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No more interim for Rounds

School board may hire superintendent on permanent basis



ROUNDS

Stan Rounds needs new business cards.

On Tuesday, June 5, the Las Cruces Board of Education voted to remove the word "interim" from his title and promoted him to superintendent of the Las Cruces Public Schools.

The action, taken during the school board's regular meeting, followed an earlier closed executive session to discuss Rounds' job performance. He was hired as interim superintendent on Feb. 26.

"This is a promotion of sorts," said Bonnie Votaw, school board president. Her comments were followed by applause and handshakes. Rounds' cheerfully reacted to the change in assignment by promptly stating, "I accept."

If progress continues to be made, Votaw said later, the board would likely drop its original plan of searching for another superintendent.

"Our original thought was to immediately gain stability for the school district," Votaw said. "We've seen that happen, and (Rounds) has been instrumental in making that change."

"If progress continues, I don't see the need to conduct a superintendent search."

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State Rep. Joni Gutierrez, who sponsored a new law to keep gift cards from losing their value over time, thinks about what she wants to buy with this gift card, which was purchased before the new law takes effect July 1.

TODD DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

New state laws begin

Most bills signed by governor go into force June 15 and July 1

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Most of the new legislation approved from the last session by Gov. Bill Richardson will go into effect on June 15 and the others July 1.

For example, a statewide ban against indoor public smoking begins June 15. Meanwhile, state health officials are preparing to respond by July 1 to the new state law allowing marijuana use for medical purposes.

Cockfighting becomes illegal on June 15, while expiration and discounting limits to gift cards issued by stores can't be enforced until July 1.

State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana, has long attempted to get the statewide cockfighting ban passed. But it took Richardson's run for president to put enough pressure on state lawmakers to pass the ban, leaving Louisiana to be the last state in the union to allow the breeding and fighting of roosters for entertainment and illegal betting.

While cockfighting had previously been made illegal in Doña Ana County, the breeding of fighting roosters was permitted.

Neighboring Otero County's laws were the opposite – allowing cockfighting, but not the breeding. So, cockfighting roosters were bred in Doña Ana County, and the fights were held on the other side of the county line in Chaparral.

Garcia said she has personally only heard from one breeder upset about the ban. She responded he could still take his birds to Louisiana – or closer by going into Mexico.

Cockfighting enthusiasts have called the law unenforceable, but Garcia said she has received assurances from state and county law enforcement agencies that they are ready to enforce the law, which makes it a misdemeanor offense on the first two citations and a felony charge on the third. Part of the compromise to get the law passed was to not include punishment for spectators, according to Garcia.

Besides Richardson's call for the cockfighting ban, Garcia also had celebrity support. Actress Ali MacGraw made public appeals of support for the ban.

Also on the animal protection front, Garcia also succeed, in getting legislation passed to create a state board overseeing

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New state laws

Beginning June 15:

- The Dee Johnson Clean Indoor Air Act banning smoking in public places
- Cockfighting becomes an illegal sport
- Board to be formed to oversee animal shelters
- Gifts to lawmakers restricted

Beginning July 1

- Gift cards can't expire for five years or be reduced in value
- Consumer payment history with public utilities kept private
- A gross receipts tax exemption for the Pan American Center at New Mexico State University on its non-athletic events.
- Veterans will get free access to the state's parks and museums
- The Surface Owners Protection Act protects farmers and ranchers from losing their surface rights if valuable oil, gas or mineral resources are found underground

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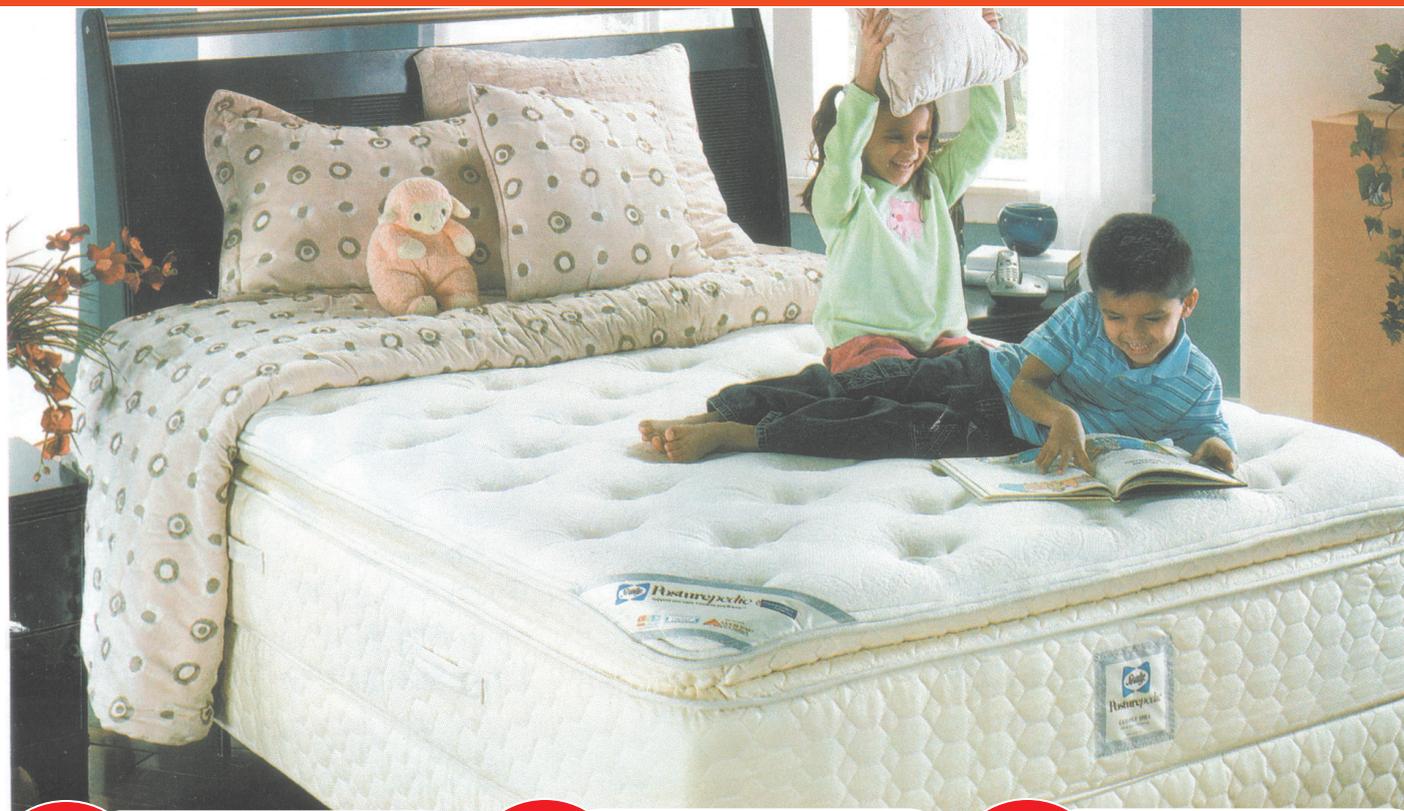
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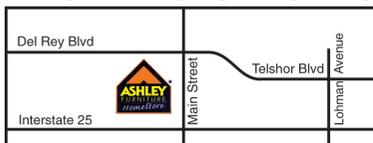
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Rounds

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Rounds' salary remains at \$130,000 and his benefits were also unchanged with the exception of an additional five vacation days each year, said board Vice President Connie Phillips.

The length of the contract also did not change. Initially, Rounds was hired to head up the school system for a minimum period of 12 months.

Votaw said the board will meet with Rounds by next fall to determine district goals and a formal evaluation of his performance would be conducted by March 2008.

Board member Leonel Briseño voted against the change in title. He explained that although he supports Rounds as superintendent, the board had previously decided not to allow interim superintendent applicants to apply for the permanent position. Briseño said other individuals could have applied had this criteria not been imposed during the interim superintendent search. Briseño reiterated that Rounds is doing a good job for the school district.

Following the vote to change the job title, Briseño walked over to Rounds to congratulate him and to shake his hand.

Rounds was selected for the interim position because he is very experienced in the New Mexico public school system — both as an associate state superintendent for finance and past superintendents of districts in Alamogordo and Hobbs.

During his 10 years in Hobbs, the district made significant academic progress improvements, which Rounds attributes to raising expectations backed with resources.



Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace and Stan Rounds

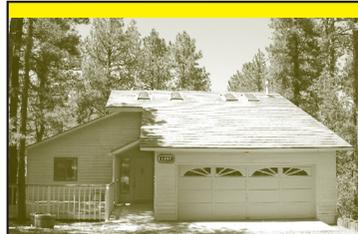
RESERVOIR UPDATE

An accelerated Elephant Butte Irrigation District water order rate last week has drawn the Caballo Reservoir down 10,641 acre-feet, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso District, reservoir advisory.

The bureau has increased the release rate at Caballo, the lower reservoir, to 1,650 cubic-feet per second, more that double the release rate the previous week. That leaves the Caballo storage at 61,690 acre-feet, or 27 percent of a full reservoir.

The mountain snow pack runoff has peaked out. But the inflow into Elephant Butte, the upper reservoir, is 1,995 cubic-feet per second, 61 percent of normal for this time of year, compared with 2,945 cubic-feet per second the previous week, the bureau reported.

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That effort resulted in the district going from a small minority of students in advanced education placement programs to a majority of students, many of them from minority populations.

Rounds also has been the superintendent of Des Moines Municipal Schools in Des Moines, N.M., and the Legislative Education Study Committee's financial analyst.

Since being hired for the interim position in Las Cruces, Rounds has been focused on putting the district's finances back on track to avoid a possible future budgetary shortfall.

Rounds, a native New Mexican, began his career in education as an algebra teacher and coach.

Stan Rounds addresses budget items at a planning meeting in April.



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Searching for the perfect golf shot

Surely a weekend of golf instruction could help me hit that little white ball

BY DAVID E. McCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With summer golf events already well under way, I decided that it was time to get serious about my golf game. To my good fortune, Dr. Charlie Blanchard and former NMSU golf coach Herb Wimberly had set up one of their Performance Golf Schools last weekend at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. I signed up and was confident that with the PGS instruction, I could soon be challenging par at any course in Las Cruces. With a weather forecast of two calm days of bright sunshine, I was ready to go.



McCOLLUM

Promptly at 8 a.m. Saturday I showed up for the opening session with all the proper tools – soft-spike Foot-Joy golf shoes, Burger Time golf shirt, Bulletin golf cap, my five-year-old, but relatively unused, set of customized Ping I-2 golf clubs and a couple dozen miscellaneous balls, most of which had been found earlier this spring while tromping through the rough, searching for my own wayward balls.

My “classmates” included a couple of high school golfers, an aspiring NMSU Aggie golfer, a stockbroker, a physician, a couple of engineers, a business owner, a retiree, a community volunteer and an auto mechanic. Ages ranged from the teens to the mid-60s. Skill levels ranged from beginners to low-handicappers. My personal skill assessment put me solidly into the high-handicapper, novice category.

According to Dr. Blanchard, the comprehensive, two-day school is designed for golfers of any age, gender or skill level. The emphasis of the school is to encourage people to have fun playing golf. The theory is that you can have fun if you have a fundamentally sound golf swing, know the rules of golf and maintain a positive mental attitude. The “classroom” portion of the school was presented by Coach Wimberly, who discussed and demonstrated his “one swing” theory. As I watched him hit dozens of perfect shots, I began to think how easy it will be for me to replicate his shot making. However, when it was my turn to hit the ball, it became clear very quickly that my body and golf equipment did not function in the same manner as Coach Wimberly’s. There are about 100 things that can go wrong in a golf swing. Apparently, the only thing about my swing that was worth saving was my grip.

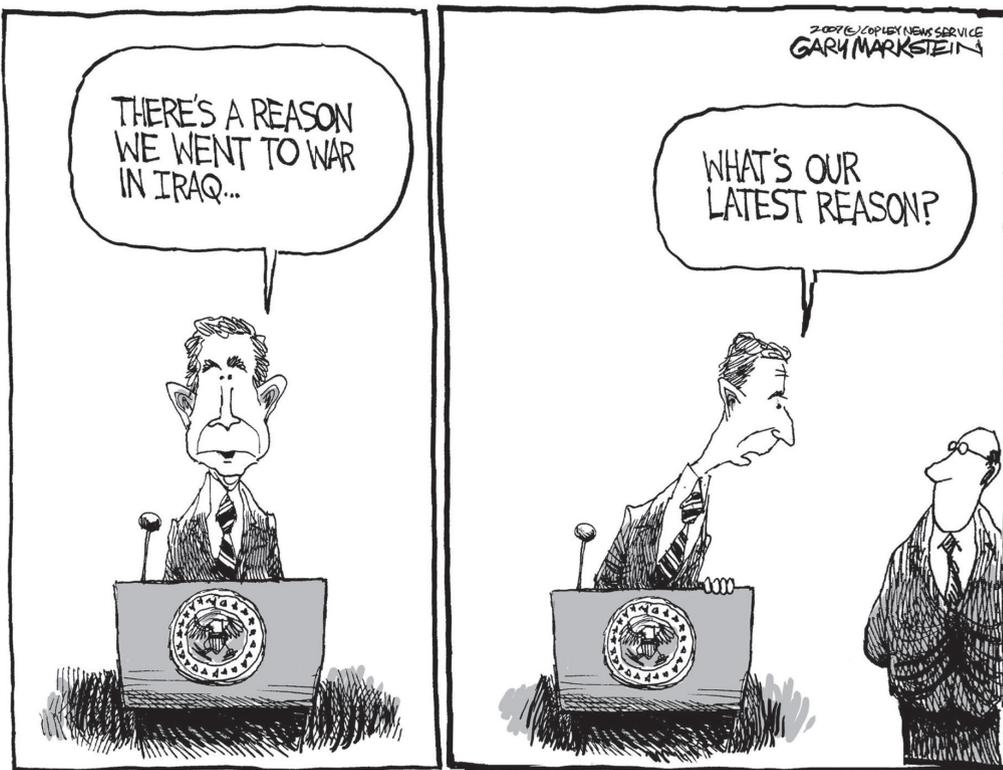
On the driving range I was sandwiched between two of the younger male participants. I tried to ignore them. However, I could not escape the Fourth-of-July-like sounds of “whoossshh-crack” as they attacked and smashed their golf balls with ferocious 125 miles per hour swings, propelling their shots 300 yards or more into the horizon. Later, I was doing just fine and was admiring one of my finest 150-yard five iron shots into the center of the range, when I noticed that one of the other participants, a petite 5’0” 95-pound young lady was consistently rifling her five iron 30 or more yards past my best shots. Fortunately, each of us who were not perfect ball-strikers were given plenty of attention and a list of things we each needed to think about as we practiced.

After the morning of instruction and practice, we were divided up into groups and played a 9-hole scramble. This is where Dr. Blanchard’s expertise in sports psychology was applied. We were regularly reminded that golf is just a game and that we were there to have fun. The scramble format was a good experience because the big hitters were not always the ones who were “scoring.” At least once during the round each person was able to contribute the best shot. Everyone felt pretty good about themselves by the end of the day.

The second day was similar to the first. We learned how to hit out of sand and high grass. We fine-tuned our “one swing” fundamentals. We hit more practice shots and played another scramble. We had plenty of positive reinforcement from our “professors.”

I am certain I hit more golf shots last weekend than I have hit cumulatively over the past three years. My golf game has improved, although I am not yet ready to threaten par on a regular basis. The good thing is that we had fun.

Isn’t that what golf is all about?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Council should do homework

I am really tired of the city council deciding the fate of our fair city. First they chase Starchaser out of town, then they say that they support the space industry. The only positive aspect of the Waterfalls development would be the proposed run-off pond. The reason for the need for a run off pond? Some brilliant entity – probably given the “OK” by city council without any investigation as to what would be done in the area for drainage – built a road (chip and seal) over a naturally existing arroyo. But at least they put a ditch on the side for extra run off. Two years ago they improved the paving of Reynolds Drive and put in sidewalks with little or far-between drainage. Course, now all these people are in a flood zone. Thanks again city council for not doing your homework and making sure the contractors developed the area properly. But that’s OK, I am sure they paid top dollar or bid the lowest.

Our owners association voiced concerns over the high-density population expected in the new Waterfalls area. The response from the council was that it has to be that way in order to be “affordable.” Oh great, so we get blessed with the low-income area that the council members do not want near their own homes. Instead of making this city a well planned, desirable area, they are holding their hands out for quick cash. Thanks for thinking about our city, city council.

See, most of the people in the Hacienda Acres area bought their homes to maintain a semi-rural life style. There are horses,

pigs, cows, chickens, ostriches ... etc. We love our rural area. Now we will be sandwiched in between urban areas. Ken Thurston’s response to concerns of horse owners was that it will depend on the city. Talk about passing the buck. If I could afford to buy some land within this area, I would donate it to the city for public use (aka horses and bicyclists). But, I’m not a rich developer and builder like Ken Thurston, so I can’t. It is easily foreseeable that the council will change the zoning to oust the stock animals in the area – to the highest bidder. Not only that, but the wildlife too will be frightened out. And of course, there is the low-income, affordable situation, which will basically devalue our homes and lifestyle.

When I moved here, I foresaw a nice semi-rural area developing to the east of us similar to Sandia Heights in Albuquerque. Au contraire. Don’t these money hungry developers realize that the mountain area is the desirable area? That low-income housing should be closer to Downtown where people can access stores, hospitals, college campus, businesses and government offices easily. It is clear that they are money hungry. But apparently not using a full deck.

Oh and one other note. The horribly ill-informed council seems to think that Hacienda residents will want to take advantage of city water being available to the Waterfalls area ... and therefore Hacienda Acres – Uh – I don’t think so. High arsenic and higher water and sewage costs, not to mention the cost of removing my septic tank and paying for pipelines onto my property are not on my agenda. Thanks again, but no thanks.

JULIE LOWE-SANCHEZ

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Shadow of World War II still lingers in Europe

Anniversary of D-Day not celebrated by many

June 6 marked the 63rd anniversary of the Allied invasion of Normandy. This year is special because it offers some hope that the new leaders of France, England and Germany are ready to begin working cooperatively for the first time in their history.

It is a sign that Europe is moving on and that Germany is finally being treated as a good neighbor and ally after all these years. For 60 years, bad feelings flared often.

It has been hard for many to put aside the atrocities of Hitler's war machine. In 1994, Chancellor Helmut Kohl took offense at the Allied power's refusal to invite him to the 50th anniversary of D-Day even though he had strongly promoted French-German reconciliation.

For all these years, the fact that Germany started the war made it difficult to mourn German war deaths or seek justice for ethnic Germans kicked out of eastern Europe at the end of the war.

And of course, Germans could hardly decry the destruction of their cities by Allied bombing without being reminded that the bombing of cities was begun by Hitler.

While traveling through Germany a few years ago, I was struck by how sensitive Germans are about any

display of patriotism for fear they would appear to their neighbors and to Americans as militaristic.

They also wanted to explain that although the rest of the world still can't understand how a civilized people could let their leaders do the things they did, it seemed a logical progression of events at the time.

First Germans were led to fear the communists, then the Jews, gypsies and gays. When these people were rounded up and sent to Nazi prison camps, Germans were told it was because they were criminals and security risks.

It was something the United States also did during the war when we sent residents of German, Japanese and Italian descent to camps for the duration of the war.

Of course, we didn't kill 6 million of them. The Germans I spoke with said they didn't ask what was going on in the camps because the country was at war and it was a matter of national security.

We were in Belgium on Armistice Day that year, enjoying the parades, speeches and decorations. American flags were everywhere, and the famous Mannekin Pis statue in Brussels was outfitted in an American Legion uniform.

I asked our German guide what was going on back in

Germany that day and was told it was just another day.

The lessons of the World Wars have created a deep streak of pacifism among most Germans, just as it has among the Japanese. It has made Germany one of the most outspoken opponents of the war in Iraq.

German leaders say they understand that dictators must be dealt with, but they also know what bombing, destruction and the loss of one's home mean for people. They argue that Germany owes it to history to stress the alternatives to war.

With Memorial Day, Flag Day and the 4th of July occurring within a five week period, D-Day doesn't get much of an observance, except on 10th anniversaries. But it is an important day, marking the beginning of the end of World War II. It doesn't get much recognition in the United States and not much recognition in England either.

A few years ago, my wife and I were in Dover, England, on June 6. A bus driver told us that on a clear day we would be able to see Normandy across the English Channel, but I had to remind him what was going on that day 58 years earlier.

Gen. Eisenhower knew what a huge gamble the invasion was. The tides had to be just right, and the weather wasn't cooperating. The night before the invasion he wrote a press release announcing the calamity and taking full responsibility for the disaster.

Fortunately he didn't have to issue that grim apology. But it was nice to know we had a leader with the strength of character to shoulder responsibility rather than explain that "mistakes were made."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Country Club could become the city's premier park

One way to get started on better urban planning in this city is to transform the beautiful Las Cruces Country Club grounds into a premier park. The developer is willing to swap land, so surely the city can find a way to facilitate that kind of arrangement. The city is also in need of more recreational areas (baseball and soccer fields for example) and the country club land is a perfect location.

I hope, the mayor and council will take the initiative and make this project a reality. Certainly, the agreement between Mr. Philippou and the country club should not be affected, but given that Mr. Philippou's group has indicated that they would consider donating "part" of the land or would consider an even-up swap with the city or a land swap with a cash settlement, the city needs to act on those possibilities. Our state Rep. Jeff Steinborn has also promised to work to get matching funds from the state. This project could be a substantial addition to the beauty and attractiveness of our city.

SHARON THOMAS

Do the land swap

It would be a shame to develop this golf course (Country Club) landmark just for the sake of development at the gateway of our city. Many other long-time citizens want to see the golf course stay, so if you want to help your city look attractive, do everything possible to make this "land swap" a priority item.

CONNIE SHARPE

Acquire Country Club

An important issue for all residents of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County and surrounding areas: The acquisition of the area currently known as "Las Cruces Country Club" and subsequent use of this green space by one and all.

Looking at what public parks are used most by friends, family and myself there are less than five larger than the neighborhood "pocket" parks. The existing parks (Young, Pioneer, Apodaca and Veteran's Memorial to name a few) are limited in their individual sizes.

The 110 acres that is the "Country Club" is beautiful green space with over 1,000 mature green trees, two existing one-acre ponds, its own supply of underground water and a paved winding trail, currently used for golf carts. The uses for this land could be unending and ever changing.

Said land abuts to Apodaca Park and together would be over 160 acres of green space, easily accessed by all.

When I moved to Las Cruces, from the Midwest, one concern was green space for my children to play. My family has and continues to enjoy the existing parks listed above. As Las Cruces and Doña Ana County continue to

grow, the need for publicly accessible green space also continues to grow.

There have and will be an unending amount of suggestions for use for this land. The city-county can dictate the use.

Please, for the benefit of all area residents, do all in your power to see that one of the few remaining beautiful green spaces is saved! The benefits will be exponential!

KATHRYN ANN KIRKER

De-authorize the war

Our Congress must end this war before they go home for the spring break. Not even hard. They started it by authorizing it. They can stop it by de-authorizing it. If all those good Republicans who voted for it claim they were misled, now they can easily and legally correct that and bring all our troops home now. That will stop the drain on our economy because 100,000 contractors will lose their jobs. All of them.

Only the Congress can end the war. This is an action that the president can't veto. Do it now.

I will never vote for any member of Congress who does not actively seek this action and vote for it.

Now.

PATTI GRAFF

Wilderness agreement a step forward

The agreement over the proposed Doña Ana wilderness areas is a big step forward for all New Mexicans (Hunting, outdoor groups compromise on wilderness plans, May 25). Hunters and conservationists want the same thing – to enjoy nature. By reaching compromises on the small differences between the two groups, both have a greater chance of that nature actually being there to enjoy in the years to come. And the natural beauty and wonder of New Mexico is something no one should have to compromise.

