at the home of Mary Gail and Sen. Lamar Gwaltney. During her visit, Ms. MacGraw conveyed to me how impressed she was with our city, especially with the friendliness of the people of Las Cruces. I was very honored by her comment and I was able to express to her that this is one of the reasons that Las Cruces has been ranked as one of the nation's best cities.

After speaking to several people who attended the event, they were equally impressed with the friendliness of Ms. MacGraw and how she talked, took photos and interacted with those in attendance. I just wanted to express my heartfelt appreciation to the citizens of Las Cruces – especially for how you all left such a lasting impression on Ali MacGraw.

MARY JANE GARCIA

Nature park hours change

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is a nonprofit organization that brings the wonder of science to children and adults through programs for 12,000 children and 2,500 adults annually. Programs take place in classrooms, schoolyards, and at the 960-acre Nature Park located on Jornada Road. Beginning on Jan. 1, the Nature Park will have new hours, and entry will be prohibited during other times. These policies result from vandalism at the site this spring. Visitors can enjoy the park from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

We realize that some people access the Doña Ana Mountains through the park, but this will no longer be possible due to the closing of the road north of the park. However, the Doña Ana Mountains can still be accessed from Jornada Road at all times using alternate routes. Maps of these routes are available by calling the Nature Park office at 524-3334.

The nature park Board of Directors and staff would like to thank the members of our community who support our organization.

DR. STEPHANIE BESTELMEYER

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Don't be intimidated about celebrating Christmas

People can take words and symbols too seriously

Merry Christmas. Or am I allowed to say that? As far as I'm concerned, no one is going to stop me from enjoying Christmas. And if that involves my public acknowledgement of Christmas, then so be it.

I feel I can do so and still recognize religious diversity. A Jewish congregation just down the street has placed a very large menorah on its fence, which I like very much.

We have a sparkly crescent and star hanging prominently in our house. And we aren't bothered that to nearly all the world, it is a symbol of Islam.

To us, it is a reminder of a magical evening, sitting atop the Conrad Hotel on the Asian side of Istanbul, looking across the Bosporus at the European continent and seeing a crescent moon and star above us in almost the exact position as on the Turkish flag.

Actually the crescent and star are not a Muslim symbol. If they were, they couldn't be on the Turkish flag. You know about naming teddy bears and all that. The crescent and star were a Turkish symbol long before Islam came into existence.

The Turks quickly became the great power of the Muslim world. When their legions conquered southern Europe, the sight of the Turkish flag they carried caused people to associate the crescent and star with Islam. Eventually Muslims began to make the same association.

But it's no big deal to us. We have santos and bultos all over our house but we're not Catholic. We have them because we like them. We also have a large cross collection and over 300 nativities for which we had to buy a storage shed to keep them between Christmas seasons.

The point is that people get too serious about words and symbols. As Mike Huckabee said in explaining Mitt Romney's religious beliefs, it is an individual's relationship with God, not his church or religion, that defines what kind of person he is. Words and symbols shouldn't mean that much.

And if they do, don't sweat it. There's no law against public display of Christmas, even for government entities. Most choose not to do it for fear of hurting someone's feelings, but the Supreme Court never has agreed to hear the issue.

Government bodies seem to be moving toward the unwritten "one reindeer rule" by putting something secular in their Christmas display. If I were to move to a country where the predominant culture was other than Christian, I would not expect to see that culture adapt to me.

Some businesses like to play it safe and not lose any customers by mentioning Christmas. But many stores have discovered they can lose more customers by being politically correct.

The Christmas season is a great time to give thanks for the birth of our savior and to focus on peace and good will. But Dec. 25 isn't so sacred. We should give thanks year round.

It appears very likely that Christ was not born on Dec. 25 because shepherds would not have been in the fields tending their flocks in the middle of winter.

December was a common time for most cultures and religions to celebrate because they didn't have to be tending their fields at that time. So it was a good time for Christians to have their big celebration.

Nothing says birthdays have to be celebrated on the anniversary of one's birth. I know people born on Dec. 25, who celebrate their birthday in July.

And by the way, the use of Xmas isn't too un-Christian. In Greek, the language of many early Christian writings, X (Chi) was the first letter of Christ.

So don't feel intimidated about celebrating Christmas in exactly the way you want. You get to make the rules by which you live.

And don't let the blustering Bill O'Reillys of the world get you too worked up either. No one has declared war on Christmas and no one won it for us. Merry Christmas!

Letters to the Editor

Girls group honors returning servicemen

I want to share with you about a community-service project that was done last month by the American Heritage Girls at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. I am a parent assistant with the American Heritage Girls, Troop NM 0003 here in Las Cruces.

The American Heritage Girls is a Christ-centered scouting organization for girls of all ages. The program provides girls with many opportunities including life skill enhancement, leadership and character, social and spiritual development.

In November, we went into the Las Cruces community and asked businesses and individuals to donate products and services to assist us in assembling "Welcome Home/ Thank You" baskets for two military soldiers and their families associated with Mesilla Valley Christian Schools that recently had returned home from Iraq.

The outpouring of love was amazing. Sixteen different local businesses made donations to our baskets and many individuals provided gifts and cash donations.

We invited the two military men, Trent Boone and Robert Kitcey along with their families to the school on Nov. 20, so that we could give them their special baskets. The girls, dressed in their uniforms, sang, "God Bless America," and a few offered some words of thanks to the men for their sacrifice they had made for our country. We shared with them that the baskets represented not only us, but many people in the community also saying, "Thank you."

The businesses that had made donations are as follows: StayBridge Suites, La Posta de Mesilla, Sun Lanes, Pizza Hut, IHOP, Flowerama, Taste of Home, UNO's Chicago Grill, San Saba Pecans, Allen Theatres, Pic Quik, St. Clair Winery and Bistro, Hastings, Ashley Furniture and Chili's.

We would like to give a heartfelt "thank you" to each of these businesses for their help in welcoming home these brave men.

KEISHA VELARDE

First lady should look closer to home

Laura Bush, the first lady, recently spoke to Thailand calling attention to the denial of human rights in that country. She referred to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations 59 years ago. She should be speaking with her husband and both Republicans and Democrats in Washington, D.C.

The Universal Declaration is perhaps the single greatest achievement in the evolving concept of democracy; no one these days pays much attention to it.

Laura Bush should tell her husband that "no one shall be subjected to torture …" Art 5.

"No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile" Art 9

"Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing …" Art 10

"Everyone … has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty …" Art 11 (1).

"No one shall be subject to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence" Art 12.

"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well being of himself and his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care …" Art 25(1).

There are a total of 30 articles that cover a wide swath of fundamental rights. In my opinion the United States has deliberately ignored the Universal Declaration. What a shame.

ANTHONY F. AVALLONE

Election was hijacked

Your Nov. 30 article "A familiar face in the crowd" could also have been bylined "A measure of a man." Bill Mattiace did only one thing wrong in this election – he was himself! He continued only as he knew how and that was to stay on the "high ground," maintain his integrity and not jump into the mud with his opposition. If he had done this, he would have been totally out of character and that would not have been Bill Mattiace.

His opposing forces, unfortunately, found comfort in their disengenuous commentary and, through some unbelievable ability to convince the naive and ill-informed, made their mud stick. Their reckless diatribe and unfortunate influence have, I believe, changed the complexion of local politics for years to come. Outside influences appear to be entering the local scene and bringing with them their money and political skills. Our local campaigns are now beginning to look more like those on the national level and that portends no pride.

Bill Mattiace didn't lose this election; it was, for all practical purposes hijacked. He was an outstanding ambassador for our city, and that role is not one to be filled easily or again very soon. His legacy of the past six years has been one of outstanding accomplishment, and he leaves a very large footprint for which all of us can be proud.

MELVIN MORROW

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Away in the manger

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

"Well, that's the last room, Rachael. We're full up."

"We always are at tax collection time, Jake," Rachael said.

"I'm glad we moved here. I know you were worried about makin' a livin' in a little po dunk town, as some would say, but it's gonna work, we've just got to have faith."

"Is that the door?"

"I'll get it," said Jake.

Jake opened the door of his little inn to a man standing in the entranceway. In the moonlight he could see a woman behind him leaning on a burro.

"Would you have a place to stay?" the man asked, "We've been on the road since Wednesday from Nazareth, my wife is exhausted."

Jake looked them over. They looked worn out, alright. The woman looked pregnant.

"Gosh," said Jake, "We just let out our last room 10 minutes ago to a family from Samaria. I'm sorry."

"Could you recommend some place?" asked the man.

"The only other inn belongs to Mr. Saul," explained Jake, "But he usually is filled up with officials from the city, and other tax collectors."

"I'm in a bit of a crunch here," said the man with a hint of desperation in his voice, "My wife is having contractions. Is there any place I could get her off the street? Maybe a tool shed or a pump house?"

Jacob felt awful. "Well, there's a little barn behind us here. It's not big, but it's out of the wind. Do you have any bedding?"

"That would be very generous of you, sir. I promise we won't disturb the animals. Is there, by any chance, a midwife nearby?"

"Everything alright, Jake?" asked Rachael.

"Yeah, these young folks are lookin' for a room for the night, but I told them we're full up. We could let them spend the night in the stable?"

"With the animals!" she said, "Jacob, is the girl pregnant?"

"Yes, ma'am," said the traveler, "She's havin' pains now."

"Jacob," said Rachael, "They can have our room, we'll sleep on the couch!" Then to the stranger, "Come in ... please, we'll fix you up. Jacob, put their burro on the stable. What's yer name, Darlin? Mary. Okay, c'mon Mary, let's get you comfortable."

Later that night as Jacob and Rachael snuggled on the couch he said, "That was the right thing to do. I just didn't think of it."

"That's why we're a team, Jake. I just couldn't imagine giving birth in the stable. I mean, where would she have laid the baby? In the manger?"

Local holiday closings announced

Most city and county offices will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. City offices will also be closed on Jan. 1, and county offices will be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected, but the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will be closed.

The following will be closed those two days:

- Senior Programs centers and services
- City museums
- All city recreation centers including Club Fusion Teen Center, the ARC (Therapeutic Program) and Frenger Pool
- Branigan Library and the Bookmobile; both will also be closed on Monday, Dec. 31.
- Regular trash pickup in the city will remain the same on Monday, Dec. 24. Trash and grappler service scheduled for Christmas Day will be picked up on Wednesday, Dec. 26. Trash and grappler service for scheduled for New Year's Day will be picked up on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008.
- The citie's Recycling Center will close at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24.
- All RoadRUNNER Transit and Dial-A-Ride bus routes will operate. However, routes will only run from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.

According to a press release, the closures will not affect the county's solid-waste convenience stations in Anthony, La Mesa, Hill, Butterfield, Mesquite, La Union, Hatch and Garfield.

Also, all Las Cruces Public Schools students will be on winter break through Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 9.

LCPS staff will begin winter break on Monday, Dec. 24. They will return to work on Monday, Jan. 7.

The New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum will also be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, and will be closed to the public from noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28.

The museum's restaurant will be closed from Dec. 23 through Jan. 7. For more information on the museum schedule, call 522-4100.

In observance of the Christmas Holiday, El Paso Electric Company's business offices, including customer payment centers, in Texas and New Mexico will close at noon on Monday, Dec. 24, and all day on Tuesday, Dec. 25. EPE offices will open for business on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

In addition, El Paso Electric's business offices and customer payment centers will close all day on Tuesday, Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Day holiday. Normal operating hours will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

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Natural Gas Price Notice

The City of Las Cruces and Rio Grande Natural Gas Association inform their customers that natural gas prices are expected to be about 10% higher this winter compared to last year. However, this December's bill will be about 9% less than last year. For example, a customer that used ten units and paid $109 in 2006, will pay $100 this year. The biggest factor that determines an energy bill is the weather. A person's consumption depends on how cold it is outside. The colder it is, the harder your furnace works to warm your home. The harder your furnace works, the more energy it consumes. It's that simple. Consumers can play an active role managing their energy bills by following a few energy saving tips:

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees; 58 or lower when away from home.
- Use caulk and weather stripping to seal leaks around doors and windows.
- Change or clean furnace filters once a month during the heating season.
- Maintain appliances in proper working condition.
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cancer center blessed

At this time of the year, when we consider our blessings, focus on our families, dream of our hopes for the New Year and reach out to those in need, we at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center and all of those affected by cancer all over the world give our tremendous thanks and send our warmest blessings to the entire Las Cruces community.

Over the past 25 years, through team roping events and community fundraisers, The Cowboys for Cancer Research of Las Cruces has raised over $1 million in support of cancer research. At their 25th annual team roping and dinner dance this past October, the Cowboys, co-chaired by Denny and Geraldine Calhoun and with support from The New Mexico Telecom Pioneers, raised $150,000 in cash plus $30,000 in in-kind donations. For the second year in a row, Susan and Paul Vescovo, owners of Las Cruces Toyota, donated a Toyota Tundra crew cab truck as part of the fundraising efforts.

Unlike other cancer fundraisers in our state, every dime of the money raised by the Cowboys has remained in New Mexico to support joint cancer research projects between the UNM Cancer Center and New Mexico State University. Some of the projects seeded by these funds, such as the discovery of novel estrogen receptors and new drugs for the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, have been so ground breaking that they have received international acclaim and are now supported by millions of dollars in federal cancer research funds. All that came from the heart of your community and the hard work of countless volunteers.

Thanks to the incredible dedication and commitment of four amazing women from Las Cruces – Magellia Boston, Laura Conniff, June Mumme and Pat Sisbarro, all breast cancer survivors – the Las Cruces community and NMSU, an additional $199,091.76 in cash and $80,357.88 in in-kind donations was raised through the NMSU Aggies ARE Tough Enough to Wear Pink football game and community education program. When merged with the funds raised by Cowboys to support joint cancer research projects between NMSU and UNM, that's a whopping $349,091.76 in cash and $110,357.88 in in-kind donations in one year alone!

The outpouring of passion, dedication, hard work and love from this community demonstrates what can happen when committed individuals and organizations come together with a single purpose: to bring hope to New Mexicans affected by cancer. We at the UNM Cancer Center are so extremely grateful for the opportunity to partner with NMSU and the wonderful people of southern New Mexico. To you in this holiday season, we give our tremendous thanks and appreciation. Together, we can win this war against cancer.

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Festival takes support

Anno Domini 2007 is just about complete. In Tortugas, the Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe was complete on Dec. 12th. We are all grateful this time of year to have had another successful fiesta. Many prayers were offered, the mountain was climbed, traditional Indian dances were performed and large numbers people came from around the world to celebrate and participate in our fiesta.

As always there was a lot of hard work undertaken in preparation for and during the fiesta to make it a success. The mayordomo's were responsible for ensuring that the many activities were coordinated. The capitaines were always there to lead the pueblo dancers and guide the pilgrims on their journey up the mountain and safely back to the pueblo. The members of our Pueblo all worked long hard hours doing all the myriad activities necessary for a successful fiesta. And outside the pueblo, the support of the community contributed to the success of the fiesta.

Our thanks to one and all, and may God bless.

JOHN C. DICKSON
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Helping out at St. Luke's

Thank you for printing a recent request for translators to help at St. Luke's Health Care Clinic. Several people responded and we are grateful to them.

Unfortunately, the clinic had to close recently due to a shortage of volunteers. Physicians, nurses and physician assistants are desperately needed to replace several who have moved or retired. The free clinic offers the homeless and medically indigent primary care, medications and information. For many, including those who participate in the program for diabetics, the clinic is a lifeline. Anyone who would like to assist should call the clinic at 527-5482 or Sha'nn at 524-8209. They may also visit the clinic which is located in the Community of Hope Complex, 999 W. Amador Ave., when it is open.

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Stacey Cox, CEO of the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, stands in the food bank's warehouse, which is usually filled to the ceiling by this time. The food bank that supplies pantries for six counties is in need of donations.

CAA hits food bank supply low

Gas prices increase a major factor in shortage

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In the 10 years she's been with the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico, CEO Stacy Cox said she's never seen its food bank this low.

The food bank's supply is down 37 percent, she said, while demand is up by 20 percent.

CAA provides services to six counties in southern New Mexico – Doña Ana, Otero, Luna, Sierra, Grant and Hildago. Pantries that distribute food donations to the poor depend on the CAA food bank to supply them, Cox said.

In the past, that hasn't been a problem because CAA would get most of its food bank supplies from two sources: the federal Emergency Food Assistance Program and the Second Harvest National Food Bank. A year ago, Cox said she'd see two semi truck loads of food each month being delivered by the federal program. But the last few months, deliveries from that program have dried up.

"Our last delivery was two pallets of apple juice," Cox said. "To me, it wasn't worth the cost of shipping it here."

What happened to the program is not clear. Rebecca Reyes, food bank director, said she believes the program simply doesn't have a whole lot of funding to buy supplies and cannot afford the cost of shipping with rising gas prices.

But that same crunch is hitting lower-income families hard this winter, along with increased utility costs for heating homes, Cox said.

CAA welcomes any church, school, business or civic group to put on food drives to help restock the food bank. Most urgently needed are "shelf stable" supplies of items like powered milk, flour, beans, rice, cereal, grains, peanut butter and canned vegetables. The CAA food bank also has a freezer for frozen food, but fresh products risk spoiling by the time it gets to the various community food pantries.

Cox noted that the food bank also provides non-food items such as paper towels, toilet paper and hygiene products.

CAA is located at 320 E. Wyatt Drive. Supplies can be dropped off for the food bank or CAA can pick up supplies from food drive locations. For more information, contact Reyes or Cox at 541-7941 or visit www.caasnm.org.

Wage law impacts city budget

Lawmakers expected to fix law's blunder

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

City officials are confident lawmakers in January will fix a legislative snafu that could significantly impact the budget if it isn't rectified.

The concern stemmed when the new state minimum wage law was drafted and left off a previous overtime exception for public safety workers.

While a union agreement takes care of when overtime kicks in for police officers in Las Cruces, the city's 110 firefighters would fall under the new state law rules about overtime, said City Manager Terrence Moore.

Previously, firefighters could work up to 53-hour workweeks before heading into an overtime situation. Under the new law taking effect in 2008, the old exemption was left off of the new minimum wage increase legislation and requires overtime pay for all workers putting in more than 40 hours a week.

If left unfixed, city officials estimate that paying the unbudgeted overtime would cost the budget more than $500,000, said Andrea Moquin, city human resources director.

Going through an exercise of significant budget adjustments may not be needed, however, so long as state legislators make fixing the error an early piece of business in the upcoming 30-day session.

This aspect of the minimum wage law has received scant attention in the state media, but it impacts the budget of nearly every municipal government in the state because the law defines city governments as political subdivisions of the state. There are a little more than 100 incorporate municipalities in the state, according to the few published reports on the concern.

Because it is a concern to city budget, finance and human resources supervisors, the New Mexico Municipal League is pushing Gov. Bill Richardson to place fixing this aspect of the minimum wage law "on the call" – which is a list of legislation in addition to fashioning the state budget that he wants lawmakers to address during this shorter session.

"We anticipate it will be on the call," said Assistant City Manager Robert Garza.

The real focus of the new state law was to raise the minimum wage from $5.15 to $6.50 by Jan. 1, 2008, and to $7.50 by 2009.

The possible widespread increase of overtime cost is seen as "an unintended consequence," Moore said.

A few of the smaller municipalities, such as Portales and Clovis, that do not have the budget depth that Las Cruces has to lean on are preparing for the worse-case scenario – that the 30-day Legislature is unable to pass a bill that Richardson can sign and make effective immediately.

One of the reasons that Garza is confident that the law will be fixed is that the new wage law blunder hurts firefighters. Their retirement benefits are based on a 53-hour workweek, not overtime, Garza said. Losing those extra hours each week could result in firefighters taking a little more pay home but putting less in the bank.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters board members Shaunna Grace, Jennifer Cervantes, Don Diego (Santa), Stacie Christiano (new CEO of BBBS), Bill Chadwick and Nathan Gellhaus

Autumn Morris gets her gift from Santa Claus during the BBBS Christmas Party held Thursday, Dec. 13, at Club Fusion.

The Chamberino Youth Group led a sing-along of Christmas songs for guests.

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Jacob Morales serves hamburgers donated by Burger Time to Seattle Phillips.

Charlie Graves, Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager Cheryl Graves and employees Daniel Fletcher and Savannah Pierson. The Barnes & Noble staff held a book drive, which provided two free books for all children who attended the party.

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At the Fire Academy graduation ceremony

Fourteen firefighter cadets, who began the 25th Las Cruces Fire Academy 19 weeks ago, raise their right hands and take the oath of office administered by Las Cruces Municipal Court Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, 14 cadets from the Las Cruces Fire Academy were sworn in at graduation ceremonies at Oñate High School. The cadets sucessfully completed a rigorous 19-week training program to receive their certification.

Firefighter Adrian Zamora with his son Adrian Ray Zamora

The 25th Las Cruces Fire Academy class. Front row, from left: Breaux Burns, Justin Whitefield, Tibor Kocsis, Peter Brown and Matthew Hiles. Back row, from left: Adrian Zamora, Joseph Lee, Erick J. Hernandez, Ramiro Rios, Jacob Lozano, Michael Medina, David Guerra and Paul Dombrowski.

Fire Chief David Daniels, emergency services administrator for the City of Renton, Wash., was the keynote speaker.

Cadet Paul Dombrowski, a former New Mexico State University quarterback, is "badged" by his wife Val during graduation ceremonies.

Celtic piper Carl Marten pipes in the cadets, led by Battalion Chief Bruce Binkerhoff, right, at the beginning of graduation ceremonies.

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Las Cruces firefighters work Monday, Dec. 17, to extinguish an recreational vehicle that caught fire at the Denman Propane station at 1315 N. Main St. and to keep it from spreading to a 500-gallon propane storage tank.

Visiting RV engulfed by fire at propane station

Cause of explosion under investigation

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

An Arizona couple stopping in Las Cruces to fill their recreational vehicle with propane on Monday, Dec. 17, experienced terror and shock as an explosion engulfed the RV in flames.

Paul Wollam and Kerry Job of Fountain Hills, Ariz., had just spent the morning taking photos at White Sands National Monument when they stopped at Denman Propane at 1315 N. Main St. There was an explosion while the RV's propane storage tank was being refilled, Job said, and workers at the station immediately ordered the couple to get away to a safe distance.

About 25 firefighters responded to the RV fire that was dangerously close to a 500-gallon propane tank at the station. While firefighters were able to contain the fire to the RV, leaking diesel fuel resulted in fire engulfing the RV. By the time firefighters extinguished the fire – about 20 minutes after the first call came in – the RV suffered extensive damage.

Job said she and Wollam left the vehicle so fast they didn't take about $600 in camera equipment with them, which was probably ruined in the fire.

There were no firefighter or civilian injuries reported. Also, no structures were damaged, the fire department reported. The fire is under investigation, and the propane tanks will be inspected before being put back in service.

Rio Grande levee upgrade included in funding bill

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman reported that 2008 Omnibus Appropriations Bill contains $11.7 million to fund improvements to levees in southern New Mexico.

The $11.7 million appropriation allows International Boundary and Water Commission to upgrade canals in Doña Ana County. The funding will be used for sediment removal and construction and will help ensure that the levees can be certified by Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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At the NMSU fall 2007 commencement

Stacey Bealmear keeps her hands warm during the graduation.

Anna Haseman of Albuquerque calls her mom just before the ceremony.

New Mexico State University held its fall commencement ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Pan American Center. More than 2,200 graduates received their degrees at the event.

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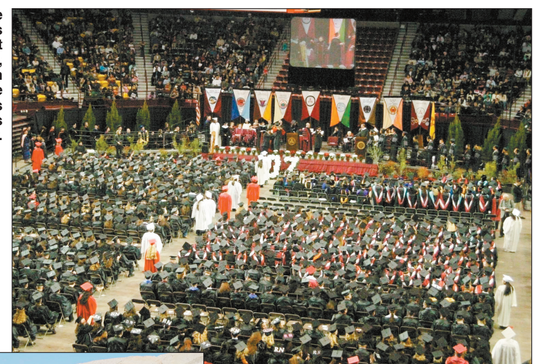

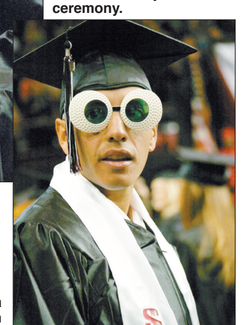

Freddy Esparza brings humor with fun glasses.

Inah Park, who was completing the professional golf management program, and Marisa Propsner, an equestrian team rider, said they plan to continue their education after this graduation.

Below: Rocio Silva decorated her graduation cap and will continue working for Morgan Stanley, while her friend Katarina Sosna from Germany will return to Germany and pursue a career in international business.

Above: Terri-Lyn Mick was the lead marshal for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Left: Wanda Eastman was elected to carry the maze at the graduation ceremony.

Below: Graduates flip their tassels from right to left as part of the graduation tradition.

Barbara Hubbard, a recipient of an honorary doctorate at NMSU's fall graduation ceremony, responds to the crowd while NMSU Provost Waded Cruzado-Salas places a sash on one of the university's most beloved and recognized icons, known to generations of Aggies as "Mother Hubbard."

Vivian Remington helps Miguel Zuniga with the robe and scarf.

Michelle Marshal gave up on her high heels and decided to take them off and go without.

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Sonic Drive-In Mangers (left to right) **Louisa Martines** of the Sonic on Foothills Road, **Denise Sincerbox** of the Sonic on Valley Drive, **Claud Gamble** of the Sonic on Solano Drive, Sonic Regional Marketing Director **Donna Volz**, **Linda Skaggs** of the Sonic on North Main Street, and **Eddie Nevarez** of the Sonic on El Paseo Road.

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At the NMSU Holiday Reception

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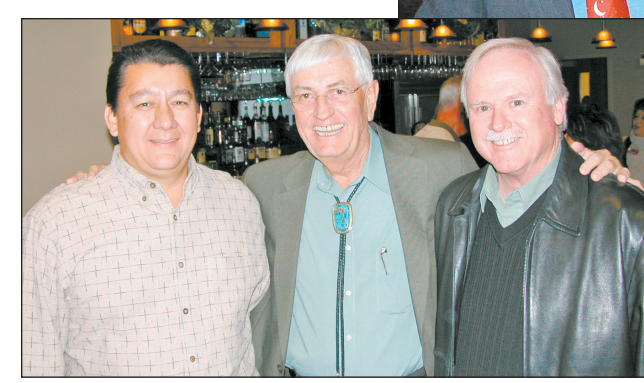
Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and New Mexico State University Athletics Director McKinley Boston

New Mexico Department of Agriculture Secretary Miley Gonzalez and his wife Julie

New Mexico State University President Michael Martin, right, and his wife Jan hosted a holiday reception Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Stan Fulton Center.

Mary Henson, Lou and Pat Sisbarro and Lou Henson

Kevin McGrath and Charlie Johnson



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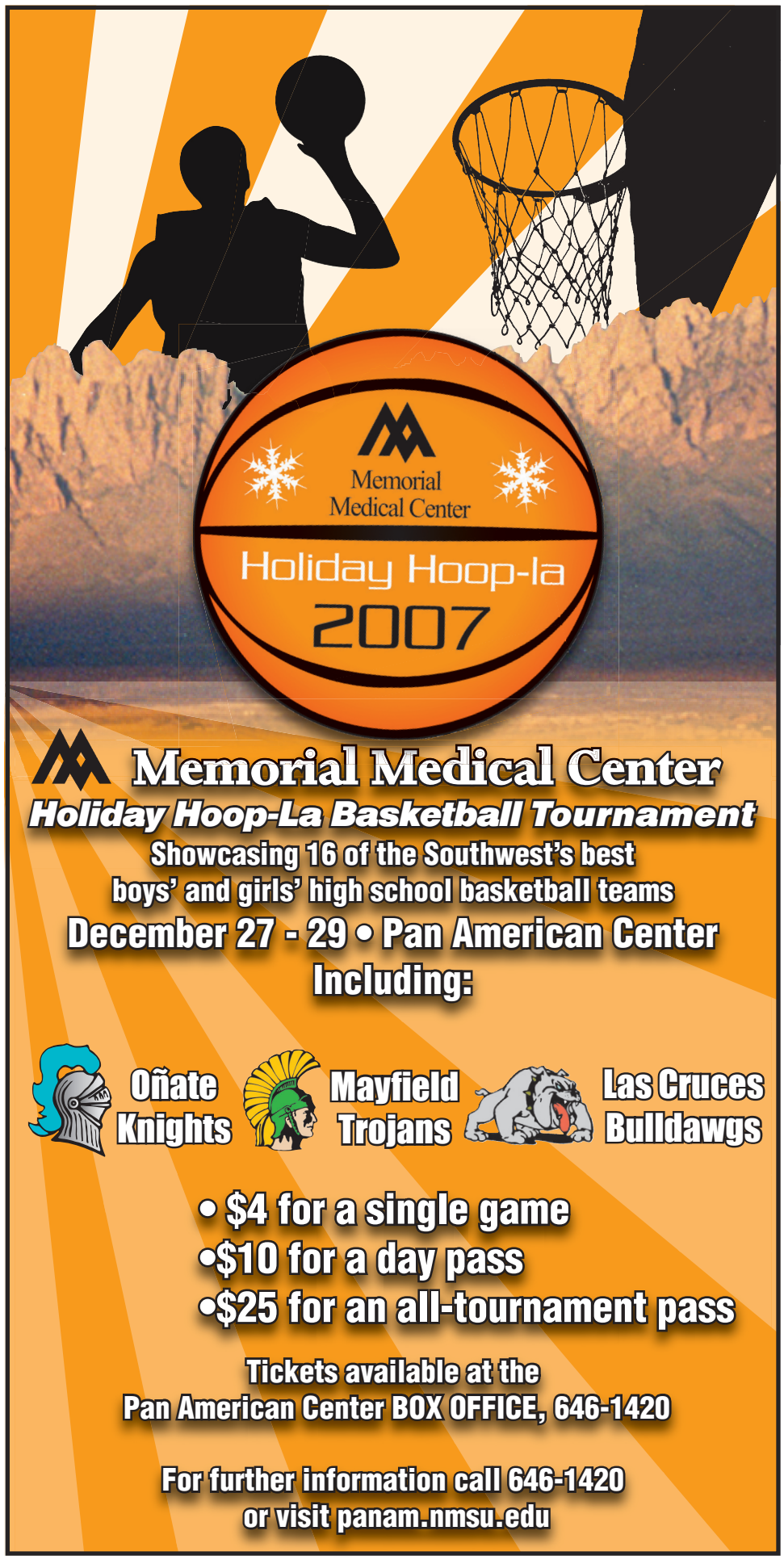

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"The flight, which was solely for research and development purposes, met all its technical objectives, and was a successful test for our client," said UP Aerospace President Jerry Larson.

The launch vehicle reached its planned altitude. This launch marks the second successful launch this year from Spaceport America, the nation's first purpose-built commercial spaceport. "UP Aerospace continues to set the precedent for safe, practical commercial spaceflight from Spaceport America," said NMSA Executive Director Steve Landeene. "This launch is another step toward our goal of becoming the preeminent location for commercial spaceflight."

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Local Sonic Drive-In restaurants have been assisting the Coats for Kids campaign led by First Community Bank. Posing at the bank on Monday, Dec. 17, from left are, Louisa Martinez of the Sonic on Foothills Road, Denise Sincerbox of the Sonic on Valley Drive, Claud Gamble of the Sonic on Solano Drive, Sonic Regional Marketing Director Donna Volz, Linda Skaggs of the Sonic on North Main Street and Eddie Nevarez of the Sonic on El Paseo Road.

Need eclipses target of Coats for Kids drive

Coat donations continue to be collected until January

This year's Coats for Kids campaign originally set a goal of 2,000 coats to be distributed to low-income children countywide.

By the first distribution earlier this month, however, more than 3,200 children were registered, said Karen Bailey, senior vice president for business development at First Community Bank in Las Cruces.

Sonic Drive-In restaurants has been helping with the drive, as well as the Community Action Agency, 101 Gold, Alameda Laundry and Cleaners and Mesilla Valley Community Church.

Bailey said coat donations are still being taken. Drop-off boxes can be found at the bank's two locations and at the Wal-Mart on Walton Boulevard. For more information, Bailey can be contacted at 636-6706.

Coming Up

Martin Luther King breakfast is Jan. 18

The Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP will have its annual Martin Luther King breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Tickets cost $20, with proceeds going to the organization's scholarship fund. For more information, call 522-1184 or 541-9093.

County hosts blood drive

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County will host a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites the residents of Doña Ana County to join in giving blood and helping to saving lives.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 525-6130. Appointment slots will be available every 20 minutes. Each donor will receive a snack and some juice, along with promotional materials to show others who might consider making a donation.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour. The staff at United Blood Services screens each applicant before donations are processed.

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Rescue squad meets

The Organ Mountain Technical Rescue Squad will hold its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Metropolitan Deli, 1001 E. University Ave. next to Kinko's. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to attend. For more information, call 650-6062 or visit www.omtrs.org.

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A three-day, hands-on Artisan Cheese Making Workshop for home cheese makers and small dairy processors will be given Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 17-19, by the New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics' extension food technology program.

"Participants will learn how to make cheese at home or as a small business," said Nancy Flores, Extension food technology specialist. "They will learn how to make a variety of cheeses including Asadero, Farmhouse, Feta and Mozzarella."

The workshop will be in Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 331. Joining Flores as speakers during the workshop will be Willis Fedio, NMSU food safety laboratory director; Alf Reeb, New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) dairy inspection division director; and Paul Villalba of the NMSU food science department.

Topics to be discussed includes the art of cheese making, easy soft cheese, easy crumble cheese, aging cheese, cheese cultures, sanitation, packaging and storage of cheese and NMDA regulations. The event will conclude with cheese tasting on Saturday.

The course will also include basic business concepts and cost formulation. The $200 per person admission cost will include all materials and books as well as refreshments and lunch.

The workshop is limited to 12 participants, so people are encouraged to register soon either online at http://cahe.nmsu.edu/ces/foodtech or by phone at 646-2198. Deadline for registration is Jan. 4.

Lake Lucero tours scheduled for Dec. 29

Two ranger-guided trips to the gypsum crystal beds of Lake Lucero, the source of the white sands, are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 29. Reservations are required and can be obtained by calling White Sands National Monument headquarters at (575) 679-2599 or (575) 479-6124, extension 236. A special-use fee is charged for the tour: $3 per person ages 16 and older, $1.50 for children and to holders of the Golden Age Pass. National Park/Golden Eagle Passports and the White Sands Annual Pass do not apply for this special tour.

The first tour will begin at 10 a.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate intersection with U.S. Highway 70, located 25 miles west of White Sands National Monument headquarters, between mileposts 174 and 175. The trip will return to the Small Missile Range Gate at 1 p.m. Participants will drive their own vehicles 17 miles over paved roads across the White Sands Missile Range to the Lake Lucero trailhead, then hike .75 mile to the lake.

The second tour will begin at 2 p.m. at the Small Missile Range Gate. The trip will return to the gate at 5 p.m.

All vehicles should have a spare tire and sufficient gasoline for the 34-mile round trip to the Lake Lucero trailhead and the additional miles to available service facilities. Each person should have sufficient drinking water, a snack if desired, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, stout walking shoes, and suitable dress for the weather.

Cameras may not be used while passing through the missile range, but are encouraged for use while at the monument lake area.

SC Striders walk

The Sun Country Striders will host their annual Christmas Lights Guided Night Walk on Saturday, Dec. 22.

The walk will start and finish at the Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla.

Registration will take place from 5 to 5:30 p.m. when the walk starts. The walk is free except for those walking for IVV Credit who must pay a $3 fee.

For more information call Doyle Piland, 523-7034 or visit www.zianet.com/dpiland/SunCountry.

Crime Stoppers: Recent burglaries

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

Over the past several weeks, Las Cruces police have responded to numerous residential, commercial and auto burglaries throughout the city. Detectives believe many of these crimes are linked to each other through evidence collected at the scene and investigative leads that have been developed.

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

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CHURCH NEWS

CALVARY LIVING NATIVITY

Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., is presenting their "Living Nativity" Dec. 21 through 23 at the church. Presentation times are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. The event is free at Calvary's Christmas Card to the community. A costumed cast and live stable animals will provide an authentic atmosphere. As is past years, the Living Nativity is hosted by the Shallock Life Group of Calvary Baptist. Calvary's Bell Choir will be on hand and complimentary hot chocolate and coffee will be served to visitors each evening.

PRAYING WITH YOU

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, a prayer ministry, now is "The Light That is Shining for You." The light will shine at the church, 125 Wyatt Drive, 24 hours a day. If you have a prayer request please put it through the mail slot on the front door. It will be collected, in prayer with you, then sent to Silent Unity at Unity Village for 30 additional days of continuous prayer. For further information visit www.UnityofLasCruces.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, is currently hosting discussions on the book "Four Spiritual Laws of Prosperity," by Edwene Gaines, each Tuesday at 10 a.m. All are invited to join this enthusiastic, expanding group exploring prosperity practices. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.UnityofLasCruces.org.

ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Las Cruces Orthodox Christian Mission meets at St Andrew's Episcopal Church's Chapel, 518 N. Alameda St. The chapel is just south of the main church building, with parking adjacent. Great Vespers is at 5 p.m. Saturdays, and the Divine Liturgy is at 9 a.m. Sundays with Fellowship following. General Order of Confession and Forgiveness will follow Saturday's Great Vespers. The schedule for Christmas Services is as follows: Royal Hours, 9 a.m. Dec. 24; Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 4 p.m. Dec. 24; Divine Liturgy for the Nativity, 9 a.m. Dec. 25. For further information, contact Fr. Gabriel Rochelle at 524-2296 or gabrielcroch@aol.com, or visit www.lascrucesorthodoxchristian.org.

