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Immigrant family retells journey to Las Cruces

Nicolitz family invites friends to celebrate 50 years in U.S.

By **Natisha Hales**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With just two trunks to their names, the Nicolitz family arrived in Las Cruces March 17, 1957.

It was a long train ride to Las Cruces from New York City and an even longer voyage from Rotterdam, Holland, where the family had sought refuge after World War II.

The family traveled to Ellis Island aboard Holland America, a cargo ship that was used to transport passengers who were displaced refugees in Holland.

They came into town at the Santa Fe Depot, which is now the Railroad Museum. Wanda Mattiace and her family will celebrate 50 years in the United States at that same depot at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16. All friends of the Nicolitzes are invited to the celebration and a brunch that will follow at the WIA building, 340 N. Reymond St.

For the Nicolitz family, coming to the United States, Las Cruces especially, was the end of a turbulent road.

"My parents narrowly escaped (from Indonesia) with their lives," recalled Mattiace, who was 4 years old when her family arrived in Las Cruces 50 years ago.

Alexander and Augustine Nicolitz, Mattiace's parents, were originally from Indonesia. Prior to World War II, Indonesia was under the control of the Dutch East India Company, and the Nicolitzes were loyal Dutch citizens.

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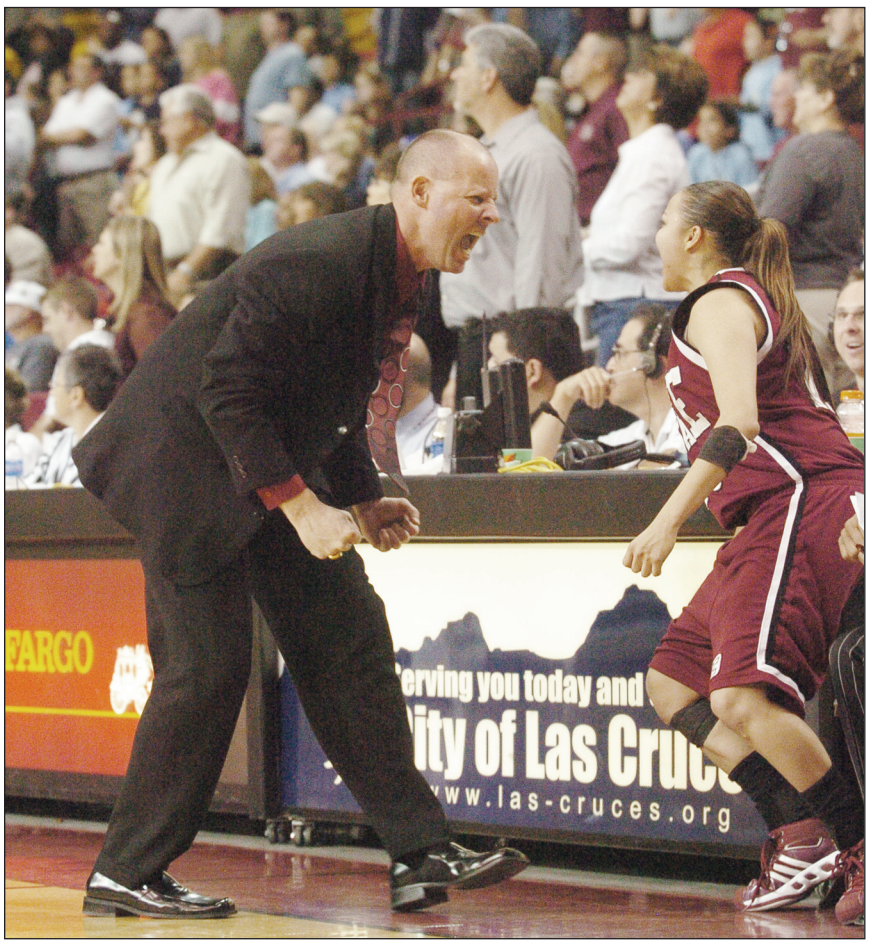
WAC tournament shines

Aggie women excel in early game as sunny weather greets visitors



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Coach Darin Spence celebrates with Monique Bribiescas after the Aggies' women's team defeated Louisiana Tech 63-57.

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Kids were treated to games and other entertainment outside the Pan American Center on Wednesday in the first day of the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament. For more photos, see page A9. Also see the Sports section for more coverage of the WAC tournament.

Home security company to add 120 jobs

LaserShield moving distribution, customer support services from California to Las Cruces

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

LaserShield Systems, a home security system company, announced this week that is moving its distribution facility from Carlsbad, Calif., to Las Cruces, as well as expanding its customer support center here.

The Las Cruces distribution facility — which will be located on the city's West Mesa Industrial Park — will add 80 new jobs. The company already has been hiring employees for its customer support center in Downtown Las Cruces and plans to hire a total 40 workers over the next two years.

At a press conference Wednesday, LaserShield CEO/Chairman Anthony Dohrmann said his company's product of providing easy-to-install wireless home security alarms is looking to be a "breakthrough" product for general consumers. With the expected growth and the need for more employees, Dohrmann said his company wanted to operate out of someplace more affordable than California.

Las Cruces fit that bill, Dohrmann said, along with its qualified workforce, close proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border for maquila manufacturing possibilities and its promising technological future with Spaceport America.

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Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace speaks Wednesday at the LaserShield main office as the home security system company announced it is moving operations from California to Las Cruces and adding 120 new jobs to the city.

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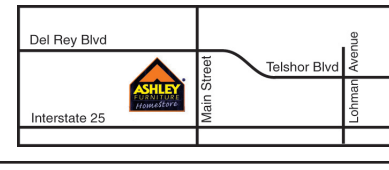

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New school board members take lead roles

Votaw, Phillips selected to top board officer positions citing voter call for change

Bonnie Votaw signs her oath of office after being sworn-in Thursday, March 1 onto the Las Cruces school board.

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Citing their election to the Las Cruces school board as a mandate for change, Bonnie Votaw and Connie Phillips will be the board's new president and vice president, respectively.

Under the school board's previous tradition of rotating the board's officers, the slate originally called for Phillips to assume the role of president, Leonel Briseno as vice president and Gene Gant as secretary.

Gant, who was elected to the state Public Education Commission in November, said he had no desire to hold a board officer position.

Phillips and Votaw argued that voters last month sent a strong message for new leadership with their clear election majorities — both had voter approval rates of more than 80 percent.

Davis contended that being board officers didn't give make any board member more powerful than the others. All have equal voting power in board votes to take action.

As president, Votaw will work with Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds in establishing the board meeting agendas and she presides over all board meetings.

Briseño disagreed with the characterization that their election to the board was a mandate, noting that he easily won re-election two years ago. He said the revised slate of officers — which had Davis as the board's secretary — wasn't "reflective of our community."

Phillips, however, did handily defeat the board's immediate past president, Sharon Wooden, after the board fired former superintendent Sonia Diaz after four months on the job. It was hoped that Diaz would bring healing to the school system that was demoralized by the controversial tenure of former superintendent Louis Martinez.

Diaz, who is appealing her dismissal, was hired last week for the position of curriculum and instruction for Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland.

Judge Robert Robles reads the oath of office Thursday, March 1, to Connie Phillips in the Las Cruces Public Schools school board room.

Meanwhile, two former central office administrators ousted under Diaz, Jerry Laws and Jack Jenkins, filed lawsuits claiming she forced them out at the direction of Briseño acting of behalf of the school board's wishes. School board members by state law aren't allowed to dictate administrative decisions outside of hiring and firing the superintendent. Both lawsuits seek damages for breaking their contracts and creating hostile work environments.

Votaw and Phillips requested a closed meeting next week with the school board's attorney to review pending litigation.

After the board reorganized, reports from committees looking at bond money and capital expenditures were given. Rounds informed the board members that some bond money is at risk of being penalized for not being spent quickly enough. A more full accounting of all district construction and repair projects will be given to the board at one of its next meetings, he said.

County seeks airport advisory board applicants

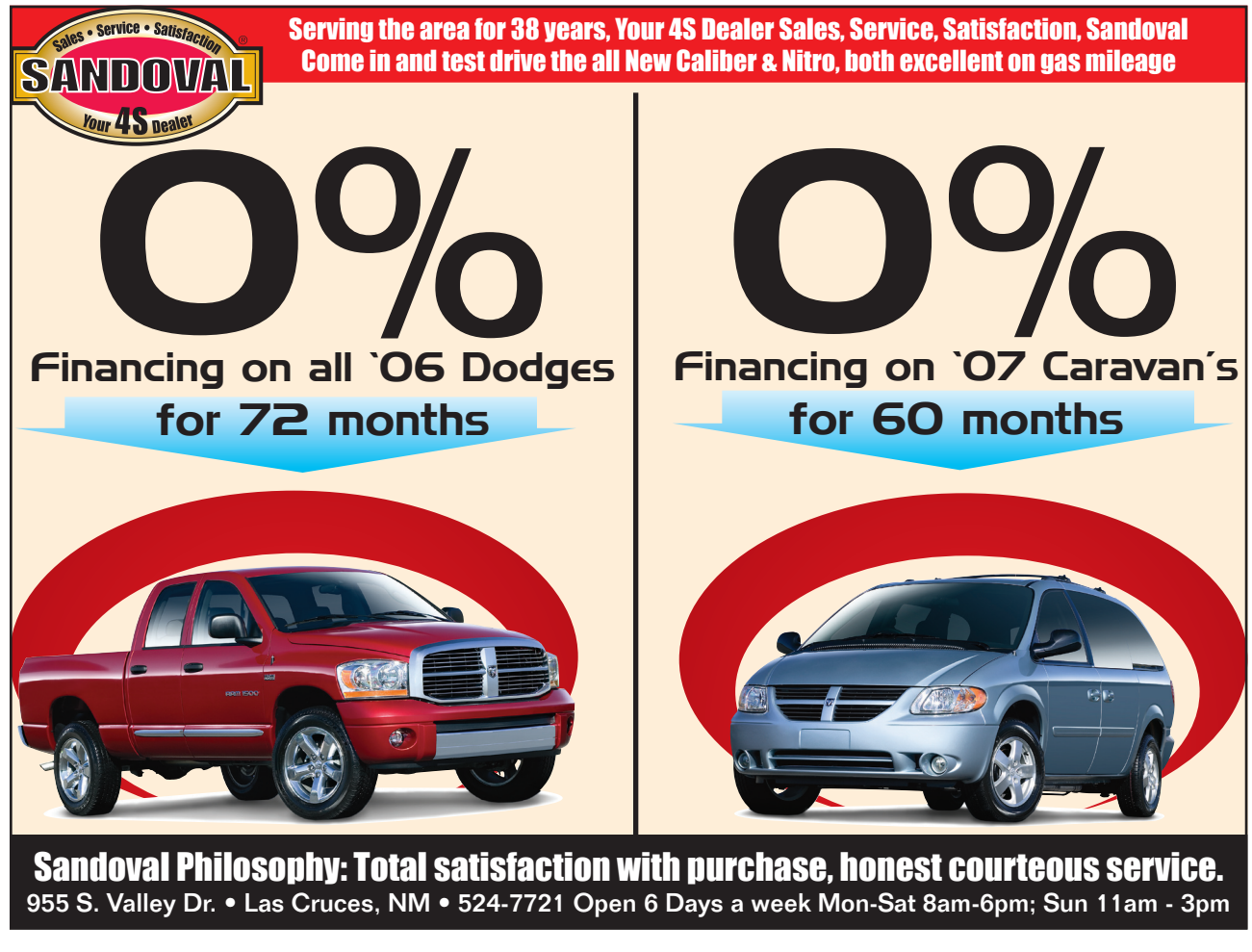
Applications are now available for residents of Doña Ana County willing to serve on the Airport Advisory Board for the Doña Ana County Airport at Santa Teresa.

The Airport Advisory Board comprises five members serving staggered three-year terms. The Airport Advisory Board meets monthly or as needed to identify issues of airport importance related to safety, growth, development and administration. The Airport Advisory Board is charged with periodically reporting to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners about issues of concern and then making recommendations for future operations. Board members work closely with the airport manager, county engineer and planning director, as well as a representative of the Doña Ana County Attorney's Office.

All meetings of the Airport Advisory Board comply with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

The two-page application form seeks information related to interest in serving, knowledge of aviation and/or airport issues and other general information about the applicant's qualifications to serve. Licensed pilots are encouraged to apply. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. Friday, March 30.

To request an application, call Doña Ana County Airport Manager Vernon Wilson at 644-2358.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Hosting the WAC

Las Cruces hospitality exceeds expectations ... even the weather has cooperated

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

MCCOLLUM

As the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament nears its halfway point (at the time this column is being written), NMSU and Las Cruces officials must be "proud as punch" of how well the event plans have gone so far.

Positive comments have flowed from visiting fans, players, coaches and WAC officials throughout the first two days of the tournament. One veteran coach shared that in 30-plus years he has never experienced the outpouring of friendliness and hospitality at any NCAA event like he has this week here in Las Cruces.

> "Regardless of the final results of the tournament, Las Crucens can be proud of the overall results of the event."

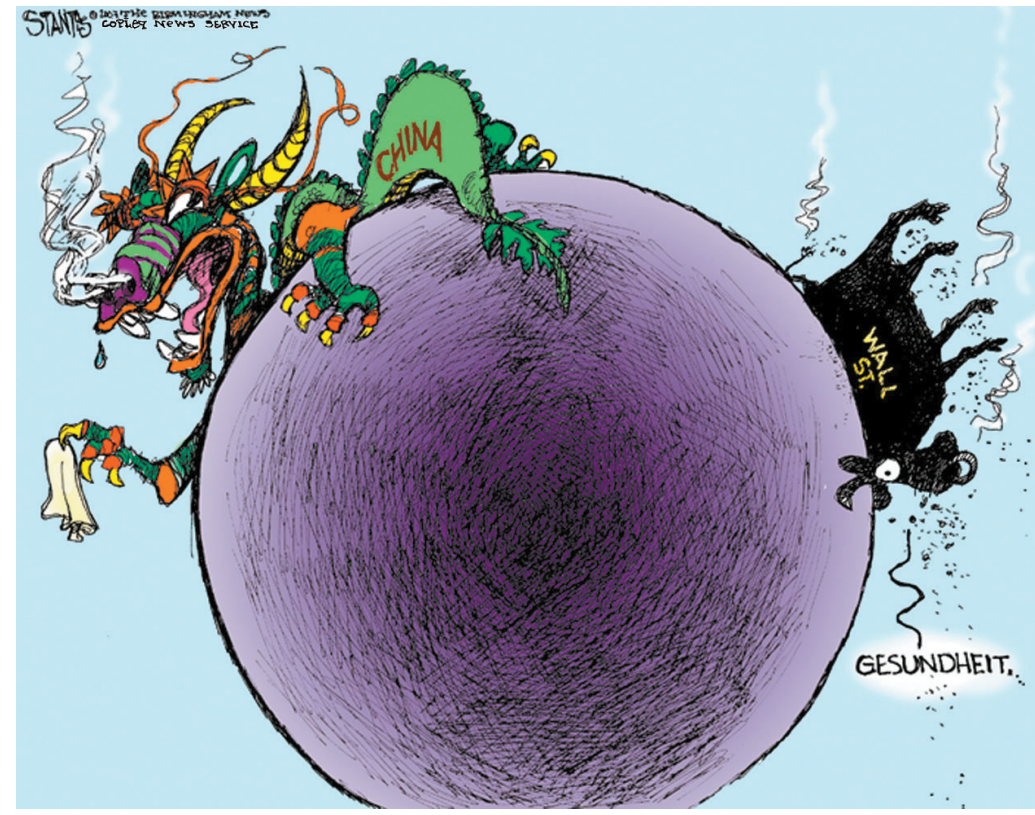
Of course, the hospitality has been no accident. A local "host family" has been assigned to each visiting team. Dozens of enthusiastic volunteers have donned bright yellow T-shirts and have stood ready to assist guests with any question or need they might have. The Pan American Center is "spic and span" with its expanded concession areas and restroom facilities. Hotels and restaurants have rolled out the red carpet for the thousands of tournament-goers, most of whom will be staying through the end of the tournament regardless of how their teams fare.

NMSU has been the ideal host with one exception so far. In the first round of the tournament the seventh-seeded Aggie women continued their recent tradition of playing well in March by defeating the incredibly athletic, second-seeded conference co-champions, Louisiana Tech. This victory marked only the second time in WAC history that a number seven seed has defeated a second seed. Ironically, the only other time this has happened was last year when the seventh-ranked Aggies defeated the second-seeded Fresno State Bulldogs at the tournament in Reno, Nev.

What is even more remarkable about the Aggie win is that it marked the first time ever that the NMSU women have defeated the Techsters. By being ousted in the first round of the tournament, Louisiana will likely end their season with only 17 wins and will not be invited to the NCAA tournament. Until this year, the Lady Techsters have participated in every NCAA women's tournament, 25 in a row. Their record-setting streak is now over as the Aggies have advanced to the next round.

Regarding the weather, I am not sure how NMSU President Michael Martin, Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace and tournament director Maria Roth did it, but the "chamber of commerce" weather during the tournament has been fantastic. Less than a week ago, I was playing in a golf tournament at the University Golf Course where the temperature was 29 degrees with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour, causing a wind chill of about zero. Who would have anticipated that a few days later, as the WAC tournament began, we would be enjoying our typical bright, sunshiny days with temperatures in the 70s and virtually no wind.

Of course, the week will be perfect if our Aggie men's and women's team can win and qualify for the NCAA "Big Dance" that begins next week. However, regardless of the final results of the tournament, Las Crucens can be proud of the overall results of the event. Sure, there are still some of the boo-bugs and nay-sayers who complained that Las Cruces could not handle an event of this type. Once again, through a lot of hard work and dedication by many fellow citizens, the boo-bugs have been proven wrong.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spaceport future

In a little less than a month — on April 3 — the voters of Doña Ana County will make a decision about whether to invest in Spaceport America with public funds, and the ramifications of this decision cannot be overstated. To see what the future holds, look back 60 years.

In 1947, the notion of space travel was dismissed by most people as a flight of fancy, an expensive pipe dream unworthy of public investment. Even so, the U.S. government established a remote and isolated facility to test the emerging technology, and they named it White Sands Missile Range. Six decades later, WSMR is a crown jewel in the nation's space and defense programs. Conservative estimates show that its continued operation pumps about $1.2 million a day — $438 million annually — into the local economy.

In 2007, Spaceport America offers Doña Ana County a similar promise to that which was contemplated in 1947, and the skeptics of today offer eerily similar criticism of its prospects for success. History shows they are wrong.

With 44 years of experience in the aerospace industry, I feel uniquely qualified to endorse the wise investment of public funds in infrastructure development at Spaceport America north of Las Cruces. I saw similar investment in southern Florida at the dawn of the Apollo program, and we all know the epic return on that investment.

When WSMR was established, I was a 6-year-old boy with bright dreams about what the future might hold. For every 6-year-old living in Doña Ana County today, I urge that you vote Yes on April 3. Spaceport America will be a fundamental part of that child's future. You can count on it.

D. KENT EVANS
Doña Ana County commissioner
District 4

Paying the spaceport tax

On April 3 voters should vote "No" to the spaceport tax in Doña Ana County. We don't want a spaceport to be built on the backs of New Mexico's poor. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, a research and education organization on government tax policies, did a study on New Mexico. The report showed that low- and middle-income families in New Mexico pay a considerably higher share of their income in state and local taxes than do the richest New Mexicans. For instance, the poorest residents pay 9.7 percent of their income on the gross receipts tax while the wealthiest with $100,000 or more pay only 2.7 percent. If a family makes over $200,000 they only pay 1.6 percent. Now the governor and the Legislature want to increase the gross receipts tax in Doña Ana, Sierra and Otero Counties, even though the Spaceport benefits all of New Mexico. To build a spaceport on an unfair, regressive tax system is wrong.

So it is clear the proposed increase in the destructive gross receipts tax should be defeated by the voters. Why should our poorest residents have to pay in taxes almost twice the rate of the richest New Mexicans?

GREG LENNES

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Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller

Fired U.S. attorney fights back

Iglesias calls ouster 'political fragging' from within GOP ranks

What's up with the Iglesias ouster? The surprise dismissal of U.S. Attorney for New Mexico David Iglesias makes less sense all the time.

We wrote about the forced resignation of Iglesias last December, soon after it happened. We asked why Republicans would want to sacrifice one of their few rising political stars.

We've received no answers, only more questions, as one U.S. attorney after another throughout the nation falls in front of someone's political firing squad.

U.S. attorneys are appointed by the U.S. Justice Department, usually upon the recommendation of a state's senior U.S. senator of the president's party. Suddenly, in this seventh year of the George W. Bush administration, eight U.S. attorneys have received their walking papers with no reason given.

Iglesias, along with his seven dismissed counterparts, figured they'd lost their jobs because of political maneuverings. Iglesias said he could handle that. People understand it's a political job.

But when the U.S. Senate's Judiciary Committee began seeing bipartisan reaction to so many firings, it called on the U.S. Attorney General's office to explain the situation.

Among other responsibilities, U.S. attorneys are on the front line of prosecuting terrorism offenses, such as immigration, narcotics and firearms violations. The panel wanted to know if these dismissals are affecting the administration's top priority of fighting the war on terror.

To the surprise of committee members, the deputy U.S. attorney general testified that only one dismissal was the result of politics. He told the panel that presidential adviser Karl Rove needed a job for an ex-staff member. He said the other seven axes fell because of performance issues.

That was the final straw for Iglesias. Citing an outstanding record for prosecuting terrorism cases, of which there are so many in a border state, Iglesias called his ouster nothing more than a "political fragging," according to blogster Joe Monahan.

"Fragging" is a military term referring to the attack from behind of a superior officer during battle. Iglesias would be very familiar with the term from his days as a judge advocate in the Navy. He so distinguished himself in that role that a character in the movie "A Few Good Men" was based on him.

Discharging someone based on performance is very serious business. It affects the remainder of a person's career. Performance so poor that it justifies dismissal as a U.S. attorney also likely wipes out a person's political career.

If Iglesias were to run for state attorney general again, don't you suspect his firing just might be noted by his opponents, whether in a primary or general election?

The poor performance charge against Iglesias may relate to the conviction of former state Treasurer Robert Vigil on only one count and the failure to have a case ready to go before last November's general election involving payoffs to Democrat officials in the construction of two courthouses in Albuquerque.

It may have been poor performance, but a good case can be made that the FBI overreached in preparing evidence for the cases just as it did in the national security prosecutions of Wen Ho Lee and David Hudak.

National news indicates that several of the other dismissed U.S. attorneys were preparing political corruption cases against Republican officials and that others disagreed with the Bush administration on high-profile issues such as immigration and capital punishment.

At a Feb. 28 news conference, Iglesias revealed that two members of Congress contacted him not long before the November election inquiring about his timetable in the case involving the Albuquerque courthouses.

What Republicans would be so interested in that? What Republicans would want to risk ruining his future political career? Potential opponents? Those who felt he wasn't playing the political game well enough as U.S. attorney?

Whatever the answer, those people may have wiped out one of their party's most promising future candidates.

GUEST COLUMN

Spaceport to create jobs, improve local economy

BY **DELANO E. LEWIS**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the arguments most often heard by those against the spaceport gross receipts tax is that this project will only benefit the rich. Further, some argue that the money should be spent on infrastructure like health care, roads and education. I strongly believe that if our community has the vision to act on the spaceport and approve the gross receipts tax, the benefit will accrue across our community and county. The spaceport will be the catalyst in the creation of jobs and in the generation of revenues to benefit all of our citizens, including those at a lower level of income.

For a comparison, let us look at Huntsville, Ala. In 1950, Werner von Braun and a group of German scientist had been working on developing missile technology at White Sands Missile Range for five years. A group of community members in Huntsville recruited him to Alabama, and for whatever reason our community did not try to keep him. So he left to develop Redstone Arsenal, which became the head of the U.S. Army's Missile Command.

The effects of that development in Alabama have been gigantic. As of 2006, Redstone Arsenal employed 14,601 people. White Sands Missile Range currently employs slightly over 6,600 people. But the development of Redstone Arsenal not only created jobs directly, but became the hub of a whole new aerospace industry. Boeing, NASA, Raytheon, Northrop-Grumman and other high-tech employers contribute an additional 17,612 jobs to the area This cluster directly and indirectly contributed $3.4 billion to the area's economy in 2002, according to a chamber of commerce report.

So, how does this help poor people? First, jobs that pay a living wage and provide good benefits give people a chance to earn income themselves and take care of themselves and their families with less government support. A census comparison shows how much better off the people of Huntsville are in contrast to the people here:

• More people are working. In Madison County, Ala., 6.1 percent of people are unemployed. In Doña Ana County that number is 10.5 percent.

• Working people make more money. In Madison County the median household income is $50,504. In Doña Ana County that number is $29,630.

• Because of this situation, there are fewer poor people. In Madison County, 7.4 percent of all families fell below the poverty level. In Doña Ana County that number is 21.7 percent.

So if Doña Ana County were to develop more jobs at higher wages, we would decrease the amount of families that have to live in poverty.

The effects don't stop there, however. Higher wage levels mean more money in an economy. Because people have more money, they buy more products and better houses. Since county and municipal governments get most of their tax revenue from gross receipts and property taxes, more purchasing means more tax revenue and more resources to local governments for roads, health care and education

Without these new jobs, two things will happen. First, we will continue to rely on the traditional jobs. Those jobs, though important, aren't enough to get many of our people out of poverty as can be seen in the census numbers mentioned above. Since many of them remain in poverty, they will continue to rely on government programs for their necessities. Second, without this income our tax base will remain low and our local governments will not have necessary funding to provide those needed benefits.

In the local media, an argument has been made that paying for public infrastructure is "corporate welfare" and benefits will only fall to those running spaceport corporations or rich enough to afford initial space flights. But the benefits of publicly owned airports and seaports have been known for years, and the jobs and tax revenue created assist all people living in an area with a large public facility.

Others will argue that a gross receipts tax is detrimental to the growth of our community's economy. The fact remains, however, that the GRT will have a minimal impact on the regular citizen, and it will only remain until the bond used to pay for Spaceport America's construction is paid off. And if it is so bad for business, why have both the Las Cruces Chamber and Hispano Chamber of Commerce and the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, the major representatives for development in our community, all endorsed the GRT? The answer is simple, because the benefits outweigh the costs.

So the decision is ours to make. As residents of Doña Ana County, we can vote on April 3 to enact a gross receipts tax in support of Spaceport America and begin a new chapter in furthering the economic growth of our community.

Delano E. Lewis is a former U.S. ambassador to South Africa who retired to Las Cruces and he co-chairs People for Aerospace.

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All for one?

Another historic opportunity is quickly approaching Southern New Mexico. This one just happens to be a chance for the taxpayers of Doña Ana County as well as Luna and Otero counties, to pay an additional .25 percent gross receipts tax for a spaceport to be located east of Upham. This particular spaceport is being planned and built on the premise of one company, one man coming to town to lease and operate out of this facility as stated by Cabinet Secretary for Economic Development Rick Homans. If Virgin Galactic does not sign long-term lease agreements and pay user fees sufficient to operate the spacepor, then I am afraid the economic development aspect of this whole thing will not materialize and we will have $225 million invested in a facility that is good for one thing that is a spaceport. This is not the only spaceport in this country, matter of fact there are almost a dozen that are currently operating and or are waiting FAA licensing. Competition "for rockets to space" business could get interesting,

From what I can gather over the Internet, Virgin Galactic recently signed on with Sweden and offered to partner with them on their proposed new spaceport. In addition, they recently partnered with NASA using the Ames Research Center in California. I believe that I had read where Virgin Galactic is presently using the Mojave facility in California for testing through 2008 and has stated that they plan on moving flight operations to Spaceport America in 2009 and 2010, if it is all ready with the required landing strip and support facilities.

The major problem with Spaceport America is that there is a great amount of unknowns, such as how does all this work, environmental impact statements, necessary signed user contracts, FAA licensing, historic El Camino Real trail disruption, what will it require to operate and maintain such a large investment, can user fees cover all costs? Several dozen major questions need to be answered I think that the best thing for me to do is let those with the bank rolls build their own playgrounds. I do not feel that the taxpayers should be footing the bill on this affair. We have so many important needs in southern New Mexico. Karen Perez, chairwoman of the county commission, said it best at a recent meeting, "I feel like I am being railroaded, a whole lot railroaded." This was in regard to her wanting more of the missing information needed to make an assessment of the entire matter.

If there is an assumption that this is economic development and thousands of jobs will be created, then do the old "Pro Con" thing, put the math to it and ask the questions of those pushing for this tax. Find out what you are being asked to pay for before you start paying for it.

The county commission has voted that all polling places will be open so that all people have the opportunity to vote on April 3 on this very important tax. Ask questions of those behind this and get informed. It is very important that people respond and turn out and cast your vote on April 3. Remember you can vote early at the County Government Center.

LEON BILLSTONE

Babysitting vs. teaching

I, for one, am sick and tired of those high paid teachers. Their hefty salaries are driving up taxes, and they only work nine or 10 months a year.

It's time we put things into perspective and pay them for what they do..Babysit. We can get that for less than minimum wage. That's right...I would give them $3 an hour and only the hours they work, not any of that silly planning time. That would be $19.50 a day (7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with 45 minutes off for lunch. Each parent should pay $19.50 a day for these teachers to babysit their children. Now, how many do they teach in a day ... maybe 30?

So that's 19.5 X 30 = $585 a day. But remember they only work 180 days a year! I'm not going to pay them for any vacations. Let's see ... that's 585 X 180 = $105,300 (Hold on! My calculator must need batteries!)

What about those special teachers or the ones with master's degrees? Well, we pay them minimum wage just to be fair. Round it off to $7 an hour. That would be $7 times 6.5 hours times 30 children times 180 days = $245,700 per year.

Wait a minute, there is something wrong here!

There sure is... Duh!

TONY MITCHELL

Love for doves

People are making wedding plans as the spring season approaches and included in these plans, in some cases, is the release of white doves. It is a beautiful way to enhance a wedding, or whatever the occasion, but I would like to point out something that isn't always considered.

Most of these doves, after release, have a dismal future. They do not know how to find their own food because they have been raised in aviaries with food and water always provided to them by their owner. When they become too weak to fly, and if they cannot find their way back home, they come down and are helpless.

A wedding or any solemn occasion shouldn't have an element of cruelty to it to spoil an otherwise beautiful ceremony.

GERI TILLET

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GUEST COLUMN

For my Latino family and my community Las Cruces

BY CLAUDIA HADLEY
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I recently read an article written by the richest man in the world, Bill Gates, that America needs to be competitive in order to maintain its domination as the first economic engine in the world. Part of the competitiveness he is talking about is to be achieved through developing technology and innovation. Right now, New Mexico, specifically the residents of Doña Ana and Sierra counties, have the privilege of being in that position of developing the technology for the future of the aerospace industry with the construction of the spaceport north of Las Cruces.

As in life, everything worthwhile requires a little sacrifice. To be able to build this spaceport, we will need to vote on April 3 for its approval. If approved, the state tax will increase 1 cent for a $4 purchase, 5 cents for a $20 purchase and 25 cents for a $100 purchase to help fund the spaceport. The benefits for those extra cents paid will dramatically change the economic outlook of every person in the area.

Therefore, April 3 is a very special day for our community and for all the residents in the surrounding area. On that day we have the power with our vote to choose if we want to plant the seed for our economic prosperity or let this tremendous opportunity pass us by.

We are faced with an opportunity to improve southern New Mexico's economic and social conditions for all of its residents now and years to come. Let's plant the seeds of change together with the optimism, faith and hope for a better future for generations to come with this most crucial of votes on April 3. I urge all of you to vote for the increase, vote for the future.

There are already six proposed sites in the United States that want to build the same project to achieve the same benefits that we are in desperate need of in our surrounding area. Timing is a crucial element for all successful business developments. Now is the time for the future, for all of us.

Para mi familia Latina y para mi comunidad en Las Cruces

Recientemente leí un artículo escrito por Bill Gates, el hombre más rico del mundo, donde decía que si USA quería mantener su dominación como la primera potencia mundial económica, necesitaría ser competitiva. Parte de esta competitividad, a la que él se refiere, debería ser lograda a través del desarrollo en tecnología e innovación. Ahora mismo, los residentes de los Condados de Doña Ana y Sierra de Nuevo México tienen el privilegio de estar en la oportunidad de desarrollar la tecnología para la industria futura aeroespacial con la construcción del puerto aeroespacial (spaceport) al norte de Las Cruces.

Así como todo en la vida, para conseguir algo que valga la pena se necesita un poco de sacrificio. Para poder construir este puerto aeroespacial (spaceport) necesitaremos votar el tres (3) de abril para su aprobación. Si se aprueba, el impuesto Estatal se incrementará en un centavo si hace una compra de $4 dólares; cinco centavos si hace una compra de $20 dólares y 25 centavos sí hace una compra de $100 dólares; esto para ayudar a financiar el puerto aeroespacial. Los beneficios por estos centavos suplementarios pagados extra, traerán un cambio significativo en el panorama económico de cada persona en el área.

Por lo tanto, el tres (3) de abril es una día muy especial para nuestra comunidad y para todos los residentes de los alrededores. En ese momento tenemos el poder de manifestar con nuestro voto, si queremos plantar la semilla para nuestra prosperidad económica, o si, por el contrario, dejamos pasar de lado esta magnífica oportunidad.

Nos encontramos frente de la ocasión de mejorar las condiciones sociales y económicas del sur de Nuevo México, para todos los residentes ahora, y para los de los años venideros. Plantemos juntos las semillas de cambio con optimismo, fe y esperanza por un futuro mejor para las generaciones venideras, con esta votación trascendente del tres (3) de abril.

A todos ustedes los quiero animar a votar por nuestro desarrollo y por nuestro futuro.

En USA existen en la actualidad seis sitios propuestos donde quieren construir el mismo proyecto para lograr los mismos beneficios que nosotros tan desesperadamente necesitamos en nuestra área. Para cualquier impulso y desarrollo de proyectos de negocios un elemento valioso es el momento en el que estamos viviendo. Nosotros estamos pasando por este momento, tomémoslo.

Claudia Hadley is a counselor at the Small Business Development Center.

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GUEST COLUMN

Troops shouldn't sacrifice as veterans

BY BILL MCCAMLEY
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

My father retired from the U.S. Army after serving for 25 years, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. There is one topic that always gets him frustrated and angry: the situation that our soldiers face when they return from serving overseas, from Vietnam then or Iraq-Afghanistan now.

The truth is that we are failing those who have served America. It is utterly shameful, and we must demand the federal government take action.

Health care is the most pressing problem for veterans. Recently, The Washington Post reported on disabled veterans housed at Walter Reed Medical Center. Some have been living in rooms infested by mice, cockroaches and mold. What does it say about our government that those who were seriously injured while fighting under the U.S. flag overseas return only to be placed in dirty, contaminated hospital rooms? It says either the administration is incompetent or its priorities are elsewhere. History can decide which the case is, but a solution must be immediately found.

MCCAMLEY

> "Though there are regional clinics, New Mexico has just one VA hospital. Located in Albuquerque, it has only 217 beds."

Furthermore, better medical technology has saved more soldiers than ever from wartime injuries — a fantastic change for which we are all grateful. However, this has increased the numbers of troops surviving with major head/spinal injuries, amputations, nerve damage and burns. Mental health issues have increased, too, with roughly 30 percent of veterans reporting problems with their mental health within three to four months of returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

A Harvard University study recently estimated that the long-term costs of taking care of Iraq war veterans will be somewhere between $300 billion and $700 billion, with 263,000 troops projected for next year alone. We have promised these services to our veterans, and leaders in Washington had better be prepared to pay when the bill comes due.

Unemployment is also a problem for returning soldiers. Veterans aged 20 to 24 are unemployed at a rate of more than 10 percent. While this number has thankfully declined in recent months, it is still more than twice that of the overall national unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. A main reason for this problem is that service members injured in Iraq and Afghanistan are in the early stages of their careers and have not gained the opportunity to learn job skills or gain civilian work experience. We need to provide these men and women opportunities to find well-paying jobs.

While homelessness is a known issue, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates a total of 400,000 military veterans were homeless over the course of this past year.

The Pentagon estimates that more than 16,000 single mothers have been sent to Iraq and Afghanistan. The provision of care and support for these mothers and their children becomes a difficult problem to solve, since parental status does not give special dispensation for being deployed.

Given all of these issues, how is our government reacting to the issue? The answer is frightening: budget cuts. After an increase for the next fiscal year, the Bush Administration plans on cutting the VA's budget in 2009 and 2010 and then freezing it thereafter. Whether this is serious or merely smoke and mirrors masking a deficit-ridden budget, the message is clear. Funding for the Veteran's Administration is on the chopping block, highlighting the enormous gap between this administration's rhetoric about supporting those who serve and its actions.

Here, the situation is already difficult for those wishing to use VA services. Though there are regional clinics, New Mexico has just one VA hospital. Located in Albuquerque, it has only 217 beds. VA waiting lists are becoming normal. If funding is cut further, will New Mexico's disabled veterans have to travel further and wait longer to get the services that they need?

But budget cuts for the VA are not the only assaults being made on veterans. Last year, the Bush administration tried to raise fees and co-payments for Tri-Care, the program that military retirees rely on until they become Medicare-eligible at 65. The proposal failed, but it showed again problems associated with rising health care costs for our nation's uniformed services.

Though there are many similarities between the Vietnam conflict and our current war, there is one positive difference. In spite of the vast difference in public opinion about this war itself, our men and women in uniform have been embraced by everyone in America. This is commendable, but praise and respect only go so far. When our veterans sacrifice their time, their families and their lives to protect us, we need to take care of them when they return. Not doing so is dishonorable and morally weak.

Our legislators and the president need to shoulder the burden of providing for our veterans and military retirees. And it is our duty to remind them not to forget this responsibility.

Bill McCamley is a Doña Ana County commissioner.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

War's forgotten casualties

I initially supported the administration's premises for fighting the Iraq War. While I will always support our troops and war veterans, recently my entire way of looking at the war has changed. My attitude adjustment is less related to perceived faulty premises and more related to the painful, life-shattering effects caused by a child's death.

Four months ago, my 9-year old daughter Laramie died suddenly and unexpectedly of a brain hemorrhage. My wife and I have been devastated with grief ever since. Our search for help led us to entering a six-week support group conducted by the Mesilla Valley Hospice. This group is a cohort of five families who recently have lost a child. One mother in the group lost her son in Iraq. Her son's death happened about the same time I lost Laramie.

Looking into this mother's eyes and listening to her story about her son, it struck me that a parent's grief over the loss of a child is blind to the child's age or reason for death. Even though the manner in which death struck was different, her story — of devastation, anger and the constant wondering why — was the same as mine. For the first time in my life, the parent behind the anesthetizing flow of war-reported death statistics hit me like the sledgehammer that is my own grief.

It's far beyond me and my expertise to be able to develop and espouse a solution to the Iraq War. And I'm still grappling with what will be this war's benefits. But as a parent interacting in my Hospice support group, I now see the costs much differently. Each person killed in the war isn't just a statistic — he or she is someone's child. Far too often that parent's pain is a forgotten casualty of war.

DOUG GEGAX

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Course Title	Credits	Time	Days	Location/ Delivery	Course Ref. No.
Algebra, Intermediate	3	5:30–7:55 PM	TuTh	WSMR	18362
Anthropology, Intro.Arch./Phys.	3	8:30–12:45 PM	Sat	WSMR	17769
Business in a Global Society	3	Online		Internet	19515
Business Startup: Marketing	3	6:00–8:25 PM	TuTh	Las Cruces	17148
Cisco Academy II	4	6:00–9:20 PM	MW	Las Cruces	17368
Communication, Busin. & Prof.	3	5:30–7:55 PM	MW	WSMR	17977
Computer Basics	1	12:00–12:50 PM	TuTh	Las Cruces	17318
Computer Basics	1	2:00–2:50 PM	MW	Las Cruces	11497
Computer Literacy	3	5:30–7:55 PM	TuTh	WSMR	17316
Credit Administration	3	6:00–8:25 PM	MW	Las Cruces	17151
Export/Import, Intro. to	3	10:30–12:55 PM	TuTh	Las Cruces	17161
Finding & Maint. Employment	2	8:30–11:50 AM	F	Las Cruces	11578
Health, Safety & Nutrition	2	Online		Internet	19358
History, Intro. to Recent Amer.	3	5:30–7:55PM	TuTh	WSMR	17778
Housekeep., Maint. & Security	3	10:30–12:55PM	MW	Las Cruces	17164
Information Literacy, Basic	3	Online		Internet	17228
Information Resources II	3	Online		Internet	17246
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Library Science, Civic Involv. in	1–3	Online		Internet	17237
Macroeconomics, Principles	3	1:30–3:55 PM	MW	Las Cruces	19572
Management, Intro. to	3	3:30–5:55 PM	TuTh	Las Cruces	19512
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Microeconomics, Principles of	3	5:30–7:55 PM	TuTh	WSMR	18081
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Nicolitz

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Mattiace said her parents were wealthy before the war broke out. Her father was a skilled worker, and the family owned farmland and their own business.