MARY RIES

Agreement needs support

As a hunter, I was particularly happy to hear a compromise was reached on a proposal for wilderness areas in Doña Ana County (Hunting, outdoor groups compromise on wilderness plans, May 25). We have magnificent natural areas that deserve to be protected, but as hunters we also know they need to be enjoyed.

Greater access to the proposed wilderness areas will allow hunters – not to mention campers, hikers, horseback riders, families and explorers – to experience some of the best natural landscapes New Mexico has to offer.

With the new and growing support for wilderness protection, it's now up to Senator Domenici to take the lead and introduce wilderness legislation that would keep the area in its natural state. Senator Domenici understands hunting, and I have high hopes he will help us leave a legacy for future hunters and everyone else who treasures this wild land. And let's face it, if we don't get it done now, it will definitely be too late in the very near future. We have the Spaceport, we have the new annexations, we need these wilderness areas to keep this a balanced community, economically as well as environmentally.

Every registered voter needs to contact their elected officials, city, county, state and federal, to show support for this most important effort. I'm sure that someone could come up with a list of phone numbers and addresses to help make it easy for everyone to do this.

MARK ROZMAN

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Cows and goats

Vicki asked if I'd ever run any goats. None, I said. We don't have the right fence. Matter of fact, in Arizona we work on one of the lower investment management principles, the "illusion of a fence."

It seems to work good on my cows. I inherited lots of old fence and corrals along with the cows I bought. Cows walk up to a two-strand bob wire fence with one willer stay and then confer, "Whoa back, Bessie, I believe this is our perimeter. We can not advance further!"

"What ya mean we can't advance fur-

ther! We could walk under that water gap carrying the Mexican flag and juggling avocados."

"No, no Bessie, not here in Arizona. If it looks like a fence, it is one. Therefore, we can't go through it."

"Well, if you say so, but back in Wyoming, this here fence wouldn't even cause a bevy of tumbleweeds to break their step!"

If a goat were overhearing this conversation, he would be dumbfounded! In San Angelo, Texas, the country is covered with miles and miles of net-wire fence. It's tight, with good posts and is



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well maintained. It is necessary because as they say, "A goat can go anywhere coal oil can!"

I guess my cows lack ingenuity. They will eat mesquite beans out of a tree head high, but no higher. A goat will stand on his hind legs and graze. I can't ever remember my cows standing upright or even placing their front feet on the cow in front of them to reach higher. You'd have thought that somewhere in the evolution of the cow, a bull in breeding season would have noticed that there are times in his daily routine when he is actually three feet taller! But apparently he's too occupied to look around.

Now that I'm thinking about it, why not therapeutic high-heeled insteps for cows! Each hoof could be fitted with three to four inch cloven cow shoes. It would

increase their available mesquite bean forage by four feet.

I discussed this with a group of local goats who agreed on the cows' inability to improvise. "They are so bovine, so dense, so plodding," said the Secretary of Goats. "They are stopped by chicken wire and ocotillo sticks. I've never seen anything like it. My gosh, they don't even have prehensile lips!"

"... And about your idea of wearing artificial shoes to make cows taller, don't even think about it for us. Before we'd wear special goat shoes, we'd learn to climb trees, develop the opposable thumb and become computer literate. We could do it too! Lesser species of animals have. Just look at you!"

I stared back at the goat, overwhelmed by his logic. Switched my cud to the other side and commenced to meditate.

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Military academy nominees to be honored at reception

Saturday, June 9, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will host a special reception for students in the Second District who received nominations and have been accepted to U.S. military academies. The event will take place at Lorenzo's Avanti, 3961 E.Lohman Ave., from noon to 2 p.m.

"These young people have answered one of our country's highest callings for public service," Pearce said. "This event is a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude as they join one of the finest institutions in the world."

The featured speaker will be James B. Williams, a member of the celebrated Tuskegee Airmen. Serving during World War II, the Tuskegee Airmen became the first African-American pilots to fly for the U.S. military. During his service, Williams strongly advocated for racial equality and worked to end segregation. Recently, Williams, along with his fellow Tuskegee Airmen, received the Congressional Gold Medal in a Capitol ceremony. "It will be an honor to have a man of such distinguished service with us at the event," Pearce said. "Dr. Williams is an influential example for the next generation. His commitment and dedication to America should be an inspiration to the young men and women heading into our military academies."

Pearce will give brief remarks to the future cadets and participate in the reception to follow immediately.



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Construction under way at elementary schools

Open houses will be scheduled when improvements are finished

Construction projects funded entirely with money from school bond funds approved by Las Cruces voters are under way at two of the oldest school buildings in Las Cruces: Booker T. Washington and Valley View elementary schools.

Both schools present challenges to contractors because they are land-locked. And, while builders hope to expedite work at Valley View Elementary during the summer break, there is a shorter intersession at Booker T. Washington Elementary because it is one of the district's two year-round schools.

The three-phase, \$2.1 million project at Booker T. Washington Elementary, 755 E. Chestnut St., began July 29 and is scheduled to be completed in October, said Richard Haas of Studio D Architects of Las Cruces, lead architect on both projects.

The project expands the school, built in 1948, into the parking lot on the west side of the building. Work couldn't begin until a new parking lot was constructed on the other side of the school. A new

multi-purpose room is being built, and the old one will be turned into a new library for the school. The old library will be converted into two classrooms. The kitchen also will be reconfigured so that the serving line opens into the new multi-purpose room.

Construction is being done by Warren Construction of Las Cruces.

"Right now, we are not feeling the construction because it is all outside," said Booker T. Washington Elementary Principal Teresa Romano.

"It will be an exciting day when the construction is complete and our students can utilize the new facilities. The multi-purpose room will be utilized for physical education, lunch and assemblies. Currently, our coach uses a small classroom when we have bad weather. He is looking forward to conducting his classes in the multi-purpose room, where there will be sufficient space. Our new library will be up to standards, having the sufficient space required. When completed, we will have an open house to allow the community to see our new facilities," Romano said.

“ Right now, we are not feeling the construction because it is all outside. ”

TERESA ROMANO,
Booker T. Washington
Elementary School principal



Renovation work at Valley View Elementary School includes a larger kitchen.

The \$3.8 million project at Valley View Elementary, 915 E. California Ave., began in January and is expected to take about 18 months, Haas said.

Like the project at Booker T. Washington Elementary, the work at Valley View will result in a complete renovation of the school's multi-purpose room, with new retractable bleachers and basketball goals.

The work, on the east side of Valley View, also will include renovation of all existing classrooms, including the replacement of a number of windows with more energy-efficient models and a renovation and enlargement of the kitchen. The school also will get a new roof. Valley View Elementary was built in 1954.

The work at Valley View is being done by Wooten Construction of Las Cruces.

"We were flexible and creative (in dealing with the construction)," said Valley View Elementary Principal Jamie Jones. After spring break, staff and students ate lunch at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral (IHM) across the street from Valley View Elementary. "Our cafeteria staff shared space at Central Elementary

to prepare the food, then transported it to IHM," she said.

"The construction workers are very kind and very considerate of the students. We just watched for detours as the construction moved, and we rerouted traffic as we needed to. The third grade had to move out in January to portables (three classes), and we moved other people around. Teachers in our middle wing had four days during the last week of school to pack everything because construction began on that wing the day after school was out," said

“ We were flexible and creative. Our cafeteria staff shared space at Central Elementary. ”

JAMIE JONES,
Valley View Elementary
School principal

Jones.

"There is a great deal of cooperation among school staff and the construction company. "No one is negative about this. We are excited to get the remodeled rooms and that is what we focus on. The staff is great, and the construction company is wonderful to work with," she said.

"These two projects are excellent examples of the best use of school bond funds. These projects are very necessary to the functioning of the facilities, which improves the learning environment," said LCPS construction projects manager Terry Coker.



Expansion work on Booker T. Washington Elementary School began a year ago.

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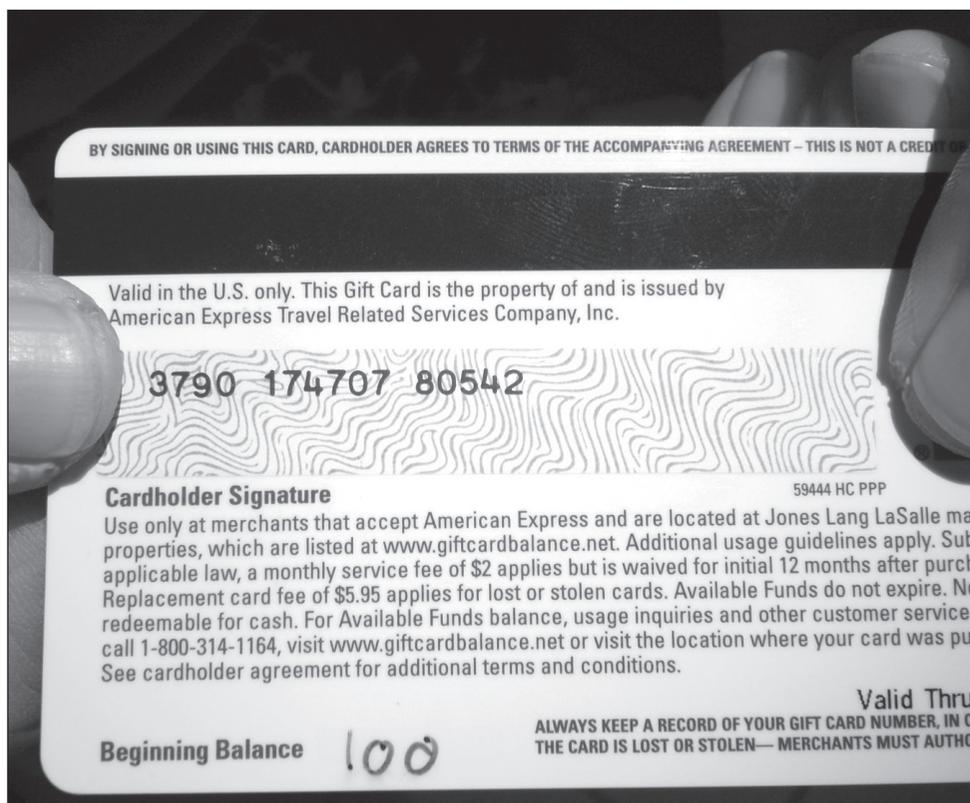
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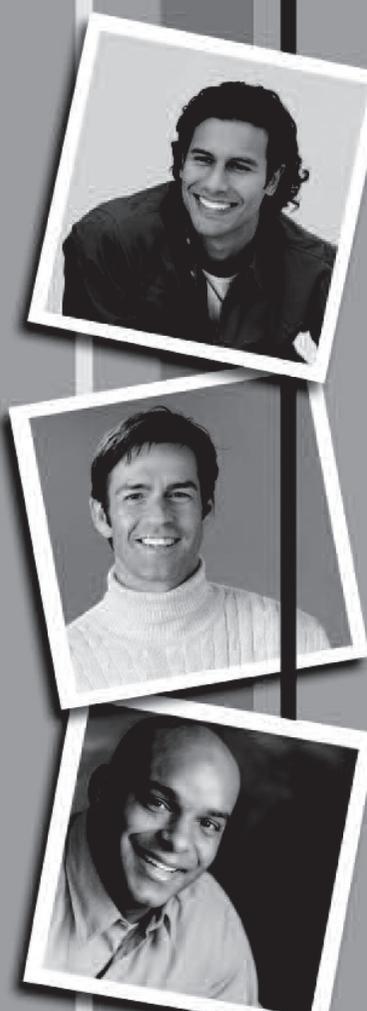


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New laws

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animal shelters. Besides setting and enforcing standards, the board is charged with providing technical assistance for shelters needing help.

Although she didn't sponsor the legislation, the smoking ban will affect Garcia's business — Victoria's in Las Cruces. But the small bar on Solano Drive has been seeing fewer smokers in recent years, she said, recalling a recent evening where the bar was full, but only three ashtrays were in use.

Garcia said she has seen more restrictive smoking laws in California, where there are restrictions to smoking outside. It is her understanding that the New Mexico smoking ban only requires smokers to be away from the public doorway.

"We're already prepared," she said. "I hope there aren't too harsh of consequences to businesses. We'll have to wait and see how it goes."

Rep. Joni Gutierrez, D-Mesilla, will see her consumer legislation on gift cards begin on July 1. After that date, gift cards purchased at a store or restaurant in New Mexico can't expire for five years after they are issued.

"Even more important is the discounting down," she said.

Some gift cards begin reducing the value if it isn't used after certain periods of time, usually a monthly reduction after a year. Gutierrez said she became aware of this after she was given a bill while using a gift card at a chain restaurant when the value of the card should have covered the meal.

"My reaction was, 'Give me a break,'" she said. "You've already paid your money."

That's when Gutierrez learned about the fine print on the back of the cards. But she also read where the card acknowledged expiration and discount exemptions in some states. She decided to add New Mexico to that list in the last 60-day session.

Another new law sponsored by Gutierrez will help elementary schools provide more physical education. Her bill will provide funding to hire the physical education teachers at schools where the majority of children come from low-income families.

Meanwhile, lawmakers will soon be given more guidelines from the state Attorney General's office about the ethics legislation that was passed.

Garcia said her understanding of the new ethics rules restrict the value of gifts to lawmakers to \$250, and gifts can total \$1,000 a year in value.

"That counts for even food," she said.

The free food could be difficult to monitor, Garcia said. Because New Mexico lawmakers aren't paid and Santa Fe is an expensive city, lawmakers are often treated to free food at receptions and other gatherings during the sessions.

Nevertheless, Garcia said she agrees with the need for more ethical restrictions on such gifts. Even if the gifts don't influence a lawmaker's vote, "it does create a sense of impropriety," she said.

Garcia said she takes seriously her role

as a lawmaker and sees the need for even more ethics rules.

"I've never taken a penny that doesn't belong to me," Garcia said. "I agree with the governor that New Mexico can do better."

Another consumer protection bill becoming law in July restricts the disclosure of private information by public utilities, sponsored by state Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces. A couple of northern New Mexico newspapers fought the bill because they wanted to publish the names, addresses and phone numbers of people behind on their bills to publicly owned utilities.

"That's just not right," Steinborn said. "In any other business, this would be a private transaction, and just because it's with a public utility it's still a private transaction. This is about restoring a person's privacy."

I agree with the governor that New Mexico can do better.

State Sen. MARY JANE GARCIA,
D-Doña Ana

Other laws sponsored by local legislators beginning June 15 include:

- A gross receipts tax exemption for the Pan American Center at New Mexico State University on its non-athletic events. The purpose of the legislation sponsored by state Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, D-Doña Ana, is to help the NMSU special events center attract more concerts and other shows to better compete with El Paso venues.
- Adding a representative from the state Department of Health to the Water Quality Control Commission, sponsored by Steinborn. The state's environmental protection and public health functions used to be under one department, but public health was left off the commission when the two departments split. To prevent disease being carried by water, Steinborn said it's important to have someone with a medical background looking at issues of water quality, along with the considerations of toxic substances.
- Restricting nepotism in the hiring of employees for charter schools, sponsored by Sen. Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces.
- Papen sponsored legislation to add mental illness treatment to the state's medical insurance coverage pool.

Papen also sponsored legislation that begins July 1 which helps counties cover the cost of paying for indigent mental health care through the emergency service and communication tax.

Beginning July 1, veterans will get free access to the state's parks and museums, thanks to state Rep. Nathan Cote, D-Organ. Meanwhile, Steinborn's bill to provide a license plate for female veterans won't be available until the beginning of 2008.

The Surface Owners Protection Act, sponsored by Rep. Andy Nuñez, D-Hatch, goes into effect on July 1. The law protects farmers and ranchers from losing their surface rights if valuable oil, gas or mineral resources are found underground.

A story next week will look at other state laws passed by area legislators.

Depending on underground water in the desert

NMSU expert details water sources for city

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Remember last summer with a long stretch of hot, bone-dry weather before heavy rains caused flooding? That could become a normal weather pattern for this region if scientific weather modeling looking at global warming proves prophetic, according to Bobby Creel, director of the Water Resources Research Institute at New Mexico State University.

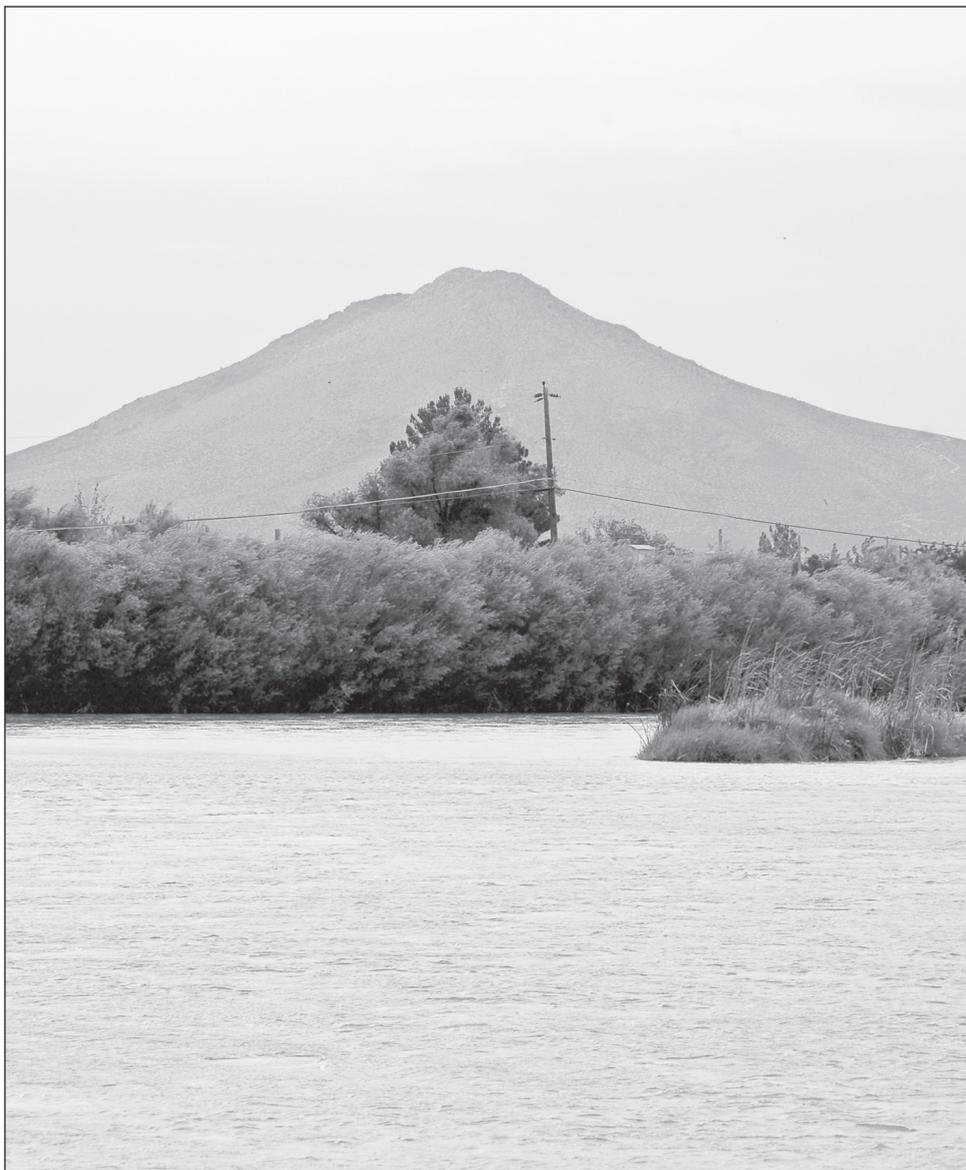
Toward the end of a presentation on local water sources Wednesday, June 6, Creel was asked if he believed drought conditions would continue for the long term. Creel responded that recent articles he's reviewed in scientific journals were "alarming."

Creel gave a one-hour presentation on water resources in Doña Ana County in the first of four "Water Symposium" presentations to be given on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall throughout the month of June. This first symposium looked at groundwater resources. The June 13 symposium will review the history of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. On June 20, the city's 40-year plan will be reviewed. The last symposium on June 27 will look at issues involving the state Engineer's Office.

After his presentation, Creel told the Bulletin that the drought prediction studies he referred to in his talk were looking at the Southwest region in global warming modeling.

"What they're predicting is hotter, drier, with even more extreme flooding events," Creel said.

That's troubling, he said, because that also means that the state will continue to see lower snow packs in the mountains – which is the source of water for the Rio Grande – and earlier runoff.



Picacho Peak as seen from the Rio Grande on Wednesday, June 6. Seepage from the Rio Grande is the main source for recharging underground water basins.

Seepage from the Rio Grande and irrigation canals with river water is one of the main sources of recharge to underground

water basins – also called bolsons – along the Mesilla Valley, according to Creel's presentation. Runoff from rain along

mountain formations also helps replenish the basins.

The two main water sources to the area's residents come from the Mesilla and Jornada Bolsons, Creel said.

The Jornada Bolson covers 3,300 square miles and stores an estimated 100 million acre-feet of water. Water in the portion north of Radium Springs isn't very usable, he said, while water in its southern half is very accessible and usable. It gets an estimated 5,350 acre-feet of water recharged a year, he said.

The Mesilla Bolson also is estimated to hold about 100 million acre-feet of water that is mostly fresh, though a little more south of populated areas along valley. It gets recharged by an estimated 10,000 acre-feet a year, he said, because the Mesilla Bolson follows the river and irrigation systems.

The majority of the water in those basins, however, was left by the thawing of the last Ice Age thousands of years ago, Creel said.

Creel wasn't able to answer questions about whether the basins were getting drained to the point where water quality overall is deteriorating. Most of the drinking water for Las Cruces comes from deep wells into the groundwater bolsons, but the city is currently beginning to pursue surface water treatment processes.

That's good news to Creel because he said groundwater should be treated as a resource to bank on, and surface water should be the main source of water for use.

For more detailed data on the institute's studies, Creel referred people to a website, <http://wrri.nmsu.edu/lrgwuo>. Other links on the website also have details from the numerous studies done on the area's water sources since 1971.

Councillor Gil Jones said the inspiration for holding the symposium on local water issues came from conversations he had with county commissioner Bill McCamley and by concerns raised during recent debates about large annexation proposals.

City offers workshops on landscaping using less water

Tips go beyond simple xeriscaping

The Las Cruces Water Conservation Program will offer several Lush and Lean workshops on how to keep a beautiful landscape while conserving water.

Lush and Lean is a program where residents can learn how to xeriscape their yards without using a lot of water.

Summer landscape irrigation is the largest consumer of city water resources by single-family residents.

There will be several workshops held throughout the months of June and July at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

The workshops are free and will be held from 3 to 5 p.m.

The 2007 schedule is as follows:

- **June 13** – Planning and Design
- **June 20** – Soil Mulches Compost
- **June 27** – Efficient Irrigation Practices
- **July 11** – Plant Materials
- **July 18** – Edibles and Urban Agriculture

The Las Cruces Lush and Lean program has been acclaimed as one of the "Best in the West in Water Conservation Training" by the Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation.

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Military funding bill clears Senate committee

Includes \$71 million for White Sands construction

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman announced in a recent press release that a piece of defense legislation "which gives strong support to New Mexico's military installations and the state's two national laboratories has cleared the Senate Armed Services Committee and is ready for full Senate action."

"This is an extremely important bill for New Mexico because it outlines funding for our state's military installations, as well as Sandia and Los Alamos laboratories and the Waste Isolation Pilot Project," Bingaman said. "This bill does a good job supporting them and our national security."

According to the release, the bill includes \$71 million for the construction of buildings for the Combat Engineering Battalion that is coming to White Sands Missile

Range from Fort Sill at the end of 2008.

"White Sands is a world class facility that continues to grow in importance to the country," Bingaman said. "This bill would ensure that WSMR remains state of the art."