The Las Posadas procession

Joseph and Mary (Miguel and Veronica Sanchez) lead the Las Posadas procession through the Downtown Mall, Sunday evening, Dec. 16. Participants in the procession, led by Bishop Ricardo Ramirez, walked from the south end of the Downtown Mall to the St. Genevieve's monument, where they enjoyed the music, refreshments and, for the children, a candy-filled piñata to be broken. The procession symbolizes Mary's and Joseph's search through Bethlehem to find a place for their child Jesus to be born. Traditionally they are accompanied by a burro, but the burro apparently was frightened by the processioners, and refused to participate, so his place was taken by a pony.

Mariachis, from left, Gina Ortega, Flora Calderon and Martha Estrada were among the musicians providing Christmas carols and other Christmas music.

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Allowing a child to skip chores may have developmental impact

Housewives have an unglamorous but very important job

I have to fight with my 9-year-old daughter to get her to do anything she doesn't want to do. It's so unpleasant that I've about decided not to take her on. Why should I try to force her to work and help around the house? What's the downside of just going with the flow and letting her off the hook?

It's typical for 9-year-olds not to want to work, of course, but they still need to become acquainted with it. If you permit a pattern of irresponsibility to prevail in your child's formative years, she may fall behind in her developmental timetable leading toward the full responsibilities of adult living.

As a 10-year-old, she won't be able to do anything unpleasant since she has never been required to stay with a task until it is completed. She won't know how to share with anyone else because she's only thought about herself. She'll find it hard to make decisions or control her own impulses. A few years from now, she will steamroll into adolescence and then adulthood completely unprepared for the freedom and obligations she will find there. Your daughter will have had precious little training for those pressing responsibilities of maturity.

Obviously, I've painted a worst-case scenario with regard to your daughter. You still have plenty of opportunity to help her avoid it. I just hope your desire for harmony doesn't lead you to do what will be harmful to her in later years.

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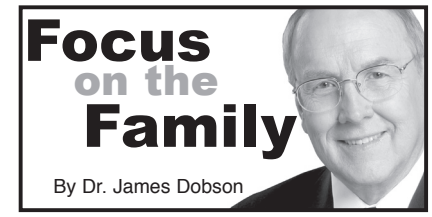


What answer do you have for those who say being a mother and a housewife is boring and monotonous?

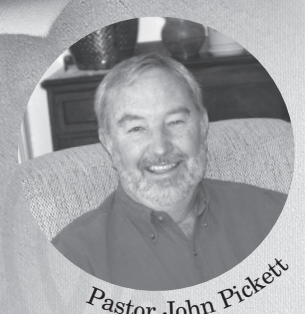
Some women see the responsibility that way – but we should recognize that most other occupations are boring, too. How exciting is the work of a waiter who serves food to customers every day – or a medical pathologist who examines microscopic slides and bacterial cultures from morning to night – or a dentist who spends his lifetime drilling and filling, drilling and filling – or an attorney who reads dusty books in a secluded library – or an author who writes page after page after page? Few of us enjoy heart-thumping excitement each moment of our professional lives. Even the high-profile jobs have their boring dimensions.

On a trip to Washington, D.C., a few years ago, my hotel room was located next to the room of a famous cellist who was in the city to give a classical concert that evening. I could hear him through the walls as he practiced hour after hour. He did not play beautiful symphonic renditions; he repeated scales and runs and exercises, over and over and over. This practice began early in the morning (believe me!) and continued until the time of his concert. As he strolled on stage that evening, I'm sure many individuals in the audience thought, "What a glamorous life!" Some glamour! I happen to know that he had spent the entire day in his lonely hotel room in the company of his cello. Musical instruments, as you know, are terrible conversationalists.

No, I doubt if the job of a homemaker and mother is much more boring than most other jobs, particularly if the woman refuses to be isolated from adult contact. But as far as importance of the assignment is concerned, no job can compete with the responsibility of shaping and molding a new human being. That statement is not particularly politically correct in today's cultural environment, but I believe it to be true.

May I remind full-time mothers of one more important consideration? You will not always carry the responsibility you now hold. Your children will be with you for a few brief years and the obligations you now shoulder will be nothing more than dim memories. Enjoy every moment of these days – even the difficult times – and indulge yourself in the satisfaction of having done an essential job right!

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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Elizabeth, the older woman who could not bear a child, received the astounding news that her husband had seen the Angel Gabriel when he was up in Jerusalem doing his priestly duty in the Temple. He came home unable to speak, but with some incredible news they were going to have a son. Six months later, her young cousin Mary came for a visit. Mary was looking for confirmation of what she had been told by the same Angel Gabriel that the child conceived in her was the long-promised Messiah. When they met, Elizabeth was filled with Holy Spirit and shouted, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." Baby John was already doing his job and Elizabeth was used of God to give Mary the encouragement she needed. Jesus is the promised seed of the woman, conceived by the Holy Spirit in order that he might over turn the curse and remove the judgment of God against his people.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

75 years ago 1932

• Film reel not available.

50 years ago 1957

• Mayor James E. Neleigh threw the switch to light 61 mercury vapor lights on Main Street, giving four times as much light.

• Coach Lou Henson's Las Cruces High School basketball team won the El Paso Invitational by defeating Bowie 64-46 in the semi-finals and Cathedral 44-38 in the title game. Las Cruces' leading scorers were Larry Pickett, Joe Lopez and Jim Apodaca.

• Hobart Boyer of Vado was named president of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

• Mrs. Tommy Cox and Mrs. Phillip Ambrose presented a Green Thumb Garden Club Christmas wreathe to Amanda Wright who had celebrated her 100th birthday in September.

• Arthur L. Valdez resigned from the Internal Revenue Service to join Harvey Barth in the accounting business.

• The State Highway Department granted the city $50,000 to widen Main Street from Picacho to Lucero to 70 feet.

• The State Theater was showing Cantinflas, who had a starring role in "Around the World in 80 Days," in "El Bolero de Raquel."

• Georgia Berthelon, 15, was named to the National Essay Association for her essay, "One Look Will Tell," a humorous account how hair styles reveal a woman's personality.

• Los Pastores was presented in the Mesilla School auditorium, featuring Catarina Ramirez, Pete Gonzalez, Eddie Carrillo and Pat Gonzalez.

25 years ago 1982

• Bernard Gluck recalled when the 100 block on Main Street was the only section with a paved sidewalk and the rest was a boardwalk. St. Genevieve's Catholic Church was on Main, and he contended that the church attracted people to the Downtown. Although Jewish, he attended Midnight Mass there. He vowed that if the church were torn down, he would close his two stores – the Budget Shop and The Stork, which he did after Urban Renewal. He came to Las Cruces in 1924 from Europe and started to work with his uncle, Isidore Rosenfeldt, in the Boston store. He had learned that 39 family members died in Czechoslovakian concentration camps. But he did not hold that against all Germans, just one individual – Adolf Hitler.

An undated photograph of a group of Los Pueblo dancers who had gathered between performances paying homage to Our Lady of Guadalupe during the annual observance in Tortugas.

• Jornada School principal Martha Walfinger was rolling her piano into the hall and, with the assistance of Ernistine Gorman, leading about 200 students in Christmas carols.

• The city awarded Burn Construction a $1.37 million contract to install 27.5 miles of gas lines on the West Mesa.

• Dana A. Miller was named city manager.

• The Gadsden School District named Dowell Williams high school principal, the sixth in six years.

• Julie Traina, 11, won the State Class IV All-Around Gymnastics title.

10 years ago 1997

• The county commission approved annual raises of $1,000 for all employees plus $500 for sheriff's deputies and $250 for detention center staff members.

• Samuel Reyes of La Mesa was named the New Mexico Border Authority director.

• After trailing 47-43, the Aggie basketball team had a 12-point, unanswered scoring spurt and went on to beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 61-53.

(Sources: NMSU Library Archives and Special Collections and Branson Microform Area.)

Mesilla Valley Hospice
Continuing the Dream

The Kresge Foundation and the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation have awarded Mesilla Valley Hospice with $1.2 million in challenge grant funding.

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MountainView offers only TEMS option in state

New procedure shortens rectal surgery recovery

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While colon cancer is rarely talked of, and experiences with colonoscopies are not often shared, the likelihood of finding a tumor or lesion that cannot be removed during a colonoscopy is a real threat.

When this occurred in the past, many individuals went through painful surgeries called abdominoperineal resections, which involved going through the abdomen and removing a section of the bowel, requiring weeks of recovery time and unsightly scarring. Some who could not handle such a surgery were left without options, eventually succumbing to their condition.

Fortunately, MountainView Regional Medical Center is now one of 78 centers in the country offering transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEMS), which is changing the way New Mexicans are dealing with rectal tumors and lesions.

Dr. Paul Cooney performs a transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEMS) at MountainView Regional Medical Center. Though many surgeons have been slow to adopt the new procedure, it has been receiving good reviews from patients and doctors alike.

"It is a minimally invasive surgery that has been around for several years. It can be done for some patients that would otherwise not be able to tolerate a surgery such as a low anterior section or an APR, and what that entails is a midline incision in their abdomen, and that's a major operation as opposed to my minor operation," said Dr. Paul Cooney, general surgeon at Vista Surgical Associates, who recently performed the first TEMS procedure in this region, including New Mexico and El Paso.

"A low anterior section involves a big cut in their abdomen and removing a segment of bowel and reattaching it," he said. "With the major operation they are in the hospital for anywhere from five to seven days and the morbidity and mortality is much higher than my procedure. I get them home the same day or the very next day," said Cooney.

According to Cooney, the instances in which an individual would opt for the TEMS procedure include diagnoses of low rectal cancer, early cancer or a benign lesion that a gastrologist can't get out with his scope.

The reasons that an individual might not be able to handle the previous surgery could have to do with age, congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease, he said. Those individuals, according to Cooney, would eventually succumb to the progression of the cancer.

Charles Holland, a 68-year-old motel owner, bar owner and horse racer from Hobbs, is one of these individuals that could not have handled the previous surgery and recently received the TEMS procedure at MountainView.

"I could have probably done everything except some heavy lifting right away," Holland said of his condition after the surgery. "After three or four days, I could do the things that I normally do."

The only precautions Cooney told Holland to take were abstaining from heavy lifting and physical labor for a few days.

"It is a very good surgery. Otherwise you're out for two or three weeks, and they do a lot of cutting," Holland said. In fact, Cooney told him that he could have been an outpatient and left MountainView that day if he hadn't been from Hobbs.

"It was a lot more convenient because I have family in Las Cruces and southern New Mexico," said Holland, who would have had to travel elsewhere for the surgery if it wasn't offered at MountainView.

"It's just a matter of letting everybody know we have this capability in the community, because the only people that offer this that are close are Phoenix or Dallas or San Antonio. Neither El Paso nor Albuquerque offers this," Cooney said.

He said that the cost of equipment may be factor in this, but a major determinant is the fact that many surgeons in the United States see the procedure as time-consuming and difficult. Cooney began performing the surgery in Peoria, Ill., where he executed the first in the area, and it is one that he says requires a great deal of training.

"It's phenomenal that someone can go home the very same day after removing a rectal lesion. I just need to get the word out because it is not well known," Cooney said. "The whole area can come and utilize this surgery. Some people don't even offer this because they don't even know that I am here."

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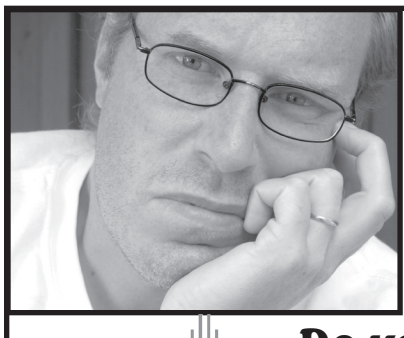

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Candlelight vigil held for those homeless who lost their lives during the past year

Jim Bryant holds up a small clay pot with a candle inside, Wednesday evening, Dec. 19, during the Community of Hope's candlelight vigil for homeless people who have died during the past year. After the vigil, a dinner of chile, cornbread and salad, followed at the El Caldito Soup Kitchen.

Many of Las Cruces' homeless were able to enjoy some good food during the Community of Hope's candlelight vigil.

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AROUND TOWN

health events and support groups

ACOA-CODA

Adult Children of Alcoholics-CoDependents Anonymous meets weekly at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The meetings are Saturday, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. No fee required. Call 647-5684.

SEXUAL COMPULSIVES ANONYMOUS

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) meets weekly at a church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. The meetings are Sundays 5 to 6 p.m. in the back Education Building. Call 329-0392 for information.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous meets weekly:

Monday: Branigan Library second floor board room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. – 7 p.m.

Wednesday: St. James Episcopal Church library, 105 Saint James St. – noon

Friday: Newman Center Library, 2615 S. Solano Drive – noon

Call 647-5684 for more information.

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Depression, Bipolar Support Alliance meets twice weekly, on Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 680-6169 or 522-0517.

N.M. YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

LA LECHE LEAGUE

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

STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

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

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000, or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on any ongoing programs such as walking groups, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art sand painting, the crafters and the Munson quilters. Senior Programs will be closed Dec. 23, 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday.

CORE FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

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

- Mondays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Mondays, 2:30 p.m. with Janelle (No class Dec. 26.)
- Wednesdays, 10:15 to 11 a.m., with Lucille
- Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m., with Janelle

AQUATICS, SENIOR WATER EXERCISE CLASS

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

AEROBICS

Aerobics class with Ra Williams is held at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Monday, Wednesday and Friday beginning at 9 a.m. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

YOGA CLASS

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

MESILLA PARK EXERCISE

Mesilla Park Exercise classes are held three times a week. Join certified instructor Lucille Garcia at the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Room 3, each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 10:15 a.m. There is a 50-cent suggested donation.

TAI CHI WITH CHER

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

BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS BY ALPHA NURSES

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are held at all centers on the following schedule. There is a 25-cent suggested donation.

- Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road, Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Munson Senior Center, Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon

A 25-cent donation for weekly blood pressure and glucose clinics and a 50-cent donation for each of the fitness and yoga classes is suggested.

CANASTA

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

BEGINNING LINE DANCING

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

BEGINNING SQUARE DANCING

Beginning square dancing classes with caller Art Harvey is held on Tuesday evenings at the Munson Senior Center at 7 p.m. The free classes are open to ages 50 and over and guests. Partners are not necessary.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is held at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money involved. Players may donate knick-knacks for the prize collection. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

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

SENIOR FOLKLORICO

Senior Folklorico with Juan Ortiz is held every Monday and Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Eastside Center. There is no charge for this class. Call 541-2304 for more information.

CREATIVE WRITING CLASS

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

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played on Thursdays at the Munson Senior Center, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The game is ongoing and open play.

TAX VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest, free volunteer tax preparation service. It provides tax preparation for all low and middle income taxpayers, with an emphasis on those 60 and older. Volunteers are needed for tax-preparer and administrative positions. Bilingual, Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed. Free training classes will start the second week in January and last two weeks. All volunteers will be required to pass a written test in order to qualify as tax preparers. All taxes are prepared using computers. Tax preparation will start on Feb. 1 and continue through April 15. For information on being a volunteer, call 525-0299.

BREAKFAST AT MUNSON

Anyone age 60 and older and their spouse, regardless of age, are invited to a continental breakfast in the Cantina at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. from 8 to 9 a.m. The menu includes fruit juice, cereal, milk, bread or muffin and peanut butter or jelly.

Each Wednesday, hard-boiled eggs will also be served. A 50-cent donation is suggested for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday breakfast, while 75 cents is suggested on Wednesday.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Information or assistance on benefits for seniors is available at the Munson Senior Center as well as the Mesilla Park Community Center. Primary benefits covered are: Medicare A, B, C and D; Medicaid; low cost housing; low income assistance; Social Security; transportation; meals on wheels; assistance to the disabled on Medicare/Medicaid; etc. Counseling, information and assistance are available as follows:

- Resource Center at Munson: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., call 528-3301 or 528-3307 for more information.
- Representatives of the State Agency on Aging: Tuesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, for more information call 541-2451.
- Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Call 541-2451 for more information.

The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services. Assistance is available for Medicare, Medicaid and other programs. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049.

Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 1-800-432-2080.

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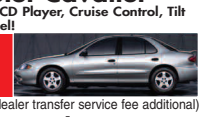

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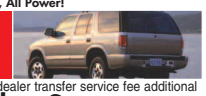

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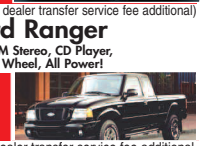

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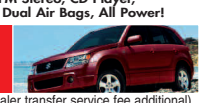

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Downtown TIDD approved

Future taxes to be used toward area improvements

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Property owners and residents in a proposed Tax Increment Development District in the Downtown area voted in favor of its establishment, which led to its approval Monday.

Of 136 ballots returned to the city clerk's office by the deadline, 125 ballots were submitted in favor of the district, and 11 ballots rejected the district's establishment.

Because each property owner's ballot was weighted according to the amount of land owned, this translated to 406 votes cast in favor and 17 rejections.

"Results of the TIDD election in my mind represents a sound confirmation that interests exist for the City of Las Cruces to engage sustainable economic development and redevelopment activity and infrastructure improvements in the Downtown vicinity," said City Manager Terrence Moore. "I am not surprised (by the results), as there's been a great deal of commentary about the possibility of engaging an approach of tax increment financing and other long-term sustainable financial opportunities that can become possible."

The tax increment financing option will allow 75 percent of the future growth of property and gross-receipts taxes collected within the TIDD to be used toward future developments and infrastructure in the area. The remaining 25 percent will go to the city's general fund.

"We (Las Cruces Downtown) are really pleased that the voters approved the formation of the tax increment development district," said Cindi Fargo, executive director of Las Cruces Downtown. "Often when you pay your taxes, you don't have a sense of where that money goes. In this case, we know. It is taxation with representation. We don't get to do that as much, and I think this is an excellent chance to do that."

Las Cruces Downtown organized an information campaign about what tax increment financing is and how the funding will benefit the Downtown area.

"This is the first time in New Mexico that this type of financing is being used in a Downtown area," Fargo said. "It's definitely a tool appropriate for Downtown."

Michael White of White's Music Box on the Downtown Mall said this type of financing is a gift.

"The (New Mexico) Legislature gave us the opportunity to help finance this renewal by using the TIDD," White said. "It was just a gift, and I think it's going to allow us to move this project forward at an accelerated

See **TIDD** on PAGE B8

Advertisers pick up digital trend

Digital displays gives clients more opportunities

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While local businesses have changed their signs to digitally display their own products and services, Lamar Outdoor of New Mexico/El Paso has installed its first digital billboard in Las Cruces.

After a successful digital billboard was erected in Albuquerque last year, the decision was made to expand the trend into Las Cruces.

"In the outdoor industry, the national trend has been toward digital the last two years," said Lamar New Mexico Vice President Mike Mons. "It allows the advertising client to do so much more with the industry from their own computers – change copy, schedule when they want it to run. All of this can be done in a matter of seconds."

The digital billboard, which has been placed on North Telshor Boulevard, is now being installed, and Mons said the billboard should be ready for operation in January.

While there may be concern of the possible distraction to drivers, Mons said the company has received no negative feedback.

Results of two studies released in July by the Outdoor Advertising Association of America (OAAA) revealed digital billboards "were as safe as traditional ones." The studies, commissioned by the Foundation for Outdoor Advertising Research and Education, analyzed the correlation between digital boards and traffic accidents in addition to driver behavior.

Digital outdoor advertising is a national trend that has now expanded to Las Cruces. Value Place, a hotel set to open soon, uses its sign to lure customers from Interstate 25, and Sonic Drive-In franchisee The Merritt Group has installed LED screens at each Las Cruces drive-in to showcase its products.

According to an OAAA release, consulting engineering firm Tantala Associates "found no statistical relationship between digital boards and traffic accidents after examining traffic and accident data near all seven existing digital billboards in Ohio over a period of 18 months before and after the billboards were converted to digital."

The other study, conducted by the Center for Automotive Safety Research at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute

See **Digital ads** on PAGE B10

NMSU regents approve campus hotel deal

Company to build, lease hotel that will provide training

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A hotel on the northwest corner of the New Mexico State University main campus – paired with a performing arts center and a convention center – will provide a better grand entrance to the university while offering students a real world work experience, university regents concurred during last week's meeting to approval the deal.

Intercap Institutional Investors, a company specializing in turn-key projects with higher education institutions, will get a 50-year lease in return for building the hotel at the corner of University and Union avenues, where NMSU also plans to build a performing arts center near where the city will build a convention center.

An artist's rendering of the hotel to be constructed on the northwest corner of the NMSU campus. Intercap Institutional Investors will construct the three-star hotel and obtain a 50-year lease to operate the building.

Even during construction, Intercap will be leasing the nearly four acres of land for $50,000 a year and building the 180-room hotel is expected to take less than two years. After the hotel opens its doors, the rent goes up to $100,000 for four years, which is considered to be an adequate period for a new hotel to create a customer base. The lease's base rate then increases to $150,000 or a percentage of the profits, whichever is greater.

Preferably, Intercap will attract a "flagship" hotel franchise to run its operations at the level of a three-star quality hotel, said Fred Ayers, NMSU's director of real estate.

The lease rate was based on calculations of what return the property would have brought if it had been sold as is and the money put into an investment account through the NMSU Foundation, said Ben Woods, senior vice president.

That estimate came in at about $86,000 a year, said Laura Conniff, regents chair.

Instead, Intercap will be making a

See **NMSU hotel** on PAGE B10

Business plans aren't just for start-ups

Reviewing the document helps companies stay 'on course'

By J. Roy Miller
State Director,
New Mexico Small Business Development Centers

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

Once you open your business, don't think that you have finished with your business plan. Your business plan should be a dynamic working document, helping you stay afloat and remain focused on progress during your journey.

Business planning is a continuous cycle. Examining your position against the chart and making course corrections is part of the process. Sometimes you will find that you've strayed off course or are out of the bounds of your budget. In these instances you will need to take actions to bring things under control and to get back to your plan. At other times you may be forced to change it because your original concept just doesn't square with reality, or because unforeseen market changes or product innovations make your assumptions invalid. In any case, an annual review and update of the plan will enhance your success.

As part of this review you will want to reconsider some of your major assumptions. Have any external influences changed? Consideration should be given to such things as competitors, current and potential customers, suppliers, technology, trends, demographic changes, government policies and regulations and, of course, the economy.

Against this backdrop, think about your strengths and weaknesses. Are there new opportunities? What factors might threaten your business? Ask yourself what your competitors could do to drive your enterprise out of business.

Given this review, think about any changes you should make regarding your assumptions of market share, revenue growth, inflation and expenses. If necessary, rework the calculations on your financial projections.

Take a close look at your performance objectives. Are they still relevant? Are there others that would be more appropriate? Are you achieving your objectives? Have you met key deadlines? Are your financial controls working? Identify any barriers that may inhibit or prevent you from reaching your goals.

Once you have completed this step, ask yourself a series of questions that start with "How do we …" Broad answers to these questions should provide you with strategies that you may consider for implementation. For example, "How do we increase sales to 500 units within six months?" This will result in a list of possible answers that may include things like initiating a telemarketing program, increasing advertising visibility, and so on. You may end up with dozens of answers.

Select two or three answers that best utilize your strengths, and begin to look at steps or actions you need to take to put your strategies to work. Check your business plan to see if this will result in any changes to your operating, manufacturing, personnel, facilities or marketing plans.

By understanding such a process, you should be able to monitor not only the performance of your business, but also those accountable – including yourself – for its success. Keep in mind that you will never be able to eliminate every problem in your business, but there will always be room for improvement and change.

By following your plan, you should be able to respond quickly to external factors – such as changes in the business environment – and internal factors that may include poor performance or a decrease in quality. You will be able to make improvements and cope with change. Most importantly, you will continue to reduce your risks and to find new opportunities.

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

Community Contributions
Hot Pepper Tanning Co.

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Hot Pepper Tanning Co. owner Lisa Rowen, left, partnered with Sue Yeager, director of Hope Centers, to provide food and gifts for needy children in the region. Customers of Hot Pepper Tanning Co. received a free tan and 25 percent off tanning products Dec. 15 and 16 if they brought a donation of food or gifts that cost a minimum of $5.

Hope Centers is a ministry of Heart for the World, a global outreach program that helps children who are poor, malnourished and at high risk for infection and disease.

'Tis the Season for giving up?

Many unaware of workforce development resources

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Southwestern
Area Workforce Development

Why is it so difficult to give money away?

Amid state-led initiatives to reach a greater number of New Mexicans with universal access to job training dollars, such as the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), many in our Southwestern Region are still not aware of the programs available.

In addition to WIA, outreach efforts include SHARE Network New Mexico, working to bring together workforce development system partners, or the "NM Workforce Connection," faith-based and community organizations, businesses and government agencies.

Another initiative is the development of the Workforce Solutions University (WSU), announced on Dec. 3 by the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions (DWS). It will create a "work environment that will focus on 'learning is part of the 40-hour workweek.'" It is being developed by Dorothy Clark, a consultant, as a result of what DWS calls Secretary Betty Sparrow Doris' "commitment to implementing a 'demand-driven and universally accessible workforce system with an integrated local service delivery, strong flexibility, high standards of accountability and resources to meet the needs of the state's businesses, workers, and job seekers.'"

This means local area offices of the Workforce Connection will be empowered to provide the specific services for which individuals and businesses may qualify.

These programs play a key role in answering three questions: Who are the people that we as service providers and agencies are finding it difficult to reach; who are the people that our various funding streams, including the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), are supposed to be helping; and how do we deal with the fact that the answer to both of these questions is the same?

The Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board's (SAWDB) BOLD program attempted to answer this question in its report earlier this year, noting that many businesses in Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra and Socorro counties feel they do not qualify for services because they are too small, family-operated, or brand new – which happens to describe a majority of businesses in the mainly rural regions of New Mexico. In addition, many are put off by the amount of paperwork they think is involved in signing up for these programs, or are wary that the government may step in and start dictating how they are to run their business.

On the jobseeker side of the coin, many people who seek assistance – from literacy programs to basic work skills – are more comfortable walking into a church or community center than into a government office; these are the faces they recognize, the names they know. Others don't even seek assistance in the first place because they do not know of these programs or think that they would qualify.

And to carry the scenario even further, while these church and community groups are already providing excellent programs and services to their participants and congregations, there are many more individuals in need that they are not able to assist. Currently, without SHARE Network New Mexico, there is no where else for these program providers to turn, thus hindering the very reason they got into this line of work in the first place – which also happens to be a very popular line of work in New Mexico, with "NGO New Mexico" reporting that there are more than double the amount of people working for non-profit organizations in the state than are working for the government.

Taking strides to move away from these misconceptions, DWS – then known as the state Office of Workforce Training and Development – partnered with the NM Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives and the U.S. Department of Labor last year to launch SHARE Network New Mexico.

In addition, SAWDB and the local offices of DWS – your Workforce Connection – are reaching out to local Chambers of Commerce and economic development agencies to help spread the word. Because at this time of year, aren't we all wanting to reach more people and to give just a little bit more?

Teri Hope is the SAWDB's Outreach Technical Specialist. She can be reached at (575) 744-4857 or by visiting www.swjobconnect.org. Visit your local Workforce Connection office for access to computers and the Internet, and ask about Workforce Investment Opportunities.

At the Hispano Chamber of Commerce — quarterly education awards ceremony

Middle school students recognized

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces recognized 30 local middle school students for their educational achievements Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Club Fusion.

The awards coincide with the chamber's mission statement, which states that the chamber promotes Las Cruces and Hispanic business owners through economic development, education, community service and culture awareness, said Leticia Soto, chamber Education Committee member.

One sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grader from each area middle school was awarded at the reception.

Camino Real Middle School
Megan Carabajal
Christopher Smith
Tania Albaba

Las Cruces Catholic Schools
Juan Carlos Guerra
Shawna Rapoza
Colin Redmond

Zia Middle School
Jackie Estrada
Michelle E. Salinas
Lauren Salas

Picacho Middle School
Louis Caracalla
Perla Castañeda
Alejandra Villalobos

Lynn Middle School
Daniella Gonzales
Gabriella Lozano
Jesse Carrasco

La Academia Dolores Huerta
Maria G. Calderon
Chris Rivera
Alyssa Bybee

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools
Rebeka Rubalcava
Dena Hurab
Merrily Gomez

Vista Middle School
Cynthia Ruiz
Belinda Alvarez
Alyssa Calderon

White Sands Middle School
Stephanie Hudak
Anthony Jimenez
Emily Kiskila

Sierra Middle School
Jasmine Reyes
Victor Macias
Jenna Morales

Alejandro Villalobos, an eighth-grader from Picacho Middle School

Merrily Gomez (eighth grade) from Mesilla Valley Christian Schools with Principal Mike Kremnitzer

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Lauren Salas (center) with parents Leah and Ralph Salas. Lauren attends Zia Middle School and is in eighth grade.

Belinda Alvarez, a seventh grader from Vista Middle School

Tania Albaba, an eighth-grader from Camino Real Middle School

Dena Hurab and Mike Kremnitzer from Mesilla Valley Christian Middle School. Dena is in seventh grade.

BRIEFS

Record set at Santa Teresa port of entry

Jaime Campos, executive director of the New Mexico Border Authority, announced that northbound commercial crossings at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry during October were the highest in the 15-year history of the port. According to Customs and Border Protection reports, 4,149 commercial vehicles crossed at Santa Teresa during October, a 32 percent increase over October 2006.

The increase in commercial crossings is attributed to the extension of commercial hours at the port, which began on Sept. 3. Mexican and U.S. officials extended commercial hours by four hours per day, opening the port for commercial traffic until 10 p.m. The extension of hours at the port was instituted to ease traffic congestion and crossing delays that have become prevalent at most U.S.-Mexico crossings, particularly at the Santa Teresa Port of Entry.

The Santa Teresa port of entry is now recognized as a rapid port for commercial crossings.

"We are seeing more and more traffic from transportation companies and Mexican-based manufacturers that are seeking faster, more efficient crossings," said New Mexico Economic Development Department Cabinet Secretary Designate Fred Mondragón. "The extension of port hours at Santa Teresa is directly responsible for the increase in our commercial traffic numbers and has made crossings easier throughout the day, including those times in the afternoons that were previously gridlocked."

Oscar Kuri, director general of the Business Coalition for Free Trade, a Juarez-based trade and security organization, said, "The increase in commercial traffic at Santa Teresa is an example of the fruits of labor that has been sown by cross-border cooperation. With the increase of the industrial base in south Juarez and as far down as the state of Durango, we see Santa Teresa becoming more and more important as a border crossing for commercial traffic in the entire region."

The Santa Teresa Port of Entry is located on the western edge of the El Paso/Juarez metroplex. Established in 1993, it is New Mexico's newest and busiest port of entry with Mexico.

Salcido earns AFC designation

Catherine M. Salcido, outreach coordinator for the Office of Student Financial Aid with New Mexico State University, has been awarded the designation of accredited financial counselor through the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education.

An accredited financial counselor has certified skills to assist individuals and families in the complex process of financial decision-making and also in overcoming financial indebtedness. AFC designees have been trained to help individuals in identifying and modifying ineffective money management behaviors, developing strategies for achieving financial goals and developing new perspectives on the dynamics of money in relation to family, friends and individual self-esteem.

In order to receive the AFC designation, Salcido has completed extensive coursework in personal finance, debt management and financial counseling. She agrees to maintain the highest ethical standards as written in the AFCPE Code of Ethics and is required to maintain up-to-date knowledge through continuing education in the fields of personal finance and financial counseling.

The AFCPE is a professional association formed by a group of financial counseling educators and practitioners to promote the education, training and professionalism of financial counselors and financial educators.

JO GALVAN I LCPS

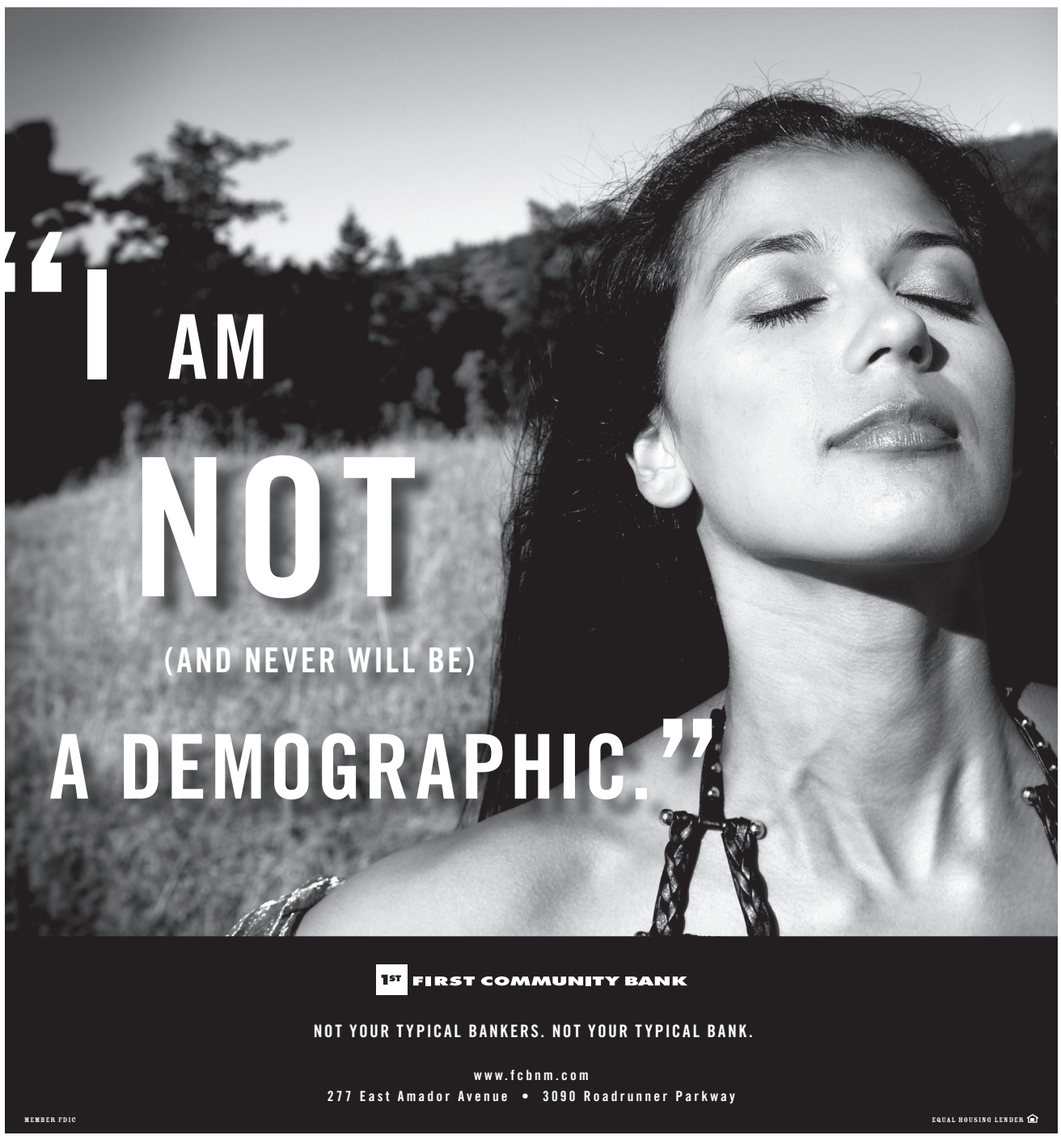
LCPS School-Community Partnerships Coordinator Leslie Cervantes sorts Chili's Restaurant gift certificates to be sent to elementary and sixth-grade students throughout the district.

Chili's donates 12,700 gift certificates to LCPS

Chili's Restaurant of Las Cruces has donated 12,700 gift certificates to Las Cruces Public Schools to be given to all elementary and sixth-grade students to support the district's literacy projects, said LCPS School-Community Partnerships Coordinator Leslie Cervantes.

"I'm sure you'll agree that this is another great way to encourage students in reading and literacy and we are very grateful to Chili's Restaurant for supporting our schools and our students," said LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds.

"These gift certificates are part of a new and exciting partnership with Chili's Restaurant. With their support, the district will recognize students who successfully complete a literacy assignment or project," Cervantes said. "LCPS partners such as Chili's are acknowledged as important stakeholders in developing academic success in our schools. We are very grateful for their many contributions."



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District 6 City Council

Meet the Candidate Calendar

Special K with Karen	Sat., Dec. 29	Hampton Inn	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Fri., Jan. 4	Uno's Pizzeria	6 to 8 p.m.
Coffee with Karen	Sat. Jan. 5	Roberto's Restaurant	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Sun., Jan. 6	Hotel Encanto-Azul Rm	4 to 6 p.m.
Enchilada Fundraiser $5	Sat., Dec. 31 thru Jan. 12	Habaneros Restaurant	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 • Absentee Voting Begins
Wed., Dec. 26 • Early Voting Begins

Paid for by the Committee to elect Karen R. Trujillo

PROFILE

Pamela Angell: A true humanitarian

Respect and dignity come first for Community of Hope executive director

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For the past six years, Pamela Angell has provided those who come to the Community of Hope with what they need the most – respect, kindness and love.

Before she even became executive director of the nonprofit organization that provides services to homeless people, Angell learned the importance of these values firsthand.

After graduating from high school in Connecticut, she said she got in an argument with her family about where to go to college – she wanted to go to Boston, but her family wanted her to stay in Connecticut.

"I took my financial aid and my 1967 Volvo and drove to Boston, but I couldn't find a place to live," she said. "School didn't start for another month."

Interviewing to be a roommate with college students who attended Harvard and MIT, she couldn't prove that she had a reliable income, and no one was willing to take a chance on her.

So she lived in her car for a month, sleeping in the back seat.

"I parked at theYWCA in Cambridge (Mass.), and I would throw clothes over my head so no one would see me," she said. "Every five nights or so, I'd pay $8 to stay at the Y and take a shower. I couldn't get a job because there was no way for them (employers) to contact me."

She finally got a job after her brother begged his friend, who owned a café, to take a chance and hire her as a bus girl.

"I was able to get on my feet about four months later, and I was on positive terms with my family again," she said. "It taught me never to quit a job before finding another one. Security became really important to me."

Her situation, she said, was different than many of those who come to the Community of Hope for its services.