During the war, however, the Japanese defeated the Dutch in Indonesia, and they took control of the archipelago. In turn, Nicolitz was separated from his wife and his three children – Rino, Roland and Winnie – forced to work for the Japanese on the railroad under their occupation.

Sukarno, a rebel who had once been imprisoned by the Dutch in Indonesia, became the country's first president in 1945, leading to the imprisonment of all Dutch Indonesian citizens, many of which, Mattiace said, were slaughtered under the new president's orders.

Nicolitz was jailed for a month because of his citizenship, but was able to seek refuge in Singapore.

Still separated from his wife and family, Mattiace said in a camp of 1,200 to 1,500 tents, Nicolitz was able to find his family.

"My dad saw something with my mother's handwriting. She had very distinct handwriting," she said. "He traced her in the camp."

Reunited, the family then traveled to Holland, where Mattiace and her younger brother Marcel were born.

"We were not well received in Holland," she said. "There were limited education opportunities, and we lived in public housing."

Mattiace said her family lived in poverty, something Alexander and Augustine Nicolitz were not used to.

In search of a better life, which he believed was in America, Nicolitz wrote to churches and organizations around the country that sponsored World War II refugees.

"People complain about immigration," Mattiace said. "But there's a lot to it."

After five years, the family received sponsorship from the First Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces. She said there were about five or six families waiting for their Dutch friends at the train station when the family arrived late at night.

The Nicolitz family arrives to New York's Ellis Island in 1957. From left, Nick, Ernst, Marcel, Augustine, Eric, Rino, Wanda and Winnie.

"It was the first time some of us rode in a car," Mattiace said. "Marcel was afraid to get in, and I told him he could lie on the floor, and I would put my feet on him to anchor him so he wouldn't fall out."

Once in Las Cruces, the Nicolitz family experienced many firsts. Still living in poverty, the church provided a home for them with a refrigerator full of food, an unusual change from buying a food on a daily basis in Holland.

"We had never seen so much food in one place at one time," Mattiace said.

They had never seen a pie before, either.

"We were like chimpanzees, poking and examining the pie," she said. "We didn't know what to do with it."

Nicolitz took a job with New Mexico A & M, now New Mexico State University, as a groundskeeper, though his graphic design, architecture and heating and cooling background overqualified him for the job.

"He never once complained," Mattiace said. "He took what he could get."

Augustine helped make ends meet by babysitting.

Within seven months, all were fluent in English, Mattiace said, because her father would only allow them to speak Dutch when they were inside their home.

"Even when we went outside to play, we had to speak English with the other kids."

Though she and her family lived in poverty, Mattiace said it was never something she felt.

"I didn't know I was poor until I was big," she said. "The material things were nothing compared to the religious support and the educational support we received."

She remembered people coming by to bring books and other things, and the Nicolitz family was grateful.

"I believe that's what's made us all successful," she said. "I'm very proud of my family. By God's grace, we've all done very well. We received basic teaching of morals, ethics and hard work."

> "Seeing my parents sacrifice what they did, I knew I had to make them proud."
>
> WANDA NICOLITZ MATTIACE

They may have lived in a new country, but Mattiace said she and her siblings were raised with Old World traditions maintained by her father.

"My father was very kind, very gentle and very quiet. He maintained his culture of Europe, but he told us, 'America is a gift. Nobody limits you but you.'" Mattiace said. "Seeing my parents sacrifice what they did, I knew I had to make them proud. They worked so hard for so little money. My father and mother are my heroes for life because of their sacrifice."

Mattiace and her siblings each have success stories of their own. Mattiace, who was 4 when they arrived in Las Cruces, now owns Adventure Travel on Missouri Avenue with her husband, Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace.

Her sister Winnie, who was 18 when they first arrived, lives in El Paso with her husband.

Roland, who was 16 when they arrived in Las Cruces, owns Nicolitz Screen Printing on Idaho Avenue.

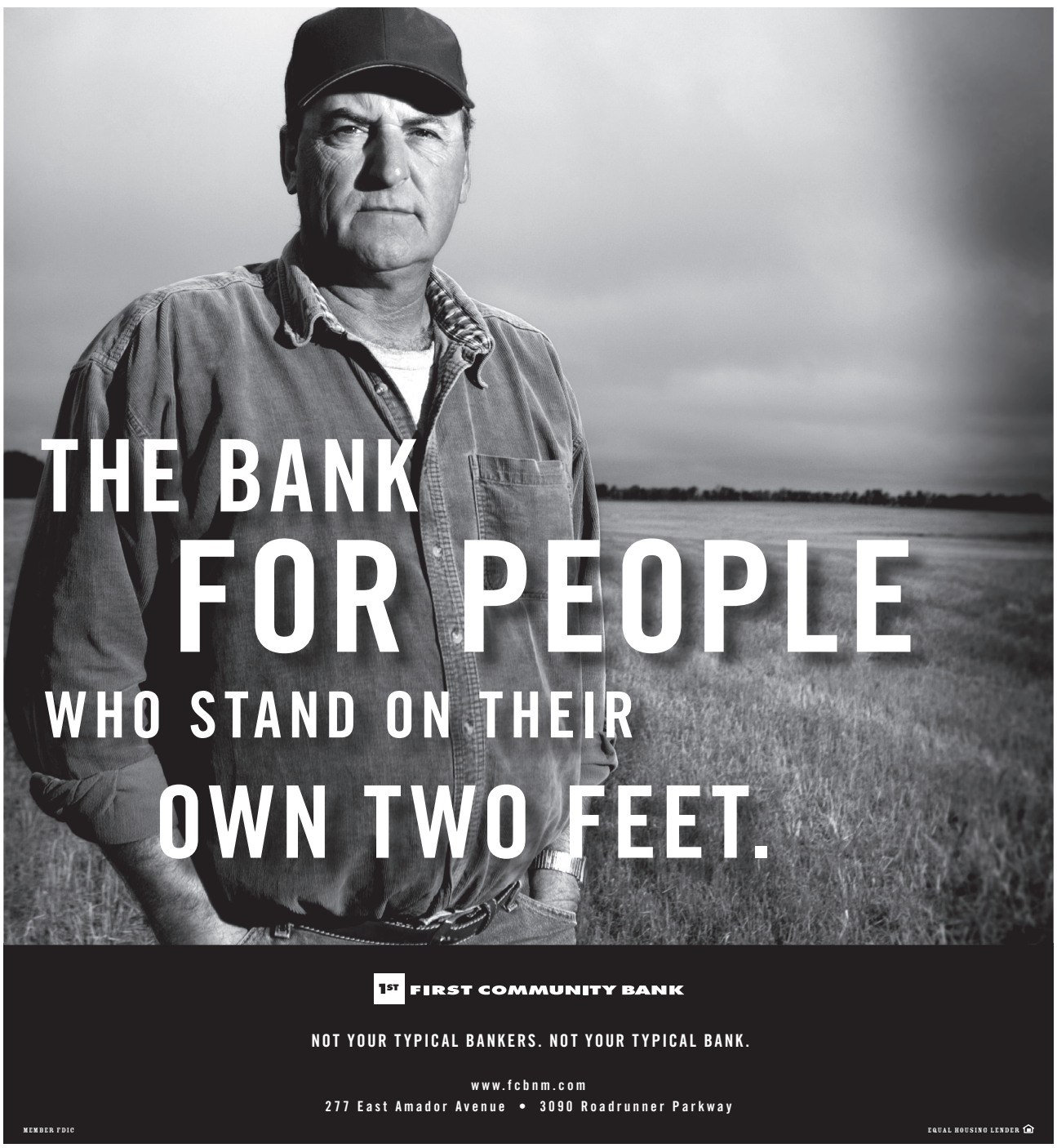
Ernst, who was 10, is now a plastic surgeon who has opened a surgical center in Jacksonville, Fla.

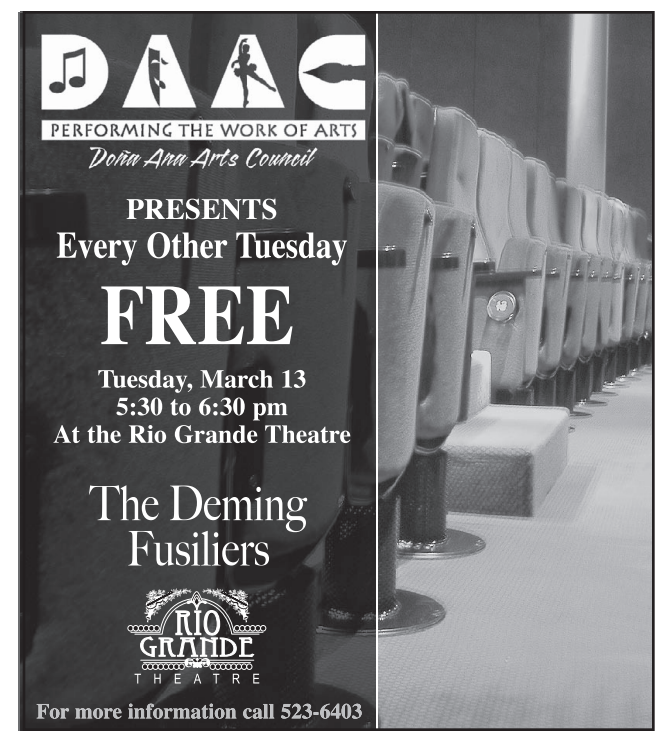
Eric, who was 5, received his Ph.D. and now teaches in Los Lunas.

The youngest, Marcel, who was just 2 when they arrived, is a teacher at Oñate High School and also assists those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease at Arbors of del Rey.

The Mattiaces are still members of the First Presbyterian Church.

"Faith is still a very big part in all of our lives," Mattiace said. "I'm so proud of what we've all become."





At the WAC Kids' Day

Above: The El Khatib sisters, Jana, 2 and Musk, 3, gasp at the magic performances by Jamie O'Hara "The Magic Guy" as they enjoy their popcorn at Wednesday's Kids' Event.

Left: Caden Minnick, 4, watches members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity perform for the audience during Kids' Day late Wednesday afternoon.

Right: The gymnastic squad from Gym Magic called the "Shining Stars" include first and second graders. They performed for the guests at the Kids' Day event held on Wednesday next to the Pan American Center.

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ALEX CRUZ

Above: Hot 103 FM radio DJ Thera provided entertainment for young and old. "It was a great turnout," he said.

Bottom Center: Liz Kranz, current Miss New Mexico Teen USA from Deming, and her friend Susan Sullivan enjoy Kids' Day at the Pan American Center Wednesday.

Bottom Right: Isaac Benavides, 6, enjoys the equipment provided by Gym Magic as its gymnastic squad, Magic Stars, who include girls from fourth through ninth grade, practice for their performance later in the afternoon.

Bikes for Tykes prepares to reward good students

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Jesse Rodriguez, right, poses with Debbie Seveay and Conrad Vasquez, behind bicycles that will be going to local school children who earn good grades and have perfect attendance. With the help and support of different organizations, Rodriguez has been able to expand his Bikes for Tykes program to 20 schools, requiring him and his helpers to build or buy more than 120 bicycles. Rodriguez also likes to give out other gifts at the schools when he distributes the bikes and is taking donations. He can be contacted by call 527-4358 or 650-1508. Groups that helped Rodriguez include Chapter 80 Special Forces Association, the American Legion Riders, Martin's motorcycle group and AutoZone, along with other veterans groups and local businesses.

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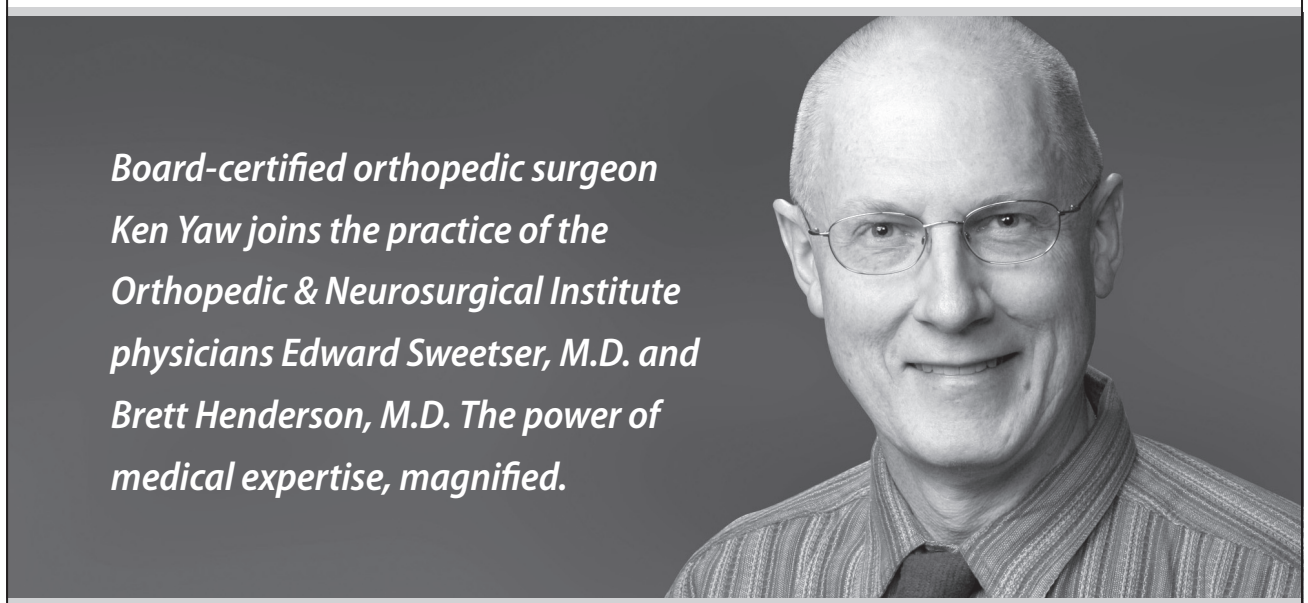

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City turns out to pay respects to fallen soldier

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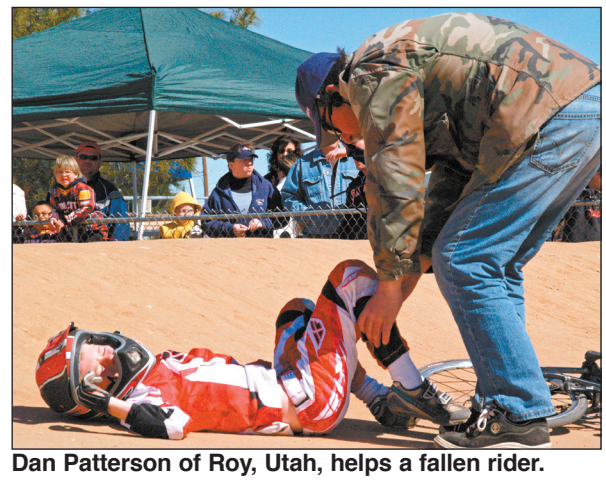

Dan Patterson of Roy, Utah, helps a fallen rider.

Right: Tyler Keilie, 8, checks out the many trophies that would be handed out throughout the day.

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Seven states participate in regional BMX races

More than 700 participants have made the trek to Las Cruces from as far away as Dallas, Texas, and San Diego, Calif., to be part of the ABA (American Bicycle Association) Southwest Nationals. The parking lot was crowded with RVs, trailers and trucks, and packed full of BMX bikes, additional tires and parts, just in case one of the bikes had a problem and had to be fixed on the spot. A live webcast was available for those who were unable to come and see their loved ones participate in the race and afterward, DVDs of the race were available for purchase. Kent Harris of Las Cruces provided free wireless Internet service for all participants, and Dan Patterson from the ABA made sure all the rules and regulations were obeyed. The weather itself was frigid, and most of the participants were bundled in blankets and sipped hot chocolate to keep themselves warm.

Jason Stout of Salt Lake City, Utah, is a violin player for the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra when he doesn't compete with his BMX bike.

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Annual Bataan Memorial Death March on tap at White Sands Missile Range

Each spring, military and civilian runners, hikers and walkers converge at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico to share blisters, sore muscles and total exhaustion as they pay tribute to the soldiers who suffered one of the most infamous episodes of World War II, the Bataan Death March.

This year's Bataan Memorial Death March will be held on Sunday, March 25.

"It's an amazing experience," said 2nd Lt. Todd Perry, 33, a member of Team America, which won the Military Heavy Co-ed Division in 2006. "The camaraderie, the sense of accomplishment, the respect paid to the old veterans... I think there is incredible value in doing the event as a soldier. It tests your endurance and character."

The march honors the American and Filipino soldiers who defended the islands of Luzon, Corregidor and the harbor defense forts of the Philippines at the onset of World War II. On April 9, 1942, thousands of these soldiers were surrendered to Japanese forces. They were marched for days in the scorching heat through the Philippine jungles.

Thousands died, and those who survived faced years of hardship or death in prisoner-of-war camps. Others were wounded or killed when unmarked enemy ships transporting prisoners of war to Japan were sunk by U.S. air and naval forces.

"The Memorial March is one of New Mexico's most unique events, from both an historical and a recreational perspective," said Michael Cerletti, Secretary of the New Mexico Tourism Department. "New Mexico is a great place for fitness – with its many recreation areas and opportunities for cycling, skiing, snowboarding, hiking and running. By also acknowledging our state's military veterans, the Memorial March has become nationally recognized in the sporting world."

The Bataan Memorial March offers a 26.2-mile course and a 15.2-mile course. Both courses take participants through sandy trails and washes as well as over paved roads.

The longer course, which has been called one of the toughest marathons in the United States, includes an elevation increase from 4,100 to 5,300 feet. There are both team and individual categories and numerous age divisions. Additionally, participants may choose to go "heavy," which means carrying a 35-pound rucksack for the duration of course. Awards are given to the first- and second-place finishers in each division.

The short course is honorary with no categories or age divisions and no awards given. It is designed for those who want to honor the heroes of Bataan and participate in the day's events, but don't feel up to the marathon-length course.

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The Bataan Memorial Death March will be conducted at White Sands Missile Range on March 25. The event offers 26-2 and 15.2-mile courses.

The cost to register for the Memorial March is $50 for an individual or $200 for a team. Mail-in registration must be postmarked no later than March 11, 2007. Online registration closes at midnight March 18, 2007. Late online registration will be accepted from 12:01 a.m. March 19 to midnight March 22, 2007 at a cost of $100 for individuals and $400 for a team.

How to Survive the Bataan Memorial Death March

Recommendations and training tips from the Bataan Memorial Death March's medical support team and experienced participants:

Start a training program several months in advance. Follow a realistic and progressive schedule, working up to 26.2 miles several weeks before the march.

When training, wear the boots and the equipment you intend to use on the march. You should have at least 100 miles on your marching footwear. This ensures your gear is broken in and will minimize the chance for blisters.

Items to consider carrying with you: sunscreen, hat or bandana, sunglasses, power gels, trail mix, power bars, moleskin, sports drink and at least two extra pairs of socks. The extra socks are especially important because you will accumulate sand in your shoes.

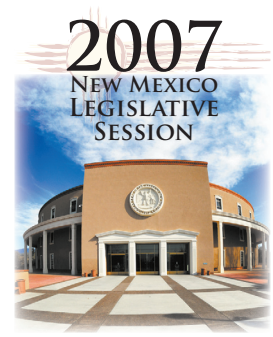
"Team events are the way to go. Start your training well in advance of the event and above all, train for "The Hill." – Team America, 2006 Military Heavy Co-ed Division winners

"Never try anything new on the day of the event." – Hudson Valley Haulers, 2006 National Guard Light Division winners

"Proper hydration is important – throughout training and up to the event (100 or more ounces a day). This helps alleviates headaches, cramping and breathing issues. – Hudson Valley Haulers, 2006 National Guard Light Division winners

"There is a definite need to stress the importance of nutrition ... figure out in advance what works well for your body." – Hudson Valley Haulers, 2006 National Guard Light Division winners

House passes 3 Cote bills



Freshman legislation proposed to assist veterans and teachers

Freshman Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Las Cruces, has successfully passed three important pieces of legislation through the House.

Two of the bills provide tax relief — one for active members of the military and the other for teachers. The third bill would allow more military families based in New Mexico to take advantage of the state lottery program.

HB 207 — Armed Forces Income Tax Exemption would save military families who are residents of New Mexico about $10 million per year. The bill would beneficially impact approximately 7,000 active duty military, saving each about $1,350 per year; and 3,000 active duty National Guard and army reserve members, saving them $133 each per year.

"This tax exemption supports New Mexican military families and recognizes New Mexicans who join the military to keep this great state as their permanent residence and home of record during their service," Cote said. "I hope that this will also encourage them to return here someday when they leave active duty."

HB 117a — Teacher Tax Credit for Classroom Supplies would benefit as many as 22,000 licensed public school teachers in 2007 and 2008. The bill would provide a refundable tax credit up to $250 for teachers who pay for classroom supplies out of their own pocket. The tax credit would be worth as much as $4.6 million dollars per year to teachers. This is a pilot program that is set to expire January 1, 2009.

"During my meetings with teachers, classroom expenses were their number one issue," Cote said. "A recent national survey said that teachers spend an average of $475 per year on classroom supplies out of their own pocket when there is no money in the budget. We should recognize teachers for their commitment to our children."

HB209 — Lottery Scholarships for Military Dependents addresses a long standing problem for military families who are stationed in New Mexico but maintain a legal address in another state. Without this legislation, students graduating from New Mexican high schools with parents in the military may not be eligible for lottery scholarships because of vagueness in the current statute. This expansion of the lottery scholarship program would help a minimum of 50 students per year and would have no impact on taxes.

"The lottery scholarship bill provides important support to graduating seniors and offers the opportunity for these young adults to remain close to their families while attending New Mexico's fine colleges and universities," said Cote.

Denish urges support for housing authority reform

By Steve Terrell
The Santa Fe New Mexican

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish met Tuesday with House members who voted to effectively kill a bill that would have provided more oversight of the scandal-plagued regional housing authorities in an effort to change their minds and get them to support a similar bill that's still alive.

Denish, in an interview, said members of the House Business and Industry Committee were receptive to her pitch to vote in favor of Senate Bill 519, sponsored by Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces. However, she said, "I didn't get a commitment from the committee chair to hear the bill soon."

Rep. Debbie Rodella, D-Española, the committee chairwoman, declined to speak to a reporter, saying through a spokeswoman for House Democrats that she was too busy.

"The overlying theme of this session is ethics reform," Denish said. "This is really part of our administration's commitment to reforming areas where there have been scandals or poor use of taxpayers' money."

Gov. Bill Richardson is a strong backer of the bills, which would put the seven regional housing authorities under the supervision of the state Mortgage Finance Authority, Denish said.

The MFA is a quasi-public entity, chaired by Denish, that finances housing for low- to moderate-income New Mexicans.

Denish said the purpose of Papen's bill — as well as the one the committee tabled, House Bill 997, sponsored by Rep. Janice Arnold-Jones, R-Albuquerque — is "to provide more oversight and accountability for the regional housing authorities and get money out there to build affordable housing."

Arnold-Jones said unless one of the bills passes, "we'll still have a quasi-political (entity) authorized to sell bonds on behalf of the state."

Denish said only two of the seven regional housing authorities seem to be functioning well. Both Arnold-Jones and Denish noted that no houses have been built in the past five years through the regional authorities.

The committee last Sunday voted 6-5 to table Arnold-Jones' bill — an action that effectively kills the bill. Six Democrats, including Rodella, voted to table. One Democrat, Rep. Donna Irwin, D-Deming, and five Republicans voted against the tabling.

The tabling motion, by Rep. Thomas Garcia, D-Ocate, came shortly after House Speaker Ben Lujan, D-Nambe, entered the room and spoke with Rodella and some of the Democrats.

Lujan's friendship with former Region III Housing Authority Director Vincent "Smiley" Gallegos has been the center of controversy in recent months. Gallegos is a lobbyist and former lawmaker who resigned in August after his Albuquerque-based agency defaulted on $5 million in bonds sold to the State Investment Council. A report by the council last year found Gallegos' agency had misused housing money, spending it to fund salaries and benefits, make loans and buy vehicles.

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New Doña Ana County detention officers, from left, Rebecca Whalen, David Tarrants, Andrew Scribner, Luis Quinonez, Efrain Monroy, Kimberly Melendrez, Gabriel Medina, Bernardo Lopez and Salvador Fernandez take their oath of honor from Probate Judge Alice Salcido, also pictured at upper right, during graduation ceremonies Feb. 23 in County Commission Chambers.

Left: Graduating detention officer David Tarrants, left, receives his certificate from Sgt. Javier Ontiveros.

Right: Detention Captain Vicki Garcia addresses graduating detention officers and their families, friends and supporters.

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At the Southwest Quarterhorse Association Show —

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Dave Dillman of Santa Fe, aboard Roopaulena, works a calf in the Junior Working Cow Horse class during the Southwest Quarter Horse Association show Saturday, March 3, at the Doña Ana County Fairgrounds.

Donna Comyford of Silver City, riding High Class Madam, takes second place in the Senior Working Cow Horse class.

Bob Comyford of Silver City, riding High Class Madam, takes first place in the Amateur Breakaway Roping class.

Header Jack Younker, right, of Las Cruces, aboard Love My Feelings, and heeler Nick Avalos of Doña Ana, riding Queen Correon, team up to rope their steer for a second place finish in the Team Roping-Header class.

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Out of the Past

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

The Mesilla Valley started with alfalfa and, after the Elephant Butte Dam was built, became more diversified. And at one time, farmers raised a lot of turkeys.

75 years ago 1932

• State highway work was the main employment in the community, providing a weekly payroll of $2,500 to $3,000. Road work was being conducted on Highway 70 west and Alameda Boulevard to the Country Club.

• As an example of what people could do to "conquer the depression," the Chamber Commerce was displaying 1,400 quarts of homegrown produce in the First National Bank that had been canned by Mrs. Fred Carr.

• H. Arthur Hayner was named vice president of the American Cotton Association during a conference in New Orleans.

50 years ago 1957

• Progress on the widening of the San Agustin Pass on U.S. Highway 70 "bottle neck" was about 80 percent complete to expand to four lanes with less incline. Armstrong and Armstrong of Roswell had 30 men working on the $664,800 project, removing 364,000 cubic yards of earth and rock, using 60,000 pounds of dynamite, the largest earth-moving project in New Mexico. The State Highway Department lowered the road 34 feet and was allowing one-way traffic on one two-lane stretch.

• White Sands Proving Grounds set up the first rocket "filling station" with its inhibited Red-Fuming Nitric Acid Storage and Blending System pump. The special fuel was needed to aid oxidation at high altitudes.

• The Elephant Butte Irrigation District's initial release was 1.2 inches, down from the previous year's 4.7 inches.

• The Department of Health, Education and Welfare granted Las Cruces Public Schools $210,612 for salaries, supplies and maintenance.

• Rain during the first two months of the year was 1.80 inches compared with the average of .76 inch.

• James Cole was named vice president for New Mexico with the Supima Cotton Association.

25 years ago 1982

• The city commission was reviewing priorities to determine the best way to spend $1.2 million in Revenue Sharing.

• Chile production was 23,000 tons, an increase of 800 tons over the previous year.

• The EBID initial release was two feet, nine inches, pending snow runoff.

• The Aggie baseball team swept the Lobos in a double-header, 4-3 and 3-2.

• Erik Vedeler sprinted 300 meters in 8:46.5 seconds to set an NMSU record.

10 years ago 1997

• In boys high school basketball district action, Alamogordo eliminated Las Cruces 75-58 to qualify for the state tournament, and Mayfield edged Deming 72-70. Oñate overwhelmed Gadsden 63-42 and barely beat Mayfield 80-78 to survive.

• Lior Lapid, 14, was tied for ninth in the nation in the Ninth-Grade and Younger chess players category.

• The United Fund exceeded its goal of $500,000 with pledges of $520,000.

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

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• The deferral limit for SIMPLE plans increases to $10,500, up from $10,000 in 2006.

• Catch-up contributions for those aged 50 or older remain unchanged at $5,000 for 401(k) plans and $2,500 for SIMPLE plans.

• There's no change in the maximum IRA contribution. The limit for both Roth and traditional IRAs will stay at $4,000 until 2008. The additional catch-up contribution allowed for those 50 or older remains at $1,000.

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Tuesday March 13	Wednesday March 14	Thursday March 15
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These sessions are being held to gain additional public input on the State Engineer's Active Water Resource Management initiative in the Lower Rio Grande. Agency staff will listen and document issues expressed by the public. Information obtained will be used in refining the State Engineer's initiative, including rules and regulations for water managment. For more information go to the State Engineer website at **www.ose.state.nm.us** and click on Lower Rio Grande Public Outreach under Hot Topics.

Coming Up——

Casting call

Nash Productions, which is currently filming the independent feature length film "The Rise and Fall of Their American Dream" in Las Cruces, is looking for extras to fill certain roles on the following dates:

• Thursday, March 8

Hispanic females between the ages of 18 and 25. Approximately 8 to 12 needed.

• Friday, March 9

Males and females, all ethnicities, 18 years of age and older to attend a gala event. Business attire. Approximately 50 needed.

• Tuesday, March 20

Hispanic females between the ages of 18 and 25. Males 18 years of age and older, all ethnicities. Approximately five females and five males needed.

• Wednesday, March 21

Males and females 18 years of age and older to appear in a Day of the Dead parade with accompanying makeup or masks. Approximately 50 needed.

All persons interested in serving as extras in the film or needing more information about certain roles should email their name, age, photo and phone number to Susie Enoch at: lineproducers@yahoo.com

Those selected will be notified of production times and locations.

The city of Las Cruces is providing use of some of its facilities and vehicles to assist in the production.

"The Rise and Fall of Their American Dream" is a crime drama about three low class strangers intent on achieving their American dream of affluence and success. Director Nash Bhatt says he'll enter the "The Rise and Fall of Their American Dream" in the Sundance, Cannes and Toronto film festivals.

Character Counts! Task Force

The Mesilla Valley Character Counts! (CC!) Task Force will meet from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, in the Las Cruces Public Schools Professional Development Center, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 400.

CC! Task Force meetings will be held Tuesdays, April 10 and May 8.

CC! is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian coalition of schools, communities and organizations working to advance character education of students. The six CC! Pillars of Character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The Mesilla Valley CC! Task Force began operation in August 1996.

For more information on the task force, contact Patricia Monge at 527-5871 or pmonge@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Art students to travel to New York

Mayfield High School students raising funds to make the trip

By Leann Lopez
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Seven Mayfield High School art students and their teacher will spend this spring working on projects with professional artists and will travel to New York in May for a gallery opening featuring their work.

The students will be working with artists from Wieden+Kennedy Advertising as part of a mentoring program initiated by Ricardo Viramontes, Wieden+Kennedy's art director. Shelley Black, a two-dimensional visual arts instructor at Mayfield, will oversee the students' projects in the time leading up to their trip.

The program will "help (students) see that art is a very viable opportunity," Black said. "It's one of the best careers you can have."

The partnership began last fall when Viramontes, a Deming native whose father is a vice principal at Mayfield, was in Las Cruces and Black said she "begged" him to speak to advanced art students about his work. Afterward, Black said Viramontes approached her about introducing the program as a way to give students in New Mexico a chance to experience life as a professional artist.

Black jumped at the opportunity and selected four of her Advanced Placement students and three others from her upper-level classes with a "capacity for art."

The participating students, who are all juniors or seniors, will each be assigned to work with an artist who works with Wieden+Kennedy. All of the students and artists will begin two projects at their respective locations, and then, half-way through, they will switch projects with their partner. After the collaborations are completed, the students will travel to New York and the pieces will be featured at a gallery opening on May 24.

Wieden+Kennedy will announce the artist pairings on March 15. The students, whose interests include advertising, airbrushing cars, tattooing, web-page design and filmmaking, will be paired with artists whose styles are similar to theirs. Wieden+Kennedy has done work with a wide variety of companies including Nike, ESPN, LucasArts, The Coca-Cola Company and Starbucks.

"(The students) will be introduced to artists who are actually making it," Black said. "There will be no starving artists."

Senior Louie Valenciano, 18, said when he found out about working with the professionals, he thought, "Oh wow, that's pretty scary."

Despite initial jitters, Valenciano, who said he is interested in opening an art store in the future, said he thinks the experience will be "inspirational."

While in New York, the students will tour museums and galleries, visit artists' studios and work on a project with their partner on each day of the trip. They will also be learning how a gallery opening is organized and experience critiques of their work.

The students will experience the daily life of a professional artist. "They will see where (the artists') inspiration comes from and what they need to do with their lives to follow in their footsteps," Black said.

Junior Damacio Bernal, 16, said he has never been to New York and is excited to "see the experiences of what other artists go through — how they do their thing." Bernal, who enjoys doing Latin art and portraits, said he has been interested in art since he was five and is inspired by his brothers, one who passed away and another in the military.

Another senior, Mandy Ford, 17, is applying to attend art schools and is hoping the trip to New York will help her decide what area of art to pursue.

Black said she wants to promote art as a professional venue, not just a hobby. "So often art is relegated to the back row of learning, and we forget that this subject can be a leader in job opportunities," she said.

Those who go into this field "don't have to be a starving artist," Black said. "It's like any other career — there are bumps in the road before you get to the top. People just don't understand how the arts affect us."

In order to take advantage of the Wieden+Kennedy partnership, Black and her students have been trying to raise money through fundraising and are looking for sponsors. Black estimates the trip will cost $2,000 per person. To help with the effort, Black has donated a painting of the Organ Mountains for a raffle, which will take place on March 15. Each ticket costs $10 and those interested in purchasing tickets or making a donation should contact Black at Mayfield High School. The phone number is 527-9415.

River Advisory

The northern mountains snow pack may be peaking, and the Bureau of Reclamation is expecting a snow runoff of 339,000 acre-feet into Elephant Butte Reservoir, 59 percent of average, the bureau announced.

The snow pack, which had been reported at more than 100 percent of average, has dropped to 93 percent.

Storage in Elephant Butte is 605,033 acre-feet, 31 percent of average, an increase of 7,424 from last week.

The elevation is 4,347 feet and the reservoir surface is 60 feet below the spillway.

The river flow at San Marcial is 898 cubic feet per second, only 54 percent of average. But, since July 29, Elephant Butte has picked up 421,158 acre-feet and 39 feet in elevation, according to the advisory.

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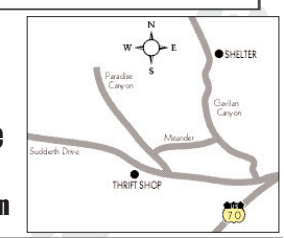

Coming Up

Weed & Seed open house

The Las Cruces Weed & Seed initiative and the Doña Ana Community College Mesquite Neighborhood Learning Center will hold an Open House from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13. The event will be held at the A. Fielder Safe Haven Memorial building, 906 N. Tornillo St., and is open to all the public.

The event is a great opportunity for Mesquite Neighborhood residents to get reacquainted as a community. There will be tours of both the Weed & Seed and the learning center.

In addition, there will be guest speakers and awards of appreciation. Food and entertainment will be provided. Residents are invited to meet the A. Fielder Safe Haven and college staff to learn how to get involved.

For more information, call James Woods, acting Weed & Seed coordinator, at 528-4235. The TTY number is 528-4197.

Reunion

The 30th Class Reunion for Las Cruces High School will be on June 8 and 9. Visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us and click on class reunions or call 649-2094.

Open government panel

The Departments of Journalism, Government and History are sponsoring a freedom of speech panel in celebration of James Madison Day from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 12, in the Corbett Center Auditorium on the NMSU campus. The panel is free and open to the public.

"Is Open Government Closed for Business?" will address the difficulties the public has had in accessing government records under the Federal Freedom of Information Act as well as state issues regarding open meetings and open records.

The panelists are: Nancy Baker from the government department, Ray Sadler from history and Bob Johnson, director of the New Mexico Foundation for Open Government.

Summer School registration

The dates have been set for students to register for 2006-07 summer school, said David Day, assistant principal at Oñate High School.

Registration dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mayfield High School;
- Wednesday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Las Cruces High School
- Saturday, May 5, 8 a.m. to noon, Oñate High School.

Summer school will be held at Oñate High School as follows:

- **Session I: May 29-June 14**
  Week 1: May 29, May 30, May 31, June 1
  Week 2: June 4, June 5, June 6, June 7
  Week 3: June 11, June 12, June 13, June 14
- **Session II: June 18-July 5**
  Week 1: June 18, June 19, June 20, June 21
  Week 2: June 25, June 26, June 27, June 28, June 29
  Week 3: July 2, July 3, July 5

For more information, contact Day at 527-9430 or dday@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Spring Break schedule

All Las Cruces Public Schools will be closed Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23, for the spring break holiday.

The LCPS Administration Building will remain open throughout the week, with administrators and staff working normal hours.

The three-week spring intersession for students and staff of the district's two balanced-calendar schools – Booker T. Washington and MacArthur elementaries – will begin Monday, March 19, and continue through Monday, April 9.

The actual spring intersession is March 19-April 6. April 9 is the district's inclement weather day. One day is set aside in each school-year calendar in case severe weather forces the cancellation of classes. Since that did not occur during the 2006-07 school year, the date becomes a school holiday.

Sierra Club hike

The Sierra Club will have an easy day hike along Alameda Arroyo on the East Mesa at the base of the Organ Mountains on Saturday, March 17.

Participants should bring water and food and meet in the parking lot of North Main Street K-Mart at 9 a.m. The event is free, and non-members are welcome. Call John at 526-7116.

Rio Grande Historical Collections

The NMSU University Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 28, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. The public is invited. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the museum's auditorium. David A. DeWitt of Sunbelt Shows Inc., and the NMSU Chile Pepper Institute, is the guest speaker. There will also be presentations by staff members of the NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections Department. Following the program, attendees may join the RGHC for lunch in the museum's restaurant, at $15 per person. Please contact the NMSU Library Administration at 646-1508 or Connie Loyd at 646-3642 to make your lunch reservation.

Student roundtable

Las Cruces Public Schools Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds will continue a series of roundtable discussions with groups of parents, teachers and students in March to discuss issues ranging from literacy to school safety. He will conduct additional roundtables in April with classified school staff and students.

Roundtables scheduled in March are:

- Student Roundtable: 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, Mayfield High School. Participating students were selected by school principals.
- Teacher Roundtable: 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 15, in Conference Room A. Participating teachers were selected by the NEA of Las Cruces. Topics of November and December meetings included school facilities, curriculum and professional development associated with schools making adequate yearly progress.
- Parent Roundtable: 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, Conference Room A. Participating parents are members of LCPS school advisory committees and/or parent teacher organizations.

April Roundtables

- Classified Roundtables: 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 4 in the LCPS Board Room. Participating staff was selected by the Classified School Employees Council (CSEC) of Las Cruces.
- Student Roundtable: 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, San Andres Learning Center. Participating students were selected by school principals

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

Colloquium series

Rajan Gupta, of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, will speak at 4 p.m. Friday, March 16, in Gardener Hall Room 229 on the New Mexico State University main campus.

The lecture, "Energy for all in the 21st Century," is part of the Department of Physics Colloquium Series.

"Energy is the key to development and is the basis of modern technology societies," Gupta said. "The urgent question today is: 'What energy portfolio will provide affordable clean energy to 8 billion people?' This talk will examine the current challenges and the technological breakthroughs required to realize the potential of fossil fuels, nuclear energy and alternates (hydro, solar, wind). I will make the case for why it is in the U.S.'s interest to lead the efforts to develop and deploy cheap clean energy for all."

Other topics discussed during the colloquium include "Computational Physics in the Deep Earth," "The Dynamics of Fast Moving Ice Streams in Antarctica" and "Physics at the Speed of Light."

Refreshments will be served before the colloquium at 3:45 p.m. For more information on the lecture or the colloquium, call 646-1811.

Association of Educational Retirees

Gayle Lewis will be the featured speaker at the March luncheon meeting of the Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees. Lewis is a well-traveled, sought-after speaker. The meeting starts at 11:15 a.m.Tuesday, March 13, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. All retirees who have worked in any educational organization, in any position, anywhere in the world, are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is $11. RSVP La June Smith at 522-6026.

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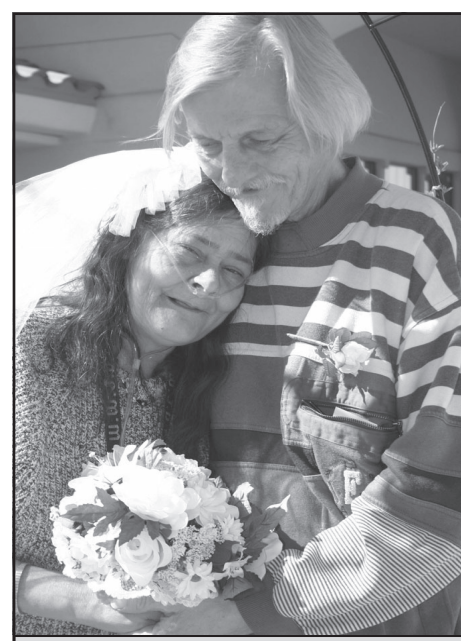
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AM Service: 10:45
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Spanish Bible Study: 7:00 pm Thursday
524-0824

Baptist

East Mesa Baptist Church
Sunday bible study 9am
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10:15 am & 6 pm
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Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234
Sunday Worship
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Everyone is invited to East Mesa Baptist Church, 6160 Moongate Road, on March 11 at both the 10:15 a.m. and the 6 p.m. services to share a time of music and preaching with Paul and Vanessa Cherry, our guests. Paul graduated from Southwestern Seminary at Ft. Worth and surrendered to Evangelistic service in 1982. In addition to the Sunday services, they will be with us on Monday, March 12, through Wednesday, March 14, with service beginning at 7 p.m. Come for a joyful time of Christian fellowship. Please call the church at 382-0386 for more information.