The release says the bill also authorizes a \$7.5 million increase for the High Energy Laser Test Facility at WSMR, bringing its operating budget to \$10.3 million, and it directs the Secretary of the Army, the Director of the Test Resource Management Center and the Director of the High Energy Laser Joint Technology Office to jointly report to Congress on a long-term funding plan to maintain adequate personnel, equipment and facilities to maintain its world class status as a unique Department of Defense asset to test high energy lasers.

At the Candelabra restoration project

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Santera Tomasita Rodriguez, seated, explains to Terry Reynolds, curator of the NMSU Museum, how she is removing the corrosion from one of the leaves of an 80-year-old, six-foot-tall, tin candelabras which were given to the museum, during the 1960s by Las Cruces' First Presbyterian Church, Saturday, June 2, at the museum.



Rodriguez examines one of two, tin candelabras which were given to the NMSU Museum during the 1960s.



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People in the News

NMSU Women's Studies director chosen NM Woman of the Year

Lisa Bond-Maupin, director of Women's Studies and an associate professor of criminal justice at New Mexico State University, has been selected as a New Mexico Woman of the Year by the N.M. Commission on the Status of Women.

Bond-Maupin and 20 other women who earned the same honor will be recognized at an awards banquet May 4 at Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town.

"It is gratifying to have one's work appreciated," Bond-Maupin said. "I value anything that we do as a public show of support of women's contributions to our state and communities. Specifically, in my case, the award represents recognition of collaborative work I have engaged in at NMSU and beyond. The fact that two of the women whose work I most admire, Dr. Christine Eber and Ms. Maria Stops, wrote such heartfelt letters of nomination adds to the significance of the award for me."

In October, Bond-Maupin was named head of NMSU's Women's Studies and she plans to increase enrollment in the program.

Bond-Maupin received her Ph.D. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University in 1992. She also earned a master's in social work from ASU in 1987. Bond-Maupin taught at Southwest Missouri State University and New Mexico Highlands University before coming to NMSU in 1995.



BOND-MAUPIN

EXCEL Student of the Month

Sam Smith is on his way to becoming a doctor. He has been exploring that career in his EXCEL placement at Las Cruces Orthopaedic Associates. His high school courses at Mayfield along with his own personal efforts prepared him well to be successful at this challenging jobsite.



SMITH

"Sam is extremely bright, very knowledgeable about anatomy and reads articles on his own. He has a great sense of humor, is compassionate and good with patients. Sam really wants to be a doctor, and he will be great at it. He comes in early and works the whole time he is here. He will go far," Daniel Romanelli, M.D., said.

The field of health occupations allows Smith to combine many of his interests. He enrolled in EXCEL to "get a look at the medical field." He has had the opportunity to watch all the procedures that take place in the office including putting casts on and taking them off, giving injections, fitting braces and taking out staples. He is looking forward to watching surgeries. Smith is ready to start at UNM in the fall. As the EXCEL Student of the Month, Smith received a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate from Smith's. For more information about EXCEL, The Career Program, call the LCPS Career & Technical Education Office, 527-6050

NMSU students named outstanding leaders

The 2007 list of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include 14 students from New Mexico State University.

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The NMSU students included on the list join a group of students from more than 2,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

NMSU students listed this year are **Adriana Hernandez**, of Las Cruces; **Shawna Holtz**, of El Paso; and **Ari Loiben**, of Waco, Texas, each of the College of Arts and Sciences. **Bonnie Ambrose** of Aztec, N.M.; **Sarah Balley** of Santa Fe; **Jessica Butchko** of Rio Rancho, N.M.; and **James Hillman** of Las Cruces are honorees from the College of Business.

Jaime Gonzalez of Anthony, N.M., and **Graciela Ortega** of El Paso are from the College of Education. **Eliseo De Pietto** of Las Cruces is from the College of Extended Learning. **Mark Lilley** of Las Cruces and **Rita Shoup** of Silver City, N.M., from the College of Health and Social Services, along with graduate students

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Jessica Peña of Santa Fe; and **Hope Woodward** of Bay Head, N.J., also are on the list.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

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At the NMSU Family Workshop

Right: Jim Billings and his daughter Maggie, 11, work together to create a masterpiece Saturday, June 2, in the courtyard of the NMSU's Kent Hall, during the NMSU Museum's weekly Saturday Family Workshops.



Mia Avila, 4, applies paint to her egg carton Mancala board.



Right: Six-year-old Arinash DeGiulo proudly shows off the shade of blue he created by mixing blue and white paints.

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Left: Lauren Gonzales, an NMSU Museum education volunteer, shows a modern American version of the popular Mancala game.



This Igisoro game board is a modern Rwandan version of the ancient African game of Oware, or Mancala, as it is known in America. It is on display at the NMSU Museum in Kent Hall. It is part of the Pasternack Collection of African Art exhibit which will continue until June 23. Evidence of the game of Oware dates back to at least 1400 B.C.



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Candace Avila seems to be having as much fun as any of the kids as she helps her daughter's friend Ayana Pai, 5, to paint an egg carton Mancala board.

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Council won't take plunge on pool or park

Advocates making waves, urging quicker action

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

At the start of Monday's regular city council meeting, Las Cruces officials responded to calls by two citizen groups wanting improved amenities for the future aquatic center and to develop a park out of the Las Cruces Country Club.

Those wanting the aquatic center to include a competition-size pool were advised to consider taking the question to voters, and those advocating for turning the country club into Las Cruces' version of Central Park were told to be patient.

The game plan for a new \$18 million aquatic center to be built near the Meerscheidt Recreation Center is to start with a recreation and therapy pool first, along with areas for other non-pool functions such as an indoor walking-jogging track and areas for activities such as handball, racquetball, basketball, aerobics and yoga.

The money was pooled from capital outlay funding allotted to southern lawmakers with a portion of Gov. Bill Richardson's discretionary spending to create something similar to Santa Fe's Genoveva Chavez Community Center.

The Chavez center hosts all the aforementioned activities, but it also has a 50-meter lap pool. The Las Cruces Aquatic Team has to train in the early morning hours and compete at New Mexico State University's 50-meter pool. Swim team supporters had hoped the new aquatic center would provide a new venue for the swimmers to train and compete.

After putting aside money to cover the "soft costs" of design, engineering, utilities, gross receipt taxes and site improvement, however, there was only \$15.5 million for actual construction of the aquatics center.

With the rising cost of construction, there was only enough money to build the competition-

sized pool without the other functions. With the larger pool likely to require a large subsidy from the city and others in the public wanting the multiple uses, lawmakers and the council agreed to start with the non-competitive pools and other functions first.

To Dan Lucero of Radium Springs this seemed backward. Considering that it is rare for the city to get this large "chunk of money," Lucero told the council on Monday, June 4, that it made more sense to him that "the most expensive item would come first."

But such a competition pool also requires a warm-up pool, and that would bust the budget, said Steve Newby, the local architect who won the contract to plan and design the center.

Lucero also questioned the need for the other functions if it was so close to Meercheidt.

Councillor Jose Fietze responded that it was the desire of lawmakers to have a center with a variety of uses and Meerscheidt facilities are beginning to feel their age after 40 years. Besides, the bigger pool results in a larger recurring cost to the city, he said.

Councillor Steve Trowbridge reminded the pool supporters that they had another option at their disposal – ask voters to raise taxes to pay for the larger pool. The city charter only requires 929 signatures to put such a question on the ballot in November, he said.

In anticipation of that possibility, the center will be designed with certain "oversized" utilities and functions so that the new, larger pools can be added later at a reasonable cost, Newby said. With that local support in place, proponents could seek more state dollars to assist the project, Trowbridge said.

Last week, representatives of the Country Club Neighborhood Association presented a petition signed by almost 2,200 people asking the city to offer a land swap or a land swap with

money for the city to acquire the Country Club property and merge it with Apodaca Park.

The club wants to relocate to a tournament-class course planned at Philip Philippou's Sierra Norte development north of the Bataan Memorial Highway. In exchange, Philippou gets the current property adjacent to Apodaca Park to develop. Neighboring residents and others in the city see this as an opportunity to merge the two properties to create a "premier park."

Following last week's meeting, "premier park" supporters have been trying to step up the pressure by contacting the media and writing letters to newspapers. At this week's meeting, City Manager Terrence Moore repeated that the property exchange has not yet taken place – and it won't "for a very long time."

NMSU's College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers – a former country club board member who is acting as its liaison with Philippou – has said the city needs to make a deal with Philippou after the transfer is completed.

Moore asked the "premier park" supporters to be patient. "Give us an opportunity to work on this," he said.

In other business, the council approved:

- Giving extensions to lease preferences to the Rocket Racing League for properties at the Las Cruces International Airport. Attorney John Darden said he was interested in setting up a mechanical shop on some of the parcels that the racing league has lease preferences on. The extensions are until July on half the lots and until the end of the year on the other half.

- Grabois Development LLC buying 45.4 acres at the West Mesa Industrial Park for \$1.26 million to develop for mostly spaceport-related interests.

- Borrowing \$6.31 million from the New Mexico Finance Authority for building a water reclamation plant, along with a \$2.13 million loan for a water storage tank and \$1.11 million for improvements to the city recycling center.

Domenici: Mail workers need to stay

Citing continued growth in southern New Mexico and east Texas, U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici asked the Postal Service to provide a rationale for hiring temporary workers for its El Paso processing center.

Domenici has asked Postmaster General John E. Potter to clarify the announcement in May that 15 new workers would be hired so the El Paso facility could operate on a 24-hour schedule.

It has since been learned that the new employees were hired on a temporary basis.

"I believe the Postal Service is being short-sighted with its decision to hire these workers on a temporary basis," Domenici said. "Mail delivery problems have been critical and persistent for quite a while. I can't see the situation getting any better in the years to come as we see continued growth in Doña Ana County and the major expansion of Fort Bliss. I believe the Postal Service and the people in the region would be better served with a more far-reaching outlook for the region and begin to prepare for this growth. That indicates to me that these workers should have been hired as permanent employees."

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Landscaping donated to A. Fielder Safe Haven

Weed & Seed program sprouts local support



Friends help Anthony Gonzales get into the padded "sumo wrestler" suit for a match held before the start of ceremonies Tuesday.

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Kids run up to the police officers when they step onto the grounds of the A. Fielder Safe Haven complex on Tornillo Street. The police officers are a welcome presence to the youths, which is one of the main objectives of the Weed & Seed program.

Another objective of the program is to support the community and a ceremony Tuesday, June 5, acknowledged the community giving back.

As the smells of grilled hotdogs and hamburgers filled the air, residents and children celebrated the dedication of landscaping to add grass, trees and a rock garden to the Weed & Seed operation.

The sod, trees and even the sprinkler system were donated and installed by Jesus Palma, his wife Catalina and employees of the couple's business, Green Guys Landscaping, 1855 E. Lohman Ave.

At the ceremony, Jesus Palma said it may have been the first project of this kind that the El Paso native has donated to in his new home in Las Cruces, but it wouldn't be the last. "We've promised each other to do a project of this size each year for the rest of our lives," he said.

The beautification of the park, including trees, shrubs and landscaping, was a donation of more than \$5,000.

After a ribbon cutting for the field of grass, the Weed & Seed codes officers unveiled a stone marker in the rock garden recognizing officers who played key roles in the inception of the Weed & Seed program in 1999. The names of Lauris Gallegos, Melissa Molina and Tom Schuebley were inscribed on the marker, also donated by Able Signs.

Codes officer Jerry Zuniga, who oversees this portion of the Weed & Seed program, said Jeff Banegas of Able Signs made the donation without being asked and took care of all the stone marker's preparation and installation.

"We just get great support from the community," he said. "This really set the standard and we will do a lot more."

Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace was pleased by recognition to the code officers, who often don't receive the attention that regular police officers and firefighters get.

According to a press release, Operation Weed & Seed is a multi-agency program that "weeds" out violent crimes, gang activity, drug use and drug activity in a targeted community and then "seeds" the area by promoting social and economic revitalization. During the school year, from 2:30 to 6 p.m., between 50 and 60 kids go to the Safe Haven every day and take part in tutoring and structured activities. During the summer, between 12:30 and 6 p.m., the center sees between 90 and 100 kids every day.



Brothers Blas and Nestor Urrutia enjoy snow cones.



Cesar Aguirre and Joshua Briseño keep an arm's length from the hot grill cooking hamburgers for neighbors of the A. Fielder Safe Haven.

PHOTOS BY
TODD DICKSON



City councillor Jose Frietze, Catalina Palma, Jesus Palma, Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace and city councillor Gil Jones cut the ribbon for the new landscaping at the Safe Haven.



Codes officer Melissa Molina admires the memorial stone marker acknowledging her and two other officers who helped create the Weed & Seed program in Las Cruces.



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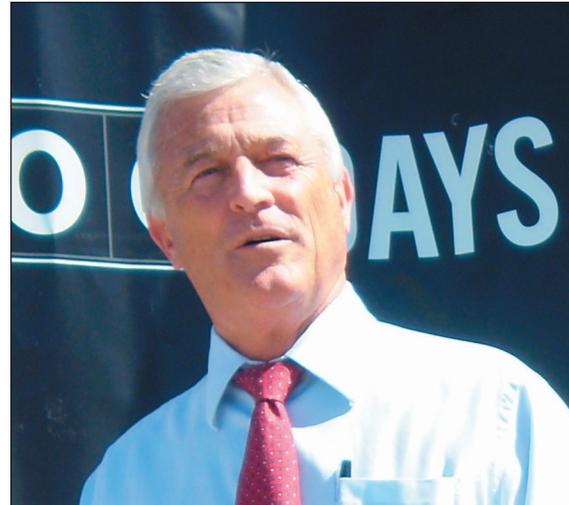
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100 Days of Summer to enforce DWI and traffic safety



Left, Richard Ferrary, local activist against underaged and binge drinking, speaks at a press conference Friday, June 1, announcing the beginning of the 100 Days of Summer campaign. Representatives of the New Mexico State Police Department, Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office and Las Cruces Police Department promised to hold 100 sobriety checkpoints during the summer. Also, during daylight hours law enforcement will step up enforcement of self belt usage and issue citations against "agressive driving," such as speeding. The press conference was held in front of the local state Department of Transportation offices on Solano Drive. Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, above, also spoke at the press conference.

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces mayor recognized for promoting alcohol awareness

Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace has been recognized for his efforts in supporting the Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition (RGSCC), a group that focuses on reducing underage drinking. Mattiace is one of 80 community members or groups from Las Cruces, El Paso and Juarez involved in the coalition.

The Rio Grande Safe Communities Coalition was created in 1999. The mission of the group is to promote awareness on alcohol and substance abuse, underage drinking, college-age binge drinking and alcohol related crashes.

Mattiace was also thanked for his support of an El Paso city ordinance called "Special Curfew Ordinance" that requires teens under the age of 17 to have a parent or guardian present in order to cross the international bridge into Juarez

after 7 p.m. The ordinance was passed to reduce the numbers of teens who cross into Mexico to drink alcohol. Juarez also recently has begun a similar curfew on its side of the border.

"Mayor Mattiace has been a great friend of the coalition," said RGSCC Director Marge Bartoletti. "He has repeatedly demonstrated leadership through his willingness to collaborate, coordinate and support bi-national, tri-jurisdictional initiatives with regard to addressing the issue of substance use and abuse."

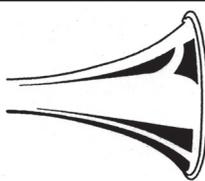
Also recognized was the Las Cruces City Employee Assistance Program Coordinator Joe Provencio, Naomi Fahrenkrug from the New Mexico Department of Health and Joanne Ferrary with the Las Cruces Underage Drinking Prevention Coalition.

Watch out for rattlesnakes



PHILIP VANVEEN | The Las Cruces Bulletin

This Western diamondback rattlesnake was recently found by landscapers in the Baylor Canyon area. Workers with Green Lizard Landscaping relocated the dangerous snake.



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Juneteenth celebration set in Apodaca Park

There will be a Juneteenth celebration from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, in Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid Ave. The Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP will host the event with a 50/50 raffle, auction, music, vendors, fashion show, declarations and presentations of scholarships.

Juneteenth is an annual celebration of human freedom and success and is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of Juneteenth as the African-American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond.

Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom. The day is marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity, respect

and dignity in America worthy of celebration. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in America's history that shaped and continues to influence our society today.

Tickets are \$6 for barbecue chicken, beef or ribs. For tickets or further information, contact Claude Malone at 524-0333.

Proposed solid waste fee meetings

The Doña Ana County Utilities Department continues to conduct public meetings to discuss proposed fees for dumping solid waste at the county's eight rural convenience stations.

Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the following locations:

June 11 – Anthony Community Center, 625 Acosta Road, Anthony.

June 12 – Doña Ana Community Center, 5745 Ledesma Road, Doña Ana.

Translation services will be provided. For additional information, contact Susanna Limon at 525-6194.

White Sands schedule

White Sands National Monument has released their schedule of activities for June 1-16.

Each evening at 7 p.m., there will be a Sunset Stroll Nature Walk.

At 8:30 p.m. on Friday, June 8, and

Friday, June 15, there will be evening programs on "Star Talk; Learn the Summer Constellations."

At 8:30 on Saturday evenings the programs will be "Thirteen Special Places: New Mexico's National Park Areas," on June 9 and "the Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks," on June 16.

The schedule is subject to change. For more information, call 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599, extension 230, or visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/whsa.

PetSmart Adoption Day

The Doña Ana County Humane Society is having an "Adoption Day" event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Saturday, June 9, at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave.

The purpose of the event is to encourage the adoption of homeless pets and to seek volunteers to become foster parents, adoption counselors, educators, mobile adoption workers, walkers, trainers and more to facilitate the adoption of animals in the community.

For more information contact Laura Bosh, volunteer coordinator at the animal shelter, at 382-0018, ext. 119.

Chili cookoff at Elephant Butte

Elephant Butte Lake State Park will have its 17th annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, June 9.

The cook-off starts at 10 a.m. with more than 20 cooks vying for bragging rights as they cook up the best and hottest chili in the Southwest. Visitors can help judge who takes the top spot by trying samples available for \$2. The event ends at 2 p.m. and will be held at the Hot Springs Cove section of the park.

For more information, call (505) 744-5923 or toll-free, 888-667-2757, or visit www.nmparks.com.

Native plant hike

The public is invited to join the Las Cruces Chapter of the Native Plant Society on a field trip and hike in the Sacramento Mountains to study plants in the conifer forest and the cold springs along the Rio Peñasco.

Participants should meet at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 16, at the Kmart parking lot at 1900 Bataan Memorial East. Bring lunch, water and field guides and wear appropriate clothing and shoes.

For more information, call 541-1877.

Veterans Appreciation Dinner

El Caldito Soup Kitchen, 999 W. Amador Ave., is holding a Veterans Appreciation Dinner from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 16.

All veterans, male and female, and their spouses are invited to attend this free event. Widows and widowers of veter-

ans, nurses and women who served in the armed forces are especially encouraged to attend.

The meal will consist of brisket and "all the trimmings," served by Oñate High School Naval Jr. ROTC cadets. Music will be provided by Duetto Krystal.

Food for this event was donated by Curtis Rosemont, manager of Wal-Mart Supercenter, 571 Walton Blvd.

For more information or to RSVP, call Dan Farren, 521-1789.

NAACP meets

The Doña Ana Branch of the NAACP will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Summer workshop at NMSU Museum

A family-oriented summer workshop will be held at the New Mexico State University Museum from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Participants will be taught to make their own unique Father's Day card with African design rubbings. Children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

The event is free and supplies will be provided.

For more information call 646-3739.

Zuhl Museum presents Second Sundays

New Mexico State University's Zuhl Museum, 775 College Drive, will be open the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 5 p.m. to showcase world-class fossils for children. The next Second Sunday event will be June 10.

Second Sundays are in addition to the museum's regular hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The museum showcases outstanding fossils of petrified wood of many colors, species, shapes and sizes; ammonites; turtles; a dragonfly; a bat; and beautiful minerals such as amethyst, rhodochrosite, garnet and malachite.

Second Sundays are free and open to the public.

For more information, call Museum Curator Marilyn Huff at 650-1884.

Tardeada

An event known as a Tardeada will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 17, at St. Genevieve Parish Hall.

This is a Mexican custom where people come together to enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and music. Although it should take place in late afternoon to early evening, the Knights of Columbus, Council 13969, is sponsoring it in the early afternoon because of bingo in the evening.

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Architect-design finalists picked for Spaceport America

Three architectural/engineering teams were named Tuesday, June 5, as finalists and moved to the second phase of the international competition to design the 100,000-square-foot main terminal and hangar facility at Spaceport America.

The facility will serve as the primary operating base for Virgin Galactic, and also as the headquarters for the New Mexico Spaceport Authority.

The finalists are:

- HKS (Dallas, Texas), teamed with Antoine Predock of Albuquerque
- URS (San Francisco, Calif.), teamed with Foster + Partners of London, United Kingdom
- Gensler (San Francisco, Calif.), teamed with Rohde May Keller McNamara Architecture of Albuquerque

"Each of these teams will bring its own ideas, vision and energy as they compete to design the facility that will symbolize Spaceport America," said Rick Homans, executive director of the New Mexico Spaceport Authority. "The finalists are all committed to designing a building that sets a new environmental standard, fits with the beautiful valley where the spaceport is located and that is the functional centerpiece of the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport."

Eleven firms responded to a request for proposals issued April 26. The NMSA Architect Selection Committee met May 29 to review the submissions and informed the firms on Monday, June 4, of the committee's decision.

According to the rules of the competition, the Spaceport Authority will sign a \$40,000 contract with each firm to provide concept drawings and detailed cost information that will be presented to the Selection Committee on July 24 and 25. The winner will be announced July 26.

Roger Schluntz, dean of Architecture at the University of New Mexico, serves as professional advisor for the competition.

KSNM Morning Show gets Riehl

Alan Riehl, with seven years of radio experience in Alamogordo, El Paso and Las Cruces, began his new job Thursday, June 7, as host of The Morning Show on KSNM-AM 570.

The program is primarily a local interview show with guests ranging from event promoters and public officials to politicians, newsmakers and journalists.

The Morning Show had been hosted by Michael Swickard, an educational consultant and an occasional columnist. Another change is that the show will run from 6 to 9 a.m. on weekdays. The Radio Las Cruces show previously ended at 10 a.m.

Riehl, an El Paso native, began his radio career at Alamogordo's KINN in 1985 hosting an overnight music program as PC the Midnight Madman. He went to host an afternoon Top 40 show at KKBE in Alamogordo before returning to El Paso and working for KISS. In Las Cruces, he has worked for Magic 105 and KTSM.

Riehl said he wants to make the morning show reflect the community spirit in Las Cruces and to focus on issues in Las Cruces, such as government and law enforcement. Las Cruces listening to the show should feel the show is reflective of their lives. "The show is really about them," he said.

At this point, the Las Cruces Bulletin will continue to be a regular Friday segment from 8 to 9 a.m. with News Editor Todd Dickson and other staff members visiting with the host about what's in the local news and the local weekly newspaper each week.

Riehl has written two fiction books, "Angel Falls" and "Married Alive." He is currently working on a nonfiction book about payday loaning in New Mexico.

Teachers take off to the Space Academy

Two teachers from Vista Middle School in Las Cruces have been selected by Honeywell to participate in the highly prestigious 2007 Honeywell Educators @ Space Academy program from June 18 to June 29, 2006 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala.

The teachers are Gloria Kindig, an English and Spanish teacher, and Brandi Polanco, an algebra and literature teacher. They will join 265 science and math teachers from 21 countries and 43 U.S. states to complete an intensive educator curriculum focused on space science and exploration in addition to participating in real-life astronaut training.