"I was white, well-educated, female and well-loved," she said. "My family wasn't rich, but we were definitely middle class. Even then I had a safety net, and in my adult life, my parents have helped me financially.

"A lot of people have families that are just as poor or poorer than they are, or they have no association with their families at all. A lot of homeless people come from very broken lives."

Angell survived her short stint of homelessness and moved to New Mexico. She received her bachelor's degree in professional writing from the University of New Mexico and embarked on a career as a journalist, starting as a reporter for the Grants Daily Beacon. Within three months, she was promoted to an editor position.

After two years, she said she decided to live in a "bigger city," so she moved to Las Cruces and took a position as copy editor for the Las Cruces Sun-News. Within months, she was promoted to city editor, overseeing a staff of 10 to 12 reporters.

"I missed reporting," she said. "I was stuck in the office all the time, so after a year, I took a reporter position. I covered the courts for the Sun-News."

Her new beat included cases of gang murders and DWI tragedies.

"It was really depressing. I would see families get crushed by murder," she said. "I covered murders and funerals of young people and children, so on the side, I did fun stories."

Her "fun stories" took her on different escapades – she rounded up buffalo on Ted Turner's ranch and studied mountain lions in the San Andres Mountains. She also wrote stories relating to social services, including homelessness.

For two days and a night, Angell posed as a homeless person.

"I had a dollar in my pocket, and I kind of spread dirt on my jeans so I would look dirty," she said. "I hung out and slept at the old Gospel Rescue Mission."

She learned how to panhandle, and she said what shocked her was that people she knew turned away from her.

"There was a judge I knew, and when I approached him to panhandle, he looked at me and walked away swiftly," she said.

When she came away to write her story, it wasn't about the fact that it was a little cool at night that bothered her or she didn't have a place to stay.

"The thing that struck me the most was how lonely and disrespected I felt in those two days," she said. "People I knew saw me panhandling, and I was invisible to them, like garbage. They didn't want to walk near me. The loneliness and the lack of acceptance really struck me.

"From that time on, I always made it a point to show kindness. That's one of the most important things you can give people. All humans who make a reasonable sum of money have a certain responsibility to give back, and it's great if that money is directed toward agencies, at least they'll know it's going toward good."

Angell left her job as a reporter for the Sun-News to become the executive director of the Doña Ana County Humane Society. After almost six years there, she saw the opening for the Community of Hope executive director position and applied.

"The boards knew who I was by then," she said. "I had gotten the animal shelter a lot of publicity, and they recognized my name as a reporter. So when I was interviewed, I had a reputation."

She started her job on Dec. 1, 2001.

Taking what she learned as executive director of the humane society, Angell said she introduced change slowly and incorporated the staff in the decision making process, but she is ultimately responsible for the organization.

"As the executive director of a nonprofit organization, I wear a lot of hats," she said. "I'm grant writer, HR director, and I network with other agencies and people."

Angell also oversees and develops the community's programs, which includes laundry services and showering. Clients can also have a locker to store their items, as well as a mailbox and voicemail service, so they can efficiently look for a job and receive communication without losing their dignity.

In 2006, the Community of Hope, which acts as a day shelter for homeless individuals, provided almost 4,000 showers, and clients did 2,200 loads of laundry.

"It's important to get clean because there's a stigma associated with homeless people being very dirty," Angell said. "These services are nice because it's important that they don't lose that final dignity."

In the six years she has been the Community of Hope executive director, Angell said the budget and staff have more than doubled, and although they may see more clients, treating everyone with respect is a priority.

"I try to greet people, look them in the eye and smile," she said. "I try to set a tone of love, acceptance and respect, and the staff has really helped with that."

> "I try to set a tone of love, acceptance and respect."

Pamela Angell
Executive Director
Community of Hope

Family
- Mother, Evelyn Angell, an "avid card player"
- Brother, Tom Angell, family therapist
- Two dogs and two cats

Education
- Bachelor's degree in professional writing, University of New Mexico
- Master's degree in public administration, New Mexico State University

Organizations
- President, Mountain View Market Board of Directors
- President, New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness
- Chair, Southern New Mexico Homeless Providers Coalition

Awards
- On behalf of the Community of Hope, Angell accepted the Audrey Nelson Community Development Award from the National Community Development Association in 2006.

As community director for the Community of Hope, Pamela Angell makes it a point to provide homeless people with respect. Here she is pictured with Johnny Barton, left, and Bob Lindsay, who are traveling "coast to coast."

NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Annual banquet features a western atmosphere

Chamber accepting reservations for 'Cowboy Up' event through Jan. 11

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is fast approaching, and the deadline for reservations is Jan. 11. The event will honor businesses and individuals that have made profound contributions to the community.

The banquet will be held on Friday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, with a theme of "Cowboy Up," including western-style entertainment and atmosphere.

Mary Beth Reinhart, division chair of member services, said the theme expresses the Chamber's mission of getting together and accomplishing all that they want over the next year.

Justin Hagel, an NMSU student who writes poetry based on the work of well-known Southwest poet Baxter Black, will provide entertainment, and Country-Western music will be performed by musician James Michael. Along with the Western style decoration and entertainment, Brandy Darden, chair of the banquet committee, said that attendees are welcome to come in their cowboy/girl attire.

According to Reinhart, last year's event, which celebrated the City of Las Cruces, was very successful, and this year's is expected to be nothing less.

"We had approximately 250 people attend. Everyone was very pleased with the event last year when we celebrated Las Cruces and all of the accolades the city had received in the last year. So we really celebrated our community," Reinhart said.

Awards will be given for Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year and the Crystal Apple Award.

The Business of the Year will be chosen from a list of 12 that were recognized as Business of the Month by the Chamber over the past year. The Citizen of the Year will recognize a community member for his or her outstanding contributions and the Nonprofit of the Year recognizes an organization that has enhanced the community's quality of life.

The Crystal Apple Award recognizes an educator within the Las Cruces Public Schools for innovation and excellence in teaching. The Conquistadore of the Year award and the Volunteer of the Year Award, selected by the chamber, will also be presented at the banquet.

"Come help us applaud the outstanding chamber members of 2007," Darden said.

To attend this old-fashioned hoedown and support Las Cruces area businesses, nonprofits and individuals, call the Chamber at 524-1968. The maximum number of attendees is 350, and so far 120 reservations have been made. Tickets are $65 or $650 for a corporate table of 10.

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Ranchers monitor winter precipitation

Soil needs moisture for good spring plant growth

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Precipitation timing is vital to support the kind of weed and grass growth cattle need for grazing, according to area ranchers who are monitoring winter precipitation.

Brian Foster, manager of the Corralitos Ranch on the West Mesa described the winter rainfall so far as, "fair, just enough to keep the dust down."

And winter moisture, rain or snow, is important to the range forage production cycle, he said.

"Winter moisture is important in setting up spring conditions, probably more important than the summer rains. The majority of the cows start calving from early March to June, and that winter moisture gives everything a good start," Foster said.

"When it gets warmer and the days get longer, the weeds and grass start coming up. And going into the spring that forage provides the mother cow with the nutrients and energy she needs to provide for her newborn calf and to sustain her. If its dry and the cow doesn't have that forage, it takes the cow longer to be rebred, she can't be bred on schedule for a new calf crop."

Joe Delk and his band work out of Las Cruces, but the fiddler still finds time to travel to his family ranch in Grant County east of Silver City to help out. The ranch is run by a brother, Jim, but it was operated for many years by their father, Forrest Delk, also a fiddler player and the leader of the famous country-music group, the Gully Jumpers.

Forrest Delk was born in 1917, "not too long after New Mexico became a state," son Joe Delk said. He died in 1996.

"The winter moisture lays the base for a weed crop for cattle forage," Delk said. "We need that winter moisture to set the tone, to start everything going to start the germination of the seed for a weed crop. And then we hope for summer rains."

The Delk ranch grazes Brangus-Hereford cattle on 100 sections of land.

Tom Cooper grazes Beefmaster and American cross-bred cattle on about 160 sections on the Butterfield Trail and Alamo Basin ranches.

"We need cattle with a little bit of ear," he said.

He was referring to the cattlemen's term for the lop-eared characteristic on Brahma cattle, which adapt well to rugged, dry conditions and are part of the Beefmasters blood line.

"Having that winter moisture in the ground come spring is more beneficial," Cooper said. "That ground moisture helps keep the rain later in the spring from percolating into the ground and helps create growth of weeds and grass."

Tom Mobley, reported that he has an accumulative precipitation of nine inches on his Sierra Alta Ranch near Las Uvas for the year. But the rains have been erratic.

Mobley said rains arrived on his range in May and July, skipped August and returned in September. During the more recent rains received about half-an-inch in November and December on his range.

"We had good grass, but it went dormant in September, a little earlier than normal," Mobley said. "We have soil moisture, but I'm not going to try to predict the precipitation for April and May. But if we get more moisture, the range will start to green up."

Kenny Treadwell reported that his 40-section spread in Luna County where he grazes cross-bred cattle received less than half-an-inch last month.

"We don't have weeds, like filaree, started yet," he said. "If we get good fall and winter moisture, in spring we'll have excellent feed for cattle. But we have to have tha fall and winter soil moisture. But the range is better than it was a month ago."

Leedrue Hyatt, also of Luna County, reported that the rain has been slow, that the earthen tanks that hold water for cattle from the arroyos runoff are dry.

"We need that winter rain to put moisture into the soil for the weeds to grow when the weather warms up," Hyatt said.

For the field crop irrigation outlook, the snow pack for the Upper Rio Grande Basin is building up. The Natural Resources Conservation Services reported that the snow pack is 153 percent of average compared with 65 percent last year at the same time.

The snow pack runoff last year into Elephant Butte Reservoir, which supplies the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, was 317,000 acre-feet, or 55 percent of average.

Earlier this year, the National Weather Service forecast La Niña conditions, a weather pattern that pushes winter storms in the U.S. Northwest. Winter storms have been hitting the Northwest and Northeast, but the system also has been pushing storms farther south into Colorado and northern New Mexico, which is good news for the Southwest.

Rainfall in Las Cruces through November totaled 9.59 inches, or 110 percent of normal, according to a report issued by the New Mexico State University Department of Plant and Environmental Science.

But Las Cruces only received .26 of-an-inch of rain, showing how erratic the rainfall has been.

ANN MOBLEY I For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Tom Mobley operates a dozer to remove silt from an earthen tank on his Sierra Alta Ranch, hoping that winter and spring rains will fill it with runoff. Winter precipitation is vital to build up soil moisture to support growth during the growing season.

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IN GOOD COMPANY: ERRANDS PLUS, LC

Errands Plus does what clients can't do for themselves

Services range from grocery shopping to car registration

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the community becomes bigger and lives get busier, John Helms, owner of Errands Plus LC, is helping those busy people get their to-do lists done when they can't do it themselves.

The business, started by Helms and his wife Anna, opened in June as the result of a business concept Helms came across 20 years ago.

While working in the grocery business in Albuquerque, Helms noticed a regular customer who would shop using several grocery carts.

"I finally asked him what he did, and he told me he had a shopping service," Helms said.

He filed the thought in the back of his mind, but the idea came back to the forefront when Helms found himself between careers at the beginning of the year.

"I did research, and I discovered running errands in addition to shopping was probably more relevant today," he said.

Now, Errands Plus will do anything for clients as long as it's "legal, ethical, moral and safe for employees," Helms said.

In addition to providing errands services such as grocery shopping, gift pick-up and delivery and taking pets to the veterinarian or groomer, Errands Plus also provides non-medical services for the homebound and elderly, vacation services, waiting services and business services.

And everyone is a potential customer.

"Everybody runs short of time," Helms said.

As the business is just starting up, Errands Plus now has a small client base that Helms and his wife are able to handle.

"We're still small and able to respond quickly," he said.

He does envision business growth, however.

In fact, Helms' main goal is to have a concierge desk at most of the region's large organizations, including the hospitals, White Sands Missile Range, NASA and New Mexico State University.

Before he gets that far, he said he has to convince his customers that this is a service they need.

"It's such a new concept to Las Cruces," he said. "It's not new in other places, but it is here. People are 'timeshifting' already. Even when they go out to eat, they're paying someone else to serve the food, do the grocery shopping and clean up afterward so they can use that time to do something else. That's just one example.

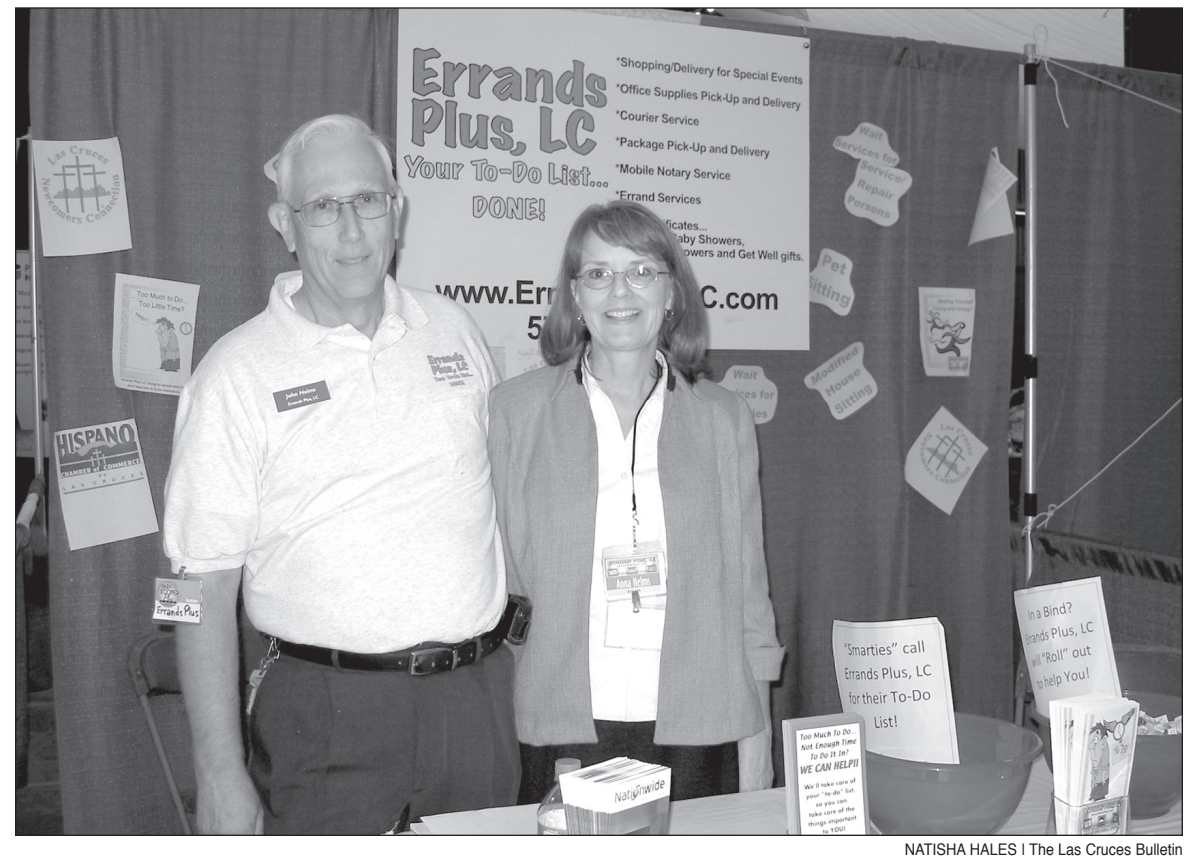
"They just need to take it to the next step. There are things on your list that need to be done, but it doesn't necessarily require you to do them."

With the relationships he's created as a 16-year Las Cruces resident and while working in the Las Cruces real estate industry for four years, Helms said he's been "networking like crazy" to meet his ultimate goal.

His real estate experience has led to one service as a mobile notary, where he brings the mortgage paperwork to the parties involved, rather than having them travel to different businesses.

The business also is a member of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces and is working with the Las Cruces Newcomers Connection to further provide networking opportunities.

"Every time I tell people about the business, they say, 'I know someone who needs this,'" Helms said. "I want them to know that, yes, that person can benefit, but so can you. I'm not here to replace family and friends, but every now and then, those same people very busy, too. Personal assistants are not just for high-powered executives anymore. This is a way to be in two places at once."



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Viewing everyone as a potential customer, Anna and John Helms of Errands Plus LC participated in the recent Baby Boomers Plus Expo, where businesses provided products and services to the baby boomer population.

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rate. (The city) can complete the project a lot quicker because of the availability of the funds that this is going to generate."

White's Music Box, which has been in the Downtown area for almost 60 years, was one of the businesses along Main Street when the road was closed to become a pedestrian mall.

"We have a 37-year track record of knowing the pedestrian mall doesn't work, and we've lost virtually every business that was down here."

Bruce Gibson, owner of Dutch's Meat Market on the Downtown Mall, also witnessed the creation of the mall, and he voted in favor of the district.

"The mall needs all the help it can get," Gibson said. "They screwed it up. I've been here 48 years, and I've seen it all. They're just now making it work on the north end (of the Downtown Mall), which they should have been doing all along.

"I just hope it gets better, and it's been a little better here lately."

Gary Sandler's weekly column, Real Estate Connections, will not appear in this week's edition of the Las Cruces Bulletin. Look for his column next week.

In Good Company: Errands Plus, LC

Q&A: Talking business with owner John Helms

John Helms, owner of Errands Plus LC, acts as a personal assistant so customers can be in "two places at once."

What inspired you to go into business?
During 23-1/2 years in retail and 13 years self-employed, I observed that everyone receives the same amount of time each day and choosing where and how to spend that time was getting more difficult. The important things in life were more and more overwhelmed by the mundane but urgent things. Helping others regain the control of where and how to spend their time seemed like an idea that would be accepted by many and be easy to provide without a lot of education or startup costs.

What is unique about your business?
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Who are your customers?
1. Any person who just "can't seem to get it all done" and wishes they could be two places at once.
2. Employers whose employees are dealing with personal "To-Do" lists items during work because that is the only time they have to do it.
3. Employers who want to offer a special "perk" to keep their valuable employees loyal and productive.
4. New moms/dads.
5. New brides.
6. Homebound individuals.
7. Anyone who knows of or cares about new noms/dads, new brides or homebound individuals.
8. Pet owners and/or homeowners going on vacation.
9. Anyone needing notary services when all the other sources aren't available.

Where do you see the business in five years?
The demand for personal services such as Errands Plus, LC will only grow as people work more hours, children become involved in more and more extracurricular activities and parents/grandparents age and need more physical help to remain independent. We expect to grow along with those demands.

What is your business philosophy?
Errands Plus, LC will respond quickly and will complete tasks in a competent and timely manner allowing our customers/clients to spend their time where it is important to them.

What is the best part of your job?
Each day's activities are different.

How are you marketing the store?
Our website is located at www.ErrandsPlusLC.com. We attend various networking events sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces and the Las Cruces Newcomers Connection Welcome Service. We speak one-on-one with individuals and businesses and their human resources specialists. We distribute flyers in various ways. We do limited print advertising.

What do you look for in an employee?
Employees must be honest and dependable.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
23+ years in the retail grocery business and 13 years self-employed in various fields.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
"Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash."
Gen. George S. Patton

What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?
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What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
When we started this business, we had no problems with the various city, state and federal agencies. All local offices were prompt, helpful and competent which allowed us to get started quickly.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?
The biggest obstacle is getting people to understand that their time has value and that that value isn't the amount they are paid by their employer.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish people knew?
Think of what one hour of leisure time is worth. Don't think in terms of what you earn at work because many of the things that are on your "To-Do" list are accomplished during non-work time. Visit www.ErrandsPlusLC.com/LeisureTimeValuator.html to find out what an hour of your leisure time is worth. A service that charges less than that amount and allows you to do what you want to do with your time is a good buy.

What are your business goals?
Our goal is to provide services that meet the needs of individuals as well as small, medium and large businesses, whatever those need may be.

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Permit
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33030	Flair Homes	Viewpoint Acreage	Res/New	2990 Mesilla Acres Road	Mesilla Acres Estates	$793
33031	Self	Yvonne Archuleta	Res/Rem/Add	1379 Esslinger	N/A	$200
33032	Above & Beyond	Leroy Murkowski	Res/New	2620 Westmorland	EBL&T	$615
33237	Greenhouse Inc.	Donald Dwyer	Res/New	4550 Organ Mesa Loop	Organ Mesa Ranch Subd.	$625

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Keeping with a current trend, Lamar Outdoor Advertising is installing its first digital billboard in Las Cruces on North Telshor Boulevard.

Digital ads

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revealed digital billboards were "safety neutral, based on a study of eye glance movements in 36 drivers in specially equipped cars in Cleveland, Ohio."

Mons said that the billboards pose no distraction to the drivers because there is no moving advertising.

"The advertising is static and just changes every 10 seconds, it's not a moving jumbotron," she said. "A lot of people assume that the billboards have moving elements, but it's just a static picture. A billboard permit does not allow you to have moving elements."

More local businesses are following the trend, said Kyle Schueller, owner of L.E.D. Visual Solutions. The company sells the same LED displays for digital billboards and other screens used for digital outdoor advertising.

"Once people find out we are local, they approach us about getting quotes," Schueller said. "(Digital advertising) seems to be more of the trend. People find you get more value out of digital signage. When compated to regular signage, you have to print that out on vinyl, and comparing the two, the digital is much more cost-effective."

Because the concept is new to Las Cruces, Schueller said it's important to take the time to educate others on the trend.

"Most customers in business for themselves or even in corporate situations are realizing the value of their dollars is better spent using digital advertising."

For those concerned with how bright signs are against the night sky, Schueller said there's an opportunity to dim the sign.

"You can take it and dim it," he said. "You want the capability to have it that bright because the advertisements can get washed out with sunlight during the day, but at night, it needs a dimming timer to where it will decrease the brightness.

"People may start trying to get municipalities to restrict the signs, but it's like anything else – like listening to the radio or talking on the cell phone. It's all a matter of driving skill."

The digital billboard may also be used to display emergency messages, Mons said.

"The Department of Homeland Security is setting up a program so that it will interrupt advertising for Amber alerts," he said.

As the government is taking advantage of the national trend, Mons said it's a very forward thing for Las Cruces to allow digital outdoor advertising.

"It's probably going to be the standard," he said. "It's a clean, neat product that is mainly used by local advertisers."

NMSU hotel

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large investment that greatly increases the university's profile, Woods said, and provides a great learning laboratory to the College of Agriculture's growing School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism.

For students, having the on-campus hotel will give them an opportunity to actually work under an executive chef, obtain real front desk experience or take part in how a hotel really markets and brands itself, said Janet Green, department head.

Green added there are all sorts of other university programs – such as engineering and landscaping – in which students can gain some real world insights from the construction and operation of a hotel on campus

Meanwhile, having an on-campus hotel – coupled with the convention center – will help attract academic conferences, said President Michael Martin.

Noting that Martin talks about how the rest of the world doesn't know about the quality of research and education being done at NMSU, having an on-campus facility to hold such conferences will help increase the university's visibility in the academic realm, said Robert Gallagher, regents vice chair.

"So, here we have a group coming to us and saying, 'We want to make a capital investment of $24 million,'" Gallagher said. "If you have to ask what we're getting out of this project, then you're missing the big picture."

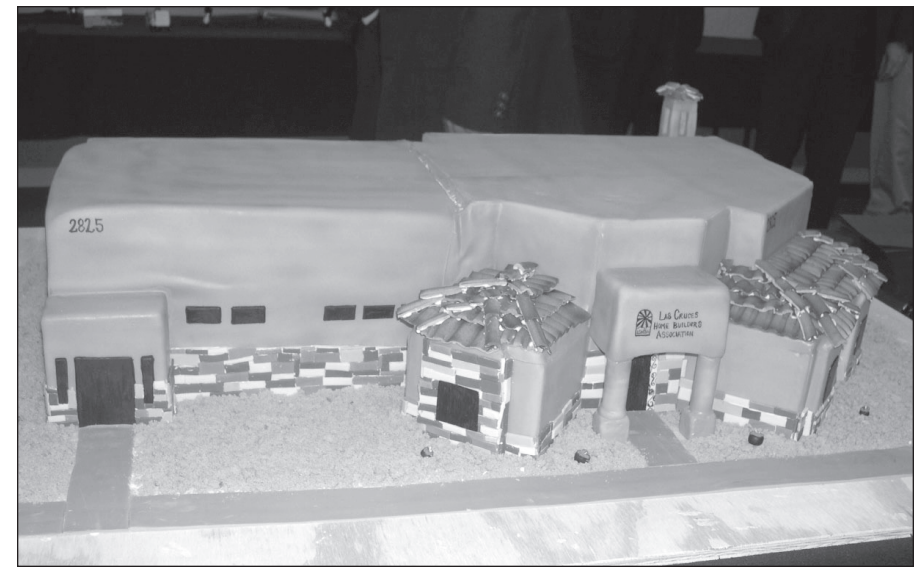
Add in the planned performing arts center and "we can finally see a recognizable entrance to NMSU," he said.

Considering the promising educational component and that the lease agreement payments exceeds projected income of the property, this is an action that will stand the test of time, said Blake Curtis, regent. "We want to make a decision where three years down the line people are not saying, 'What were they thinking?'"

Grand Opening
Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Las Cruces Home Builders Association 2007 President Frank Barrera, builder Eddie Binns and Michele Marshall, LCHBA executive officer, cut the ribbon for the LCHBA's new facility, 2825 S. Main St., among the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores and members of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

BETHANY CONWAY
The Las Cruces Bulletin



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Gricel Mendoza, membership administrator for the LCHBA, made a cake for the organization's open house. It is a replica of the new facility, which the organization has titled the LCHBA "Dream Home."

Send us your business briefs!

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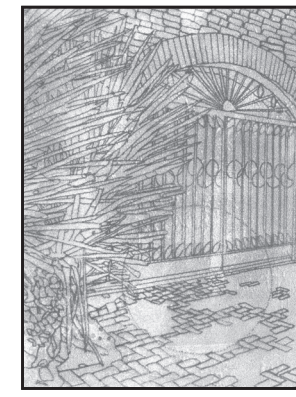
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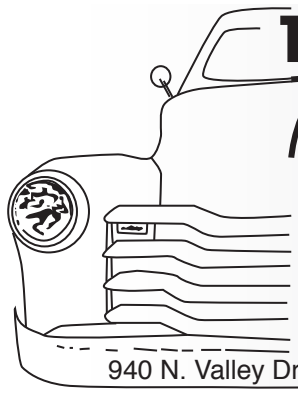
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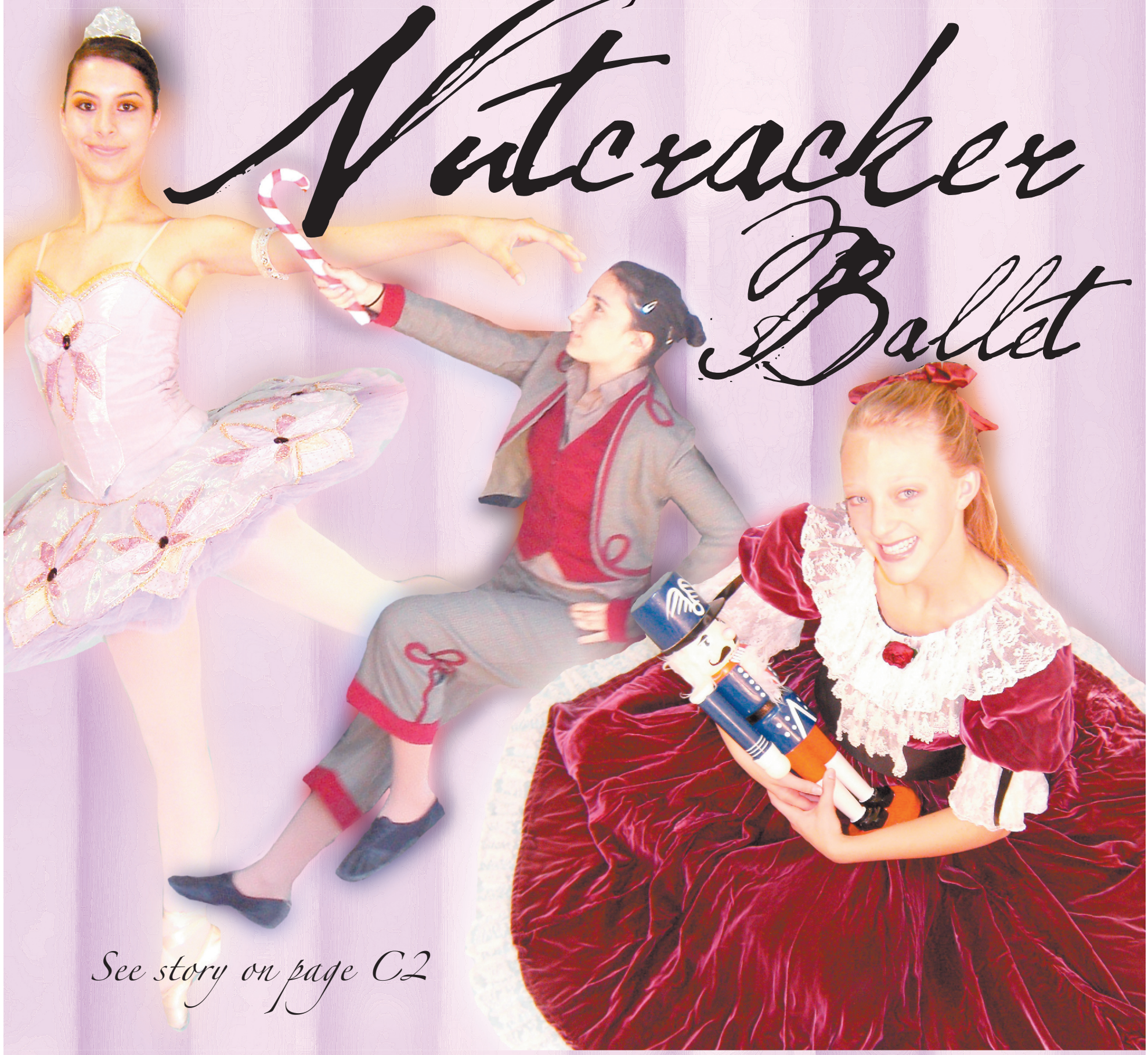
Las Cruces Chamber Ballet presents 24th annual

Nutcracker Ballet



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Las Cruces Chamber Ballet retells a Christmas classic

'Nutcracker Ballet' celebrates 24th year with new delights and a surprise opening

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Christmas season brings with it several familiar sights and sounds: caroling, beautiful lights and, of course, the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's annual production of the "Nutcracker Ballet."

The Ballet opened Thursday, Dec. 20, and will run through Sunday, Dec. 23, at the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall, with the Friday and Saturday show at 7 p.m. and the Sunday show at 2 p.m. Tickets are $15 and $18 and are available at the Pan Am Ticket Office.

> "All of the children are trained in discipline before they are trained in dance ..."
>
> KEVIN SELF,
> Las Cruces Chamber Ballet
> Artistic Director

Audiences can experience Clara's (Victoria Pryor) dream filled with images of scratching rats and their ferocious Rat Queen (Anne Bishop), the dashing young Nutcracker Prince (Applehelen Kirby), and the beautiful Snow Queen (Maddie Ellis), along with Clara's teasing and mischievous brother Fritz (Stepheny Perez).

LCCB Artistic Director Kevin Self said the LCCB is proud to have local dancer Nicolette Garcia performing the role of Sugarplum Fairy in addition to Susan Kelly as lead Chinese.

Self added that the LCCB is very thankful to the "Mother Ginger celebrities": Michael Martin, president of New Mexico State University; Tony Pryor, owner of Central Alarm; Lou Sisbarro, owner of Sisbarro Dealerships; and Jeff O'Brien, owner of Mesilla Valley Kitchen.

"Their donations and support are only equaled by their willingness to don a 10-foot wide dress and corral eight dancing young Bon Bons," Self said.

Featuring new costumes, sets and choreography, Self said this year's performances will delight newcomers and regulars to the ballet.

Stepheny Perez, Kayla Zimmerman, Amy Fernandez and Evelyn Ross play the Chinese in Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's presentation of the "Nutcracker Ballet."

Self said the ballet will feature a new head for the Nutcracker Prince and the Rat Queen, new dolls and new doll dances. There also will be a new opening scene to the ballet, which Self said will be a secret surprise for the audience.

Featuring a cast of almost 70 that ranges from age 8 to 52, the "Nutcracker Ballet" features the cream of the crop of Mesilla Valley dancers. Although the cast is filled with young dancers, Self said working with the dancers has been relatively easy because of the training they received at Michele's Dance Academy.

"All of the children are trained in discipline before they are trained in dance, that's the key to any production this size," he said.

The "Nutcracker Ballet" is based on the book "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" by E.T.A. Hoffman.

In 1891, renowned choreographer Marius Petipa commissioned Peter Tchaikovsky to write music for the "Nutcracker Ballet." Petipa's dances for the "Nutcracker" are actually based on a revision to the story written by French author Alexander Dumas.

In 1892, the first showing of the "Nutcracker" took place at the Mariinsky Theatre of Russia, home of the Kirov Ballet.

The "Nutcracker" made its way to Western Europe in the 1930s and to America by 1940, performed by Ballet Russe. The first American full-length "Nutcracker" was performed by the San Francisco Ballet, choreographed by W. Christensen. The "Nutcracker" has since become a worldwide annual holiday tradition.

In preparation of next year's celebration of the 25th annual "Nutcracker Ballet," Self said the LCCB is trying to get in contact with as many people who have played the role of Clara or Fritz over the past years, gathering them together for a reunion, perhaps even a special dance in the 2008 performance. Any past Clara or Fritz performers should contact Self at 527-1893.

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet presents:

The Nutcracker

7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21

7 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22

2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 23

At the New Mexico State University Music Center Recital Hall

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Music at the Mesilla Plaza

Christmas lights sparkle in the twilight as members of the Rio Brass Quintet play holiday tunes on the Mesilla Plaza Monday, Dec. 17. The free musical performances will continue each evening from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Dec. 23, sponsored by El Paso Electric Co.

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ELIZABETH SCHWARTZ

The gazebo on the Mesilla Plaza provides an enchanting stage for the musical festivities.

Luminarias and Christmas lights added to the ambiance as the band filled the plaza with the sounds of the season.

The Plaza Christmas Tree and festive holiday decorations are admired by onlookers Monday, Dec. 17, in Mesilla.

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Gordon (Alex Ferns), Hortsmayer (Daniel Bruhl) and Audebert (Guillame Canet) star in "Joyeux Noël." Scottish, German and French forces stopped the fighting on Christmas Eve of 1914 to exchange gifts and enjoy the holiday amidst WWI.

The Christmas spirit lives on

'Joyeux Noël' shows peace in the midst of war

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, Dec. 22, will be "Joyeux Noël" (2005, 113 minutes, rated PG-13 in French and German).

On Christmas Eve of 1914, caroling in the French, German and Scottish trenches led to a sense of mutual understanding and a temporary truce that lasted through the next day.

The dirty, disheveled men emerged into No Man's Land to exchange small gifts – cigarettes for chocolates or champagne – and share pictures of their wives and children. They buried their dead and played soccer.

On any day in any city, the activities would have been considered normal. In the midst of a battlefield, they were surreal.

That's the mood director Christian Carion wanted to capture, and he does so effectively. For "Joyeux Noël," he has created a number of fictionalized characters, but the historical events in which their stories unfold are accurately portrayed.

Before the war, Anna Sorensen and Nikolaus Sprink were lovers. Now, he's a member of the German army, and she is visiting with a day pass to entertain the troops. Sprink's commanding officer, Horstmayer is against the idea of her being there – until he hears her sing.

Meanwhile, in the French trenches, Audebert worries about his wife. Pregnant and trapped behind enemy lines, her fate is unknown. In the Scottish trenches, Palmer – an Anglican priest – tries to divine God's will for him in the midst of so much suffering and carnage. Once the truce occurs, these individuals meet between the trenches and discover that war need not leech away all humanity.

The film was nominated for a Best Foreign Film Oscar in 2006. Nevertheless, it's impossible to deny the power of the story and the way the themes resonate across the ages.

The messages of "Joyeux Noël" apply not only to World War I, but also to wars of all kinds from the dawn of history until today. War is one of the central conundrums of human existence. Carion does not attempt to explain it, but he shows that, under the right circumstances, human beings are capable of overcoming their base instincts and rising to a higher level, if only for a short time.

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

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

Unless otherwise noted, screening time for CineMatinee is 1:30 p.m., and admission is $3 for everyone except Mesilla Valley Film Society members who are admitted free of charge. The theater is located one block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 or 522-0286.

Fanfan la Tulipe (Gerard Philipe) and Adeline La Franchise (Gina Lollobrigida) star in the action-packed story of the Three Musketeers in "Fanfan la Tulipe," which opens at the Fountain Theatre Friday, Dec. 21.

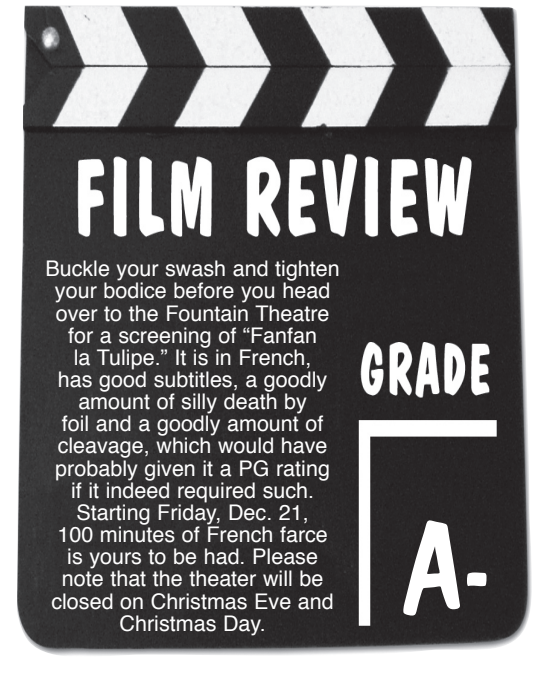
A new fan of Fanfan

Three musketeers story brings a fun romp

By Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This adaptation of "Fanfan la Tulipe" is the second of three versions of this frilly comedy-adventure story, gently similar but more parody ridden than the much more famous "Three Musketeers."