MESSIANIC PASSOVER SEDER

On Monday evening, April 2, the Etz Chayim-Tree of Life Messianic congregation will be holding its annual Passover Seder at 6:30 p.m. Join us in remembrance of this Biblical festival of the Messiah Yeshua's (Jesus') sacrifice on our behalf. The Seder will be held at our building located at 134 S. Downtown Mall off of parking lot 10. Please RSVP with your name and the number of people who will be attending to 382-0193.

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St. Paul's to present Easter portion of Handel's 'Messiah'

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., is pleased to invite the local community to participate in a performance of Handel's "Messiah" at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 1.

The performance, to be accompanied by an orchestra of players from the Las Cruces and El Paso symphonies, will include the Easter portion of Handel's "Messiah."

Soloists include Susan Ellington, soprano; Celia Villa, alto; Orlando-Antonio Jimenez, tenor; and J. R. Spurlin, bass. The conductor of the performance will be Dr. Douglas Weeks, minister of music and arts at St. Paul's UMC. Admission will be $5.

Singers from the area are invited to sing with the choir. Realizing the usual rehearsal nights for other choirs, Weeks has scheduled special rehearsals on Saturday afternoons in order that the singers may rehearse together several times in advance.

Those rehearsals include Saturdays, March 10, 17 and 24, at 2 p.m. and a dress rehearsal with the orchestra on Saturday, March 31, at 4 p.m.

The chorus will be using the G. Schirmer edition of Handel's "Messiah." If singers have their own copies, they are asked to bring them; if not, copies will be available for purchase or to borrow.

"I believe that this event will be a real joy to be a part of – and with everyone's participation, it will be even more special," Weeks said.

For more information about the event, call Weeks at 526-6689.

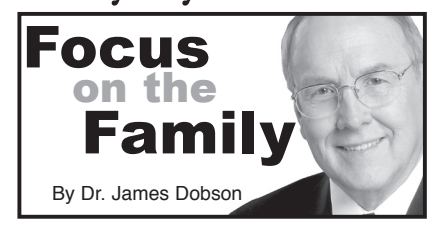
St. Paul's March concert to feature Dena Kay Jones

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., and the New Mexico State University Department of Music continue their exciting concert series, jointly sponsored by both institutions, with a concert featuring music for the piano performed by Dr. Dena Kay Jones, professor of piano at UTEP, at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 11. The concert series, entitled "St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons," features at least a concert per month, through May 2007. This concert will be in the sanctuary of St. Paul's on their Yamaha grand piano. Admission is free to the public, although love offerings for the performer are welcome.

Jones joined the music faculty of the University of Texas at El Paso in 2002. She has performed as a soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States ,as well as Spain and Mexico. Solo performances include recitals at El Centro Municipal de Las Artes in Juarez, Mexico, the Tuscola Fine Arts Center (Illinois) and the For the Love of Music Series in Bisbee (Arizona), an appearance as soloist with the University of Arizona Symphony, and performances for world-renowned pianists Emanuel Ax and Peter Serkin at the 1998 Tanglewood Auditions in New York, Leon Fleisher at the 1999 Aspen Summer Music Festival and Russell Shermann at the 2000 Summer Courses in Santander, Spain.

Education is inefficient, but its importance is beyond doubt

We are shaped primarily by those that serve as educators



I've heard that we forget more than 80 percent of what we learn. When you consider the cost of getting an education, I wonder why we put all that effort into examinations, textbooks, homework and years spent in boring classrooms. Is education really worth what we invest in it?

In fact, it is. There are many valid reasons for learning, even if forgetting will take its usual toll.

First, one of the important functions of the learning process is the self-discipline and self-control that it fosters. Good students learn to follow directions, carry out assignments and channel their mental faculties.

Second, even if the facts and concepts can't be recalled, the individual knows they exist and where to find them. He or she can retrieve the information if needed.

Third, old learning makes new learning easier. Each mental exercise gives us more associative cues with which to link future ideas and concepts, and we are changed for having been through the process of learning.

Fourth, we don't really forget everything that is beyond the reach of our memories. The information is stored in the brain and will return to consciousness when properly stimulated.

And fifth, we are shaped by the influence of intelligent and charismatic people who taught us.

I wish there were an easier, more efficient process for shaping human minds than the slow and painful experience of education. But until a "learning pill" is developed, the old-fashioned approach will have to do.

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My former wife and I were married for 13 years before we divorced two years ago. She has since remarried and has custody of our 12-year-old daughter.

Recently, I've learned that my ex-wife is saying things to our daughter that I feel are damaging to her spirit. She frequently blames her weight problem, smoking addiction and financial woes on our daughter ("I wouldn't be in this mess if it weren't for you"). She also has no respect for our daughter's boundaries, and routinely confiscates cash gifts that are received for birthday or Christmas presents.

Since I am no longer recognized as the primary care provider, I am somewhat hesitant to raise objections. Still, she is my daughter, and it pains me to see her subjected to this kind of abuse. Should I step in and make things right?

I'm sure what you are witnessing is extremely distressing, and I wish there were legal remedies to help you protect your daughter. Within certain limits, however, your ex-wife is permitted by the court to be a bad mother and even do things that are harmful to the child. If you attack her or try to place her on the defensive, you could even make things tougher for your daughter. Apart from what you can accomplish with your wife through negotiation and personal influence, then, your hands are tied.

There is, however, so much that you can do directly with your daughter, even though you don't have custody over her. Work hard on that relationship. Be there for her when she needs you. Give her the best of your love and attention when she visits. At 12 years of age, she is at the most vulnerable time of her life and needs a father who thinks she is very special. You can have a profound influence on her if you demonstrate your love and concern consistently during this difficult period of her life.

Remember, too, that the present situation may be temporary. Teenagers are given greater latitude in deciding which parent they want to live with. By your daughter's choice, you might have custody of her in a year or two. Until then, all you can do is the best you can do. I pray that it will be enough.

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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"Becoming a Balm"

By K. Joy Sandiford

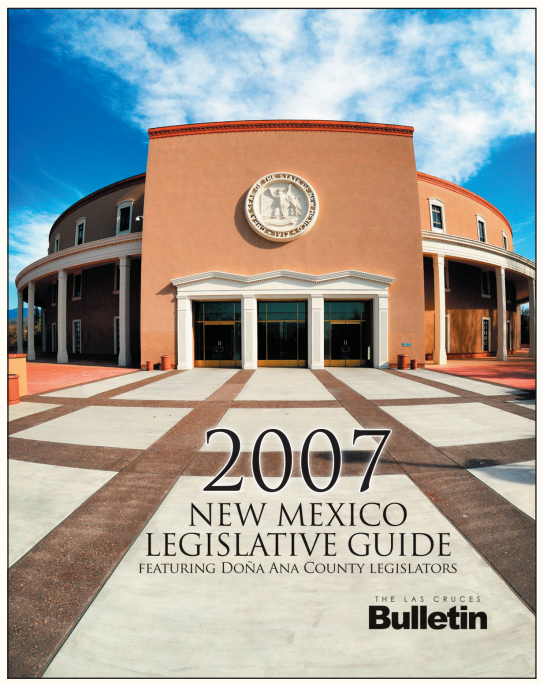
By placing the things that have caused us the greatest grief on the altar, God will use them, like a balm, to heal those that are hurting.

Our experiences are meant to bring hope and healing to others. This is what Jesus accomplished on the cross. He turned the anguish of his ordeal into a balm for the world, "whosoever" will receive it.

We have been told for so long that we are to leave our struggles behind, sweep them under the proverbial rug and move on.

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" Rev. 12:11. If our anguish does not become our testimony, it has served no purpose, we fail to overcome.

Like Christ, we are to be a living balm. "Go up unto Gilead, and take balm, O virgin the daughter of Egypt: in vain shalt thou use many medicines: for thou shalt not be cured" Jeremiah 46:11. When we become as balm, many will experience healing and deliverance.



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Around Town
Health events and support groups

■ FREE HEALTH SCREENING AND EDUCATIONAL EVENT

A free health screening and educational event will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Paul's United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The event will feature free health screenings including blood pressure checks, blood sugar testing and cholesterol testing. Participants may gather information and learn more about weight control, healthy lifestyle choices, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure.

The health event is sponsored by LCDF Medical Centers with partnership from MountainView Medical Center Diabetes Education Program, the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service and the NMSU SoAHEC. Funds were also provided by Pfizer's Alliance For A Healthy Border program.

■ NUTRITION AND IRRITABLE BOWL DISEASE DISCUSSION

Laura Merrill, dietitian at MountainView Regional Medical Center, will speak about nutrition and Irritable Bowel Disease at the Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meeting on Sunday, March 11, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively know as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as one million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet, and surgery. The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping and diarrhea.

The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of the long-term illness. Friends and family members welcome. The Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meets the second Sunday of every month.

The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.

■ THE SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO DIABETES OUTREACH DIABETES DOC TALKS

Guest speaker Marie Castillo, registered nurse and certified diabetes educator, will discuss blood glucose levels at a diabetes doc talk scheduled for Monday, March 12, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

The meeting is open to those who have been informed that they have diabetes, family and friends of diabetics or all who are interested. The meeting is free and no pre-registration is required.

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

■ INDEPENDENT LIVING GROUP MEETING

The Ability Center for Independent Living will hold its first independent living group meeting of the year from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the East Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. For more information call Rosa Orosco at 526-5016.

■ THE SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO DIABETES OUTREACH EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

■ DEMENTIA AND YOUR LOVED ONE

Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care will present a workshop titled "Staying connected with your dementia loved one" on Monday, March 12, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404.

It can sometimes be hard to maintain a relational connection with someone living with dementia. This class will cover levels of dementia, how to connect with those levels and related activities for those with dementia.

Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required. Call the Women's Resource Center at 556-6890 to register for a class or for more information.

■ HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING?

Abraham Gonzalez, of Sleep Lab of Las Cruces will present a workshop titled "Common Sleep Disorders and Treatment Options," on Thursday, March 15, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave, Suite 404.

This class will look at various sleep disorders, how those disorders are diagnosed and how they can be treated.

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'Time to heal'

Training offered to families of mentally ill

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Just as someone diagnosed with mental illness can't simply "snap out of it," their family members can't just return to normal without help.

Nor do the repairs to a family happen overnight.

"It's a long road with many ups and downs," says Becky Beckett, whose experiences with her daughter Susan has made her a local advocate for the mentally ill and their families through Doña Ana County's National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Her daughter's difficulties began in her early teens when the bright girl's grades began to drop and she became increasingly isolated. But the problem with Susan was that she wasn't totally alone. She couldn't concentrate, distracted by voices in her head. Her tactile hallucinations caused her to withdraw. She was paranoid and couldn't sleep.

Her bizarre behaviors in high school — dancing with science class skeletons and sudden reactions to unseen phantoms — were dismissed by fellow students or school staff to her being somehow intoxicated, but Susan didn't take drugs or drink.

"I was too paranoid to do anything," she said.

When she was finally diagnosed with schizophrenia at the age of 19, it came as a bit of relief to both mother and daughter. "What she was going through now had a name," said Becky Beckett.

Next would come treatment and medications for Susan, but her family also needed help to understand what she was going through and what laid ahead. While there's medication for schizophrenia, like many mental illnesses, treatment require years of adjustments in medications, often with difficult side effects.

Soon after that diagnosis, Becky was told about something that could help — the Family-To-Family program, and she participated in the second time the training was offered in Las Cruces.

"I think Family-To-Family actually saved my family," Susan said.

A voracious reader, her family had high expectations based on her obvious intelligence. But they would learn through the training that it would take time for Susan to gain control over her thoughts and emotions.

"They know not to push me," Susan said of her interaction with her family. "I have to take time to heal, to take care of my mind."

For her family, the Family-To-Family training gave them information to understand that mental illness is a disease that no one caused and contact with other families going through the same struggles.

Today, Susan is still on the road back, but she is now surrounded by what she describes as a loving and supportive family circle. She speaks almost poetically about her mental illness, how seductive and ego-gratifying the disease can be because those voices were talking to her only. Her memories of her life between the ages of 14 and 19 are vague, however, she called them "a black maw of swirling crap."

"It's amazing how powerful the brain is," she said.

Besides helping other families find out about the 12-week training, which is being offered again, the mother and daughter want to tell their story so people have a better understanding of mental illness.

"I hate when people say it's only in your head," Susan said. "That's the worst place it can be."

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Car seat clinic and Ident-A-Child program planned for Saturday

The Las Cruces Police Department is offering a child car seat clinic and an Ident-A-Child I.D. Card program on Saturday, March 3, at the department's Mobile Operations Center in the parking lot of Sam's Club on North Telshor Boulevard.

Both programs are free and parents of small children may take advantage of the service. The car seat clinic is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and the Ident-A-Child program will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During the car seat clinic officers will be on hand to instruct parents about the proper use and fit of children's car seats.

The Ident-A-Child program records a photo and thumbprint of your child along with contact information. The card also contains your child's vital information such as height, weight, blood type, and any known allergies or medical conditions. Parents are given the laminated I.D. card to take home and store with other important records.

Parents who have had child I.D. cards prepared in the past are encouraged to update their child's information once a year.

Teens promote risk avoidance to governor

A group of more than 50 youths presented their "Risk Avoidance" message on Valentine's Day at the Round House. The youngsters are a part of a statewide initiative, funded through a federal U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families grant. The group met with legislators to encourage their support of programs that promote "healthy life choices" for youths, and emphasize the importance of parental involvement in risk avoidance decisions concerning New Mexico teens.

The students emphasized that abstinence is really risk avoidance – avoiding behaviors that can interfere with future success. Their message was about helping their peers make healthy life choices through education. They promote the development of strong character and relationship building skills. They also encourage youth to identify their personal values and gain skills in self control. The peer educators focus on health, personal choice, planning for the future, media literacy and the consequences of risk-taking behaviors like using drugs, alcohol, tobacco and sexual activity. Another issue they addressed was the important role of parents in their decision making process.

"These committed young leaders are working with teens from around the state and nationally, providing support for healthy choices and conducting peer-to-peer education," explained Carol Sullivan, RN, Socorro General Hospital CBAE Community Outreach Coordinator. "The goal is to provide New Mexico youth with a tool box of skills to avoid risk and make the healthiest choices."

Some facts the young people cited are from a 2004 National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy survey and included:

• Sixty-nine percent of teens surveyed said they do not think it's okay for high school teens to have sexual intercourse

• Two-thirds of sexually experienced teens said they wished they had waited longer to have sex

• Over the past decade, the number of sexually active teens in New Mexico and the nation has declined.

For more information on the Healthy Family Initiative call 505-835-8709. Young people interested in joining the group may sign up through the website at www.wakeupanddrive.net

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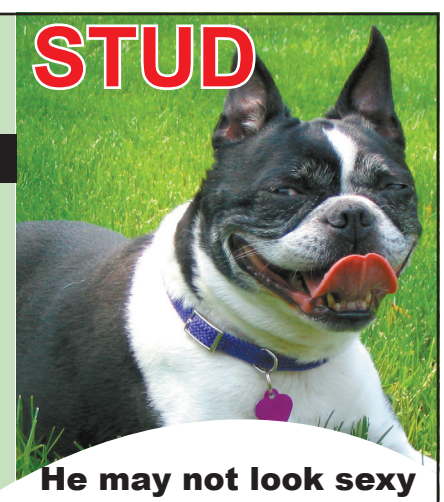

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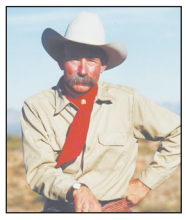

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Avocadomania

My friend Steve is in the avocado business, which I think makes him an avocadonist, or an avocodinarian. He has many distributors (avocodlers) who count on him to keep them supplied. The freeze that hit southern California this winter wiped out the crop.

I called him after I heard him being interviewed on national radio. When he answered he was in Chile! Turns out he was down there and in Mexico (home of the guacamole) arranging to import Spanish-speaking avocados to fill the gap for the avocadophiles in the United States of Avocado.

Steve explained that 20-degree weather kills the fruit and it becomes useless. I commented that when old bananas turn black the average mother with children will say, "Don't throw it away, we'll make banana bread out of it!" So I postulated there must be some way to use old black avocados.

There is a rum drink with pineapples, coconuts and a paper umbrella called a Piña Colada. How 'bout the Avocolada? Maybe use something dark like prune juice, a coagulant like vitamin K and a miniature Mexican flag!

I also think over-ripe avocados might do well in a sushi bar. To eat raw mollusks and amphibians that crawl on the sea floor, a diner must first get past the unappetizing description of the entree before they can try it for the first time.

Black avocados would be an easy next step; the menu special could read:

"Today's special — choice of pimpled, pockmarked pieces of sea urchin, four-ply radial abalone or a slimy serving of de-haired octopus pouch, each garnished with Avogooey, a stringy, slightly "off" black mass that sticks to the roof of your mouth like mutton fat. Only 2,500 Yen — comes with chopsticks and a latex glove."

> "The Avogranade: A non-lethal weapon to use at Green Party protests."

There could well be a place for over-the-hill avocados on the airline in-flight menu. Along with your three pretzels and peanut you could get a hermetically sealed foil packet of Avokaka.

The discriminating passenger would squeeze a dollop onto the lowered tray where it would adhere. As the aircraft yawed, pitched and rolled, the Avokaka would slide back and forth leaving a mucoid trail like a snail. It would be served with a Q-tip and motion sickness bag!

So many possibilities; an organic graffiti base — Avoscrawl.

A non-lethal weapon to use at Green Party protests —The Avogranade.

In place of a Bag Balm to use on chapped udders or for owls with chapped lips called Avahooters.

Actually, it's hard enough to find uses for deliciously ripe green avocados, much less rotten ones, so the best I can suggest to Steve is to keep contributing to global warming. You'll have a brief four or five millennia window between southern California being a frost-free zone and eventually becoming a real Sea World.

Pick 'em green, cowboy!

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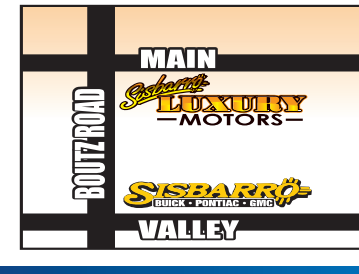

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Humane Society to release report on animal shelter

The Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS) will give a public presentation of the national Human Society consultation report on conditions at the local city-county animal shelter.

The presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village Auditorium, 3025 Terrace Drive.

In September 2006, the DACHS tasked the HSUS to conduct a thorough review of the shelter and its care for animals. Those findings have been placed in a 180 page report that is being made public to the Las Cruces community via the website www.thedachumane.org on Sunday, March 11. HSUS Team Leader Carolyn Machowski will highlight some of her findings as well as the current conditions since her initial visit. For more information contact the Doña Ana County Humane Society at 382-0018 ext. 119.

Jobs

Continued from **PAGE A1**

Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace described LaserShield as a visionary company that will provide a quality work environment for its employees — noting its plans for an at-work daycare center.

State Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans said the company's commitment to New Mexico is firmly rooted.

"Today's expansion and relocation announcement from LaserShield is proof that New Mexico is one of the best places in the country to do business," Homans said.

LaserShield began its move to Las Cruces in 2005, and Dohrmann said he is pleased that he is able to hire locally educated workers. "We were able to find educated people looking for a reason to come home to Las Cruces," he said.

Currently, the company has 31 employees working in Las Cruces, including members of its design and engineering team.

LaserShield will buy 10 acres of West Mesa Industrial Park land from the city for the new distribution facility with a total capital investment of $20 million.

Crime Stoppers: Aggravated battery

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

On Feb. 21, a 23-year-old male was stabbed at 1201 E. Amador Ave. (Jose Murphy's) during a fight involving multiple persons. The victim, who had a single stab wound to the abdomen, was initially transported to Memorial Medical Center but was later flown to Thomason Hospital in El Paso due to the seriousness of his injury.

CRIME STOPPERS LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

The suspect, described as a Hispanic male approximately 5 feet 8 to 10 inches tall, was seen assaulting the victim and subsequently fleeing the scene with several other subjects in a red low-rider truck with a camper shell. The truck and driver were later found but the identity of suspect and the other passengers is still unknown.

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

The Crime Stoppers number is operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.

Council approves center room charge

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Starting July 1, guests staying in a hotel or motel in Las Cruces will begin paying an extra $2.50 a day charge for their rooms, unless they are staying for 15 days or more.

With the city council's approval Monday of the fee, that will provide the estimated $1.5 million a year as a revenue source for the city to borrow money against to pay for constructing a convention and civic center, which is expected to cost between $22 million and $26 million.

Councillors had hoped to find ways to lessen the burden to the cheaper motels. The flat fee amounts to 2.5 percent increase on a $100 room, a 5 percent increase to a $50 room and a 10 percent increase for a room costing $25 a night.

But Lori Grumet, director of the city's public services department, told the council the state legislation passed for funding a Las Cruces convention center restricted the city's abilities to change the fee to a sliding scale or to lower the long-term rental exemption to less than 15 days.

Also, staff didn't recommend "a tiered plan" in which low-rent rooms would be exempt from the fee because it would be "an accounting nightmare" for city officials to enforce, Grumet said.

Pam Angell, executive director of the City of Hope that provides shelter and services for the homeless, said poor people use the cheaper motels as a place to live until they can afford a more permanent residence.

"This is really going to hurt a lot of people who can't afford apartments," Angell said.

The fee to fund the center, which will be located on the New Mexico State University campus, may hurt those motels offering cheaper rooms on the other side of town.

Rooms may be booked up at the chain motels and

See **Room charge** on PAGE B10

Lodging grows with Las Cruces

Hotels support community beyond taxes by hosting major events

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While many of the local hotels have out-of-town owners they still contribute to the local area beyond merely paying required taxes by supporting local events.

A prime example is how many hotels are supporting this week's Western Athletic Conference tournament.

Meanwhile several new hotels are planned to add to this growing part of Las Cruces.

"Every year, the occupancy level seems to increase a little bit more," said Chris Faivre of the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Right now we're at the high 60s and 70s level of occupancy. That's an appealing number for a lot of hotels to come here."

With that constant level of occupancy, it's an obvious sign that more and more people are either coming into town for leisure or business or are just passing through on their way to another destination.

No matter the reason, Las Cruces offers each type of accommodation — full-service hotels, limited-service hotels, motels and bed-and-breakfasts.

Four new hotels are currently under construction in the area.

The Hampton Inn, 2350 E. Griggs Ave., is slated to open later this month. The hotel features 74 guest rooms, a continental breakfast room, swimming pool, exercise room and conference room.

Another Drury Hotel and Suites — the second in New Mexico — is being constructed at 1631 Hickory Loop near Avenida de Mesilla. The four-story hotel will include 54 rooms and 19 suites, two meeting rooms and a business center.

NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Construction is almost complete on a new Hampton Inn, 2350 E. Griggs Ave., which will open late this month. The hotel is one of four currently under construction in Las Cruces.

A new Holiday Inn Express, another four-story hotel, is joining the hotel-motel cluster on South Valley Drive near Interstate 10. The locally owned hotel will include 87 guest rooms, a meeting room, a spa and a sauna. Forty-eight of those guest rooms will be suites, and six of those suites will include a hot tub and eight two-room suites.

An extended-stay hotel, Value Place, is opening up in April on 2080 Triviz Drive, near Interstate 25. The hotel will include 113 guest rooms and a laundry room. Each room will include a stove, refrigerator, microwave oven and high-speed Internet access.

Faivre said a main factor of the addition of extended-stay hotels or those with suites could be because of business trips.

"Those who do governmental business with White Sands (Missile Range) can be required to stay a little longer," he said.

Each hotel, motel and bed-and-breakfast is required by the

See **Accommodating** on PAGE B8

Pecan conference great 'mixer' for growers

Issues discussed, equipment viewed

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The 41st Pecan Growers Association Conference that was held here earlier this week presented a network of opportunity for the pecan industry, New Mexico State University pecan specialist Dr. Richard J. Heerema said.

"Pecan growers had a chance to meet with a lot of vendors and manufacturers of the products they buy, like equipment, fertilizer and pesticides," Heerema, also a conference coordinator, said. "The conference also gave them a chance to meet up with other growers to talk about issues that are similar across the entire pecan belt. Many growers buy equipment during the conference."

The pecan belt extends from California to North and South Carolina and Florida. This week's conference attracted growers from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma and the states of Chihuahua and Sonora in Mexico, Heerema said.

Heerema spoke on the importance of nitrogen as a fertilizer in pecan orchards in the Monday session. A total of 14 different nutrients are important to pecans.

"Nitrogen is required in larger amounts than any of the other nutrients," he said. "Nitrogen is necessary to conduct photosynthesis in the leaves, and most nitrogen goes into the leaves.

"The chlorophyll and proteins in the leaves work together through photosynthesis to take sunlight and carbon dioxide out of the air to manufacture carbohydrates to produce growth, flowers and nut kernels."

Good management is vital when applying nitrogen. Without good management, much of the

See **Pecan** on PAGE B10

MARVIN TESSNEER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

NMSU pecan specialist Dr. Richard J. Heerema checks out pecan tree development before the Pecan Growers Conference opened here. The pecan orchard was being irrigated to moisten the ground so that the trees can produce buds.

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Restaurant Association taking nominations

The New Mexico Restaurant Association (NMRA) is looking for great customer service stories. From the waiter who consistently knows your order, to the chef who "makes it your way," to the dishwasher who helps you to your car, the association wants to hear about service superstars in New Mexico. Tell them how someone in the restaurant industry made a difference in the lives of others by giving exceptional service.

John Garcia, president of HospiTotally and chairman of the event, said, "This is our way of giving praise and recognition to those New Mexico superstars who personify great Southwestern hospitality."

NMRA is currently taking nominations for Employee of the Year, Chef of the Year, Manager of the Year, the Restaurant Neighbor Award and Restaurateur of the Year. Nominations can be made online at www.nmrestaurants.org or by calling (800) 432-0740 to have a form faxed or sent to you. The deadline for nominations has been extended to Friday March 16th.

Nominations are wonderful ways to honor those who have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication to the industry. This is an opportunity to honor hard work, great attitude and exemplary customer service shown throughout the year. The nominations will be reviewed and award recipients selected by industry experts. Every employee will be recognized at the awards dinner and an additional award will be given for the employee at the dinner who has been in the industry for the most years. Take this opportunity to honor the best of the industry by sending in a nomination today.

The awards dinner will be held April 16 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort.

Bravo Job Fair is March 14

Bravo Chevrolet Cadillac HUMMER and Used Car Superstores will be conducting a job fair at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn in order to fill more than a dozen positions currently available at the dealership. Some of the positions available for include:

- **Sales Associates**
- **Service Advisor**
- **Service Technicians**

The dealership will have a special presentation by several members of management to explain the available positions. Please call 1-800-858-5832 to RSVP.

Those interested are asked to dress to impress, bring a résumé and references. Bravo offers competitive wages, health insurance and 401K. Bravo is an equal opportunity employer. Drug screening test and background check will be performed prior to employment.

NMSU signs deal with WSMR

New Mexico State University plans to expand both its presence and educational services offered at White Sands Missile Range. The university formally signed a memorandum of understanding with WSMR Thursday, March 1.

The agreement will expand NMSU's distance MBA program to military personnel at WSMR. In 2005, the College of Business began offering MBA program classes at alternate locations to help professionals unable to attend regular NMSU classes in reaching their career goals. NMSU has similar MBA programs already in place for civilians at White Sands as well as Los Alamos National Laboratory.

"This is an opportunity for us to work more closely with one of our neighbors and important economic development partners," said Associate Business Dean Kathleen Brook.

She said the agreement is important because it gives more opportunities to working students while continuing to extend the MBA program beyond the NMSU campus.

"The signing of this MOU is a win-win situation for all involved," said Col. Gary D. Giebel, WSMR garrison commander. NMSU is a member of the Servicemember's Opportunity College consortium.

The new deal also extends a long-standing agreement between WSMR and NMSU Doña Ana Community College to provide a satellite campus. That campus has been in operation at WSMR since 1991. NMSU has provided educational services at WSMR since the early 1970s.

Mortgage Lenders Association elects new officers, board directors

The New Mexico Mortgage Lenders Association has elected new officers and board directors for 2007, including Judy Cassles of First National Bank in Mesilla.

New officers are:

- **Dan Flowers** of CTX Mortgage, president
- **John Snyder** of Superior Mortgage, president elect
- **Angela Muxworthy** of New Mexico Educators Credit Union, education vice president
- **David Jansen** of Charter Bank-Mortgage-Insurance, treasurer

New board directors are:

- **Robert Key** of Ameriplex, pats president
- **Monie Hardwick Blum** of Los Alamos National Bank
- **Joe Buehler** of Main Bank
- **Judy Cassles** of First National Bank in Mesilla
- **Bill Elliot** of Rocky Mountain Mortgage Ltd.
  Nola Findlay of First Community Mortgage
- **Lyle Greenberg** of Charter Bank-Mortgage-Insurance
- **Sandy Jameson** of Charter Bank-Mortgage-Insurance
- **Harvey Secor** of Aurora Loan Services, a Lehman Brothers company
- **Jack Thompson** of Legacy Mortgage

Las Cruces housing authority receives performance award

The Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces (HACLC) has been awarded the status of "high performer" on the Public Housing Assessment System for fiscal year 2006 by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HACLC received a score of 91 out of 100.

This is the third year in a row that the housing authority has received this status. Each year, HUD's Real Estate Assessment Center determines the overall condition of housing authorities and ensures that all HUD-assisted properties are safe and decent. This assessment functions as a management tool toffectively and fairly measure a housing authority's performance based on standards that are objective, uniform, and verifiable.

Part of the evaluation includes physical inspections of HACLC-owned properties, detailed assessments of financial soundness and management operations, and resident satisfaction surveys. The composite score provides HUD with a comprehensive picture of the housing authority, representing management's overall performance.

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Are we better off today than we were 10 years ago?

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Real Estate Connection

New year brings slightly slower sales

According to a recent report from the National Association of Realtors (NAR), nationwide sales of existing homes in January of this year were 4.3 percent below the number of sales pace posted in January 2006. The NAR also reported that January closings of new home sales were down 20.1 percent from their year-ago totals.

While the statistics certainly point out that the nation's housing market is still in its "recovery" mode, it fails to call attention to the fact that some localized markets may be better off today than they were a decade ago. Is it possible that our Las Cruces area market qualifies for a listing in such a category? Let's see.

For the better part of 1996, the average size of our Las Cruces area residential listing inventory was around 750 new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums, according to reports from the Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR). Of that number, about 17 percent of the offerings (128 units) were newly constructed homes.

At the same time, area sales of those new and existing homes were closing at the rate of about 1,200 units per year. Utilizing the available data, it appears that during 1996 our market was producing .625 sales for each listing in our inventory. The average time required to sell and close a new or existing home sale in 1996 was 112 and 79 days respectively.

Fast forward to today. As of March 4, our inventory of new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums was hovering around the 1,275-unit mark. Almost half of the homes offered for sale today (623 units or 48.9 percent) are under construction or newly constructed. When compared with the last year's .625 sales/inventory ratio, this year's inventory ratio is producing a slightly lower bang for the buck at .564 sales per each listing in our inventory. As one might expect, slower sales equals longer market times. The average time required to sell a new or existing home during the first 45 days of this year was 140 and 117 days respectively.

Okay, so perhaps we're not one of areas where today's sales numbers are better than the numbers produced 10 years ago. We're not exactly an area that's in the dumper, either. At the close of 1996, average sales prices for new and existing Las Cruces area homes were $113,628 and $94,368. By the time New Year's 2007 rolled around, average prices in our area had ballooned to $257,132 and $196,691 respectively, according to MLIS figures. Do the math! That's 126-percent appreciation in new-home prices and a 108-percent increase in the average price of an existing home over the past decade.

Ten Year Comparison

	1996/97	2006/07
Inventory	750	1275
New Homes	128 (17%)	623 (48.9%)
Existing Homes	622 (83%)	652 (51.1%)
Annual Closings	1200	2260
Sales Ratio	0.625	0.564
Days on Market New	112	140
Days on Market Resale	79	117
Average Price New	$113,628	$257,132
Average Price Existing	$94,368	$196,691

Where do we go from here? Regular readers know that I am, by nature, a very optimistic person. Having said that, here are a few positive and not-so-positive indicators that may shed some light on the future direction of our market:

- **Stable Inventory.** Having a stable inventory is a positive sign. After growing steadily from a total of 504 new and existing units offered for sale in August 2005, our inventory topped out at 1,315 units on Feb. 26. Since then, inventories of both new and existing homes currently offered for sale have declined slightly to a total of 1,276 units. That's the first decline in more than 18 months, and a sign that most of the folks who intended to list their properties "after the first of the year" have accomplished their missions.
- **More Pending Sales.** Additional sales are also a positive sign. Where were you on or about Jan. 10, 2007? No matter. It was about that time, however, that the six-month decline in pending sales of new and existing homes finally came to an end. A pending transaction is one in which the purchase contract has been signed but the transaction has yet to close. From a high of about 500 pending sales in August of 2005, the number of transactions in line to close dropped to about 240 by January of this year. From there, however, the number of pending transactions has grown steadily to its current level of 349 units, according to MLIS records pulled on March 4. More pending sales is also a plus.
- **Decreased Sales Rate.** Slower sales bring slower rates of appreciation, according to MLIS stats, and slower appreciation makes home buying easier to achieve. That's a positive sign for homebuyers, and a somewhat positive sign for home sellers. Statistics indicate that during the first 45 days of 2007, declines were posted for sales of both new and existing homes when compared with the same period in 2006. The 65 closed sales of new homes during the period represented a decline of 11 units or 15 percent from 2006's numbers. The 113 existing homes sold between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15 of this year represent a decline of 12 units or 9.6 percent from a year earlier. Overall, first-45-day sales for 2007 decreased by a total of 23 units or 11.4 percent compared to a year earlier.
- **Slower Rate of Appreciation.** As indicated above, this is a positive sign for buyers. It is also a positive sign for sellers as prices continue to rise, just more slowly than before. After posting annual appreciation gains in the 15-ish percent range during the past few years, our local rate of appreciation has finally moderated to a more "normal" level. According to MLIS statistics, the median price of a new home sold during the first 45 days of 2007 was $236,000. That's approximately $8,675 or 3.6 percent above 2006's median price for the same period. The median price is where half the properties sold for more and half sold for less.

Sales of existing homes also showed a moderate adjustment in the median price, rising to $175,000 during the first 45-days of 2007 from $160,000 during the same period a year earlier. That's a $15,000 or 9.4 percent rise in price.

- **Number of Available Buyers.** The number of buyers available to purchase a particular percentage of the inventory is a terrific indicator of the heath of the marketplace. Currently there are 623 new homes for sale in our MLIS system, and another 161 pending new-home transactions waiting to close. That means that there were originally a total of 784 homes for sale, with 161 of the total receiving signed purchase agreements. By my fuzzy math, that means that there are only enough buyers to purchase around 20.4 percent of the new home inventory (161 out of 784).

When it comes to the number of buyers wishing to purchase an existing home, the numbers aren't much different. According to MLIS statistics, there were 653 existing homes available on March 4, and another 188 listed as pending sales. With just 188 units plucked from the total inventory of 841 units, the results show that there are enough existing-home buyers walking the streets to purchase around 22.4 percent of the inventory (188 out of 841).

To give you a rough idea of what the numbers mean, consider the following. In general, when the percentage of available buyers falls below 18 percent, there's no doubt that the marketplace favors the buyers. When the number of available buyers is sufficient to purchase upwards of around 23 percent of the inventory, there's no doubt that the marketplace will favor the sellers. In between those percentages, it's a matter of price, condition, terms, location and negotiating ability.

So there you have it – from my perspective at least. The new year has brought us slightly slower sales, a reduced rate of appreciation, and just enough buyers to keep properties moving in the lower to mid price ranges. Will our lot improve going forward (no pun intended)? I think so. We're moving into the spring and summer selling seasons, at time when we normally post our biggest gains of the year. Our numbers will undoubtedly increase, but we'll all have to wait and see to what extent.

See you at closing!

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

At the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Membership Banquet

Event celebrates chamber's 15-year history

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces hosted a full house at its 15th annual banquet Saturday, March 3, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Opening remarks were given by Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Connor, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, representatives of U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman's and Pete Domenici's offices and Bravo Chevrolet CEO Raymond Palacio.

Chamber President Raul Garcia introduced guest speaker Massey Villarreal, past chair of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and CEO of Precision Task Group. Villarreal announced that there are about 500,000 Latino-owned businesses in the United States that generate about $44 billion each year. He said ethnic chambers, such as the Hispano chamber, are the catalysts for mentors of small businesses.

To thank him for his presentation, the Hispano chamber, represented by Master-of-Ceremonies Erlinda Portillo presented Villarreal with "The Illustrated History of the City of Las Cruces" and "The Historical Version of the City of Las Cruces."

Members of the community were also awarded at the banquet.

Tony Hernandez of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico accepted the award for Large Business of the Year. With more than 100 employees, the hospital has served at least 1,000 patients since opening its doors almost three years ago.

The Children's Garden received the Small Business of the Year award. Sisters and co-owners Carmen Lucero and Lupe Nevarez accepted the award with a tearful thank you.

Bob McNiel was honored for his community service with the Public Service Award. McNiel, who recently retired from El Paso Electric Co., had worked with at least 66 organizations since his career began.

The Educational Excellence Award was given to Rosalinda Altamirano, bilingual specialist for Las Cruces Public Schools. Altamirano helped to organize the award.

"As an educator, you can make a difference in life," she said.

Guy Floyd was also recognized for providing the property for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

"He's given us our home for one year rent free," Portillo said.

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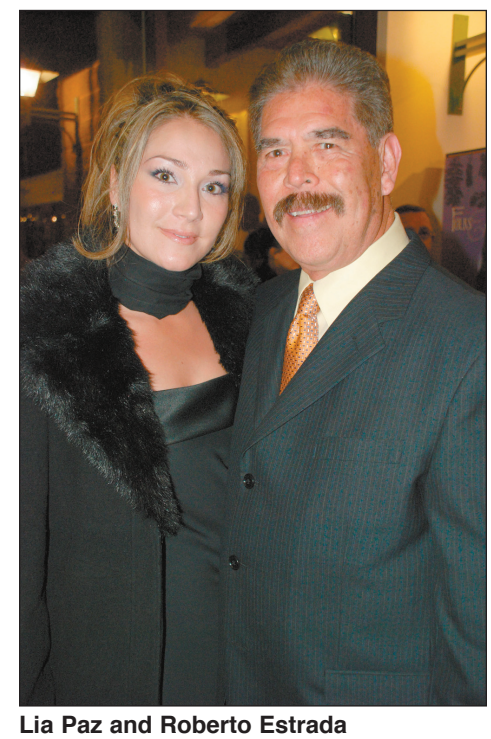
Tony Hernandez accepted the Large Business of the Year award on behalf of Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico. The award was presented by Hispano Chamber Vice President Karen Trujillo.

Among Hispano Chamber board members, Rosalinda Altamirano, bilingual specialist for Las Cruces Public Schools, accepted the Educational Excellence Award. "As an educator, you can make a difference in life," Altamirano said.

Guy Floyd received special recognition for providing the property for the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces' new home one year ago.



Lia Paz and Roberto Estrada

Erlinda Portillo was the master of ceremonies at the 2007 Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces held Saturday, March 3, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Bob McNiel (right), who has worked with more than 66 organizations during his career at El Paso Electric Co., was honored with the Public Service award, presented by Hispano Chamber Past President John Vasquez.

Massey Villarreal, past chair of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and CEO of Precision Task Group, was presented with "The Illustrated History of the City of Las Cruces" and the "Historical Version of the City of Las Cruces" for serving as guest speaker at the event.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, Cynthia Pearce, Teresita Gonzalez and Santiago Soto

In Good Company: The Children's Garden

Dedicated to helping 'little minds grow'

The Children's Garden earns Hispano Chamber Small Business of the Year award

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When sisters Lupe Nevarez and Carmen Lucero decided to open a home daycare in 1997, Lucero said she didn't see it going much further than that.

Now, that daycare has evolved into The Children's Garden Child Development Centers, with five locations and the capacity to care for at least 700 children from 6 weeks old to 12 years old.

The Children's Garden's success has grown so much that the daycare received the Small Business Award from the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces during its annual banquet Saturday, March 3.

"I never looked beyond the home daycare," Lucero said. "Every now and then it fazes me. Wow, this turned out to be a pretty big thing."

The Children's Garden started with what Lucero called "a seed my sister planted in my head." Lucero had been a secretary for the Department of Agriculture at New Mexico State University, but she said she had always wanted to stay at home with her two sons.

Nevarez, with a background working with children in head start programs and Las Cruces Public Schools always wanted to open a daycare.