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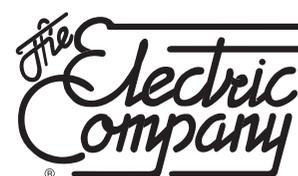
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Religious Services

for the week of June 10, 2007

CHURCH NEWS

TRIOUMPHANT FAITH WEEK

Triumphant Faith Week at Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive, will begin on Sunday, June 17, with guest speaker Dr. Larry Hutton at 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Hutton will also speak at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18. Dr. Jesse Duplantis will join the church at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19. Wrapping up the Faith Week will be Missionary Pastor Narhari Y. Thorat at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 20. Everyone is welcome, and admission is free. For more information, call 528-5683 or visit www.churchtriumphantlc.com.

BIBLE STUDY

"A Study of the Doctrines of the Faith" discussion and word by word Bible study will be led by Robert L. Blanc at 7 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, June 20, at 3203 Mercury Lane. The Bible study will also be held on Wednesday, June 27. "Is not My Word like a fire? Saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Morning Star United Methodist Church invites children to become Sky Scouts at their summer Vacation Bible School, "Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God." The action begins June 18 and ends June 22 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of hot-air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Each lesson will be supported with Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks. Those interested should meet at Morning Star Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, at 6 p.m. Monday, June 18 to be a part of the Bible School. For more information, call the church office at 521-3770.

HAND BELL PLAYERS

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

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Eph. 2:8
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Back to School drive seeks socks and underwear

Mission's clothing store provides for area needy

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission (LCGRM) is preparing for their Back to School program, and they are looking to the Las Cruces community for help in providing clothes for youth in need throughout the city.

The Back to School program works to provide each school-aged child who registers with three pairs of new socks and underwear, five lightly used or new outfits, shoes and school supplies. Each year the number of people receiving clothing increases. In 2006, more than 400 children were helped.

According to LuAnne Burke, administrative assistant for LCGRM, the program helps alleviate stress for both child and parent as they know the clothing is nice, and the child will fit in at school. All of the clothing given to these families was donated by people in the Las Cruces community. Last year, LCGRM's Clothing Room, 1416 S. Solano Drive, gave away more than 99,000 items of clothing, all donated.

"This is especially important since school uniforms have been abandoned and each day kids wear a different outfit. We want kids in Las Cruces to be able to start the new school year with new socks and underwear," Burke said.

Although the Clothing Room is in need of clothing of all sizes, Burke said the most needed sizes are 7-8 in kids and all sizes for teen-agers. She added that the organization can always use more shoes.

Those wishing to drop off clothing for the Back to School program or the Clothing Store can drop them at the Clothing Store during regular hours, 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or 24 hours a day at the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, 1050 W. Amador Ave. Clothing can also be dropped at the LCGRM Thrift Store, 1422 S. Solano Drive, but Burke said donations should be clearly marked "For the Back to School program."

For those wishing to give a monetary donation to the program, checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 386, Las Cruces, NM 88004. The Mission also accepts aluminum cans, which they will recycle and use the funds from to purchase socks and underwear.

Several area churches also take part in the New Socks and Undies on Sunday drive during June, during which congregations collect clothing together for the Back to School program.

Burke said that in addition to collecting clothing for their Back to School program, the Clothing Room is in need of volunteers, especially those that are capable of heavy lifting. Anyone interested in volunteering can call Burke at 644-9563.

For the past 15 years, anyone who needed clothing could find it at the mission's Clothing Room.

"The Clothing Room is a circle of giving. It allows individuals and families in the community to give and also receive. Thousands of persons have received clothing each year, and thousands, including those who have received, have given back clothing or volunteered at the Clothing Room. What makes the Clothing Room special is that it is set up like a normal department store where people can pick out their own clothing but do not have to pay. Anyone in need can 'shop for free' once a month," Burke said.

Burke said that although the Clothing Room is asking for Back to School donations, they depend on help from the community throughout the year.

Adults must respond swiftly to cruelty among young children

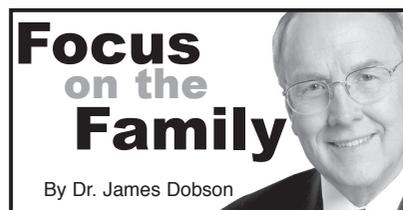
Ridicule is devastating to child's self-concept

As an elementary school teacher, I am bothered by what I see my students doing to each other every day. They can be brutal – especially to the child who is a little different. I'm not sure what my role should be. I feel I should step in to defend the underdog, but other teachers say kids should learn to work out their own problems. What do you think?

As a former teacher, I am very familiar with the cruelty of which you speak. Every classroom has a few boys and girls at the bottom of the social hierarchy who are subjected to frequent ridicule. Their ranks include those who are physically unattractive, intellectually challenged, uncoordinated, boys who are very small or effeminate, girls who are taller than all the boys, the foreign child, the stutterer, etc. Anyone who is different is an easy mark for the wolf pack. What is most disturbing is that adults often feel no obligation to come to the aid of these vulnerable children.

I've heard the argument that says, "Kids will be kids – adults should stay out of the conflict and let the children settle it themselves." I disagree emphatically. It is almost criminal for an adult to stand by passively while a defenseless boy or girl is shredded by peers. The damage inflicted in those moments can reverberate for a lifetime.

Some years ago a woman told me about her experience as a room mother for her daughter's fourth-grade class. She visited the class-



Focus on the Family

By Dr. James Dobson

room on Valentine's Day to assist the teacher with the traditional party on that holiday. Valentine's Day can be the most painful day of the year for an unpopular child. Every student counts the number of valentines he or she is given, which becomes a direct measure of social worth.

This mother said the teacher then announced that the class was going to play a game that required the formation of boy-girl teams. That was her first mistake, since fourth-graders have not yet experienced the happy hormones that draw the sexes together. The moment the teacher instructed the students to select a partner, all the boys immediately laughed and pointed at the homeliest and least-respected girl in the room. She was overweight, had protruding teeth, and was too withdrawn even to look anyone in the eye.

"Don't put us with Nancy," they all said in mock terror. "Anybody but Nancy! She'll give us a disease! Ugh! Spare us from Nasty Nancy." The mother waited for the teacher (a strong disciplinarian) to rush to the aid of the beleaguered little girl. But nothing was said to the insulting boys. Instead, the teacher left Nancy to cope with that painful situation in solitude.

Ridicule by one's own sex is distressing, but rejection by the opposite sex is like taking a hatchet to one's self-concept. What could this devastated child say in reply? How does an overweight fourth-grade girl defend herself against nine aggressive boys? What response could she make but to blush in mortification and slide foolishly into her chair? This child will never forget that moment (or the teacher who abandoned her in this time of need).

I say again to teachers: Defend the most defenseless child in your classroom. We can do no less.

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Is it harder for a man or a woman to recover from a spouse's affair?

I have not observed any appreciable difference between the sexes at the time of disclosure. Both husbands and wives suffer incalculable anguish when a mate is unfaithful. Men do seem to have a cultural advantage after the crisis is over, however. Their work is often a better diversion and their economic consequences are less severe. They also find it easier to find someone new, as a rule. But no one wins in illicit affairs of the heart.

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.

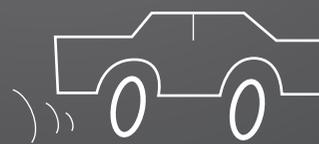
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75
 years ago
1932

- Ellen Dupriest of Picacho was named to represent New Mexico at the 4-H Encampment in Washington, D.C.
- K.W. Funkhauser and T.W. Allinder started to harvest 10 acres of Irish potatoes.

- A telephone call to Albuquerque after 8:30 p.m. cost 70 cents.

50
 years ago
1957

- The gates at Caballo, which had been closed since April 30, were opened. The Elephant Butte Irrigation District quota for farmers was increased from 1.55 inches, the lowest in district history, to 2.75 inches. The combined reservoirs storage was 182,600 acre-feet.

- The Las Cruces Knights of Columbus, Council 1226, elected Anthony Wagner Grand Knight and Mike Grijalva Deputy Grande Knight. Other officers were P.V. Rivas, finance secretary; Thomas Rapkoch, chancellor; Albino Frieze, treasurer; Frank

Lucero, warden; Ben Alvarez, recording secretary; L.J. Pictor, advocate; Robert Benavidez, inside guard; and Bob Gamboa, trustee.

- Mrs. R.J. Rombach, an adult leader with the H.H. Brook Extension Club, won a scholarship with the first New Mexico A&M Homemakers College.

25
 years ago
1982

- Susan Gorman and Theresa Galloway, Senior Troop 402, received the Girl Scouts Gold Award for their service, the highest Rio Grande Girl Scouts Council recognition. They earned the award with their work in community service, career exploration, special interest projects, Rio Grande Council Service Center and council board of directors and leading a Brownie group. They started their work as Brownies four years earlier.

- Peter Cooper called "tails" at the flip of a coin to win the Democratic County Commission primary in District 5. Cooper and J.Q. Barnes both had received 350 votes, forcing the coin-flipping decision to finalize the results.



The Chamber of Commerce office in the former Branigan Library. The building has been remodeled and now houses the Branigan Cultural Center.

- Hatch was drilling two test wells west of the town to replace an old well that had collapsed.

- Mollie Hanna won the Women's Golf Association Championship at the Las Cruces Country Club for the third consecutive year.

10
 years ago
1997

- The Las Cruces City Council approved a utilities service increase that raised the average monthly cost to residents from \$63.87 to \$66.
- Vicki Rena Hughes, 18, of Las Cruces was named Miss New Mexico Teen USA.

- More than 800 people attended Frontier Days at Fort Selden, which had been in service from 1865 to 1891. Gen. Douglas MacArthur had lived there as a child when his father, Capt. Arthur MacArthur, commanded the post.

- The Doña Ana Arts Council named Roberta Bossert of Hatch executive director.

(Sources: Las Cruces Bulletin, Las Cruces Sun-News, Las Cruces Citizen and New Mexico State University Library's Branson Microform Area.)

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Health News

A breath of pure, fresh air

MountainView's hyperbaric oxygen therapy attracts patients from around the state and nation

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

What started out as a tiny blister on Steven Shaffer's toe eventually caused some big problems. As his doctors urged amputation, a quest for better treatment led him from his home near Seattle, Wash., to MountainView Regional Medical Center's Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine in Las Cruces.

"When I first got this blister, I didn't think anything of it. It was just an ordinary blister," Shaffer said.

But the ordinary blister became infected and within weeks, Shaffer, a diabetic, was suffering from gangrene and facing amputation of his foot. As a maintenance facilities engineer, Shaffer spends much of his workday on his feet and active, so the prospect of losing a limb was a sobering one.

"I didn't know much about gangrene except that it is bad," said Shaffer. "Sometimes, you just don't know where to turn to for help."

He was hospitalized for about five weeks in Seattle while his doctors tried antibiotic treatments, removed parts of his toenail and attempted other treatments for the infection. Before agreeing to amputation, Shaffer and his sister, Sandy Williams, began investigating other treatment options. Their research led them to discover The Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine at MountainView Regional Medical Center — one of only two hyperbaric oxygen medicine facilities in New Mexico.

A hyperbaric oxygen therapy chamber is a special machine, often referred to as a pressure chamber, that delivers high levels of oxygen. As the air inside the chamber is often two and one half the amount of normal atmospheric pressure, which results in more oxygen to the blood, organs and tissues in the body. The treatment is especially helpful in treating wounds.

Patients are closed into the chamber. They must wear

100 percent cotton clothing, no makeup and no jewelry. Each treatment takes about two hours, said Ernesto Miranda, hyperbaric wound care lead technician for MountainView.

"While they're in the chamber they watch T.V. and sometimes they'll bring movies," Miranda said. "It's rare that people feel claustrophobic in the chamber, but if they do, the doctor might prescribe something for anxiety."

As well as treating diabetic wounds, MountainView's center is also able to treat brown recluse spider bites using hyperbaric technology, Miranda said.

When she started researching alternative treatments for her brother, Williams said she was told about MountainView Regional Medical Center. Their aggressive approach to avoiding amputation seemed like a better course of treatment.

"I had heard about this wound care center and their experience, and I was very impressed," Williams said. "I knew that there must be a better treatment out there."

She called the center and spoke to Sherie Shupe-Bradshaw, wound care manager.

"When I first talked to Sandy, I thought, 'this is pretty typical of what we see here,' and in 85 percent of our cases, we prevent amputation," Shupe-Bradshaw said. "Our staff has a combined 60 years experience in treating wounds. We try everything else before resorting to amputation. When I heard that Steve was about to lose his leg, I wanted to see him. Losing a limb for us is like dying. It's a last resort."

Although cuts, abrasions and blisters like Shaffer's tend to heal quickly in most people, for others, especially those with diabetes, infection can quickly set in, leaving them at risk for a life-threatening blood stream infection or limb loss.

MountainView Regional's wound care center sees wounds of all types — diabetic ulcers, venous or arterial ulcers, pressure ulcers (bedsores), non-healing surgical incisions, infected wounds, burns and traumatic wounds.

The center is staffed by specially trained physicians,



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Ernesto Miranda, Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine technician assists Steven Shaffer of Seattle, Wash. with his treatment.

nurses, technicians, nutritionists and diabetic educators that work as a team to address the reasons that may be preventing a wound from healing — diabetes, poor circulation, infection, nutritional deficits, immobility and pressure injury.

"I was surprised by some of the care Steve had received and some of the suggestions his doctors in Seattle had made," Shupe-Bradshaw said.

For example, Shaffer's Seattle doctors recommended that he continue to walk on his foot while wearing sandals — a move that led to another blister and another serious infection.

"We began by increasing blood flow to the foot and not allowing him to walk," Shupe-Bradshaw said.

Shaffer's treatment at MountainView was a success, and with his foot healing and fear of amputation eliminated, Shaffer is set to return to Seattle next week. The majority of his treatment was done on an outpatient basis and Shaffer said he's grateful to the wound center staff.

"I'm walking away with everything I need," he said.

Shupe-Bradshaw said that although the majority of patients at the wound care center are from the Doña Ana area, about 25 to 30 percent travel from other communities. In many cases, as long as a person meets the center's criteria, they may refer themselves to the facility.

"We will work with their primary care physician to make sure they are in the loop," Shupe-Bradshaw said.

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Health News

SHOUT to host annual World No Tobacco Day

Program aimed at teaching the harmful effects of tobacco

In their spirit of worldwide cooperation to decrease tobacco related death and disease while teaching children about the harmful effects of tobacco use, Students Helping Others Understand Tobacco (SHOUT) members from Las Cruces and Hatch will be hosting their fourth annual World No Tobacco Day at the Dream Center of Las Cruces located on 1400 Sixth Street on Friday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

World No Tobacco Day is the only global event established to place worldwide attention on the impact of tobacco use on public health and to reduce individual tobacco addiction. SHOUT members will have educational booths where each child will learn about the harmful effects of tobacco use and in turn have their "World No Tobacco Day" card stamped for a chance to win prizes every hour. There will also be informational booths, jumping balloons, live music, face painting and a pledge

wall. Codes enforcement officers will be on hand to assist with the event.

This annual event is a collaboration among Families & Youth Inc., Meerscheidt Recreation Center, Dream Center of Las Cruces, Ben Archer Health Center in Hatch, Doña Ana County DWI Program, CODES Enforcement Officers, La Clinica de Familia, and the New Mexico Department of Health, Tobacco Use Prevention and Control (TUPAC) Program which funds both SHOUT youth coalitions in Las Cruces and Hatch. This event complements tobacco prevention programs and cessation services in our community by educating children and in turn these children educate their families. Our efforts through tobacco prevention education are to increase the age of initiation, prevent young people from starting and to help those addicted to quit.

For more information regarding the World No Tobacco Day event or the SHOUT program, please contact Luis H. Solis at 556-1615. If you are interested in quitting tobacco use, please call 1-800 QUIT NOW, New Mexico's free tobacco help line.

Know the warning signs of Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's is due to an accelerated loss of brain cells. While we all lose some brain cells every day, in Alzheimer's this process is much too fast, and the brain cells are replaced by microscopic scar tissue.

As more and more brain cells are lost, certain parts of the brain begin to malfunction. Usually the first sign of Alzheimer's is forgetfulness of recent memories. The person will begin to forget what was said just a few minutes or hours before. He may forget that he did something just a little while ago. As the Alzheimer's progresses, this symptom slowly gets worse; food may be left on the stove to burn, for example. Eventually, even older (long-term) memories begin to be lost.

Besides memory, other parts of brain functioning are soon impaired. Other common symptoms are:

- Difficulty performing familiar tasks. Preparing a meal and not

only forgetting to serve it, but also forgetting it was made.

- Problems with language, like forgetting simple words or substituting inappropriate words.
- Disorientation of time and place. Not knowing where she is, how she got there or how to get back home.
- Poor or decreased judgment. Dressing inappropriately, wearing several shirts or blouses.
- Problems with abstract thinking. Forgetting completely what the number is, such as in a checkbook, and what needs to be done with them.
- Misplacing things. Putting things in inappropriate places; an iron in the freezer, a watch in the sugar bowl.
- Changes in mood or behavior. Rapid mood swings – from calm to tears to anger – for no apparent reason.

- Changes in personality. Changing drastically, becoming extremely confused, suspicious or fearful.

Alzheimer's starts with a mild degree of one or two of these symptoms. In fact, it is usually not recognized by the patient or family for the first year of symptoms. Slowly the symptoms become more severe, and more symptoms are noticed. Wandering, insomnia and irritability are often the most troublesome symptoms. Nighttime restlessness, paranoia and aggression are frequent problems.

Very often, the patient never recognizes the symptoms, and the family must initiate an evaluation. Alzheimer's disease: Learn all you can about it, for your own sake and for the sake of your friends and family – those who have it and those who don't.

For more information call Julia Bankson, 524-4573, at Casa De Oro.

What is the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia?

Dementia is loss of mental function in two or more areas such as language, memory, visual and spatial abilities or judgment severe enough to interfere with daily life. Dementia itself is not a disease, but a broader set of symptoms that accompany certain diseases or physical conditions. Well-known diseases that are considered dementia include Alzheimer's disease, multi-infarct dementia, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease and Lewy bodies dementia.

Other physical conditions may cause or mimic dementia, such as depression, brain tumors, head injuries, nutritional deficiencies, hydrocephalus, infections (AIDS, meningitis, syphilis), drug reactions and thyroid problems. Individuals experiencing dementia-like symptoms should undergo diagnostic testing as soon as possible. An early and accurate diagnosis helps to identify reversible conditions. In addition, it gives individuals a greater chance of benefiting from existing treatments and allows them and their families more time to plan for the future.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, affecting as many as 4 million Americans. It is a degenerative disease that attacks the brain, beginning gradually and progressing at a variable rate. Alzheimer's disease results in impaired memory, thinking and behavior and can last from three to 20 years from the time of onset symptoms.

Scientists are still not certain what causes the disease. Age and family history with Alzheimer's disease are identifiable risk factors for the disease. Scientists are exploring the role of genetics in the development of Alzheimer's, focusing on the rare forms of the disease that strike people in their 30s and 40s. Many researchers and physicians are coming to believe that Alzheimer's is a complex disease probably caused by a variety of influences. The evidence is not clear if Alzheimer's disease runs in families.

There are two distinct types of Alzheimer's disease:

- Familial, a strong genetic link occurs when a person between the ages of 30-40 is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.
- Sporadic, not thought to be genetically linked when a person in his or her late 60s and 70s is diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Much more common is the situation where a single-family member is diagnosed as having probable Alzheimer's disease (meaning that physicians are 80-90 percent certain that it is Alzheimer's).

Learn all you can about for your own sake, and for the sake of your friends and family – those who have it and those who don't. For more information call Donna Ramzy at 556-6117, at the Alzheimer's Care Center at The Village at Northrise.

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Around Town Health events and support groups

■ DIABETES DOC TALK

Fred Schneider will lead a discussion session titled "Just You," at the next Diabetes Doc Talk hosted by the Diabetes Educational Support Group to be held Monday, June 25, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The meeting is for those who have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested. The meeting is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, call The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach 522-0289.

■ DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Diabetes Educational Support Group will be held on Thursday, June 21 from 10 to 11:15 a.m. in the Benavidez Center, 1045 McClure Road. The meetings provide an opportunity for open discussion, short teaching regarding diabetes, and a question and answer period. The meetings are free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, call 522-0289.

■ S'COOL MOVES FOCUS WORKSHOPS

An estimated 15 to 40 percent of students with dyslexia also have attention deficit disorder or sensory issues, and a two-part workshop hosted by Gym Magic Sports Center and Preschool is designed to teach simple, fun and effective techniques that will improve behavior, focus and academics in these youths. Facilitated by Debra Em Wilson, M.A., Linda Michaels-Spivey, MS, MS/PPS and Marcia Carter, owner of the Oroville Gymnastics Learning Center, the class is divided into two sessions. Level 1 will be held June 22 and 23 and focuses on theory, research, self-regulation activities and songs along with focus plans, family letters and rolling into reading techniques for preschools. Level 2 is scheduled for June 23 and 24 and takes a deeper look at behaviors and underlying causes. Cost to attend the course is \$145 per person, per class. For more information about the course or about registration, call Nancy L. Bates at 644-3493. A completed registration form with payment may be mailed to Gym Magic Sports Center and Preschool, 2341 Entrada del Sol, Las Cruces, NM, 88001.

■ TIPS FOR MANAGING YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE'S SWALLOWING PROBLEM

Dora Jasso, speech language pathologist with MountainView Regional Medical Center Therapy Services Department will present a class titled "Tips for Managing you or your loved one's swallowing problem," on Tuesday, June 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. It is important to follow safe swallowing guidelines if you or a loved one has been diagnosed with a swallowing problem. This class will explain why following swallowing precautions is beneficial, as well as help explain the caregiver's or family's role in helping the patient.

The workshop will be held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., suite 404. The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required as

space is limited. To register or to learn more, call 556-6890.

■ LIVING WITH ARTHRITIS

Maria Lourdes Lopez, registered occupational therapist with MountainView Regional Medical Center will lead a class titled "Living with Arthritis" on Monday, June 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. This presentation will discuss the arthritic disease process. You will learn compensatory strategies to achieve the highest level of function without causing increased pain or deformity.

The workshop will be held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., suite 404. The class is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required as space is limited. To register or to learn more, call 556-6890.

■ TOPS MEETING

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

■ ATTACHMENT PARENTING INTERNATIONAL

Attachment Parenting International of Las Cruces offers education and support for parents interested in attachment parenting. Meetings are held the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. at Art of Birth and Wellness, 1210 N. Main St. Children are welcome. For more information, call 635-6683.

■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

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

■ YOGA CLASS

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

■ GIFT OF LIFE

The Gift of Life organ transplant support group will meet at MountainView Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Education Room on every second Thursday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The group will help to bring information and support to people who have lost a family member, donor family members and transplant recipients. Coffee and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Geraldo at 496-7913.



Women's Resource Center

at MountainView Regional Medical Center

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

Classes & Events

JUNE
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Wednesday • 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Insomnia and Other Sleep Concerns with Jana Weisborn Founder of the Insomnia Clinic and member of American Academy of Sleep Medicine

JUNE
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Friday • 10 - 11 a.m.

Turn 'Negative' Emotions into Positive with Al Galves, Ph.D

JUNE
11

Monday • 1-2 p.m.

Living with Arthritis with Maria Lourdes Lopez, Registered Occupational Therapist (OTR) of MountainView Regional Medical Center

JUNE
12

Tuesday • 10-11 a.m.

Tips for Managing You or Your Loved One's Swallowing Problem with Dora Jasso Speech Language Pathologist from the MountainView Regional Medical Center Therapy Services Department

JUNE
12

Tuesday • 2:30-3:30 p.m.

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

JUNE
14

Thursday • 10-11 a.m.

What You Need to Know About Decisions at the End of Life with Attorney Katherine Blackett and Terra Van Dyke of Mesilla Valley Hospice

JUNE
15

Friday • 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

The Law of Attraction Workshop with Barbara Alpher of Alpher Wellness Plus

JUNE
18

Monday • 10-11 a.m.