The 1925 version was part of a French serial, and the little-known 2003 version starred Penelope Cruz and Vincent Perez, and to the best of my knowledge was never released on this side of the Atlantic.



Fanfan is a devilishly handsome rake. Caught in a haystack with a comely young lass, his sword-fighting techniques, albeit done with a stick vs. pitchforks wielded by local farmers, including the lasses father, allow him to escape from the clutches of marital bliss.

In the village square, the farmer catches up with this likable cad and challenges him to wed his now-shamed daughter (although it is only in his eye, as the daughter makes eyes at Fanfan), or else …

The "or else" turns out to be a ruse that gets Fanfan enlisted into the French army for eight years. Seems a recruiting sergeant's daughter, a fortuneteller, tells him he will "marry the king's daughter," which accidentally gets him to sign the enlistment papers for the quota-needing sergeant – her dad.

But Fanfan, light hearted as he is light headed, takes it all in stride and soon finds himself involved with some adventures and misadventures which include an epic sword fight with some brigands who are trying to rob the coach … you guessed it … carrying the king's daughter.

A kiss and a tulip (guess that makes four lips) from her is his reward, and this furthers his resolve to make her his bride. As Fanfan charms most of his fellow soldiers and a few unsuspecting ladies upon the way, the needed subplot is hatched by one of his military superiors, and it helps provide several more exciting and fun action sequences, replete with horse tricks and an army of three versus the entire army of another country.

In 1952, this fun flicker won a best director award for Christian Jaque, and at the time it was released in 50 countries – something unheard of back then. Monsieur Jaque certainly has a deft eye for costuming and details and is no slouch when it comes to character development either. He also tosses in a nicely biting anti-military, anti-war message, especially toward those who lead. This is most often done through a fun-loving narrator who helps with scene transition. Another interesting observation is the similarity to later films made by Italian actor, Terence Hill (actually Mario Girotti), the star of the '70s Trinity series of comedy Westerns. Hill carried that character for many years, even bringing parts of it to a serious film he made with New Mexican Gene Hackman some years back called "March or Die."

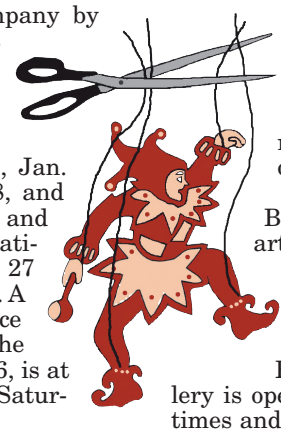
Action, romance, comedy and a happy ending … "Fanfan la Tulipe" has all the right ingredients for a holiday week movie.

Happy and merry whatever you celebrate! If you want my recipe for dairy- and sugar-free pumpkin pie, contact me at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. You'll find me at the kitchen table.

‘Always, Patsy Cline’ ready for a big open

Closing Saturday already sold out

The entertaining musical play “Always, Patsy Cline,” written and originally directed by Ted Swindley and directed for No Strings Theatre Company by Dale Pawley, starring Janet Mazdra and Rachel Space, runs from Jan. 18 through Feb. 10 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.



Performances are Fridays, Jan. 18 and 25 and Feb. 1 and 8, and Saturdays, Jan. 19 and 26 and Feb. 2, at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees will be held Jan. 20 and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10 at 2:30 p.m. A Thursday, Jan. 31, performance will be held at 7 p.m., and the oerfirnabce Wednesday, Feb. 6, is at 6 p.m. The performance on Saturday, Feb. 9, is sold out.

Tickets are $10 for regular admission, $9 for students and seniors over 65 and all seats on Thursday are $7. A High School Student Rush ticket is available 10 minutes before all performances for $7 on a seat-available basis. Reservations are recommended and may be made by phone at 523-1223 or online at www.no-strings.org.

Thetheatregallery in the Black Box Theatre will contain artwork inspired by the songs of Patsy Cline. There will be a wine and cheese artists’ reception in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble on Friday, Feb. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery is open one hour before performance times and by appointment at 523-1223.

LCCT announces one-act showcase

Las Cruces Community Theatre presents the annual One-Act Showcase from Thursday, Jan. 11, through Sunday, Jan. 20. The showcase will feature an evening of family-oriented short plays for a two-weekend run.

The plays are “The Ghost of Moonlit Cove” written by Debra Boyd and directed by Mark Niclas; “Sisyphus Waiting” written and directed by Harley Swink; “The Philadelphia” written by David Ives and directed by Saundra Bouchie; “Madam President” written by Wallace Acton and directed by Deane Bailey; and “Who’s On First” written by Harry Gilles and directed by Les Boyse. Both Debra Boyd and Harley Swink are local playwrights.

Tickets are reduced to $5, and admission is free for season ticket holds. Shows on Friday and Saturday are at 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. Guests are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain to pick up tickets.

For reservations and more information, call the theater at 523-1200 or visit www.lcctnm.org. Reservation will be taken starting Jan. 4. The theater is located at 313 N. Downtown Mall just north of Las Cruces Avenue.

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LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Upcoming Performances

One-Act Showcase
Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Downtown Mall • 523-1200
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Always, Patsy Cline
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall • 523-1223
Tickets: $7-$10 • Opens Jan. 18

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On the NMSU campus • 646-4515
Tickets: $10-$15 • Opens Feb. 22

The Diary of Anne Frank
Las Cruces Community Theatre
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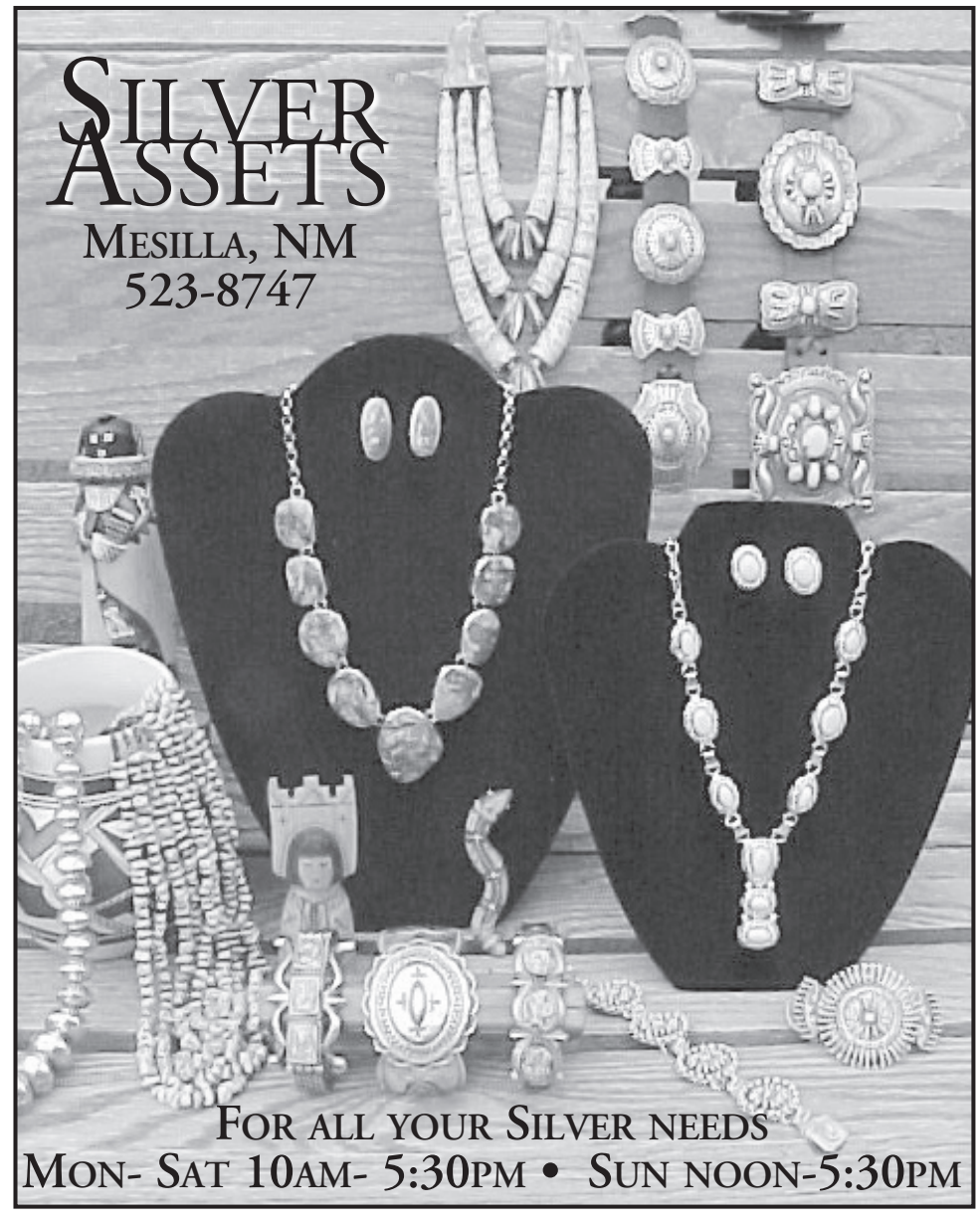

EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

THREE AMIGOS BOOKSIGNING

The Three Amigos, El Paso's trio of authors, will be appearing at Hastings Books, 2350 E. Lohman Ave., for a booksigning at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21. Everyone is invited to come out and meet the authors and check out some last minute gift ideas.

HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic continues with an event Friday, Dec. 21, at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. The event is open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and performer sign-up begins at 7 p.m. Coffee and light snacks will be served. Howling Coyote features professional sound and lights. The event is open to acoustic musicians and powers. For more information, call Music Director Bob Burns at 525-9333.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

THE SPYDERS CONCERT

The Spyders, from Las Cruces, will be playing classic rock at Hoot'n Annies, 150 E. Madrid Ave., at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22. There will be a $2 cover charge. For more information, call 525-8303 or visit www.myspace.com/spyderslascruces.

COAS BOOKSIGNING

COAS My Bookstore, 317 N. Downtown Mall, will host a booksigning of the works of William White from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 22. White will sign copies of his two books, "Tales of the Caballos" and "True Treasure Stories of the Southwest." For more information, call 524-8471.

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	DATE	LOCATION
Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally	Sat., Jan. 19-Sun., Jan. 20	Brown Farm Field
For the Love of Art Month	Fri., Feb. 1-Fri., Feb. 29	Throughout Las Cruces
Jack Ward Invitational Choral Festival	Fri., Mar. 7-Sat., Mar. 8	NMSU Recital Hall
Cowboy Days Festival	Sat., Mar. 8-Sun., Mar.	NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

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STITCH'N VISIT

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

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 dance lessons at 7 p.m. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 382-5255 for more information.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

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IN SERVICE

Veterans' Groups Guide

• **The American Legion Auxiliary** hosts a $4 pancake breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. the second Sunday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.

• **American Legion Post 10** meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4116.

• **American Legion Riders Motorcycle Chapter 4** meets at 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at IHOP, 2900 N. Telshor Blvd. For more information call 650-4125.

• **Veterans Information, Resource and Referral Office** at 328 S. Reymond St. provides services for veterans such as acquiring veterans benefits and employment and shelter referrals. For more information call Frank Amalla at 647-5669.

• **Special Forces Las Cruces - El Paso** meets the fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Vado RV Park. Breakfast is served by Frank Lujan. For more information call CDR Rudy Reyes 382-0903.

• **The Las Cruces Mayor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Board** meets at 9 a.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month in room 213 at 575 S. Alameda Blvd. For more information call 650-4116.

• **Women Veterans** meet for lunch on the fourth Tuesday of the month at various restaurants. All are welcome. Call Judy at 532-5760 or Peggy at 526-6465.

• **American Legion Post 10** hosts bingo at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday and on the first and second Sunday of each month at 4 p.m. at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 650-4119.

• **Marine Corps League El Perro Diablo Detachment** meets at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of the month. For more information call 382-0759.

• **Disabled American Veterans #10** meets at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 640-7173.

• **China-Burma-India Veterans** meets the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at IHOP on Del Rey Boulevard in the CBI room. For more information call 644-2314.

• **Vietnam Veterans of America** meets the fourth Saturday of the month at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. For more information call 524-0659.

• **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10** is sponsoring the great American breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at American Legion Post 10 at 1185 E. Madrid Ave. The cost is $4.

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District 6 City Council

Meet the Candidate Calendar

Special K with Karen	Sat., Dec. 29	Hampton Inn	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Fri., Jan. 4	Uno's Pizzeria	6 to 8 p.m.
Coffee with Karen	Sat. Jan. 5	Roberto's Restaurant	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Sun., Jan. 6	Hotel Encanto-Azul Rm	4 to 6 p.m.
Enchilada Fundraiser $5	Sat., Dec. 31 thru Jan. 12	Habaneros Restaurant	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Oñate High School English Seminar students and visitors pose with performance artist Robert Mirabal (center) during his visit Nov. 30 to the area.

OHS Knightwriters meet Taos performance artist

Robert Mirabal teaches importance of asking questions

Oñate High School English Seminar students – also known as the OHS Knightwriters – met with Native American performance artist Robert Mirabal Nov. 30, while Mirabal was in Las Cruces for a performance.

Mirabal, who is a Taos Tiwa Pueblo native, is a flutist, vocalist, songwriter, actor and poet, and is equally renowned as a flute maker.

"I started out as a drama/theater student in high school," Mirabal told the OHS students, "and I realized the beauty of it because it is mathematics, a science."

Equally at home on the stages of Japan, New York and other American cities, including those of northern New Mexico, Mirabal urges everyone to go back to Mother Earth for increased inspiration and understanding of one's place/role in humanity. He has recently returned to farming, an act he says allows an individual to "become free", OHS English teacher and Knightwriter sponsor Rosemary Kirby said.

"The English Seminar students are familiar with Mirabal's endeavors because of their pursuit of the various fine arts," she said. "One of the expectations they set for the group is to attempt and explore everything that will make them better at what they see as their primary talent or skill. In addition, they pursue exploration of an (academic) topic, often expressing their learning through the fine arts.

They recognized their approach to learning when Mirabal expressed his sentiment that, '... we learn most from asking questions, and seeking even more questions,'" she said.

The Knightwriter students were, "in awe" of Mirabal, said OHS senior Samantha Logan. Another student expressed her surprise at how Mirabal's thoughts were so profound but stated eloquently and simply. All agreed that Mirabal and his band members were "so friendly and open ... and they all just seemed to get along," Kirby said.

"This was an opportunity for students to realize how one individual can impact the human community, through music and performance, through acts of service and kindness. I think that Mirabal sums it up best when, at the end of one of his songs, he encourages his audience members to 'become better people.' He is an excellent role model for students who are passionate about learning everything," Kirby said.

Mirabal was twice named the Native American Music Awards' Artist of the Year, and received the songwriter of the year award three times. He was featured in the Grammy Award winning album "Sacred Ground – a Tribute to Mother Earth" in 2006 for Best Native American Music Album.

CALL TO ARTISTS

■ 'LOVE & CHOCOLATE' EXHIBIT

Everyone loves chocolate. Appropriately, the Las Cruces Museum of Art is hosting the open exhibition, "Love & Chocolate," during For the Love of Art month, February 2008. Doña Ana County artists are eligible to submit artworks inspired by, or even made of, chocolate. The exhibition will open on Friday, Feb.1, and continue through Saturday, March 1. All works fitting the criteria for exhibition will be included in the showcase of local art. Artworks must be hand-delivered to the museum, by the artist or a representative for the artist, on Monday, Jan. 28, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. A submission fee of $15 is required at the time of submission. Artists are limited to one submission. Finished works should be 11"x14" maximum framed dimension, or 3-D dimensions 14"x14"x14" maximum. For more information about the Museum of Art and exhibition submissions, visit http://museums.las-cruces.org. The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 501 N. Downtown Mall, is accessible and free to the public.

■ IN EFFECT THEMED SHOW

In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs Ave., will host a themed show entitled "Heart On!" during February's For the Love of Art Month. Artists "in effect" and the public are invited to create artwork for the February exhibit. Work submitted should be in the vein they think the theme means to themselves, from the traditional to the Avant Garde. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Jan. 28. Size of art pieces can be in a range of 2"x2" and bigger. Artists should call if they are creating a large-scale piece. In Effect Gallery is a cosmopolitan lowbrow and fine art gallery. For more information, call 526-1551.

■ MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is looking for volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help educate visitors about farming, ranching and rural life in New Mexico. The museum is also looking for volunteers who can demonstrate such crafts as leather tooling, quilting, weaving, wool spinning, sewing, candlemaking, embroidery and storytelling. Tour guides are also needed. The museum offers a free training program for volunteers. Contact Debbie Holderby at 522-4100 ext. 116 for information about volunteer opportunities.

■ WOMEN'S BOOK CONTEST

An outstanding New Mexican writer will be honored for her work in children's literature next spring when her book receives the prestigious Zia Award. Given each year by the New Mexico Press Women at their annual spring conference, women writers living in the state are invited to submit their books for consideration for the award. The 2008 Zia Award will be given to the author of a children's book published in 2005, 2006 or 2007. The work can include fiction literature, poetry, short stories or non-fiction as long as the material is published in book form with children or teenagers as the intended readers. Each year the award rotates to one of three categories: children's literature, non-fiction and fiction. To accommodate this schedule, a book published in the last three years is eligible. Submissions can be made by the author or by someone else on behalf of the author, such as a publisher. Membership in the association is not required, but the writer must be a woman. Authors must also live in the state or have a strong connection to New Mexico; however the book can be published anywhere. A $10 submission fee is required and helps to defray the costs of the award. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 12. Book entries are considered a donation to the organization and are not returned. The books will be part of the silent auction held at the annual spring awards banquet to raise scholarship funds. To submit a book entry to the Zia Award contest please send a cover letter containing contact information and a paragraph stating the author's connection to New Mexico, along with the book and a check for $10 payable to New Mexico Press Women to the following address postmarked by Jan. 12. Jessica Savage, Zia Award Contest Chair, 1612 Ralph Drive, Las Cruces, N.M. 88001. An acknowledgement letter will be sent upon receipt of the entry. For more information on the contest, call 532-1486 or email jsavage@cybermesa.com.

At the Living Christmas Story

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Left: Shepherds Henry Young and Kyle Casci stand with a sheep in front of a warming fire at the Living Christmas Story, presented last weekend by Sierra Vista Community Church.

Above: Mary (Codee Guerin) holds baby Jesus.

Below: Mary (Jessie O'Hara) and Joseph (Jonathan Cook) get ready to leave for Bethlehem with their donkey.

Right: Hannah O'Hara, Randie Bustillos and Isaac Ortega carol for visitors

Right: Don Kitchens and Juan Salayandia play two of the three wise men.

Below: Five-year-old Nico O'Hara checks out all the peppermint candy to be given out to visitors.

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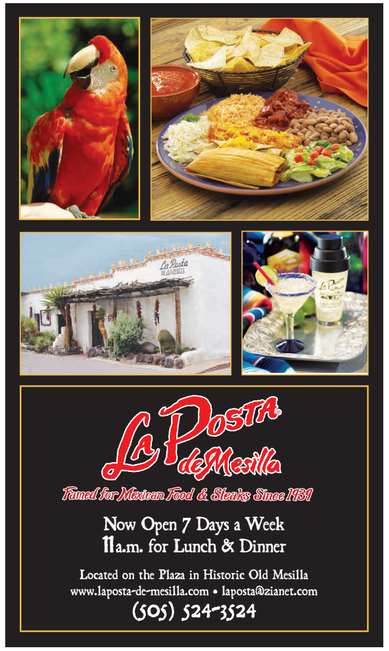

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Jim McMullan, owner, stands next to an 1800's stagecoach.

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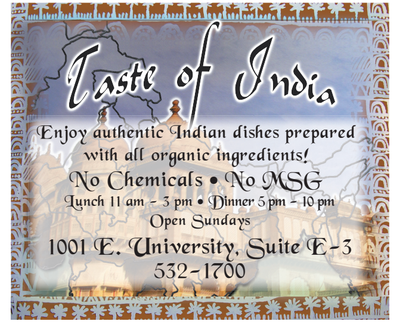
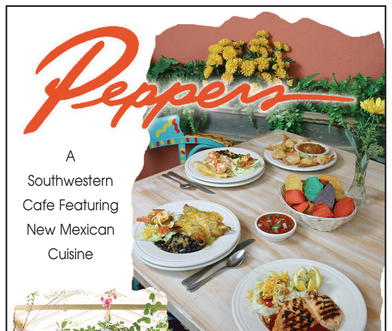




FEATURED ARTIST

Shaping the memories of wood

French artist Pascal shares his vision at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Wood, even after it is no longer "alive," still retains a memory of the living world and an individuality based on its origin and surroundings.

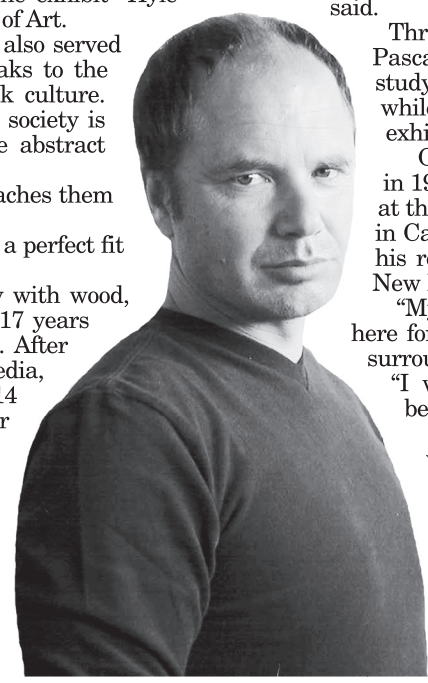
No one understands this philosophy more than Santa Fe sculptor Pascal, who recently opened the exhibit "Hylé Expression" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

"Hylé" – the Greek word for wood – also served as a general word for matter and speaks to the importance wood played in early Greek culture. This history and importance to human society is what Pascal is tapping into to explore abstract concepts and form with viewers.

"Wood knows many things, and it teaches them to me," Pascal said.

Pascal said finding a medium that is a perfect fit is important for any sculptor.

Though he works almost exclusively with wood, Pascal explained that he began nearly 17 years ago working with concrete and bronze. After working for three years in those media, Pascal created his first wood sculpture 14 years ago and found a true passion for the medium.



"With wood, each sculpture is an adventure with the piece," he said. "I think the medium fits the most with the shape of my work."

Unlike clay or plaster, Pascal said the adventure of working with wood is unique because the shape of the wood can determine the direction a sculpture takes.

"Sometimes you get surprised by what you find in the wood," he said.

Most often, Pascal said he begins with an idea of what a finished sculpture will look like, but the "surprises" in the wood also dictate what the wood is capable of and what shapes it would like to make.

"The wood is giving back an answer," he said. "I have control and the wood has control, it's half and half."

According to Pascal, whenever he is asked how long it takes to make a sculpture, he replies "three seconds," because, to him, having a good idea is more important than the ability to make an idea into reality.

As an abstract artist, Pascal says he doesn't look to proclaim a particular message through his work.

"I don't want to say, 'This is what I am doing and you have to understand,'" Pascal said in his artist's statement.

His primary goal is to have the viewer ask themselves questions about the work, forcing a bit of introspection.

"I always give a lot of importance to the viewer," he said.

Throughout his years in the art world, Pascal has had the unique privilege of studying under the renowned Pierre Cardin while living in France. He has also had solo exhibitions throughout Europe and America.

Originally, Pascal visited the United States in 1980 when he lived and worked in San Diego at the age of 18. A friend he met during his time in California invited him to Santa Fe, and upon his return to the U.S. in 1997, Pascal came to New Mexico for the first time.

"My friend was a fisherman, so when I came here for the first time, I was able to discover the surrounding areas in the first few days," he said. "I was already in love with (New Mexico) before I saw Santa Fe."

Pascal said he is excited to live and work in Santa Fe for the opportunities and freedoms it opens up for him.

"In the United States – except for New York – Santa Fe is the most accepting place to me," he said. "The mix of culture is very strong here. We definitely get a very interesting crowd of people."

Although he was already an established artist when he moved to Santa Fe, Pascal said living in Santa Fe did have an effect on his style.

"I got a lot of influence from the surrounding area in the beginning," he said. "But now my style is set."

Pascal visited Las Cruces for the opening reception of his exhibit at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, and he received very positive feedback from the Las Crucens that attended.

"There were very sweet people (at the opening reception) that were very interested in my work," he said. "The organization of the museum was very nice as well."

Because of the warm reception and professionalism of the museum, Pascal said he encourages other Santa Fe artists to become involved in the Las Cruces arts scene and take the opportunity to exhibit their work in the southern portion of the state.

Pascal's work can be seen at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, Jan. 26. He is represented by 707 Contemporary Fine Art in Santa Fe, Trinity Gallery in Atlanta, Ga., Contemporary Fine Art Gallery in La Jolla, Calif., and Calvin Charles Gallery in Scottsdale, Ariz. His work can also be seen at www.pascalstudio.com.

"Le Jouet," mahogany and poplar

"N.C.3.," mahogany

"Future Sphere 1," mahogany

"Elle Et Lui," mahogany

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FRIDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 21, 2007

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KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW (N)	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Minding	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Home-Holid		Moonlight CC		NUMB3RS CC		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Group	The Nutcracker With Mikhail			Bill Moyers Journal		Business	C. Rose
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Duel (N) CC		Murder Club		(:02) 20/20 (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Don't Forget		Next Band		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Singing	Singing	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) CC				News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Límites (N)		Pasión		Navidad-Luche		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Madre Luna		Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones	
KTFN 13 65	Pura Sangre		Qué Dice la Gente		Solo Boxeo Tecate (En Vivo)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"Nick Fury" (1998) Lisa Rinna		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★ "That Darn Cat" (1997) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Chap	Chap	Reno 911	Reno 911
ESPN 16	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Boston Celtics.					NBA Basketball: Clippers at Mavericks					SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU		★★★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. Premiere.						House "Kids" CC		★★ "Bringing Down the House" (2003)			
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★ "Jingle All the Way" CC			(:45) ★★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996)				★★ "A Christmas Carol" (1999) CC				Perfect
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) CC				Sex &		Sex &	(:40) "In Good Company" CC		
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		UFC: The Final Chapter (In Stereo) CC				MXC	MXC	Game	Game
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Under the Mistletoe" (2006, Drama) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "Bunk"		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Shockwave (N)		Human Weapon (N)		History	UFO	Modern Marvels		Shockwave CC	
TLC 45	Wild Weddings		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Fashionably Late		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Fashionably Late	
DISC 47	Survivorman CC		Killer Squid CC		Man vs. Wild (N)		Man vs. Wild CC		Everest: Limit		Killer Squid CC		Man vs. Wild	
FAM 51	Without Santa		★★★★ "Mary Poppins" (1964, Musical) Julie Andrews. CC						The 700 Club CC		Songs-Season		Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	"Confessions"			Suite Life
NICK 54	Sponge	Sponge	Barnyard	Barnyard	Tak	Full Hse.	Lopez	Lopez	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"Blazing Saddles"		★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. CC						★★ "Alien Resurrection" (1997) CC				"Puppet Master"	
SCIFI 58	★★ "Cabin Fever" (2002) Jordan Ladd.				★★ "Saw" (2004) Cary Elwes, Danny Glover.					"Mortuary" (2005, Horror) Dan Byrd. CC			Stargate	
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	"Consideration"		(:15) ★★ "The Nativity Story" (2006) CC				Inside the NFL		★★★ "Blood Diamond" (2006) Leonardo DiCaprio.					The Wire
MAX 322	(:10) ★★★ "Serenity" (2005) (In Stereo)				(:15) ★★ "Beerfest" (2006) (In Stereo)				(:15) ★★ "The Break-Up" (2006) CC				★ "Blue Streak"	
SHOW 343	"Beat the Drum"		Women & HIV		(:15) ★ "Out of Season" (2004) CC				★★★ "Zombie Honeymoon"		"Urban Legends"			

SATURDAY MORNING — DECEMBER 22, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG 2 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Cultivating	Test Kitch	Mexico	Kitchen
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (N) (In Stereo) CC				Care Bears	Strawberry	Cake	Horseland	Sushi Pack	Dino
KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Curious	Dragon	Sewing	Sews	Antiques Roadshow	
ABC 7 7	Overdrive	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Adrenaline	Dinosaur	Chaotic	Turtles	Turtles	Dinosaur	Viva Pinata	Yu Gi Oh
NBC 9 9	Wine	Old House	Today Hilary Swank; last-minute gifts. (N) CC				Jacob	Dragon (El)	Friend	Penguins	Veggie	Jane
KINT 10 26	Desayuno	Desayuno	Ultracham	Ultracham	Pinky Dinky Doo (El)		Donde-Mundo		Bill el Científico (SS)		Desayuno	Desayuno
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Jacob	Dragón	Friend	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	El Gusto
KTFN 13 65	Clase 406		Mónica		Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Escuadrón	Escuadrón	Pepsi Música	
KVIA 14	(Off Air)				Dewitt	Magi	Shaggy	Tom Jerry	Skunk Fu!	Tn-Titans	Eon Kid	Johnny T
WGN 15	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Even	Even
ESPN 16	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL	College Basketball	
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Get Thin	Monk CC		★★ "Final Destination" (2000) Devon Sawa.				"Final Destination 2"	
TNT 32	★★ "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) CC				★★ "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin. CC				★ "Son of the Mask" (2005) Jamie Kennedy.			
TBS 33	"3 Men & Baby"		(:10) ★★ "Big Business" (1988) Bette Midler.				(:10) ★★★ "In Good Company" (2004) CC				"Romy and Michele's"	
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey.						Hrsepwer	MuscleCar
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Secret of Giving" (1999) Reba McEntire. CC			
A&E 43	Bio.: Thornton		Biography: Cage		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Spender	Spender	Spender	Sell House	Sell House
HIST 44	The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones CC				Wild West Tech CC		American Eats "Pizza"		Vampire Secrets The legend of the vampire.			
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Handyman	Handyman	Home Made Simple	
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Man vs. Wild "Mexico"		Last One Standing		Rise of the Video Game		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	"Stealing Christmas" (2003) Tony Danza. CC				★★ "Home Alone 4" (2002) French Stewart.				★★ "A Very Brady Christmas" (1988) CC			
DISN 52	Maggie	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Bunnytown	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Tak, Power	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard
AMC 57	3-Steers	"Red River Range"	(:45) ★ "Westward Ho" (1935)				★★★★ "Garden of Evil" (1954) Gary Cooper.				(:15) "High Noon"	
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000)				"Bloodsuckers" (2005) Joe Lando, A.J. Cook.			
CNN 62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	
HBO 306	Waist	★★ "Commandments" (1997) CC			★★ "Muppets From Space" (1999)			★★★ "Mr. Wonderful" (1993) CC			(:15) "Deck the Halls"	
MAX 322	(4:30) "Eyewitness"		(:15) ★ "The Suburbans" (1999)			(:45) ★★ "Highlander" (1986) (In Stereo) CC				(:35) ★★ "Firewall" (2006) CC		
SHOW 343	Shadowbx	★★★ "Unzipped"		(:45) ★★ "Seamless" (2005) CC			"California Dreaming" (2007) CC			"Hockey Mom" (2004) CC		

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 22, 2007

	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG 2 22	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Philosophy	Everyday	Mumme	Desert
CBS 4 4	Action Sports		College Basketball UCLA at Michigan. CC				College Basketball Florida at Ohio State. CC				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
KCOS 5 13	Holiday	Test Kitch	Food	Lidia's Italy	Complete	Garden	Real	Hometime	Workshop	Old House	Ask This	Texas
ABC 7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golf Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge -- Front Nine.				Paid Prog.	Ebert
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Homebuil	Warning	Girls-Badly	C'mas-Stars		Wild & Wacky		★★ "Mr. Nice Guy" (1997, Action) Jackie Chan.			
NBC 9 9	Animal R.	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	Athlete	Snowboarding		Brian Boitano Skating Spectacular (N) CC				Paid Prog.	Lopez
KINT 10 26	Besos Robados Las dificultades del amor.				RBD: La Familia		"Corazón de Tequila" (1998) Marisol Santacruz.				Primer Impacto	
KTDO 11 48	Nitido		Descontrol		★★ "Kickboxer's Tears" (1992) Moon Lee.				★★★ "El Justiciero" (1995) Jet Li, Anita Mui.			
KTFN 13 65	El Gran Navegante				★★★ "La Gran Pelea" (2000, Drama) Michelle Rodriguez.					★★ "El Duro" (1989) Kelly Lynch		
KVIA 14	Legion	Batman	J Hanna	Wild Amer	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Adventure	Adventure	WHADDYA	Exploration
WGN 15	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Soul Train CC		★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1998) CC				American Idol Rewind		Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN 16	College Basketball		College Basketball Tennessee at Xavier. CC				Breakdown	College Football New Mexico Bowl -- Nevada vs. New Mexico.				
USA 31	"Final Destination 2"		★★★ "The Nutty Professor" (1996) CC				★★ "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. CC				"Bringing Down"	
TNT 32	★★★ "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. CC				★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close. CC				★★ "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997) Tim Allen. CC			
TBS 33	"Romy and Michele's"			★★ "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" (2005) Kimberly Elise.					King	King	Sex & City	Sex & City
SPIKE 34	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	Xtreme 4x4	★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta. (In Stereo)						★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" (2003)		
LIFE 39	"One Special Night" (1999) Julie Andrews. CC				"An Accidental Christmas" (2007) Cynthia Gibb.				"Borrowed Hearts" (1997) Roma Downey. CC			
A&E 43	Flip This House CC		Nostradamus: 500 Years Later CC				Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Paranormal	Paranormal
HIST 44	The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		The Universe CC		Alaska: Big America CC			
TLC 45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Fashionably Late		Moving Up CC		Flip House	Flip House	Flip House	Flip House
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs	
FAM 51	"Snowglobe" (2007) Christina Milian. CC				★★ "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003) CC				★★★★ "Mary Poppins" (1964) Julie Andrews.			
DISN 52	Einsteins	Handy	Bunnytown	Charlie	"Confessions of Drama Queen"			So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Phil	Cory
NICK 54	The Fairly OddParents		iCarly	iCarly	Drake	Drake	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC 57	(10:15) "High Noon"		★★★ "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. CC						★★ "Waterworld" (1995) Kevin Costner.			
SCIFI 58	"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"				★ "Children of the Corn" (1984) Peter Horton.				"From Dusk Till Dawn 2: Texas Blood Money"			
CNN 62	In the Money CC		Newsroom		Special Investigations		Newsroom		Newsroom		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	★ "Deck the Halls"		Inside the NFL CC		Legendary	★★★ "Star Wars VI: Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.					"Hard as Nails" (2007)	
MAX 322	Firewall	(:35) ★★★ "Superman Returns" (2006) Brandon Routh. CC					"Borat: Cultural Learnings"			(:40) ★★ "The Gauntlet" (1977)		
SHOW 343	★ "Milk Money" (1994) Melanie Griffith. CC				★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006) CC				(:15) ★★ "The World's Fastest Indian" (2005)			

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG	2 22	Aggie	America	Farmers	News	Lawrence Welk		Vicar	Summer	Fields	Red	Art-Century		Austin City Limits	
CBS	4 4	CBS	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. (In Stereo)				48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	CSI: Miami CC		Cold
KCOS	5 13	Nature (In Stereo)		Lawrence Welk		Antiques Roadshow		Great Performances		Great Performances		Austin City Limits		(Off Air)	
ABC	7 7	News (N)	Ebert	News (N)	Insider	"Lemony Snicket's Series"				Murder Club		News	(:35) UFC Wired		Cheaters
KFOX	8 14	TMZ (N) CC		Poltergeist-Leg.		Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	Mad TV CC		Talkshow	King
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Saturday Night Live CC			Saturday Night Live CC			News (N)	(:34) Saturday Night Live CC		
KINT	10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Familia	Parodia	Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	"Tonto-Milagros"	
KTDO	11 48	Pagado	Rojo Vivo	Atrevete a Sonar		★★★ "La Máscara del Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas.						Titulares	Pagado	12 Corazones	
KTFN	13 65	(3:30) "El Duro"		★ "Ed, el Chimpancé Beisbolista" (1996)				★★★ "Hombres de Honor" (2000)				Contacto	★★★★ "Poder que Mata"		
KVIA	14	★★ "Mixed Nuts" (1994) Steve Martin.				Cold Squad CC		Stone Undercover		Scrubs	My Wife	Eye Eye	Eye Eye	UFC Wired	
WGN	15	Funniest	Funniest	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Chicago Bulls.					News	Reno 911	Reno 911	24 (In Stereo) CC		★ Ticker
ESPN	16	College Football		College Football Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl -- BYU vs. UCLA. (Live) CC							SportsCenter CC		Foot Fi	SportsCenter CC	
USA	31	"Bringing Down"		★★★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. CC						Law Order: CI		★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) CC			
TNT	32	★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)				(:15) ★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) CC (DVS)					★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) CC				See Spot
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	"National Lamp. Christmas"		"National Lamp. Christmas"					★★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996) CC				Shanghai
SPIKE	34	"Kill Bill: Vol. 1"		★★★ "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004) Uma Thurman, David Carradine.						TNA iMPACT! (In Stereo)				"U.S. Marshals"	
LIFE	39	"Home by Christmas" (2006, Drama) CC				"The Family Holiday" (2007) Dave Coulier.				Grey's Anatomy		Housewives		Frasier	Frasier
A&E	43	American Justice		★★★ "Erin Brockovich" (2000, Drama) Julia Roberts. CC						Flip This House		★★★ "Erin Brockovich" (2000) CC			
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		The True Story of Charlie Wilson (N)				Banned From the Bible II CC				The True Story of Charlie Wilson CC			
TLC	45	Property Ladder		Little People		Flip	Flip	Real Estate		Little People		Flip	Flip	Real Estate	
DISC	47	Man vs. Wild		Supervolcano						Perfect Disaster		Supervolcano			
FAM	51	"Mary Poppins"		★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC					★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC					Home Videos	
DISN	52	Life De	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001)			Suite Life
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	iCarly	Jordan	School	Drake	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im	Home Im
AMC	57	(3:00) "Waterworld"		★★ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise.					★★ "Black Dog" (1998) Patrick Swayze.			(:45) ★★ "Waterworld" (1995)			
SCIFI	58	"From Dusk Till Dawn 3: Hangman"				"Hallowed Ground" (2007) Premiere.				"Clive Barker's The Plague" (2006)				"Legion of Dead"	
CNN	62	This Week at War		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
HBO	306	Hard	Wire	★ "Deck the Halls" (2006)		"How to Eat Fried Worms"				★★ "Unaccompanied Minors"		"Star Wars VI: Return"			
MAX	322	Gauntlet	★★★ "King Kong" (2005) Naomi Watts. (In Stereo) CC						(:45) ★★ "Miami Vice" (2006) Colin Farrell. CC					"Good Shepherd"	
SHOW	343	World	"While You Were Sleeping"			(:15) ★★ "Dangerous Minds" (1995) CC				Dexter (iTV) CC		★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006)			