"With all of my experience, I've learned so much," Nevarez said. "I saw the need for quality childcare. There is quality in town, but there is a need for more."

In January 1998, the sisters opened their first daycare facility on Luna Street. They expanded the location that summer to fit 27 more children for a total of 57.

Lucero lends the success of the first daycare center to word-of-mouth advertising.

"Lupe is well known in the community," she said. "She's worked with children during her entire career."

In a position to expand again, the pair leased a building on Hoagland Road and opened their second facility in 1999. Their third daycare was opened on Court Street.

In 2003, two more daycares were in construction – 2305 Missouri Ave. and 650 S. Valley Drive. The Valley center replaced the Hoagland facility, and the sisters relocated the facility on Luna Street to Boutz Road in the First Presbyterian Church.

In January, the sisters opened their newest location, 2740 Northrise Drive.

Their newest location filled to capacity within three weeks of opening the doors, and the sisters said it was because parents referred other parents. By providing quality early childhood experiences, the team said The Children's Garden has received good feedback from parents.

Nevarez said the sisters are very picky when it comes to meeting the daycare center's high standards.

"People have to understand appropriate practices when it comes to children," she said. "The children are our customers. They're learning in a very natural way through play. They don't even know they're learning."

After passing a criminal background check, all caregivers of The Children's Garden undergo a 45-hour, entry-level training session. Nevarez said The Children's Garden has its own curriculum for training, and each member of the staff is trained to understand the daycare's philosophy, which has four basic principles – respecting each child as a unique and worthy individual; providing every child the opportunity to have fun in exploring, discovering, creating, making choices and decisions on his or her own; fostering an excitement about learning through a natural, responsive and supportive environment; and considering parents as equal partners in the education of their child.

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The newest child development center of The Children's Garden, 2740 Northrise Drive, opened Jan. 8. The facility was filled to capacity within three weeks of opening its doors.

Nevarez said they prefer employees who are certified caregivers or have an associate's degree in early childhood education.

"Some of our staff are licensed teachers with bachelor's or master's degrees," she said. "All of our directors have degrees in early childhood or a related field."

All center directors have assistants so that directors can spend time to observe and give hands-on training to classroom teachers.

Nevarez travels to each center and conducts weekly administration meetings with directors and teachers.

"The best way to manage is by going to each center," Nevarez said.

She also conducts monthly center reviews with each center's director.

"I check everything," she said. "From there we develop our goals. We always have to improve and keep fertilizing the garden."

While Nevarez maintains the philosophy of The Children's Garden, she said Lucero – with her background in business administration – makes sure the lights stay on, and they make a great team.

"She's used to me, and I'm used to her," Nevarez said.

"She's everywhere," Lucero said.

"And she grounds me," Nevarez added.

In fact, The Children's Garden is a family affair, including Nevarez's husband Ernest and Lucero's husband Robert.

"Our husbands have supported us 110 percent," Lucero said.

At the ages of 7 and 5, Lucero's sons, Steven and Eric, created The Children's Garden logo.

"The logo has really identified with us," Lucero said.

Working together, the sisters also collaborate with different community organizations, including Tresco Inc., Mecca and Aprendemos programs. Nevarez is a board member of the Doña Ana County Head Start Council and La Vida.

She said she is working with state programs to acknowledge childcare staff and find different avenues to increase wages.

"Quality childcare needs more recognition," she said. "We strive for better and better. We want to do better for these kids. They're the ones that work with these kids."

In the future, the sisters say The Children's Garden will continue to expand and improve its services to continue high-quality childcare.

"I love kids," Nevarez said. "They're just awesome."

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In Good Company: The Children's Garden

Q&A: Talking business with owners Lupe Nevarez and Carmen Lucero

What inspired you to go into business?
The desire to provide quality educational child development services to children in our community.

What is unique about your business?
Our program fosters an excitement about learning by providing a natural, responsive and supportive environment.

Who are your customers?
Infants, toddlers, preschool and school-age children, from 6 weeks to 12 years old.

How would you define success in the short-term?
Centers filled to full capacity, happy children and parents and a waiting list at all locations.

Where do you see the business in five years?
Expansion plans are in the works for our Court Street facility, and we are looking forward to building additional locations as our community childcare needs continue to grow.

What is your business philosophy?
The philosophy of The Children's Garden is based on four basic principles.
1. Respecting each child as a unique and worthy individual.
2. Providing every child the opportunity to have fun in exploring, discovering, creating, making choices and decisions on his/her own.
3. Fostering an excitement about learning through a natural, responsive and supportive environment.
4. Considering parents as equal partners in educating their child.

What is the best part of your job?
Seeing children happy while learning and growing

How do you keep your competitive edge?
Our commitment to our standards of quality care and our learning environments, playgrounds and modern facilities.

How are you marketing the store?
Parents recommend our program (word-of-mouth), advertisements in the yellow pages and public relations.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?
Our older facilities have been replaced with new, modern facilities with climate-controlled environments, beautiful outdoor playgrounds and shaded canopies.

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Sisters Carmen Lucero and Lupe Nevarez couldn't hold back their tears of joy as The Children's Garden was named Small Business of the Year by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?
Expanding to meet the needs of our community.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
First and most important, a strong belief in a commitment to providing quality childcare services to children coupled with Carmen's knowledge and experience in business administration and Lupe's knowledge and work experience of appropriate practices in an early childhood setting.

What has been your biggest surprise?
The rapid growth The Children's Garden has made due to parent/child satisfaction and community recognition and need.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
Commit to quality and good service

What is your most popular service?
Our attention to children's interests and needs and our learning environments and modern facilities.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
Las Cruces is a fast-growing community, which creates many opportunities for business growth.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?
We have been very successful and very fortunate to date.

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Accommodating

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City of Las Cruces to charge a 5-percent lodgers tax on each room.

"That is how the Convention and Visitors Bureau is funded," Faivre said.

Hotel expansion is also a sign of how the local community is a popular place to hold events.

The lodgers tax helped to take care of the cost for visiting teams who are playing in the Western Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball tournament through March 10, which is being held at the local Pan American Center.

Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces is serving as the headquarters hotel, hosting all WAC officials and WAC meetings, along with the Nevada and Hawaii basketball teams.

Nine other hotels are hosting basketball teams and fans, including SpringHill Suites, La Quinta Inn, the Ramada Palms Resort and Conference Center, the Fairfield Inn, the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, the Best Western Mission Inn, the Hampton Inn and Staybridge Suites.

"Everybody is basically involved in the WAC tournament," said Richard Cardenas, general manager of SpringHill Suites. "Without cooperation from all the hotels, it wouldn't be a success."

Despite required taxes that benefit the community, many area hotels offer community support in their own way.

SpringHill Suites is one hotel that hosts various civic organization events. For the past few years, the hotel has sponsored the Las Cruces Youth Baseball Association and has given discounted rooms for out-of-town teams as well as family and friends of local teams.

"We obviously want to be part of the community," Cardenas said.

Although the hotel's management group is out of Rockville, Md., Cardenas has lived in Las Cruces for 11 years and the vice president also lives in Las Cruces.

"We do things for the community that the management company may not know about," he said. "We speak for them on their behalf."

Cardenas said SpringHill Suites is one of many hotels that does their best to contribute to the community, whether it's hosting local events at the hotel, giving discounted rates or sponsoring a local event even if the hotel owners are not in Las Cruces.

"For the most part, the hotels in town do a real good job staying active in the community," he said. "Everybody does try to get involved."

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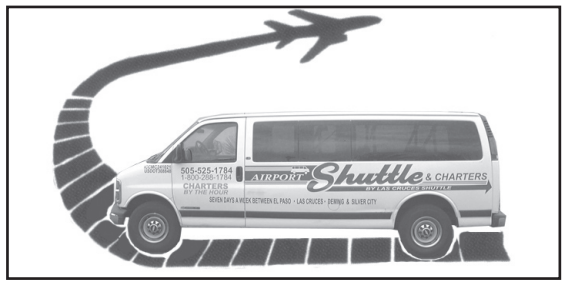

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	$ Value	Permit $
07-CBI-1362	Thunderbolt Enterprises	William Kershaw	Comm/New	2500 W. Amador Ave.	N/A	$150,000	$599
07-OTC-2163	Liberty General Construction	Libery General Const	Res/New	1906 San Fernando	El Presidio	$167,880	$3,215
07-OTC-2022	Binns Construction Inc.	Binns Construction	Res/New	2104 Whitstone	Stone Gate Subdivision	$143,040	$3,401
07-OTC-2186	Sun Vista Construction	Sun Vista Construction	Res/New	4684 Mesa Rico	Mesa Grande Estates	$123,360	$3,106
07-OTC-2128	Homeowner	Jose Aleman	Res/New	4425 La Cienega Place	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph2	$198,000	$3,529
07-OTC-2206	Hakes Brothers Construction	Hakes Brothers	Res/New	4378 Camino Dos Vidas	Dos Suenos	$142,320	$3,156
07-OTC-2004	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4624 Pyramid Peak Drive	Sandhill Center	$130,200	$3,371
06-SUI-9340	Caliper Construction	BDC LLC	New Subd-38 Lots	1 Vista De La Montana	N/A	$625,000	$31,640
07-OTC-2257	Vista Del Sol Construction	Richard Johnson	Res/New	4495 Maricopa Circle	Sonoma Ranch East 2	$132,000	$3,291
07-OTC-2207	Homeowner	Antonio N. Wood	Res/Alt	1253 Kingsbury Court	N/A	$1,071	$35
07-OTC-2259	Self	Andy & Alice Lauer	Res/Alt	2088 Windsor Place	N/A	$1,900	$45
07-OTC-2355	Southwest Infinity Co.	Kendall & Kim Wallin	Add/Res	4022 La Purisma Drive	N/A	$1,800	$44
07-OTC-2195	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4643 Pyramid Peak	Sandhill Center Heights	$123,840	$3,356
07-CBI-1262	The Greenhouse Inc.	Ewing Irrigation	Comm/New	2341 Westgate	N/A	$950,000	$6,444
07-OTC-2378	R Builders Inc.	R Builders Inc.	Res/New	4696 Mesa Rico Drive	Mesa Grande	$147,840	$2,331
07-OTC-2193	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4579 Hatchet Court	Parkhill Estates	$152,100	$3,338
07-RBI-1402	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	2881 Meriwether St.	Legends West North	$129,660	$1,522
07-RBI-1409	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	1426 Tingley Drive	Legends West North	$129,660	$1,522
07-RBI-1414	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	2882 Meriwether St.	Legends West North	$106,800	$1,468
07-OTC-1475	Ventura Builders	Linda/Steve Hitchcock	Res/New	4220 Fireweed	Mesa Manor Subdivision	$125,280	$1,679
07-OTC-1814	Oak Tree Contracting	Oak Tree Contracting	Res/New	4402 Nambe Arc	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	$164,400	$2,314
07-OTC-1950	Jeter Construction Inc.	Connie & Brad Vermee	Res/New	4457 Magdalena Arc	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph2	$144,780	$3,445
07-OTC-2021	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real	Res/New	5967 Leaping Lizard Loop	Desert Winds Estates	$128,460	$1,740
07-RBI-918	Homeowner	Charles Hopp	Res/New	4250 Russian Sage	White Sage	$179,940	$3,487
07-CBI-1634	To Be Determined	Master Cuts	Comm/Alt	700 S Telshor *1548A	N/A	$27,000	$173
07-RBI-2132	Homeowner	William A Archuleta	Res/New	4272 Golden Sage Court	White Sage Ph2	$189,420	$3,509
07-OTC-2371	Homeowner	Gerardo Valencia	Res/New	2327 Glorieta Place	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph2	$177,600	$3,481
07-OTC-2191	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	2351 GlorіettaPlace	Sonoma Ranch East 2, Ph2	$138,660	$3,391

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report March 1, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	$ Value
31845	Self	Daniel Ramos Jr.	Res/New	2645 Greentree Loop	Desert Aire Estates	$208
31847	Arrowhead Construction	Leonard Wiliams	Res/Rem	5065 Acacia	Las Alturas Est Unit 6 Subd	$200
31848	Self	Francisco Lujan	Res/Alt	5787 Sanderling Drive	Desert Shadows Ph2	$60
31856	O R & L Construction	James Evans	Res/New	6810 Via Emma	Picacho Hills CC #3 Replat 1	$1,198
31857	D'Rubi Construction	Starchaser Industries Inc.	Comm/Add	23838 Gecko Ave.	N/A	$640
31861	O R & L Construction	James Evans	Res/New	6878 Lazo Del Norte	Tierra Escondida	$1,003
31864	GT Homes Inc	Jared Teague	Res/New	5561 Red Fox Road	Gray Fox Subd	$925
31865	Full Circle Bldrs Inc	Gary Killian	Res/New	7225 Las Vistas Drive	N/A	$910
31867	Paso Del Norte	CP Aviation Co.	Comm/ Hangar	8000-8100 Airport Road	Desert Sky Air Park	$3,790
31868	S/W Infinity	Brian Jerrery	Res/New	12705 Chuck Wagon Road	Ranch Estates Major Plat	$1,094
31869	Paso Del Norte	Fuller	Comm /Hangar	8000-8104 Airport Road	Desert Sky Air Park	$1,340
31873	Self	Sashila Khera	Res/New	1131 Boling Lane	Linda Vista Estates Ph1	$868
31874	Oak Tree Construction	Deborah Holt Living Trust	Res/Add	1212 Vintage	Coronado Ridge Ph2	$370
31875	Oak Tree Construction	David & Cynthia Gillis	Res/New	1130 Pueblo Gardens Court	Pueblo Gardens	$451
31876	Paul Curry Homes	Samuel Shummon	Res/New	4910 Cripple Creek Road	Miner's Ridge Ph2	$888
31877	Homebuilders Construction Co.	Douglas Duever	Res/Add	6626 Vista Del Rieno	Alto Estates	$220
31878	San Antonio Bldrs	Christopher Mangusing	Res/New	811 Banna Court	San Ban Subd Replat #1	$1,052
31887	Self	Brenda Mendez	Res/New	1050 Acosta Road	Kalar & Timbers Addition	$384
31895	Phoenician Homes	Charles David	Res/New	2102 Salida Del Sol	Puerta de la Mesilla	$930

Pecan

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fertilizer is not taken up by the pecan trees.

Knowing the orchard soil texture is important, Heerema said. He added:

"For any soil type, particularly if your orchard has extreme soil textures, heavy or poorly drained or light and prone to leaching, these losses can be minimized through careful water management so that neither water-logging or percolation of irrigation past the root zone occurs."

Heerema advises leaf analysis to detect excessive nitrogen application, which is wasteful.

He also said that nitrogen loss can be reduced by timing the applications to the periods of highest demand, the shoot growth in the spring filling of kernels in the fall.

Heerema came to NMSU in October 2005. He is originally from California, and he earned his bachelor's in plant science at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa, and his doctorate in pomology, study of fruit trees, at the University of California-Davis.

Two NMSU faculty members, Jim Libbin and Jay M. Lillywhite, explained how important the pecan industry is to the state economy. It ranks fourth behind milk, cattle and hay.

They used 2003 figures, when the value of New Mexico pecans was $70.4 million, to demonstrate the effect of the pecan industry on the state economy.

The total effect of the pecan industry that year, as its value turned over in businesses and with wage earners in the state economy, was $126,372,065, Libbin and Lillywhite said.

They broke down the pecan industry effects this way:

- Agriculture, $79,170,992
- Mining, $3,366,085
- Construction, $1,040,629
- Manufacturing, $9,496,373
- Transportation, Communications and Utilities, $5,824,977
- Retail and Wholesale Trade, $8,909,933
- Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, $8,065,210
- Services, $8,065,883
- Government, $9,605,883
- Other, $830,028

In 2005, the New Mexico pecan industry produced 65 million pounds of nuts, a record, ranking New Mexico second in the nation. Of that total, Doña Ana, the largest producing county in the state, produced 48 million pounds, according to the New Mexico Department's latest Agricultural Statistics.

Of the state's 33,123 pecan-bearing acres, 23,745 are in Doña Ana.

The 2005 pecan value was $110.5 million compared with $88.9 million the previous year. That was with an average price of $1.70 a pound, which was 16 cents higher than the national average, according to the statistical report.

Room charge

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hotels for this week's Western Athletic Conference tournament at NMSU, but the motels along Picacho Avenue haven't picked up any of that business said David Girle, who owns the Economy Inn.

Councillor Ken Miyagishima said he had preferred an approach to charge a larger fee to the hotels and motels closer to the convention and civic center. But the legislation does not give the city enough wiggle room to do this, according to Miyagishima.

> "No one is saying this is perfect or perfectly fair."
>
> STEVEN TROWBRIDGE, City Councillor

The average room rate in Las Cruces is $64, compared to $81 in Albuquerque and $95 in Santa Fe, Miyagishima noted in response to an accusation that the fee would pave the route to the kind of costly room rates seen in northern New Mexico.

Mark Sutter, director of city finances, suggested that the city set up a fund to assist organizations like the City of Hope, pay for rooms that are used for temporary housing.

"This kind of approach makes more sense," said councillor Jose Frietze.

Jim Berry of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and Larry Furrow of White Sands Missile Range both spoke in support of a flat fee administered to all.

Councillor Steve Trowbridge said making the fee more complicated only would create "a climate of temptation" for some motel owners to lower their room rates to avoid paying the fee.

Trowbridge said city officials have been working on this effort for 10 years to make paying for a convention center as fair as possible.

"No one is saying this is perfect or perfectly fair," he said. "But it is the best we can do."

Girle said he understood the council's reasoning, even though he would have preferred the fee not be added to rooms at low rates.

Not everyone was so understanding. Resident Joe Fuller said the fee amounts to a tax on people only visiting here. By that logic, Fuller said the fee violates the American Revolution principle of no taxation without representation. User fees and the city's share of gross receipt taxes are more proper ways for the city to support a convention center, Fuller said.

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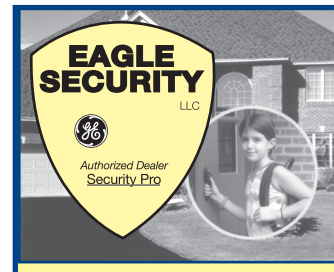

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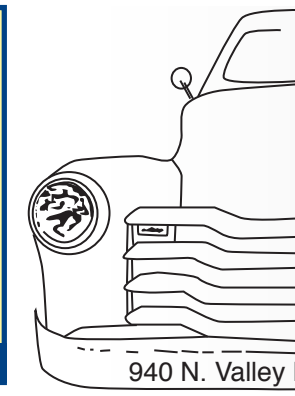

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Saturday, March 10th
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HISPANIC CULTURE DAY

Thursday, March 8th
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Performances/Activities:
• 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
NMSU Mariachi Band "Cuerdas de Oro"
• 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Columbia Elementary "Ballet Kalpana"
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NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE DAY

Friday, March 9th
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Performances/Activities:
• 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Ice Mountain Dance Group from Ohkay Owingeh, also known as San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico
• Gorditas, fry bread, roasted corn, tacos and Pepsi products for sale

WESTERN CULTURE DAY

Saturday, March 10th
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Performances/Activities:
• 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Music by KGRT 104
• 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Demonstrations and Exhibitions by NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
• 4:00 p.m.
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By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While many Las Crucens may not be familiar with rag rugs, almost undoubtably their grandparents were, and the Rag Rug Festival, which will be held March 10 and 11 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, will show that cottage industries are still alive and well in New Mexico.

The third annual Rag Rug Festival is brought to Las Cruces by the New Mexico Women's Foundation, a group that was formed to give venues to women who operate cottage industries, according to Rag Rug Festival Producer Frieda Arth.

Arth said many women in New Mexico find themselves in a desperate situation, with a child or two, living outside of a major city, no income to speak of and wondering how they are going to survive. These women analyze their skills and realize that they have been taught a craft, from knitting and weaving to doll making.

Arth held the first Rag Rug Festival six years ago on her home patio in Santa Fe for Tejedoras de Las Trampas. Since then, the festival has grown to include four venues throughout the state that host seven women's organizations as well as numerous independent craftswomen.

"In our first year, 30 women raised nearly $25,000 in sales from the festival," she said. "In our second year, they raised $41,000."

Currently, New Mexico Women's Foundation holds festivals in Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Hobbs and Farmington each year. The 2007 festival will be the largest to be held in Las Cruces.

"The Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum has been fabulous for these women," Arth said.

Originally, the space for the festival was rented from the museum but now the Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum has become a full partner in the Rag Rug Festival.

"The Farm & Ranch Museum donates the space, and I pay for everyone to have free admission during that weekend," Arth said.

She added that everyone is invited to come check out the festival and the rest of the exhibits during this free weekend.

"We want (visitors) to enjoy the whole museum," she said.

For the festival, there will be 85 artisans represented by 30 booths from throughout the state of New Mexico. The Espanola Valley Fiber Arts Center, Grupo Yuca, Southwest Women's Fiber Arts Collective, Tejedoras de Las Trampas, Tres Manos, Women's Intercultural Center and Women's Jewelry Collective of the Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center will have representatives on hand to sell wares for their groups.

Although a variety of crafts will be available for purchase, such as apparel, home accessories and dolls, the festival's namesake rag rugs will be the most common and highly sought after goods.

According to Arth, the practice of making rag rugs has declined in recent years, but most people's grandparents will vividly remember Depression-era rag rugs being a common commodity.

"My grandmother braided her rag rugs, but in New Mexico the tendency is to weave them," Arth said. "Some artisans here even spin the rags into yarn, which makes them incredibly soft."

Although the vendors may not have the exact rug to fit a visitor's tastes or home, Arth said many artisans welcome a commission for a unique rag rug.

"You're not only helping someone, you're also getting something of value," Arth said. "There are so few places to get things that are handmade in the United States."

There are thousands of festivals throughout the country that focus on handmade crafts, according to Arth, but this is the only series of festivals that focus on the rag rug.

"With no equipment and nothing new, you could still make something," Arth said. "No matter how desperate you get, you can still make something, still make a living."

The addition to the numerous crafts, this year's event will feature a film festival and several workshops for beginning-level crafts.

"The workshops are the only thing we charge modest fess for...they are very intense and around three to four hours long," Arth said.

The films, she added, not only show community crafts, but also show the importance on the economy of the communities where they are still practiced.

"(The films) are about culture, economic development and survival," she said.

Rag Rug Festival

Saturday and Sunday
March 10 and 11
New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum
4100 Dripping Springs Road

Saturday, March 10, Workshops
Beginning Crochet 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Colcha Embroidery 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Pocket Weaving 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Rug Hooking 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 11, Workshops
Needle Felting 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Beginning Knitting 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Workshops cost $15 to $25.
Advance reservations must be made by calling Leslie at 522-4100

Handmade: A Legacy Film Festival
Saturday, March 10
10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the County student art exhibition

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

A collage by Picacho Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade students

Self-portraits by Loma Heights students David R. Ramirez, fifth grade, left, and Jennifer Marquez, third grade.

Desert Hills Elementary School third-grader Zach Weisenberger, 8, shows off his colored-chalk landscape "Lonesome Tree" during the reception Friday, Feb. 23, for an art exhibit featuring the work of students from the Las Cruces and Gadsden school districts. The exhibit is in the first-floor corridors of the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Hillrise Elementary School third-grader Kara Stewart, 8, tells her father, New Mexico National Guard Lt. Gary Stewart how she made her glue and oil pastels painting "Insect on a Flower."

FILM

Sex, lies and audiotape

'The Lives of Others' brings light to secret police

By Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Besides being a terrific film and one that won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film recently, "The Lives of Others" carries a theme of transformation. This movie offered me the chance to learn about something that I knew nothing of, that being the Stasi, the secret police that once haunted East Germany.

The Stasi, before its demise, employed between 300,000 and 400,000 "workers," some actually on the payroll, but a majority of whom were just used as snitches and informants.

With this picture, first time (amazingly) director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck (say that 10 times fast) presents us with a wonderful blend of fact, tension, tone and subtlety.

film review

"The Lives of Others" opens Friday, March 9, at the Fountain Theatre in downtown Mesilla. It is 137 minutes long (but doesn't seem like it at all), and is rated R for adult hanky panky. It is in German with subtitles.

grade: A+

The time is 1984, not too long before the fall of the Berlin Wall. Gerd Wiesler, flawlessly played by Ulrich Muhe, is a captain in the Stasi. Firm, resolute, passionless – except for his work – and chilly, the nondescript Wiesler is not someone you would expect to be a master at spying on civilians. He also bears a frightening resemblance, at least to me, of a former boss of mine.

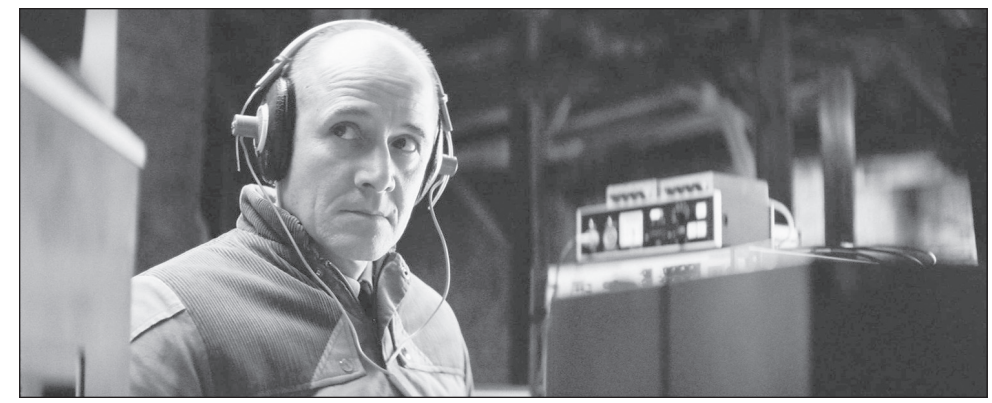
Georg Dreyman is a noted writer and playwright, who goes about exercising the limited amount of freedom offered during this time frame. His work never offers subtle jabs or comment against the GDR, but nonetheless, he is soon in the crosshairs of the Stasi, and ultimately in that of Wiesler.

He is allowed his limited amount of freedom, because he toes the line as, supposedly, does his drop-dead gorgeous girlfriend Christa.

After the viewing of a new play written by Dreyman, Wiesler, the creep, has a bad feeling about Dreyman and his work. Perhaps it is too good to be true that a man of such talent would choose to live under such totalitarian conditions.

Soon enough, Dreyman's apartment is completely bugged and wired, with a nosy neighbor being sufficiently threatened. Wiesler and a lesser flunky begin to listen in on Dreyman's life, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A lovemaking session between Georg and Christa brings the patsy great glee, to which the icy Wiesler responds to in a sharp and verbally chilling way. In a gloriously orchestrated contrast, Wiesler later has his own "intimate" relations, a matter of fact five-minute session with a lady of the evening.

As time goes on, Wiesler's eavesdropping brings him more intimately in touch with Dreyman's life. Day in and day out he hones in on the sounds of the apartment, dutifully typing up reports on the activities. To his credit, Wiesler never exaggerates or lies on the reports, and this may be what actually offers his slow shift in his auditory spying.



Gerd Weisler (Ulrich Muhe) spies for the Stasi, the East German secret police, in "The Lives of Others," which opens at the Fountain Theatre Friday, March 9.

He is soon softening the reports, and a repulsive incident between Wiesler's supervisor and Christa becomes another reason for Wiesler to reevaluate the power he has and that of his employer.

After the suicide of a friend, Dreyman writes an article on a smuggled and forbidden typewriter that later appears in the West German press.

Now enmeshed in Dreyman's life and his own conflicted feelings, Wiesler is soon dispatched to find the offending machine, in order to match the type with the content.

A furtive game of cat and mouse ensues, in which Dreyman, Christa and Wiesler are all under suspicion by the higher-ups of the Stasi.

As the Stasi was in control of the lives of so many people in East Germany for so many years, director von Donnersmarck is certainly in control of this outstanding picture. He convincingly conveys secrets, passions, paranoia and power through all of the main characters and many of the co-stars, icing it with a masterful film score by Gabriel Yared (who wrote the music to one of my favorite French films, "Betty Blue," many years ago) and an authenticity that is both fresh and believable.

Although far too many German films seen in the United States. are based on the politics of the "Fatherland," "The Lives of Others" gives us a convincing and harrowing look at just that – the lives of others.

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

Are you being spied on by the "guv'mint?" Find out by dropping a note to Jeff Berg at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

'Frida' shows life of famous painter

Salma Hayek portrays one of Mexico's greatest artists

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, March 10, will be "Frida" (2002, 123 minutes, rated R).

Salma Hayek ages some 30 years onscreen as she charts famed Mexican artist Frida Kahlo's life from feisty schoolgirl to Diego Rivera protégée to world-renowned artist in her own right. The picture details Kahlo's affluent upbringing in Mexico City and her nurturing relationship with her traditional mother (Patricia Reyes Spindola) and philosophical father (Roger Rees).

Having already suffered the crippling effects of polio, Kahlo sustains further injuries when a city bus accident nearly ends her life. But in her bed-ridden state, the young artist produces dozens upon dozens of pieces. When she recovers, she presents them to the legendary — and legendarily temperamental — Rivera (Alfred Molina), who takes her under his wing as an artist, a political revolutionary and, inevitably, a lover.

Their relationship is fraught with trouble, as the philandering Rivera traverses the globe painting murals, and Kahlo languishes in obscurity, longing to make her mark on her own.

"Frida" is directed by Julie Taymor, whose Broadway production of "The Lion King" won her international acclaim.

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

During March, CineMatinee will feature a potpourri of flicks covering art, history, coffee, animation and even one that was filmed in New Mexico.

All screenings begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is $3 or free for Mesilla Valley Film Society members. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one block south of the plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 or 522-0286.

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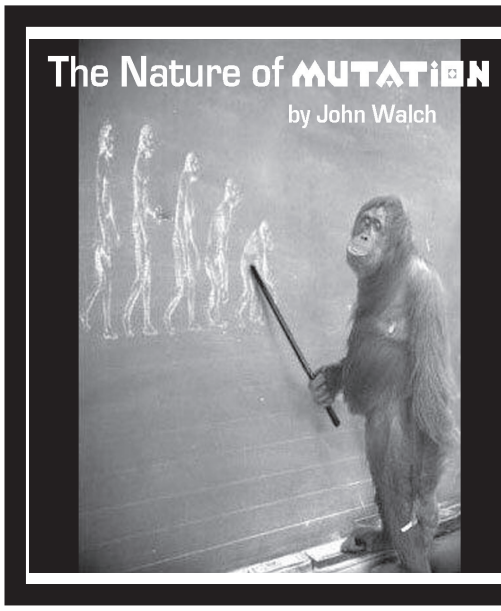

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in association with
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Tickets $10-$15
Performances held at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus.
646-4515

Queen Ant (Kathi-Jane) discusses a problem with the colony's Chief Scientist (Bob Singer) in "Under the Sycamore Tree," which opens at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, on Friday, March 9. The play, which was written in 1951, shows an ant colony dealing with many of the same issues as modern governments.

The big lives of ants

NSTC shows little bugs have human issues too

"Under the Sycamore Tree," a comedy by Samuel Spewack and directed by Jim Eckman, runs March 9 through 25 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

The whimsical fable or farce is about a colony of ants that have adapted many of mankind's greatest and worst inventions to their own way of life. Among other things, they communicate electronically and conduct warfare with weapons of mass destruction. As they become more human-like, they suffer the same failures and successes that humans have experienced for the past 50 years. Of course, not all the ants agree with their political leadership with the usual results. This well-written, sometimes funny, sometimes tender play is really all about humanity.

Director Jim Eckman was first introduced to "Under the Sycamore Tree" by Bob Gaines, owner of SOB's Antiques, who directed the play in 1963 in Washington, D.C. When Eckman read the play, he was immediately snagged by the fascinating way that the playwright, Samuel Spewack, incorporated most of the foibles of modern humanity in a play written in 1951.

Spewack was born in the Ukraine but raised in the U.S. He first worked as a journalist for the New York World. In the late '20s, he and his wife Bella co-wrote the scripts for a number of slapstick comedies for both stage and screen. Spewack wrote, among many other stage and screen plays, the screen play for "Kiss Me Kate" and the ever popular "My Three Angels."

The cast of the No Strings Theatre Company production of "Under The Sycamore Tree" consists of the Chief Statistician played by Cassandra Smith, the Ant Queen portrayed by Kathi-Jane, the Chief Scientist by Bob Singer, the General by J. J. Straub, Boy Ant by Chris Rivas, Girl Ant by Jasmine Singer, the Brown Ant is Celina Gardea and the Worker Ant is Jorel Singer. The fanciful set was designed by larrychandler and Peter Herman, and the costumes were made by Jeanne Luper. Mark Hammersmith is sound board operator, and Allie Canavan runs the light board.

"Under The Sycamore Tree" performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays, March 18 and 25, at 2:30 p.m., and Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices are $9 for regular admission, $8 for students and seniors over 65 and $6 for all seats on Thursdays. A "High School Student Rush" ticket for unsold seats ($6 with ID card) is available 10 minutes before each performance.

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

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LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

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313 N. Downtown Mall
523-1200
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Through March 11

Under the Sycamore Tree
Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall
523-1223
Tickets: $6-$9
Through March 25

The Nature of Mutation
Hershel Zohn Theatre
on the NMSU campus
646-4515
Tickets: $10-$15
Through March 18

NMSU theater presents new play

Science vs. religion wages war on stage at Hershel Zohn

New Mexico State University's Department of Theatre Arts and the American Southwest Theatre Company will perform "The Nature of Mutation," written by John Walch, March 9 through 18 at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus.

The piece is contemporary and set in a private high school, where the complex interplay between faith and science in the 21st century is explored. Audiences will encounter a world that is both recognizable and strange, where modern conveniences cross paths with long dead scientists.

"The Nature of Mutation" was developed as part of NMSU Theatre Arts' High Desert New Play Program. The program began in 2006 to offer playwrights and performers the opportunity to work in a collaborative ensemble in order to develop a new play. Nationally recognized playwrights are invited to submit works-in-progress, and two are selected for public readings. One will receive a full production by the NMSU theater department and ASTC.

"The play development process is always exciting," said Laura Grace Godwin, NMSU theater professor. "But with the High Desert Program it is particularly gratifying to see plays progress from workshops to premiere."

Guest artist Shoshona Gold will direct "The Nature of Mutation." Gold will lead a veteran production staff of NMSU faculty including Jim Billings, scenic and lighting designer; Deb Brunson, costume designer; and David Hereford, props designer.

Sean Darragh (Clancy Gibbens) and Adrienne Cox (Sally) tackle the debate of science and religion in high school in New Mexico State University's production of "The Nature of Mutation," which opens Friday, March 9, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus.

Charley Davis will serve as stage manager with NMSU student Leroy Martinez as his assistant. NMSU student Rebecca McCullough will assist the director.

NMSU students also will take lead roles in the cast, including Sean Darragh as Clancy Gibbons, Dan Mulkerin as Lance, Michael Anderson as Drew, Adrienne Cox as Sally, Jennifer Perry as Wizmo and Florinda, Josh Tafoya as Eddie, Ben Adams as Adam and Mandy Guitar as Josie. Community artists include Eric Young as Claude Davis, Steve Conn as Owen and Huxley, Carol Ayon as Barbara Gibbons and Megan McQueen as Melanie and Mrs. Le.

"'The Nature of Mutation' is an exciting event, both in terms of the High Desert Program and on its own, as a fascinating and timely exploration of the conflict between proof and belief," Godwin said.

Ticket prices vary from $10 to $15 depending on performance dates. Call the ASTC box office at 646-4515 or 1-800-646-ASTC for details.

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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

MAYFIELD FAREWELL CONCERT

The Mayfield Band and Orchestra will be leaving for their concert tour of China on March 14 and have scheduled a "Farewell Concert" for Friday, March 9, at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 and will be sold at the door or by contacting Mayfield High School at 527-9415.

POETRY READING

Poets Mary Jo Bang from Washington University in St. Louis, and Allyn West of NMSU, will give a reading at 7:30 p.m. in Hardman Hall, room 106, on the New Mexico State University campus. Bang's fourth book, "The Eye Like a Strange Balloon," was published in 2004 by Grove Press. West is an MFA candidate in poetry. La Sociedad para las Artes of the English department at NMSU will sponsor the reading. The event is free and open to the public.

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the eclectic mix of La Cella Bella on Friday, March 9, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sarah Addison "Juba" and Shalrene Wittern will be the featured storytellers at the Main Street Downtown store location, and Loni Todoroki will be the featured storyteller at the COAS Solano store, located at 1101 S. Solano Drive. All children who attend receive a free book. Call 524-8471 for more information.

MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The half hour program will consist of a story or part of a story read by a local "celebrity" – a public figure from around Las Cruces. The celebrity reader might be a local government official, sports figure, educational administrator, church leader, business leader or someone from the arts field. The stories will be aimed at a second to fifth grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. They might be a particular favorite of the reader or selected from age-appropriate lists. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, please contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

KNITTING GUILD MEETING

The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of the month. Guests are welcome-both new and experienced – bring your knitting. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. At the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St., in the Shannon room. The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild is associated with The Knitting Guild of America and our dues are $12 per year. For more information, contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or meadows@zianet.com.

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a $5 cover charge. Music will be provided by Gary Orr. Call 528-3000 for more information.

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	START DATE	LOCATION
ShamrockFest 2007	Sat., Mar. 17	Dickerson's Event Center
Bataan Memorial Death March	Sun., Mar. 25	White Sands Missile Range
NMSU Jazz Festival	Fri., Apr. 13	NMSU Music Center
Border Book Festival	Fri., Apr. 20–Sun., Apr. 22	Mesilla Plaza
British Car Days	Fri., Apr. 27–Sun., Apr. 29	Mesilla Plaza

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the vocals and guitar of Bryan Perdue on Saturday, March 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

ROTARY YOUTH TALENT SHOW

The Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club will be holding its sixth annual Youth Talent Show on March 10 at the historic Rio Grande Theatre. The event begins at noon. This annual event provides a double benefit for the youth in our community. First, the talent show allows youth (ages 6 - 18) to practice/advance their talents and build self-confidence. Secondly, the talent show raises money for the Las Cruces Mesilla Valley Rotary Club's youth-oriented community service projects (i.e. First Step, Character Kids Dream Home, Jardin De Los Ninos, Make A Wish Foundation, etc). There are two divisions, Junior and Senior and four categories which are; vocal, instrumental, dance and Mariachi. Junior prizes are $150 for the winner of each category and Senior prizes are $200. Twenty entries have been received for the Junior Division and 22 for the Senior Division for a total of 42, the largest number of acts in the history of the Youth Talent Show. Tickets are available from club members and at the door for $3 each or 6 for $10.

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You're Invited

Newcomers Luncheon

When? Thursday, March 15th 11:30 am
Where? The Double Eagle Restaurant
On the Plaza in Historic Old Mesilla
Our Speakers Pat Garrett!

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MONDAY, MARCH 12

LAS COLCHERAS QUILT GUILD

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

The "old time" music of the Deming Fusiliers will be featured on Tuesday, March 13, as part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's "Every Other Tuesday" at the Rio Grande Theatre. The Fusiliers are Rus Bradburd on fiddle, Dennis Daily on guitar, Bob Dietner on mandolin, Marc Robert on banjo and Bill Mussmann plays the stand up bass. The group specializes in "old time," which is one of the oldest forms of North American traditional music. Old-time music has its roots in the folk music of England, Scotland and Ireland as well as the African continent and was predominant in the mines and tobacco plantations of 18th and 19th century Appalachia. It features traditional dance tunes and ballads of both European/African origin as well as pure Americana. Even though the music has been part of our culture for hundreds of years, the label "old time" has only been applied to it since the 1920s. Every Other Tuesday performances begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, contact DAAC at 523-6403.

BRANIGAN FRIENDS BOOK REVIEW

Experienced and popular book reviewer Louise Forshaw will share insights into the future through literature of the 19th and 20th centuries on Tuesday, March 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Dresp Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Her review topic, "Are We There Yet?" will focus on three works: "Looking Backward 2000 – 1887" by Edward Bellamy, "Brave New World" by Aldous Huxley and "The Machine Stops" by E. M. Forster. There is no admission charge and refreshments will be served following the review. The event is part of an ongoing monthly program hosted by the Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. For information about monthly book reviews of about joining the Friends of the Library, contact Denise DeMercy at doulainlc@gmail.com.

BROWN BAG LUNCH AT BRANIGAN

Linnea Egbert, outgoing president of the Las Colcheras Quilt Guild, will share the history and activities of the group, as well as lead a guided tour of quilt exhibits at the Branigan Cultural Center on Tuesday, March 13, noon to 1 p.m. The free event is part of the ongoing series of Brown Bag Lunch discussions sponsored by the BCC and the Las Cruces Railroad Museum on the second Tuesday of each month. Tea and coffee will be provided. Participants should bring their own meal. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St., on the north end of the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Off-street parking is located at the intersection of North Water and Hadley Streets. For information, call 541-2154.

STITCH'N VISIT

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

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

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15

GOLDEN MESA BOOK REVIEW

Author Bob Sanchez will read from his book, "When Pigs Fly," at the monthly book review in the library at Golden Mesa retirement complex, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway, March 15 at 10 a.m. Books will be available at a discount for purchase and signing by the author. Seniors and friends are invited. Refreshments served. For more information, call 532-6356.