Introduction to Yoga with Jane Allen, RYT

JUNE
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Thursday • 11 a.m. - 12p.m.

Information and Assistance for the Primary Caregiver of a Loved One with Dementia with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care

JUNE
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Saturday • 10-11:45 a.m.

Breast Cancer Support Group at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room

JUNE
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Tuesday • 9-10 a.m.

How to Manage your Blood Pressure with Angelica Reyes, RN of Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at MountainView Regional Medical Center

JUNE
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Wednesday • 10- 11 a.m.

How Medicare, Medicaid and Long-Term Care Insurance Pay for Long-Term Care with Long-Term Care Insurance Specialist Gerald Carson

Send your health news

The Las Cruces Bulletin welcomes health-related news at melissa@lascrucesbulletin.com or deliver to the Bulletin office at 840 N. Telshor Ave., Suite E. Please include a phone number and/or email address for those with questions.

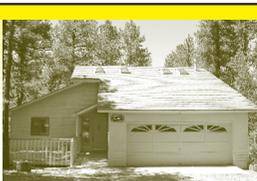
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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

■ CORE/FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

There are now three Core/Floor Exercise classes to choose from at the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Come strengthen your abdominals and back – the core of your body. All exercises are done on a provided mat. A 50-cent donation is suggested. Classes are held on Mondays from 10:15 to 11 a.m. with Lucille and twice on Wednesdays, from 10:15 to 11 a.m. with Lucille and again at 2:30 p.m. with Janelle.

■ AQUATICS CLASS (SENIOR WATER EXERCISE CLASS)

Nora Bailey will lead a senior water exercise class at Apodaca Park (801 E. Madrid Ave.) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 1 p.m., throughout the summer months. Space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis and a 50-cent donation is suggested.

■ EXERCISE CLASS

Nora Bailey will lead exercise classes using resistance equipment at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St., on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m. and Friday from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. A 50-cent donation is suggested.

■ YOGA CLASS

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

■ EXERCISE ON THE EAST MESA/SAGE CAFÉ

The class with Jennifer Frazier is temporarily suspended. Tai Chi is still meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays.

■ MESILLA PARK EXERCISE

This class is now three times a week. Join our certified instructor, Lucille Garcia, at Mesilla Park, 304 W. Bell St. Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays at 9:30 a.m., room 3. A 50-cent donation is suggested.

■ TAI CHI

Tai Chi with Cher is held on Mondays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Eastside Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at

the Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. and Tuesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. at East Mesa/Sage Café, 5589 Porter Drive. A 50 cent donation is suggested.

■ BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINIC

Clinics hosted by Alpha Nurses are held at all centers on the following schedule: A 25-cent donation is suggested.

- Benavidez Community Center on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Mesilla Park on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon
- Munson Center on Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.
- Eastside on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon

SENIOR SUPPORT GROUPS

■ GROUP THERAPY FOR ADULTS WHO HAVE LOST VISION

Cheryl Black, psychologist will facilitate a group therapy for adults who have lost vision. Sessions will be held on the first Tuesday of each month. There will be two sessions to choose from: Mesilla Park from 9:30 to 11 a.m., or at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St., from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Please sign up either in person or by phone with Angelica at the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

■ STROKE SUPPORT GROUP

The stroke support group meets on the first Thursday of the month, at 1 p.m. inside the Doña Ana Room at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St.

■ MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP

The support group for those with multiple sclerosis meets on the third Thursday of the month, at 10 a.m. to noon at the Munson Senior Center.

■ ON GOING ACTIVITIES

Please check at the Munson Senior Center or call 528-3000 for information on any of our on-going programs, such as, walking group, chess, canasta, pinochle, bridge, beginning line dancing, beginning crochet, zipper art sand painting, the crafters, and the Munson quilters.

■ BEGINNING LINE DANCING

with Sherrill Patterson and Cheryl Lither on Mondays at the Munson Senior Center from 1:45 to 3 p.m. Also join Sherrill on Fridays for intermediate line

dancing from 1:45 to 3 p.m.

■ CANASTA

Canasta is played every Wednesday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Munson Senior Center. Experienced players and those who would like to learn are welcome.

■ ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

with Mary Lou Darby on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Munson Senior Center in the Tortugas Room.

■ CREATIVE WRITING

at the Munson Senior Center on Wednesday's beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Doña Ana room with our volunteer instructor Mac McIlvoy.

■ MAH JONGG

Thursday's open play is on going from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

■ BINGO MANIA

Join us at the Eastside Center on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. No money involved. You can donate old and/or new nick-knacks for our prize collection. Join us for fun and to meet new friends or socialize with old ones. For more information, call Dolores at 541-2305 or Jenny at 541-2304.

■ THE LIBRARY BOOKCLUB

The library bookclub meets at the Munson Senior Center the third Wednesday of every month from 10 to 11 a.m. Come join the Library Book Club to read great selections and meet new people.

■ MOVIE DAY

Every fourth Thursday of the month, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the TV room a movie is shown. Free popcorn is served. Come take a break and watch with us. Movie suggestions are welcome at the Munson Library and at the front desk. Please sign up.

■ BREAKFAST AT MUNSON!

Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us for a cold breakfast at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St., between 8 and 9 a.m. The meal includes cereal, milk, bread or muffin and juice. Based on the feedback received, we are trying add-ons such as fresh fruit, peanut butter and possibly boiled eggs. The suggested donation is 50 cents. If we add additional items, there will be a slight increase.

■ POT LUCK

Enjoy a pot luck dinner at

Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St., on the first Sunday of every month at 12:45 p.m. Bring a covered dish and your own plates, cups and silverware and meet new people. Enjoy Sunday brunch, pot-luck style. PLEASE NOTE: The pot luck dinner at Munson Senior Center will break in July and August.

■ DAY TRIPS

Day Trip with Dolores, Thursday, June 14. We will depart the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St., at 8:30 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Lunch on your own at the Pink Store. \$6 per person suggested donation. Reserve your seat now. Please sign up with Angelica at the front desk.

■ SPECIAL EVENTS:

Father's Day Dance June 18 at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St., from 2 to 4 p.m. Put on your blue suede shoes and come dance to music by Mark Coker. A donation of 50 cents per person is accepted at the door. Complimentary boutonnières for the first 100 gentlemen.

■ FLAG RAISING

Annual Flag Raising and Flag Burning Ceremonies June 14 at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St. The flag exchange will be conducted outside at our center flagpole and the ceremony will be held indoors in the auditorium. The flag burning will start immediately after the ceremony in the north parking lot. If you have a flag for disposal, we will be collecting them at all four sites at the hostess stations.

■ CRAFTING WITH CHILDREN

Intergenerational craft class for moms with their children and/or grandmas with their grandchildren. Dolores Perez, recreation specialist at the Eastside Center, will focus on the summer months when many moms and grandmas are home with the kids. She is planning on including a couple of field trips as part of the program. If you would like more details, please call Dolores at 541-2305. She is planning to start in late May and would like your input on whether mornings or afternoons would be better.

■ SCRAPPING WITH STEPHANIE!

Share ideas and visit with friends as you organize, crop and mount your photos. Bring your current scrapbooking

project or if you are new to scrapbooking, check us out. We will meet Wednesday, June 13, at the Munson Senior Center, 975 Mesquite St. Sign up with Angelica at the front desk.

■ BENEFITS FOR SENIORS

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

Resource Center at Munson: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., phone 528-3301 or 528-3307. Representatives of the State Aging Dept: Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Same phone. The Mesilla Park Community Center phone number is 541-2451

The State of New Mexico also has a local representative for Aging and Long Term Services where assistance is available on Medicare, Medicaid, etc. Appointments can be made by calling 647-2049. Assistance is also available from a State Help Center by calling 1-800-432-2080.

■ RSVP COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS:

Donate a few hours to the Retired/Senior Volunteer Program and do fun things that include:

- Tutors from K-12, help our students to excel in their studies
- Clerical, help at many types of programs doing office tasks
- Join in the fun with NM State Games
- Be an advocate for those that need someone to speak on their behalf
- Make items that can be donated to various community programs
- Serve as a member of an organization, raise funds to help others
- Have a trade that you can teach others
- Deliver a hot meal to homebound elderly
- Feel good about giving a few hours to make our community a healthy and enjoyable place for everyone. All volunteer activities have flexible times and schedules.

For more information call Senior Programs at 528-3000. The TTY number is 528-3217.

Federal minimum wage increased

Many businesses must comply



On May 25, President Bush signed a bill that will increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 over the next two years.

The proposal was included in the Supplemental Spending Bill, which was primarily to fund the war in Iraq through September.

Gov. Bill Richardson also signed legislation that would increase the New Mexico minimum wage.

So what does this mean for local businesses?

"It creates more economic activity, obviously," said Richard Wagner, senior area director for the New Mexico Department of Labor. "The downside of that is employers are paying more, and their profit margin will decrease, but I think it's a good thing, especially for the tremendous growth that Las Cruces is experiencing now."

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, who was one of 80 senators who voted in favor of the increase, is in agreement.

"For the first time in 10 years, Congress has approved an increase to the minimum wage," Bingaman said. "I'm very glad this long overdue raise was finally given priority here in Washington."

U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici also voted for the increase, which includes legislation to help businesses through any challenges it may cause.

"I think we have the right balance of small business incentives to offset any hardships caused by the wage increase," he said.

The law increased the minimum wage in increments over the next two years. The first increase will be \$5.85 and is set for July 24, 60 days after Bush signed the bill. By July 24, 2008, the minimum wage will go up to \$6.55, and by July 24, 2009, the final increase to \$7.25 will be in effect.

See **Minimum wage** on PAGE B5

Spanish station launched

Latino public TV comes to Las Cruces

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

KRWG-TV, specializing in public television, has launched a Spanish-language public television station.

V-me, pronounced "veh-meh" – and translates to "see me" in English – was officially launched Tuesday, June 5, at the television station. The station is transmitted on digital channel 22.3.

"I think it's a needed service, especially for our area," said Glen Cerny, director of university broadcasting at New Mexico State University. "It makes a lot of sense."

Lt. Gov. Diane Denish and several state legislators welcomed the new station.

"This puts New Mexico State and KRWG at the forefront to recognize what New Mexico is all about as far as culture," Denish said. "V-me gives more in-depth educational public programming rather than focusing on personalities and celebrities in the world."

According to a press release, the nationally broadcast station is the first announced by V-me Media Inc., a new media production and distribution company.

The programming focuses on four main categories, said April Bond, marketing and promotion director for KRWG-TV.

Programs specifically targeted toward children include Spanish-language

preschool programs, educational online resources for children and parents and local activities. Lifestyle programming includes Latino-focused food, travel, design, home and self-improvement, parenting, health and well-being.

Factual and current affairs programming includes entertainment and opinions, history, technology, nature, news and biography.

The channel also features movies and special events programming with contemporary Spanish-language films every night, as well as international concerts and special events.

"The programming is not PBS produced and dubbed in Spanish," Bond said. "It's specifically for Spanish speakers."

Though all current programming is "pass-through," which means there are no locally produced programs, Cerny said he envisions local Spanish programs in the future, including local news and election information.

"It's national programming with an opportunity in the future to have a local presence on V-me," Bond said.

Cerny said the new station serves as a benchmark for KRWG-TV's digital conversion. He said the station will turn off its analog transmitter Feb. 17, 2009.

"Change is tough," said state Sen. Lee Rawson. "Public television plays a significant role in the community and education."

See **V-me** on PAGE B3



Lt. Gov. Diane Denish celebrated the launch of KRWG-TV's Spanish-language public television station, V-me, Tuesday, June 5. Denish said the station puts NMSU and KRWG-TV at the forefront to recognizing New Mexico's culture.

Doña Ana to open farmers' market



State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia stands in the Doña Ana village plaza, soon to be the site of a farmers' market, which will help to highlight the area's history and culture.

Project revives Camino Real historic culture

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana is keeping the Camino Real alive with a plan to open a farmers' market on the plaza in front of the historic Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria Catholic Church.

"The important thing is the revitalization of the Camino Real that went right through the village of Doña Ana," state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia said, supplying the cultural background for the project.

The Camino Real is the historic "Royal Road" that came from deep inside of Mexico and went to what is now northern New Mexico and that was used by early Spanish settlers.

The farmers' market project is part of Doña Ana Heritage Community Development Inc., which plans to open the market in August.

"It's a special nonprofit organization for rural economic development," Garcia said.

Planning actually started two years ago with the former Doña Ana Cultural Conservation Committee, Garcia said.

The senator was able to obtain \$1.5 million from the state Capital Outlay Fund for part of the Camino Real Revitalization Project.

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PROFILE

Dino Cervantes: Advocating for local processing of crops

Mesilla Valley chile emphasizes cultural value

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley has something special for residents to foster economically, historically and culturally, specifically its chile industry.

New Mexico is unique in that it can produce high-quality chile with good flavor.

"We have good chile growers in the valley. They know what they are doing, they're committed to chile and they grew up in the chile industry," said Dino Cervantes, general manager of Cervantes Enterprises Inc. in Vado.

Cervantes is a fourth-generation farmer, following his great-grandfather Andres Apodaca, grandfather Jose Apodaca and his parents, Orlando and Emma Jean Cervantes, who started Cervantes Enterprises, a chile growing and processing company.

"This is one of the few places in the world where we have enough cold in the winter to kill off bugs and hot summers to grow really good chile," Cervantes said.

He said that he knows a chile grower in Florida, where growers do not have freezing spells, who has to spray his jalapeño chiles 14 times to kill damaging insects.

"And, here, sometimes we don't have to spray at all," Cervantes said. "The winter freeze kills off most of the insects."

Cervantes Enterprises grows thin, red, curled cayenne for chile mash and jalapeños for sliced nacho sizes.

As a result of their chile-growing expertise, the Mesilla Valley produces a broad variety of chiles:

The famous New Mexico long green,

mild and pungent, picante in Spanish, for fresh market, canning and roasting; New Mexico long red for powder and coloring; jalapeño and cayenne for sauces and the ones known for their pungency or heat: habaneros, serranos and gueritos.

The marketing is broken down roughly into 40 percent fresh processed, 20 percent red spice, 29 percent oleoresin for safe food coloring, 7 percent cayenne mash and 7 percent fresh green.

Cervantes believes it is not enough to grow good crops. Processing increases the value, and the processing can be done within New Mexico, keeping the income home.

Processors increase the value of New Mexico's chile crop by a multiple of eight.

The state's annual chile value, right out of the field, is \$50 million. But processing for green chile canning, dehydrating into powder and oleoresin for color

increased the value to \$400 million, Cervantes said.

Commercial space travel planners estimate that industry also could mean \$400 million to the economy.

"But chile is a reality," Cervantes said. "Se-

enty percent of the chile processing is done in southern New Mexico, an example showing what can be done. People take chile for granted, but the chile industry has been here for a long time and provides 5,000 jobs."

Local governments could help. In many communities, when an industry moves in, it receives incentives, like tax breaks.

But farmers have special problems that consumers are not aware of. For example, many agricultural bank loans are based

"But chile is a reality."



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on the availability of irrigation water, Cervantes said. But the Office of the State Engineer is imposing new controls that many farmers fear are making them vulnerable to regulations that are beyond their control.

Local governments should consider relaxing regulations to grant agricultural farmers incentives, Cervantes contended.

Chile growers and processors understand that they have to adjust to changing market conditions to survive.

By 2005, United States chile consumption had increased to more than 1.4 million tons. Imports of chile had hit 1.2 million tons, but U.S. chile production had leveled off a 200,000 tons, Cervantes said, referring to USDA and National Agricultural Statistics Service figures.

New Mexico's chile acreage in the early 1990s was about 35,000 acres. But after the North Atlantic Free Trade Agreement, which allows more imported chile, the acreage started to decrease until it was only about 15,000 acres in 2005, according to agency figures.

To meet the growing consumer demand, processors have been forced to import chile from countries where labor is cheaper. This country's biggest chile competitors are China, Peru, India and many South American countries where field labor wages are much lower.

"You can't get people to pick chile now, no matter what you pay," Cervantes said.

But the New Mexico chile industry is rallying its resources.

The newly formed New Mexico Chile Association is working with New Mexico State University to develop mechanical pickers and cleaning equipment to separate pods from field trash to reduce labor-intensive costs.

Bueno Food's Gene Baca is the association president, and Cervantes and Louis

Biad, Rezolex owner, are board members.

The Rezolex plant near Radium Springs is one of two oleoresin extracting plants in the U.S.

The association also is working with the university's colleges of agriculture, business and engineering in a broader program.

"We're coming together to help deal with food industry issues like environment, mechanical harvesting, food processing and identifying pungency and color in marketing," Cervantes said. "Before, we had to send the chile out of state to check for heat and color because we didn't have the education or facilities for that here."

Cervantes' vision goes beyond chile. The New Mexico onion harvest value is \$50 million.

"But there is almost no processing for the onion industry in the state," he said.

New Mexico onion growers could keep more of their produce revenue in the state with processing plants for onion rings, dehydrating for onion powder, dicing for sauces and freezing for additional processing.

"We're the biggest pecan-producing county in the U.S., and we should have a lot of shelling plants here," he said.

During the 2006 pecan harvest, New Mexico orchards produced 46 million pounds of nuts, surpassing Georgia and Texas and ranking the No. 1 production state in the nation.

The only pecan shelling plant in the state that he was aware of was Young Pecans in Las Cruces.

Dairy is the leading agriculture industry in New Mexico, with an annual revenue of about \$1 billion. After processing, the industry has a value of \$1.25 billion.

"We let our local milk go to a dehydrating plant in Canutillo, Texas," he said. "Why aren't we doing that here?"

Dino Cervantes

General Manager Cervantes Enterprises Inc.

Family

- Wife, Leslie – member of NMSU Foundation Board of Directors
- Daughter, Alyssa

Education

- Diploma, Las Cruces High School, 1981
- Bachelor's degree in business administration, New Mexico State University

Organization

- Board member, New Mexico Chile Association

Survey reveals facts about kids, budgeting



BENJAMIN A. LIECHTI
Financial Representative

46 percent of parents don't talk money with children

Consider these figures from a 2003 Northwestern Mutual Perfectcents survey, Kids & Money. Seventy percent of parents believe that their children have an attitude of entitlement: they expect to get what they want whenever they want it. Fifty-seven percent of parents say that most kids do not understand the value of money.

However, when these same parents were asked if they discuss budgeting for future purchases with their child, only slightly more than half (54 percent) had broached the subject. When the remaining 46 percent were asked why they don't discuss budgeting, here is how they responded:

- 54 percent said they "just didn't think of it; it hasn't come up"
- 26 percent said they thought the children were "too young"
- 5 percent said that children have no business knowing this

4 percent said the topic is not important

2 percent said they didn't want to "burden" children

The survey showed much the same responses when parents were asked if they talked to their children about credit cards, loans and debt, or the family's financial situation.

The Perfectcents Kids & Money study, part of Northwestern Mutual's continuing interest in youth financial literacy, was developed to discover how parents teach their kids about money. The findings suggest an interesting study in conflicting ideas.

Parents would like the schools to "do more" to teach children about money management.

Financially strapped themselves, however, most schools can no longer spend money on teaching anything but the basics. Therefore, despite parental wishes to the contrary, managing money is a lesson that must be taught at home. Yet the Northwestern Mutual study revealed these findings about parents:

- 41 percent of adults admit that they never learned to manage money properly themselves.
- 44 percent of parents admit that they are not good financial role models for their children.

So that while adults express the frustration at children's attitude of entitlement, parents readily admit they are not setting a good example. Neither are they introducing topics that will promote the idea of budgeting, valuing a dollar, or financial decision making within the family.

The Northwestern Mutual research found that virtually 100 percent of families begin their children's financial education with a piggy bank. But parents don't go beyond the simple savings/earnings message: they avoid discussing the more advanced financial topics – managing money. Although 73 percent of parents have emphasized that money doesn't grow on trees, simply repeating the cliché, parents say, has been ineffectual.

For parents ready to try a more systematic and instructive approach, the

Northwestern Mutual Foundation, the charitable arm of Northwestern Mutual, has created a website to help families teach children about money management. The website, www.themint.org, helps children in the early grades learn how to use money and teaches middle and high schoolers about those "sensitive" money topics parents shy away from. There are even sections that help parents recognize "teachable moments" and how to handle them.

Teaching children to responsibly manage money in all its aspects – earning, tracking, spending, saving, borrowing, and investing – takes time and effort. For parents looking for guidance in these areas, www.themint.org is a family-friendly resource.

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Farmers' market

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"We're trying to revitalize the Camino Real to affect rural economic development through heritage tourism, farmers' markets, cottage industries and fiestas," she said. "We're preserving Doña Ana cultural heritage so that people will know who we are."

"We are trying to have native farmers sell their produce and thereby promote our agricultural heritage, like keeping our local farms alive."

Doña Ana's Spanish settlers were farmers. Their first project after they had settled was to dig an acequia, or irrigation ditch, by hand with wooden shovels to divert water directly from the Rio Grande. Part of the original Doña Ana acequia remains west of the village.

The heritage preservation group has a great deal of history to support its agricultural culture market plans.

Doña Ana was first mentioned as a village in 1842. It was the first Spanish settlement between Cd. Juarez, Mexico, and Socorro, according to historical accounts.

The new village had the first merchant business and military post in the area. Herman Wertheim ran a store and the Army First Dragoons had quarters at the south end of the village.

Doña Ana also had the first county courthouse in the "bajito" south of town, a declining area in an arroyo. The building is still standing and is occupied by a first cousin of the senator, Adela Garcia.

Mexican government officials designated the site where the first part of the historical church, Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, was to be built on Jan. 25, 1844. They also had designated a plaza. But the plaza, complete with a kiosk and a statue of the legendary Doña Ana, was not constructed until about 160 years later through the efforts of Sen. Garcia.

The officials also named Pablo Melendrez alcalde, or mayor, and Jose Maria Costales, alternate alcalde.

According to legend, Doña Ana was where the Camino Real left the Rio Grande route. Before it was designated as a village it was known as a "paraje," or resting place, where the settlers made sure that their two-wheel carretas were in good shape, their oxen were sound and their water containers were tight so that they wouldn't leak before crossing the Jornada del Muerto, according to legend.

The village also is planning to plant 12 mesquites for farmers' market shade.

"If you grow crops in your back yard or farm, we want to hear from you," Sen. Garcia said. "We're providing a beautiful setting in a new plaza and kiosk with live entertainment."

She can be reached at 649-8475.

"This farmers' market will give us another market for our vegetables, for small farmers, to better their income," farmer Lupe Garcia said. "And the market will bring more people to Doña Ana to appreciate the Camino Real and the old church on the plaza."

Garcia is serving as the National Hispanic Farmers and Ranchers of America Board of Directors chairman. In addition to preparing for the farmers' market, he is concerned that the valley chile crop is behind schedule.

"The weather had been too cool for too long," he said. "And we've had several rains that are causing diseases and damping off. The chile hasn't even started blooming. We're about 10 degree cooler than we normally are at this time of year."

Rain during May measured .87 of-an-inch compared with the normal rainfall for May of .29, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The new plaza and the historic church complement each other for fiestas to enhance the Camino Real culture.

The main fiesta, Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, will be celebrated on Feb. 2. After the 11 a.m. Mass, villagers

will conduct a procession and sing chorals in the church. The Mariachis Esquelas de Plata will supply music.

The program also will include a mantanza to make chicharones.

The historical church has been restored by youths in the Youths at Risk Program that was sponsored by the senator.

The church contains the original pulpit and vigas in the ceiling. The wooden corbels, or scrolls, at the end of the vigas were carved by the youths, the senator said.

"The youths stayed in school, learned a trade and received counseling," she said. "Some belonged to gangs, and the program turned their lives around."

The plaza also will make the San Lorenzo Fiesta, which is held close to Aug. 10, enjoyable for visitors who want to learn more about the village culture. The fiesta will offer folkloric dancing and food.