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG	2 22	(Off Air)				Wonder	Word	Signing	Zoofari	Jakers	NOW (N)	Religion	Minding
CBS	4 4	Homeown	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	NFL Today (Live) CC	
KCOS	5 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Texas	Business	Healthy	Mature
ABC	7 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
KFOX	8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Jones	Cowboys	Fox NFL Sunday CC	
NBC	9 9	Wine	Homes	Today Robin Miller. (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Ill Be
KINT	10 26	Desayuno	Desayuno	Caliente	Caliente	Tu Desayuno		Qué Locura		Al Punto		República Deportiva	
KTDO	11 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Penguins	Veggie	Jane	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN	13 65	Azul		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Problema	La Vida	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	Pepsi Música	
KVIA	14	(Off Air)				Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Health	NASCAR
WGN	15	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Jimmy Swaggart CC		Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Lizzie	Even	Even
ESPN	16	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter CC		NFL			Reporters	SportsCtr.	Sunday NFL Countdown (Live) CC			
USA	31	Work	Changing	Ed Young	Paid Prog.	★★★ "Red Dragon" (2002) Anthony Hopkins. CC					★★★ "Breakdown" (1997) CC		
TNT	32	★ "Son of the Mask"		★★★ "The Mask" (1994) Jim Carrey. CC				"Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me"				"Austin Powers"	
TBS	33	"Whole 9 Yards"		(5:50) ★★ "National Security" (PA)				(:35) ★★ "Swordfish" (2001) (PA) John Travolta.				(:45) ★★★ "Shanghai Knights"	
SPIKE	34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Action Sports		Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	★★ "Holiday in Your Heart" (1997, Drama) CC			
A&E	43	Biography: Perry Como		Biography: Diaz		Private Sessions CC		★★★ "Risky Business" (1983) Tom Cruise.				Confronting Evil	
HIST	44	Heaven	HistoryCTR	Business	History	Footsteps-Jesus		Footsteps-Jesus		Footsteps-Jesus		Footsteps-Jesus	
TLC	45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	While You Were Out		While You Were Out		Moving Up Apex, N.C.		Property Ladder CC	
DISC	47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Realm of the Reindeer		Polar Bear Battlefield		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM	51	★★ "Eloise at the Plaza" (2003) Julie Andrews.				★★ "Eloise at Christmastime" (2003) CC				"Once Upon a Christmas" (2000) John Dye. CC			
DISN	52	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	Higglytown	Wiggles	Sprites	Tigger	Bunnytown	Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54	Neutron	Neutron	OddParent	OddParent	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Barnyard	Tak, Power	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
AMC	57	(4:45) ★★ "The Reluctant Astronaut" (1967)				★★ "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" (1966)				Shootout	★★★ "Easy Rider" (1969, Drama)		
SCIFI	58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "The Invaders" (1995) Scott Bakula. An ex-convict finds evidence of an impending alien threat.							
CNN	62	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
HBO	306	(4:10) ★★★ "Fight Club" (1999)			Championship		"Problem Child 3: Junior in Love"			Inside the NFL CC		"Sand and Sorrow"	
MAX	322	(3:40) ★★ "The Good Shepherd"			★★★ "Affliction" (1997) Nick Nolte. (In Stereo)			★★ "A Good Year" (2006) Russell Crowe. CC				Eragon	
SHOW	343	"Death to Super"		(:10) ★★ "New York Doll" (2005)			★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. CC				(:45) ★★★ "Untamed Heart" (1993)		

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		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG	2 22	Santa Fe	Business	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	The Appalachians		Face: Jesus in Art		Antiques Roadshow		Seasoned
CBS	4 4	NFL Football Houston Texans at Indianapolis Colts. (In Stereo Live) CC						NFL Football Miami Dolphins at New England Patriots. CC					
KCOS	5 13	Globe Trekker "Alaska"		Europe	The Snow Queen CC		Picturing Mary CC		Homecoming		Andre Rieu: Christmas		
ABC	7 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Golf Wendy's Three-Tour Challenge -- Back Nine.				Entertainment Tonight	
KFOX	8 14	NFL Football: Packers at Bears, Giants at Bills or Eagles at Saints						NFL	Paid Prog.	First Noel			
NBC	9 9	(10:30) "I'll Be Home for Christmas"		Curling Korbel Elite Challenge. CC				Wynonna: Tribute on Ice Sears Centre. (N) CC				News	NBC News
KINT	10 26	República Deportiva		Los Tucanes de Tijuana: 20 Años de Trayectoria				Los Reyes de la Risa				Primer Impacto	
KTDO	11 48	Nitido	Titulares	WWE Raw				Ritmo	Mr. Bean	★★ "Ella Está Encantada" (2004) Hugh Dancy			
KTFN	13 65	Super Sensacional				★★ "Ladrones por Siempre" (1991, Acción) Chow Yun-Fat.				★★★ "Vigilantes de las Calles"			
KVIA	14	Saved-Bell	Saved-Bell	The Nuttiest Nutcracker		Sonidos		Cinema	Fearless	Latino	LatiNation	Girlfriends	The Game
WGN	15	★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1998) CC				★★ "That Darn Cat" (1997) Christina Ricci. CC				Sports	Sports	Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	16	Billiards: WPBA		Billiards: WPBA				Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix Final. From Torino, Italy. (Taped) CC					
USA	31	Breakdown	★★ "The Jackal" (1997, Suspense) Bruce Willis. CC (DVS)					★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) Paul Walker. CC				★★ "Liar Liar" (1997)	
TNT	32	"Austin Powers"		★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"				★★★ "Chicken Run" (2000) CC			(:45) ★★★★ "The Wizard of Oz"		
TBS	33	"Shanghai Knights"		★★★ "Shanghai Noon" (2000) Jackie Chan.				★★ "Jingle All the Way" (1996) Sinbad CC				★★ "Rush Hour 2"	
SPIKE	34	★★ "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones, Wesley Snipes.						CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
LIFE	39	★★ "The Christmas Wish" (1998, Drama) CC				"Stolen Miracle" (2001, Drama) Leslie Hope. CC				"Lost Holiday: Jim & Suzanne Shemwell Story"			
A&E	43	Latin Kings		Broken Child CC		Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC		Cold Case Files CC	
HIST	44	Biblical Disasters CC				Banned From the Bible CC				In Search of Christmas CC			
TLC	45	Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC		Property Ladder CC	
DISC	47	MythBusters CC		Man vs. Wild "Jungle"		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM	51	"Twice Upon a Christmas" (2001) Kathy Ireland.				★★ "Santa Who?" (2000) Leslie Nielsen. CC				"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" (2001) CC			
DISN	52	Einsteins	Handy	Bunnytown	Charlie	★★ "Beethoven's 4th" (2001) CC			So Raven	So Raven	Life Derek	Phil	Cory
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	Drake	School	School	iCarly	iCarly	School	Naked
AMC	57	Easy Rider	★★ "Black Dog" (1998) Patrick Swayze. CC				★★ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise, Jon Voight.					★★ "The In-Laws"	
SCIFI	58	★★ "Interceptor Force II" (2002) Olivier Gruner.				The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 4) CC				The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 4) CC			
CNN	62	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money CC		Newsroom				Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO	306	Sand	(:45) ★★ "X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006) CC			★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) CC				(:15) ★★★ "Dreamgirls" (2006) Jamie Foxx.			
MAX	322	(10:30) ★★ "Eragon"		(:15) ★★ "Magnum Force" (1973) Clint Eastwood. (In Stereo)				(:35) ★★ "Tristan & Isolde" (2006) (In Stereo)				Children	
SHOW	343	Untamed	Neil Young: Heart of Gold CC			(:15) ★★ "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker.				(:15) ★★ "CrissCross" (1992) Goldie Hawn.			

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KRWG	2 22	Globe Trekker		Nova (N) (In Stereo)		Nature (In Stereo)		Masterpiece Theatre CC (DVS)				Secrets	Travels	Burt Wolf	(Off Air)
CBS	4 4	Paid	News (N)	60 Minutes CC		Amazing Race		In God's Name (N) (In Stereo) CC				News (N)	Xtra	CSI: Miami CC	
KCOS	5 13	Great Performances		Birth of Christ		Masterpiece Theatre CC (DVS)				Masterpiece Theatre CC (DVS)				(Off Air)	
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	Christmas Cnt		Duel CC		★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) CC				News (N)	Ebert	Insider	Latino
KFOX	8 14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Simpsons	★★★ "Spider-Man 2" (2004) Tobey Maguire. CC					News (N) CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Chap
NBC	9 9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Minnesota Vikings. CC							Sports	News (N)	Law & Order: SVU		Shield
KINT	10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Hora Pico-Nav.		Bailando por un Sueno: Campeonato Internacional de Baile						Noticias	Noticiero	Banda el Recodo	
KTDO	11 48	Remix TV	Rojo Vivo	★★★ "Eduardo Manos de Tijera" (1990)				★★ "El Regalo Prometido" (1996)				Titulares	Pagado	"Kickboxer's Tears"	
KTFN	13 65	"Vigilantes"		★★ "Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch"				★★★ "Shanghai Knights" (2003)				Contacto	★★ "El Temerario Kelly"		
KVIA	14	Gossip Girl CC		CW Now	Aliens	Santa Claus		Crowned-Pageants		Access Hollywood		★ "Once Upon a Crime" (1992, Comedy)			
WGN	15	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind		Santa Salutes		News	Replay	Scrubs	Corner	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	16	SportsCenter CC		College Football Sheraton Hawaii Bowl -- Boise State vs. East Carolina.							SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC	
USA	31	(4:00) "Liar Liar"		★★★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. CC						Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Psych CC	
TNT	32	"The Wizard of Oz"		★★★ "Shrek" (2001) CC		(:35) ★★★ "Shrek" (2001)				(:10) ★★★ "Chicken Run" (2000) CC				"Nat'l-Christmas"	
TBS	33	★★ "Rush Hour 2"		★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.				★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.				★★ "Swordfish"			
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Edison Force" (2005) (In Stereo)				★★★ "The Negotiator" (1998)			
LIFE	39	"Home for the Holidays" (2005) CC				★★ "A Very Married Christmas" (2004)				Medium CC		★★ "A Very Married Christmas" (2004)			
A&E	43	Investigative		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		P. McCartney		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST	44	Cmas Unwrap		The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth (N) CC				The Kennedy Assassination: Conspiracy				The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth CC			
TLC	45	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Noah's Ark		Living With Wolves CC				Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Living With Wolves CC			
FAM	51	★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) CC				★★ "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000) CC						J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN	52	Life De	Montana	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004) CC				So Raven	Life De
NICK	54	Jordan	iCarly	Zoey 101	Unfab	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC	57	★★ "The In-Laws"		★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.						★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.				★★ "Hero" (1992)	
SCIFI	58	The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 4) CC				The Stand (In Stereo) (Part 4 of 4) CC				"They Are Among Us" (2004) CC				Twilight	Twilight
CNN	62	Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom	
HBO	306	Dream	Extras (In Stereo) CC			(:15) ★★★ "16 Blocks" (2006) CC				★★ "X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006)				"Dreamgirls" (2006)	
MAX	322	(4:40) ★★★ "Little Children" (2006) CC				★★★★ "American Beauty" (1999) CC				★★ "The Good Shepherd" (2006) Matt Damon. (In Stereo) CC					
SHOW	343	★★★ "Dick Tracy" (1990) CC				★★★ "Untamed Heart" CC				(:45) ★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. CC				"Into the Blue" CC	

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Antiques Roadshow		Colores!	Colores! (In Stereo)		Southwst Xmas		News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	4 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Mother	Big Bang	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami CC		News (N)	Marble Church		Paid
KCOS	5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		Christmas-Mor		Christmas-Belm		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC	7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Grinch Stole		★★★ "Madagascar" (2005) CC				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) CC				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	★★★★ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart.						News (N)	Spirit of Cmas		Christ
KINT	10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	"Jesús, el Niño Dios" (1970) Guillermo Murray, Jorge Rivero.						Cristina Navidad.		Noticias	Noticiero	Misa de Gallo	
KTDO	11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	"El Padrecito" (1964) Angel Garasa				"El Bolero de Raquel" (1956, Comedia)				Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones	
KTFN	13 65	Pura Sangre		Qué Dice la Gente		★★★ "Two Brothers" (2004, Aventura)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★★★ "La Princesita"		
KVIA	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Chris	Aliens	Girl	The	Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN	15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Bozo, Gar & Ray: WGN TV Classics				Midnight Mass	
ESPN	16	Countdown		NFL Football Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers. (Live)						SportsCenter CC		NFL Primetime (N)		SportsCenter CC	
USA	31	★★ "The Scorpion King" (2002) CC				WWE Monday Night Raw CC				(:05) ★★ "The Mummy Returns" (2001) Brendan Fraser. CC					
TNT	32	Law & Order "Acid"		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	33	Raymond	Raymond	★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) CC				★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) CC				★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983) CC			
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE	39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Deck the Halls" (2005) Gabrielle Carteris.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. CC						Para	Para	★★★★ "GoodFellas" (1990) CC			
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Bible Battles CC				Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed CC				Bible Battles CC			
TLC	45	Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen		Kids by the Dozen	
DISC	47	Blue Planet		Blue Planet "Deep"		Blue Planet CC		Blue Planet CC		Blue Planet CC		Blue Planet "Deep"		Blue Planet CC	
FAM	51	(4:00) "The Polar Express"		★★★ "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy) CC						The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Montana	Montana	Life De	Life De	★★★ "The Santa Clause" (1994) CC				★★ "The Santa Clause 2" (2002) CC				So Raven	Life De
NICK	54	Zoey 101	School	Barnyard	Full Hse.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"Santa Claus"		★★ "A Christmas Carol" (1984, Fantasy)				(:15) ★★ "Santa Claus: The Movie"				(:15) ★★ "Christmas Eve" (1947)			
SCIFI	58	Tin Man DG travels on the old brick road.				Tin Man (Part 3 of 3)				Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis		Stargate Atlantis	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO	306	For Your	★★★ "Best in Show" (2000)			(:15) ★★ "All I Want for Christmas" CC				★★ "The Nativity Story" CC			(:45) ★ "Deck the Halls" CC		
MAX	322	Good	★★★ "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson. CC				★★★ "Jet Li's Fearless"			(:15) ★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" CC				"Good Shepherd"	
SHOW	343	"The Third Wheel"		(:15) "Life After Tomorrow"			★★ "Yours, Mine & Ours"			★★★ "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)				"Madea's Family"	

TUESDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 25, 2007

		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG	2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova CC (DVS)		Frontline/World (N)		Independent Lens "Wordplay"			News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	4 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Cover Story"		The Unit CC		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS	5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		The Nutcracker With Mikhail			American Masters CC			Business	Independent Lens "Wordplay"		
ABC	7 7	NBA Basketball		News (N)	Entertain	"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" CC						News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	Bones CC		House CC		News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC	9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) (In Stereo) CC				Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT	10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Premio lo Nuestro 2007 Honrando lo mejor de la música latina.								Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO	11 48	Platea	Noticiero	"Los Amigos de Jesus: Jose" (1999)				★★ "Cuidado Bebé Suelto" (1994)				Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones	
KTFN	13 65	"Paraíso Viviente"		Qué Dice la Gente		★★★ "Casper" (1995) Christina Ricci.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★ "Cadena de Errores"		
KVIA	14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Crowned-Pageants		Reaper "Magic"		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN	15	Home Videos		Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	16	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Sonics at Trail Blazers					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Fast	SportsCenter CC		
USA	31	★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				★★★ "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC				★ "Friday After Next" (2002) Ice Cube.				Psych CC	
TNT	32	Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Cold Case "Stalker"		Cold Case CC		Cold Case CC		Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS	33	"A Christmas Story"		Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Office	Office	Sex &	Sex &	★ "Lost & Found" (1999) David Spade.			
SPIKE	34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE	39	"Holiday Switch" (2007) Nicole Eggert.				"A Christmas Wedding" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	43	CSI: Miami CC		★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. CC						Para	Para	★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994) CC			
HIST	44	Modern Marvels		Nostradamus: 500 Years Later CC				Decoding the Past		Decoding the Past		Nostradamus: 500 Years Later CC			
TLC	45	Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink CC	
DISC	47	Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC		Survivorman CC	
FAM	51	(4:00) "The Incredibles" (2004)		★★★ "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter CC						The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN	52	Life De	So Raven	"Ultimate Cmas Present"			Montana	Montana	Suite Life	"Mickey's Christmas"			So Raven	So Raven	Life De
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	iCarly	Full Hse.	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC	57	"High Plains Drifter"		★★★ "Rio Bravo" (1959, Western) John Wayne, Dean Martin.						★★★★ "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne.					HighPlain
SCIFI	58	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		ECW Best of ECW.		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1	
CNN	62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO	306	"American Dreamz"		★★★ "Walk the Line" (2005) Joaquin Phoenix. CC					Extras (In Stereo) CC			★★★ "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006)			
MAX	322	"Night-Museum"		★ "Code Name: The Cleaner"			(:45) ★★ "The Family Stone" (2005) CC				★ "Epic Movie" (2007) CC			"Borat: Cultural"	
SHOW	343	★★ "Legends of the Fall" (1994) CC				(:15) ★★★ "While You Were Sleeping"				★★★ "Mission: Impossible III" (2006)				"Failure to Launch"	

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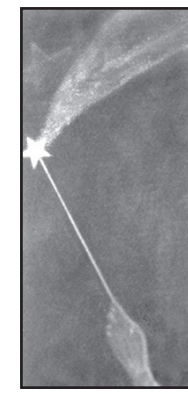
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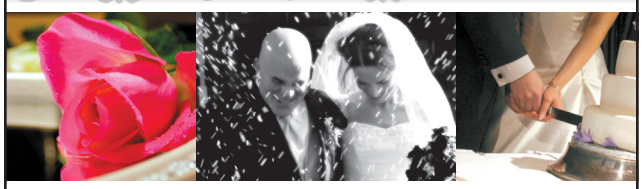

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KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Wired Science (N)		American Masters CC			Remem	One	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	Criminal Minds		30th Annual Kennedy Center Honors (N)				News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Wired Science (N)		American Masters CC			Bombeck	Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Pushing Daisies		Private Practice		Dirty Sexy Money		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	★★ "Christmas With the Kranks" (2004)				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Law & Order CC		Law & Order CC		Law & Order CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Límites (N)		Pasión		Don Francisco		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Madre Luna		Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noticiero	Titulares	Decisiones	
KTFN 13 65	Pura Sangre		Qué Dice la Gente		★ "La Garganta del Diablo" (2003)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★ "El Vindicador" (1986)		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Crowned-Pageants		Gossip Girl CC		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Corner	Corner	Becker	Becker	Home Videos		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	Bowl	College Football Motor City Bowl -- Central Michigan vs. Purdue. CC							SportsCenter CC		NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		★★★ "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. CC						Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		The 4400 "Pilot"	
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★★ "Sleepy Hollow" (1999) CC				★★★ "Sleepy Hollow" (1999) CC				Without a Trace		Without a Trace	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Commercials		Payne	Payne	Sex &	Sex &	"Harold & Kumar Go"			Time M
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC 79 Countdown		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Living With the Enemy" (2005) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos "College" CC			First 48	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Lost Worlds CC		MonsterQuest (N)		Real King Kong		Modern Marvels		Lost Worlds CC	
TLC 45	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Smash Lab		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Grounde	Grounde	★★ "Sky High" (2005) Kurt Russell CC				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	His Sight	
DISN 52	Montana	Montana	Phil	Phil	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	(:15) "The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"					Life De
NICK 54	Zoey 101	School	Drake	Full Hse.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	"Heartbreak Ridge"		★★★ "The Dirty Dozen" (1967, War) Lee Marvin. CC						★★ "The Great Raid" (2005) Benjamin Bratt, James Franco.					
SCIFI 58	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		"Phantom Force" (2004) Richard Grieco.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(4:00) "Dreamgirls"		(:15) Justin Timberlake: FutureSex/LoveShow CC					The Wire	The Rivalry		REAL Sports		Inside the NFL (N)	
MAX 322	(4:30) ★★ "Random Hearts"			(:45) ★★ "Pet Sematary" (1989) CC				★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves.					"Good Shepherd"	
SHOW 343	(4:30) ★★ "Peaceful Warrior"			★★ "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker.				"Rx" (2005) Eric Balfour. CC			★ "Shadowboxer" (2005) iTV.			Hostel

THURSDAY EVENING — DECEMBER 27, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Aggie	South	Globe Trekker		The Appalachians		Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News (N)	CBS	News (N)	Fortune	CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Walking the Bible		Old House Hr.		Big Time Losers		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty CC		Grey's Anatomy		Private Practice		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Fam. Guy	TMZ (N)	★★★ "Ice Age" (2002) (In Stereo) CC				News (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Lopez	Name	30 Rock	Office	Scrubs	(:01) ER CC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Límites (N)		Pasión		Aquí y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Platea	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Madre Luna		Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noticiero	Mas Vale Tarde		Decisio
KTFN 13 65	Pura Sangre		Qué Dice la Gente		★ "Tormenta de Fuego" (1998, Aventura)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★ "Devorador de Pecados"		
KVIA 14	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Action"		Family Awards		Scrubs	Holly	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Steve Wilkos	
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★ "Undisputed" (2002) Wesley Snipes.				WGN News at Nine		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	Bowl	College Football Pacific Life Holiday Bowl -- Arizona State vs. Texas. CC							SportsCenter CC			NFL Live	Football
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Psych CC	
TNT 32	Law & Order		NBA Basketball: Cavaliers at Mavericks					NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Seattle Sonics.					Inside the NBA	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Along Came a Spider" (2001) (PA)				Sex &	Sex &	"Along Came"	
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N) (In Stereo)				UFC 79 Countdown		MAN	All Ac	Action Sports	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★★ "Fried Green Tomatoes" (1991) Kathy Bates.					Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Gangland CC		Gangland (N) CC		Gangland CC		History of Sex		Gangland CC		Gangland CC	
TLC 45	American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Assembly Req.		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
FAM 51	(4:00) "Scooby-Doo"		"Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed"				Home Videos		The 700 Club CC		Whose?	Whose?	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	(:15) "Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board"				So Raven	Life De
NICK 54	Zoey 101	School	Drake	Full Hse.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Home Im	Home Im	Lopez	Lopez
AMC 57	(4:00) "Halloween"		★★ "Gothika" (2003) Halle Berry. CC				Mad Men CC		(:15) ★★★ "Insomnia" (2002) Al Pacino. CC					Mad Men
SCIFI 58	"Something Beneath" (2007) Kevin Sorbo.				"Eye of the Beast" (2007, Horror) CC				★ "Crocodile 2: Death Roll" (2001) CC				Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Out in the Open		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	"Star Wars VI: Return"			(:45) ★ "Deck the Halls" (2006) CC				Wire	Inside the NFL		★★ "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"			Charlie
MAX 322	"Star Wars: Episode II-Attack of Clones"				"Star Wars: Episode III-Revenge of Sith"				(:15) ★★ "Eragon" (2006) Ed Speleers.				"House Party 2"	
SHOW 343	(:15) ★ "Out of Season" (2004) CC				★★★ "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006)				"While You Were Sleeping"			(:45) ★★ "Dangerous Minds"		

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BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

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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 español 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.

ACROSS

1 Flutter
5 Chatters
9 Yes man
11 Yep
16 Skirts
19 Worked for
20 Hangman's loop
21 Computer model
22 NBC classic
23 Concerning
26 Pouch
28 "William Wilson" writer
29 Brenda or Spike
30 Gaping mouth
31 Exist
32 Large vase
33 Mule of song
34 Chapel vow
35 Earth: pref.
36 Repetitive beat
41 Grating speech
45 Priest's hat
46 Serving to make one
47 Hampered
49 Wished harm upon
52 Flowed
53 Was ahead
54 Pigpen
55 Portuguese saint
56 Last word
57 Horned snake
58 In the past
59 Links org.
62 Blackjack
65 Gosh!
66 Superlatively sore
70 Similarities
73 Crudely chipped flints
74 In the beginning
75 Waltz classic
78 Pregnancy thirds
82 Agt.
83 Low NCO
84 __ been had!
85 Understand
86 Pen fluid
87 DDE's command
88 Trawling device
89 Definite article
90 Compass pt.
91 Most forsaken
95 Part of a pelvis
96 Violinist Menuhin
100 County of SW England
101 Kitchen gadget
105 Wrench
106 Gray and Moran
107 Friend of Pooh
108 Gulp
109 Made haste

DOWN

1 On behalf of
2 Actor Chaney
3 Grow older
4 Type of guitar
5 "The Forsyte Saga" author
6 Actress Gardner
7 Hit on the head
8 Take a chair
9 Leon lady
10 Flair
11 Not connected
12 Garden tool
13 Large motorcycle
14 New World nat.
15 Baddeley and Gingold
17 Medicinal quantity
18 Lets live
22 Stimulus
24 Washington city
25 Jean Arp, e.g.
27 Business VIPs
37 One left behind
38 Mel Gibson film
39 Upper limb
40 Wee bit
41 Nexus of activity
42 Knight's title
43 Night before
44 Magazine merchant in York
47 Pick up the tab
48 Extent covered
50 Art supporter
51 Boneheads
59 Minor royal
60 Do, on the sly
61 Light hair color
62 Architects Eliel and Eero
63 Gets there
64 Sabals
67 Pentagon grp.
68 Old-time high note
69 Half a fly?
70 Family dog
71 Caustic solution
72 __ Angeles
75 Soft cheese
76 Bruce and Kravitz
77 Maintenance cost
79 Swimmer Williams
80 Second-time employee
81 Ooze
92 Always, to Keats
93 Gladiators' 56
94 Charged particle
97 60-minute units
98 Reuther's grp.
99 502
102 Vigor
103 Hurricane center
104 Sign of assent

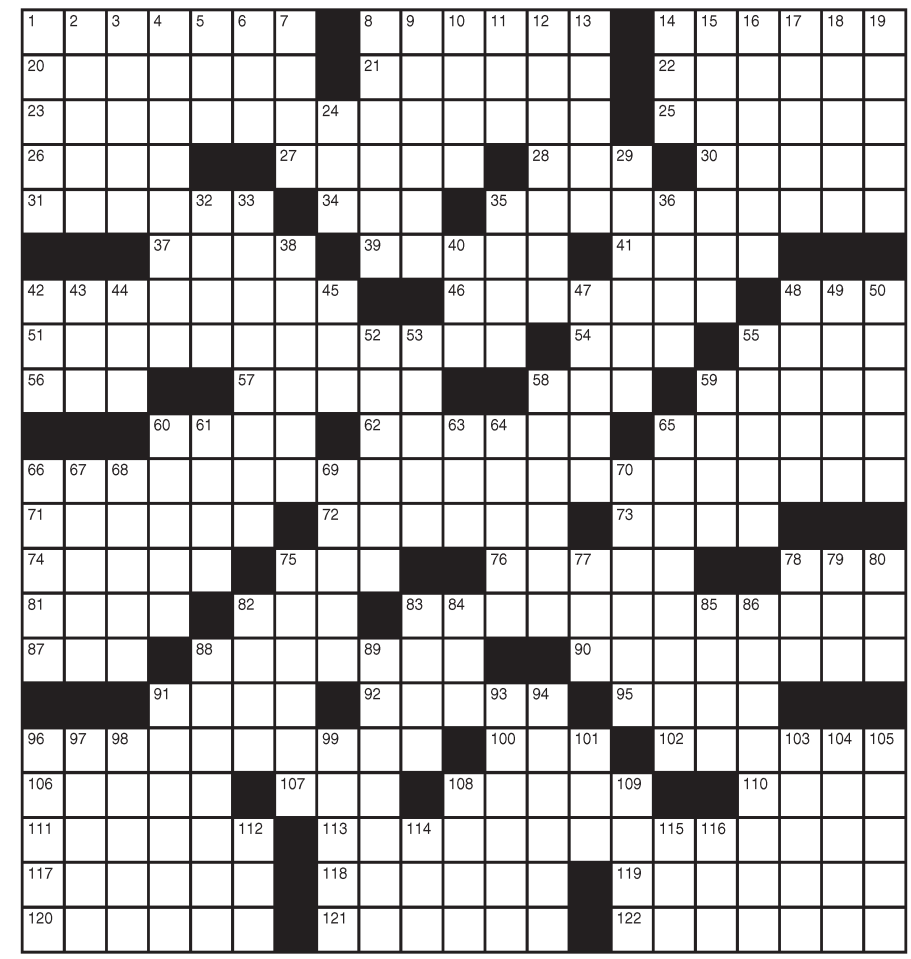
WORLDWIDE WISHES

ACROSS

1 More speedy
8 Puts to a test
14 Binges
20 Che Guevara's first name
21 1862 battle site
22 Danny of "Radio Days"
23 Hawaiian wish
25 More down in the dumps
26 Myth ending?
27 Trotsky and Russell
28 Thunder Bay's prov.
30 Peter of Herman's Hermits
31 Former U.S. space station
34 Come to regret
35 Portuguese wish
37 Frosts
39 Work at getting in shape
41 Extra-wide shoe size
42 Ate like a chicken
46 British tenant farmer
48 West of Hollywood?
51 Danish wish
54 Q-U connection
55 In good health
56 Be unwell
57 Market price
58 Unknown's last name
59 Saint of letters
60 Feature of a fedora
62 Teems
65 Brazilian port
66 German wish
71 Sappho's birthplace
72 Back down
73 S-shaped curve
74 Sore points
75 Musician's organ
76 Greek poet saved by a dolphin
78 GI's garb
81 Calendar abbr.
82 Mus. collection
83 Spanish wish
87 Spanish Mrs.
88 Removes oneself
90 Spooky state
91 Utter an orison
92 Silvery European fish
95 Auctioneer's last word
96 French wish
100 Flowed
102 Broadway dancer Ruby
106 Six-time U.S. Open champion
107 British medical syst.
108 Concur
110 Jules Verne's captain
111 "From __ with Love"
113 English wish
117 "The Broken Pitcher" writer
118 Philippines seaport
119 Blood deficiency (var.)
120 Open __!
121 Complete sequences
122 Footwear for the forum

DOWN

1 18-wheelers
2 Sunken ship
3 Dental filling
4 Have a desire for
5 Clicking sound
6 Greek letter
7 Dice toss
8 Try for a date
9 Black eye
10 1978 Heisman winner
11 Miss. neighbor
12 Lennon's widow
13 Ms. Alexander
14 Detective Spade
15 Trailblazer
16 Calmness
17 "Adam Bede" writer
18 Actress Verdugo
19 Tender spots
24 Last of cash?
29 African fly
32 Got top grade on
33 Torments
35 Spin a floating log
36 Supporting pieces
38 Sandwich meat
40 Puncture starter?
42 Links org.
43 Lilly or Whitney
44 Infielder Ripken
45 Up to, briefly
47 First-year students
48 Deserve
49 Leonard play
50 Burstyn or Barkin
52 Productive oil well
53 One-name singer
55 Former Bengals coach
58 Composer Shostakovich
59 Singer Winans
60 Neuwirth and Daniels
61 Greek letters
63 Dumbstruck state
64 Of the kidneys
65 Norse Armageddon
66 Deflated tires
67 Happen again
68 Milo or Tessie
69 Boorish
70 Unclaimed
75 "The Perfect Fool" star
77 Verb-forming suffix
78 Lyrical poem
79 "__ Kapital"
80 '60s radicals
82 Cajole
83 Roll up
84 Tours summer
85 Depraved
86 Started a new paragraph
88 Coarse behavior
89 In a heavy way
91 Shah's domain
93 Kind of socks
94 Infamous Imelda
96 Abrupt pulls
97 Early-stage seed
98 Okays
99 Of a unit of resistance
101 Bk. after Ezra
103 Glossed term
104 Computer post
105 Bonheur and Parks
108 Seed protector
109 Periods
112 Goddess of folly
114 Mythical bird
115 Balin or Claire
116 __ Jose, CA



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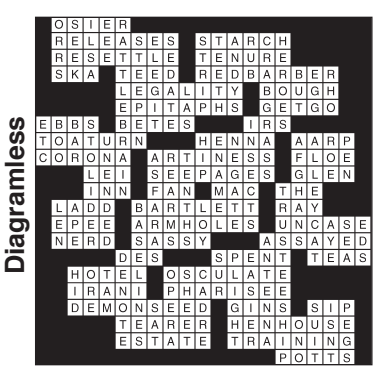

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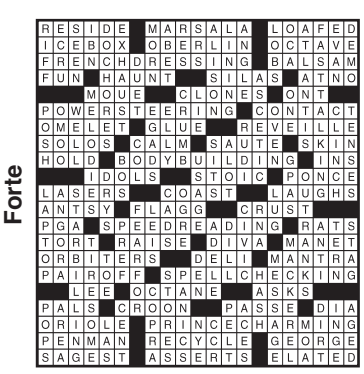

CRYPTOGRAM

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"Our local copy service is so perfection bound even their collating table is eight and a half by eleven."

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

"Familiar Place" by A. Titovets at Glenn Cutter

"Tresspassers" by Ezban at the Las Cruces Museum of Art

"Pots in the Garden" by Shirley Hawking at Terrace Gallery

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

M PHILLIP'S FINE ART GALLERY

M Phillip's Fine Art Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall, will host a one-woman show for Elena Kohn called "Impressions of the American West." Kohn is a Russian-trained artist who is living in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her show will run through December.

GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will host Susi and Richard Bergquist as the featured artists for the month of December. These talented artists from San Simon, Ariz., have been making clay pieces for more than 20 years. Susi makes animals from Indian folkfore, which she depicts in several media. Her figures represent the famous Coyote, ruler of the universe, as well as the Fox, Bobcat, Badger, Owl, Buffalo, Raven, Porcupine and many others. Her colorful paintings tell fascinating stories of Indian culture. Although her degrees are in anthropology, geology and fine arts, Susi enjoys her ongoing interest in depicting her love of folklore. Richard is well known for his clay santos. Each one is hand crafted of native clays, painted and placed on a wooden base that can be hung on the wall with a written professed miracles of the saint it represents. Richard studied at San Diego State and the Shouinard Institute of Art in Los Angeles. He has been coming to this area for many years. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and open Sundays in December from noon to 4 p.m.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Bill Gambling has been a prolific artist for the better part of a century, and he still has a passion for his work. He has dabbled in a variety of media, from painting to collage to sculpture. An exhibition of his abstract acrylic and mixed media works will be presented during the month of December at the galleries of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the DAAC office at 523-6403 for more information.

IN EFFECT

In Effect Gallery artists' pieces are varied and abundant, from classic-style paintings to metal workings and found object sculpture. In Effect Gallery has more than 20 artists' works in a wide range of media and ideas. Artist/Owner Dennis Lujan's work is finessed in the wide variety of media, style and color patrons have come to expect from him, whether small or large scale. Other artists in the gallery present a wide array of works, ranging from "fine arts" to artisanal crafts by Sally Kolf (aka KRAFTHO), Susan Teague, Dave Hendrix, Linda Carr, Kurt Van-Wagner and Susan Frary, among others. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment 24/7. For more information, call 526-1551 or email ineffectgallery@yahoo.com.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive, presents the Potter's Guild of Las Cruces Ceramics Show through Dec. 29. Participating in the show are: Mari Blacker, Jo Blacksher, Jared Carpenter, Christina Campbell, Corry McKissock, Richard and Lesley Mausolf, John Northcutt, Cindy Waddell, Barbara Williams and Cally Williams. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment. Call 522-7281 for more information.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The works of five graduating seniors from NMSU Bachelor of Fine Arts program will be on exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, through Dec. 29. In addition to the student show, the Cultural Center invites the public to view the Ballet Folklorico exhibit that continues through Dec. 29. This exhibit displays 29 dance costumes, on loan from Jose Tena, representing 14 states in Mexico. "The Art of Ballet Folklorico" is enhanced by the photography of David Shaw and book illustrations by Flo Hosa Dougherty for "The Man Who Set the Town Dancing." The new permanent display, "Las Cruces: Crossroads of History" recently opened to rave reviews. The exhibit features a comprehensive look at the history of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley spanning the past 400 years. Through the use of photographs, documents, artifacts and narrative, the story of the Las Cruces crossroads developing from a dusty collection of adobe settlements to the vibrant city of today is unveiled. The Cultural Center is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154 or visit http://museums.las-cruces.org.