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 Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. The cost is $6 for members and $8 for nonmembers and includes rumba lessons at 7 p.m. during March. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 382-5255 for more information.

SUNLAND STAR SINGING CONTEST

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

ST. PATRICK'S IRISH CONTRA DANCE

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society (SNMMDS) will host a St. Patrick's Irish Contra Dance on Friday, March 16, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Kris Jensen of Albuquerque will teach and call all contra dances to live acoustic old-time and Irish music by the "Hippie-billies." Beginner dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $4. For more information, call 522-2421.

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the folk sound of Larry Stocker on Friday, March 16, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a $5 cover charge. Music will be provided by Mark Coker. Call 528-3000 for more information.

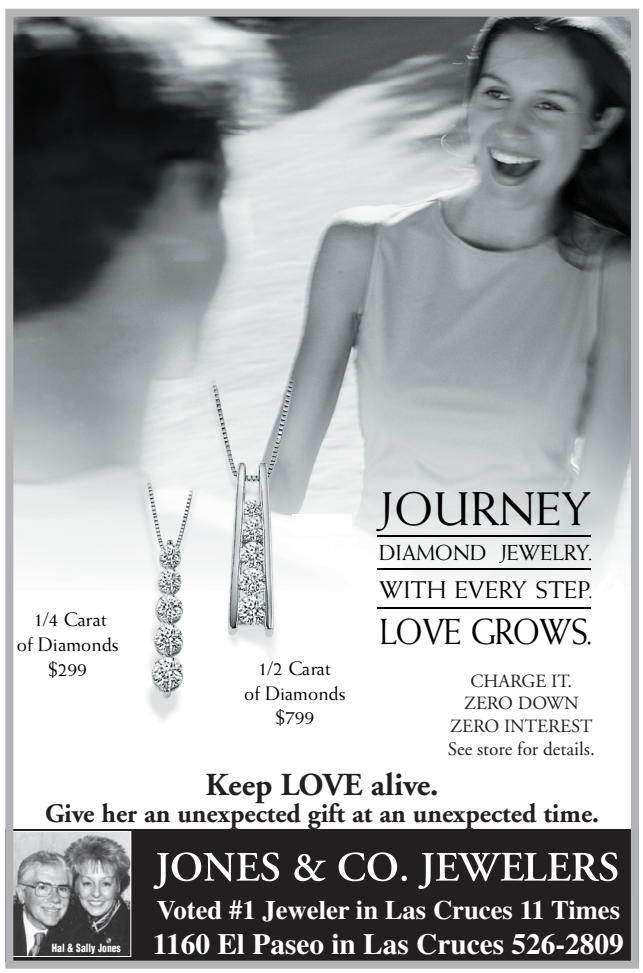
ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

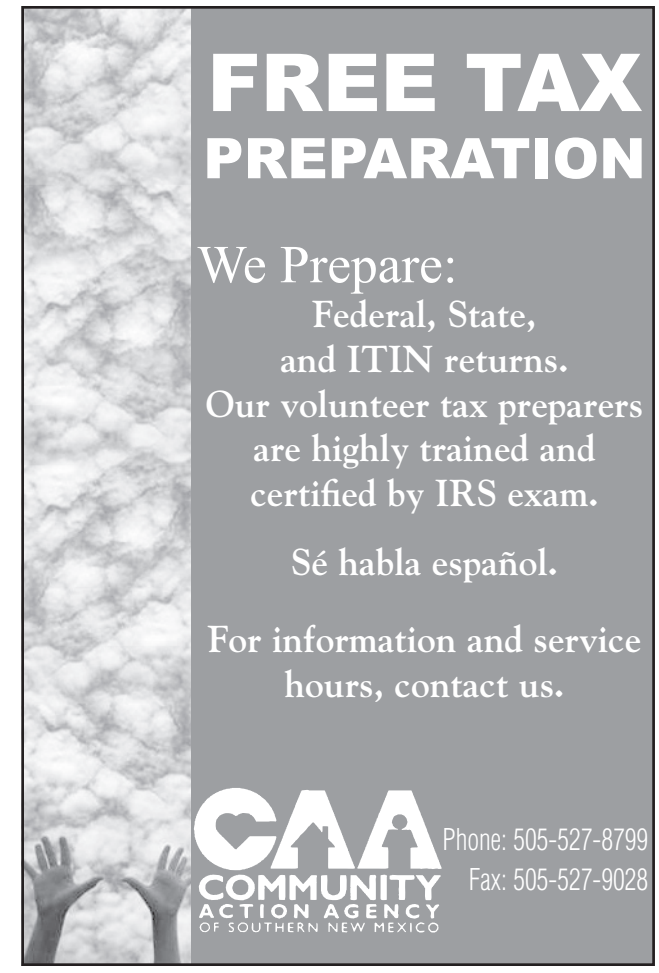
The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the bluegrass sound of the Deming Fuiliers on Saturday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

DOÑA ANA CAMERA CLUB

The Doña Ana Camera Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho, at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in any phase of photography is invited. Call Louie at 382-6493 for more information.





At the NMPAA ribbon cutting

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Cosette Atherton, from the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy, belly dances for the audience at the Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday afternoon.

The "HipHop Moving to the Music" group from the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy performed in Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday afternoon.

Steve Lopez, far left, and Jose Gallardo, both board members of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, hold the ribbon as Raul Garcia, president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Kathy Nau, president of the board of directors for the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy, cut the ribbon in celebration of the opening of the new Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday afternoon.

Orlando-Antonio Jimenez thanks the crowd for attending the event at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

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Tawnya Bass, an instructor at the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy, belly dances in an original costume.

Zahira, instructor at the New Mexico Performing Arts Academy, belly dances as the audience watches her perform in the Mesilla Valley Mall Saturday afternoon.

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On the Menu

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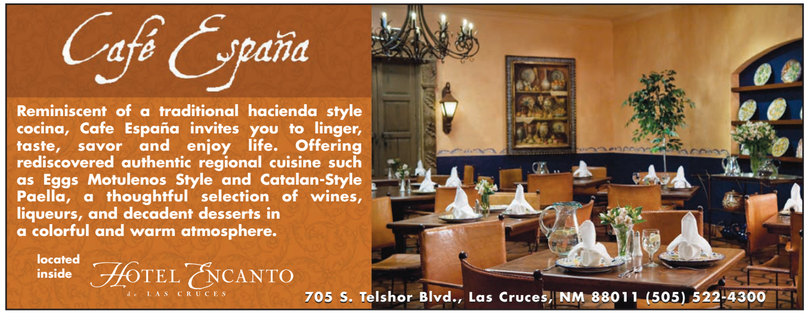

Taking a spiritual journey toward destiny

What began as a quest to learn led this artist to a whole new life

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Yolanda Martinez became inspired to make her first Native American drum in 1982, she never imagined the experience would lead her on a decade-long spiritual journey of self discovery.

Martinez's uniquely designed Native American hand and ceremonial drums are sold worldwide. She routinely holds drum-making workshops, drumming circles and other events in New Mexico and Europe. As well as being an accomplished drum maker, she is also a Native American Music Award winning composer and musician.

Although Martinez's Native American/Hispanic Indian culture is a big part of her recent success, there was a time when she yearned to learn more about her heritage. That quest to learn more changed her life.

As she began learning about her heritage, she prayed for something that would connect her sense of spirituality with her culture.

"I asked the Great Spirit to give me something to create with my hands," Martinez said. "The next thing I knew, I had a big desire to create a drum. It was such a strong urge that it couldn't be ignored."

Drums have been an integral part of Native American culture for centuries and have been used in healing ceremonies, meditation, prayer, dancing and singing. Drums are also considered to be a powerful balancing and grounding tool, Martinez said.

> "It's all about the journey and what you learn from it and how you use it."
>
> YOLANDA MARTINEZ, Drum maker and musician

Making a traditional drum was not an easy task. Martinez said she didn't know where to begin, and attempting to research the art was frustrating as there were no resources available. She began with small personal projects like rattles.

"I didn't know anything about drums, and I didn't know anyone who could help," Martinez said. "I couldn't find any research materials."

As is the case with destiny, a few obstacles did not stand in the way of Martinez and her quest. It took her nearly two years to create her first drum – from tracking down the rawhide and other materials and figuring out how to assemble the pieces into a traditional drum.

"I soaked the rawhide for two days and then began cutting," she said. "I used a nail to cut the holes and used a brass ring from my fishing days."

She crafted the drum's beater from a wooden spoon.

When it was finished, she presented the drum to her mother as a gift, and she said she felt a sense of relief that she had finished her project.

"It was like the world had been lifted off my shoulders," she said. "I was glad that I was done, and I thought my journey was over."

With her drum-making project complete, she said she asked the Great Spirit what she should do next.

"It was then that I heard a voice, loud and clear, say to me 'I said drums,'" Martinez said. "I cried."

What followed was a long period of illness. Martinez became sick from tainted medication she had been taking. The illness caused neurological damage and she lost sight in one eye, lost her hair and was confined to a wheelchair.

"I felt like I had been skinned alive," she said.

Martinez said the illness was a blessing in disguise.

"While I was ill, I found an herbal woman. She gave me herbal teas and put me on a diet of natural juices to detox my blood," Martinez said. "It took me 10 years to fully come back from that illness."

During her period of illness, Martinez read an article in a magazine that led her back to drumming.

"The article was about a man who made (drum) hoops," she said. "I ordered some hoops and began researching tanneries. I ordered my first hoops and rawhide and began experimenting. This illness was the Spirit's way of telling me to stop, get out of the corporate life and make drums."

She credits drum making during her illness with helping to heal her body.

"Working on the drums brought my mind and body back," she said. "I never gave up."

Soon after, Martinez left her job in the escrow and title business and devoted herself fulltime to drum making and music.

Originally from Carlsbad, she grew up in California and lived for a while in Alaska and North Carolina before returning to her native New Mexico in 1999 and making her permanent home in Las Cruces.

"The Organ Mountains were calling me," she said. "The day my family moved from Carlsbad to California (when I was a child), I cried and vowed to return some day."

Martinez's company, Legends Alive Productions, sells a variety of handmade Native American hand drums and ceremonial drums. To make the instruments, Martinez begins with elk, deer, cow, buffalo or horse hide which is cut to shape and soaked overnight. Holes are then burned into the skins before it is stretched over a hoop and attached with one of Martinez's signature tying designs – the whirlwind, saguaro cactus, the spider or the starburst – designed to help them hold their tone and voice. She signs and dates each of her drums and writes what type of hide was used in its making.

Her drums are sold on the Internet as well as at craft shows.

"They've been selling so fast on the Internet, that I hardly do the shows any more," she said.

Martinez said that her drums sell worldwide. She's shipped instruments to Afghanistan and several European countries. She's also frequently been invited to lead drum-making and shield-making workshops nationwide and in several European countries. This summer, she will travel to France to lead another drum-making workshop. Her local workshops attract people from across the state and Mexico.

"The workshops are very powerful and healing," she said. "Along with drum-making, people learn rhythms and songs."

But drum making is only part of who Martinez is. The award-winning music-maker has produced several CDs and has toured the country performing Native American music (drumming and chanting) as well as contemporary country-western and a little bit of jazz. Her latest album falls in the genre of Latin music.

She has been nominated several times for a NAMY award and in 2005 took top honors for her recording, "Native Heartbeat."

Martinez said that the journey that began in 1982 is not over yet.

"I've learned from myself during this process," she said. "We can achieve more than we can ever imagine. It's all about the journey and what you learn from it and how you use it."

Martinez's drums and music may be viewed at www.yolandasdrums.com.

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As well as being an accomplished drum maker, Yolanda Martinez is also a NAMY award-winning musician. Her 2005 recording, "Native Heartbeat," earned top honors at the NAMYs.

Yolanda Martinez uses natural hide to make her drums – either cow, elk, deer or horse. She cuts the hide to shape, soaks it then attaches it to a wooden hoop.

After soaking overnight, the hide is attached to the wooden hoop. Yolanda Martinez uses one of her four unique tying designs to attach the hide to the hoop.

Drum maker Yolanda Martinez demonstrates the tone and sound of one of her earliest drums. She began making Native American drums in 1982, and today she has a worldwide clientele.

Television Listings

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Sports News Movies

FRIDAY EVENING — MARCH 9, 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		Mind	Wash Wk	Group	NOW (N)	My Music: The British Beat CC				News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Ghost Whisperer		Close to Home (N)		NUMB3RS (N) CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Group	Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Business	Charlie Rose (N)	
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Grey's Anatomy		(:01) Wife Swap		20/20 CC		News	Nightline	Blitz	Kimmel
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil (N) CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	House "Spin" CC		The Wedding Bells		News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	1 vs. 100 (iTV) (N)		Las Vegas CC		Law & Order CC		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Casos-Vida		Noticias	Noticiero	Incognito	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa		Deci		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		Boxeo: Chavez, Jr. vs. Muñoz				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★★ "El Imitador" (1995)		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC			KTLA Prime News		
WGN 15	Videos	★★★ "Selena" (1997) Jennifer Lopez. (In Stereo)					WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos		
ESPN 16	College Basketball: Big East Semifinal				College Basketball: Big East Semifinal -- Teams TBA					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Game	Fast
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk CC		House "Safe" CC		★★ "Mercury Rising" (1998) CC			
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise.				★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise.					★★★★ "Rocky"		
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	★★ "Austin Powers in Goldmember"				(:10) "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star"				(:15) ★ "Lost & Found" (1999) CC			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		Disorderly Con.		Sports	MXC	Game	Wild
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"A Trick of the Mind" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Sylvia"		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Shootout! CC		Dogfights CC		Mail Call Vehicles.		Modern Marvels		Shootout! CC		Dogfights 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	Dirty Jobs CC		Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Stunt	Stunt	Survivorman		Survivorman	
FAM 51	Smallville "Crush"		"The Dukes of Hazzard: The Beginning"				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Sister	Sister	So Raven	So Raven	Life De	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	Montana	Cory	★★ "The Princess Diaries" (2001) CC			
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Full Hse.	Grow	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	(4:00) "Black Dog"		★★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Adventure)				★★ "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				(:45) ★★★★ "The Exorcist"			
SCIFI 58	Heroes "Parasite"		Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		John Doe CC	
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(:15) ★★ "Just Friends" (2005) CC				★★ "You've Got Mail" (1998) (In Stereo)				★★ "Poseidon" (2006) CC		300 1st		Rome "Death Mask"	
MAX 322	Madagas	"Friday the 13th, Part VI"			★★★ "The Rock" (1996) Sean Connery.				MAX Set	★★ "Out for Justice" (1991)			"Mr. & Mrs. Smith"	
SHOW 343	★★ "Blind Horizon" (2004)		(:45) ★★ "American Crime" (2004) CC				"Jiminy Glick in Lalawood"				The L Word (iTV)		Alex Reymundo	

SATURDAY MORNING — MARCH 10, 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)				Back Care-Yog		America's Home Cooking: One Skillet (In Stereo) CC					
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Saturday Early Show (In Stereo) CC				Madeline	Sabrina	Trollz (El)	College Basketball		
KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Curious	Microecon	The South Beach Heart Program			Transform
ABC 7 7	Overdrive	Business	News		Good Morning America		News		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Winx Club	Bratz	Turtles	Viva Pinata	Turtles	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Chaotic (N)
NBC 9 9	(4:05) "The Faculty"		Today Napping; dining out. (In Stereo) CC				Babar	Dragon (El)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie	Dragon	Jacob
KINT 10 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin			Carmen	Pijamadas	Ultracham	Lente Loco	Trato	Mochila Azul	
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Todo Bebé
KTFN 13 65	Carita de Ángel		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Pequeño	Escuadrón	Animal	Mega Match	
KTLA 14	Farm Rpt.	Paid Prog.	Wall St	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T
WGN 15	Enterprise	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeTeam CC	
ESPN 16	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter (Live) CC				College GameDay (Live)	
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monk CC		★★ "The Substitute" (1996) Tom Berenger.				"Substitute 2"	
TNT 32	★★★ "Starship Troopers" (1997) CC				★★★ "Galaxy Quest" (1999) Tim Allen. CC				★★ "The 6th Day" (2000) Tony Goldwyn CC			
TBS 33	Harvey	Harvey	★ "See Spot Run" (2001) (PA) David Arquette.				★★ "Dickie Roberts: Former Child Star" (2003)				(:15) ★★ "Eddie" CC	
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★★★ "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.					Trucks!	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Last Chance Cafe" (2006) Kate Vernon. CC			
A&E 43	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Bio.: Bullock		Biography: Jolie		Star Wars: Empire of Dreams CC			
HIST 44	Heavy Metal "PT Boat"		Generatn	Mail Call	Wild West Tech CC		Modern Marvels CC		UFO Files CC		UFO Files CC	
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Trading Spaces CC	
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Mega Builders CC		Mega Builders CC		Ultimate Cruise Ship		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN 52	So Raven	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar-Last Air		Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC 57	(:15) ★ "Blood on the Arrow" (1964) Premiere.				(:15) ★★★ "The Last Wagon" (1956) CC				(:15) ★★ "Backlash" (1956) Richard Widmark.			
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Ice" (1998) Grant Show, Eva LaRue.				"Fire: Nature Unleashed" (2004) Bryan Genesse.			
CNN 62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Live Saturday	
HBO 306	(4:55) ★★★ "Bully" (2001) Brad Renfro. CC				Chernobyl	(:45) ★★ "Rover Dangerfield" CC			★★ "Curious George" (2006) CC			Red Eye
MAX 322	(4:45) ★★ "Crash" (1996) CC		★★★ "Bullitt" (1968) Steve McQueen. CC				★★ "The Goonies" (1985) Sean Astin. CC					Wedding
SHOW 343	(4:30) "Urban Legend"		(:15) ★★ "Duane Hopwood" (2005)		(:45) ★★ "The Honeymooners"				(:15) ★ "A Night at the Roxbury"			Love Song

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 10, 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	Jerry Baker Gardening		Jerry Baker Gardening		Jerry Baker		Jerry Baker Gardening		Jerry Baker Gardening		Theus	Diet
CBS 4 4	Basketball	College Basketball: Big Ten Semifinal -- Teams TBA					College Basketball: Big Ten Semifinal				College Basketball	
KCOS 5 13	Haley's Hints CC		Haley's Hints Too		Rick Steves: Italy's Dolce Vita (In Stereo) CC				Brenda Watson's Fiber 35			Andre Rieu
ABC 7 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Basketball	Countdown	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Sam's Town 300. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Ebert
KFOX 8 14	Coach	Paid Prog.	Connect	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Dark City" (1998, Fantasy) Rufus Sewell.			
NBC 9 9	Animal R.	Old House	Snowboarding		PGA Golf Tampa Bay Championship -- Third Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Reporter
KINT 10 26	"El Bola" (2000) Juan José Ballesta, Pablo Galán.				La Parodia Don Omar; Roberto Palazuelos.				La Familia Peluche		Primer Impacto	
KTDO 11 48	Tu Hogar	Frecuencia		Nitido	★★ "Pocahontas 2" (1998)			Just Laugh	Fútbol Francia vs. Argentina. (En Vivo)			
KTFN 13 65	Mega Match		★★ "Los Exploradores" (1985) Ethan Hawke.				"Encadenados" (1996) Gary Busey, Victor Rivers.				"Cazador-Sombr"	
KTLA 14	Legion	Batman	Spider	Monster	Libertys	Libertys	Libertys	The Littles	Soul Train CC		Smallville "Arrival"	
WGN 15	NASCAR	Cosby	Soul Train CC		★★ "Soapdish" (1991) Sally Field. (In Stereo)				Funniest Home Videos		American Idol Rewind	
ESPN 16	GameDay	College Basketball: ACC Semifinal -- Teams TBA			College Basketball ACC Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA.						College Basketball	
USA 31	"Substitute 2"		★★ "Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis. CC				★ "A Man Apart" (2003) Vin Diesel. CC				"Fast & Furious"	
TNT 32	★★ "Torque" (2004) Ice Cube CC			(:45) ★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. CC						★★★ "The Fifth Element" (1997)		
TBS 33	(10:15) ★★ "Eddie" (1996) CC			(:20) ★★ "Little Nicky" (2000) CC			(:15) ★ "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998) CC				★★ "Road Trip" CC	
SPIKE 34	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos		Wildest Police Videos		Animals Attack	
LIFE 39	★★ "The Temp" (1993) Timothy Hutton. CC				★ "Mr. Murder" (1999) Stephen Baldwin. A mystery writer must prove he has a murderous double.							
A&E 43	Intervention "Cristy"		Intervention "Betsy"		Intervention "Lauren"		Sell House	Sell House	Clean	Sell House	Sell House	Spender
HIST 44	UFO Files CC		Lost Worlds CC		Lost Worlds CC		Lost Worlds CC		Last Stand of the 300 CC			
TLC 45	Trading Spaces CC		What Not to Wear		My Life as a Child		Moving Up CC		Moving Up Apex, N.C.		Property Ladder CC	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs Wine making.		Dirty Jobs "Bell Maker"		Really Big Things		Really Big Things		How-Made	How-Made	How-Made	How-Made
FAM 51	Sabrina	Sabrina	★★ "Agent Cody Banks" (2003) Frankie Muniz.				★★ "Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London"				★★ "Thunderbirds"	
DISN 52	Sprites	Handy	Doodlebop	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	★★ "The Princess Diaries" (2001) CC				Dragon	Dragon
NICK 54	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	OddParent	Avatar	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent
AMC 57	★★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982) Arnold Schwarzenegger.						★★ "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. CC				"Terminator 3: Machines"	
SCIFI 58	"Avalanche: Nature Unleashed" (2004, Action)				"Earthquake: Nature Unleashed" (2004)				"Tornado: Nature Unleashed" (2004) Ruth Platt			
CNN 62	In the Money CC		CNN Live Saturday		Special Investigations		CNN Live Saturday		CNN Live Saturday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	(10:30) "Red Eye" CC		Real Sports CC		★★ "Something New" (2006) CC			Boxing: Austin vs. Klitschko			Countdown	Transport
MAX 322	"The Wedding Date"		★★★ "War of the Worlds" (2005) Tom Cruise.				★★ "The Big Bounce" (2004) CC			★ "Hope Floats" (1998) (In Stereo)		
SHOW 343	(10:45) ★★ "A Love Song for Bobby Long" CC				Greenspan: Pride Against Prejudice			(:45) ★★ "Amos & Andrew" (1993) CC				Great New

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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	You on a Diet		Ralna English: From My Heart		Celtic Tenors Live in Concert					Elvis Lives: 25th			Animusic 2	
CBS 4 4	College Basketball		Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: NY CC		Shark "Dr. Feelbad"		48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: Miami CC		Paid
KCOS 5 13	Andre Rieu		Andre Rieu Live From Dublin CC				Andre Rieu: The Homecoming CC				Great Performances (In Stereo) CC			
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Insider	★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999) (PA) Bruce Willis. (In Stereo)						News	(:35) Cheaters CC		Access
KFOX 8 14	Star Trek: Ent.		Smallville "Arrival"		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Mad TV (N) CC		Winner	King
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	★★★ "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg. (In Stereo) CC						News	(:35) Saturday Night Live CC		
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia		Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
KTDO 11 48	Pagado	Noticie	Vas o No Vas "Con Boletazo"		Urgente		Musica Para Ti		Concierto		Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador	
KTFN 13 65	"Cazador-Sombr"		★★ "Justo a Tiempo" (1995, Suspenso)				Fútbol-Liga Mexicana				Contacto	Pepsi Música		Gitanos
KTLA 14	★★★ "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez.				Jim		Raymond	Raymond	Idol Rewind		The Shield CC		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Circle of Care		★★★ "Basic Instinct" (1992) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Sex &	24 (In Stereo) CC		24 (In Stereo) CC		Selena
ESPN 16	College Basketball		College GameDay		College Basketball: Big East Final				SportsCenter CC		Midnight	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	"Fast & Furious"		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		★★★ "Breakdown" (1997) Kurt Russell.			
TNT 32	"The Fifth Element"		★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) CC				★★★ "The Bourne Supremacy" (2004)				★★ "Paycheck" (2003) Ben Affleck. CC			
TBS 33	(4:00) "Road Trip"		"Harold & Kumar Go"				"American Pie Presents: Band Camp"				(:45) ★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) CC			Beverly
SPIKE 34	Animals Attack		Good Pets-Bad		Good Pets-Bad		Disorderly Con.		TNA iMPACT! CC		TNA	Sports	"The Untouchables"	
LIFE 39	"Stranded" (2006) Erica Durance. CC				"Long Lost Son" (2006) Gabrielle Anwar.				Medium CC		★★ "Kids in America" (2005) CC			
A&E 43	Sell	Sell	Flip This House		Flip This House		The First 48 CC		American Justice		Flip This House		Flip This House	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		The Dark Ages CC				Caligula: Reign		History of Sex: From		The Dark Ages CC			
TLC 45	Flip That House		Moving Up (N)		Moving Up (N)		Moving Up CC		Moving Up		Moving Up		Moving Up CC	
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		American Shark		Mythbusters		Mythbusters		How	How	American Shark		Mythbusters	
FAM 51	"Thunderbirds" CC		★ "Home Alone 3" (1997) Alex D. Linz.				★★ "Home Alone 4" (2002) CC				★ "Catch That Kid" (2004) CC			
DISN 52	Emperor	Emperor	Replace	Replace	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life	Kim	Dragon	"Get a Clue" (2002) CC			Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Full Hse.	GroPains	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Rose	Rose
AMC 57	"Terminator 3"		★ "Catwoman" (2004) Halle Berry.				★ "Lake Placid" (1999) CC				(:45) ★★★ "The Towering Inferno" (1974)			
SCIFI 58	"Volcano: Nature Unleashed" (2004)				"Earthstorm" (2006) Stephen Baldwin.				★ "Avalanche" (1999) Caroleen Feeney				"Earthstorm" (2006)	
CNN 62	This Week at War		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
HBO 306	"The Transporter 2"		★★ "Doctor Dolittle" (1998)		★★★ "Red Eye" (2005) CC				"Life Support" (2007) CC			Sopranos	Boxing	
MAX 322	Hope		★★ "Uncommon Valor" CC		(:15) ★★ "Running Scared" (2006) CC				(:15) ★★ "Hard Target" (1993) (In Stereo)				★★ "The Sentinel"	
SHOW 343	"Great-Wonder."		★ "A Night at the Roxbury"		★★ "The Honeymooners"				★★ "The Pink Panther"			(:35) ★★ "Into the Blue"		

SUNDAY MORNING — MARCH 11, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
KRWG 2 22	(Off Air)				Boohbah	Electric Company's Greatest			Legislators	The South Beach Heart Program		
CBS 4 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning CC			Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	Road to the Final Four	
KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Microecon	Kenny Rogers: The Journey CC			Transform
ABC 7 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News		Good Morning America		News		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Paid Prog.	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	American Idol Rewind	
NBC 9 9	Poker After Dark CC		Today (In Stereo) CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press CC		Matthews	Hockey
KINT 10 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin			Carmen	Pijamadas	Ultracham	Qué Locura		República Deportiva	
KTDO 11 48	"SantoMoctezm"		Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN 13 65	Carita de Angel		Azul		Patrulla	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Niño	Escuadrón	Animal	Pepsi Música	
KTLA 14	The Shield	Blind Date	Paid Prog.	Ron H.	Pacesetter	Success	Amazing	Believers	Feed	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Changing
WGN 15	Changing	Paid Prog.	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Even	Funniest	Funniest
ESPN 16	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter CC		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC			College GameDay (Live)	
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	★★★ "Breakdown" (1997) Kurt Russell. CC				★★ "Vanilla Sky" (2001) Tom Cruise. Premiere.			
TNT 32	(4:00) ★★ "The 6th Day" (2000)				★★★ "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003) Keanu Reeves. CC				★★ "Paycheck" (2003) Ben Affleck. CC			
TBS 33	(4:30) ★ "Celtic Pride"		(:15) ★ "Vegas Vacation" (1997) Chevy Chase.				(:15) ★ "Beverly Hills Ninja" (1997) Chris Farley.				(:15) "In the Army Now"	
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	MuscleCar	MuscleCar	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!
LIFE 39	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Gay	Gay	"Nora Roberts' Carolina Moon" (2007) CC			
A&E 43	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Breakfast With the Arts		Breakfast With the Arts		Inked	Inked	Driving	Driving	King Cars	King Cars
HIST 44	History	HistoryCTR	Business	Generatn	Barbarians Goths.		Barbarians "Mongols"		Barbarians Huns. CC		Barbarians Vikings.	
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	While You Were Out		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces CC		Trading Spaces	
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Future Shark		Global Warming: What You Need To Know				Supervolcano CC	
FAM 51	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC	
DISN 52	Timon	Buzz Light	Barbarian	Whiskers	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	OddParent	Avatar	Mr. Meaty	Barbie Fairy. 3	
AMC 57	(4:15) ★★★ "Compulsion" (1959)				★★★ "...And Justice for All" (1979) Al Pacino, Jack Warden.				Shootout	George Clooney		Towering
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	The Twilight Zone			★★ "Sometimes They Come Back... Again"		"Sometime-More"	
CNN 62	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
HBO 306	Taxicab Confessions		Chris Rock	(:25) "Life Support" (2007) CC			★★ "Airplane II: The Sequel" CC		★★★ "Return of the Jedi" (1983)			
MAX 322	Aces III		(:45) ★★ "The Rules of Attraction" (2002) CC			(:35) ★★ "The Sentinel" (2006) (In Stereo) CC			★★★ "Antz" (1998) (In Stereo)			
SHOW 343	★ "Alone in the Dark"		(:15) "The Visitation" (2006) Martin Donovan.				★★★ "Schultze Gets the Blues" (2003) CC				(9:55) ★★★ "Camp"	

SUNDAY AFTERNOON — MARCH 11, 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	Marty Robbins		Back Care-Yog		Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel the Love CC				Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond			
CBS 4 4	College Basketball SEC Tournament Final -- Teams TBA.				College Basketball Big Ten Tournament Final -- Teams TBA.						Selection	
KCOS 5 13	Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) CC				Andre Rieu: La Vie Est Belle			Andre Rieu: The Homecoming (In Stereo) CC				Pops
ABC 7 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Skiing Honda Ski Tour.		NBA		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced. (Live) CC				Entertainment Tonight	
KFOX 8 14	Sunland Star		★★ "Sour Grapes" (1998) Steven Weber.				NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400. CC					
NBC 9 9	NHL Hockey: Regional Coverage				PGA Golf Tampa Bay Championship -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live) CC						Paid Prog.	3 Wide Life
KINT 10 26	República Deportiva		Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				Festival del Humor		Festival del Humor		Primer Impacto Mundial	
KTDO 11 48	Fútbol Telemundo				Nitido	Titulares	Ritmo	Sabía Ud	WWE Raw			
KTFN 13 65	La Guerra de los Sexos		Objetivo Fama		★ "Instinto" (1999, Drama) Anthony Hopkins.				Famosos, Mira		Fútbol	
KTLA 14	Shook	Wall St	Paid Prog.	The Littles	Strawberry	Wild Am.	★★★ "The Straight Story" (1999, Drama) CC				★★ "Antitrust" (2001)	
WGN 15	★★ "The Faculty" (1998) Jordana Brewster.				★ "Fathers' Day" (1997) Robin Williams. CC				Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN 16	College Basketball: ACC Final -- Teams TBA				College Basketball: Big 12 Final -- Teams TBA				ESPNU Bracketology		SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	(9:00) "Vanilla Sky"		★★★ "Get Shorty" (1995) John Travolta. CC				★★ "The Fast and the Furious" (2001) CC				★★★ "Training Day"	
TNT 32	Paycheck	★★★ "The Fifth Element" (1997) Bruce Willis. CC					★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				"Bourne Suprm."	
TBS 33	"In the Army Now"		(:15) ★★ "Road Trip" (2000, Comedy) CC				(:15) "American Pie Presents: Band Camp" CC				"Harold & Kumar Go"	
SPIKE 34	Pros vs. Joes		Disorderly Con.		Disorderly Con.		Disorderly Con.		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
LIFE 39	★★ "Indiscreet" (1998) Luke Perry. CC				★★ "Disturbing Behavior" (1998, Horror) CC				"Fantasia Barrino: Life Is Not Fairy Tale"			
A&E 43	King Cars	King Cars	Dallas SWAT CC		Dallas SWAT CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Barbarians II "Franks"		Barbarians II CC		Barbarians II "Saxons"		Barbarians II "Vandals"		The Dark Ages CC			
TLC 45	Home Made Simple (N)		Biker Build-Off CC		Biker Build-Off CC		David Blaine		David Blaine		David Blaine	
DISC 47	(10:00) Supervolcano CC				Futureweapons		Futureweapons		Futureweapons		Futureweapons	
FAM 51	Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC		Supernanny CC	
DISN 52	Sprites	Handy	Doodlebop	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan. CC					So Raven
NICK 54	Barbie 3	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	OddParent	Avatar	SpongeBob	Drake	Amanda	School
AMC 57	(10:45) ★★★ "The Towering Inferno" (1974, Suspense) Steve McQueen.						(:15) ★ "Lake Placid" (1999) Bill Pullman. CC				★★★ "Dead Calm"	
SCIFI 58	"Sometime-More"		★★ "Stephen King's The Langoliers" (1995, Suspense) Patricia Wettig, Bronson Pinchot.								★★★ "The Shining"	
CNN 62	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money CC		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	Return-Jedi	(:45) ★★ "Just Friends" (2005) Ryan Reynolds.			Real Time			(:45) ★★ "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas. CC				Monster in
MAX 322	★ "A Sound of Thunder" (2005)		(:45) ★★★ "Jarhead" (2005) Jake Gyllenhaal. (In Stereo)						(2:50) ★★★ "Batman" (1989) Jack Nicholson.			
SHOW 343	Camp CC	(:45) ★ "A Fine Mess" (1986) CC			(:15) ★ "Race the Sun" (1996) Halle Berry.				★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. CC			

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KRWG 2 22	American Soundtrack: Doo Wop				Heavenly Voices CC			Best of Masterpiece Theatre			Burt Wolf	Smart	Any	(Off Air)
CBS 4 4	News	News	60 Minutes CC		Amazing Race		Cold Case (N) CC		Without a Trace (N)		News	CSI: Miami CC		Paid
KCOS 5 13	Best at Pops		American Soundtrack: Doo Wop		My Music: Movie Songs (In Stereo) CC						Elvis Lives: 25th			(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	Home Videos		Makeover: Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News	Sports	Ebert	Insider
KFOX 8 14	NASCAR Race		'Til Death	War	Simpsons	Winner	Family	Winner	News CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Paid
NBC 9 9	NBC	News	Dateline NBC CC		Grease: You're		Deal or No Deal		Apprentice: LA		News	(:35) Alias "Taken"		Shield
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora Pico		Bailando por la Boda de Mis Sueños						Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad	
KTDO 11 48	Remix TV	Noticie	★★★ "My Girl" (1991) Anna Chlumsky.				★ "The Glass House" (2001) Diane Lane				Titulares	Pagado	"Caballero-Medi."	
KTFN 13 65	Fútbol		★★ "Suplica de Muerte" (1985)				★★ "El Escorpión Rojo" (1989) Al White				Contacto	★★ "Piñero" (2001, Biografía)		
KTLA 14	(4:00) "Antitrust"		All of Us	Girl	The	Chris	Pussycat Dolls		7th Heaven CC		Next Top Model		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind		Ult. Blackjack		News	Replay	Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Singsa	Ult. Blackjack	
ESPN 16	ESPNU Bracketology (Live) CC				NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Lakers					SportsCenter (Live) CC			SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	(4:00) ★★★ "Training Day"			★★★ "The Bourne Identity" (2002) Matt Damon.					Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★★ "Vanilla Sky"	
TNT 32	"Bourne Suprm."		★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise.				★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise.						★★ "Ronin" (1998)	
TBS 33	"Harold-Kumar"		★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black.				"Harold & Kumar Go"				(:15) ★★ "In the Army Now" (1994) CC			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
LIFE 39	"A Family Lost" (2007) Cynthia Gibb. CC				Blood Ties (Series Premiere) (N) CC				Grey's Anatomy		Blood Ties CC			
A&E 43	The First 48 CC		The Sopranos CC			The Sopranos CC		The Sopranos "Commendatori"			The Sopranos CC			Sopranos
HIST 44	Secret Societies		Jonestown Paradise Lost CC				Decoding the Past The mystery of cults.				Jonestown Paradise Lost CC			
TLC 45	Shalom in the Home		Twins, Twins		15 Children		Three Wives		Twins, Twins		15 Children		Three Wives	
DISC 47	Futureweapons		Futureweapons		Koppel: War		Weapons-World		Futureweapons		Futureweapons		Koppel: War	
FAM 51	★★ "Au Pair" (1999) Gregory Harrison.				★ "Au Pair II" (2001) Gregory Harrison.				Whose?	Whose?	J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN 52	Naturally	Phil	Sister	Life De	Phil	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	★★★ "The Parent Trap" (1998) Lindsay Lohan.					Naturally
NICK 54	Drake	Jordan	Zoey 101	KCA	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	(4:00) "Dead Calm"		★ "Catwoman" (2004) Halle Berry.				★★ "Gothika" (2003) Halle Berry. CC				★★★ "Dead Calm" (1989) Sam Neill.			
SCIFI 58	(4:00) ★★★ "The Shining" (1980)				The Dresden Files		Battlestar Galactica		The Dresden Files		Battlestar Galactica		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	CNN Live Sunday		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night	
HBO 306	"Monster-in-Law"		Monster	★★★ "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill. CC					Rome "Death Mask"		Rome (N) CC		Entou	Entou
MAX 322	★★★ "In Her Shoes" (2005) (In Stereo)				(:15) ★★★ "A History of Violence" CC				(8:50) ★★★ "Jarhead" (2005) (In Stereo)			★★ "Major Payne"		
SHOW 343	(:10) ★★★ "The Usual Suspects" (1995)				★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) CC				"An Inconvenient Truth" (2006)			Update	(:15) The L Word	

MONDAY EVENING — MARCH 12, 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		Legisla	Party 101		Opportunity to		Lovin' Spoon		Legisla	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Christine	Christine	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Johnny Mathis: Wonderful			Engelbert: Totally Amazing			Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Wife Swap CC		Supernanny CC		What About Brian		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	House CC		24 (N) CC		News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) (In Stereo) CC				The Black Donnellys		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Cristina		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa			Deci	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (Estreno)		Qué Dice la Gente		Objetivo Fama				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★ "Los Astutos" (1986)		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Chris	All of Us	Girl	The	KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	(4:00) SportsCenter		NCAA Select		College Gamenight (Live) CC				SportsCenter CC		Fast	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT 32	Charmed CC		Charmed CC		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family	Family	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★ "I Spy" (2002) (PA) Eddie Murphy.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Drop Zone" (1994) Wesley Snipes. (In Stereo)					Sports	CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Gay	Gay	"Cleaverville" (2007) Ever Carradine. CC				Housewives		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		"Kings of South Beach" (2007) Premiere.				CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		"Kings of South"	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		UFO Files CC		Dig for Truth		Engineering		Decoding the Past		UFO Files CC		Dig for Truth	
TLC 45	My Life as a Child		Little People		Kids by the Dozen		15 Children		Little People		Kids by the Dozen		15 Children	
DISC 47	Mega Builders		Dirty Jobs		Futureweapons (N)		Stunt	Stunt	MythBusters CC		Dirty Jobs		Futureweapons	
FAM 51	Lincoln Heights (N)		Wildfire (N) CC		★★ "Sleepover" (2004) Alexa Vega. CC				The 700 Club CC		Wildfire CC		Africa's Children	
DISN 52	So Raven	So Raven	Suite Life	Suite Life	So Raven	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	★ "Seventeen Again" (2000) Tia Mowry.				Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"Three Amigos!"		★★★ "Splash" (1984) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah.					★★★ "Romancing the Stone" (1984)			★★★ "Splash" (1984)			
SCIFI 58	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		The Dresden Files		The Outer Limits		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(4:30) ★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005)				★★★ "Elizabeth I" (2006) Helen Mirren.				Real Time		Rome CC		"Life Support" CC	
MAX 322	(:15) ★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" CC				★★ "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves.				★★ "The Sentinel" (2006) (In Stereo)				"House Party 2"	
SHOW 343	"Once Upon"		(:15) ★★ "Happy Endings" (2005) Tom Arnold. CC					"Jiminy Glick in Lalawood"			The L Word (iTV)		Sleeper Cell	