The village does not light its Christmas luminarias until Dec. 23 to avoid conflict with the Mesilla luminarias. The fiesta will include choir singing and a live Nativity by youths in the historical church.

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Raul Garcia, president of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, applauded the station and stressed the importance of public television. He said when he first moved to the United States from Venezuela in 1977, he watched Sesame Street to learn English.

"KRWG is promoting and continuing to identify the value of the Hispanic culture and what it brings to the country," Garcia said.

He said there is a sector of the community that is not informed because of the language barrier, but with more programming similar to V-me, communication will remain open.

"This is a big step," Garcia said. "The community will improve, and businesses will improve."



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Glen Cerny, director of university broadcasting, said launching V-me was a benchmark for KRWG-TV's digital conversion.

Electrical apprentices to graduate

NM labor secretary will deliver keynote address

The 2007 Apprentice Graduates for Southern New Mexico Independent Electrical Contractors Inc. will be acknowledged at 6 p.m. Friday, June 8, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd., with a recognition ceremony and celebration.

IEC, a nonprofit corporation, is an association of electrical contractors and industry supporters from across southern New Mexico dedicated to educating and training electrical workers to meet the growing technical demands of southern New Mexico.

The Keynote speaker at the 13th annual graduation ceremony of the Southern New Mexico Chapter of Independent Electrical Contractors Inc. and Doña Ana Community College is New Mexico Labor Secretary Betty Sparrow Doris.

Gov. Bill Richardson appointed Doris as the Secretary of Labor on Jan. 1, 2007. Doris oversees five divisions within the department – Human Rights, Labor and Industrial, Employment Security and Administrative Services.

“Living to help others help themselves” fuels the personal and professional energy of the newly appointed secretary. Doris began her tenure in workforce development during the era of nationally directed employment and training programs. As director of youth and categorical programs in Denver, she managed programs designed to keep at-risk youth in school through on-the-job training, mentoring, job shadowing and internship opportunities. Doris later managed all of Denver’s public workforce system programs and services and developed a decentralized workforce system that enhanced access to the city’s workforce services for job seekers and businesses. Doris was also instrumental in launching Denver’s employment and training component of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program in the Department of Human Services.

“The purpose of Independent Electrical Contractors is to create a highly qualified workforce. Because of IEC’s success in contributing to the workforce throughout Southern New Mexico, Labor Secretary Doris is the perfect person to deliver the keynote address at the IEC graduation ceremony,” said Phyllis Franzoy, IEC executive director.

Doris has a bachelor’s degree in organizational management. She completed her master’s degree in curriculum and instruction at Colorado Christian University in Lakewood, Colo.

IEC has experienced steady growth over the past several years, expanding membership to Deming, Alamogordo, Roswell, Carlsbad, Portales and Clovis. A new membership drive has been initiated and contractor and associate members range from El Paso to Colorado. Recently, the chapter initiated a name change to the southern New Mexico chapter to reflect the territory it covers.

Southern New Mexico IEC has expanded the educational



Betty Sparrow Doris, NM Labor Secretary, will deliver the keynote address at the IEC graduation Friday, June 8, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

and apprenticeship programs to include structured cabling with video, data, low-voltage, and communications programs. This new apprenticeship program will allow New Mexicans to learn the technical trades to qualify for employment in these new companies. IEC is working in collaboration with Doña Ana Community College, Roswell Job Corps, Clovis Community College and New Mexico State University – Alamogordo to develop these programs and partner in workforce development.

IEC is governed by a board of directors headed by President Kevin Tegmeyer, owner of RT Electric, Inc. and Executive Director Franzoy.

Tickets for the Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC) graduation ceremony event are \$15 per person and are available at the IEC office located at 1115 Commerce Dr., Suite 2.

For more information contact Phyllis Franzoy, IEC Executive Director, at (505) 524-2533 or 571-7721.

Consolidation a solution for student loan repayment

Many programs available for New Mexico graduates

By **ELWOOD G. FARBER**
President, New Mexico Student Loans

Now that school is over for many graduates, this is the best time for students to think about their future. However, for most students, paying off college loans is the last thing on their minds.

According to U.S. Department of Education statistics, about 12 million college students receive some form of financial aid from outside their families to help pay for their education. The majority of students receive aid from more than one source, averaging \$9,900 per year for full-time undergraduate students and \$13,111 per year for full-time graduate students.

Student loans have become an increasingly important source of financial aid for college students. As college costs continue to rise year after year, students are in need of more financial assistance than ever before. Unmanaged and unplanned loans can become problematic for students upon graduation. Now as the school year comes to a close, it is time to start thinking about loan repayment and ways to help alleviate the stress repayment causes as students move forward to the next chapter in life.

Loan consolidation is an efficient and effective solution because it reduces monthly payments, simplifies finances, locks in interest rates and provides flexibility and ease of mind. There is no fee to consolidate, and both student and parent borrowers can consolidate loans.

Loan consolidation services are offered by a variety of companies, but it is important for students to read the fine print and evaluate all alternatives to determine what options best fit their needs. While not all loans are eligible for consolidation, a majority are, so students should check with their lenders for more information.

Most states have nonprofit education lenders, such as New Mexico Student Loans (NMSL), that were created by their legislatures decades ago. These organizations promote college awareness, facilitate the financial aid process and help defray the cost of higher education by returning excess earnings to borrowers through scholarships and fee, interest and principal reductions. Many also offer programs that support statewide priorities, such as NMSL’s no-fee loans and zero-percent loans and 1.25 percent interest consolidation loans for teachers, doctors and nurses who work in New Mexico. In the past two years in support of New Mexico students, NMSL has forgiven \$6.5 million in student loans, including borrowers serving in the military and public service careers.

There are also other incentives to consolidating with such organizations, including rate reductions for direct debit payment and principal reductions with regular payment that can help the state’s students and graduates, our leaders of tomorrow.

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Gary Sandler’s Real Estate Connection column will not be in this week. Sandler has made a special visit to Chicago, Ill., to attend his granddaughter’s high school graduation. Look for his column next week in the June 15 issue.

Wilderness business

Open space a selling strength for area, supporters say

By **TODD G. DICKSON**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Often more than the homes themselves, images of the Organ Mountains and the open desert commonly dominate advertisements promoting different subdivisions and other developments in Las Cruces.

This is one reason Tom Tate says he actively supports the establishment of permanent wilderness areas in Doña Ana County, even though he is a developer himself.

"We sell open space," Tate told a gathering last week of businesses that have come out in support of the wilderness proposals.

Without setting boundaries to where development can advance, home growth and other development could encroach on that wild expanse, according to Tate.

Those open space, rugged mountains and other wild places around the county provide a source for "economic sustainability," said Jeff Steinborn, who heads the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance's southern office in Las Cruces.

More than 170 businesses have signed their support for establishing permanent wilderness areas around Doña Ana County — more than 300,000 acres in what's being called the Citizens Proposal. The areas being nominated for permanent wilderness status includes the Robledo Mountains and Broad Canyon, Sierra de Las Uvas, the east and west ranges of the Potrillo Mountains, Mt. Riley, the Aden Lava Flow and, of course, the distinctive Organ Mountains, most commonly photographed in those advertisements Tate spoke about at the gathering May 31 at the Sunset Grill in Sonoma Ranch.

Mike Groves, a photographer who's best known for his photography of the Organ Mountains, also spoke before the gathering. "It's more important to me to keep taking photos of the Organ Mountains than to have the ones I've taken increase in value," he said.

Dara Parker, business outreach coordinator for the effort, said she found these kinds of receptive reactions to the proposal at nearly every business she visited, making her job easy.

Along with the business



Paul Deason, a retired military analyst, speaks on behalf of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico about the organization's support of permanent wilderness areas in Doña Ana County. Deason was speaking to a gathering of mostly business representatives on May 31 at the Sunset Grill in Sonoma Ranch.

representatives, a few local politicians also spoke at the event.

Mesilla Mayor Michael Cadena told how he works to preserve the historic character of the small town just south of the growing city, likening it to a small fish trying not to be eaten by the bigger fish.

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Connor noted the recent large East Mesa development's border Wiesner Road, which is where she said she's willing to "draw the line in the sand" in terms of the city's growth to the east. Councillor Gil Jones echoed her sentiments to protect the Organ Mountains as the area's distinctive landmark.

County commissioner Bill McCamley said the mountains are so striking that they played a role in his family's decision to move here. McCamley, who is a Democrat running to unseat Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, said he would work to see wilderness legislation passed if it is still being deliberated when — and if — he is elected to Congress.

This week, a delegation of

supporters for the wilderness proposal traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici. Last year, Domenici began drafting legislation to establish the wilderness areas, but the bill was put on hold following concerns raised about a large West Mesa release of Bureau of Land Management property for development included in the bill.

Establishing a wilderness area takes an act of Congress. Many of the areas proposed include wilderness study areas, and the Citizens Proposal includes a National Conservation Area in the Organ Mountains of 103,687 acres.

So far, the main opposition has come from ranchers and off-roaders who are skeptical that grazing and recreational access will be retained after the areas are designated as wilderness. Recently, several hunting and sportsmen groups also signed an agreement with the wilderness supporters in which some of the boundaries were redrawn to increase access, mainly in the Potrillos and Robledos.

Minimum wage

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Because New Mexico also is increasing the state's minimum wage, New Mexico businesses must also make additional changes, although federal law supercedes state law, Wagner said.

By Jan. 1, 2008, the state's federal minimum wage will increase to \$6.50 and will rise to \$7.50 by 2009.

By the time the first increase to the federal minimum wage takes place, Wagner said the U.S. DOL will come out with mandatory posters, which will be available online or through the New Mexico DOL office, which, as of July 1, will change its name to the Department of Workforce Solutions.

According to federal law, employers must hang the

mandatory posters, which include equal employment, worker's compensation and labor law information, in a conspicuous place easily seen by employees.

Not all businesses will be affected by the minimum wage increase, however, Wagner said. The new law may not affect certain agricultural jobs, commission-based jobs and serving jobs.

If employers aren't sure if the law applies to them, they can contact the U.S. DOL for more information. Because the bill has just been signed, the U.S. DOL website, www.dol.gov, may not reflect all changes. The Labor and Industrial Department, located on the 10th floor of the Wells Fargo Building, 500 S. Main St., may have more information.

Wagner said he and his staff are also available. Businesses can reach the N.M. DOL office at 524-6250 or stop by 226 S. Alameda Blvd. for more information.

ON THE AGENDA

LCAR Affiliates Appreciation Event

The Las Cruces Association of Realtors will hold an affiliates appreciation event from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The event will include a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact the LCAR at 524-0658.

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By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Cheryl Frank decided to open a massage practice in Las Cruces, she also embarked on a fairly new concept in the area.

Although chair massage has been around since the 1980s, on-site corporate

massage has only been around for a few years, Frank said, and at first, it was the only thing she wanted to do, but she's run into a few challenges.

"Many businesses don't realize the benefits of getting a massage on a regular basis," she said. "Traditionally it's difficult to get businesses to agree for me to come on-site on a regular basis."

On-site corporate

massage consists of a brief chair massage that lasts from five to 30 minutes. It may seem like a regular massage, but no oil is used and the massage – which focuses on high-tension areas including the back, neck, shoulders, scalp, arms and hands – is applied

through clothing.

"It boosts employee morale," Frank said. "Massage has physical benefits and people are generally feeling better. They won't take off work as much."

She said she provides clients with an education as well, and coaches clients on how to work without putting unnecessary

tension on the body.

"They're changing their work habits and improving their health, which reduces work absenteeism and in turn, increases the company's bottom line," she said. "Research has proven this."

Frank said she has only given on-site corporate massage as one-time events, but she has received good feedback from her clients.

"Within the first 10 to 15 minutes, they all say, 'You need to

come back,'" she said.

Because she traveled to businesses, she said she also was constantly asked about her regular practice.

"I found I needed to tailor my plan," she said.

“They’re changing their work habits and improving their health...”

CHERYL FRANK,
Free Flow Massage owner



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Cheryl Frank, owner of Free Flow Massage, practices at MassageWorks, 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 1. Three other independent massage therapists also have practices in the building.

About a month ago, Frank opened a commercial massage business in the MassageWorks building at 133 Wyatt Drive, Suite 1. There she provides full-body massage, including Swedish massage, deep-tissue massage, massage pertaining to a specific injury and relaxation massage.

Three other independent massage therapists also have practices at MassageWorks.

Frank said she still tries to do on-site corporate massage at least two days a week, but will cater to her clients.

"As with any massage business, I'm very willing to be flexible in my schedule," she said.

Originally from Philadelphia, Frank discovered the Southwest on the Internet and decided it would be a good place to get her massage license.

"I loved it," she said. "Right away I knew I wanted to stay forever."

After six months as a full-time student at the Massage Therapy Training Institute, 2701 W. Picacho Ave., she became a licensed massage therapist, a profession quite different from the social services position she had before.

"It was a very stressful environment,"

Frank said. "I wanted to work in an environment that facilitated a sense of peace."

With massage, Frank said she found that environment. As a dancer in college, she had experience with the "body-mind connection," and her bachelor's degree focused on creative arts and therapy and she often gave massages to fellow dancers and colleagues.

"I was introduced to massage at a fairly young age – my late teens and early 20s," she said. "Massage is very beneficial and improves the quality of life."

It wasn't too difficult to get started in the business, she said, because the school was very helpful in promoting students, and happy clients are spreading the word.

"Word of mouth is the best way to gain clients," she said.

Frank said she has big plans for the future of her business, especially with on-site corporate massage.

"My ultimate goal is to open a massage studio with a few studios and massage therapists," she said. "I'd like to see the on-site corporate massage aspect grow and have regular corporate clients."

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Q & A: Talking business with owner Cheryl Frank

What inspired you to go into business?

At a majority of the jobs I've had in my life, I took the initiative to make changes that would enhance the operations of the business. I always put my full energy into my work, so I decided to devote this energy to my own particular goals.

Who are your customers?

It's simple: massage is for everyone! Not only do I have a commercial location (a massage studio) where an individual can receive massage, I also work with companies and organizations in order to bring massage to the workplace.

What is unique about your business?

While many licensed massage therapists will do chair massage for special events, I devote at least one-third of my time to bringing massage to corporate locations (and schools, etc.). My business is set up to provide this service. For both the employees at corporate locations and my clients who come to the massage studio, I feel privileged to provide them the opportunity to breathe, relax, and enjoy relief from stress and tension.

Where do you see the business in five years?

Since more and more companies are recognizing the benefits of on-site corporate massage, I would love to see Free Flow Massage become the Las Cruces source for this service. I also want to continue to learn the newest massage techniques in order to bring them to my practice.

How would you define success in the short term?

Success for me means improving people's lives and personal health through massage therapy.

What is your business philosophy?

First and foremost I believe people deserve quality service; they deserve to feel listened to and respected. When I am with a client, I clear my mind of extraneous matters and focus all my mental energy on my client's needs.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

I provide a quality service at a competitive price. I am reliable and thoughtful; I make it a priority to create a safe and nurturing environment.

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

I lived in Santa Fe for a bit and considered starting a business there. I believe the best decision I've made is coming back to Las Cruces (where I went to massage therapy school) and entering the business community here in southern New Mexico.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

When I first started the business I intended to concentrate on corporate massage. I didn't have a commercial location where I could offer traditional massage therapy services. However, clients at corporate locations kept asking if they could schedule a full massage with me. So, now I have a beautiful and relaxing

space, and I couldn't be happier with the decision to practice massage in both types of settings.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Being an observant person! I take in what I see and trust what I feel. I listened to how my teachers became successful and developed ideas from there.

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

Individuals can schedule massages for: 1/2 hour (\$35), 1 hour (\$55), and 1 1/2 hours (\$75). The prices for on-site corporate massage are: 1 to 3 hours (\$60 an hour), 4 to 6 hours (\$54 an hour), 7 to 10 hours (\$51 an hour).

What is your most popular item?

Many people carry stress in their neck and back; these individuals experience great relief with massage therapy. Emphasis on the neck and back is often requested and I believe I've had excellent training pertaining to these common problem areas.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Generally, in our culture, massage therapy is considered a luxury. I believe, as many Eastern cultures do, that massage is integral to emotional and physical wellness. The biggest obstacle for the corporate massage component of my business is convincing executives that contracting with a massage therapist will positively impact their bottom line in many ways.

In addition to providing on-site corporate massage, Cheryl Frank, owner and sole employee of Free Flow Massage, offers full-body massage.

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There's a new postmaster in town



New Mexico District Manager Victor Benavides swore in LeGretta Ross-Rawlings as Las Cruces postmaster during an installation ceremony Friday, June 1, at City Hall. Her husband, Steven Rawlins (center) held a Bible for Ross-Rawlings during the presentation.

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The Las Cruces Fire Department gave the presentation of colors during the swearing-in ceremony.

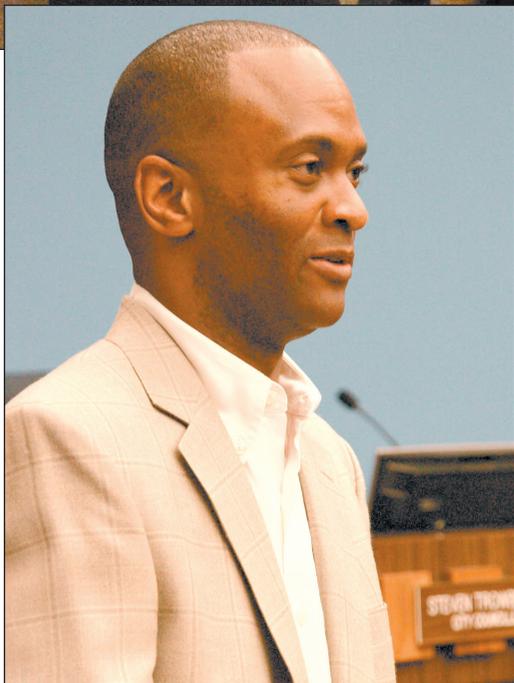


City Councillor and Consumer Advisory Council member Dolores Archuleta



Isaac Chavez, Wayne Saxton, manager of post office operations in Albuquerque, and Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace place their hands over their hearts during the national anthem.

Isaac Chavez, consumer co-chair of the Consumer Advisory Council, gives the history of Las Cruces and its postal service.



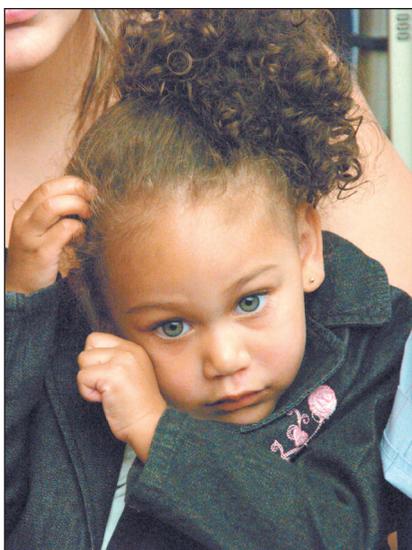
City Manager Terrence Moore was one of several special guests who congratulated Ross-Rawlings during the ceremony.



LeGretta Ross-Rawlings listens to congratulations offered by several community members.



Ross-Rawlings' granddaughter, Jordyn, 2.



BRIEFS

El Paso Electric announces new CEO



REDD

Ershel C. Redd Jr. was named president and chief executive officer of El Paso Electric and began his responsibilities May 15, succeeding Gary R. Hedrick, who has served as El Paso Electric's president and CEO since November 2001. Hedrick will remain on

EPE's Board of Directors through the end of his term in 2008.

"I look forward to joining a corporate family that's been part of its community for more than 100 years," said Redd. "This is an exciting time to be at El Paso Electric, particularly with the projected growth anticipated in EPE's service territory and with the substantial challenges facing our industry today. I am committed to meeting that growth in an environmentally friendly manner, working with all of our customer-partners to ensure that their energy consumption is efficient and furthers our country's quest for energy independence."

"Ershel's extensive knowledge of the energy industry will provide a great benefit to El Paso Electric in this time of anticipated growth in the El Paso/Las Cruces area," said George Edwards, chairman of EPE's Board of Directors. "We want to express our gratitude and thanks to Gary Hedrick for his 30 years of service to the company."

"I plan to build on the foundation that Gary Hedrick and his team have established," Redd said. "I'm also looking forward to working with a dynamic group of EPE employees to ensure we sustain and improve the delivery of reliable, efficient and competitive electrical energy and energy services to our customer-partners in the communities we serve and to continue to create significant value for our shareholders."

Redd has more than 35 years of experience in various sectors of the energy industry with an extensive background in strategic planning, business development, corporate restructuring and commercial operations. Most recently, he served as executive vice president of commercial operations and president of the western region of NRG Energy Inc., a leading global developer and operator of generation facilities. Redd has also served as vice president of business development and corporate strategy for Xcel Energy Inc., as well as in senior management roles at Energy Development Corporation, the Sid

Richardson Carbon and Gasoline Company, Gulf States Oil and Refining Company, and Union Texas Petroleum.

Redd has a bachelor's degree in economics from Texas Tech University. He has also held memberships in numerous industry organizations including the Natural Gas Processors Association, Northwest Contingency Planning Task Force, the Gas Industry Standards Board and the Natural Gas Producers Forum. He also co-founded the Coalition for California Energy Market Reforms.

Redd's involvement in community and civic organizations includes serving as chairman of the Galveston-Houston Diocesan Development Board, member of the Galveston-Houston Diocesan Board of Education, the St. Agnes Academy and the St. Michael School Boards, the St. Agnes Academy Foundation, and served as the mayor of the City of Hilshire Village, Texas. Redd and his wife Jan have been married for 35 years and have two grown children and a granddaughter.

Governor's office accepting Energy Innovation Fund apps

Gov. Bill Richardson is soliciting applications for the newly created Energy Innovation Fund. The fund is part of the governor's commitment to continuing New Mexico's leadership as "The Clean Energy State."

"The Energy Innovation Fund furthers my commitment to making New Mexico the clean energy state," Richardson said. "The fund will accelerate the innovation and adoption of clean energy technologies in our state and ask New Mexico entrepreneurs to put forward their ideas."

Under Richardson's leadership, New Mexico has already taken great strides in clean energy – requiring that at least 20 percent of electric utility power supply come from renewable sources by 2020, creating the Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) and providing tax credits for the use of alternative fuels.

The Energy Innovation Fund (EIF) was created during the 2007 Legislative session. The fund was established with a \$2 million appropriation. The EIF will help to accelerate the development of innovation to enable faster commercial adaptation of clean energy technologies in the state. This year, the focus of the EIF is biofuels and concentrating solar power.

Applications for funding must:

- Relate to achieving New Mexico goals in clean energy.
- Be an innovative project.
- Have the potential for a significant impact on New Mexico.

- Include partnerships between private and public sectors, with at least one of the principals in the project being a New Mexico entity.

Applications for the New Mexico Energy Innovation Fund are now being accepted, through June 19. Project funding will be considered in the amount of \$200,000 and above.

To download an application or obtain more information visit <http://governor.state.nm.us/priorities-energy.php?mm=4>. For additional information, contact Thomas Bowles, governor's science advisor at (505) 476-2244.

More than 200 signed up for NAFTA Institute

More than 200 participants and companies from Mexico, Canada and the U.S. already have registered for the NAFTA Institute/Supplier Meet the Buyer conference, which will take place on June 14 and 15 at the Santa Teresa Country Club, 75 Feathermoon Drive. Experts from the public and private sectors of Mexico, Canada and the United States will make presentations on international trade topics including: introducing your product to the North American market, forming joint ventures, financing international transactions, the technical aspects of importing/exporting, how to become a supplier to Mexico's maquiladora (twin plant) industry, and hot markets in North America.

In conjunction with the conference, organizers are currently in the process of putting together business-to-business (B2B) sessions for participating companies. These will take place concurrently with the conference. Some of the major buyers that have confirmed their participation include:

Johnson & Johnson (two divisions), Delphi Automotive (two divisions), Bombardier, Robert Bosch, Regal Beloit, Electrolux, and Lasershield.