TERRACE GALLERY

"Southwestern Pots: Celebrating Heritage" takes note of the vitality that ancestral and modern-day pots bring to our life as interpreted by artists from the Las Cruces Arts Association in the Terrace Gallery in the Thomas J. Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., through Jan. 26. The exhibit, open during regular library hours, offers art for sale for less than $200, to help promote the LCAA's mission to offer original art in Las Cruces for reasonal prices. Most often, Terrace Gallery exhibits are one month, but "Southwestern Pots: Celebrating Heritage," will show for two, as part of the holiday.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

For the month of December, Main Street Gallery will feature the large-format film photography of Don Boyd. In addition, the Main Street Gallery features original works-of-art by Judy Licht, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Mark Ploss, Penny Duncklee and Lynn Unangst. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

MESILLA VALLERY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery December featured artists Janet Parks and Helga DeLisle, as well as 30 other local artists in many media, offering new and exciting works. Park's beautiful landscapes and other regional subjects are rendered in a variety of media, and DeLisle's impressionistic oils depict a wide variety of subjects from around the world. In addition to original paintings, ceramics and photography, also available are affordable prints, handmade cards, greeting cards that are copies of original works and miniature paintings. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, in the historic Fountain Building just across from the Fountain Theatre. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit http://mesillavalley-fineartsgallery.blogspot.com.

PATIO ART GALLERY

"Translucence," an exhibit featuring finely worked alabaster by Dan Tapper, opens at the Patio Art Gallery, at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road. White and orange alabaster pieces, lighted from within, catch the eye in the exhibit. Of particular interest, according to Tapper, is "Antiquity." Tapper hopes to inspire viewers with not only the carving of the ancient gypsum stone, but also its natural translucence and innate beauty. "Translucence" runs through December. Also exhibiting are gallery artists Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta Hoover, Judy Licht, Joyce T. Macrorie and Julie Ford Oliver. Work by guest artists Fred Chilton, Janice Cook and Anthony Pennock is also on display. For more information, call 541-7401.

LCPS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The annual Las Cruces Public Schools Middle School Art Exhibit is now open in the LCPS Administration Building lobby gallery, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. The show features artwork by LCPS middle school students. For more information, contact Monica Reynolds at 527-6361 or mreynold@lcps.k12.nm.us.

FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A new exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum gives visitors an inside look at a centuries-old cowboy culture in France. "Gardians of the Camargue: The French Buckaroo Tradition" is now open at the museum and will be on display through March 9. This traveling exhibit features 69 framed photographs and artifacts depicting the culture of the Gardians of the Camargue.In a small area of France called the Camargue, along the Mediterranean at the mouth of the Rhone, there are cowboys not unlike our own. They are called gardians. The Brotherhood of the Gardians dates back to 1512 and centers on century-old traditions. In 1905, this culture was revived by a Frenchman named Folo de Baroncelli, a writer and rancher living in the Camargue. Baroncelli was inspired by Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show when he saw the show in Paris. The exhibit features the black-and-white photography of Kevin Martini-Fuller, the color photography of Rawls, the interpretive paintings of Karen Foster-Wells, along with tools and clothing unique to the Camargue region.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Hylé Expression," sculptural works by Santa Fe artist Pascal, will be on exhibit at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, Jan. 26, along with "Unified Field: the Border," paintings and drawings by Mexican artist Beatriz Ezban. The exhibits are accessible and free of charge. Pascal's sculptural pieces communicate the compelling quality of wood. Included in the "Unified Field: the Border" exhibit are new paintings and drawings created by Ezban during her residency at Yaddo, an artists' community located on a 400-acre estate in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Ezban's works are made with oil and wax on linen, yielding paintings rich in texture, depth and color. Through her work she confronts border issues, including those experienced along the Mexico-U.S. Border. For more information about exhibits, programs and museum Studio Program classes, visit http://museums.las-cruces.org or call 541-2137. The Las Cruces Museum of Art is accessible and free of charge and located at 501 N. Downtown Mall.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER

More than 100 pieces of original student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools have been installed in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings and drawings. The artists range from elementary students to high school students. The student art exhibit complements the permanent art collection within the Doña Ana County Government Center, which includes a series of historical photographs in the upstairs rotunda, as well as a spectacular photograph of the Organ Mountains donated in 2007 by Las Cruces artist R. Frederick Silva. The piece, titled "Fall Splendor," hangs on a second floor east wall, adjacent to the main entrance to the administrative offices of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners and the county manager. Also on semi-permanent display is one of New Mexico's most famous painted ponies. Caballo de Las Cruces is covered with more than 2 million tiny, decorative, glass beads. The pony is for sale by the Doña Ana Arts Council, with the proceeds to benefit the historic Rio Grande Theatre. To date, none of the bids for it have met the minimum allowable for sale. The pony will remain on display near the main reception desk of

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A primer on Marsden Hartley at the El Paso Museum of Art

OUIDA TOUCHON
Art Talk

Those Holiday trips to the airport offer reason to taste the offerings of El Paso's Art Museum. Otherwise, if you're free of fly-in family this season, make a day, call it an "Artist's Day" and treat yourself to this striking and colorful exhibition of a historically pivotal Modernist.

Marsden Hartley (1877-1943) was not a lightweight kind of guy; he thought deeply on most everything and didn't suffer fools gladly. He was deeply spiritual and sensitive and had difficulty with worldly things like money and self-promotion. Thankfully he wrote; abundantly he wrote; to his dear friends and family as well as essays on art theory, all of which were published and continue to be referenced in surveys of the period.

The **El Paso Museum of Art** is currently showing **Marsden Hartley: American Modern** which has been organized by the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum in Minneapolis. There is, unfortunately, only a sampling from each period of Hartley's oeuvre but if you are curious or know his work from other museums or your own studies, you will be pleased to be reminded of his ceaseless experimentalism. I was fortunate to study Hartley in my graduate work, under **Randy Griffey**, the professor and co-curator of a very large retrospective on Hartley at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City. I felt privileged to have Griffey as my professor and of course, we got the inside tour of the show with his commentary on each painting.

Being one of **Alfred Stieglitz's** circle set Hartley's path parallel to **O'Keeffe** and others of the **291 Gallery** in New York although he began a lasting relationship with Stieglitz before O'Keeffe joined the Stieglitz cadre (1916). Through the patronage of Stieglitz and his wealthy clients, Hartley was able to go to Europe from 1912-1915 to paint and find his modernist/visionary voice. Like many artists of his generation, he went first to Paris where he mingled with the Cubists and the Futurists and was exposed to the works of **Picasso, Matisse, Renoir, Cezanne, Van Gogh and Kandinsky** who he met and followed to Germany. Through his time in Paris, he corresponded with Stieglitz about the salons of **Gertrude Stein**, the art dealers and gallery owners and the Modernist exhibitions that occurred all over Europe. His common theme in his letters to Stieglitz, had to do with cutting through the intellectualization of art and finding the vision, the inner voice in an introspective and contemplative exploration. "They are all thinkers but art goes only a certain way with the intellect and then it demands the vision." And then: "I went to the exhibition of the Cubistes called the 'Section d'Or' which is now on … there again to learn that any man who has anything to say is a free man – and that one can proceed upon whatever basis one wishes without the slightest consideration of individuals or schools – that the artist – the serious person – is at this time utterly a free person – he has but to set up his ideal and work." He ends a letter in October 1912 with "One must work – and devote one's soul to the thing – that is all one can do, and art is like religion, one must be faithful and devoted if one would express something real."

> "… art is like a religion, one must be faithful and devoted if one would express something real."
>
> MARSDEN HARTLEY

As you can imagine, it is heartening to read the words of a fellow artist with such determination and eloquence. I purchased a book of his correspondence with Stieglitz while I was at the Museum and am nearly finished with it. This was not a one dimensional man, and his struggles with depression and poverty are palpable in his entreaties to Stieglitz for council, for stipends to buy art supplies, for the uncertainty of having a place to live and work while in Europe. He went from Paris to Munich and then Berlin where he felt very much connected with the culture and the excitement of the avant-garde in the art world. He began to introduce symbols and mystical stream-of-consciousness elements in his imagery, always with a sure hand for rich color and a fabulous impasto and dry brush application of paint resulting in rich surfaces that hold your attention as you ponder the intention of the artist.

There were years back in New York, Bermuda and even **New Mexico** where he moved in 1918 for its low cost of living and its artist community. He was also interested in the Hispanic and Native American folk art and Santos, which he depicted on canvases with great expression. Northern New Mexico's unique and colorful vistas inspired him to return to landscape. From there to Mexico in the 1920s on a Guggenheim Fellowship, responding to the Aztec ruins, and the muralists, producing what he called "pictures of mystical import. "And on and on, Nova Scotia, New England, Europe again and finally resettling in Maine until his death in 1943. He remained in touch with the art world in New York and had his last show at the Stieglitz gallery in 1937, showing not only landscapes but also lobstermen and fishermen, a controversial subject matter that gave pause to historians but was honest, and personal for Hartley.

The show at the El Paso Museum reads like a travelogue, and if you have a receptive mind and a basic understanding of 20th Century Modernism, I can promise you a rewarding visit.

"Marsden Hartley: American Modern" will be at the El Paso Museum of Art through Feb. 24. For more information, call (915) 532-1707 or visit www.elpasoartmuseum.org.

I wish you good work.

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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the Doña Ana County Government Center until it changes ownership. Caballo de Las Cruces was designed by local artist Julienne Hadfield. The beading process took more than 4,000 hours to complete by a dedicated group of more than 100 community volunteers. The pony was designed to honor Las Cruces and the surrounding area. The public is invited to view the student art show, Caballo de Las Cruces and "Fall Splendor" at any time during normal county business hours.

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" 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.

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

This postcard features Old Mesilla. The back of this postcard reads, *"Old Mesilla, New Mexico. Located near Las Cruces, the first settlers arrived in 1847 by wagon train. An important stop on the Butterfield Stage Line, Mesilla was a lawless town. Color by Dick Kent."* Thanks to Roger Walker for his postcard contribution.

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Recruiting still key in football

After the Aggies decided to keep Hal Mumme on board as the football coach, a one-year contract extension was mandatory.

A commitment, necessary for recruiting success. Lord knows, NMSU needs players.

Mumme can now march into a recruit's home convincingly, knowing he will reside here for three more years at least. Extending Hal's contract through 2010 eliminated the doubt that could have darkened his future. It also rescued the Aggies from the oldest recruiting gimmick in college football. "You don't want to play at New Mexico State," opposing coaches would have said to a high school or junior college prospect. "Hal Mumme won't be there much longer."

There is little honor in recruiting these days.

Mumme still thinks he can take his team to a bowl game. Why not give him time?

Fire Mumme and NMSU starts all over again. New coach, new staff, a minimum of three years to shift his program into high gear. Moreover, you're losing valuable recruiting time. By the time you interview, then hire, most recruits have already committed elsewhere.

There's also the expense of paying a new regime while keeping Mumme and his staff on the payroll for an extended period of time as is the custom. I'm not sure NMSU can comfortably afford the added expense.

Mumme's offense is already in place. Chase Holbrook, his record-setting quarterback, returns for one more year. So does Chris Williams, arguably the WAC's best receiver, plus an experienced offensive line. Kyle Hughes, the scholarshiped placekicker who failed academically during the 2007 spring semester left Mumme without a consistent three-point and PAT threat last season. Paul Young, who kicked in Hughes' place, also returns. Let's not forget the hiring of Joe Lee Dunn as the new defensive coordinator. I've seen his work. Under Dunn's coaching, the Aggies will use a blitz package rivaled by few in college football. They will, I predict, create turnovers, mistakes and keep quarterbacks and offensive coordinators off balance and uncomfortable. NMSU will be fun to watch when the other team has possession.

Holiday Hoop-La on tap

Sixteen boys and girls teams to open tournament Dec. 27

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Sixteen boys and girls teams from the region will compete in the fourth annual Memorial Medical Center Holiday Hoop-La basketball tournament Dec. 27-29 at the Pan American Center.

The three Class 5-A schools from Las Cruces will be among the eight boys teams and eight girls teams vying for the championship in each division.

"This event provides a fantastic opportunity for all of our visiting teams to visit the city of Las Cruces and for all of the student-athletes to play in a university setting at the NMSU Pan American Center," said Ernest Viramontes, the athletics director for Las Cruces Public Schools. "It also offers a great chance for families and friends to spend time together during the holidays supporting their favorite teams."

The Dec. 27 first-round games in the boys bracket include: Oñate vs. Deming at 10:30 a.m.; El Paso Bowie vs. Carlsbad at 1:30 p.m.; Las Cruces vs. Manzano at 5 p.m.; and Mayfield vs. El Paso Del Valle at 8 p.m.

The first-round girls matchups are: Las Cruces vs. El Paso Andress at 9 a.m.; Los Alamos vs. El Paso Hanks at noon; Oñate vs. El Paso Chapin at 3:30 p.m.; and Socorro vs. Mayfield at 6:30 p.m.

Oñate boys coach Richard Robinson likes the wide-open field in the tournament.

"It's a real good field with the three home teams from Las Cruces, a team from the north in Manzano, a team from the east in Carlsbad and the El Paso teams," he said. "There is so much parity in the state. There are a lot of teams with records around .500, and I think this tournament is wide open. I like us. I like our chances of making it to the championship game."

Robinson said the tournament comes at an interesting time of the season.

"We're almost 10 games in and teams are finding their identity," he said. "Teams are trying to get some momentum going."

A. KURZ, CRUCESLIVE.COM I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield coach George Maya and his team practice for the upcoming Holiday Hoop-La tournament that begins Thursday, Dec. 27, and runs through Saturday, Dec. 29. Maya and the Trojans are two-time defending champs.

The Knights entered this week with a 3-5 record after competing in the Albuquerque Public Schools East Tournament last weekend. The Knights are strong at guard with Steve Melendrez and Abe Tarin. The team's top inside player is J.C. Ayala.

Mayfield came into this week with a 4-4 mark and will play at Hobbs on Dec. 21. While the Trojans have lacked size in the early going (the addition of a couple of members from the football team will help alleviate that), they have played good basketball to start the season. Senior guards Luis Quinones and Oscar Robles lead a balanced Mayfield attack, along with Artie Villa and Nate Abeyta.

The inexperienced Las Cruces Bulldawgs will enter the tournament with a 2-7 mark and are paced by Lucio Luttrell, a 6-3 junior who had 23 points each in the team's two most recent games. LCHS also counts on Dante Caro, Charles Chavez and Fabian Vigil.

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Aggies face another formidable challenge

NMSU plays at Louisville Saturday

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The Aggies' Martin Iti will add height to the lineup against Louisville Saturday.

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

First it was Duke, currently ranked No. 6 nationally. Then Texas, No. 4, followed by West Virginia, No. 24.

Saturday, it's Louisville, formerly No. 22, now unranked but still a national power along with the aforementioned.

That's the schedule that Reggie Theus, New Mexico State's former coach, left for Marvin Menzies, its current one.

Theus, of course, left last summer to coach Sacramento of the NBA. His plan was to attack those four opponents with Herb Pope, Tyrone Nelson and Jahmar Young in the lineup. Since Young is the only one available, NMSU must somehow figure a way to hang with the Cardinals.

Tipoff at Louisville's Freedom Hall is scheduled for noon.

Menzies knows the layout there. He was an assistant under Rick Pitino for two years before his arrival at NMSU. He knows the crowd Saturday will push 19,000. He also knows they are loud and intimidating, but he says it will be nothing new to his players after their aggressive non-conference agenda so far.

On Wednesday, the Aggies lost 83-69 to the University of New Mexico before a crowd of 17,243 in the Pit.

Louisville is battling injuries. "They say that they (Cardinals) are a little depleted," Menzies said. "That they're down to seven or eight scholarship players. Well that's a pretty good seven. They're top-25 guys, and since you only play eight or nine players, they'll still be very good. I recruited some of them, so I know how good they are."

Derrick Caracter, Louisville's 6-foot-8 sophomore forward, has been on the injury list. "If he plays, they'll be that much better," Menzies says. The Cardinals will also throw talented David Padgett and Juan Palacios at the Aggies.

Young, 6-5 freshmen guard, was recently cleared by the NCAA to play. Herb Pope, meanwhile, remains on standby, awaiting

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High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Varsity Boy's Basketball	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA
Varsity Girl's Basketball	Fri., Dec. 21	at Roswell	7 p.m.
	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA

Mayfield High School

Varsity Boy's Basketball	Sat., Dec. 22	at Hobbs	7 p.m.
	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA
Varsity Girl's Basketball	Fri., Dec. 21	at Los Lunas	7 p.m.
	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA

Oñate High School

Varsity Boy's Basketball	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA
Varsity Girl's Basketball	Thu., Dec. 27	Holiday Hoopla	TBA

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Varsity Boy's Basketball	Fri., Dec. 21	Silver City	6:30 p.m.

NMSU to add women's soccer to the program

Plan aimed at providing more gender equity in Aggie athletics

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Women's soccer is coming to New Mexico State University following regents approving on Friday, Dec. 14, of a gender equity plan presented by Athletics Director McKinley Boston.

Along with the addition of locker space for women's teams, restricting walk-ons to some men 'ssquads, the plan aims to bring NMSU's athletic budget into a balance that is consistent with the student body, Boston said.

> "We put the student first in student-athlete."
>
> MICHAEL MARTIN, NMSU president

Because women make up about 54 percent of the student body, athletics should reflect that and Boston said he believed the plan would achieve that within one percentage point.

This kind of approach to meeting Title IX requirements is called proportionality," Boston said, and it is considered to be the safest approach.

The target date for the start of women's soccer is fall 2009. By then, additional improvements to facilities at NMSU should add some more committed locker space to women's teams whose players have been making due with lockers shared with other teams, Boston said.

Another facility improvement being planned is a 10-stall barn for the equestrian team.

For the plan to work, Boston said officials also need to keep a close eye on the awarding of scholarships and the quality of travel and meals. That should be proportional in scale, he said, though he admitted that meant the program would at times have to resist marketing and booster pressures.

Regents praised the plan and the university's overall approach to athletics.

"I'm glad to see the addition of soccer," said regent Steve Anaya, who noted that the game is gaining popularity with young families whose children could someday be NMSU students.

President Michael Martin said strides to improve gender equity and academics in the athletics program can be lost in the fans tracking of wins and losses. "We want to make sure our players have integrity off the court as well," Martin said. "We put the student first in student-athlete."

Regent vice chair Robert Gallagher said people can sometimes forget that it wasn't that long ago that the NMSU athletics program was one of the most penalized in the nation. That's why it's only fair to give football coach Hal Mumme more time to work on the "athlete" side of the program now that headway has been made in improving the academic support for the players.

Regents chair Laura Conniff said she appreciates the Athletic Department's real support given to the current women teams. "Our women athletes have performed superbly," she said.

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Sherell Neal

Sherell Neal

Senior, Forward, Basketball

Senior Sherell Neal collected her 28th career double-double in the Aggies' 66-61 win over Wichita State Dec. 16 to lead NMSU to a 7-2 season record. She scored 12 of her 16 points in the final nine minutes of the game to erase a five-point deficit and outscore the Shockers 21-13 in the final nine minutes. She added 13 rebounds in the victory, four blocked shots, two steals and one assist. She also made 8-of-9 free throws including 4-of-5 in the final 2:30 of the game. Her four blocked-shots in the game moved her into second place on NMSU's career blocked shot list with 108. The WAC's active leading scorer with 1,099 career points is now averaging 12.7 points, 8.4 rebounds, 2 steals and 1.6 blocks per game this year.

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Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Cody Correa

Cody Correa is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays on the varsity SonBlazers' basketball team as a point guard, and as a sophomore starter with many new faces this year, he runs the team. So far this season, he has averaged 10.4 points, five assists (leading the SonBlazers' defending State Championship team in this category), 1.7 steals per game and more than 50 percent field goal average. Correa is an incredible floor leader with a high basketball IQ. He has great enthusiasm for the game, has the ability to inspire others to achieve and is a good role model with regard to personal character, such as, trust, friendship, loyalty, goodness and kindness. His teammates respect him greatly. He makes everybody else better at what they do.

Correa loves sports in general and is very involved with his church. He is an avid golfer and also plays for Mesilla Valley Christians Schools boy's golf team. He is a dedicated student and maintains a 3.70 GPA.

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Welcome Back Students!

On the green

For golf and sports celebrities

Holiday gift wishes from the Golf Doctor

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

The holidays are for gift giving. I love giving gifts more than I do receiving them. That's one way I realize I'm getting older. During this holiday season I thought I would share with you the special gifts that I would like to see certain people receive. Some of these are golf people and some are other people; some famous, and some not-so-famous.

My wish list for 2008:

Lorena Ochoa, No. 1 LPGA star. Topping a fabulous '07 season next year.

Natalie Gulbis, LPGA star. An early 2008 win to verify that the '07 Evian wasn't a fluke.

Paula Creamer, LPGA star. More radiant smiles and even greater play next year.

Jackie Gagne, perpetrator of the alleged "16 holes-in-one" streak. A year of seminars explaining that golf is a game of honor.

CBS' Early Show that featured Gagne twice. A couple of editors who actually check out claims to Guinness-type sports feats.

Tiger Woods. Another bodyguard, so he isn't all alone, except for his nine iron, when he locks his keys in the car.

Tim Finchem, PGA Tour Commissioner. A personality.

Bart Bryant, former Aggie and PGA Tour winner. Another win at the Memorial in 2008.

Rich Beem, former Aggie and PGA Champion. A fast start in 2008, so there won't be the money pressure in September.

Michelle Wie. A life.

Maria Sharapova, Women's Professional tennis superstar. A full schedule giving ESL coaching and beauty lessons after tennis.

Zach Johnson, 2007 Masters Champion. Whatever it takes to not jade him so he keeps his Iowa charm.

Zach Wilson, '07 NMSU PGM grad. Post-graduation success.

Dan Koesters, Head Pro, NMSU Golf Course and Section dominator. A new dishwasher and set of crystal.

Scott Lieberwirth, Aggie men's golf coach. Some technology to clone Travis Reed.

Dave McCollum, publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin. More time to play golf.

Joe Bullock, president of First National Bank. More time to play golf.

Michael Martin, President of New Mexico State University. More time to play golf.

PGA Teaching Professionals in America. More time to play golf.

Fred Albers, voice of PGA Tour channel on XM Radio. More tour gigs in 2008.

Bob Logefeil, founder of the New Mexico North-South Senior Golf Challenge and esteemed golfing buddy of the Golf Doctor. Some even newer clubs that will take some getting used to.

Larry Fields, organizer of The First Tee in Las Cruces. More corporate supporters and donors.

Dan Vukolich, editor of Sun Country Golfer. A different putter, since you're too good with the one you have.

Donald and Louis Biad, owners of Picacho Hills Country Club. A bumper growing season in '08 for both grass and chilies.

Patrick Hanlon, fine golfer and proprietor of Bridgit's Crossing Pub. Three barmaids from Ireland.

Herb Wimberly, Hall of Fame Aggie golf coach. Good health and good luck.

Guy Wimberly, longtime PGA Professional. Great weather and great popularity as Sierra del Rio heads into its first full season.

Las Cruces Country Club Members. May the good fortune that brought you a new Ken Dye golf course carry over to some of your critical putts.

Presidential candidates. Something actually true and meaningful that will offer hope to us all.

The City of Las Cruces. Three crosses evermore.

Hal Mumme, Aggie football coach. A defense.

Charlie Weiss, Notre Dame football coach. Warmer weather in South Bend.

Mayfield High School Football Team, 2007 state champions. Congratulations on staying mentally tough.

Michael Vick. A lifetime ASPCA membership.

Bejing Olympic Organizers. Several dozen gold medals that are Amade in America."

Ken Miyagishima, mayor of Las Cruces. A city council, appointees and civil servants who buy into the vision of planned, upscale growth for our city.

NFL. A viewing of George C. Scott's a "Scrooge" movie on each of the 12 Days of Christmas to help overcome the unmitigated greed happening with the closed viewership NFL Network.

NCAA. A legitimate football playoff like they're supposed to do, were it not for the big-money fat cats who run the BCS.

Major League Baseball. Merry Maids housecleaning service.

Bud Selig. A spine.

Tour de France. An investigation by Sen. George Mitchell.

All professional golf. A wish that you are clean and won't get dragged down by a drug scandal.

The Golf Channel. More believable characters for the Big Break series.

David Feherity, CBS golf "color" announcer. Some new, refreshing configuration of chin hair.

Johnny Miller, golf legend and NBC golf analyst. Some kinder and gentler reviews of bad shots.

The rest of the PGA Tour players other than Tiger Woods. A way to get a little closer to a bar that just keeps getting higher and higher.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership, who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principle instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Through his seminars, motivational speaking and individual coaching, he assists executives and organizations to strengthen leadership effectiveness. He can be reached at drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Aggie swimmers finish fifth at UNLV Winter Invitational meet

Pratt pleased with results

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team concluded the UNLV Winter Invitational, Monday, Dec. 17, with a fifth-place finish that included season-best performances and school record tying marks.

On the third and final day of the meet, sophomore Bonnie Taylor led the Aggies in the 200 backstroke with an eighth-place showing while sophomores Tessa Bain and Meghann Percy also appeared in the finals.

Head coach Rick Pratt said he was pleased with the Aggies at the three-day, 10-team meet, where the 200-free relay tied the NMSU school record.

"Overall, we had a great meet with some break-out swims," he said. "All of our relays posted top season times and we had a strong showing in a highly competitive meet. I am proud of our girls and excited for the next half of the season. We still have some work to do, but I know we're going to have a great conference meet."

In the 100 free, freshman Kelly Conrad finished seventh while Bain and senior Carolyn Bohm were also finalists. In addition, the Aggies had three freshmen in the top 20 of the 200 breaststroke, Alannah Lawrence, Kelly Runestrand and Theresa Illgen.

Freshman Kirstin Pickett guided the Aggies in both diving events. On the 1-meter springboard, she collected a fourth-place finish and freshman Amanda Schulte was sixth. Pickett finished eighth on the 3-meter board and junior Carey Jameson followed with a ninth-place showing.

The Aggies are now off until they host North Texas, Jan. 8, in Las Cruces.

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Bonnie Taylor, NMSU sophomore, finished eighth in the 200 backstroke at the UNLV Winter Invitational Monday.

Grow Carefully. Prosper Steadily. Live Well.

Karen R. Trujillo
Las Crucen for Las Cruces
District 6 City Council

Meet the Candidate Calendar

Special K with Karen	Sat., Dec. 29	Hampton Inn	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Fri., Jan. 4	Uno's Pizzeria	6 to 8 p.m.
Coffee with Karen	Sat. Jan. 5	Roberto's Restaurant	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Sun., Jan. 6	Hotel Encanto-Azul Rm	4 to 6 p.m.
Enchilada Fundraiser $5	Sat., Dec. 31 thru Jan. 12	Habaneros Restaurant	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 19 • Absentee Voting Begins
Wed., Dec. 26 • Early Voting Begins

Paid for by the Committee to elect Karen R. Trujillo

AGGIE INSIDER

Holiday greetings from Pistol Pete

Predictions for the coming year

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Ole Pete has got some Christmas presents he'd like to give out in Aggieland and a couple of wishes to you and yours. Whether it's a Merry Christmas, a Happy Chanukah or a joyous Kwanzaa that is celebrated around your campfire, so be it for you and yours.

If I could play Santa for the good little boy and girl coaches and staffers at NMSU, this is what I would put under their trees. For Dr. McKinley Boston, our athletics director, a brand new suit since he has lost so much weight and a hearty pat on the back for the job he has done. So many in Aggieland have been wary of the changes that have come about simply because they have not been used to athletics having a leader in charge. That all changed when Dr. Boston was given the reins and the positive movement has been too great to go unmentioned.

For Hal Mumme, a nice snow globe that houses a joyous scene of a bowl trip for his team. Whether it is Albuquerque, Boise or some other 'port a call' amidst the flecs filling the little glass orb doesn't matter. Pete sees next year as the year of affirmation for the football staff's hard work.

Marvin Menzies snuck under the tree a week early to unwrap Jahmar Young for his squad, and Pete will forgive him that since it looked like the Grinch was going to leave a lump of coal courtesy of the Clearinghouse this December.

For Mike O'Larey and his athletic trainers, continued good tidings, since all they ever see are folks who don't feel good, at first. For the Aggie fans, a big thank you for comin' out so strong for the WAC tournaments and all the events this year. That is a gift that keeps on giving, and I hope the faithful will keep that in their hearts for many years to come.

For Rocky Ward and Kathy Rodolph, a healthy pitching staff and the wind blowin' out when the Aggies are up and coming back in strong over the fence when the opponents are at the plate.

For the Aggie academic tutors, counselors and technicians, a big order of caps and gowns for graduation day. The orders for these items get larger each year thanks to their diligence and caring. To the Alans and the Pauls and Jasons and Katies who do so much behind the scenes, a tip of the Stetson and a wish that the next assignment is your heart's dream come true.

This is a wonderful time of the year since it allows us the chance to unashamedly open our hearts and show the love we too often keep a secret. These are just apologies for gifts, another penman once wrote; the true gift is the gift of yourself. I hope you are able to give that present this holiday season and through out the year.

PETE

Young will be a big plus for the Aggies

NMSU freshman finally cleared

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

Like Marvin Menzies and his staff, I celebrated when I heard the news that Jahmar Young would finally be able to play for NMSU this season. It amounted to treating myself to a 60-cent candy bar, but at this stage of life, that qualifies as a full-blown party for me.

> "Young is touted as a stone shooter and a skilled athlete."

The reason this is a big plus for Menzies' team has many appendages. The obvious one is that he is getting the services of a talented, athletic player. Young is touted as a stone shooter and a skilled athlete who will be able to run the court and play the type of up tempo game Menzies wants. Another big plus is that an additional player will help the substitution rotation immeasurably. Young can spell Justin Hawkins or Fred Peete or fill in at point guard if necessary.

This is huge when there needs to be a sub for foul problems or when the Aggies want to rest their major scoring threats and need to keep one player on the court who must force the opposition to be aware of his ability to put points on the board. This isn't to suggest Young will have to be a sub the rest of the year; I just want to point out the flexibility that he adds to the hoops squad's makeup. "JY" is not a magic wand that will automatically solve every problem that has faced the team as they grow into Menzies' game plan, but it can provide the depth that has been missing up to this point as a player that has more than one dimension to his game.

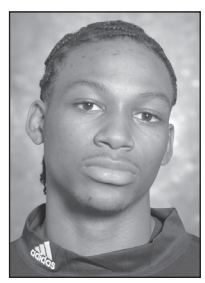
He is a freshman who will have the ups and downs that all first-year players encounter but his hoops court IQ is great and that should become obvious when you head out to the Pan Am for the balance of the year.

Finally, this is my last column before Christmas and I would like to suggest that you think about friends you may have become separated from because of some spat or misunderstanding that has long since passed. Get over it. If it means swallowing a little pride or being the bigger person to put aside this grievance, the joy you will feel inside will be greater than you can imagine when you take this step. I speak from experience on this and assure you, the resolution of the hard feelings made me the happiest I have been in a long time. Life is too short, give from within and have a great holiday.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight

Kelly Conrad
Freshman
Swimming

Freshman Kelly Conrad was a key contributor for the New Mexico State swimming and diving team at the UNLV Winter Invitational, Dec. 15-17. She led the 200-free relay that not only finished fourth but also tied the NMSU school record. In the 200-medley relay, NMSU earned a fifth-place finish with Conrad as anchor. Individually, Conrad was seventh in both the 50 and 100 free.



Jonathan Gibson
Sophomore
Men's Basketball

In NMSU's only game during finals week, sophomore guard Jonathan Gibson led the Aggies with 18 points in an 80-43 win over Prairie View A&M, Dec. 11 in Las Cruces. Gibson was 7-for-13 from the field and 3-of-6 from behind the arc. The West Covina, Calif., native also was 1-of-1 from the free throw line with an assist. Gibson is now averaging 11.9 points per game this season. He is also shooting 51.9 percent from the field and a team-best 43.6 percent from the three-point line.

Hannah Spanich
Sophomore
Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Hannah Spanich scored a season-high eight points in the Aggies 66-61 victory over Wichita State Dec. 16. Spanich added six rebounds and a steal against the Shockers as she provided a spark off the bench. She is now averaging three points, 3.5 rebounds and has eight steals this season.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Dec. 21

Women's Basketball
New Mexico
Albuquerque
7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Men's Basketball
Louisville
Louisville, Ky.
Noon

Did you know?

Senior forward Sherell Neal of the NMSU women's basketball team is the WAC's active leading scorer with 1,099 career points. She is also No. 2 on NMSU's career blocked shots list.

Aggie Trivia

How many teams have Aggie men's basketball team faced for the first time this season?

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clearance. Menzies was asked if a discouraged Pope might bolt for another school. "I don't think so," Menzies said. "Herb's under our domain, and he's got his head on right. I think if he doesn't get some kind of closure from the NCAA by the end of this month he might decide to use this as a redshirt year.

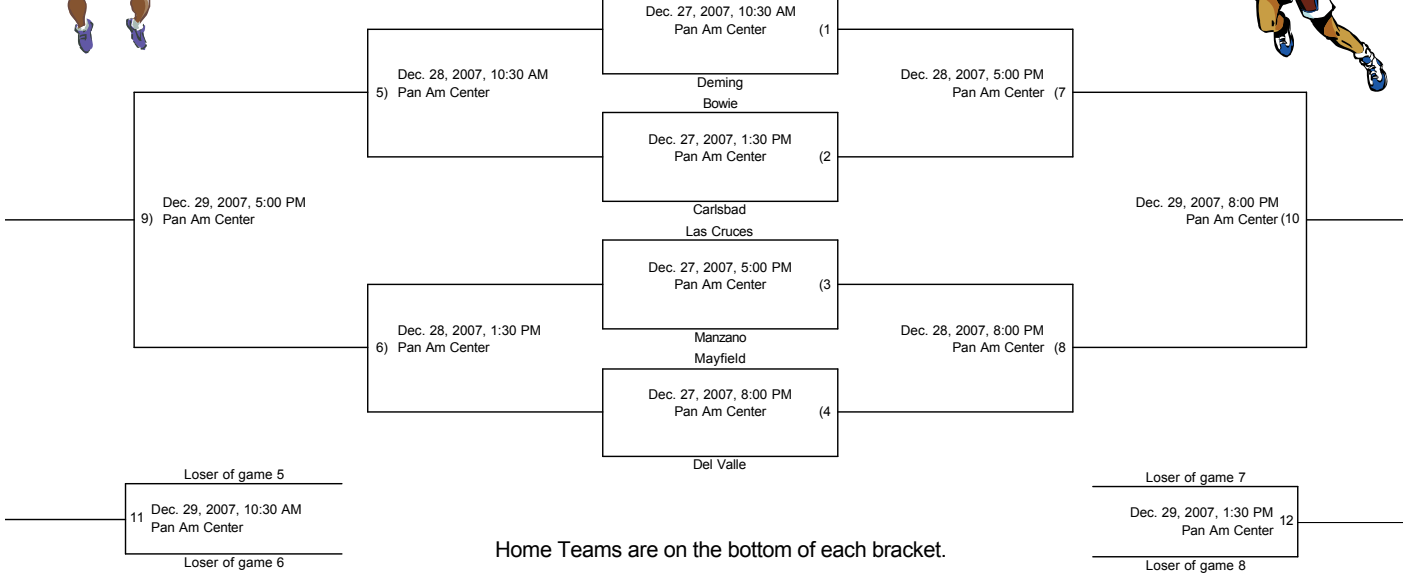
Menzies said not to expect too much from Young now. "I'd say by the middle of the conference schedule," Menzies said. "He thought when he reported for practice that he was in good shape. After a couple of practices, he was spent. It's going to take him time to get in the flow.

"But he has good enough instincts. He's got good basketball IQ. I'd say it will take him five or six games to get him going."

Menzies says he is concerned with how well the Aggies improve game by game. "Earlier in the season we wanted to get a little better each time out. Now we need to improve by strides. At least in time for the conference race."

2007 Holiday Hoop-La brackets

Boy's 2007 Memorial Medical Center Holiday Hoop-La



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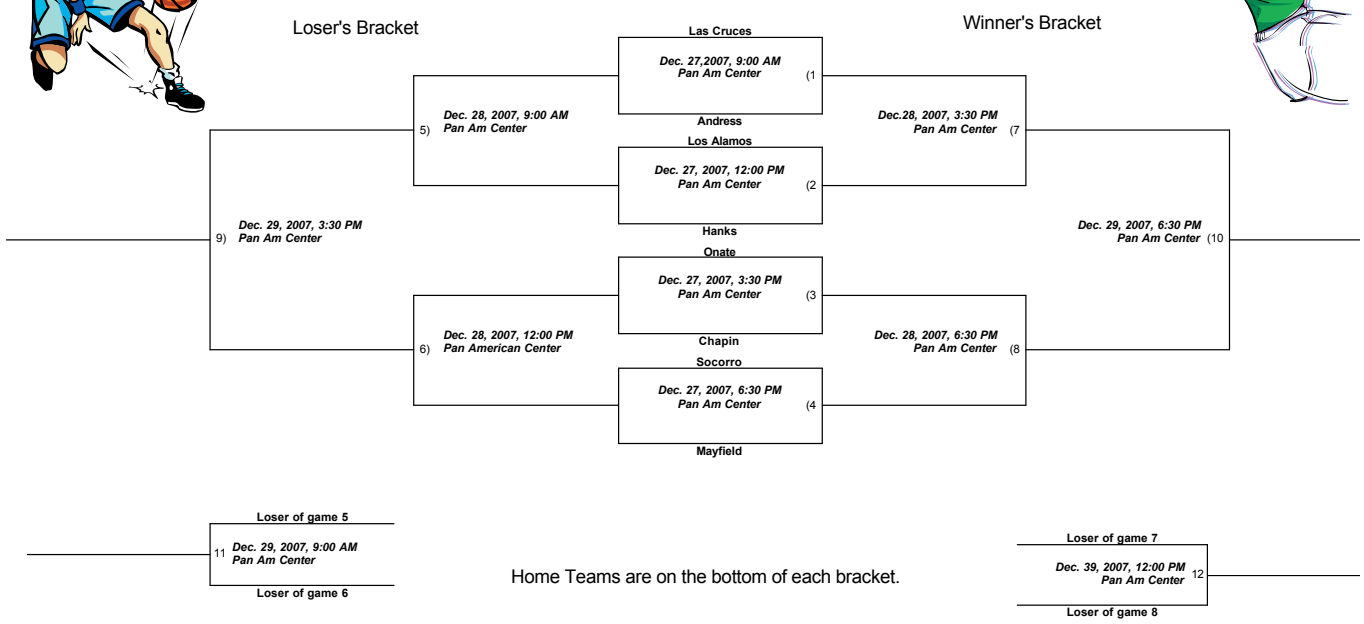
Girl's 2007 Memorial Medical Center Holiday Hoop-La



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Hoop-La

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The Bulldawg girls, who play at Roswell on Dec. 21 before preparing for the tournament, had a 4-3 record going into that contest. Las Cruces is led by senior forward Domonique Rivera, along with Amy and Amanda Fratzola, Monique Caro, Samantha Espana and sophomore Andrea Aragon.