TUESDAY EVENING — MARCH 13, 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	Kenny Rogers: The Journey			The Greatest Good (In Stereo) CC				News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	NCIS "Witch Hunt"		The Unit CC		CSI: Crime Scn		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel the Love				"Rolling Stones Rock"			Business	Charlie Rose (N)	
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Home Videos		Primetime (N) CC		Boston Legal CC		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	American Idol The top 12 contestants.				News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Dateline NBC CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Ver Para Creer		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa			Deci	Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		★ "Fuerza Con Fuerza II" (1995, Drama)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"Cleopatra Jones-Casino"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Spurs					Raymond	Gilmore Girls CC		Pussycat Dolls		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	Bracket	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament			College Basketball: NIT First Round					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Game	Fast
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		★★ "Mission: Impossible" (1996) Tom Cruise.					Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI			Dead
TNT 32	Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer CC		The Closer CC		Cold Case CC		Law & Order "Hate"		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex &	Sex &	Friends	Friends	Sex &	Sex &	(:15) ★★ "The Mothman Prophecies"			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed (N)		UFC Unleashed (N)		Bullrun (N)		Bullrun (In Stereo)		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Cries in the Dark" (2006) Eva LaRue.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog	"Kings of South Beach" (2007) CC				CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Ancient Discoveries		Discoveries		Man-Machine		Modern Marvels		Ancient Discoveries		Discoveries	
TLC 45	You Thinking?		Overhaulin' CC		Miami Ink		Miami Ink Psychic.		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink		Overhaulin' CC	
DISC 47	How	How	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		How	How	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC	
FAM 51	Smallville CC		"Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006) John Amos. CC				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Lincoln Heights		Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Life De	Life De	Phil	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	"Now You See It..." (2005) CC				Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	(3:30) "Platoon"		★★★★ "Glory" (1989) Matthew Broderick.					★★★★ "Patton" (1970, Biography) George C. Scott, Karl Malden. CC						
SCIFI 58	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		ECW (Live)		Battlestar Galactica		The X-Files "Fire"		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(4:15) "Longford"		★★★ "Elizabeth I" (2006) Helen Mirren.				★★ "Something New" (2006)			Mimzy	The Sopranos CC		Costas NOW (N)	
MAX 322	(4:45) ★★★ "V for Vendetta" (2006)				★★ "The Perfect Man" (2005)			(:45) ★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) CC					"V for Vendetta"	
SHOW 343	Blind	(:45) ★★ "Americano" (2005)			(:10) "An Inconvenient Truth"			Truth	★★ "The Honeymooners"			★ "A Night at the Roxbury"		

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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	Andre Rieu: The Homecoming CC				Marty Robbins		News	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Jericho (N) CC		Criminal Minds		CSI: NY CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Dead Ahead -- Grateful Dead in Concert				Lovin' Spoon		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Lopez	Knights	Jim	In Case	Lost "Par Avion" (N)		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones (N) CC		Idol	'Til Death	News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Friday Night Lights		Crossing Jordan (N)		Medium CC		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Don Francisco		Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa		Deci		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		Fútbol-Liga Mexicana				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	⋆ "Policía Cyborg 2" (1994)		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Rockets					Next Top Model		One Tree Hill CC		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Home Im	Home Im	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	College Basketball: NIT First Round				NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Dallas Mavericks.					SportsCenter (Live) CC			Game	NFL Live
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		The 4400 CC	
TNT 32	Without a Trace		ER "Out of Africa"		ER (In Stereo) CC		ER (In Stereo) CC		Without a Trace		Las Vegas CC		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	⋆⋆ "The Whole Nine Yards" (2000) (PA)				"Whole 10 Yds"	
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The House Next Door" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		(:09) The Sopranos CC			First 48	CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels	
TLC 45	Urban Legends		That's Gotta Hurt		Arms Exploded		Sleep Go Bad		That's Gotta Hurt		Arms Exploded		Sleep Go Bad	
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		Mega Builders		MythBusters (N)		MythBusters CC		Futureweapons		Mega Builders		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Smallville CC		⋆ "SuperBabies: Baby Geniuses 2" CC				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Fighting for Life	
DISN 52	Life De	Life De	Phil	Phil	Montana	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	⋆⋆ "102 Dalmatians" (2000) CC				Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.		Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	(3:30) "Glory" (1989)		⋆⋆ "Magnum Force" (1973) Clint Eastwood.					⋆⋆⋆ "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979)				(:45) "Midnight Express" (1978)		
SCIFI 58	⋆ "House of the Dead 2" (2005, Horror)				⋆ "Monster Man" (2003) Eric Jungmann.				⋆ "Skeleton Man" (2004, Horror)				Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	(4:15) "Duma" CC		Real Sports CC		⋆⋆ "Monster-in-Law" (2005)				(:45) ⋆⋆⋆ "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.				Real Time	
MAX 322	(:10) ⋆⋆ "ATL" (2006) Tip "T.I." Harris.				⋆⋆ "The Dukes of Hazzard"				(:45) ⋆⋆ "The Producers" (2005) Nathan Lane. CC				⋆⋆ "The Sentinel"	
SHOW 343	(4:45) ⋆⋆ "Enduring Love"			⋆⋆ "The Baxter" (2005) CC			⋆⋆ "The Movie Hero" (2003)			⋆⋆ "The Pink Panther" iTV.			The L Word (iTV)	

THURSDAY EVENING — MARCH 15, 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	Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Visions of Ireland CC			News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round				College Basketball: NCAA Tournament First Round						News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico CC				Guerrero:Original Chicano			Business	Charlie Rose (N)	
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy (N)		(:01) October Road		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?		Family	Family	News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	The Office CC		Scrubs	Barker	(:01) Raines "Pilot"		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Aquí y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - La Espada y la Rosa		Deci		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		⋆⋆ "Rey Arturo" (2004) Clive Owen.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	⋆⋆ "El Guerrero Americano"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Smallville "Promise"		Supernatural (N)		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		⋆⋆ "Mystery, Alaska" (1999) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	Figure Skating European Championships. From Warsaw, Poland.					Figure Skating				SportsCenter CC		College Gamenight	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Psych CC	
TNT 32	Without a Trace		NBA Basketball Miami Heat at New Jersey Nets.					NBA Basketball: Lakers at Nuggets					Inside the NBA	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	⋆⋆⋆ "Charlie's Angels" (2000) (PA)				⋆⋆ "The Craft" (1996) Robin Tunney.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA iMPACT! (N)		Pros vs. Joes (N)		Bullrun (In Stereo)		Wild	Sports	MXC	Dude
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Another Day" (2001) Shannen Doherty.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 (N)		Intervention CC		Real Premonitions		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels				Decoding the Past		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Lost Worlds CC		Decoding the Past	
TLC 45	Monster Garage		American Hot Rod		American Chopper		Biker Build-Off (N)		American Chopper		American Hot Rod		Biker Build-Off	
DISC 47	Man vs. Wild Kenya.		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC		Stunt	Stunt	Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC	
FAM 51	Smallville "Vortex"		⋆⋆ "Uptown Girls" (2003, Comedy) CC				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Phil	Phil	Sister	Sister	Suite Life	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	⋆⋆ "Mulan II" (2004) CC			Replace	Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"Magnum Force"		⋆⋆⋆ "Tora! Tora! Tora!" (1970, War) Martin Balsam.						⋆⋆ "Flying Leathernecks" (1951)				"The Green Berets"	
SCIFI 58	"From Dusk Till Dawn 2"				"From Dusk Till Dawn 3: Hangman"				"Dead Men Walking" (2005) Griff Furst.				Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	"You've Got Mail"		⋆⋆⋆ "Red Eye" (2005) CC			⋆⋆⋆ "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale. CC					Addiction (N) (In Stereo) CC			Count
MAX 322	"White Palace" CC		(:15) ⋆⋆⋆ "Clueless" (1995) (In Stereo)				"Alien Nation: Body and Soul"		⋆ "Billy Madison" (1995) CC				"Running Scared"	
SHOW 343	(4:15) "The Wood"		(:15) ⋆⋆ "American Crime" (2004) CC				⋆⋆⋆ "The Usual Suspects"			SHO Me	⋆⋆ "Get Rich or Die Tryin'" (2005) iTV.			

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

BEGINNER

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	3	5				6		2
				6	9		1	

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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8		1				7		2
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			2			9		

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

WORD SALSA

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

ENGLISH	SPANISH
BASKET	CESTA
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FIGURINE	FIGURILLA
FURNITURE	MUEBLES
GLUE	GOMA
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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 Of the heart
8 John Wayne film
9 Lat. or Lith., once
12 Skilled craftsman
13 End of the small intestine
16 Small barracuda
19 Bulgarian cash
22 Flexibility
23 Dr. Leary's drug
26 Kneeling bench
27 Toy racer
30 Point: pref.
31 Adjectival suffix
32 Dads
33 Dogpatch Daisy
34 Rough tear
35 Coarse file
39 Sm. landmass
40 Notable
44 Literary miscellany
45 "Dies __"
46 Old-time Olds
47 Bedrock pet
48 901
49 Cyrillic USSR
50 European eagle
51 Port-of-Spain man
56 Sr. org.
57 Fuss
58 Superlatively sore
59 DDE opponent
61 Pers. savings
64 Worth noting
67 A-Team member
68 Actress Loretta
69 Goddess of folly
70 Sicilian town
71 French summer
72 Singer Smith
73 Seventh tones
74 "Bad Day at Black Rock" director
77 Gun owners' grp.
78 Meth. of operation
79 Addams Family cousin
80 Glutton
81 __ Aviv-Jaffa
82 7 on a sundial
83 Building wing
84 Contains in a box
88 Lines in a sonnet
93 __ Baba
94 Depend
95 X-coordinate of a point
96 Nordic goddess
97 "Philadelphia" director
98 Candy pops, to Brits
104 IRS mo.
105 Most limber
106 Curdled snacks

DOWN

1 Volcano opening
2 Make public
3 Baloney!
4 Half of MCII
5 Naxos's neighbor
6 Arab cloak
7 Plotters' plots
9 Builder's office
10 Lost traction
11 Kidneys: pref.
14 A. Godfrey's instrument
15 Half a Kenyan rebel?
16 NCO rank
17 Brief photo
18 Zsa Zsa's sister
20 Railroad honcho
21 Canvas depiction
23 Feeble
24 Leaf through
25 Song for two
27 Meadowsweet
28 Movie platters
29 Scandinavian capital
35 Costa __
36 Reliquary
37 Baptism and the Eucharist
38 California evergreen
40 D.C. summer hrs.
41 USSR space station
42 Opening moves
43 Insignificant ones
52 Of the lower alimentary canal
53 34th president
54 Gas: pref.
55 Eminem's Dr.
60 Swipes
62 River islands
63 Editor's note
65 Opp. of SSW
66 Dodge fuel
74 Queens ballpark
75 Driving expense
76 Wrinkly citrus fruit
84 Lubitsch and Mach
85 Modern: pref.
86 Calc. key
87 Writer Rand
88 Passing craze
89 U.K. honor
90 West Point inst.
91 B.C. cops
92 Level
99 Tic-tac-toe win
100 Unhewn timber
101 Baton Rouge sch.
102 Comparative suffix
103 Superlative ending

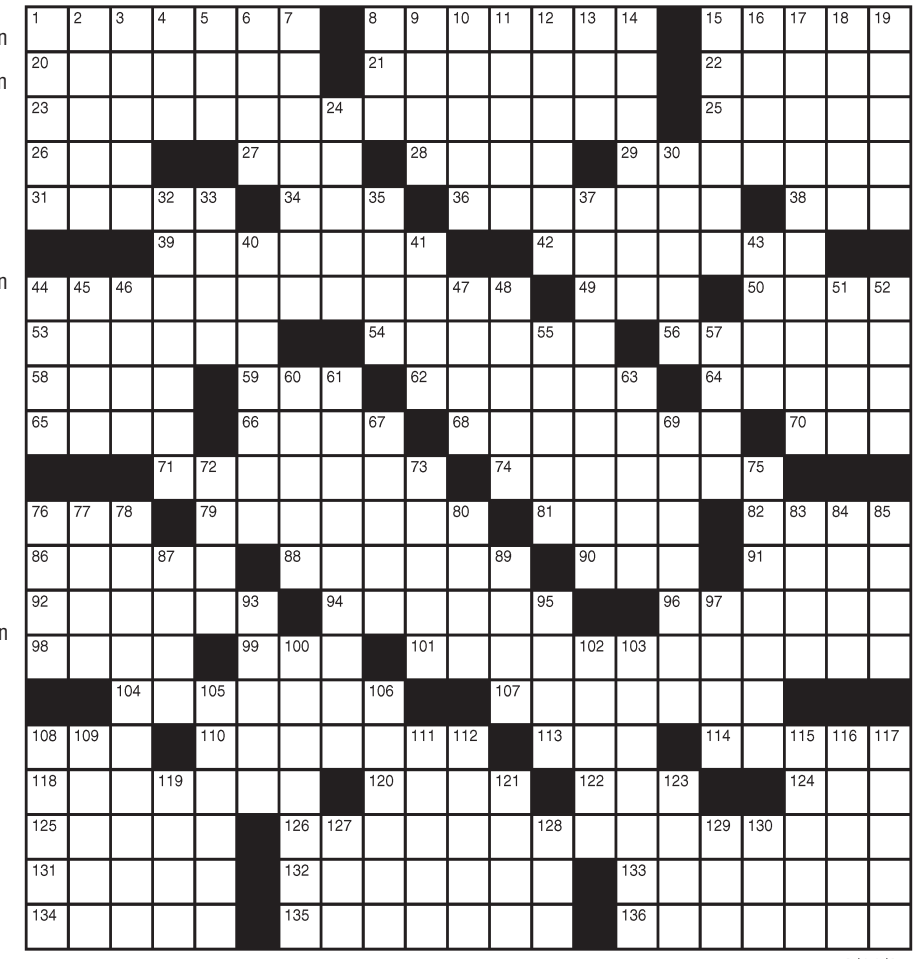
THINKING GAP REQUIRED

ACROSS

1 Self-denying individual
8 Hurt, as a toe
15 Propels skyward
20 U.S. peninsula
21 Casual emphatic denial
22 Stage front
23 Adhesives breakthrough claim?
25 Lake __ Vista, FL
26 CPR performer
27 "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
28 Oompah sounder
29 Root vegetable
31 Glory and Tobacco, e.g.
34 Small lump
36 Roadway pit
38 Dosage amt.
39 Two cents
42 Relaxer, for many
44 Where to catch "Gone with the Wind" airings?
49 Can.-Mex. go-between
50 Full of keen anticipation
53 Ocean mammals
54 Flight between stories
56 Basic character
58 Oscar-winner Thompson
59 Light knock
62 Look up to
64 Pass on (to)
65 In the vicinity
66 U.S. tennis stadium honoree
68 Pittsburgh player
70 Opponent
71 Laugh-track users
74 Relief bringer
76 Director Lee
79 Showy blooms
81 Japanese P.M. (1964-72)
82 One of the Baldwins
86 Payload
88 Penn pal
90 Recipe meas.
91 Arizona river
92 Craving
94 Kind of counter
96 Make beloved
98 Uniform
99 __ pro nobis
101 Auto body repair special?
104 Chinese appetizer
107 Hurly-burly
108 Co. brand names
110 Set apart
113 Tour guide
114 Drop off
118 Movie studio section
120 Spanish kiss
122 Astronaut Jemison
124 __ Simbel
125 Change for the better
126 Architectural innovation in the hospitality arena?
131 Taylor or Adoree
132 Public speaking
133 Charlotte and her kin
134 Charger
135 Enters data anew
136 International accord

DOWN

1 Chasing
2 Video effect
3 Terra __
4 Stretch of time
5 Up to, briefly
6 In an aimless way
7 Seasoning with a kick
8 "30 Rock" inspiration
9 Racetrack figure
10 Exhaust
11 Tolkien's ring finder
12 Respiration unit
13 Some U.S. bonds
14 Iron-hand rulers
15 L.A. tar pits
16 Artistic work
17 Rudeness in Paris?
18 Pick-me-up
19 Loses it
24 Outfit for C. Yeager
30 Composer Berg
32 Singles
33 "Pursuit of the Graf __"
35 Archery gear
37 Indoor kid?
40 Tuition category
41 Jot down
43 London art gallery
44 Pop singer Stefani
45 Woebegone lament
46 Dixie sch., briefly
47 Hoarse sound
48 Wind-blown toys
51 Hydrox rival
52 "Sommersby" star
55 Jean and Janet
57 Composer Thomas
60 Broad tie
61 Talking loudly on a cell in public?
63 Mongrels
67 Writer Zola
69 If all goes well
72 Wall St. debuts
73 Baseball commissioner Bud
75 Child's floppy toy
76 Play parts
77 Port on Okinawa
78 Area needing a good cleaning?
80 Nintendo rival
83 Stead
84 Verve
85 Haul
87 Actor Kinnear
89 Unwind
93 Body trunk
95 Baba au __
97 M. Harmon series
100 Cheer on
102 Tense situation
103 Stalemate
105 Like some jewelry
106 Maze runner
108 Slope devices
109 "The Cryptogram" playwright
111 Peevish
112 Impede, in law
115 Consumed
116 Film maven Roger
117 Throb
119 Support for a proposal?
121 Mythical monster
123 "SportsCenter" stn.
127 Dander
128 Fleur-de-__
129 Chart-topper
130 Laudatory lines



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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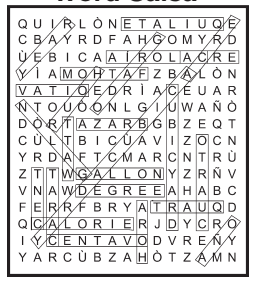

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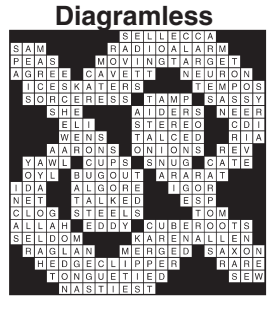

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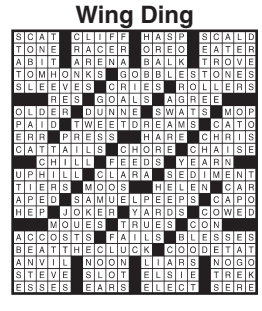

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"It may be wonderful to dine out or away on holidays, but you don't have all those yummy leftovers."

Did you know?

The Las Cruces Bulletin reaches more than 50,000 readers each week!

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

OPENING THIS WEEK

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"Against the Grain," an exhibition of woodcuts by Anthony Lazorko will be on display in the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., in the director's gallery. Spanning a 50-year career of printmaking, the exhibit depicts the American experience and focuses on beauty found in the ordinary. The show will run through Saturday, April 28. Anthony Lazorko resides and shares a studio in Mesilla with his artist wife, Marguerite Biddle. For more information contact the Joy Miller at 541-2221.

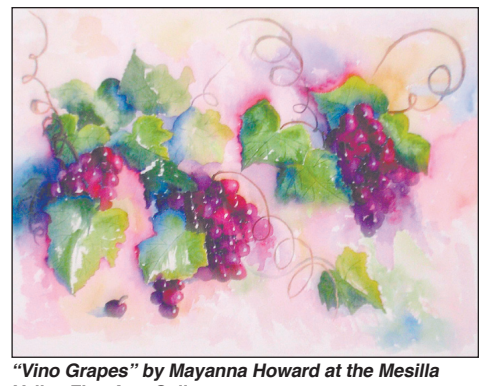
BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The international exhibit, "Women Without Borders," will open on Friday, March 9, at the City of Las Cruces Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Main St. The exhibit is part of the world recognition of International Women's Day 2007. A special opening artists' reception will be held Friday, March 9, at Branigan Cultural Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The evening will include remarks from Mexican Consul General Juan Carlos Foncerrada. The exhibit will run through Saturday, March 31. Through art, "Women Without Borders" reunites women from both sides of the border, regardless of their nationality, profession, culture, language, politics or age. For more information contact Garland Courts at 541-2156.

"Los Hispanos Poster" by Mayanna Howard at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery at 2470A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, announces that the Artists of the Month in March are Carol Lopez and Mayanna Howard. A reception, open to the public, will be held at the gallery on Saturday, March 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. Carol Lopez is an encaustic artist



"Vino Grapes" by Mayanna Howard at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery

using wax and pigment to create a variety of works both representational and primitive. Mayanna Howard is a watercolorist who concentrates on the colors of the Southwest, including terracota, blues and greens, to paint adobe churches. For more information, call 522-2933.

GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

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

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., is currently showingcasing the exhibit, "Fly By Night Artisans Gallery." The exhibit is a collection of fine art crafts of five area artisans on display through April. Featured in the current exhibit are glass works by Lois Wilson, painted furniture by Bette Vote, Raku ceramics by Rudy Lucero, marbled silks by Martha Duran and gourd art by Joanna Bradley. All exhibits are free and accessible. For more information, call 541-2137.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

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

HELIX PROJECTS

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

TERRACE GALLERY

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

PATIO ART GALLERY

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

BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

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

LAUGHING AT THE SUN

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

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POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST

This postcard shows an aerial shot of Old Mesilla. The back of the postcard reads, *"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."*

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Continued from previous page

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

Elihu Carranza's black-and-white relief prints are influenced by a variety of core theological and social topics. While many images have specific biblical references, he brings a fresh perspective through abstract forms. His aesthetic unfolds in symbols, invented visual allegories, and poetry. He will be the featured artist at the Tombaugh Gallery through March 30. In lieu of a formal opening, the artist will be present during gallery hours for the full month. The Tombaugh Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. For details, call 522-7281.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

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

■ SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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

■ NMSU MUSEUM GALLERY

New Mexico State University has opened two new exhibits. "The Pasternack Collection of African Art" shows selected art pieces collected by the late Steve Pasternack, who taught at NMSU for 21 years in the Journalism and Mass Communications Department, serving as head of the department from 1994 to 2002. The pieces include masks, sculptures, baskets and various other representations of African life and culture. The second exhibit, "Africa: From Eritrea with Love" is a collection of 13 paintings by Betty LaDuke, an Ashland, Ore., author and artist who traveled to East Africa numerous times capturing the essence of traditional aspects of African lives in modern times. LaDuke's vibrant and colorful paintings are based on sketches made during six journeys to Eritrea, a small nation on the Horn of Africa, from 1994 to 1998. The University Museum Gallery, located in Kent Hall at the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive is open from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call the University Museum at 646-3739.

• Last Chance •

■ WHITE RAVEN

White Raven Studios presents "Contemporary American Masters," with handmade prints and original works by Robert Motherwell, Helen Frankenthaler, Ellsworth Kelly, Sam Francis, Joel Shapiro, Jim Dine, Paul Baechler, Richard Serra and Robert Rauschenberg. The show continues through March 14. White Raven Studios is located at 425 W. Griggs Ave. For additional information, call 525-9543.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

While crossing the U.S.–Mexico border is a new issue facing most of the nation, border crossings are a natural occurrence for artists of our region. "North & South of the Border," opening on Friday, Feb. 2, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, will exhibit work of three contemporary artists who draw inspiration from the region that includes Chihuahua and Juarez, Mexico, on one side of the border and El Paso and southern New Mexico on the other. Works of Antonio Castro, Diana Molina and Gaspar Enriquez will be in the Museum's Main Gallery through Saturday, April 7. All exhibits and receptions are accessible and free to the public. This project is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The Museum's Director's Gallery will feature works by Las Cruces area artists from Friday, Feb. 2, through Saturday, Feb. 28 in the annual "Love of Art" exhibition. The Museum of Art is located at 490 N. Water St. in the Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits, programs or Museum Studio classes, call 541-2137.

■ DRAWINGS BY MARIA CRISTINA

Local artist Maria Cristina brings comic relief to the public to celebrate For the Love of Art Month. "Unlikely Valentines" and "Alternate Universe" are the dual themes of her special collection of drawings to be shown in her studio in the Old Tortilla Factory. "Unlikely Valentines," a spoof on contemporary American culture, shows such pairings as Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and other interesting couples. Based on Grant Wood's classic "American Gothic," each is a limited edition of 10 and is signed and numbered by the artist. "Alternate Universe" stretches our usual perceptions of our universe. It features an exotic array of hand painted portraits of alien beings. Also included in the studio's display are some of Maria Cristina's new drawings in Microsoft Word from her "Day of the Dead" series, such as King Tut and Lynyrd Skynyrd, as well as classics from her "Frog" and other series. The artist's hours are Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For information, please call 521-4694.

■ WILD CHILD CREATIONS

Apparel artist Patricia McClure explores the origins of pre-written language cultures and their art. Her shirts will emphasize art motifs from preconquest Mexico, petroglyphs from the southwestern United States, cave paintings from Lascaux, France, the Snake Goddess and bullfighters of Knossos and the inexplicable Venus of Willendorf. These shirts will be available for purchas, and special orders for men's and children's shirts also will be available. Wild Child Creations' studio is located in Old Mesilla at the Old Tortilla Factory on Highway 28 and Calle de Parian. Studio hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 2 to 5 p.m. McClure can also be found at Saturday's Las Cruces Farmer's Market (weather permitting) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 639-0188.

■ FUNKY KARMA

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

■ BLACK BOX THEATRE

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

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A new temporary exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum explores the historical use of the hat by real cowboys in comparison with the hats of movie cowboys and fashionable gentlemen. "Cowboys and Hatters: Bond Street, Sage Brush and the Silver Screen," is a traveling exhibition curated by Debbie Henderson, costume designer for the Wittenberg University Department of Theater and Dance in Wittenberg, Ohio. The exhibit will be in the museum's north corridor through June 26. The exhibit features more than 50 hats with a wide range of styles that begin in the mid-1800s and continue through the 20th century. Also included are photographs, vintage hat boxes and hat-making artifacts. The Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for senior citizens and $2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, please call 522-4100.

Send in your own gallery listings

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes gallery listing submissions within the Las Cruces area. Send information about a gallery or event to arts@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include the gallery's hours of operation and address and high-resolution photos of the artwork to be displayed, as well as a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.

Film series to begin at NMSU's Creative Media Institute

To help enhance the recent upsurge in filmmaking in southern New Mexico, thanks in part to the NMSU's new filmmaking program at the Creative Media Institute, CMI will be hosting a series of weekly films beginning on March 15, and continuing at least through the end of the semester.

The films will be shown in the center's new state-of-the-art THX theater, the only one of its kind in New Mexico.

The series is a joint collaboration of the CMI faculty, who have compiled and selected a number of movie titles, and when presented, each picture will have a faculty member on hand to present and discuss the film. Most of the films to be shown are movies that the presenters have on his or her personal "best ever" list.

The first film to be shown will be the 2006 release, "The Science of Sleep."

Directed by French director Michel Gondry, "The Science of Sleep" is part comedy, part romance, and part fantasy, blended with bits of whimsical animation to create one of the most original films of recent years. The film stars Mexican-born Gael Garcia Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg, a talented French actress, who has won several Cesar Awards, France's equivalent to the Oscar.

Presenting the film will be CMI assistant professor, Amy Lanasa who received her master's in professional writing from Florida State University's School of Film, Television and Recording Arts. Her film credits include writer and director for "Perhaps a Polka" and her newest work, "Inner Sight," is now making the rounds on the film festival circuit after its February premiere at the Directors' Guild of America theatre in Los Angeles. She teaches screenwriting and acting for the camera courses.

After spring break, Rod McCall, who is leading classes in storyboarding at CMI, will present the March 29 film. McCall's achievements include directing and writing two New Mexico made feature films, "Paper Hearts" and "Lewis and Clark and George," which McCall describes as an ultra-black comedy. Both premiered at the prestigious Sundance Film Festival several years ago. His next work, "Desert Water," is scheduled to begin shooting in Truth or Consequences this spring.

McCall's first selection for the series is "Pink Flamingos," a 1972 release, directed by one of "filmdom's" bravest and more unusual auteurs, John Waters. When asked why he selected one of Water's most notorious films, McCall quipped that "Pink Flamingos" is "a great work of American trash that is utterly, completely, disgustingly funny! It changed my life!"

He also noted his affection for the star of the film, Harris Glen Milstead. Film buffs probably know Milstead better as Divine, a famous and funny actor/actress, singer and an "icon of bad taste cinema."

McCall said, "Divine is a goddess!"

Survivors of the "Pink Flamingos" screening will be treated to additional feature films over the following weeks, including "Wizards," an animated classic by Ralph Bakshi, "Blade Runner," and "Infernal Affairs," the Asian picture that was remade into this year's Oscar winner "The Departed." In April, "Dr. Strangelove" will be screened by Academy Award nominee, Mark Medoff, another CMI instructor. All screenings are free and open to the public, and a question and answer session with the attending instructor will follow each presentation. Showtime is 7 p.m. For more information, call Amy Lanasa at 646-6142.

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Next stop: NMSU

Spence, Castillo will stay at home, thank you

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mike Smith sipped a Coke, never taking his eyes off the junior varsity game that was being played a few feet away.

For the past four years, they have developed into the state's best. Mayfield's Madison Spence and Las Cruces High's Gordo Castillo have awed their coaches and teammates, frightened their opponents, set a few records and helped make their teams winners.

Now, their work here is done.

Widely regarded as the state's best male and female high school basketball players, Spence and Castillo will now pack up their 3-pointers and their no-look passes and move to the southern edge of town. In what amounts to a curtain call for Las Cruces basketball fans, Spence and Castillo plan to spend the next four years attending New Mexico State University where they will work their magic for the Aggies.

Just barely acquainted and divided somewhat while playing for cross-town rivals, Castillo and Spence have watched and appreciated each other's basketball skills from afar. They met recently at their future home – midcourt at the Pan American Center – greeting each other with a handshake and a smile. After four years, they are ready to start firing shots for the same side.

For Castillo, playing for the Aggies will complete a lifelong dream. From the little gym at Conlee Elementary School to the Pan American Center, Castillo's basketball journey has been a steady ride that has included a legion of fans, led by a large, extended family.

A three-year starter at LCHS, the 6-5 Castillo has made life miserable for opposing coaches with his smooth shooting stroke and natural basketball skills. Las Cruces coach Mike Smith remembers the first time he saw something in Castillo that made him go "wow."

"He was a sophomore and we were playing at Deming when they were ranked No. 1 in the state," Smith recalled. "He went on a run that was unbelievable. That's when I knew this kid was a ballplayer."

Smith says Castillo has been "undoubtedly" the best player in the state for the past two years.

"He takes everything in like a sponge and he's gotten better every year," Smith said. "We always talk about what players can't do. Well, Gordo doesn't have very many 'can't dos.'"

Smith, himself a former Division I player, believes strongly that Castillo will make his mark at New Mexico State despite joining a talent-laden roster under head coach Reggie Theus.

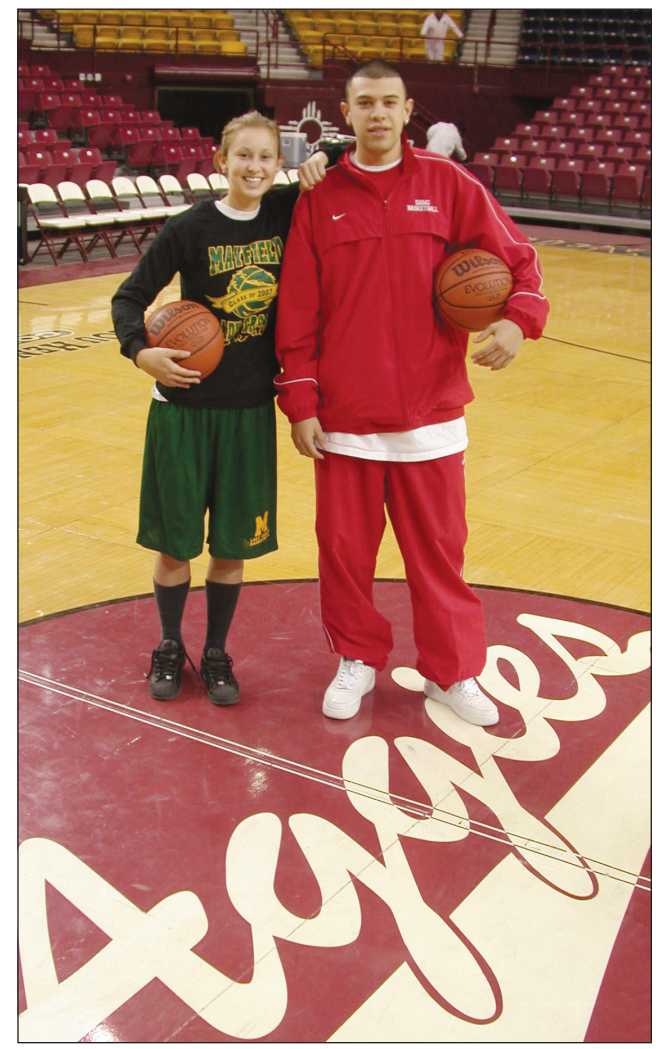
"He'll play next year," Smith said. "Right now, he can do what (current Aggie) Ted Knauber does and a little more. Under Reggie's tutelage, he will bloom and surprise some people."

While Castillo will be given time to blend into an Aggie team that has enjoyed tremendous success recently, Spence will be counted on to make an immediate impact for the Aggie women's team coached by her father.

She has been around basketball constantly in her 17 years and quickly became a key player as a freshman at Mayfield, helping lead the team to a state championship. Since then, she has guided Mayfield back to the state title game multiple times and set the school's scoring record along the way.

At 5-11, she towers over most high school guards and also possesses many of the same natural skills as Castillo. She reacts quickly and instinctively on the court and has spent much of the past year honing her skills as a shooter.

See **Castillo/Spence** on PAGE D5



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Madison Spence and Gordo Castillo

JOSH BACHMAN I The Las Cruces Bulletin
Jason Contreras issues media credentials Tuesday for the WAC tournament. There are an estimated 168 journalists covering the event.

Free meals, drinks, advice

Media presence strong at WAC tournament

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

Dave Chapin is the media coordinator for the WAC basketball tournament, in progress as we speak.

He issues press credentials, tells us where we sit at courtside and where we go to use the restroom.

He became my hero when he announced that lunch and dinner are free to the press during the tourney's five-day run.

And that the media hospitality room, featuring free beverages and snacks, is located inside a motel near the Pan Am.

There are, he says, 168 of us covering this event. Translated: Among the thousands here to watch the tournament,168 out of that group will not be contributing to the city's economy.

There is nothing wrong with freeloading as long as it does not bother your conscience.

I can't remember ever seeing a sports writer or radio/tv employee reach for his or her wallet at a conference or NCAA event.

I forgot to ask Chapin if we get free T-shirts. That is what most sports writers wear to cover games anyhow. Along with faded jeans and sneakers, neither of which appears to have spent enough time in the washing machine. Coats and ties, standard dress years ago, went out the door with the typewriter.

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One thing the media does contribute to the community is unqualified opinion. We are experts on every athletic event played. Despite the fact many in our profession have never coached or participated in competition.

Much like the average guys on the street, we argue about who has the best team and who the best player is.

I forgot to ask Dave Chapin who he picks to win the WAC tournament. He would probably tell me he doesn't know, which puts him far above the rest of us.

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Varsity Tennis ..... Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at Oñate Invite.....9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball .....Thur., Mar. 15 ..... at NM Invite ..... TBA

Mayfield High School

Girl's Basketball .....Thur., Mar. 8 ..... at State Tourn. Semis....9.45 a.m.
Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at State Tourn. Finals ...2:30 p.m.
Varsity Tennis ..... Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at Oñate Invite.....9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball ..... Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at Big Red Tournament ..... TBA
Varsity Baseball .....Thur., Mar. 15 ..... at NM Invite ..... TBA

Oñate High School

Varsity Tennis ..... Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at Oñate Invite.....9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball ..... Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at Deming .....11 a.m.
Varsity Baseball .....Thur., Mar. 15 ..... at NM Invite ..... TBA

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Boy's Basketball.....Fri., Mar. 9 ..... at NMAA State Tourn. 11:30 a.m.
Sat., Mar. 10 ..... at NMAA State Tourn. ...8:30 a.m.

Aggies host Utah team in baseball

NMSU drops two of three in Texas

The New Mexico State baseball team takes a 7-10 record into a three-game series against Utah Valley State that begins at 6:05 p.m. here Friday.

Saturday and Sunday games will start at 1 p.m. at Presley Askew Field.

Junior Joseph Scaperotta slammed his fourth home run of the season to lead NMSU to an 11-6 victory over Northwestern on the final day of the Dallas Baptist University tournament last Sunday.

It was NMSU's only victory during the three-day event. The Aggies lost 6-2 to Dallas Baptist on Friday then fell 9-8 to UT Arlington Saturday.

Scaperotta's bomb in the top of the seventh extended the lead for the Aggies to 6-4, although the Wildcats would come back in the bottom of the inning scoring two runs of their own to tie the score at 6-6.

"We had a good offensive day today, and Scaperotta was able to produce for us the way he is capable of for us," head coach Rocky Ward said.

The Aggies scored 11 runs on 14 hits committing only one error off an attempted pick-off play. Northwestern scored six runs on twelve hits and committed three errors. They also left 11 base runners stranded on the bags.

Ryan Gibson (Sachse, Texas) also hit a shot over the wall for the Aggies in the eighth inning for his first of the season. He went 2-for-3 on the day with a bunt single and three RBI.

"Gibson played great for us today, especially not playing on a consistent basis for us in the past couple of weeks," Ward said.

"It's really good to see him step it up the way he did."

NMSU would score first as Scaperotta started his day with a double and be brought in by senior Adam Harvey (Celine, Texas) in the first inning.

Northwestern would tie the game up in the second inning before taking the lead in the third when they scored two runs as a Wildcat hitter hit a single through the right side for two RBI. They added one more run in the fourth of a single down the right field line.

The Aggies tied the game up in the fifth inning at four runs a piece as Joe Leghorn (Victoria, B.C.) got on with a rocket double to right center, then advanced to third. Marcus Quade (Littleton, Colo.) would come up to the plate and hit a single to the right fielder, who committed an error on the play, to bring in Richard Stout all the way from first.

NMSU regained the lead in the eighth inning as Quade hit a sacrifice fly to shallow right field to bring in McFadden. McFadden got on with a single to right field. Gibson would extend the Aggies lead when he hit a three-run shot that was just fair over the left field wall. NMSU scored four runs on four hits in the eighth.

The Aggies scored one more run in the ninth off a sacrifice fly by sophomore Richard Stout (Boise, Idaho) after juniors Marcos Rosales (Gilbert, Ariz.) and Cody Fielding (Wolfforth, Texas) got on with walks for the 11-6 finish.

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Athlete OF THE WEEK

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Sherell Neal

Basketball, Junior, Forward

Junior forward Sherell Neal became the first New Mexico State women's basketball team member to earn All-WAC honors when she was named to the second team, March 4. She also was voted to the All-Defensive Team. The Phoenix, Ariz., native was also selected as the WAC Player of the Week. This is her second accolade this year and the final award of the season.

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WAC Man dropped from the rafters of the Pan American Center Tuesday night during the first round of the WAC men's basketball tournament. The Aggie hero delighted fans as he tossed mini basketballs into the crowd.

On the green

Better with age

Like wine, golfers can improve with each year

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

I recently stumbled on a great quote by the legendary fitness guru Jack Lalanne. He said, "I didn't start playing golf until I was 50. I didn't get down to a 4 handicap until I was 80." It started me thinking, yet again, about golf and aging.

Golfers in their 20s or 30s may not realize it, but golf is one of those rare endeavors where we can get better as we get older. Most other sports aren't like that. A friend who has played years of tennis shared with me that he has started playing a lot of golf lately because "losing a step or two eliminates playing against the younger guys." Not so with golf. As older men and women golfers, we may not hit it as long as the kids, but there's more to the game than bombing drives a mile.

In my case I've been playing golf for over 50 years. I played my first nine holes of golf when I was 11 with my grandfather at the Lyndhurst, Ohio municipal golf course (since turned into condos). Grandpa was an accomplished player and truly believed that his idol, Ben Hogan, held the "secret" of the golf swing, and that it was up to us pedestrians to figure it out ourselves.

As a Navy officer in the late 1960s I played golf with a dear friend who was a shipmate aboard my destroyer. We stowed our golf clubs aboard ship on two Vietnam cruises, but only got to hit balls into the ocean off the fantail of the ship. Stateside it was a wonderfully successful day on the golf course when we broke ninety.

In the mid-1970s I was a member at the beautiful Birmingham Country Club in Birmingham, Mich., site of the 1953 PGA Championship. In those days I was a nervous 12 handicap, striving to little avail to get good. Frustrated with golf I took up marathon running and then long triathlons. Eventually I won two Ironman Triathlon Masters (40+) Championships (1983 and 1983) in Hawaii.

When I moved to Las Cruces in 1988, I started playing more golf again mostly as an antidote to work, studying and teaching. In 1993 I began working with the Aggie men's golf team as their sport psychologist, and instantly realized I had to ratchet up my game to avoid embarrassment. Herb Wimberly helped me immensely, and my skills and confidence grew. I went from a ho-hum, decent golfer to an aging player who has had a dozen sub-par rounds since turning sixty; now with an index of 2.5. If I can do it so can you. Here are some tips on how to do it.

> "I think I'm beginning to notice some improvement."
>
> PABLO CASSALS, Musician

Work Out – Exercise physiologists explain that you can build muscle, get stronger and become more flexible even into your 90s. Don't let it slide. Try to become disciplined about strength workouts and aerobic exercise, like running or bicycling. Watch your diet and weight.

Get an Attitude – Don't accept that you're going to lose talent as you get older. Become a student of the game, and work on new shots and appropriate swing changes. Refuse to be intimidated by the long-hitting flat-bellies. Become a deadly putter.

Compete – One of the ways to get better is to play competitively. Sure, we want to have fun, and not be so obsessive about some things as our hair turns white, but playing for something is usually more fun than just hitting balls around with no purpose.