In addition to these major OEMs, a wide variety of buyers/suppliers have registered for the B2B sessions in areas including: metals, logistics, arts and crafts, foods, machinery, contract manufacturing, chemicals, plastics, tool & die, consumer products, computer systems, legal services, high-tech, real estate, industrial machinery and tourism, among others. To view a complete list of the companies and products/services that will be participating in the B2B sessions, please visit www.nmiba.com/Temp/nafta/b2b_list.pdf.

The cost to participate in the conference is \$79, which includes all conference meals and materials. Companies that only want to participate in the B2B sessions and not the general conference will be charged a special participation fee of \$29. Special hotel rates for conference participants have been arranged with area hotels.

Space is limited in this year's conference and B2B sessions, so companies interested in participating in the conference or B2Bs are encouraged to register as soon as possible to ensure their participation. Please call the International Business Accelerator at (505) 589-2200 or visit the IBA website, www.nmiba.com, for more conference details.

The New Mexico Economic Development's Office of Mexican Affairs, the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, the World Trade Center El Paso/Juarez, the Juarez Maquiladora Association, the New Mexico Small Business Development Network, Western New Mexico University and the International Business Accelerator are co-organizers of this conference.

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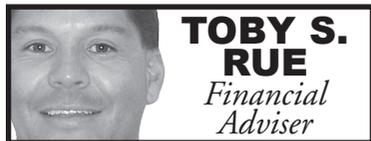
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Briefs deadline: Fridays at noon

Real illusions: How we trick ourselves about finances



TOBY S. RUE
Financial Adviser

The animals that keep investors from finding success

We all like to think that we make rational and wise decisions when managing our money. But most of us are influenced far more by our emotions than our brains. Why do smart people make irrational investment decisions so commonly and so easily? The fascinating study of behavioral economics and decision science fills many books, but let's look at a few of the ways in which investors' minds play tricks on them.

The Timid Bunny Worrying over risk

Why do so many people bank their money in savings accounts, CDs and money markets when they are often actually losing money if measured against inflation and taxes? Some people do it because they are so fearful of risk that they don't consider that such fixed investments are not risk-free. The interest credited to your account each month is subject to the likelihood of shrinking purchasing power,



especially over time. A canoeist struggling to get upstream against current and wind will have the illusion of movement, but he will have to switch to a boat with a motor to make real progress.



The Hoarding Pack Rat Treasuring what we own

The preference to keep things the way they are is called the "status quo bias." We tend to fall in love with what we own and stick to the familiar even if we would likely be financially better off with a different investment. We validate our prior choice by sticking with it. What we know feels better than what we don't know.

The Foolish Sheep Fearing loss

We are so averse to accepting loss that we will throw good money after bad. This is sometimes called the "sunk cost fallacy" —our inability to let go of money that's already been spent or lost. We will invest more money



on car repairs simply because we've already spent so much on the car. Rather than evaluate a losing investment on its cost—as we are prone to do—it makes more sense to assess its current potential for loss or gain. If you would not choose to buy that investment today, then why do you make the choice every day to keep your money invested in it? Usually, it is because you are focusing on the past—what you have already spent. But it has no relevance to the future.

The Little Chicken Focusing on the negative

We feel the pain that comes from loss more acutely than we do the pleasure from an equal or greater gain. If you invest \$100,000 in a stock portfolio, and it rises in value to \$150,000 but then drops to \$130,000, you are more likely to be motivated by the disappointment in your "loss" of \$20,000 than the pleasure in your gain of \$30,000. You may focus on your phantom loss rather than your available gain. This can

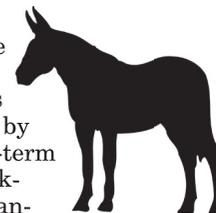


lead you to be less willing to sell a profitable stock and buy an undervalued one, even though we have all heard that it makes more sense to buy low and sell high.

The Stubborn Mule Refusing to change

We frequently decide not to decide, and that inaction can cost serious money. There are so many options out there that we become paralyzed and stay with the familiar.

Often this is motivated by fear of short-term regret at making a less-than-perfect decision even though we know that there are no perfect decisions. But, as Mark Twain said, "Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do." By placing more emphasis on what we have already expended than on what could be gained by change, we ignore lost opportunity costs because they don't seem real. But with your financial security at stake, where you are headed is much



more important than where you have been.

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07-RB1-5519	Flair Homes Inc.	Flair Homes Inc.	Res/New	4586 Rimrock	Parkhill Estates #1	\$132,240	\$3,292
07-OTC-5770	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	4239 Great Sandy Drive	Desert Breeze	\$107,460	\$1,719
07-OTC-5530	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4640 Pyramid Peak	Sandhill Center Heights	\$147,180	\$3,410
07-OTC-5772	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5735 Pecan Lane	Desert Breeze	\$95,940	\$1,680
07-OTC-5371	Bartlett Construction	Tracy Goodluck	Res/Add	2543 Silver Hawk	N/A	\$10,000	\$87
07-OTC-5769	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	4240 Great Sandy Drive	Desert Breeze	\$90,720	\$1,680
07-OTC-5639	De La Paz Construction	DJ De La Paz	Res/Add	5099 Clifford Ave.	N/A	\$10,000	\$87
07-OTC-5681	Homeowner	Jerry Estrada	Res/Add	1825 Rio Grande	N/A	\$59,000	\$314
07-OTC-5870	Farrell Thurston Construction	Farrell Thurston	Res/New	4732 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	\$121,200	\$3,266
07-OTC-5768	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Homes	Res/New	5556 Kalahari Lane	Desert Breeze	\$106,860	\$1,717
07-RB1-5568	Homeowner	Horacio Reyes-Sorado	Res/New	4010 Bravia Dove Loop	Dove Crossings	\$143,220	\$3,401
07-RB1-4872	Double J Contractors	Alexander Properties	Comm/New	1453 Certified Place	N/A	\$245,000	\$870
07-RB1-5716	Homeowner	Horacio Rivera	Res/New	5447 Santa Cruz	N/A	\$184,320	\$1,066
07-OTC-5900	Homeowner	Eugenio Gonzalez	Res/Alt	1330 Grover	N/A	\$0	\$64
07-OTC-5767	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4962 Ortega Road	Rincon Mesa	\$112,380	\$3,329
07-OTC-5955	DRF Construction	Bill Martinez	Res/New	3309 Valverde Loop	Los Contentos	\$99,840	\$3,300

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32274	Excel Mech Construction	Juan Casas	Res/New	212 Paseo Real Drive Sp. 3	Lake Section Subdivision	\$822
32276	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	7910 Inca Dove Ave.	Inspiration Heights	\$310
32277	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6533 Rhea Place	Inspiration Heights	\$310
32278	Summit Development	Summit Development	Res/New	6523 Phoenix St.	Inspiration Heights	\$298
32280	Self	Andrew & Marlana Hill	Res/New	362 Leghorn Loop	Rancho Del Gallo	\$548
32284	Summit Development	Gilberto Vargas	Res/New	5092 Yuma	EBLT #2	\$462
32285	Summit Development	Lisa Feliz	Res/New	7520 Mitchell Circle	Amber Mesa	\$531
32299	Comfort Homes	The Villages at Ranchers Club	Res/New	3371 Calle Rancho Caballo	The Villages at Ranchers Club	\$835

Food safety starts in producers' fields

Isolated incidents start shock waves

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Isolated incidents of contamination can send damaging repercussions throughout the entire food industry, specialists told farmers and processors at the recent Cooperative Extension Service produce safety workshop Wednesday, May 23, at the the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Joe Pezzini of OceanMist Farms in California discussed "The Spinach Crisis of 2006 and Where do We Go from Here?" Last year, E. coli bacteria were found in California spinach, causing a scare among consumers and damaging the food-producing industry's integrity.

After its investigation, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported that investigators believe that the spinach contamination had been caused by feral, non-domestic pigs that had been rooting in livestock manure and eventually moved into spinach fields, spreading the bacteria.

Spinach, like lettuce, endive and escarole, major California crops, is eaten raw and is vulnerable to such contamination, Pezzini said.

"That's what the FDA believes, but they don't have any sound proof," Pezzini said. "That's why you have to pay attention to the risk of animal intrusion into your fields."

It was this idea that set the theme

for Pezzini's talk, during which he said producers should monitor their crop fields for possible contamination.

"The food industry is under a microscope as it should be," he said. "Our lives and reputation depend on our ability to deliver safe food. That's important to consumers. It's important to our industry."

California farmers are working with a coalition to verify safe agricultural practices. The coalition includes the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the California Farm Bureau and the Western Growers Association.

"The government goes out to the fields and makes sure that good agricultural practices are being implemented on the farms," Pezzini said.

Coalition farming practices that are required for verification include:

- Farmers conducting their own risk assessment, making sure their water systems are not contaminated by intrusions.
- Making sure that water, irrigation and post harvest, is not contaminated.
- Obtaining certification that soil amendments, such as animal manure, are free of pathogens.
- After flooding, checking the field to see if the excess water has caused contamination.

"If the crops have been submerged by flood water, and you don't know what's

in it, for example from a river, the FDA considers the water contaminated," Pezzini said.

- Farmers also are advised to check out adjacent property for possible contamination. Feed lots and roaming wildlife, such as deer and feral pigs, also can be sources of contamination.

"The point is, you have to look at your fields to minimize any potential risk of contamination," Pezzini said. "We've got to look at our cultural practices regarding food safety."

County extension horticulturist John White said that the speakers suggested practices that farmers and processors can use to eliminate possible contamination.

"And some of them showed how the industry can be crippled by one contamination incident report, whether it's true or false," White said.

OceanMist is a family company with headquarters in the Salinas Valley. Pezzini is OceanMist's vice president of operations. He also serves as the Grower/Shipper Association of Central California chairman and California Leafy Greens Marketing Agreement Advisory Board chairman.

The produce company was started by Italian immigrants 83 years ago.

OceanMist grows crops on 22,000 acres in different parts of California, including spinach, artichokes, broccoli, cauliflower, celery and all types of lettuce, Pezzini said.

The company irrigates its crops from Colorado River diversions and wells.

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Exhibition

The man who captured
the Earth's beauty

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Ansel Adams exhibit brings master photographers to city

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As the Downtown area becomes the art and cultural center of Las Cruces, the city's museums are bringing more widely known exhibits to town.

It began with the King Tut exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center. Now the center's next-door neighbor, the Las Cruces Museum of Art, will host "Ansel Adams; The Man Who Captured the Earth's Beauty" beginning Friday, June 8, and running through Saturday, Aug. 4.

The exhibit is on loan from and organized by the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, N.C.

To accompany the work of Adams, the museum will host a complimentary exhibit, "American Photography; West Coast Visions."

According to Las Cruces Museum of Art manager Lisa Pugh, "West Coast Visions" will feature the work of several of Adams' associates and assistants, including photographs from Brett Weston, Paul Strand, Al Weber, Willard Van Dyke and Imogen Cunningham.

"West Coast Visions" also will feature works from the collections of Al Weber, Thomas R. Schiff, Paul and Bonnie Schranz and Governor's State University in University Park, Ill.

"With the help of Paul Schranz, we were able to bring in the work of other artists who worked with Ansel Adams as contemporaries and as his students," Pugh said.

To kick off the exhibit, the museum will host a public reception from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9.

Immediately following the reception at 11 a.m., photographer and friend of Adams, Paul Schranz, will present a free lecture about the importance of Adams and his contemporaries in the world and the art of photography.

Another free lecture offered during the exhibit will be given by special guest, an associate and friend of Adams, Al Weber. Weber's talk will cover "Ansel Adams and the West Coast Photographic Vision" at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 14.

According to Schranz, Adams had three significant impacts on the world through his photography.

First, and most well known, Adams brought a love of



"Moonrise Hernandez, New Mexico" by Ansel Adams

the environment to many who had never experienced its beauty. Through his pictures of the American Southwest and national parks, Adams raised awareness of the open spaces that abound on the West Coast.

Adams, along with contemporary Fred Archer, created the "zone method" of photography. He also formed the group "f/64" along with Cunningham and Weston to support the idea of "straight photography," or unaltered prints. According to Schranz, Adams was able to take an image "above and different from reality, like a musical performance from a master," which could never be duplicated.

Schranz said that although photography as a collectable fine art was something that was hotly debated in the art world during the 1960s and '70s, Adams' work for the Sierra Club helped make photography marketable, and eventually the prices of fine art photographs raised from hundreds of dollars to thousands.

"Everyone benefited from Adams' work," Schranz said. "It was an important time in the early '70s."

The next large exhibit by the Las Cruces Museum of Art will be an exhibit of Salvador Dali owned by a local collector that opens in September.

Exhibits at the Las Cruces Museum of Art are free and open to the public. The museum is located at 491 N. Downtown Mall next to the Branigan Cultural Center, and the galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For more information about exhibits at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, call 541-2137 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

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JOEL COURTNEY
Arts & Lifestyles Editor

The Doña Ana Arts Council always does a fantastic job of thanking those who give so much to the local art community, but they took a huge gamble with making their annual awards ceremony a more formal event.

That gamble paid off fantastically, with a full house of attendees all taking the opportunity to "sail away" for the evening.

Some guests took the request for yachting attire more formally than others, but everyone seemed to fit together well, from those in captains' outfits to guests in Hawaiian shirts and Bermuda shorts.

As far as improvements over last year's festivities go, having formal seating with place cards took out much of the guesswork for those who wanted to mingle. Nearly everyone spent the first part of the evening milling about the room, although it wasn't to greet everyone, it was to check out each of the hand-crafted model sailboats placed on every table. The boats, available for purchase through a silent auction, were made by local artists, and each carried a bit of its creator's personality.

After the dining and awards presentation, the silent auction finished at the back of the room. The table that held the sailboats was crowded with bidders until the auctions closed.

The guests at the event were as diverse as the art forms they represented. Members of the business community sat next to representatives of the Las Cruces Public Schools, while university staff mingled with the mayor, and artists of all types populated the tables.

Part of the charm of the DAAC Awards Gala is the enthusiasm and outgoingness of the many attendees. By the end of the evening, everyone had a chance to meet each other.

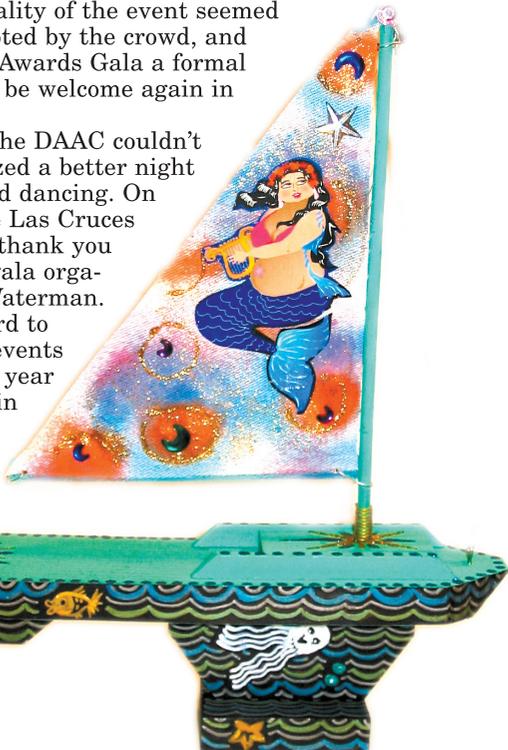
The guests were so plentiful that Best Western staff had to pull in an overflow table to accommodate them all. As usual, the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn staff really got in the mood, wearing sailors' suits while performing all their regular duties.

A coincidence that could only happen in a town the size of Las Cruces, the table I sat at just happened to contain my mother's former boss from the Las Cruces Public Schools and my grandmother's former boss from the Los Alamos laboratories.

Although not everyone stayed to dance the night away after the award ceremony, The Rio Band performed a nice mixture of oldies for the crowd and got a good number of guests out of their seats.

The formality of the event seemed widely accepted by the crowd, and keeping the Awards Gala a formal evening will be welcome again in 2008.

Overall, the DAAC couldn't have organized a better night of dinner and dancing. On behalf of the Las Cruces community, thank you DAAC and gala organizer Cati Waterman. I look forward to next year's events and another year of great art in the Mesilla Valley.



Pricilla Perez and her parents, Rick and Pricilla Perez, embrace the "sailing" theme of the DAAC 2007 Awards Gala.



Mike and Veronica Beckett, Malu Bender and Ron Saltzman

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FILM

Love's labours lost

'After the Wedding' epitomizes a great piece of foreign cinema

By **JEFF BERG**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This latest foray by Fountain Theatre programming into 2006 Academy Award territory is the 2006 Danish film "After the Wedding."

Nominated for Best Foreign Language Film, "After the Wedding" is a manageable drama with a refreshing look at the "loves from the past" storyline.

Jacob is a Danish ex-patriot who has fled his native country, now lives in India and works as a sort of managing director of a poverty stricken orphanage in his new homeland.

An opportunity for Jacob to achieve a large financial gift from a wealthy benefactor arises, and the director of the orphanage, a firm but gentle non-nonsense Indian woman, directs Jacob in somewhat pleading tones to return to Denmark and attempt to take advantage of this offer.

Jorgen, a wealthy businessman with several secrets, is the man that Jacob must meet and convince in order for the orphanage to receive this generous gift.

One of the best scenes in the film is when Jacob arrives in Copenhagen and is taken to a luxury hotel. Quite out of his element after spending the last 20 years

of his life scrounging food for unwanted children, the scene becomes a metaphor of sorts for what happens next.

It happens that Jorgen's daughter is being married, and Jacob, who is quite socially withdrawn, reluctantly agrees to attend the expensive doings.

To his surprise, Jacob finds that Jorgen's wife, Helene, is a former lover of his. His pre-India days apparently were spent in a drug- and alcohol-induced haze, replete with any number of temporary lovers, as Helene cattily notes in a phrase I can't share in a family paper.

What ensues is an interesting array of emotional clichés. Jorgen, suddenly aware of the past connection between Jacob and Helene, struggles with the lack of closure for their relationship that they exhibit, which enhances the anguish of his previously noted secret. However, he discovers a way to make lemonade from the lemons.

Helene, who probably is no longer in love with Jorgen but still miffed at Jacob for his lack of maturity in the past, is torn in several directions, thus increasing the emotional and dramatic tensions in the scenes that she shares with each man.

And then there is Anna, Helene and Jorgen's daughter ... has her whole life been a lie?



Helene (Sidse Babett Knudsen) and Jacob (Mads Mikkelsen) talk about old times and an old relationship in "After the Wedding," the Fountain Theatre's film for the week of June 8 through June 14.

But it is Jacob who suffers most of all. His past behavior has come back to haunt him, and remainders of it still exist as he breaks a promise to a favorite orphan, who he had assured before leaving that he would attend the boy's birthday party.

But in order to make the present better for any number of needy people, Jacob must face the inequities of his past, something he has avoided successfully through denial and dishonesty for many years.

And like the recently screened "The Italian," "After the Wedding" could easily sink into maudlin, telenovela-type activity, but it does not. Instead, director Susanne Bier handles each character with dignity and respect, pacing the story accurately and respecting the powers and flaws of the characters of the plot. Indeed a touch of melodrama enters, but all in all, "After the Wedding" is a respectful look at how our past can empower and inspire us in

the lessons of life.

A terrific parable of life and emotion, "After the Wedding" is international cinema at its best.

Jeff Berg has worked through a lot of his murky past. However, at times he recalls the maxim, "my conscience still echoes your name." Find out why at jeffberg@lascrucbulletin.com.

Special Screening Almost Midnight Film Series

Friday, June 8, only, at 9:45 p.m., join some fellow "Droogs" for a free screening of Stanley Kubrick's 1972 film odyssey, "A Clockwork Orange," which stars Malcolm McDowell.

There will also be a drawing for several items related to the film, including a press book and other surprises. Join us for "a bit of the old ultra-violence," (as McDowell's character does). This film is for adults only!

Cinema de Las Cruces

'Molly and Lawless John' features filming at landmarks of Las Cruces and Mesilla

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, June 9, will be "Molly and Lawless John" (1972, 98 minutes, Rated PG).

Filmed in part in Las Cruces and Mesilla (watch for the scenes shot in La Posta Restaurant, the theater's next-door neighbor), this picture maintains the Mesilla Valley Film Society's continuing quest to show audiences every

movie ever made in the Las Cruces-Mesilla area. Other scenes from this film were shot in Cerrillos, Madrid, White Sands and around Santa Fe.

Prior to the screening, a short presentation about the history of La Posta will be shared, along with a drawing for a gift certificate compliments of Jerean and Thomas Hutchinson, the owners of one of Mesilla's most noted eateries.

However, back to the movie ... Sam Elliott, in an early role, stars as a bandit who kidnaps Vera Miles, who plays the wife of the local sheriff.

Not much is revealed about John (Elliott) in the beginning of the picture - just his reputation. He reveals himself verbally at first and by his actions as the movie progresses.

Molly (Miles), a woman self-described as once being bright and fun when she was younger, is now afraid to speak. Her hopes and dreams have gone with the dust of the town, and she has aged without having much-wanted children. Her husband, Marvin, is the sheriff. Softly played by John Anderson, the sheriff shows us how hard life has made him.

"Molly and Lawless John" boasts an

interesting story. It is about selfishness and selflessness; the inability to change and the ability to change; needing protection and the empowering chance to protect. The title theme song was nominated for a Golden Globe Award.

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

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

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Reno Sweeney (Janet Mazdra) and Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Gabe Morrison) share a bottle of champagne aboard the S.S. American in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Anything Goes," which opens Friday, June 8.



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'Anything Goes' brings classic musical to Las Cruces stage

Las Cruces Community Theatre will present the musical comedy classic "Anything Goes" from June 8 through 24 at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Downtown Mall.

"Anything Goes" features music and lyrics by Cole Porter, original book by Guy Bolton, P. G. Wodehouse, Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse and new book by Timothy Crouse and John Weidman. The production is directed by Cesar Camarena. The gala opening night is Friday, June 8, with a catered party following the show.

This exceptional Cole Porter musical from the golden age of musical comedies is set on the S.S. American with a gangster on the run called Moonface Martin (who is "Public Enemy No. 13"), a former evangelist turned nightclub singer named Reno Sweeney, three tap-dancing "Angels," a debutante engaged to an English gentleman (also on the ship), and her ex-boyfriend Billy Crocker who stows away on the boat to try to win her back.

Laughter and confusion ensues to the sounds of classic Cole Porter songs such as "I Get a Kick Out of You," "You're the Top," "Blow Gabriel Blow," "All Through the Night," and, of course, "Anything Goes."

Las Cruces fills the Ethel Merman role of Reno Sweeney with the voice of Janet Mazdra. Back from her life of stardom is the musical comedienne Ashley Foster in the role of Hope Harcourt, and Frankie Rentas performs as her ex-boyfriend, Billy Crocker. Brandon Brown plays the fairly criminal Moonface Martin with Kat Hicks as his seductive moll Erma. Mike Cook plays Yale graduate Elisha Whitney, and Lord Evelyn Oakley is royally played by Gabe Morrison. Ann Straus plays Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt and the ship's Captain is Joe Pfeiffer with Purser Travis Relyea. The Rev. Henry T. Dobson is played by P.J. Waggaman.

Reno's Angels are Charity Berg, Andrea Severson and

Naomi Rupp. The Nautical Quartet is Stephen Markham, Travis Relyea, Eric Tarin and Nick Miller. The chorus is Nicole Acosta, Rebecca Paige Dougherty, Avra Elliot and Wendy Martinez.

Stephen Jones is the music director. Indrani Rauth, usually seen as an actress, is the choreographer. The stage manager and poster designer is Doug Roby, and set design is by Larry Chandler, usually seen as a director.

Performances are every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from June 8 through 24. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday shows matinees begin at 2 p.m.