"Last year's (Hoop-La) tournament was a stepping stone for us," said LCHS coach Matt Abney. "We beat Hobbs and that helped us get the No. 7 seed over them (in the post-season playoffs). We're looking for the same thing this year.

"We're playing real well," Abney added. "If we play like we did (last week) at Rio Rancho, great things will happen and maybe we can carry that momentum into district."

Abney said that Mayfield should be considered the favorite because the Trojans are the two-time defending Hoop-La champion. Mayfield entered the week with a 6-2 record and are led by Shatwa Morris, Amanda Tucker and Justina Adams. Morris had 36 points in Mayfield's win last week over Silver.

The Oñate girls, who began the season with a 2-3 record, are paced by Erica Harris, Kat Newberry, Jade Brown and Adriana Cueto.

Games will take place beginning at 9 a.m. each day and continuing all day.

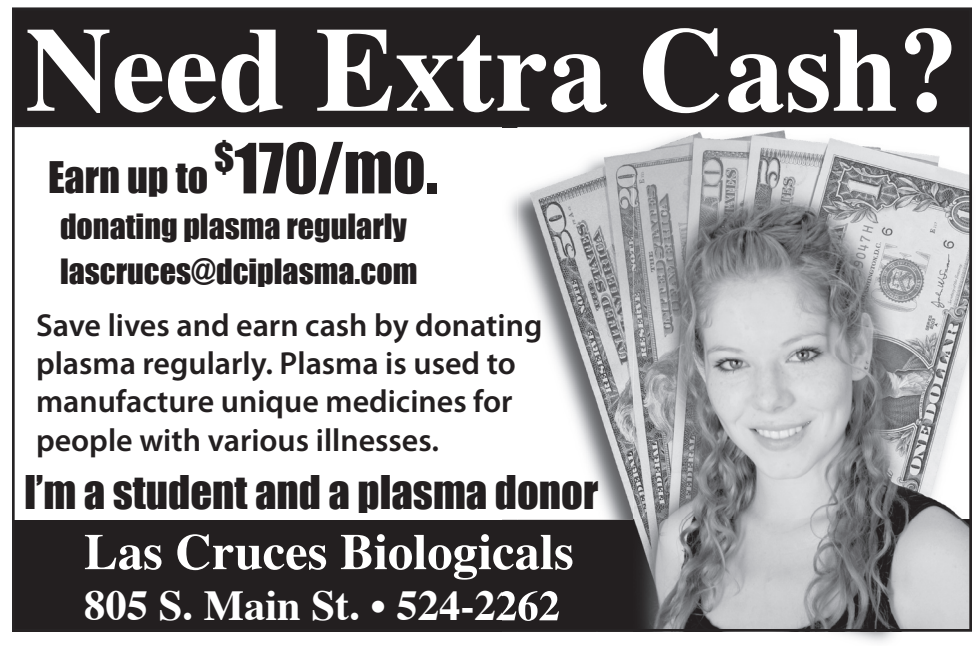
Ticket prices are as follows:

- $4 for a single entry per day. This ticket allows a person to enter the Pan American Center and stay for an unlimited number of games that day. However, if the person leaves, another ticket must be purchased.
- $10 for a single day pass. This ticket allows the ticket holder to enter and leave the Pan Am an unlimited number of times during that day's competition.
- $25 for an all-tournament pass. This ticket allows the ticket holder to enter and leave the Pan Am an unlimited number of times during all days of competition.

Tickets are available at the Pan Am Box Office. Call 646-1420 for more information.

Aggie Trivia Answer

Four. NMSU met Duke, West Virginia, LeMoyne-Owen and Prairie View A&M for the first time this season.



NMSU faces rematch with Lobos in the Pit

Aggie women off to 8-2 start

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

"This season," says coach Darin Spence, "seems to be flying by. Last year we started off 2-7, and it drug on and on. Like it was never going to end."

Winning cures all, apparently.

Spence coaches the women's basketball team at New Mexico State that is off and running with an 8-2 record following its 79-66 victory over Lamar here Tuesday. The Aggies' early success ties the third-best start in school history.

The schedule gets tougher, however. Spence takes his team to Albuquerque for a rematch with New Mexico in the Pit Friday, Dec. 21. Tipoff is set for 7 p.m.

The Lobos' 58-42 loss to NMSU on Dec. 2 in the Pan American Center broke their 22-game winning streak against the Aggies. Spence knows UNM will remember that one.

The Lobos will bring a 7-4 record into the game, following their 73-54 loss to No. 4 Stanford Tuesday.

"We'll have to make them (UNM) shoot tough shots," Spence said. "Our guards have to take more shots. They pass too many of them up and try to force the ball to our inside people."

Although Spence was non-commital about his starting lineup, a good guess might be Sherell Neal and Anikia Jawara at forwards, Madison Spence, Tyshae Walton and Brittany Henderson at guards. That could fluctuate, however, depending on what Spence feels the Lobos will throw at him.

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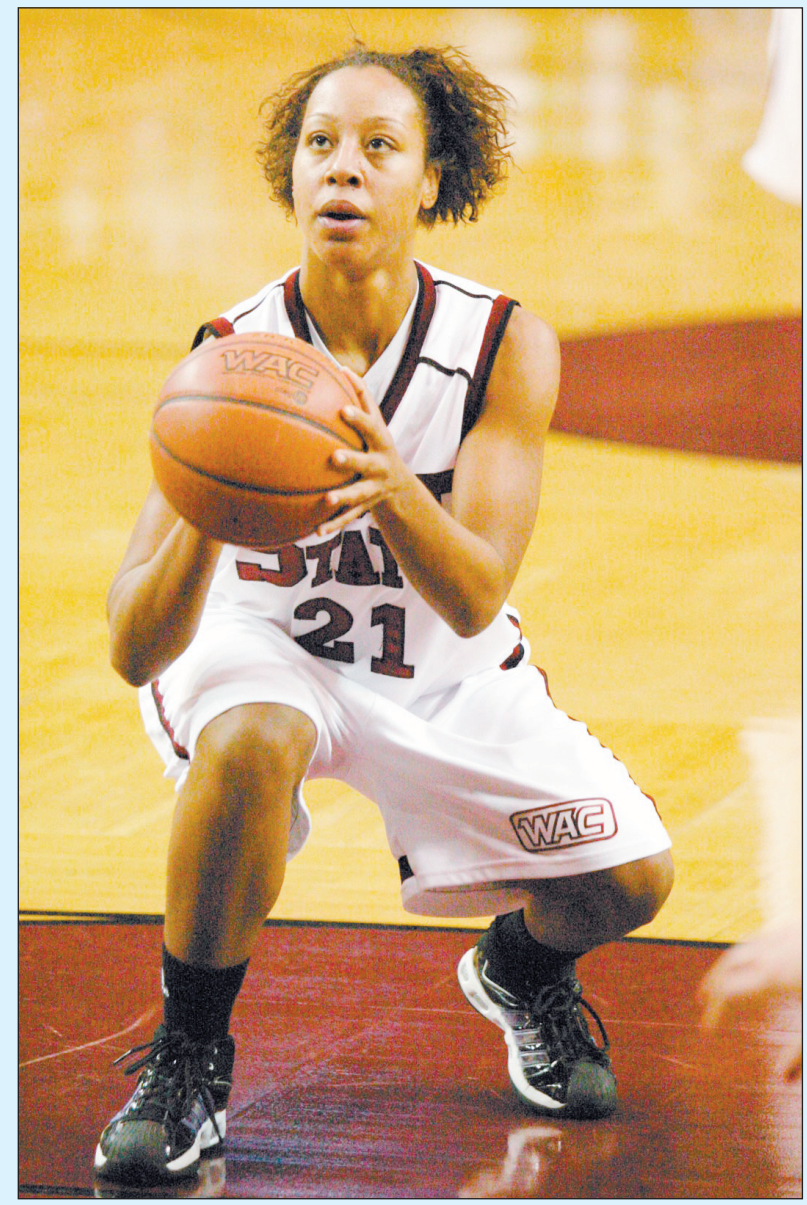
>
> DARIN SPENCE, Women's Head Coach

"Playing in the Pit is always tough," Spence says. "But we have enough senior leadership, players who have been there before that I don't think that should bother us. We know what to expect."



Anikia Jawara was a force in the Aggies' 79-66 victory over Lamar here Tuesday. She scored 15 points and grabbed five rebounds as the Aggies ran their record to 8-2.

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Aggies whip Cardinals, 79-66

Carla Denning grabs one of her six rebounds against Lamar. The senior from El Paso also scored six points.

Ashley Marrufo, Michelle Burgess, Pistol Pete and Jayna Nance get into the Christmas spirit for the Aggies' 79-66 victory over Lamar here Tuesday.

Holli Ward works for a shot.

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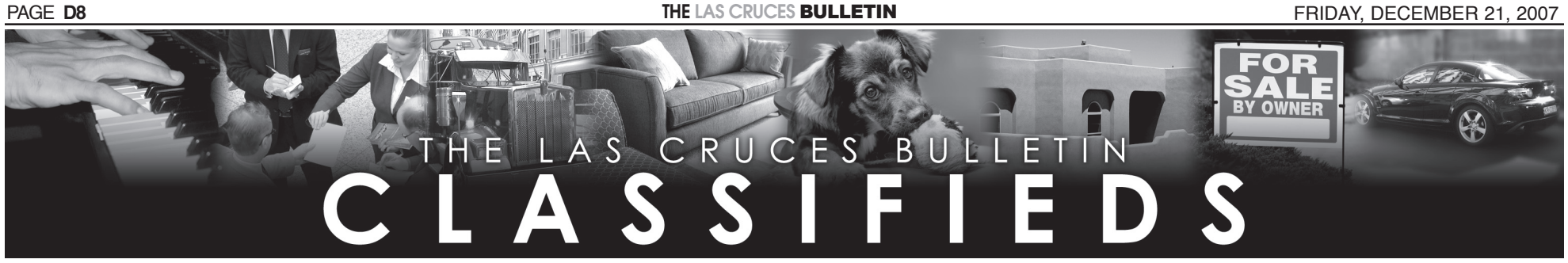
Monique Bribiescas came off the bench to hit six points and grab four rebounds.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1919

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc., Trust 2006-NC5, Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2006-NC5, Plaintiff,

vs.

EVANGELINE SANDOVAL; LUIS RODRIGUEZ; DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I, Inc., Trust 2007-HE1 Mortgage Pass-through Certificates, Series 2007-HE1; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1345 Kilmer Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot numbered 2 in Block numbered 23 of Unit No. 10 Loma Heights South, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Unit No. 10 Loma Heights South, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 28, 1976 in Plat Book 12, Folio 53-54.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 9, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $110,577.86 and the same bears interest at 8.650% per annum from October 12, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,358.49. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
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Pub #6776
Dates 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 08-145

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR DISTRICT 6 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008.

The City Council is informed that:
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 2.06 (C) of the City of Las Cruces Charter, the vacancy in the position of Councillor for District 6 occurring more than nine (9) months prior to the next regular election, shall be filled by a special election to be held within sixty (60) days of the vacancy, and
WHEREAS, Ken Miyagishima was elected as Mayor-At-Large at the regular election of November 6, 2007 and his position of Councillor for District 6 is now therefore vacant; and
WHEREAS, all candidates must be residents of District 6 and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces, and
WHEREAS, all residents of District 6 and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces are eligible to vote for Councillor District 6, and
WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, precincts may be consolidated for the special municipal election in the interest of economy. Under the provision of Section 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, the City Council shall designate the polling places for each consolidated precinct.
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:
(I) THAT a special municipal election of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The following office shall be elected:
One Councillor from District 6 to complete a term of office until November 2009.
(II) THAT candidates for election to Councillor shall be nominated by petition. A person may be nominated for election as Councillor by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified voters residing within the district which the candidate seeks to represent.
(III) THAT the Nominating Petition and Declaration of Candidacy forms shall be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk. Nominating petitions, a Declaration of Candidacy and a certified copy of Voter Registration shall be filed as one instrument by each candidate for Councillor on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.
(IV) THAT the registration books for registering to vote at the special municipal election shall be closed by the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.
(V) THAT the precincts within District 6 shall be consolidated in the interest of economy as follows:
POLLING PLACES
DISTRICT NO. 6
1. 67, 102, Camino Real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
2. 103, 106, Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
3. 68, 69, 70, Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St.
4. 71, 73, Good Samaritan, 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
5. 26, American Legion #10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.
ABSENTEE City Clerk's Office, City Hall 200 N. Church St.
(VI) THAT paper absentee ballots will be available for voting beginning on December 19, 2007, and Absentee voting in person begins December 26, 2007 and all absentee voting ends on January 12, 2008. Absentee voting Monday through Friday will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Saturday absentee voting will be December 29, 2007, January 5, 2008, and January 12, 2008, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., at the office of the City Clerk.

DONE AND APPROVED this 19th of November, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Ken Miyagishima,
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: Aye
Councillor Silva: Aye
(SEAL) Councillor Connor: Aye
Councillor Archuleta: Aye
Councillor Small: Aye
Moved by: Archuleta
Councillor Jones: Aye
Seconded by: Jones Councillor
District 6: Vacant

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Fermin A. Rubio,
City Attorney

RESOLUCIÓN NÚMERO 08-145

UNA RESOLUCIÓN PARA INVITAR A LA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE UN CONCEJAL PARA EL DISTRITO 6 EL MARTES 15 DE ENERO DE 2008.
El Concilio Municipal está informado que:

CONSIDERANDO QUE de acuerdo con las provisiones del Artículo II, Sección 2.06 (C) de los Estatutos Municipales de Las Cruces, el puesto vacante del Concejal del Distrito 6 occurriendo mas de nueve (9) meses antes de la proxima elección regular, se llenará mediante elección especial que tendrá lugar dentro de sesenta (60) dias a partir de la fecha de desocupar el puesto,
CONSIDERANDO QUE, Ken Miyagishiam fue elejido como Alcalde en la elección regular el 6 de noviembre 2007 y su puesto de Concejal del Distrito 6 por lo tanto esta vacante, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, todos los candidatos deberán ser residentes del Distrito 6 y con derecho a votar en la ciudad de Las Cruces, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, todos los residentes del Distrito 6 y con derecho a votar en la Ciudad de Las Cruces tienen derecho de votar por un Concejal del Distrito 6, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, los recintos electorales pueden ser consolidados para elecciones especiales municipales en interés de la economía. Bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, el Concejo Municipal deberá designar los lugares para colocar las urnas para cada recinto consolidado.
AHORA Y POR LO TANTO, el Concilio Municipal de Las Cruces, resuelve lo siguiente:
(I) QUE la elección especial del Municipio de Las Cruces, Nuevo México, se llevara a cabo el martes 15 de enero de 2008. El horario para votar será de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. El siguiente puesto serán elegido:
Un Concejal de Distrito 6 para que complete el plazo de cargo del Concejal de Distrito 6 que queda hasta noviembre 2009.
(II) QUE los candidatos para la elección de un Concejal deberán ser nominados para elección por medio de una petición. Una persona puede ser nominada para ser elegido como Concejal por petición firmada de por no menos de veinticinco (25) personas con derecho a votar y residiendo dentro del distrito que el candidato busca representar.
(III) QUE las formas de Petición y de Declaración de Candidatura deberán ser obtenidas en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. Las peticiones nominativas, la Declaración de Candidatura y una copia certificada de la Boleta de Empadronamiento deberán ser asentadas como un sólo instrumento por cada candidato de Concejal el martes 4 de diciembre de 2007, de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. solamente.
(IV) QUE los libros de registro de empadronamiento con el fin de votar en la elección especial municipal sean cerrados por el Escribano del Condado a las 5:00 p.m., el martes 18 de diciembre de 2007.
(V) QUE los recintos electorales dentro el Distrito 6 sean consolidados como siguen por el interés económico:
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(VI) QUE boletas ausente de papel seran obtenible para votar comenzando el 19 de diciembre 2007, y votar ausente en persona comenzando el 26 de diciembre 2007 y votar ausente terminara el 12 de enero 2008. Votar ausente de lunes al viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m., Sabados votar ausente sera el 29 de diciembre 2007, 5 de enero 2008, y 12 de enero 2008 entre las horas de las 10:00 a.m. a las 6:00 p.m., en la oficina de la secretaria municipal.

HECHA Y APROBADA el día 19 de noviembre 2007.

/s/Ken Miyagishima,
Alcalde
DOY FE:
/s/Esther Martinez, CMC
Secretaria Municipal
(SELLO) VOTO:
Alcalde Miyagishima: si
Concejal Silva: si
Proposición hecha por:
Archuleta Concejal Connor: si
Apoyada por: Jones Concejal
Archuleta: si Concejal
Small: si
Concejal Jones: si
Concejal Distrito 6: vacante
Forma Aprobada:
/s/Fermin Rubio,
Abogado Municipal

Pub #6777
Dates 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200701998

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ZACHARIA J. BRITO; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ZACHARIA J. BRITO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 3, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 16, BLOCK 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4040 ON OCTOBER 26, 2004 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 19-21 OF PLAT RECORDS. More correctly known as: Lot 16, Block 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat no. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 6031 Lourdes Road, Santa Teresa, NM 88008. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 14, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $165,479.81, plus interest from October 19, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.75% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: November 23, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200600740

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2000, RELATED TO METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-B, Plaintiff,

vs.

LORETTA M. BRAVO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTO M. BRAVO, DECEASED; ELIZABETH ORTIZ AKA LIZ ORTIZ; DAN ORTIZ; MARY ORTIZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORETTA M. BRAVO, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH ORTIZ AKA LIZ ORTIZ, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 3, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 10, Block 15, DALE BELLAMAH ANNEX, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 429, thereof filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 29, 1954, recorded in Book 7, Page 56, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 1421 Diana Maura, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 15, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $24,239.85, plus interest from June 30, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: November 23, 2007.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200701947

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION FKA CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA PHH MORTGAGE SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

DEAN SCHMERBAUCH; FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT CORP.; NATIONAL CREDIT ADJUSTERS, LLC; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF DEAN SCHMERBAUCH, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 3, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" A tract of land situate within the Corporate Limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lots 17, 18, and 19, and all of Lot 20, Block 20, Palmer's Subdivision, plat filed February 7, 1912, in Book 4, Page 44, of the Doña Ana County Records, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found on the Northerly line of Brownlee Avenue for the Southeast corner of this tract, IDENTIAL to the Southeast corner of Lot 20, Block 20, Palmer's Subdivision, plat filed February 7, 1912, In Book 4, Page 44, of the Doña Ana County Records; THENCE, from the point of beginning, and along the Northerly line of Brownlee Avenue, S. 74 degrees 58'00"W., a distance of 89.42 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE, leaving the Northerly line of Brownlee Avenue, N. 05 degrees 50'20"E., a distance of 149.83 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE N. 74 degrees 58'00"E., a distance of 36.04 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE S. 15 degrees 02'00"E., a distance of 140.00 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 0.202 acre of land, more or less. Subject to all easements and reservations of record. The address of the real property is 1212 Brownlee, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 15, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $58,870.14, plus interest from October 18, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.725% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes

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that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: November 23, 2007.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200600697

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE CO, A SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF INDIANA, Plaintiff,

vs.

GEORGE A. ORTIZ; CODY ELIZA ORTIZ, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 3, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 11, Block 4, THE RIDGE AT NORTHRISE PHASE III, in the City of Las Cruces, Doan Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3455, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 21, 2001, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 612-613, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2974 Scenic Ridge Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 13, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $300,449.81, plus interest from October 15, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: November 23, 2007.

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06-2275/Ortiz, George A. & Cody Eliza; P338630

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Dates 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200702221

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, 2006-BNC3, Plaintiff,

vs.

EMILY JARVIS; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER AND LENDER'S SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS); OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 3, 2008, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 55 in Block 9 of The Pines, Unit 7, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 2, 2004 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 48-49, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2209 Stone Pine Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on November 20, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $113,321.11, plus interest from November 12, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.95% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: November 29, 2007.

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Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1448
Judge Robert Robles

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

KEVIN L. UNREIN, JUAN F. SANCHEZ, and 1993 DODGE DYNASTY 4DR, Black; VIN: 1B3XC46R9PD176469; New Mexico License Plate No. CHB 779, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Kevin L. Unrein, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Dodge Dynasty 4Dr, Black, VIN: 1B3XC46R9PD176469, New Mexico License Plate No. CHB 779.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6792
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 25, 2007, Ralph and Jean Kelley, P.O. Box 1777, Mesilla, NM, 88046 filed application numbered LRG-14218-POD 2 & LRG-14218-POD 3 with the State Engineer for Permit for Supplemental Well(s) within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing wells numbered LRG-14218-POD 2 and LRG-14218-POD 3 located on land owned by the applicants at approximately X=1,476,573 Y=457,189 and X=1,476,825 Y=456,894 (N.M. State Plane Coordinate System (feet), Central Zone, NAD 1983) respectively, both within the NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 24S Range 2E, to be supplemental to existing well LRG-11702 located at approximately X=1,475,727 Y=457,079 (N.M. State Plane Coordinate System (feet), Central Zone, NAD 1983) within the NW1/4 NW1/4 of said projected Section 6 for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater, which is supplemental to surface water rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, required for beneficial use in the irrigation of 13.26 acres ofland owned by the applicant and located in the NW1/4 of said projected Section 6.

Existing well LRG-11702 may be found approximately 1,870 feet southwest of the intersection of Watson Lane and NM Hwy. 28, well LRG-14218-POD 2 may be found approximately 1,870 feet southeast of the intersection of Watson Lane and NM Hwy. 28, and well LRG-14218-POD 3 may be found approximately 2,270 feet southeast of the intersection of Watson Lane and NM Hwy. 28, all located at the physical address of 3714 NM Hwy. 28, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6794
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-2050
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

LEONARDO SANCHEZ or EZEQUIEL LESSA, And 1993 FORD AEROSTAR, Gold; VIN: 1FMDA31U6PZB62198; New Mexico License Plate No. 512 NGK, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION AS TO EZEQUIEL LESSA

To: Ezequiel Lessa, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1993 Ford Aerostar, Gold, VIN: 1FMDA31U6PZB62198, New Mexico License Plate No. 521 NGK.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
575-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6795
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1341
Judge Jerald Valentine

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

MARIA GUERRERO, GREG ONTIVEROS, and 1987 PONTIAC SUNFIRE, Gray; VIN: 1G2JB51K5H7504613; New Mexico License Plate No. 961 NBB, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Greg Ontiveros, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1987 Pontiac Sunfire, Gray, VIN: 1G2JB51K5H7504613, New Mexico License Plate No. 961 NBB.

2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6796
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 6, 2007, Bruce B. Baum, 1563 Roadrunner Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-11733-POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-8684 located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 10, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion of 6.345 acre feet of ground water or the historical beneficial use whichever is less from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 200 feet and fitted with 5 inch casing and located at a point where X=1463386 feet and Y=479623 feet, N.M. Coordinate System Central (Nad. 83) Zone further described as being in the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of said projected Section 10, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation purposes on 2.115 acres of land all of which is located within the Pt. SE1/4, of said projected Section 10 located on map LRN-9 per Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRN-280090262.

Proposed change location of well LRG-11733-POD1 can be found at 1563 Roadrunner Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. The old well will be retained for other water users.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6799
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS SIMPSON, Deceased,

No. PB 2006-131
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Francis (Frank) B. Simpson, Jr., Personal Representative of the estate of Doris Simpson, deceased, gives the following Notice:
1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Mr. Francis (Frank) B. Simpson, Jr.
913 Windsor Court
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Ms. Linda S. Long
c/o 913 Windsor Court
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Ms. Sandra S. Mexal
8621 E. Carol Way
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Ms. Laurie S. Tittle
2606 Augusta Lane
Arlington, TX 76012

2. Francis (Frank) B. Simpson, Jr., has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Doris Simpson, deceased.
3. A hearing on the Petition of Francis (Frank) B. Simpson has been set for January 9, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/ Francis B. Simpson
Francis (Frank) B. Simpson, Jr.
Personal Representative
913 Windsor Court
Las Cruces, NM 88005

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
/s/Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-526-5511

Pub #6800
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF: SIFRA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ (a/k/a NAILEA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ), A Minor.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF NAME CHANGE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The nature of this suit is substantially as follows, to-wit:
This action is brought to legally change the name of SIFRA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ to NAILEA JACQUELINE HERNANDEZ

Hearing on the petition filed by the undersigned will be held at the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on the 17th day of December, 2007, at 11:00 o'clock a.m.

Attorney for Petitioner:
KEITHLY & ENGLISH, P.C.
/s/Matthew G. Watson
MATTHEW G. WATSON
Post Office Drawer 1329
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(505) 882-4500
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Pub #6801
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Louis Meza
1517 East Boutz Rd
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0673 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $280.45, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: mattress, couch

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6802
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Jose Rodriguez
860 Brook Circle
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0240 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $433.90, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: couches, carpet, dresser

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6804
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Lauren Powder
1801 North 83rd Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85035

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0209 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $378.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Hope chest, boxes, misc.

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Las Cruces Med Supply
Attn: Randy
2293 Divot
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0156 & 741 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $970.86, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: 3 desks, stereo, tires, misc.

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6803
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

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Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6805
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Mike Morris
2330 Nevada Ave. Apt. 404
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0062 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $356.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: bike, boxes, misc, printer, chairs

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

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Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

To:
Amada Young
1670 West Park #C
Las Cruces, NM 88001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0018 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $338.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: computer, washer, boxes

Date of Auction:
January 14, 2008
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 – Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(505) 525-2927

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Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2007-01320

BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Benefit of the Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2007-2, Plaintiff,

vs.

JOE B. SANCHEZ; HELEN SANCHEZ; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 16, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 3115 Old Picacho Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
LOT 3 OF THE MAP OF LANDS OF ISAAC CHAVEZ, SETTLEMENT OF OLD PICACHO, DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 18, 1958.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on September 19, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $111,561.36 and the same bears interest at 9.875% per annum from August 25, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $4,376.49. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Pub #6808
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007, 1/4, 1/11, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1869

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSE AGUILAR, and if married, JANE DOE AGUILAR, (true name unknown), his spouse; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 30, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5784 Ridge Drive, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 39 of The Bluffs Subdivision, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 31, 1979 and recorded in Book 12 at Pages 294, Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on December 11, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $81,265.08 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from November 20, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $961.82. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
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Pub #6809
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007, 1/4, 1/11, 2008

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
IN TIIE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD S. MELTZER, deceased

No. 07-0207

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative, or to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, Richard B. Gregory of Scott, Hulse, Marshall, Feuille, Finger & Thurmond, P.C., Post Office Box 2243 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2243, Phone: (505) 522-0765 FAX: (505) 522-0006 or filed with the Court at Doña Ana County Courthouse, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2007.

/s/Colette Meltzer
COLETTE MELTZER
Personal Representative
5313 Redman Road
Las Cruces, NM 88011

Pub #6810
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2007

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at The Regular City Council Meeting of December 17, 2007:
1. Council Bill No. 08-027; Ordinance No. 2419: An Ordinance Approving an Annexation of 110.599 + Acres of Land Into the Corporate City Limits of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Otherwise Known as Mesa Ranch at Las Colinas Generally Located Within Sections 17, 20 and 21, Township 22S., Range 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys North of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The Subject Properties Are Located South of Thurmond Road and East of the Future Extension of Settlers Pass. The Properties are Currently Within the Extra-Territorial Zone of Doña Ana County. Submitted by Sonoma Ranch Subdivisions (S-07-006).
2. Council Bill No. 08-028; Ordinance No. 2420: An Ordinance Approving Initial Zoning (As Part of an Annexation) for 110.599 + Acres Known as Mesa Ranch at Las Colinas. The Subject Properties are Located South of Thurmond Road and West of Settlers Pass. The Initial Zoning Request Includes 80.518 + Acres of R-1AC (Single Family Medium Density-Conditional), 10.22 + Acres of C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional), R-4C (Multi-Dwelling High Density-Conditional) and EEC (Equestrian Estates-Conditional) Overlapping. Furthermore, the Initial Zoning Request Entails 7.722 + Acres of C-3C (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional), 5.406 + Acres of O-1C (Office Neighborhood-Conditional), O-2C (Office Professional-Conditional), C-1C (Commercial Low Intensity-Conditional) Overlapping and 5.030 + Acres of R-3C (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density-Conditional). The Subject Properties are Currently Within the Extra-Territorial Zone of Doña Ana County Zoned ER2 (Two Acre Minimum New Lot Size, Site-Built Homes Only). Submitted by Gunaji-Klement & Associates for Sonoma Ranch Subdivisions (Z2700).
3. Council Bill No. 08-029; Ordinance No. 2421: An Ordinance Approving the Rodriguez Annexation Containing 13.49 + Acres Generally Located Within Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 1 East of the U.S.R.S. Surveys East of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The Subject Property is Generally Located West of Doña Ana Road, North of Doña Ana Drain, South of Dalrymple Road, and East of the B.N.S.F. Railroad. Submitted by Blanchard Engineering for Rodriguez Plastering, Inc. (S-07-024).
4. Council Bill No. 08-030; Ordinance No. 2422: An Ordinance Approving the Initial Zoning for the Rodriguez Annexation Containing 13.49 + Acres Generally Located Within Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 1 East of the U.S.R.S. Surveys East of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The Subject Property is Generally Located West of Doña Ana Road, North of the Doña Ana Drain, South of Dalrymple Road, and East of the B.N.S.F. Railroad. Submitted by Blanchard Engineering for Rodriguez Plastering, Inc. (Z2707).
5. Council Bill No. 08-032; Ordinance No. 2424: An Ordinance Approving Various Zone Changes Within the Rinconada Master Plan Area. The Subject Properties are Located East of Rinconada Boulevard, North and South of the Future Extensions of Settlers Pass, Engler and Peachtreee Hills Roads Respectively. The Area Known as Rinconada Ranches Encompasses Approximately 518.199 + Acres. Submitted by Zia Engineering for Rinconada Development of Las Cruces, LLC (Z2713).
6. Council Bill No. 08-033: Ordinance No. 2425: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change Request from R-2 (Multi-Dwelling Low Density) to R-1BC (Single-Family High Density - Conditional) for 13.99 + Acres of Property Located East of Doña Ana Road, West of El Camino Real, and South of the Las Cruces Outfall Channel. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request is to Facilitate the Development of a Proposed Single-Family Residential Development Known as Pueblo Mesa Village. Submitted by Southwest Engineering, Inc. For Ed Garland, Property Owner (Case Z2714).
7. Council Bill No. 08-034: Ordinance No. 2426: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change Request from REM (Residential Estates Mobile) to R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) for Approximately 12.86 + Acres of Property Located South of Cortez Road and East of Wilt Avenue. The Purpose of the Zone Change Request is to Facilitate the Development of a Proposed Single-Family Residential Development Known as Cortez Estates. Submitted by Summit Engineering for Matt Watson, Developer (Case Z2726).
8. Council Bill No. 08-035; Ordinance No. 2427: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change Request from O-1 (Office, Neighborhood-Limited Retail Services) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 2.26 + Acres of Property Located at 300 E. Boutz Road. Submitted by Raul A. Delgado for Sam D. Baca, Property Owner (Z2728).
9. Council Bill No. 08-036; Ordinance No. 2428: An Ordinance Approving a Major Amendment to the Sunrise Mesa II Planned Unit Development (PUD) Concept Plan. The Major Amendment Allows for Single-Family Medium Density Development in an Area That Only Permits Multi-Dwelling Low Density Development. The Subject Property Encompasses 26.38 + Acres and is Located West of Porter Drive, North of Central Road and South of Llano Road. The Property is Currently Zoned PUD-R2 (Planned Unit Development Multi-Dwelling Low Density). Submitted by Southwest Engineering Incorporated for Goodgame & Kaufman Family Trust (PUD-05-02).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 18h day of December, 2007.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #6811
Dates 12/21, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 08-145

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR FOR DISTRICT 6 ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008.

The City Council is informed that:
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 2.06 (C) of the City of Las Cruces Charter, the vacancy in the position of Councillor for District 6 occurring more than nine (9) months prior to the next regular election, shall be filled by a special election to be held within sixty (60) days of the vacancy, and
WHEREAS, Ken Miyagishima was elected as Mayor-At-Large at the regular election of November 6, 2007 and his position of Councillor for District 6 is now therefore vacant; and
WHEREAS, all candidates must be residents of District 6 and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces, and
WHEREAS, all residents of District 6 and qualified voters of the City of Las Cruces are eligible to vote for Councillor District 6, and
WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, precincts may be consolidated for the special municipal election in the interest of economy. Under the provision of Section 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, the City Council shall designate the polling places for each consolidated precinct.
NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:
(I) THAT a special municipal election of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, will be held on Tuesday, January 15, 2008. Voting hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
The following office shall be elected:
One Councillor from District 6 to complete a term of office until November 2009.
(II) THAT candidates for election to Councillor shall be nominated by petition. A person may be nominated for election as Councillor by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) qualified voters residing within the district which the candidate seeks to represent.
(III) THAT the Nominating Petition and Declaration of Candidacy forms shall be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk. Nominating petitions, a Declaration of Candidacy and a certified copy of Voter Registration shall be filed as one instrument by each candidate for Councillor on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. only.
(IV) THAT the registration books for registering to vote at the special municipal election shall be closed by the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007.
(V) THAT the precincts within District 6 shall be consolidated in the interest of economy as follows:
POLLING PLACES
DISTRICT NO. 6
1. 67, 102, Camino Real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
2. 103, 106, Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
3. 68, 69, 70, Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St.
4. 71, 73, Good Samaritan, 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
5. 26, American Legion #10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.
ABSENTEE City Clerk's Office, City Hall 200 N. Church St.
(VI) THAT paper absentee ballots will be available for voting beginning on December 19, 2007, and Absentee voting in person begins December 26, 2007 and all absentee voting ends on January 12, 2008. Absentee voting Monday through Friday will be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Saturday absentee voting will be December 29, 2007, January 5, 2008, and January 12, 2008, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., at the office of the City Clerk.

DONE AND APPROVED this 19th of November, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Ken Miyagishima,
Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: Aye
Councillor Silva: Aye
Councillor Archuleta: Aye
Councillor Small: Aye
Moved by: Archuleta
Councillor Jones: Aye
Seconded by: Jones Councillor
District 6: Vacant

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
/s/Fermin A. Rubio,
City Attorney

RESOLUCIÓN NÚMERO 08-145

UNA RESOLUCIÓN PARA INVITAR A LA ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE UN CONCEJAL PARA EL DISTRITO 6 EL MARTES 15 DE ENERO DE 2008.
El Concilio Municipal está informado que:

CONSIDERANDO QUE de acuerdo con las provisiones del Artículo II, Sección 2.06 (C) de los Estatutos Municipales de Las Cruces, el puesto vacante del Concejal del Distrito 6 occurriendo mas de nueve (9) meses antes de la proxima elección regular, se llenará mediante elección especial que tendrá lugar dentro de sesenta (60) dias a partir de la fecha de desocupar el puesto,
CONSIDERANDO QUE, Ken Miyagishiam fue elejido como Alcalde en la elección regular el 6 de noviembre 2007 y su puesto de Concejal del Distrito 6 por lo tanto esta vacante, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, todos los candidatos deberán ser residentes del Distrito 6 y con derecho a votar en la ciudad de Las Cruces, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, todos los residentes del Distrito 6 y con derecho a votar en la Ciudad de Las Cruces tienen derecho de votar por un Concejal del Distrito 6, y
CONSIDERANDO QUE, bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-10, NMSA 1978, los recintos electorales pueden ser consolidados para elecciones especiales municipales en interés de la economía. Bajo las provisiones de la Sección 3-8-11, NMSA 1978, el Concejo Municipal deberá designar los lugares para colocar las urnas para cada recinto consolidado.
AHORA Y POR LO TANTO, el Concilio Municipal de Las Cruces, resuelve lo siguente:
(I) QUE la elección especial del Municipio de Las Cruces, Nuevo México, se llevara a cabo el martes 15 de enero de 2008. El horario para votar será de las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. El siguente puesto serán elegido:
Un Concejal de Distrito 6 para que complete el plazo de cargo del Concejal de Distrito 6 que queda hasta noviembre 2009.
(II) QUE los candidatos para la elección de un Concejal deberán ser nominados para elección por medio de una petición. Una persona puede ser nominada para ser elegido como Concejal por petición firmada de por no menos de veinticinco (25) personas con derecho a votar y residiendo dentro del distrito que el candidato busca representar.
(III) QUE las formas de Petición y de Declaración de Candidatura deberán ser obtenidas en la oficina de la Secretaria Municipal. Las peticiones nominativas, la Declaración de Candidatura y una copia certificada de la Boleta de Empadronamiento deberán ser asentadas como un sólo instrumento por cada candidato de Concejal el martes 4 de diciembre de 2007, de las 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m. solamente.
(IV) QUE los libros de registro de empadronamiento con el fin de votar en la elección especial municipal sean cerrados por el Escribano del Condado a las 5:00 p.m., el martes 18 de diciembre de 2007.
(V) QUE los recintos electorales dentro el Distrito 6 sean consolidados como siguen por el interés económico:
DISTRICT NO. 6
1. 67, 102, Camino Real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
2. 103, 106, Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
3. 68, 69, 70, Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt St.
4. 71, 73, Good Samaritan, 3011 Buena Vida Cir.
5. 26, American Legion #10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave
AUSENTE Oficina de la Secretaria Municipal 200 N. Church St
(VI) QUE boletas ausente de papel seran obtenible para votar comenzando el 19 de diciembre 2007, y votar ausente en persona comenzando el 26 de diciembre 2007 y votar ausente terminara el 12 de enero 2008. Votar ausente de lunes al viernes entre las horas de 8:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m., Sabados votar ausente sera el 29 de diciembre 2007, 5 de enero 2008, y 12 de enero 2008 entre las horas de las 10:00 a.m. a las 6:00 p.m., en la oficina de la secretaria municipal.