Use Technology – What a revolution equipment has made in the game. Clubs, balls, computers, digital photography, range finders; less is left to chance. Take advantage of it.

Take Lessons – You'll be amazed what your PGA pro can do for you. Old golfers can learn new tricks, so don't resist radical change. Work with your teacher to set challenging goals and measure your progress. Mine is to shoot my age, one of these days.

Practice – Big surprise here. Have a plan and some discipline with your preparation. Pay close attention to your short game – chipping, putting, bunkers – and the mental game. Maybe you can't hit it as far these days, but you can develop better touch, and probably score better.

I'm reminded of the late Pablo Cassals when challenged by an interviewer who inquired: "Mr. Cassals you're 95 and the greatest cellist the world has ever known. Why do you still practice six hours a day?" Mr. Cassals paused and replied, "I think I'm beginning to notice some improvement."

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.

Upcoming golf events

Tournaments

Date	Event	Location	Phone
March 12	Coca-Cola Pro-Am	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818

AGGIE INSIDER

Howdy visitors

The Mesilla Valley welcomes y'all to the WAC tournament

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

Ole Pete and the rest of the Aggie posse extend a friendly hand and a warm "howdy" to all of the visitors at the WAC tournament this week in the Mesilla Valley. We're not sayin' we want you to beat our Aggies, but we hope you'll have a great time visiting the desert, hopefully a visit that will stay fresh in your minds for years to come.

The politics of who wins and who goes home early aside, Pete is proud of this desert town and proud to say he lives here. He and about 100,000 or so are eager that the folks from Honolulu, Moscow, Ruston and all points in between get to have a hospitable time that goes beyond watching some great basketball action. We even want the refs to enjoy themselves too.

We made Billy the Kid feel at home in Mesilla, so we can accommodate just about anyone here on the border. Pete wants to tip his 10 gallon to all of the local folks who have done their share to git things ready and just right for our guests. Big Ed Carnathan and his folks at the Convention and Tourism Bureau, Mayor Bill Mattiace and the city staff and all the gents and gals at the local hotels and dining spots have put a little extra polish on the brass and made those smiles a little bigger too.

Let's not forget the governor and his financial help that made the hosting of this event possible. Big Bill and his outrider, Dennis Latta, have taken a real interest in makin' sure this party is a success. It's not just the economics of it that drives the desire to make it a lot of fun, it is the fact that you don't get many chances to show so many newcomers what Cruces hospitality is all about, and we want to make the most of it. There's gonna be some greenhorns who get a little turned around lookin' for directions to White Sands or the nearest tee box to play some golf. Cruces, let's make sure they get a friendly howdy and a simple answer to something they find a little vexing.

Las Cruces has so many new residents who have moved in the last year or two that you know what it is like to need a little direction, so Pete calls on you to remember that and take a little more patience when explaining where to get some turquoise jewelry or the spiciest enchiladas here on the border.

That is the cowboy way in, and from the dustiest trail hand to the frilliest filly, we welcome all of you. We all hope to have you back next year and hope you might want to come back before then to git a little bit more of the Southwest in your blood stream.

I've gotta saddle up and take WAC commissioner Karl Benson shoppin' for a 10 gallon of his own to keep our bright sunshine from tanning too much of his head. Welcome pardners...from Pete and all of the Aggies.

PETE

Here's to those who caused Aggies woes

A hard look at the biggest pains

JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

Now that the all-league team has been chosen, I am going to choose the Aggies "All-Opponent" team for the 2006-07 men's hoops season. This may be the only "All" whatever team that Nick Fazekas is not on, but there were five other players who did serious damage in the past season.

The obvious choice is Utah State's Jaycee Carroll. Carroll had the league's premier game versus the Aggies, scoring 44 points, and has had two sensational performances in two years setting the building record for made 3-point shots in 2006. The navy-clad Aggie sharpshooter could probably be named to most of the league's opponent teams, so this one was a no-brainer.

Idaho didn't cause many ripples in the WAC pond, but its mid-season addition at center, Darrin Nagle, had two good games versus the Crimson and White. Nagle had a double-double in the first meeting in the Cowan Spectrum while blocking six shots on top of that. He also had a steady performance from the field when the schools met again in the Pan Am Center. Nagle couldn't get his transcript to Moscow in time for the first semester, but made up for lost time on a team that was easy to dismiss as a conference weak sister.

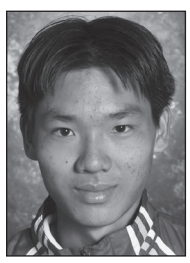
Another wing player who I thought gave the Aggies fits was Hawaii's Matt Gibson. He is a hard-nosed player who was a stopper on defense and could hit 3-point baskets at the least opportune moment for the NMSU cause. He is a junior, like the first two all-opponents, so keep the Mylanta handy when the conference year gets started.

Another senior-to-be is Fresno State's Dominic McGuire. McGuire looked like a lottery pick in the first game in the Save Mart Center, scoring from all over the court and blocking shots in bunches. He kept it up on the parquet as the Bulldogs swept the series.

The only senior on the tormenting quintet is Louisiana Tech's Trey McDowell. His 33 points and clutch-winning shot signaled one of the Bulldogs' most stirring victories in recent years.

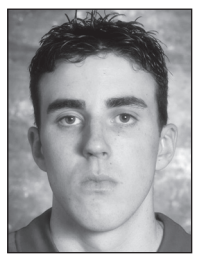
Outside the league, Loyola-Marymount's Brandon Worthy gets on the second team for his miracle shot and team leadership in the Lions' come-from-behind win in the Citadel of the Angels. Chicago State's Michael Golston had two solid games versus NMSU as did his teammate Royce Parran. The Cougars were like the French foreign legion this year, playing as independents on a variety of courts across the U.S. It's tough to like the guys whose play led to Aggie misery, but let's tip our "urban sombreros" to this group one last time for their individual skills.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Gustave Diep
Freshman
Men's tennis

Freshman Gustave Diep went 2-1 in singles action for the NMSU men's tennis team when the Aggies went 1-2 in its three matches in Albuquerque, March 2-4. Diep downed New Mexico's Max Jones, who entered the season No. 6 in the ITA/Fila College Tennis Rankings. Diep is now 5-1 in his first season in the Crimson and White.



Ted Knauber
Senior
Men's basketball

In his final regular season home game at the Pan American Center, senior guard Ted Knauber scored a career-best 16 points on 5-for-11 shooting. Knauber was 4-for-8 from 3-point range and also grabbed five rebounds in the win over Louisiana Tech March 1. Knauber made his second straight start and he had 12 points and a tied a season high with five rebounds March 3 at Nevada.

Richard Stout
Sophomore
Baseball

Sophomore Richard Stout went 7-for-11 in the Dallas Baptist Tournament, March 2-4. Against Texas-Arlington March 3, Stout went 3-for-4 with two stolen bases and two runs scored. In the tournament finale versus Northwestern, Stout went 3-for-4 again with two RBIs.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, March 9
Softball
Longwood
Las Vegas, Nev., 10 a.m.

Women's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Las Cruces, 2:30 pm.

Softball
Oregon
Las Vegas, Nev., 2:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Sacramento State
Albuquerque, 3 p.m.

Baseball
Utah Valley State
Las Cruces, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Las Cruces, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 10
Softball
Harvard
Las Vegas, Nev., 10 a.m.

Softball
Portland State
Las Vegas, Nev., 12:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Baseball
Utah Valley State
Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball
WAC Tournament
Las Cruces, 7 p.m.

Women's Equestrian
Auburn
Auburn, Ala., TBA

Sunday, March 11
Women's Tennis
Utah
Las Cruces, 9 a.m.

Baseball
Utah Valley State
Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Softball
Miami, Ohio
Las Vegas, Nev., 2:30 p.m.

Monday, March 12
Men's Golf
Lexus Classic
Fresno, Calif., All Day

Women's Golf
UNLV Spring Invitational
Las Vegas, Nev., All Day

Tuesday, March 13
Men's Tennis
Radford
Las Cruces, 1:30 p.m.

Baseball
New Mexico
Albuquerque, 6 p.m.

Men's Golf
Lexus Classic
Fresno, Calif., All Day

Women's Golf
UNLV Spring Invitational
Las Vegas, Nev., All Day

Wednesday, March 14
Men's Tennis
Minnesota
Las Cruces, 2 p.m.

Softball
UTEP
Las Cruces, 4 p.m.

Women's Golf
UNLV Spring Invitational
Las Vegas, Nev., All Day

Aggies down La. Tech

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New Mexico State's Elijah Ingram drives for the basket during the Aggies' 79-64 victory over Louisiana Tech at the Pan American Center Thursday, March 1.

Aggies to play in UNLV Classic

NMSU out to improve on 14-6 mark

The New Mexico State softball team will play in the UNLV Eller Media Classic in Las Vegas, Nev. March 9-11.

On Sunday, the Aggies lost, 4-2, to the Auburn Tigers on the final day of the USF Louisville Slugger Tournament.

NMSU finished the tournament with a 2-2 record and are now 14-6 overall on the year. Auburn improves to 11-11.

Sophomore catcher Stacey Lien and junior Ashley Roszkos led the Aggies at the plate as Lien hit a solo home run and Roszkos added an RBI single, but NMSU couldn't get enough going on offense to overcome the Tigers.

Sophomore pitcher Kim Waton picked up the loss Sunday and is now 9-3 on the year. She threw four innings, giving up three runs off of six hits, but had seven strikeouts.

Sunday morning's game started out as a pitcher's duel. Watson struck out five batters in the first three innings and Auburn's Holly Currie didn't allow the Aggies to record a hit before she was pulled at the start of the fourth.

Auburn struck first in the bottom of the fourth when Sara Ghezzi hit a solo home run to left field and the Tigers added one more run off an RBI double before the inning was over.

Lien spoiled Auburns attempt at a no-hitter when she homered to left field to lead off the bottom of the fifth. It was her first home run of the year and third of her career.

The Tigers extended their lead to three in the bottom of the fifth when they scored two runs off of three hits.

NMSU got one run back in the sixth off of Roszkos' RBI single that plated junior Stephanie Herrera, but the Aggies were unable to close the gap and ended up losing by two.

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Aggie forward David Fisher pushes past a defender in NMSU's victory over Louisiana Tech Thursday, March 1.

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Gordo Castillo of Las Cruces High

Castillo/Spence

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Like Castillo, Spence's coach believes there is no better high school player in New Mexico.

"Oh yes, definitely," Maya said. "And she was the best last year, too. She's the complete package, and she's so mature. She's something special. She's not only a great basketball player, but she's a great young lady."

Maya saw a different side of Spence at a recent NMSU women's game.

"When you watch her for us, she's so intense, so mature and such a leader," he said. "When I saw her in the stands at an Aggie game, she was like a little girl again, jumping up and down, cheering and holding a sign."

Spence will put the sign down and bring her take-no-prisoners competitiveness to the Aggies in a few months. Both Spence and Castillo are ready for the next step. They have spent much of their young basketball careers playing with and against players who were much older than them. It has helped them develop quicker and gain an edge on players their age.

This fall, they will start over. The cycle will turn them into freshmen again, and basketball fans in Las Cruces couldn't be happier.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

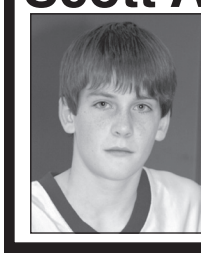
Dom Marketto, Mesilla Valley Christian School

Dom Marketto is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is a starter on the varsity boys basketball team and averages 12.9 points and 79.3 percent free throws per game. He is a tremendous basketball player and an explosive guard on the MVCS team, which is ranked No. 1 in state.

MVCS BLAZERS

Marketto shows spiritual leadership, has a good attitude and is a smart player. He also is a dedicated student with a 3.85 GPA. His interests outside of basketball are golf, paintball and his family.

Scott Adler, Mesilla Valley Christian School



Scott Adler is a 15-year-old freshman at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is the only freshman starter on the MVCS boys basketball team. He averages 3.9 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game. He demonstrates leadership, trustworthiness and mental toughness on the court.

Adler is also committed to academics, maintaining a 3.50 GPA. When not playing basketball, he enjoys golf, church and his family.

At the Aggies WAC Tournament Pep Rally

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

NMSU men's basketball head coach Reggie Theus excites the crowd during the Aggie Pep Rally Sunday, March 4, at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

NMSU senior power forward Trei Steward signs an autograph for 10-year-old fan Monique Zertieche during the Aggie Pep Rally.

NMSU's head women's basketball coach Darin Spence gets the crowd fired up for the WAC tournament at the Aggie Pep Rally.

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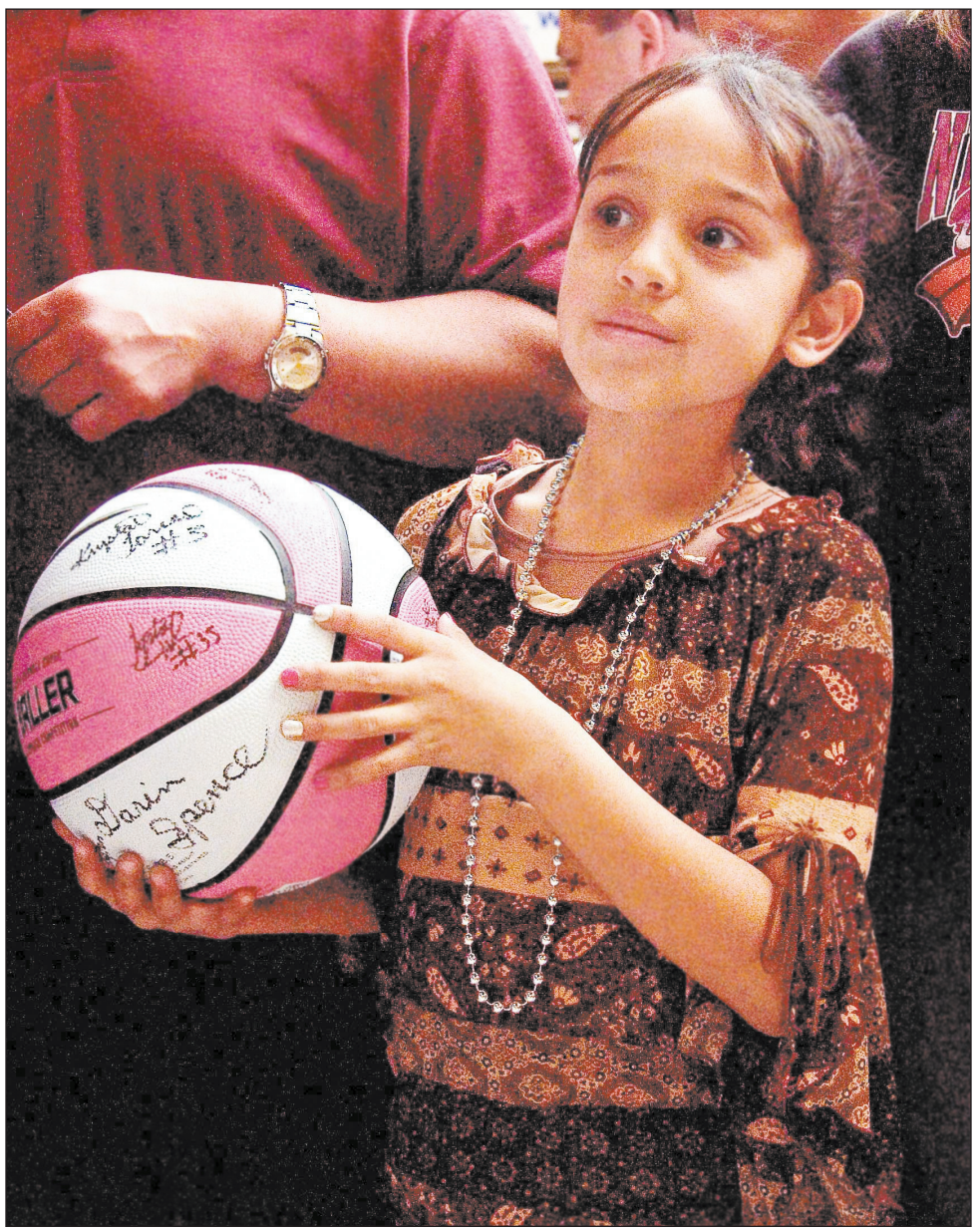

Eight-year-old Monique Rios holds onto her pink and white basketball during the Aggie Pep Rally. After the rally, she planned to get more autographs from the Aggie basketball players.

Freshman cheerleader Raquel Padilla motivates Aggie fans during the Aggie Pep Rally at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

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The Draft can be viewed at the Branigan Memorial Library located at 200 E. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Also a copy will be at the San Andres National Wildlife Refuge's headquarters' office at 5686 Santa Gertrudes Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

A link with the Draft EA viewable through Adobe Reader is temporarily on the Refuge's public website:

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601625

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2003-NC1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2003-NC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

RODOLFO MUNOZ; ROBERTA E. MUNOZ; BLAZER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. A NEW MEXICO CORPORATION, DOING BUSINESS AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL FINANCE; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RODOLFO MUNOZ, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ROBERTA E. MUNOZ, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on March 21, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 26, BLOCK 107, COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3 REPLAT NO. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 832, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 18, 1976, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 47, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1218 Akers Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 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 $149,178.25, plus interest from December 27, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.2% 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.

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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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-2132

BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2005-4, Plaintiff,

vs.
SERGIO BALDERRAMA; DOLORES HARRIS; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 14, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5413 Alden Drive, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 7, Block 2, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 3772 on June 11, 2003, in Book 20, Page(s) 351 and 352 of Plat Records and Correction filed June 26, 2003 in Book 435, Pages 904 through 908 of Doña Ana County Clerk Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on , being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $119,274.05 and the same bears interest at 8.850% per annum from January 13, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,764.11. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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NOTICE IS 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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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. CV-06-1924
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

TAWFIQ HINDASH, individually, and DBA TAJ CONSTRUCTION, Plaintiff,

vs.

MOHAMMED Y. HUSSAIN and TERRY L. HUSSAIN, husband and wife, and LEO CLEAR and LOUISE CLEAR, husband and wife, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 15, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:
Lot 24, Block A, CAPISTRANO ESTATES, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 29, 2003, in Book 20 Pages 441-443 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 4268 Capistrano, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 7, 2007, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a lien held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $302,593.67 (plus interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 2007.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 23, 2007, Moongate Water Co., Inc., P.O. Box 243, Organ, NM 88052, filed application numbered LRG-370-POD-35 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-370-S located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and drilling a new (replacement) well 850 feet deep with 12-inch casing to be located in the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of said Section 8 on land owned by Louis A. Gariano for the total combined diversion of 1875 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from wells LRG-370 et.al. for public community water system and related uses within the Moongate Water Company service area.

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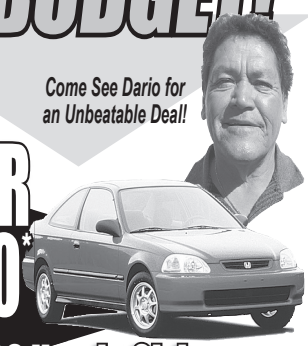

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No. D0307CV200600657

LEHMAN CAPITAL, A DIVISION OF LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF FRANK J. PLUM, III, DECEASED; MARIA E.Z. PLUM; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MARIA E.Z. PLUM, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Frank J. Plum, III, deceased.

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 360 Amparo Drive, Chaparral, NM 88021, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 17, BLOCK X, CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NO.2, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 727, THEREOF FILED OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971, RECORDED IN BOOK 10 PAGES 72 THROUGH 74, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before April 9, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD & STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
Karen Howden Weaver
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800/286-0013;
719/634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of February, 2007.

John D Neil
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Maggie O. Madrid Deputy
06-2240/Plum, III, Frank J. & Maria E. Z.; P277719

Pub# 6235
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200501661

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2000, RELATED TO METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-A, Plaintiff,

vs.

LESLIE Q. FLORES; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; FORD HOUSING FINANCE SERVICES; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESLIE Q. FLORES, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 4, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Sections 33 and 34, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D4, designated as Lot B of the proposed summary replat of U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D4 to be known as U.S.R.S.Tract 10-97D4 Replat No. 1, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod set at the Northwest corner of this tract, whence the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D1 bears the following two courses and distances, N. 33 deg. 08' 54" W., 171.74 feet; thence N. 33 deg. 09' W., 845.60 feet; THENCE from the place of beginning N. 62 deg. 30' 13" E., 68.00 feet to an iron rod set for an angle point of this tract; THENCE S. 33 deg. 08' 54" E., 83.70 feet to an iron rod set for an angle point of this tract; THENCE N. 62 deg. 30' 13" E., 198.93 feet to an iron rod set at the center line of a 50.00 foot wide road easement for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE following along the center line of the 50.00 foot wide road easement S. 29 deg. 40' 17" E., 225.08 feet to an iron rod set at the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 (A.K.A. Bilbo Road) for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE following the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 S. 62 deg. 30' 13" W., 253.21 feet to an iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 N. 33 deg. 08' 54" W., 309.72 feet to the place of beginning containing 1.473 acres of land, more or less. and all improvements, including, but not limited to the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1998, Double Wide, VIN No. SCH01982518AB, Plate No. 8993MHN. The address of the real property is 1780 Bilbo Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 25, 2006, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $68,596.67, plus interest from October 1, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.45% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: February 21, 2007
Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868 05-0914/
Flores, Leslie Q.; P278207

Pub# 6239
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ANDY FLORES, Petitioner,

vs.

CINDY AYALA, Respondent.

NO: DM-2006-811
JUDGE: MIKE MURPHY

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: CINDY AYALA

You are hereby notified that a Civil Action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in and for Doña Ana County, wherein ANDY FLORES is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a Judgment of said Court determining issues of paternity, child custody, child support and visitation. Unless you file an answer to this action on or before the time allowed by law, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted.

The address of the Petitioner is: Andy Flores, 105, Commerciantes Apt 264 Santa Teresa, NM 88008

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 20th day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Pub# 6240
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BINGHAM INVESTMENTS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

MARIA CARMEN SIZEMORE, Defendant.

Cause No. CV 2006-02053

Judge Robert E. Robles

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on certain real property titled in the name of the defendant, located at 5230 Apache Trail, Las Cruces, NM 88012, described as Part of Block 11, Lot 33L, Elephant Butte Land & Trust Company Subdivision-C Amendment #1, more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.
That unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before March 29, 2007, judgment by default or other appropriate relief will be rendered in this cause against you, and you will thereafter not be permitted to contest Plaintiff's right to foreclosure against the property.

Name, address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Kelly P. Albers, 650 Montana, Suite D, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, (505) 527-9064. WITNESS the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 21st day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Peggy Brock
Deputy

(SEAL)

Pub# 6241
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT EVERETT C. McGUIRE, Petitioner,

vs.

TESHA McGUIRE, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Divorce Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Everett C. McGuire,
2241 Entrada del Sol #5H,
Las Cruces, NM 88001,
Pro Se

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: Richard Armijo
DEPUTY

Pub# 6242
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601841

ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF PATTI A. DEBRAAL, DECEASED; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR., IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 4, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate in Section 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being located generally Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod found for the southeast corner of the tract herein described at the intersection of the centerlines of two 50 foot wide road and utility easements: WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears N. 60 deg 30' 24" E., a distance of 1,609.41 feet; THENCE from the point of beginning along the centerline of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement being the southern boundary N. 89 deg 53' 30" W., 138.07 feet to an iron rod found as the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the southwest corner along the western boundary N. 00 deg 16' 35" E., 315.77 feet to an iron rod found for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the northwest corner along the northern boundary S. 89 deg 53' 30" E., 138.07 feet to an iron rod found for the northeast corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the northeast corner along the eastern bounty S. 00 deg 16' 35" W., 315.77 feet to the place and point of beginning containing 1.001 acres of land, more or less. Subject to a 25 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and immediately adjacent to the south and east boundary. And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto.

The address of the real property is 5275 Devaca Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $30,525.44, plus interest from February 1, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.5% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.
Dated: February 22, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868

06-2824/Debraal, John and Patti A.; P278612

Pub# 6243
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 07-33
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD H. STARK, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Richard H. Stark, Jr. was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard H. Stark, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Richard H. Stark, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 15th day of February 2007

Richard H. Stark Jr.
Personal Representative

Prepared by:

LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132
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(505) 526-6590 facsimile

Pub# 6244
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-07-12 (Robles)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR J. GENTON, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

To: DOROTHY GENTON; LOUISE TRASK and RUSSELL GOETTE;

and

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ELEANOR J. GENTON, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ELEANOR J. GENTON, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Dorothy Genton, sister-in-law of deceased, has filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which Dorothy Genton seeks to be named Personal Representative. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable Robert R. Robles, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: February 21, 2007.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
505-524-0833
505-526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub# 6245
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 2007

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. D-0307-PB-200600023
Judge Robert E. Robles

THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: RODOLFO SIQUEIROS, JR., Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RODOLFO SIQUEIROS, JR., DECEASED, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INETEREST IN THE ESTATE OF RODOLFO SIQUEIROS, JR., DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

Hearing on the Petition filed by the undersigned personal representative, which petition provides for entry of an Order formally declaring that RODOLFO SIQUEIROS, JR. died intestate, determining the heirs of said Decedent and the heirs' interest in the following described real property:

A tract of land situated in the Town of Chaparral, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being a part of Lot 4, Block "F" Chaparral Subdivision Number Two filed February 15, 1971, in Book 10, Pages 72-74, Doña Ana County records (A.K.A. Tract "B") and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of McCombs Road for the Southeast comer ofthe tract herein described: whence the Southeast corner of Lot 4, Block "F" bears S.00°10'26"E., 146.11 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the West line of McCombs Road, N.76°04'20"W., 145.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest comer of this tract;

Thence N.00°10'26"W., 151.92 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest comer of this tract;

Thence S.80°41'45"E., 143.41 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of McCombs Road for the Northeast comer of this tract;

Thence along the West line of McCombs Road, S.00°10'26"E., 163.84 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.5l3 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

will be held at the Las Cruces District Courthouse, 20l West Picacho Avenue, #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico in Courtroom No. 3 on the 4th day of April, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Pursuant to 45-1-401 NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week for two consecutive weeks.

February 23, 2007

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, P.E.
By: JOHN E. KEITHLY
Attorney for Petitioner
Rebecca Jimenez
P.O. Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(505) 882-4500
(505) 882-5000 [fax]

Pub# 6246
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN

LEGAL NOTICES

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THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF TIIE ESTATE OF JUANITA S. GRIMES, deceased.

No. PR-07-26
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representatives of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever banned. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representatives in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated February 7, 2007.

Michael J. Grimes
Personal Representative of the estate of Juanita S. Grimes, deceased

Patricia Zediak
Personal Representative of the estate of Juanita S. Grimes, deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(505) 524-0833
(505) 526-0960 (Telelax)

Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub# 6247
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 22, 2007, R. Gene Sparks, Virginia M. Sparks and James Clayton Sparks, 1114 Casad Road, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-11448 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Ground Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-11448, located in the SW1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well 160 feet deep with 4-inch casing to be located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 29, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock purposes. The proposed replacement well site is located southwest of Anthony, NM and can be found at the physical address of 1114 Casad Road. Old well LRG-11448 will be plugged.

Any person, firm, or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of tbe last publication of this Notice. Facsimilies 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# 6248
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AULMA M. BARRETT, Deceased.

No. PB 2007-17
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estat~ are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

MARVIN LARRY HINES
Personal Representative
of the estate of AULMA M. BARRETT
660 Wendy Lane
Las Cruces, NM 88007
(505) 524-7229

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 6790
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(505) 523-7411

By: Ray O. Sage

Pub# 6249
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2007, Michael and Janet Johnson, 1810 Little Road, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-12031 with the State Engineer for Permit for Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to use existing domestic well LRG-12031, permitted under NMSA 1978 §72-12-1, drilled to a depth of 140 feet with 4-inch casing, located in the SE 1/4 SW1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing pre-basin domestic well LRG-I0786 located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 6, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. Proposed supplemental well LRG-12031 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and can be found at the physical address of 1810 Little Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in, accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6250
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 3/23

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

MARIA LUISA MCCLURE, Petitioner,

vs.

FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ JR., Respondent.

No.: DM-06-1202
Judge: Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner requesting a Divorce.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Maria Luisa McClure
c/o Cammuñez Law Firm, P.C.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505) 532-8270

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 14 day of November, 2006.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By:/s/Diedra E. Redford
DEPUTY

Pub# 6251
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of DARLA DAUGHERTY, Deceased.

No. PB 2007-20
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth Daugherty has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this lotice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Stephen E. Hosford of the law firm of Martin, lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2007.

/s;/ Kenneth Daugherty
KENNETH DAUGHERTY
Personal Representative
760 Hayride Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Pub #6252
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD EARL STULL, JR., Deceased.

No. PB 07-25
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald E. Stull has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2007.

/s/ Ronald E. Stull
RONALD E. STULL
Personal Representative
956 Tumbling 77
Show Low, AZ 85091

Pub #6253
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-307-2006-620

TCIF REO BAR, Corp., Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN ARREOLA; ESTELLA ARREOLA; JOSE DELGADO; YOLANDA DELGADO; US WEST FINANCIAL SERV. INC.; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 4, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 613 Tumbleweed Road, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Being the description of 1.00 acres of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 16, for the Southwest and beginning corner of this parcel, from whence the Southwest corner of said Section 16 bears South 00 deg 10' 27" East a distance of 313.50 feet; Thence North 89 deg 45' 14" East, at 30.00 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of a 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.15 feet to a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set for the southeast corner of this parcel; Thence North 0 deg 10' 52" West, a distance of 132.00 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this parcel; Thence South 89 deg 45' 14" West, at 50.00 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap at the West side of a road and utility easement, at 300.14 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of said 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.14 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of this parcel; Thence South 0 deg 10' 27" East, with the West line of said Section 16, a distance of 132.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.00 acres of land. A 30.00 feet wide Road and Utility Easement is reserved along the entire West side of this parcel. A privately maintained, Road and Utility easement is reserved on the North 25.00 feet of the East 50.00 feet of this parcel, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1986 Fleetwood, VIN No. TXFLAM2ABG281210873.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above_entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above_described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $65,909.58 and the same bears interest at 13.750% per annum from January 12, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,060.89. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
505-525-2711

Pub# 6254
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 2007

NOTICE OF AUCTION

To: Bill & Jo Skinner (Storage Unit A 8-25)

Amount to satisfy lien: $375.00

**5475 Porter Dr. # 5
Las Cruces, NM 88012**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage Unit will be sold at public Auction to satisfy our lien in the amount listed above and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or certified mail and remove all of your items from our property before the auction date.

Date of Auction: Saturday,
March 24, 2007
Time: 12:00 PM
Place: Sunrise Mesa Storage
5245 Porter Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Thank you for your prompt attention. Sunrise Mesa Storage

Pub #6255
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 07-32
Judge Alice M. Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY CLEIS,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Marlene Cleis was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harry Cleis (a/k/a Harry P. Cleis), deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Harry Cleis (a/k/a Harry P. Cleis), deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 5th day of March 2007

Marlene Cleis,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132
(505) 526-3312 telephone
(505) 526-6590 facsimile

Pub# 6256
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Beth Miller
6401 Academy Road NE #132
Albuquerque, NM 87109**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0532 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $500.13, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: furniture, wood.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 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 #6257
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: David Trejo
P.O. Box 2253
Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0598 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: bed, bunkbed, misc.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 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 #6258
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Bernadette Ontiveros
P.O. Box 1
Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0596 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $498.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: refrigerator, bike, table, boxes.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 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 #6259
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Emily Williams
200 Cervantes Village #C10
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0744 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $381.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: boxes, exercise equipment, misc.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
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Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6260
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Robert C. Sarabia
6563 Blanchard Ave.
Fontana, CA 92336**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0235 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $329.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: computer, misc.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 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 #6261
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. [3] CV-2007-309

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Courtney Woolwin FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Courtney Woolwine, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Courtney Woolwine to Kourtney Ashton Brown and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge, on the 11th day of April 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Courtney Woolwine
Courtney Woolwine
Petitioner, pro se
108 N Aries
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505)640-4913

Nadine Sanchez
Court Administrator

By:/s/ Maggie O. Madrid
Maggie O. Madrid, TCAA

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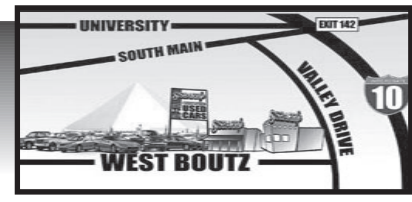

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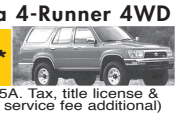
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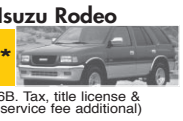
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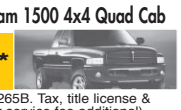
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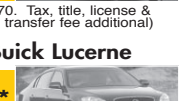
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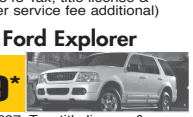
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Homes & Southwest Living

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2007
SECTION E

Where the heart is

Expert design and exquisite details make this custom home by Mitch Hines a rare treat

See feature home on page E2

A symphony of style, tile and grace

This exquisite house is a place to call home

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

In the La Tierra Escondida subdivision, 6116 Lao del Norte sits on nearly two desert-surrounded acres. See more feature home photos on page E6-7.

Among the fields of natural terrain and native landscaping with the majestic Organ Mountains as a backdrop, life in La Tierra Escondida subdivision is meant to be relaxing, elegant and oh-so New Mexico. With its earth-hued exterior, expert design and placement on nearly two acres, 6116 Lazo Del Norte is at home among the yucca, desert grass and neighboring estate homes.

"This home has eye appeal," said interior designer Connie Hines, who designed the home and coordinated the colors and special details, such as dramatic tiles, that make the home special. "This house is livable. It looks great, has great flow and it's user friendly."

Many textures and materials come together to give 6116 Lazo Del Norte a graceful feel – desert-hued tile work, hand-hewed wooden beams, faux-finished walls, knotty alder cabinets and doors, carefully selected fixtures and granite countertops.

"This house is a chameleon," Hines said. "With the combination of colors, it can go in any direction (the homeowner) wants. Our goal was to make it very easy to decorate, so it is designed to have the look most people strive to get."

Taking advantage of Organ Mountain views was a priority in designing the house, and the layout was constructed so that sweeping vistas would be available from most rooms, according to the home's builder, Mitch Hines.

Leaving as much of the natural terrain intact was equally important as well.

"The house lays well on the lot," he said. "We didn't have to tear anything up."

Views of the Organs are available from the living room, dining room and master bedroom.

Mitch's attention to detail is apparent throughout the home, with its tiled baseboards, dramatic arches and granite ledges.

"Mitch has an eye for fine detail," said realtor Ed Aeschliman. "When Mitch says a house is finished, it's finished. This house is ready for someone to move in today."

The front of the home features a tiled walkway leading past a cozy courtyard and sitting area to the home's entrance, framed with carved wooden columns. A foyer with a tiled design on the floor and hand-hewed beams and skylights above, is a welcoming first impression to the home's interior. To the left of the foyer is the living room, which features a fireplace set among tiles and crowned by a lighted nicho above the mantle.

The home is built with three bedrooms – two of which are designed as "Jack and Jill" rooms with a bathroom in between them. While many homes design second and third bedrooms with few amenities, in 6116 Lazo Del Norte, they are charming rooms with plush carpeting, spacious closets and tiled window seats framed by built-in book shelves, providing the perfect spot to sit and daydream, do homework or store knickknacks.

With its split-level floor plan, the home's spacious master suite is a private sanctuary featuring plush carpeting, a fireplace, entrance to the large back patio and a built-in large-screen television.

The master bathroom features bountiful custom cabinetry with granite countertops along with a top-of-the-line air system spa-style bathtub set among intricate tile work and hand-painted columns.

The home's kitchen overlooks the living room and dining room. It features custom cabinetry, granite countertops and GE Monogram appliances.

In true Las Cruces tradition, the home's backyard is designed for comfort and enjoyment of the outdoors. The back patio features impressive wooden columns, an outdoor kitchen and endless views.

The home's office is behind glass French doors. It features wooden floors, hand-hewed beams and a closet. With its convenient layout in the home – it is near the entrance and behind the kitchen – its versatility is limitless.

"This house has flow," Connie said. "With a consistent approach to continuity, long-flowing lines and colors, the house has longevity. It's not dating."

The home is designed with a media package that includes three televisions and a surround sound system.

La Tierra Escondida is a planned community with homes designed and built by some of Las Cruces' premier builders. The community has equestrian trails, tennis courts, a playground and fitness paths.

With its convenient setting, 6116 Lazo del Norte is a short walk to the tennis courts, playground and plentiful walking trails.

FEATURED HOME PHOTOS BY PHILIP VANVEEN

Homes 4 Sale

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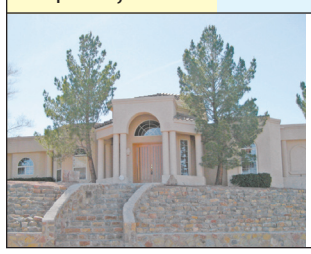

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MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

Selecting a stone surface that suits your lifestyle – whether you are revising your home, updating or upgrading – is one of the most difficult home décor decisions you will ever make. For a luxurious look that radiates strength and character, the world of natural stone offers dazzling possibilities. The popularity of natural stone is unique as more products are added to the marketplace. Availability is a primary advantage that natural stone products have over similar products as there are hundreds of varieties including marble, granite, travertine, limestone, slate and Canterra stone. But the difference between these products and how they are used is another story.

All natural stone is available in tiles or slabs. When making a selection, you should know that stone was once made in 12-by-12-inch sizes, but the selections are now in four-by-four, six-by-six, 16-by-16, 18-by-18 and, for larger rooms, 24-by-24. The size options create endless possibilities in floor designs as well as patterns for back splashes.

First think of the size you would like to use and where you want to use the natural stone. Remember that stone is a product of nature, and color varies from piece to piece and between lots.

Marble and granite, which have always been options for homeowners, are more popular than ever. To help in selecting a natural stone product, here is a list of stones and their performance characteristics.

Marble With luxurious texture and color, marble is often chosen to add dramatic beauty to a grand entryway or a master bath upgrade. Marble is also very expensive and much more prone to staining and cracking due to extreme heat or cold than composite granite. With this in mind it is not a popular choice for countertops, but for entryways and ornamental wall décor, it has an unparalleled sheen and comes in almost infinite color ranges.

Granite This stone continues to grow in popularity, especially in luxury gourmet kitchens, and it is surprisingly affordable. Granite is used a lot for countertops in kitchens and is a visibly granular igneous rock consisting of quartz and feldspar. Composite granite is amazingly hard and does not scratch with knives. Properly sealed, it is very stain resistant and will not burn or scar from hot pans or utensils. Granite comes from all over the world and is sold in slabs and tiles. Granite slabs are fabricated and tailored to meet your needs. The colors on sample boards vary too much for selection purposes, so I highly recommend when selecting a slab to actually select the one you want to buy. Granite tiles and slabs cover the spectrum from near-white to rich greens, absolute black and even blues. Cleanup is effortless, but the countertops should have a yearly coat of nonyellowing paste wax to keep their original luster. Prices for granite can range widely from relatively inexpensive to expensive depending on different grades and thickness.

Natural stone products are more plentiful than ever, but using them in home décor is not new. The Romans covered many exterior walls in travertine. Today, most natural stone products are used in countertops and flooring, such as the floor pictured here, which is covered in marble.

Travertine Considered the classic decorative stone, travertine's popularity is timeless. The Romans used it in many outside walls that are still standing after 2000 years. The hues are multi-colored earth tones from light creams to buffs and darker shades. Travertine has a tendency to absorb oils and liquids and scratches easily, so it is usually not used in high use areas. Travertine can easily be confused with porcelain tiles, but travertine has layers that contain pores and cavities which create an open texture. The finishes are honed, polished, unfilled or filled. Travertine is also tumbled, producing tiles with an old-world weathered look.

Limestone This stone has become a popular choice for any design style due to its unique characteristics, subtle beauty and great versatility. Depending on the environmental conditions, limestone weathers easily. It will absorb oils and other liquids and has a low scratch resistance. Not all limestone can be polished, but in some cases it is difficult to see the difference from marble.

Slate This stone is the latest fashion statement for entry halls and showers. It comes gauged or ungauged. Gauged slate is ground or sawn to produce a uniform thickness. Ungauged slate is hand-cleft and can have variations in thickness up to five-eighths of an inch. Due to its slightly uneven properties of natural slate cleft-ing, the surface of natural slate will never be truly even, so care must be taken if it is used for a countertop. Because of its brittle and porous chemical structure, it can also crack more easily than other stones.

Cantera stone A sedimentary rock found in riverbeds of certain regions of Mexico, Cantera stone features five colors. It is used extensively in the Southwest for architectural columns, moldings and for paver tiles.

Like Mother Nature herself, natural stone is both rugged and vulnerable. Each stone requires specific care and maintenance, and homeowners often experience a period of adjustment as they become accustomed to the requirements of caring for their floors or countertops. Natural stone, when property sealed, can be dry-mopped followed by a wet-mopping once a week to keep it clean and beautiful.

When you are selecting materials for your floors or countertops, get estimates for the cost of the material as well as for the installation. Installation of natural stones can be significantly higher than other materials.

There are so many exciting new natural stones available from all over the world, a tile showroom can't possibly show you even half of them. Allow yourself enough time to pour over catalogues, visit showrooms and model homes. Regardless of the material you choose for your countertops, tile flooring or designs, this is one area in which you need to get a professional involved. Rely on your designer, builder or general contractor to help you find exactly what you're seeking. Their first hand knowledge of pricing, products and features is invaluable when it comes to finding the best quality for your money.

Mariann Novack is the architectural design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Court. The showroom is open to the public and features Designs by Mariann. She welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann@lascrucesbulletin.com or 524-2831.

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$400,000 - $499,999

$462,000 – Telshor Area - 3140 Arrowhead Road, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3-car garage, 2,366 sq. ft. Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 777250

$450,000 – Santa Teresa - 115 Crested Peak Court - Truly a stunning home. This custom 5 bed, 3+ baths is located in the heart of the Santa Teresa Country Club with separate gated entry. The home boast's Cherry wood floors, a Granite gourmet kitchen, cherry cabinets through-out, plantation shutters, Wet bar, crown molding, separate office with built in desk and cabinets, Master with 4 head marble travertine shower, large walk in closet with built in island. Slate and/or marble in secondary baths, all jetted tubs, lighted picture niches, overall great design. For more information call Jamey Cannedy 312-9496 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778621

$445,000 – Organ Mtns./ I-10 - 4166 Sotol Court - Gorgeous well built home with fresh paint, new carpet, new bathroom vanities and faucets. Lots of windows bring the look of the desert landscaping inside. Four sided glass atrium inside accessible from the formal dining room and kitchen. 3 car garage PLUS 2 more big enough for RV's to make a total of 7 car garage. In ground heated pool with cover and plenty of decking for outdoor entertaining. Gazebo & fish pond completes the fabulous backyard. For more information please call Beth Marr 496-1848 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778604

$300,000 - $399,999

$399,900 - High Range - 2744 Custer Way, this is a absolutely stunning home that has been completely upgraded – gorgeous travertine tile throughout, new carpet. Master suite has a sitting area with double-sided fireplace and a sundeck, large lost with in-ground pool, backyard built for entertaining. Two decks and a sunporch off family room. Shows like a model home!! Call Kelley Coffeen 649-3882 or Darcy Salopek 650-6006 to view. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778872

$399,000 - High Range - 3070 Harmony Ridge, 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths with over 2500 sq. ft. This home is just reaching a year old and has custom cabinets, beautiful office with views. Granite throughout, stainless steel appliances, tile back porch and entry way. Call Russ Nielsen 644-3341 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778758

$367,900 – High Range - 3495 Midnight Ridge Drive - This home is gorgeous. Spacious gourmet kitchen with granite counters, extensive use of travertine throughout. Beautiful foyer with columns and winding staircase, 4 bedrooms plus office or 5th bedroom. Luxurious master suite and bath, wet bar, fireplace, balcony, and so much more! For more information call Renee Peterson 640-7228 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778579

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$285,000 - High Range - 2612 Poco Lomas Court, fabulous contemporary home located in Poco Lomas. Wonderful open floor plan with gorgeous stained concrete floors, huge kitchen, granite throughout, relaxing back patio with hot tub. Call Kelley Coffeen 649-3882 or Darcy Salopek 650-6006 with Emerick Real Estate. Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778829

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A penny saved is a useful tool

While some want to retire the penny, others find practical uses for it

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A penny doesn't buy much these days, but according to the U.S. Mint, it is the most widely used denomination in circulation. Although there has been discussion among national lawmakers to discontinue production of the penny – as the cost to produce the one-cent coin exceeds the penny's face value (visit www.retirethepenny.org for more about this idea) – others agrue that the coin has not outlived its usefulness.

A recent survey by USA Today/Gallup Poll revealed that only about 55 percent of Americans feel the penny is useful while 43 percent feel it should be eliminated from circulation.

Yet an estimated 75 percent of Americans can't pass by a penny without picking it up, according to the USA Today/Gallup Poll.

Pennies do have a way of piling up. Unlike most other coins, they are not accepted in most vending machines. Once made of 100-percent copper, the penny, the one-cent coin of the U.S. Mint, is now made with a 95-percent zinc core and only about 2.5 percent copper plating.

If not spending them, saving them for a rainy day or tossing them, try these around-the-house ideas for putting the penny to good use.

1. Check the tread of your car tires. Place a penny in the tread. If more than half is visible, your tire treads may be too worn.

2. Drop one in a vase with cut flowers. The minerals from the penny will give a nutritional boost to the water.

3. Use to teach children counting skills or improve their basic math skills. Have children learn what one penny looks like compared to 100 or 10,000. Visit www.kokogiak.com/megapenny/ to see what 10 billion pennies looks like.

4. Make a wish on a penny. When you see a penny lying heads up on the sidewalk, make a wish and pick it up. According to legend, wishing on a heads-up penny is said to bring you your wish.

5. In a pinch, use as a screwdriver when the real thing is not available.

6. Save for a rainy day, a vacation or a charitable cause. Use the biggest jar you can find and fill it with pennies. It takes a while, but pennies add up.

7. A penny saved is a penny earned. Encourage children to begin a savings account with pennies saved – it's a great way to teach them that a little bit can go a long way.

8. Pennies can be used to build amazing structures. Stack pennies to make structures large or small. Include bridges, but don't use glue – that's cheating. Visit www.fincher.org/CoinStacking/HowTo.shtml for more penny stacking ideas.

9. Use to make jewelry – pennies make interesting earrings or necklaces.

10. Make a unique photo frame by gluing pennies to a plain cardboard frame.

11. Put the saying "a penny for your thoughts" into action and actually offer people a penny in exchange for knowing what they are thinking.

Tip: Pennies looking a bit dull? Shine them up a bit by soaking them in vinegar.

Around the home item: Pennies

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$279,500 - SW Mesa/Valley - 6970 Camino Encanto, this impeccable one-of-a-kind property is a "must see"! Enjoy the breathtaking views from the outdoor kitchen on the large front porch while listening to the running water in the pond. Grow vegetables in the greenhouse and enjoy the seclusion of owning 10 acres high atop the Mesa. 40' X 50' Metal barn for vehicles/equipment or storage. New carpet, new tile, new paint, security gate with electric opener, alarm system and so much more! Renee Peterson 640-7228 Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850. MLS # 778884

$269,900 - Elks Club - 4000 Lilac, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, finished basement, 3,401 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 776716

$269,900 - Telshor Area - 3233 Fairway Drive, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2-car garage, 3,295 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778645

$249,900 - High Range - 4351 Kachina Canyon Road, nearly new home in Sonoma Ranch. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas. Extensive landscaping front and back. Unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains from the front yard. Close to Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Call Beth Marr 496-1848 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778862

$229,900 - Mesilla Park S. - 1410 Union, there are two homes on this property. The larger home is approximately 1,298 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, a living room plus a large family room that could be a 3rd bedroom. The home has been well maintained and the outside stucco and roof have been replaced during the past two years. The smaller home is approximately 300 sq. ft. F and has 1bedroom and 1 bath. There are 4 covered carports and ample storage. Call Mary Mulvhill 496-6597 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778748

$100,000 - $199,999

$179,000 - Country Club - 1680 Valencia Drive, large home with detached building for office or music room. Room is carpeted and has its own A/C unit. Call Renee Axtell 621-6881 with Emerick Real Estate. Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778883

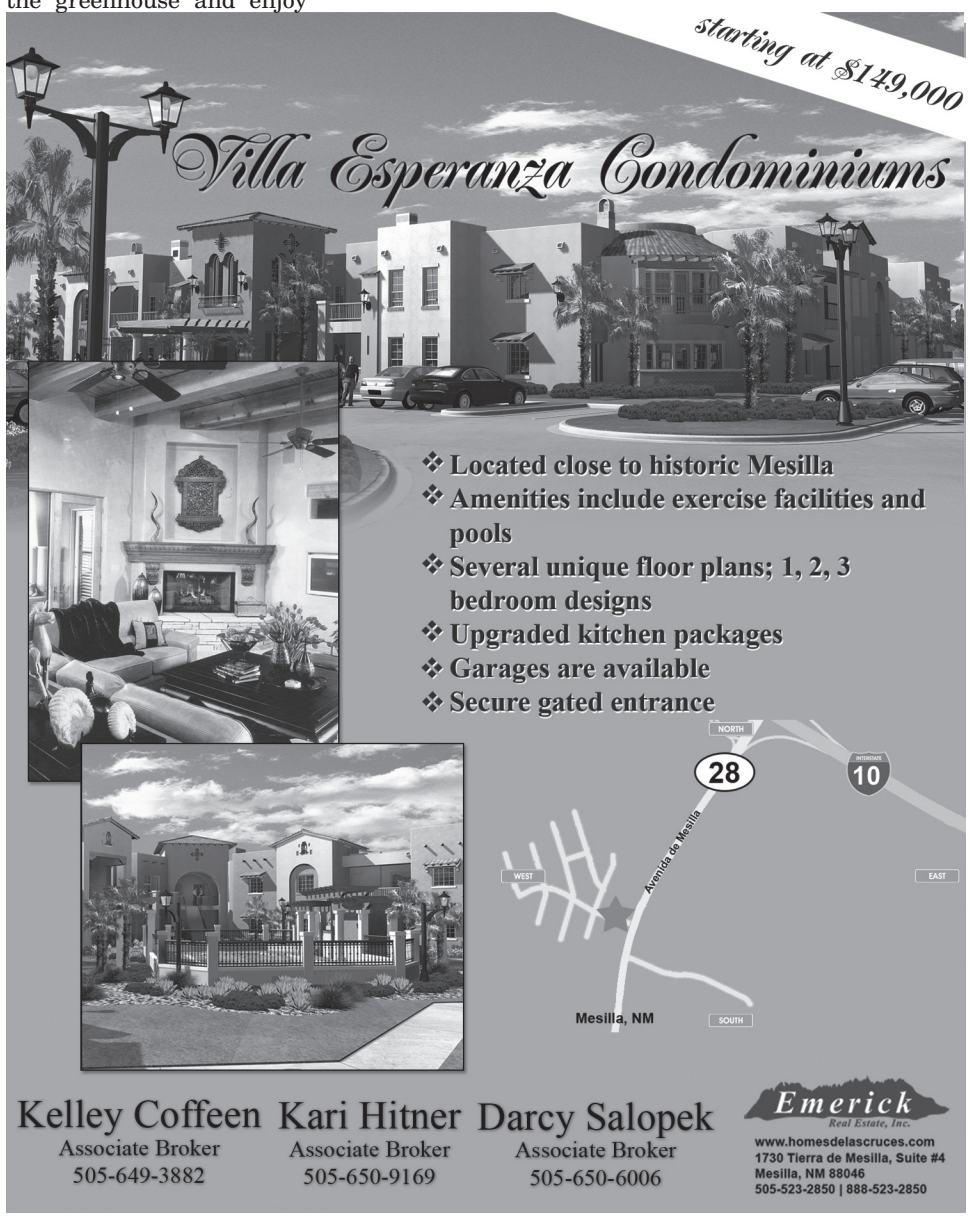
$179,900 - High Range - 4106 Campana Court, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace in Campana Subdivision. This home is just a little over 2 years old. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 or David Lither 680-6800 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778868

$154,900 - E. Mesa - 4876 Calle Bella Ave., this home has good views from the back. New home community, great rental. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with a refrigerator, washer and dryer. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778870

$137,000 – Valley View - 2210 Hixon - This 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath just had new carpet installed in hall and bedrooms and kitchen counters. There is ceramic tile in living room and dining room. This house is currently listed at $137,000 by Laurel Coyle 650-3500 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778618

$120,000 – Elks Club - 4031 Calle Estados, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Carport, 2,280 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778877

$115,000 - Bellamah - 2320 Idaho, 3 bedrooms, 1 baths, carport, 1,160 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778731



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Get a grip

This one-handed tool keeps your fingers safe and cool

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Practical and useful, the purpose of the chef's tongs is simple – keep the hands from burning while working with hot foods. Although they are most often associated with barbecuing, chef's tongs, which give the arms a longer reach, are versatile in the kitchen as well as at the grill. With its long handles and finger-like tips, tongs are perfect for picking up hot meats and flipping them – the tool's most common barbecuing job.

What is it?

Usually 12 to 16 inches in length, chef's tongs generally feature two stainless steel arms that are connected by a hinge at one end. The opposite end of the hinge is used for picking up foods. When the arms are squeezed together, the finger-like tips close to grasp the food.

How is it used?

Chef's tongs come in a variety of sizes. While the longer tongs are generally used while barbecuing, the shorter ones are useful in the kitchen for everything from tossing salads to frying or baking meats and other foods.

Chef's tongs are especially useful for retrieving boiled lobster, crab, corn, hot dogs, spaghetti or other foods from boiling water. Try using to flip baked goods as well. Tongs are especially handy when entertaining guests buffet style. Their longer reach and gripping action make them perfect for picking up breads, sliced meats or vegetables.

Save your fingers the pain by using small plastic or bamboo tongs to retrieve hot toast from a toaster after it has finished cooking and pops up. Some tongs are made especially for this task.

What to look for when buying one:

Prices and quality can vary. Chef's tongs should fit comfortably in the palm and should be easy to operate with only one hand. Look for a set of tongs that is comfortable to hold and dishwasher safe. Cushioned, non-slip handles with thumb rests are a plus. Many lock closed for easy storage and some even have a loop for convenient hanging.

Many tongs are made of plastic, and these are often easy to use and inexpensive, but check with the manufacturer if you will be using plastic tongs at the grill. Often, they are designed for use with salad, breads or foods that are no longer cooking.

A word about bamboo tongs:

Durable, versatile and inexpensive, bamboo tongs are very popular in the kitchen and at the grill. Bamboo generally will not warp and is often stain resistant – but they can be difficult to use and often require a bit more hand pressure to squeeze. Many bamboo items are not dishwasher safe.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: Chef's Tongs

Chef's tongs are often a cook's best friend as they keep the hands as far away from the flame as possible when barbecuing. But just as they are useful at the grill, they are also handy in the kitchen.

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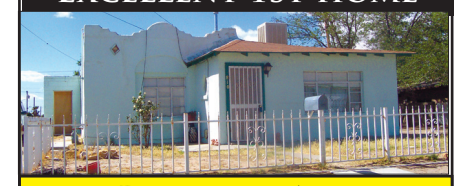

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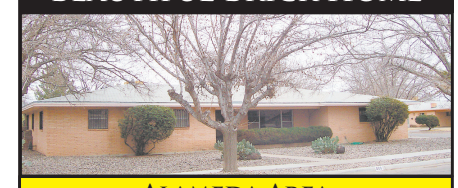

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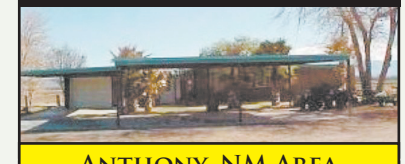

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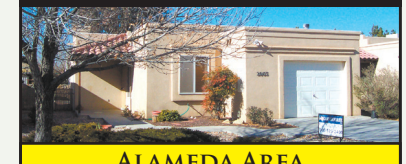

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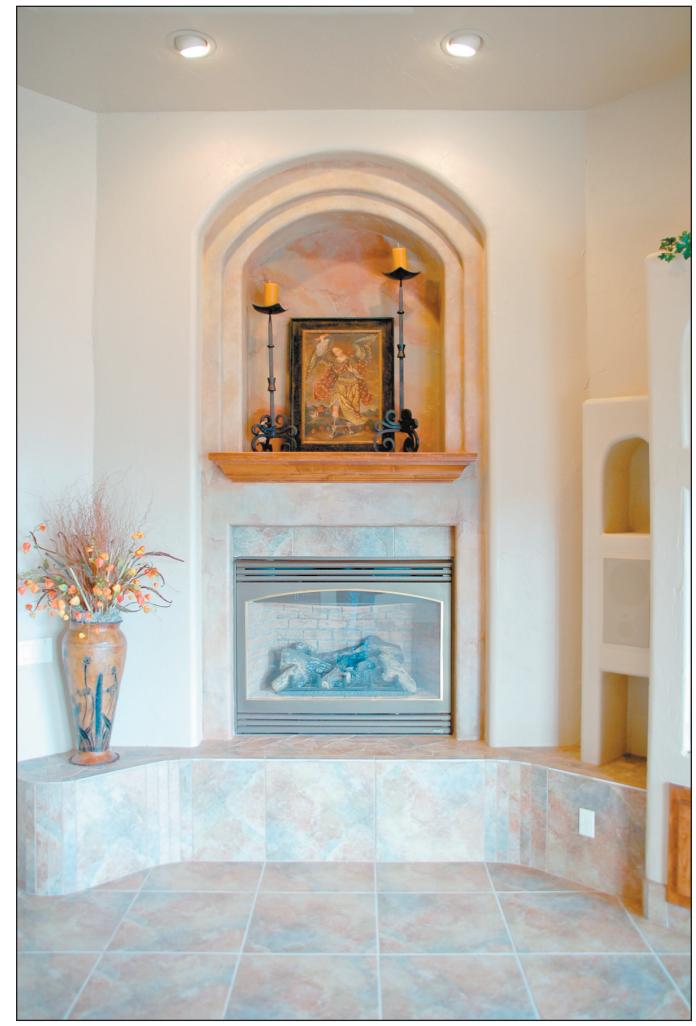
The guest bathroom features a unique copper sink. Metallic-hues and earth shades are themes repeated throughout the elegant home.



Designed for comfort and easy living, the home has a built-in fireplace set among earth-hued tiles.

Details

Location
6116 Lazo Del Norte in the La Tierra Escondida subdivision

Builder
Mitch Hines

Square footage
More than 3,550

Number of bedrooms
Three, plus an office

Number of bathrooms
Two and a half

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Of special note
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Set among exquisite tile work and grand columns, the spa-style bathtub is a great place to relax and unwind at the end of a long day.

The spacious master suite has a fireplace and large screen television. Builder Mitch Hines' attention to detail is apparent in the room's cozy, yet elegant feel.

The spacious kitchen overlooks the dining area and living room. It features granite countertops and GE Monogram appliances.

An elegant foyer makes a grand first impression. Interior designer Connie Hines designed the home and its elegant color scheme.

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Encourage teens to go green for St. Patty's Day

Younger generation of salad lovers sets pace with creative ideas

Got fresh greens? Challenge your kids to create something festive from a bag of fresh-cut salad greens this St. Patrick's Day. Encourage them to celebrate this green holiday by tossing everything short of their iPods into a salad bowl to make a flavorful creation all their own. The savvy younger generation is sure to create a salad to wow your socks off.

Fresh. Nutritious. Healthy. Delicious. Teens are hip to eating fresh, eating green and eating healthfully and deliciously when creating salads. That's what the packaged salad maker, Fresh Express, learned recently.

Hundreds of kid-created recipes poured in from teens and tweens across the country in response to the Fresh Express Teens for Greens Amazing Search for Fresh Salad Recipe Challenge. Creativity, healthy choices and good taste lead kids when tossing a salad.

Fresh Express was surprised and impressed with the nutrition and flavor savvy reflected in the teen recipes – showing that a new generation of salad lovers is clearly setting the pace with good taste, outrageously great flavors and an obvious knowledge of fresh, healthy eating.

Take the grand prize-winning recipe created by 10-year-old Tanner Kohn of Greenville, S.C. — Tanner's Shrimpsational Caribbean Salad wowed the judges with its enticing combination of colors and flavors. Showing his savvy for creating a balanced flavor profile in an irresistible main event salad, Tanner won a Salad Bar Makeover for his school and a scholarship to the culinary school of his choice. Appropriately, Tanner's dream is to become a world-class chef.

Judges said that among the entries overall, a knowledge of nutrition — through healthy ingredients – was evident. They also noted the sophisticated flavors and ingredients added to packages of Fresh Express salad blends. Fresh and dried fruits, toasted nuts, crumbled cheeses, herbs, beans were all popular, as were from-scratch healthy vinaigrettes of citrus juice or vinegar and olive oil.

Leave it to the younger generation to lead us to what's hot and fresh in eating. The next time you're hungry for a salad, call in a teen. They're sure to think fresh, go green and tickle your taste buds.

Shrimpsational Caribbean Salad

Dressing:
1/2 cup fresh lime juice (1 large lime)
1/2 cup honey
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons minced onion
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 teaspoons Caribbean seasoning

1 pound medium cooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 10-ounce package Fresh Express Hearts of Romaine
1 15-ounce can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup fresh pineapple, cubed (or 1 8-ounce can diced pineapple, drained)
1 red bell pepper, seeded and sliced into rings
4 tablespoons sweetened coconut, lightly toasted
Fresh chopped cilantro

Place all dressing ingredients in small bowl of food processor; process until smooth. In medium bowl toss shrimp with half of dressing; set aside. Reserve remaining dressing.

Arrange equal portions of romaine on each of 4 plates; top with shrimp. Arrange beans and pineapple around shrimp on each salad. Top each salad with 2 red pepper rings. Drizzle reserved dressing evenly over each salad and garnish with toasted coconut and cilantro. Serve immediately. Serves six.

Tanner Kohn, 10, puts crowning touches on his Shrimpsational Caribbean Salad, which won him the grand prize in the Teens for Greens Amazing Search for Fresh Salad Recipe Contest, sponsored by Fresh Express.

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Practice safety when using homemade cleaners

Self-mixed alternatives may do more harm then good, CSPA says

America's grocery stores are stocked with products for every known cleaning job to be done in the average household. But some consumers choose to avoid commercial household products in the belief that homemade mixtures create a healthier indoor environment.

Nothing could be further from the truth, say officials at the Consumer Specialty Products Association. The organization cites many inherent hazards in taking the "kitchen-chemistry" approach to housecleaning.

CSPA officials suggest keeping the following in mind when planning your next major cleaning project:

- **Product safety:** Commercial consumer products go through rigorous tests to meet government safety standards. Such tests assure that ingredients are compatible and will remain stable throughout the product's shelf life. By contrast, self-mixed alternatives have no manufacturer to hold accountable to the same strenuous requirements.
- **Materials compatibility:** Consumer products are tested to make sure that they're compatible with materials on which they are applied and safe for the environment during use and disposal. Untested homemade cleaning products may produce unintended consequences, including damage to surfaces.
- **Quality control:** Consumer products are manufactured with quality control procedures. This process assures that products have the proper ingredients in correct proportions, are free of contamination and are packaged in the intended container.
- **Emergency treatment:** The labels of most consumer products feature first aid and medical treatment information. This is not the case with unlabeled alternatives, for which proper treatment cannot be administered in an emergency, since their formulation cannot be referenced in a poison center's information system. By comparison, the formulas for consumer products are readily accessible for poison centers to view. In addition, all commercial products are clearly labeled for proper use and packaged in childproof containers where appropriate.

For more information about the benefits of commercially formulated consumer products, visit www.cspa.org.

Make the most of your decorating dollars

Short on funds? Consider these inexpensive home spruce-ups

While many housing markets across the country have seen flat or even declining real estate prices, people are spending more than ever to redecorate their homes.

In 2006, the average cost of a mid-range kitchen remodel topped $54,000, according to figures released by the National Association of Realtors. According to the National Retail Federation, furniture store sales increased throughout 2006, ending the year around 2.5 percent higher than for the same period in 2005. Top interior design firms did well in 2006, and major paint manufacturers reported sales increases throughout the year.

With remodeling price tags on the rise – and returns in increased home value declining – there are still some home remodel projects that remain a sure bet, like the kitchen, bathroom or exterior siding.

Here are some tips for getting the most out of your home redecorating budget.

- Upgrades to countertops, cabinets and flooring remain the best investment when remodeling a kitchen. Homeowners report these improvements will provide both the best return on investment at sale time, and the highest level of satisfaction while you're still living in the house.
- Paint remains one of the easiest, fastest and most cost-effective ways to create a whole new feeling in your home decor. The cost of making a bold color change is the same as the cost of simply freshening a room's existing color. A new coat of paint can serve as the foundation for a complete room remodel, or a simple, subtle change in decor.
- Wall murals continue to be a favorite decorating tool for homeowners and interior designers. Easy-to-hang wallpaper murals can serve as a focal point or an accent to a room and enhance virtually any decor. Murals often add more impact on a room for less money than alternatives like faux finishing and wallpaper.
- Bathroom redecorating always provides significant returns both in home value and homeowner satisfaction. With the trend towards spa-like baths continuing into 2007, investing in a new bathtub or shower is a great way to get the most out of your bathroom redesign. From whirlpool baths with heated jets of water to multi-head showers that massage, homeowners have a staggering array of options when it comes to upgrading their baths.

Home design and renovation experts predict Americans will continue to invest in redecorating and refurbishing their homes in 2007. With a little research and careful consideration of your budget and goals, you can ensure you get the most for your home redecorating dollars.

A wall mural is an inexpensive way to bring character to a room. A mural can be an accent or the focal point of the room.

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Annual count reflects diversity of area birds

A great-horned owl or red-tail hawk may be around town

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces participants in the recent National Audubon Great Backyard Bird Count recorded 61 species and a total of 1,838 birds, coordinators reported.

Although the huge migrations have not started yet, the count shows the diversity of birds, which do not recognize political boundaries, that breed, nest in or pass through this part of the United States.

One interesting report was that of a great-horned owl, which can measure up to two feet tall and is the only large owl with ear tufts.

Birders reported seven roadrunners, the New Mexico state bird.

The counters reported five red-tailed hawks, one of the larger hawks, and six kestrels. The count also included smaller numbers of harriers, sharp-shinned and cooper's hawks.

The area is the territory of several sparrow species, striped birds with thick, seed-cracking bills. The count included Cassin's, rufous-crowned, chipping, Brewer's, black-chinned, black-throated, Lincoln's, house and white-crowned sparrows.

The rufous-sided towhee, related to finches, is common in many states, but in this area three varieties were spotted: green-tailed, spotted and canyon, all also common in Mexico.

Many people know the brilliantly red cardinal, but they have never seen a pyrrhuloxia, a Southwest version with gray markings, and 13 were spotted in the count.

Two phainopeplas, or silky flycatchers, a sleek black species with a crest, were recorded. The phainopeplas is strictly a Southwest and Mexico bird not seen in other parts of the U.S.

Spotters reported 364 white-winged doves, consistent with the Audubon Christmas Count of 10,000 of the large doves.

The dove count also included 90 mourning doves and 44 Inca doves, both common to this area.

The Christmas count also recorded approximately 9,000 crows.

Birders in the backyard count reported a smaller number, five American crows, two Chihuahua crows, one common crow and one raven.

High numbers also were reported for lark buntings, 126; dark-eyed juncos, 131; Cassin's finches, 180; and gold finches, 123.

The rock wren, 16, and the cactus wren, nine, lead with these species, but a few house wrens and canyon wrens also were spotted.

Spotters also reported two verdins, a grey desert bird with a bright yellow face.

Robins also are showing up, and there were 12 in this count. But other thrushes that were spotted were western blue bird, Townsend's solitaire and hermit thrush.

The thrasher family was represented by eight mocking birds and 15 curve-bill thrashers, another Mexican bird.

Quails were well represented with 15 scaled and 35 Gambel's with its black head plume.

The Mesilla Valley is one of the few places where the keeled-tail grackles breed, a large black bird that likes to nest in groups and can make a mess. Birders reported 71.

A related bird, the red-wing black bird, made the count with 16, awaiting longer day hours to stir their breeding instincts to start building nests in the reeds in wetlands and irrigation drainage ditches.

Insect populations have not built up much, but six Say's phoebes, flycatchers that catch insects on the wing, were spotted.

Spotters reported eight ruby-crowned kinglets, a tiny gray bird with a ruby head streak that shows when it is excited, on its way to Canada.

Only two killdeers, a plover, were spotted, but more shore birds will be seen as the traffic picks up on this major migratory route.

About mid-way this month, the Grey Feather Lodge north of Silver City will start its Hummingbird Watch when the tiny hummingbirds start arriving after their 500-mile, non-stop flight across the Gulf of Mexico.

The Continental Divide provides a food supply for the hummingbirds with its spring wild flowers. The lodge also posts feeders, and visitors are able to watch the hummers as they pause to feed on their rapidly-beating, invisible wings.

The lodge reported visits of four common humming-

Southern New Mexico plays home to many species of birds, including this black chin hummingbird. Each year at Black Feathers Lodge, north of Silver City, hummingbird fans gather to observe and interact with the birds as they migrate through the area.

birds. The most common varieties in New Mexico are the rufous, black-chin, broad-tail and calliope.

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This elegant entrée created by Marc Orfaly of Pigalle Restaurant in Boston is deceptively easy to make and is a good example of what the judges are looking for in the 2007 "Near East Share Your Savvy Creations" Recipe Contest.

Pigalle's Cod With Harissa Couscous

Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 15 minutes
Standing Time: 5 minutes

1 pound cod or halibut fillets (about 3/4 inch thick)
1 medium lemon
1-1/4 cups chicken OR vegetable broth
1 package (5.8 oz.) NEAR EAST Roasted Garlic & Olive Oil Couscous*
3 tablespoons currants
2 tablespoons butter
1 to 2 teaspoons Harissa, or Asian red chili paste
2 tablespoons chopped tomato

Place fish fillets on greased rack of broiler pan. Squeeze juice of lemon over fish.

Broil 4 inches from heat source until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, about 6 to 8 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, if desired.

Meanwhile, in medium saucepan, combine broth, spice sack from package, currants, butter and Harissa. Bring to a boil; whisk to blend. Stir in couscous. Cover; remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in tomato.

Garnish fish with finely shredded lemon peel, if desired. Serve fish with couscous.

Serves four.

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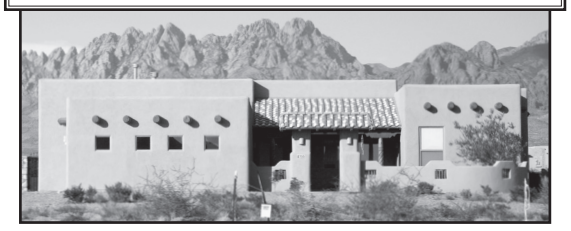

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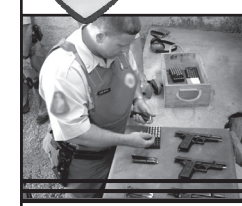

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St. Patrick's Day with an O'Mexicano twist

Add some chile heat when you celebrate the luck of the Irish this year

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There's still plenty of time to decide what green clothing you'll sport for St. Patrick's Day on March 17. It's the luck of the Irish that it falls on a Saturday, too. St. Patrick's Day parties aren't just for the Irish but are also perfect for those who love to throw theme parties. This year, add chile heat to the corned beef (suggested recipes below), and check out St. Patrick's Party Guide at party411.com. The site includes St. Pat's history, ideas for a Go Green Pub Party, games and other bits of blarney.

St. Paddy's Corned Beef with Pepper-Apricot Glaze

2-1/2 to 3-1/2-pounds boneless corned beef brisket
Glaze:
1/4 cup apricot preserves
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper

Place corned beef brisket in stockpot; add water to cover. Bring just to a simmer; do not boil. Cover tightly and simmer 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours or until fork-tender. Mix glaze ingredients in a 1-cup glass measure. Microwave on high 2 to 3 minutes, stirring once.

Remove brisket and trim fat. Place on brisket rack in broiler pan so surface of beef is three or four inches from heat. Brush top of brisket with glaze; broil 2 to 3 minutes or until glazed. Carve diagonally across the grain. Serves 6 to 8.

Corned Beef, Potato & Pepper Hash

12 ounces cooked corned beef, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 pound baking potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
1 chopped red, yellow or green bell pepper
1/4 cup whole milk or half-and-half
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
3 tablespoons dry white wine
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
Salt and pepper, as desired

Bring water to a boil in large saucepan; add potatoes and salt. Return to a boil and cook 5 minutes; drain well. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; add onion and bell pepper. Cook 2 minutes or until crisp-tender, stirring occasionally and remove to a large bowl. Add beef, potatoes, milk and parsley to onion mixture; mix lightly. Combine wine and mustard; add to beef mixture and mix well.

Wipe out skillet with paper towel; heat over medium heat until hot. Add remaining butter. Add beef mixture, pressing down firmly. Cook 15 minutes or until browned, turning with flat spatula several times. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serves 4 .

Pot o' Gold Corned Beef with Ancho Sauce

Ancho Sauce
4 to 5 dried ancho chiles
3 cloves garlic, peeled

Prepare the sauce by removing the stems and seeds from dried ancho chiles. Place in a bowl and cover with very hot water. Soak for 1 hour. With tongs, remove the soaked chiles to the bowl of a food processor and add the garlic cloves. Puree until smooth. If too stiff to puree, add a little of the soaking liquid.

Shamrock Corned Beef Reuben Dip served in a plastic green derby hat with a side of rye bread is sure to please all the leprechauns in your life!

1 brisket or corned beef, 3 to 4 pounds
1 onion, peeled and chopped
Water to cover, use the soaking liquid
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon Mexican oregano
3-4 carrots, peeled, and cut into 1 inch-pieces
4 boiling potatoes, peeled and cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
Cabbage, washed and cut into wedges

Soak corned beef in cold water for 1 hour to help remove some of the salt. Put the meat in a large soup pot and add the ancho sauce, black pepper, soaking liquid, onions and any additional water to cover. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to a simmer and cover. Cook gently until brisket is fork tender, approximately 1-1/2 hours. Taste the sauce and adjust seasonings, if desired. Add the cabbage and cook for 5 to 10 minutes until fork tender. Serve with warm tortillas. Makes between 6 and 8 servings.

Shamrock Corned Beef Reuben Dip

6 ounces cooked corned beef brisket or deli corned beef, finely chopped (about 1-1/3 cups)
3/4 cup drained sauerkraut with caraway seeds
3/4 cup mayonnaise
1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons shredded Swiss cheese, divided
1/3 cup prepared Thousand Island dressing
2 tablespoons prepared horseradish
1/8 teaspoon ground New Mexico red pepper
Chopped green onions or fresh parsley (optional)

Pita chips, whole-grain crackers, rye crackers or rye cocktail bread.

Heat oven to 425 degrees F. Combine corned beef brisket, sauerkraut, mayonnaise, 1/3 cup cheese, dressing, horseradish and ground red pepper in small bowl. Spread evenly into 9-inch pie plate. Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons cheese. Bake 9 to 12 minutes or until heated through and bubbly. Garnish with green onions, if desired. Serve with pita chips, crackers or cocktail bread. Makes 20 appetizer servings or about 2 tablespoons each.

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2 cups carrots, peeled and sliced
2 cups leeks or onions, diced
1 cup parsnips, peeled and diced
1 cup sweet rutabaga, peeled and diced
2 cups green cabbage, shredded
1 cup barley
1/2 teaspoon dried red chile peppers, crushed
1 tablespoon paprika
1 (46-ounce) can tomato juice
1/2 cup brandy or Irish
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon veggie broth, water, your choice

Heat sautéing liquid in a large pan then add leeks and barley. Sauté until leeks soften, then add tomato juice. Stir and bring to a boil. Add remaining ingredients except brandy and salt. Cover; lower heat to a simmer. Cook until vegetables are tender, about 30 to 40 minutes. Add brandy and salt to taste. Serve with mashed potatoes underscored with garlic. Makes 4 to 6 generous servings.

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Food fantasy contest helps market pecans

Recipes demonstrate innovative uses for Las Cruces' favorite nut

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With pecan harvests in the millions of pounds, growers have to find innovative ways of marketing them, and that is one reason for the Western Pecan Growers Association Food Fantasy recipe contest that was held with their annual convention here.

As a measure of the kind of volume the pecan growers have to market, the New Mexico 2005 production was 65 million pounds, a record.

"The purpose of the Food Fantasy is to promote the use of pecans through the use of recipes other than something like the traditional pecan pies," coordinator Karin Davidson said.

"The Food Fantasy is a wonderful way to promote the use of pecan through recipes," Doña Ana County Extension nutritionist and coordinator Karim Martinez said.

San Saba Pecans, a Las Cruces cracking plant, also donated more than 80 pounds of pecan to high school and middle school culinary arts classes to encourage youths to enter the Junior Division.

The prizes were:

First Places, $40; Outstanding Adult, $200; Outstanding Junior, $100; Leigh Fox Fletcher Adult Best Traditional Pecan Pie, $250; Marge B. Fletcher Junior Best Traditional Pecan Pie, $250; and Second Best Traditional Pecan Pie, Adult and Junior, $50.

Bertha Tangonan won the Traditional Pecan Pie first place again and second place. Christine Melendez won third in that category.

Pecan Pie winners in the Junior Division, in order of placing were, Trey Marable, Heather Salopek and Lauren Wolf.

Other top adult winners, in order of placing, were:

Appetizers – Virginia Lee, cheddar pecan chips; Christine Melendez, pecan cheese ball; Stacy Pasua, three-layer cheese spread.

Quick Breads – Bertha Tangonan, cheese loaf; Sabrina Bazan, banana nut bread; Samantha Moyer, apple pie muffins.

Yeast Rolls – Peggy Ann Nelson, orange pecan rolls; Fred Seybert III, pecan caramel sweet rolls; Bertha Tangonan, yeast rolls.

Yeast Breads – Bertha Tangonan, bear bread, first.

Iced Cakes – Bertha Tangonan, angel pecan log, first and Outstanding Adult; Lorry A. Valles, pecan cinnamon chocolate cake; Samantha Moyer, coffee pecan torte.

Un-Iced Cakes – Cathy Stanley, whiskey glazed pecan cake; Virginia Lee, praline topped apple butter cake; Lucy Montoya, rum cake.

Candy – Iliana Werge, chocolate pecan candy; Cathy Stanley, pecan bourbon balls; Virginia Lee, pecan caramel clusters.

Drop Cookies – Virginia Lee, chocolate covered marshmallow; Lucy Montoya, caramel pecan turtles; Anna Montaña, banana pecan.

Bertha Tangonan created the award winning pie recipe at right.

Bertha Tangonan's award-winning traditional pecan pie

1 1/4 cups of pecans
2 eggs
1/4 cup dark syrup
3/4 cup light syrup
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 pie pastry

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread pecans in an unbaked nine-inch pie shell. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. Use extra pecan halves for decoration. Bake for one hour.

Bar or Pie Cookies – Lucy Montoya, pecan wedges; Fred Seybert III, tartlets; Christine Melendez, mini pecan cups.

Other Cookies – Julia Lopez Seybert, pecan bark; Virginia Lee, mocha pecan butter balls; Iliana Werge, sugar pecan cookies.

Other Pies – Charity Heerema, cranberry pecan pie; Brenda Wenzel, pecan-topped red chile pumpkin pie; Virginia Lee, coffee lovers.

Cheese Cake – Samantha Moyer, first; Virginia Lee, second.

Unusual Deserts – Lynn Linde, grench apple-pecan phyllo tart; Marjorie Moeser, pecan'n grape tart.

Bread Machine – Samantha Moyer, cappuccino chip bread, and Virginia Lee, Southwest bread, both first.

On the Lighter Side – Caroline Degman, sugar-free pecan pie; Virginia Lee, pumpkin pecan dessert; Richard A. Wilson, spiced pecans.

Junior top winners, in order of placing, were:

Appetizers – Jesus Carranza, mozzerella stuffed chicken breast; Aaron Richardson, pineapples with fruit, and Mary Martinez, pecan jalapeño kickers, both second; Melanie Guadian, pecan salad.

Quick Breads – Rudy Chavez, zucchini-nut breads; Gabriel Vega, lemonade nut bread; Jamie Thompson, banana pecan pineapple muffins.

Yeast Rolls – Halee Nelson, butterscotch bubble loaf; Megan Tankesly, cinnamon stick buns; Fernando De La Rosa, maple pecan bun.

Yeast Breads – Sierra Salopek, potica pecan bread, first.

Iced Cakes – Stephanie Hain, carrot cake; Vianka Gomez, raspberry layer cake; Derek Davidson, chocolate pecan with caramel topping.

Un-Iced Cakes – Leah Hollars, orange pecan pie; Catilyn Salopek, rum cake; Marcellus Andry, chocolate truffle cake.

Candy – Matthew Armijo, pecan snickers fudge; Heather Salopek, pecan brittle; Elija DiDiz, candied pecans.

Drop Cookies – Ashley Garcia, carrot cookies; Samantha Moyer, vanilla latte cookies; Maria Stout, white chocolate chip.

Bar or Pie Cookies – Trey Marable, pumpkin white chip pecan bar; Haylee Salopek, chocolate bar cookies; Joseph Valdez, chocolate pie cookies.

Other Cookies - Gerardo Gonzalez, biscochitos; Samantha Moyer, mocha truffle cookies; Hannah Harris, pecan cookies.

Other Pies – Core Britton, chocolate pecan tart; Thelma Witt, non-traditional pecan pie; Angel Lujan, cream cheese pecan pie.

Unusual Desserts – Patricia Barela, pecan pumpkin roll, first and Outstanding Junior; Aaron Ricardson, fruit pizza; Erin Avilucea, filled cheese muffin shells.

Bread Machine – Juan Barela, cherry and pecan bread.

On the Lighter Side – Katie Gutierrez, Santa Fe ranch salad, first.

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