HECHA Y APROBADA el día 19 de noviembre 2007.

/s/Ken Miyagishima,
Alcalde
DOY FE:
/s/Esther Martinez, CMC
Secretaria Municipal
(SELLO) VOTO:
Alcalde Miyagishima: si
Concejal Silva: si
Proposición hecha por:
Archuleta Concejal Connor: si
Apoyada por: Jones Concejal
Archuleta: si Concejal
Small: si
Concejal Jones: si
Concejal Distrito 6: vacante
Forma Aprobada:
/s/Fermin Rubio,
Abogado Municipal

Pub #6777
Dates 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2007

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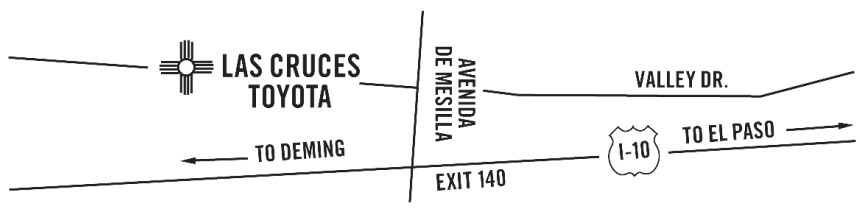

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SECTION E

Creating country living in Las Cruces

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Featured Home:

4450 Real Del Sur

A look at the home from the back yard

FEATURED HOME PHOTOS
BY JIM HILLEY

The Schriers completely remodeled the home's kitchen and added a custom horseshoe table.

Julie Schrier's favorite feature of the home is the stone fireplace in the living room.

The fireplace has heavy-stone steps leading up to the loft.

The outdoor spaces of the home are numerous and provide plenty of room for entertaining. The Schriers rebuilt the home's deck themselves.

Outside of the home, the Schriers built a "corral" for their dogs with a human-sized dog house.

Details

Address
4450 Real Del Sur

Square footage
2,400

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Three

Fireplace
One

Special features
This solid-cedar cabin features cozy living with numerous outside spaces and a two-story outdoor garage.

A log cabin set in the Southwest

Couple's home unique to Las Cruces

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Don and Julie Schrier undertook the renovation of this one-of-a-kind log cabin, they might as well have built an entirely new home.

"We always thought we wanted to own a log home," Julie Schrier said. "When my husband and I first looked at the property I said, 'Oh my god, this thing needs so much to bring it up to date.' But this fits our lifestyle."

A retired real estate agent form Decatur, Ill., Schrier has been working with and building houses for many years. Her husband Don, director of operations for Southwest Med Evac, is an avid hunter, and the couple has always enjoyed the outdoors.

Since they finished their log cabin's complete 180-degree makeover, Schrier said those that visit see it more as a resort than a home.

"That's what it feels like to live here too. It is more like going to a lodge-type resort," she said.

But the home's refinement didn't happen overnight. It took four years of blood, sweat and tears on the Schrier's part to make this log cabin the sight it is today. Schrier said that by the end of the experience every manager at Lowe's knew her by name.

"We have 100 percent refurbished this house. When we started remodeling the first thing we did was the roof," Schrier said of the green metal roof that exists on the home now and stands out from all directions. "This poor little house lacked a lot of love."

The entire house is made of solid cedar with logs over 8-inches thick, which Schrier said provides great energy efficiency. Schrier said that they re-stained ever peice of wood, which essentially means ever square-inch of the home.

"Every log in this house was brought in by C&D Southwest Lumber," Schrier said. "They hand-honed every log and built this house from scratch."

She also completely remodeled the kitchen, added on to the master suite, built an oversized two-car garage separate from the home, built an outside deck and added many modern and energy efficient appliances, such as central air.

The majority of the home's floors are made of in-laid stone, some of which Schrier found was over 18-inches thick when she pulled up the stone in the kitchen.

"We had to redo every inch of this floor because when the people put it in, they put polyurethane over this rock. My buddy Chewy, my helper, and I stripped all this polyurethane off and put the correct sealant on it," Schrier said.

That same stone is used in the living room's dominating fireplace with wrap-around staircase that leads to the home's loft, which can be used for a variety of purposes.

Schrier said the hardest renovation was the kitchen, which she demolished with a sledgehammer when her husband was away on a hunting trip.

The kitchen that stands in the home today is now retiled and completely revamped with a horseshoe shaped built-in table that she designed herself.

"I designed this kitchen. When we bought it there were no upper cabinets, and bar that was so narrow you couldn't even get a plate in it," she said. "I am especially proud of my horse shoe table."

An entirely new addition to the home is the oversized two-car garage built to accommodate an outdoor lifestyle with its own bathroom, plenty of storage space, an upstairs room and a complete RV hook-up outside. While the upper level has yet to be finished, when it is complete it can be used as a studio, a game room or even a bedroom.

"There was a lot of consideration made on the garage, and the upstairs can be finished into a number of things, be it a mother-in-laws quarters, or somebody can put an art studio out here," Schrier said. The garage is designed to include an upstairs bathroom and a kitchen, and could someday be its own complete unit.

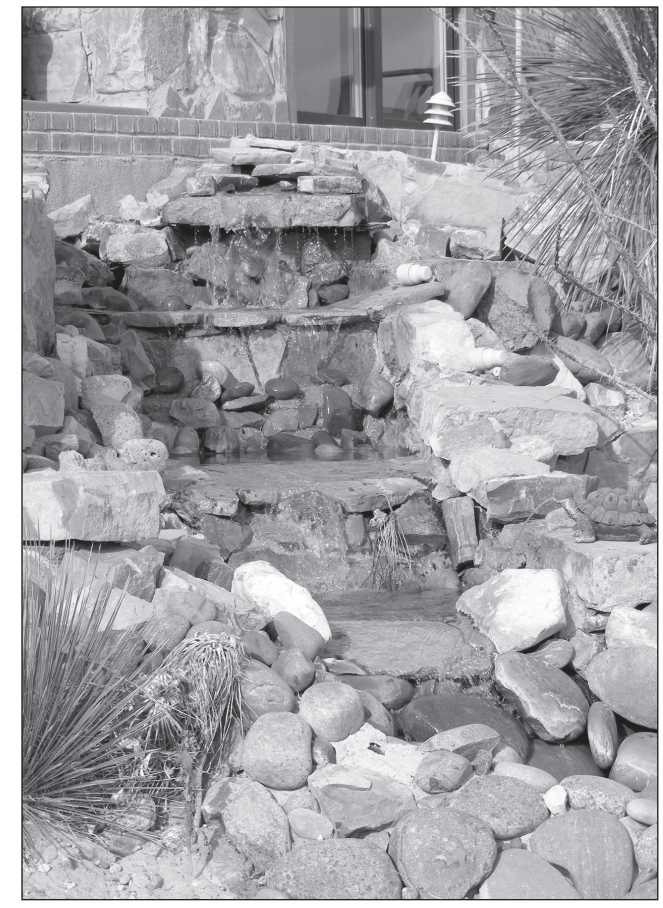
She said that all of the additions and renovations have been made with entertainment in mind. Other outside entertainment areas include the large wooden deck in the back yard, a plunge pool and a Jacuzzi for enjoying the Organ Mountain views.

Along with the desert landscaping of the house, Schrier personally design a waterfall in the backyard.

An addition out-of-the-ordinary is the "O.K. Corral" the couple built for their dogs Bud and Maggie. Made to look like the same cedar as the rest of the home, the corral is a large area for the dogs to play and includes a dog-house big enough in the Schriers to walk in and out of.

Once the home is complete, the Schriers said they would perhaps consider selling their luxurious country cabin so they can downsize.

"We've got the best of all worlds here. We've got 2.59 acres, but we have the convenience of the city. You're close to town but you still feel like you're in the country," she said. "It is a cozy, comfortable home and a fabulous home for entertaining."



Julie Schrier personally installed this waterfall in the home's backyard.

The oversized two-car garage is a new addition to the home and includes a living area overhead, a bathroom and a kitchen.

The home's spacious living room has tall ceilings and views of the Organ Mountains.

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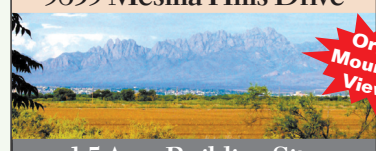

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The tradition of holiday gift giving

Presents and other holiday customs have deep-seated histories

MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

The tradition of exchanging gifts at Christmas began with the story of the Three Magi, who offered gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child shortly after his birth. Giving has since worked its way into many seasonal stories.

St. Nicholas and most of his counterparts were known for their charity. Giving gifts in their honor originated around the 1200 A.D. when provincial French nuns brought presents to poor children's homes on the eve of Dec. 6, St. Nicholas' feast day.

In some European countries, it is an angel who brings Christmas gifts to children instead of Santa Claus. According to Christian beliefs, angels played a large role in the Christmas story. Angels appeared several times in the Bible to announce the events related to the birth of Christ. An angel appeared to Mary, telling her of Jesus' coming birth and afterward, an angel came to the shepherds proclaiming the birth of Jesus.

Christmas would not be complete without the angels, stars and wisemen. According to the Christian religion on the night Christ was born, a brilliant star appeared in the sky, and it was this star that guided the three wisemen to the baby to Jesus. The wisemen studied the stars nightly. They noted the constellations in the night sky and watched their movements. This is why when they noticed a large, brilliant star they had never seen before they knew they should follow it.

The star became a Christmas ornament around the 1840s. Many people use a star on the top of their Christmas tree. It was perceived that if that special star could help the wisemen on their journey, then perhaps it helps Santa Claus find your house each Christmas Eve.

Speaking of Santa Claus, like so many of our holiday traditions, he is the result of the blending of many different cultures and customs.

A fourth-century bishop named Nicholas of Myra was probably the most influential person in the shaping of today's Santa Claus. St. Nicholas, as he was later known, was legendary for his kindness and generosity, and he was adopted by many groups as their patron saint.

In 1823, Clement C. Moore wrote the famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." Now known as "The Night Before Christmas," the poem was written for his children and traded in Santa's horse and wagon for a sleigh and reindeer.

For most of us, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" has always been a part of our Christmas celebrations. Rudolph is definitely a 20th-century creation, as he is one of the few legends that can be traced to a specific date and person. In 1939, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" was created for Montgomery Ward Department Stores by copywriter Robert L. May. At the request of his employer, May came up with a poem about a misfit reindeer that the store could use as a promotional piece during the holiday season.

By the end of 1946, more than 6 million copies of the story had been handed out to eager shoppers. May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, developed the lyrics and melody for the tune "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." In 1949 Gene Autry recorded it and 2 million copies were sold. In 1964, a program about Rudolph, narrated by Burl Ives, was produced for television and remains popular today.

Another tradition of Christmas is the candy cane. Candy canes can be found everywhere at Christmas time as sugary treats and ornaments. Legend claims that the candy cane originated centuries ago as a sweet reward for children who behaved well at church and learned their prayers. The story claims that candy canes were invented in the 17th century and were straight white sticks of sugar candy used for decorating Christmas trees.

The candy cane was first invented to represent the Shepherd's staff.

It is said that around the late 1600s, the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral persuaded candy makers to bend the sticks of candy at the end to symbolize the shepherd's staff to symbolize the "Good Shepherd."

The red color was added to remind us of Christ and his gift of salvation, while the white represents his purity. The choirmaster passed the candy canes out to boys and girls who were quiet during the long Living Nativity ceremony at Christmas time.

Christmas is a time to reflect, whether culture driven or spiritual driven. In today's busy days with so much stress and worry, the joy of Christmas can be covered up. I wish a blessed and very merry Christmas to all of my readers.

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Building a backdrop for belongings

CVC Development stresses quality and craftsmanship

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A longtime architecture enthusiast, Chris Hamilton has been building homes in Las Cruces since 2004.

After receiving his degree in mechanical engineering technology from New Mexico State University, he elected to stay in Las Cruces for family and warm weather, and began working for a local home inspection company and according to him "the rest is history."

Building both spec and custom homes for more than three years now, Chris said that his company, CVC Development, strives for the perfect product with a focus on quality, craftsmanship, efficiency and functional floor plans.

"The hardest part is trying to outdo yourself on the next project," Chris said.

> "We never cut any corners and we try to hire the best because that is what we expect."
>
> CHRIS HAMILTON, Homebuilder

Chris's wife Valina, along with working as the manager of the Progressive Insurance southern New Mexico branch, also helps him regularly with the interior decoration and layout of their homes.

"She pushes me beyond even what I think I can do and she is very supportive," he said.

Focusing less on ornamentation and more on functionality, the Hamilton's formula when building a home is to create a backdrop for someone to showcase their belongings.

"The way we build a house is we ask ourselves, 'Would we live in them?'" Valina said. "That is how we maintain quality control and make it a functional living space."

One way that they prepare the right space for a client's belonging is by visiting their homes beforehand to see what they are accustomed to and what their tastes are. Those observations are then incorporated into the building process.

BETHANY CONWAY I The Las Cruces Bulletin

This kitchen by CVC Development includes detailed skylights and attractive tile work.

Chris and Valina Hamilton, owners of CVC Development, with their daughters Lauren, 1, and Carly, 4

"We try very hard to make great curb appeal and make a nice-looking house down the street so that when you drive up to it you feel good. Then hopefully it is even better on the inside," he said.

Describing his homes as more versatile than southwestern, Chris said they are really a mix of styles with a more modern touch.

He said that during his three years building homes he has learned that the biggest part of the business is developing solid relationships, both with those he works with and his clients.

"Relationships are very important, especially with your subcontractors and your clients, whether they are past or present," he said. "My subcontractors, I truly believe, are the best in their field, and that is the reason why I hire them. Words can't describe the kind of respect I have for them and their workmanship."

A part of building these relationships also includes checking up with his clients every month to see how they like their new house.

"To go into a house after they have already moved in to see how they are living, that is very rewarding," he said. "People can tell you they love the product all they want, but until you actually see them and see how happy they are, you really don't know."

Building anywhere from two to four homes a year, Chris said he likes the pace of his business and plans to stay keep CVC Development the same size.

"I am at my job site up to 10 times a day depending on what is going on out there. I like to know everything," he said.

As far as setting themselves apart from other builders, Chris said that they try not to duplicate the everyday design, but rather be original with details like ceiling treatments and skylights.

"I think that what sets us apart is that we are not scared to pay for the best subcontractors. We never cut any corners and we try to hire the best because that is what we expect," he said. "We love building homes, and we love the fact that people who have bought our homes are very happy."

Although the market has slowed since they began building, the Hamiltons are happy with business, and Chris says he enjoys building a product that some will live in their whole lives.

"I think that if you put out a quality product you shouldn't have any trouble selling your homes," he said. "I am not really worried (about the market) because I stand behind my product, and I know what kind of time and effort we put into every one of them."

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LCHBA installs 2008 officers and directors

Organization celebrates LCHBA 'Dream Home'

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

This year the Las Cruces Home Builders Association had something special to celebrate at its annual installation banquet. Not only were new officers and directors welcomed, but the LCHBA also celebrated its new 6,000 square-foot building at 2825 South Main St., and recognized those who contributed to its success.

"We look forward to the installation event every year," said Michele Marshall, LCHBA executive director. "I truly believe that we can never say thank you enough."

Builders, bankers, title companies and contractors were only of few of the wide array of professionals who attended the event at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. All of the speakers had good things to say about the organization's new facility, known as the LCHBA "Dream Home," which includes rooms that can be rented for seminars and educational presentations, as well as a banquet hall large enough to accomodate 150 people.

Gabe Sandoval, 2008 LCHBA president and a member of the organization for nine years, gave a speech on his hopes for the association and said he looks forward serving the building community in the coming year.

"I have come to view homebuilding as a friendship among colleagues," he said. Sandoval added that the organization, with a current tally of 670 members, can do nothing but grow.

His plans for the upcoming year include working together with local government officials to keep LCHBA members informed on the city's plans for growth.

He also said he plans to offer more continuing education for members while bringing together contractors and sub contractors in cooperation with the builders.

Richard Hummell, LCHBA events and marketing administrator, received this year's Presidents Award from 2007 President Frank Barrera for his dedication and long hours spent handling the administration of the new building.

"Each year the president gives a special award to an individual who stands out in their minds. This individual has played an instrumental part in our new building," Barrera said of Hummell.

"He kept the task force going," Marshall said. "At every meeting he had their work list ready and worked personally with subcontractors. This was all on top of his regular work."

The builder of the year award went to an entire group of builders who had all in some way contributed to the strength of the organization.

"We needed to recognize all of the builders who gave to our new facility," Marshall said. This year's builders of the year, all of them well known within the building community, are: Albert Herrera, Dan Casanova, David Coyle, David Gordon, Eddie Binns, Eli Tarin, Frank Barrera, Gabe Sandoval, Gary Rogers, John G. Hadley, Judd M. Singer, Libby Pruit Marc White and Mario Bellestri.

Scott Krahling, division director for Digital Solutions, won associate of the year for his over-the-top service and profound commitment to the LCHBA.

"I got involved to try and increase business and get involved in the community," Krahling said. "My involvement has changed from meeting people and getting business to making sure that the needs of this organization are met."

Krahling added that the association will continue to be an important player in offering opportunities for younger generations.

Finally, a special award was given this year to Eddie Binns and Barney Rawson for their support of the LCHBA Dream Home.

"They were the ones who, from the very beginning, provided the support for us to buy the land where our new facility was built," Marshall said.

Rawson died earlier this year in a car accident and his son George accepted the award on his father's behalf.

"Barney Rawson was a pillar of this community and has been in the building industry for many years. He was a mentor for many people in the industry and a founding father of this organization," Marshall said.

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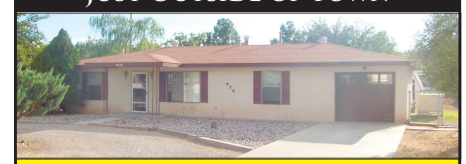
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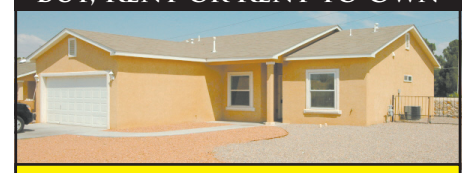
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Coffee with Karen	Sat. Jan. 5	Roberto's Restaurant	8:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Meet the Candidate	Sun., Jan. 6	Hotel Encanto-Azul Rm	4 to 6 p.m.
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At the LCHBA Installation Banquet

Michele Marshall, Las Cruces Home Builders Association executive officer, enjoys the LCHBA 2007 Installation Banquet with William and Maxine Webber, owners of Copper Canyon Homes. The installation banquet was held to acknowledge those who had contributed to the organization in the last year and to celebrate the installation of next year's officers.

Eddie Binns and George Rawson accept awards recognizing their support for the LCHBA "Dream Home." George Rawson accepted the award on behalf of his father Barney Rawson who passed away this year.

The "glitter girls," Beth Marr and Kelley Coffeen from Emerick Real Estate

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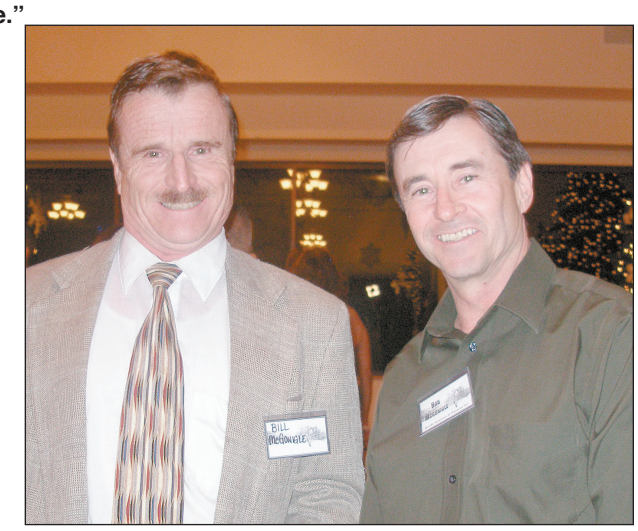
Michael Haluska from Picacho Mountain with the banquet's master of ceremonies Dominic Silva

The 2008 LCHBA officers and directors. From left: JB Stearns, president-elect; Frank Barrera, immediate past president; Cindy Torres, associate vice president; and Judy Cassles, secretary/treasurer



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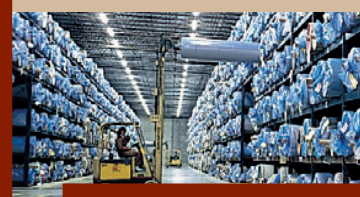

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Crazy for cranberry

'Tis the season for this cold-weather crop

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the tastes widely enjoyed each fall is cranberry, whether it's cranberry sauce, glazes or fresh berries. While varieties of cranberries are harvested in Europe, Africa and Asia, the cranberry is a taste unique to American cuisine.

Orange Cranberry Bread

2 cups unbleached flour
3/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 cup safflower oil or melted shortening
3/4 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
1 egg, well beaten
1-1/2 cups (12 ounces) cranberries (washed and coarsely chopped)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Prepare cranberries, nuts, orange juice and orange peel; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. In small mixing bowl combine oil, orange juice, egg and orange zest. Mix together with flour mixture just until moist. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons flour over the prepared cranberries and the walnuts; mix and shake till coated; sift the remaining flour; fold gently into bread mixture. Spoon dough into prepared pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before removing from pan. Cool and store in plastic wrap overnight before cutting.

The American cranberry grows wild on vines in sandy marshes and bogs throughout North America. It is considered a cold-weather crop and has been found as far south as the Appalachian Mountains and as far north as the Canadian Maritimes.

Unlike any other crop known to agriculture, cranberries rely on water and sandy soil for their cultivation. Cranberries can either be harvested fresh or left to dry on the vine. Cranberries that are going to be processed immediately are wet harvested. During wet harvesting, the bogs and marshes are flooded and ripe cranberries float to the surface of the water and are herded together in a ring.

Today the open market price of a bushel is one-third of the cost of production, and economic uncertainty has driven many farmers to look at new ways for marketing their fruit.

While this fruit can be used in a variety of recipes, it is not only coveted for its good taste but also often recognized for its medicinal and therapeutic purposes.

Here are a few of the ways that cranberries can be useful, along with a yummy recipe.

1. Create a lip gloss that will exfoliate dead skin from lips: Take 10 cranberries, 1 teaspoon of honey and 1 tablespoon of almond oil and put them in the microwave for two minutes. Mash and stir up the mix. Cool down the mixture then use a fine sifter to strain the goop. Pour the mixture into a small container. Apply on lips as needed.

2. Aromatherapy: Place cranberries around a burning candle in a bowl filled with water. This mixture is appealing to the eyes and the nose. Replace the berries after two weeks and make sure to use caution with the burning candle.

3. Medicinal: Many alternative medical sources advertise cranberry juice as an excellent treatment and prevention of urinary tract infections (UTI). In fact cranberry pills are available in most drug stores for this purpose.

Cranberries are harvested during the winter season and quickly find their way to the Christmas dinner table in the form a delectable sauce.

It has recently been found that consuming cranberries can also influence blood cholesterol and may reduce the severity of brain damage after a stroke.

Because of its natural acid, cranberry juice can also help to soothe symptoms of gout.

4. Salad dressing. Whip up a 1/2-cup of cranberry sauce (jellied version) with 1/3 cup of red wine vinegar and 2 tablespoons of water.

5. Sandwich spread: Mix together 2 tablespoons of mayonnaise and 3 tablespoons of cranberry sauce.

Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	4	15	17
Homes Sold Existing	6	14	12
Pending Home Sales (All)	229	230	245
Median Price New	$171,125	$176,990	$253,295
Median Price Existing	$163,500	$167,500	$193,950
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,721	1,730	1,103
Average Days on Market (All)	166	163	115
Real Estate Agents	650	654	642

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors December 14, 2007

New to the Market
December 21, 2007

$500,000 and above

$619,000 - High Range - 4173 Capistrano Ave., This stately home is as luxurious as it is spacious, with soaring ceilings, grand staircase, hand wrought iron accents, travertine tile, faux-finished walls, and custom plantation shutters throughout. 5 bedrooms, 3+ baths! Front and back patios and balconies capture incredible views. Loft area on 2nd floor overlooks the grand living room. MLS#784391 Pat Lederman 405-9028, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$400,000 - $499,999

$499,900 - Organ Mountains - 9995 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784752 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$499,000 - Organ Mts. - 5540 Remington Road, This 4 bedroom home has all the rooms and space a family will ever need. Great family home with pool including outside and inside viewing decks. Five acres of privacy and serenity included. MLS# 784597 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$300,000 - $399,999

$399,900 - Organ Mountains - 9865 Suelo Encanto Court, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784778 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$385,000 - Organ Mts. - 5135 Calle Bellisima, Colorful, artistic flair is expressed from every room of this 3 bedroom home. The master bedroom has a sitting area that views the mountains and the landscaping is wonderful. MLS# 784596 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$369,000 - High Range - 4354 Soda Springs Drive, Beautiful four bedroom home in Sonoma Ranch. Pool with waterfall and everything is there for outdoor entertaining! Only two years old, customized with faux finishing, tile counters, and custom cabinets. MLS# 784619 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$349,900 - Organ Mountains - 9860 Suelo Encanto Court, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784779 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$349,900 - Organ Mountains - 9845 Suelo Encanto Court, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784777 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$324,900 - Organ Mountains - 9950 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU,

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Guard yourself from burns

New rack guard makes older ovens safer

By Bethany Conway
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's happened to everyone. When reaching into the oven for that amazing dish that is just right, an accidental slip results in an uncomfortable burn on the hand, wrist or arm. It is not about being clumsy, but a common instance with old ovens that are not equipped with the proper safety features.

The cool touch oven rack guard provides protection from oven rack burns from hands and arms. It is a useful tool for homes with small children and also in restaurants where employees are in danger of burning themselves on a regular basis.

What is it?

Made from a special fire retardant fabric first developed for firefighters, oven rack guards protect by slowing the heat transfer from hot oven racks to the skin. They offer real protection from accidental burns by covering about 95 percent of the oven racks front rail.

How does it work?

They are quick to install for use because they easily snap onto standard oven racks. Safe for temperatures up to 500 degrees, they snap onto standard oven racks and can remain attached to the oven rack in between uses. However, it is not intended for use under the broiler or during cleaning cycles and cannot be pulled off a hot oven rack.

How much do they cost?

Oven guards cost around $20 for a set of two.

Where can they be found?

They can be found online or at local kitchen stores.

Helpful Hint:
If the product becomes dirty, simply place it in the washing machine on the gentle cycle and lay flat to dry.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: Oven Rack Guards

The oven rack guard is easy to install, remove and clean, and prevents burns on hands and arms when removing hot items from the oven.

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medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784749 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$324,900 - Organ Mountains - 9970 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784748 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$308,000 - High Range - 4338 Kachina Canyon, This 2-story home is over 2,800 square feet, has a great layout with 4 bedrooms. Master bedroom has a fireplace and deck with a view of the Organ Mts. and the Mesilla Valley. MLS# 784599 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$200,000 - $299,999

$299,900 - Organ Mountains - 9975 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784751 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$299,900 - Organ Mountains - 9955 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784750 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$299,900 - Organ Mountains - 10000 Desert Mirage Drive, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784747 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$299,900 - Organ Mountains - 9800 Suelo Encanto Court, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784782 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$299,900 - Organ Mountains - 9825 Suelo Encanto Court, This exclusive lot is nestled close to the Organ Mountains and has a commanding view of the Mesilla Valley and Organ Peaks. Minutes from NMSU, medical facilities, shopping and golf course. MLS#784776 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$209,900 - 4-Hills - 3680 Ascencion Circle, Beautiful home in a lovely neighborhood. Open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and nicely appointed kitchen. East facing backyard with porcelain-tiled patio, fish pond and water feature, and awesome view of Organ Mts. MLS#784566 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$100,000 - $199,999

$195,000 – Picacho Hills - 1228 Goldeneye Court, This beautiful lot is located at the end of a cul-de-sac. It has a great view of the city lights, Organ Mountains, and the Picacho Mountain (the whole valley). MLS# 784754 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$185,965 - E. Mesa - 6510 Teal Drake Court, This brand new 3 bedroom, 2 bath home will be ready around the end of December. Located in a cul-de-sac and this home has a great view of the mountains. MLS# 784601 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$169,900 - 4-Hills - 1128 Kilbourne Hole Dr., 4 bedrooms, 2 bath home in wonderful neighborhood. The 4 bedrooms are split with the master bedroom at the back, 2 rooms to the side and the 4th bedroom or office/study to the front of the home. Open kitchen with lots of windows to let the New Mexico sun in. Lovely soaring ceilings in the living room! MLS#784340 Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Participants can vote on this home at 3800 Yellowstone for the United Way Light Contest.

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This home at 394 MacLeod is entered in the United Way Light Contest.

Still time to vote for United Way Light Contest

Seven homes decorate for a cause

By **Bethany Conway**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Entries are in for the annual United Way Light Contest, and all Las Crucens are welcome to vote for the home that out shines the rest. The cost is $1 per vote, and individuals can vote as many times as they like for the same home or several.

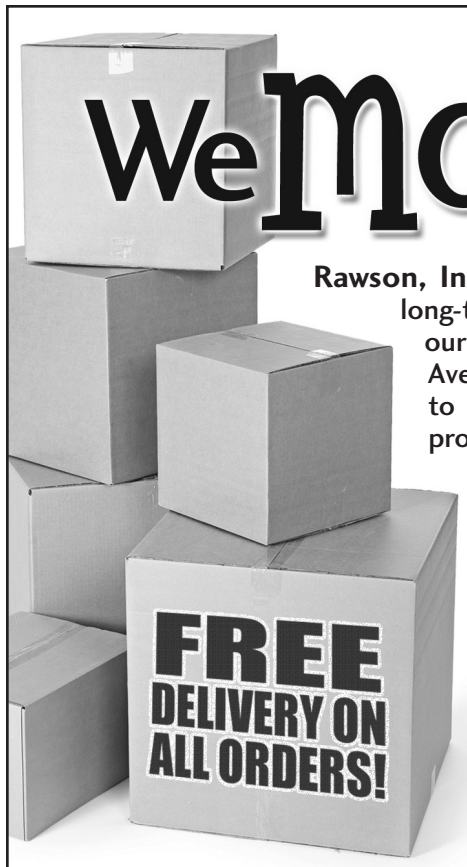
In its fourth year, the contest is specific to the United Way of Southwest New Mexico and all of the proceeds will contribute to the organization's annual fund. The United Way, a nonprofit organization that works with a broad range of people and organizations to build on a community's strength and resolve pressing issues, collaborates with schools, government agencies, businesses, financial institutions, community development corporations, voluntary and neighborhood associations and others to find ways to contribute to the community.

In order to win, Mike Zaragoza, vice president of the United Way of Southwest New Mexico, encourages participants to get everyone they know to give $1 and vote. There is also a second judging in which the United Way's critics choice committee will vote on the homes themselves and a special, unannounced prize will be given to that winner.

The seven homes are:

- **1121 Gunsight Peak**, Elks Club area
- **2133 Calle De Sueños**, Bellemah area
- **390 MacLeod**, Lohman and Missouri area
- **394 MacLeod**, Loma Heights area
- **3800 Yellowstone Drive**, Sonoma Ranch area
- **703 City View**, Telshor area
- **4041 Egyptian**, South Valley area

The winners will be notified on Christmas Eve. By participating in this year's light contest Las Crucens can contribute to United Way's annual fund, which supports a variety of programs. In order to vote, stop by the United Way office at 106 S. Water St. A map is also available to guide participants to the seven homes entered in the contest.



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$155,560 - E. Mesa - 5649 Kiskadee Place, Brand new 3 bedroom home, very charming with lots of custom features! The builder is also building a courtyard in the front. Great home value. MLS # 784602 Quint Lears 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$155,000 - Jornada - 5213 Cats Eye Rd., Very charming home with open floor plan, great corner lot! Like brand new! MLS# 784417 Darcy Salopek 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$150,900 – Alameda - 800 Chateau Dr., Ideally located to everything! Great floor plan w/ 1461 sq ft. Owners have repainted the outside and repaired stucco 11/07. New interior paint thru-out and new carpet 11/07. Looks like new!!!! Water feature in rear yard and covered patio... MLS#784387 Ron Leone 642-7593, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

$128,900 - East Mesa - 4970 Kenmore Rd., Thurston Homes is offering $0 down payment & $0 Mortgage Payments for the first 6 months after closing! Stop by our models to learn more about pricing, available lots, and upgrades/features! Open Mon-Sat 11-6, call for more information. MLS#783934 Kameron Johnson (575) 993-0318, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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Christmas rubs for holiday meals

Barbecue is a popular cooking method year round

'Twas the night before Christmas
And the chef was a mess
Red chile sauce clung to his chin and his chest
Mama, dressed in a green chile gown,
Was all snuggled in bed
While visions of hot peppers heated her head
Chile stockings had been hung by the chimney with care
Knowing that Chile Claus would soon be there
The old man preferred spicy pork tamales
It's the only thing left, he said, that gave him his jollies
But the pork never thawed, it was still in the freezer
The cornhusks were missing along with dog Geezer
The chef fretted, wringing his hands raw
This Christmas he worried he'd get nothing at all.
And the pantry was empty of cayenne and pasilla,
The pods needed for Christmas Day in Mesilla.
But just when the chef was ready to concede
There was a clatter on the roof and the sound of speed
Away to the window he flew like a flash
Tore open the shutter and threw up the sash
When what to his wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh led by eight Chile deer
Each carried tamales and peppers galore
That they gave to the chef - New Mexico's Chile Conquistador.
We Chileheads stick together!" Chile Clause said with glee
As the chef wiped a tear showing indeed he'd agree
"Now Serrano! Now Aji! NowHabanero! and Serrano!
On Pimento! On Tepin! On Thai! and Polano!
There's more chile to give and cheer to impart
Feliz Navidad all! It's time to depart!

— Sunny Conley

Happy Holidays fellow chileheads! I hope Santa stuffs your stockings with plenty of hot and spicy goodies such as chile powders, chile seasonings, hot sauces, chile jams, chile cheese spreaders, hot spot eatery gift certificates and other sizzling bites.

Barbecuing is usually associated with summer, but for those of us who live in the Southwest, it can take place year round. "Barbeque Inferno: Cooking With Chile Peppers on the Grill" by author Dave DeWitt, member of the New Mexico State University Chile Pepper Institute, and food writer Nancy Gerlach, boasts more than 100 recipes for the grill or the smoker. Two of my favorite rub recipes is Genuine, Authentic South-of-the-Border Chile prepared with three different chile powders and Mexican oregano, and Jamaican Jerk Dry Rub that delivers sweet heat (recipes below). Consider preparing one of the rubs for your meat-of-choice on Christmas Day (or Eve) for a memorable jolt. (Keep a hanky handy!)

Genuine, Authentic South-of-the-Border Chile Rub

Heat scale: Hot

This is our spin on Mexican flavorings that would work on goat, as in cabrito pit-roasted goat. Can't find goat at your local Wynn-Dixie or Safeway? Use this rub for either grilling or smoking beef, pork and lamb.

3 tablespoons ground ancho chile
2 teaspoons ground chile de arbol
2 teaspoons ground chipotle chile
1 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons dried Mexican or other oregano
2 teaspoons onion salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Store any unused rub in a sealed container in the freezer. Makes approximately 2/3 cup.

Jamaican Jerk Dry Rub

Heat Scale: Hot

Jamican jerk barbecue is a fine art. The secret is in the spice – the rub that give the pork and chicken such an intensely spicy-hot flavor. Most Jamaican jerk cooks use a dry rub, but on occasion, and especially for fish or poultry, the rub is transformed into a paste or marinade by adding vegetable oil. You can also sprinkle this rub over steamed or grilled vegetables.

2 tablespoons onion powder
1 tablespoon ground allspice
1 tablespoon ground thyme
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
2 teaspoons ground cloves
2 teaspoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons ground dried habanero chile
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all the ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Store any unused rub in a sealed container in the freezer. Makes approximately 1/2 cup.

Jerk Rub

(Jay B. McCarthy, Fine Cooking)

The author suggests stuffing it under the skin of a turkey breast, or chicken, or on fish. Also tastes delicious on pork.

30 scallions
5 inch piece fresh ginger, peeled
1/4 cup garlic cloves, peeled
6 bay leaves
6 to 8 habanero or Scotch bonnet chiles, seeded, minced
2 teaspoons freshly ground nutmeg
2 teaspoons freshly ground cinnamon (approx. 1 stick)
1 tablespoon freshly ground allspice
2 tablespoons black peppercorns, ground
2 tablespoons whole coriander seeds, ground
1 tablespoon kosher salt

Hot sauces, chile powders and chile jams can make great stocking stuffers this holiday season.

1 cup fresh thyme leaves, chopped fine
Optional:
1/2 cup oil (if using a blender)
1 teaspoon apricot jam or honey

Chop the scallions, ginger, garlic, bay leaves and chiles separately until moderately fine. (by hand). Combine these ingredients and continue chopping until fine. Place in a bowl and add ground spices. Stir in the chopped thyme and mix well. The rub tastes best if allowed to sit for a few hours for the flavors to meld Makes approximately 3 cups.

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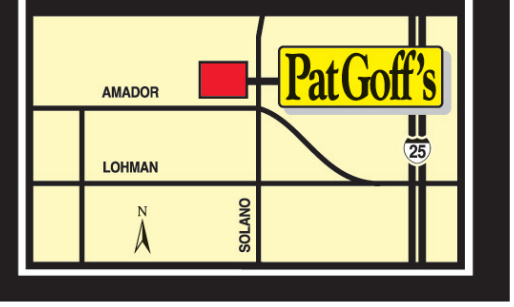
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