General admission tickets are \$9, student/senior tickets are \$8, groups of 10 or more are \$7 per seat, and children's tickets (age 6 and under) are \$6.

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■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the vocals and guitar of Bryan Perdue on Friday, June 8, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ HAFLA AT THE GRAPEVINE

The fifth annual Hafla at the Grapevine will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 8, at The Grapevine, 3900 W. Picacho Ave. Everyone is invited for a special evening of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean flavor and culture, including food, dance and music. Admission for those with a potluck dish or costume and performers is \$3, and admission for those with no dish is \$5. Walk-ins are \$7 and kids are free. Performers, musicians and dancers from all walks of life are invited. For more information, call 526-1153, 382-9101 or 644-4156.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

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■ KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

Due to the popularity of the Saturday Studio for Kids program, the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., now offers two art classes each Saturday morning.

Children ages 4 through 12 only can attend a studio art class from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. or from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a limit of one class per Saturday. The \$5 fee per student includes class materials. Sign up at the Museum information desk on the day of the class. There is no pre-registration, and each class is limited to 10 students. For information, call 541-2137.

■ 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

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■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the jazz music of Colin McAllister and Helen Sachs on Saturday, June 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ PHOEBEJOY WONG RECITAL

PhoebeJoy Wong will have a piano recital on Saturday, June 9, at 3 p.m. at the NMSU Music Center Recital Hall. Wong will present a program of Chopin, Schumann, Haydn, and Szymanowski. Currently a sophomore at NMSU, she is majoring in piano and studying with Laura Spitzer. This summer, Wong will be attending the Aspen Music Festival and School for nine weeks. The festival features the best of the music world in performance and provides classes with master teachers. This recital program will be preparatory for the lessons she will have there. Free-will donations will be accepted at the recital to help with the cost of attendance at Aspen.

■ 'CHAMIZAL' BOOKSIGNING

Alamogordo-based author Virginia A. Tepfer will be selling and signing copies of her new novel "Chamizal: Territory-War-Statehood" on Saturday, June 9, at COAS Books in the Downtown Mall from 10 a.m. to noon. "Chamizal" tells the story of New Mexico's history through real and fictional characters. For more information, contact at 524-8471 or events@coasbooks.com.

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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

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■ MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS

Leslie Ullman will be a guest speaker at the June 9 meeting of the Mesilla Valley Writers to be held 11:30 a.m. at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Ullman is an award-winning poet who has published three collections of poetry. A recent retiree from UTEP, she currently teaches for the low-residency MFA Program at Vermont College and does freelance editing for creative writers. Her topic will be "How a piece of writing asserts its intentions and establishes authority." The Mesilla Valley Writers normally meet the first Saturday of every month for lunch (\$8, including food, tax and tip – or order from the menu), which is followed by a guest speaker and short business meeting. Annual dues are \$10. All are welcome. For additional program information call Cheryl Fallstead at 521-3838; for general information, call Vesta Siemers at 532-5897.

■ HAND KNITTING GUILD

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

■ 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.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

■ ANTIQUE AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW AND SALE

The Mesilla Valley Sierra Club is sponsoring an antique and collectible show and sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at St. Genevieve's Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. The show will feature items from 40 antique and collectible dealers from three states. Free appraisals will be available. Food will be served. For more information call 526-8624.

MONDAY, JUNE 11

■ HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK WORKSHOPS

Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, musicians-in-residence at the Court Youth Center is sponsoring the fifth annual Hispanic Heritage Week workshops for students interested in learning mariachi music or ballet folklórico. Students may choose from trumpet, violin, guitar, vihuela or guitarron classes. Ballet Folklórico classes will learn native Mexican dances. Students are invited to participate in either workshop. Classes will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 11, through Friday, June 15, at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Cost for the workshop is \$60 per student and includes daily snacks and a music book. The Hispanic Heritage Week concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15. Special guest entertainment will include the Hispanic Heritage Week mariachi and ballet folklórico participants, Mariachi Espuelas de Cobre, Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, Conjunto Los Aztecas del Norte from La Academia Dolores Huerta and Mariachi Alegre from El Paso. This year's program will also include Hispanic comedy skits. Tickets for the concert are \$12 per person and include dinner. \$150 sponsor tables for 8 are available for businesses or families and also include dinner. To register, call 541-0145 or 524-0458 for more information.

■ 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 Prueett at 521-3050.

■ FREE SUMMER MOVIE

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

■ PHOEBEJOY WONG RECITAL

PhoebeJoy Wong will have a piano recital on Monday, June 11, at 7 p.m. at the University Terrace Good Samaritan Village Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Wong will present a program of Chopin, Schumann, Haydn, and Szymanowski. Currently a sophomore at NMSU, she is majoring in piano and studying with Laura Spitzer. This summer, Wong will be attending the Aspen Music Festival and School for nine weeks. The festival features the best of the music world in performance and provides classes with master teachers. This recital program will be preparatory for the lessons she will have there. Free-will donations will be accepted at the recital to help with the cost of attendance at Aspen.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

■ FRIENDS OF THE BRANIGAN LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

"The Worst Time: the Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl" written by Timothy Egan will be reviewed by Mary Lou Robertson-McCalmont on Tuesday, June 12, at the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The review of this story of endurance and heroism against the backdrop of the Great Depression will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Dresp Room. There is no admission charge. Refreshments will be provided after the review. The program is hosted on the second Tuesday of each month by the Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Published reviews describe The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl as an epic story of blind hope and endurance almost beyond belief; also a riveting tale of bumptious charlatans, con men, and tricksters, environmental arrogance and hubris, political chicanery and a ruinous ignorance of nature's ways.

■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. We have had folks join us who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Bountiful Bakery, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

■ ST. PETERSBURG QUARTET CONCERT

There are a limited number of tickets are still available for the up-coming Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music concert, "From Russia With Love." The program will be presented by the acclaimed St. Petersburg Quartet, unquestionably one of the world's great chamber ensembles. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12, at the historic Rio Grande Theatre, 411 N. Downtown Mall. The program will feature the Borodin Quartet #2, with its much-loved Nocturne as well as portions of the Shostakoviich Quartet #8, in c minor. The evening will conclude with the inspiring "American" Quartet by Dvorak. Tickets are \$20 each, available at White's Music Box or

by calling 571-1000 or 523-7714. Advance purchase is advised. This performance is underwritten, in part, by Bank of America, Dona Ana Arts Council, Exit Realty and Hotel Encanto. For additional information about Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music and up-coming events, visit www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org. Persons or businesses wishing to support Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music by helping to sponsor an event can find information online or by telephoning one of the numbers listed above. To receive periodic email updates about concerts and other events, visit the "contact" page on the above website.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

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THURSDAY, JUNE 14

■ BEFORE THE END OF THE WORLD TOUR

Critically acclaimed Canadian musician Bobby Wiseman teams up with the Jason Trachtenburg Slideshow Conception and Toronto band The Phonemes to present a one-of-a-kind musical and visual performance using slide projectors, super 8's and musical instruments. The single performance is at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Ticket prices are \$15 regular admission and \$10 students and seniors over 65. Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made by calling the theatre at 523-1223.

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

■ SLIM RANGLES BOOKSIGNING

Author Slim Randles enlightens and entertains readers in "Ol' Slim's Views from the Porch," the latest book from New Mexico Magazine. Randles will share his wisdom and humor at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, during a program and booksigning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14. The program, which is part of the Museum's ongoing monthly lecture series, will take place in the theater. Admission is free. The book features 26 of Randles' monthly humor columns, which have delighted readers of the state's

popular magazine since 2003. The cartoon-style illustrations of Grem Lee, with their realistic bent and teasing manner, embellish the author's down-home vignettes. Randles has been an award-winning journalist for the Anchorage Daily News and the Albuquerque Journal. In addition to his monthly column in New Mexico Magazine, he writes a popular syndicated column called "Home Country" that appears in more than 80 newspapers nationwide. Randles is the author of eight novels and nonfiction books based on rural living. A former cowboy, hunting guide and mule packer, he was also a long-distance dogsled racer in Alaska. Randles lives both in Albuquerque and a small cabin outside Belen. For more information, call 522-4100.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

■ HISPANIC HERITAGE WEEK CONCERT

The Hispanic Heritage Week concert will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 15. Special guest entertainment will include the Hispanic Heritage Week mariachi and ballet folklórico participants, Mariachi Espuelas de Cobre, Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, Conjunto Los Aztecas del Norte from La Academia Dolores Huerta and Mariachi Alegre from El Paso. This year's program will also include Hispanic comedy skits. Tickets for the concert are \$12 per person and include dinner. \$150 sponsor tables for 8 are available for businesses or families and also include dinner. For reservations, call 541-0145 or 524-0458 for more information.

■ SCOTCH TASTING

The Best Western Mission Inn, 1765 S. Main St., will present a premium scotch tasting at 7 p.m. Friday, June 15. The tasting will feature 11 different premium scotches, including Caol Ila, Glenfiddich and Oban. Tickets are \$20 per person and include hors d'oeuvres. For reservations or more information, call 524-8591.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals and steel drum of Laura Humphreys on Friday, June 15, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic continues the first and third Friday of each month at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. The events begin at 7 p.m. with sign up for performance artists available beginning at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments, including coffee, will be available. There is no charge, and the public is invited. The Howling Coyote is open to acoustic musicians and poets and takes place on a full stage with lighting and sound system operated by Skip Connelley, a professional technician. For more information, call Music Director Bob Burns at 525-9333.

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At the 2007 DAAC Awards Gala

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Rosemary McLoughlin, winner of the Doña Ana Arts Council's Papan Family Award, thanks DAAC for the honor at the 2007 Awards Gala last Friday.



DAAC Executive Director Amy Johnson Bassford, left, and DAAC President Diana Seward, center, present the Newcomers Award to Ouida Touchon.

Outgoing DAAC board members Cristina Salazar, Sunny Conley, Bonnie Schranz and Ann Palormo accept gifts of thanks for their service.



Rio Grande Theatre Manager Dave Edwards, right, holds a microphone for Art in Public Places Award recipient Jackie Clark.



Arts in Education Award recipient Laurie Norman tells guests about a former student of hers who has gone on to teach music.

Joseph Sylvan, John Pleasant and Barbara Toth, the founding members of the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music, accept the Community Arts Award.



At the Downtown Ramble

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER



Darío Silva looks at a ceramic figurine called "Hand Vessel with Flowers and Red Flies," part of the From the Ground Up regional juried ceramics exhibition, in the Las Cruces Museum of Fine Art Friday, June 1, during the Downtown Ramble.



Lynn Unangst displays some of the "Spirit Minder" figurines she makes at the Main Street Gallery in the Downtown Mall.

Ruth Dreyer was among the artists displaying their work at the Main Street Gallery.



Britt Coalson, left, June's featured artist at the Main Street Gallery, discusses his paintings with Leon Silverstrom.



Anne and Steve Turrie look at one of the photographs in the Diana Molina exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Diana Molina poses with one of her photo compositions at the Branigan Cultural Center.



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The living world of art

Britt Coalson's artwork recreates the beautifully organic

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Britt Coalson is truly a homegrown artistic talent from Las Cruces.

Having begun his education at Central Elementary in Downtown Las Cruces, Coalson spent his entire life in the Mesilla Valley. He graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in 1995 and a master's degree in fine arts in 2002.

Since leaving college, Coalson has set up a kiln and studio that allow him to pursue his two artistic passions, painting and ceramics.

He said he has been artistic ever since he was very young, and that the predilection runs in his family. Coalson's aunt works as an illustrator for children's books and creates ceramic art.

"She was really influential to me from a young age. She was definitely an inspiration to me," he said.

Coalson said his major artistic influences outside of his family come from the detailed paintings of Johannes Vermeer, the expressionist work of Max Beckman and the whimsical creativity of Michael Lucero's ceramics.

All of Coalson's work centers around the beauty and strangeness found in the most overlooked of creatures.

"I had always been interested in fossils and zoology," he said. "The more bizarre the subject, the more interested I was in it."

Coalson's early paintings revolved around insects, while his early ceramic work (including his MFA exhibit) focused on the exotic creatures of the underwater world.

"When I was a kid, I was always collecting bugs. I had aquariums in my room full of them. You could generally find me staring at a puddle or looking under a rock," he said.

Coalson said although he still is interested in the natural world, he has changed the subject of his paintings to a more Southwestern theme because it is what people are more familiar with.

"I had people look at my paintings (of insects) and say 'I love that, but I'd never have it in my house,'" he said. "You have to do things that people are comfortable around and feel connected to."

His ceramic work also has begun changing, becoming more

"terrestrial," rather than aquatic.

"My current work bridges what I'm doing now with my ceramics," he said.

Even though Coalson's subjects have changed, the level of detail he puts into a piece and his ability to see a subject from a unique perspective have not.

Coalson explained he naturally tends to push a pattern or color to its maximum, capitalizing on its potential.

He said that the two different art forms, ceramics and painting, are not so different because they both deal so heavily with the form of a subject.

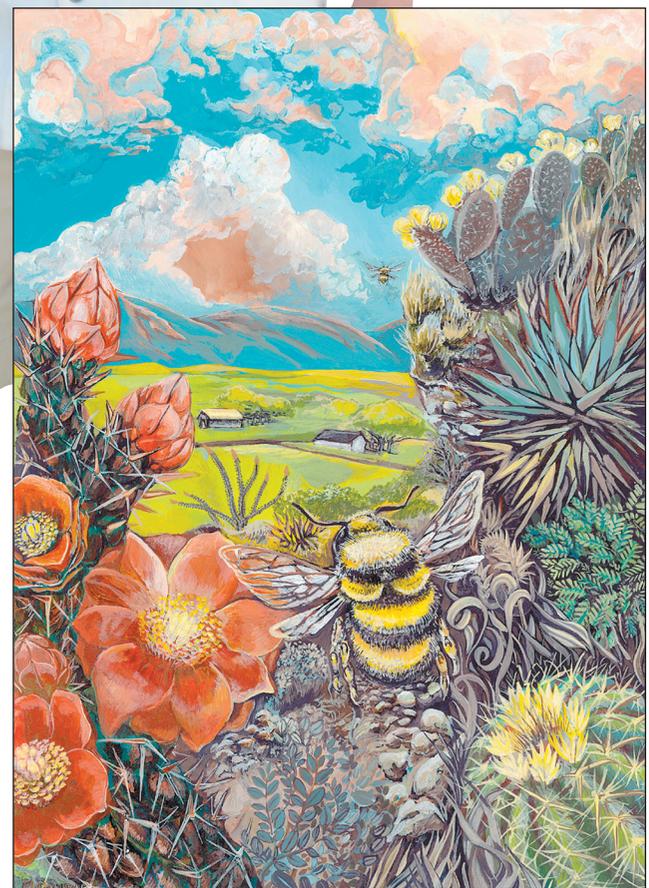
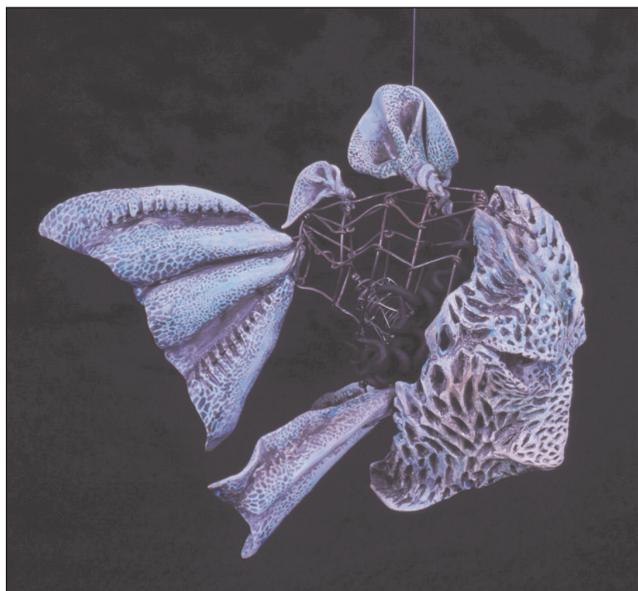
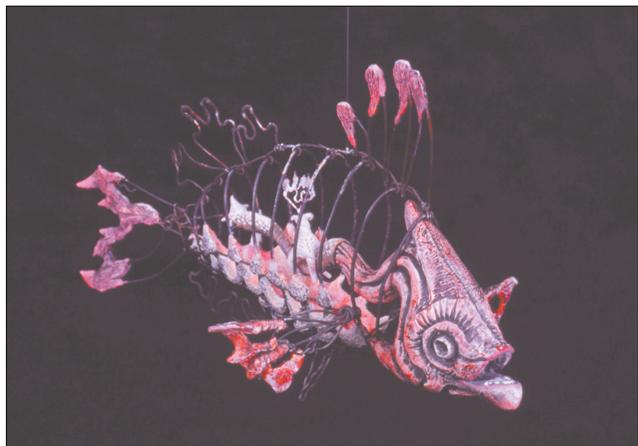
"Sculpture can flow into painting, and painting can flow back into sculpture," he said.

Having just completed a large body of paintings, Coalson said he is thinking more toward ceramic work, but will continue to paint as well.

He also is working on getting his insect-based pictures published into a children's book. Each of the 12 pieces has a poem written by a friend or family member to accompany it.

Coalson will be displaying more of his work at an art fair at the Dallas Arboretum in Dallas, Texas, in September.

To see more of Britt Coalson's work, he is the featured artist for the months of June and July at the Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall.



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TBS (33)	Raymond	MLB Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (Live) (C)	Raymond	** "Scary Movie 2" (2001) (PA)	(:40) ** "Scream 3" (2000)									
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	The Ultimate Fighter (In Stereo)	Sports	Sports	Most	Game	Wild							
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	"Framed for Murder" (2007, Drama) (C)	Housewives	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong						
A&E (43)	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami (C)	CSI: Miami (C)	Intervention (N)	Life or Meth	CSI: Miami (C)	CSI: Miami (C)	CSI: Miami (C)							
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Bible Battles (C)	Dogfights (C)	Naked	Bible Battles (C)										
TLC (45)	Chef	Chef	What Not Wear	Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear							
DISC (47)	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Edge of Existence	Man vs. Wild (C)	Deadliest Catch	After the Catch	Edge of Existence	Man vs. Wild (C)								
FAM (51)	Smallville "Facade"	** "The Karate Kid" (1984)	Ralph Macchio. (C)	Whose?	The 700 Club (C)	Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid						
DISN (52)	Cory	Cory	Cory	Cory	Cory	Cory	"Johnny Kapahala"	Cory	So Raven	Life De					
NICK (54)	School	School	Ned's School	Ned's School	Videos	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Rose	Rose					
AMC (57)	"Black Widow" (C)	** "Children of the Corn" (1984, Horror)	** "Child's Play" (1988)	(:45) *** "The Exorcist" (1973)	Ellen Burstyn.										
SCIFI (58)	Level 9 "DefCon"	Stargate SG-1 (N)	Stargate Atlantis (N)	Painkiller Jane (N)	Stargate SG-1	Stargate Atlantis	Painkiller Jane								
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (C)	Larry King Live	Cooper 360									
HBO (306)	En	Barbaro (C)	** "Batman" (1989)	Jack Nicholson. Making	** "Unleashed" (2005) (C)	Ocean 13	Entou	Entou							
MAX (322)	WhiteHtr	(:45) ** "The Perfect Man" (2005) (C)	** "Tremors II: Aftershocks" (C)	(:15) ** "Caddyshack" (1980) (C)	"X-Men: Last"										
SHOW (343)	"Lemony Snick."	(:15) *** "Election" (1999) (C)	** "Last Holiday" (2006)	Queen Latifah.	The Tudors (TV)	"The Weather Man"									

SATURDAY MORNING		JUNE 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
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)	Dr. Wayne Dyer: Inspiration -- Your Ultimate Calling (In Stereo) (C)											
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (N)	(In Stereo) (C)	Madeline	Sabrina	Trollz (E)	HorseLand	Cake	Revolution			
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)	Big World Clifford											
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Business	News (N)	Good Morning America	News (N)	Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven				
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Winx Club	Viva Pinata	Viva Pinata	Turtles	Turtles	Chaotic	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	
NBC (9) 9	Today (N) (C)	Today (N) (C)	Tennis French Open -- Women's Final. From Paris. (In Stereo) (Live) (C)	Dragon	Jacob								
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin	Pinky	Carmen	Bill	Lente Loco	Trato	Mochila Azul				
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Tu Hogar:	
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel	Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Escuadrón	Escuadrón	Pepsi Música			
KVIA (14)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T	Legion	Batman	
WGN (15)	Enterprise	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeTeam	"Houston"		
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (C)	SportsCenter (Live) (C)	Belmont Stakes								
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	** "Belly of the Beast" (2003)	Steven Seagal.	** "Timeline" (2003)	Paul Walker. (C)					
TNT (32)	(4:00) *** "L.A. Confidential" (1997)	** "Trapped" (2002)	Charlize Theron. (C)	** "Suspect Zero" (2004)	Aaron Eckhart. (C)								
TBS (33)	Harvey	Harvey	** "Richie Rich" (1994)	(PA) Macaulay Culkin.	** "Scooby-Doo" (2002)	(PA) (C)	** "The Out-of-Towners" (1999)						
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Fat Burn	Reality Racing (N)	Movie	Hrseper	MuscleCar					
LIFE (39)	Paid Prog.	Married	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Water's Edge" (2003)	Nathan Fillion. (C)					
A&E (43)	Biography: Cass	Biography	"The Bee Gees" (C)	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Design	Design					
HIST (44)	Heavy Metal (C)	Mail Call "Minot AFB"	Wild West Tech (C)	American Eats (C)	UFO Files (C)	UFO Files (C)							
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Flip That House (C)	Flip That House	Flip That House	Flip That House					
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Mega Builders (C)	Oil, Sweat and Rigs	Futureweapons (C)	MythBusters (C)					
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina	
DISN (52)	Maggie	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	DoodleBob	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey	
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar	Avatar	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	
AMC (57)	Pais-Saddl	*** "The Gunfighter" (1950)	(:15) ** "Blood on the Arrow" (1964, Western)	(:15) ** "100 Rifles" (1969)	Jim Brown. (C)								
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Riches	"Sasquatch Hunters" (2005)	Matt Lattimore. (C)	** "They Crawl" (2002)	Daniel Cosgrove. (C)					
CNN (62)	CNN Saturday Morning	House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Live Saturday					
HBO (306)	(4:35) * "Dawg" (2002)	** "American Splendor" (2003)	(:45) ** "Once Upon a Forest"	** "Memphis Belle" (1990)	Matthew Modine.								
MAX (322)	(4:30) ** "American Gigolo" (C)	"Day of Reckoning" (1994) (C)	(:15) *** "Catch-22" (1970)	Alan Arkin. (In Stereo) (C)	(:20) Scoop								
SHOW (343)	(4:30) * "Belly" (1998)	(:15) ** "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)" (1994) (C)	** "Undiscovered" (2005) (C)	"My Date With Drew"									

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		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG (2) 22	You on a Diet-Dr. Michael	Hometime	The Power of Harmony	Marty Robbins	Kenny Rogers: The Journey (C)								
CBS (4) 4	College Track and Field: NCAA Championships	PGA Golf Stanford St. Jude Championship -- Third Round. (Live) (C)	Paid Prog.	Latin Lif									
KCOS (5) 13	Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico (In Stereo) (C)	Andre Rieu: Royal Albert Hall (C)	Blue Man Group: Inside the Tube	You on a Diet									
ABC (7) 7	NBA Acc	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Horse Racing Belmont Stakes. (Live) (C)						
KFOX (8) 14	Baseball	Paid Prog.	Connect	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago White Sox. (C)	MLB Post						
NBC (9) 9	Animal R.	Old House	** "He Got Game" (1998)	Denzel Washington, Ray Allen.	Cycling	Laureus Sports Awards	Paid Prog.	Reporter					
KINT (10) 26	Mochila Azul	Bajo el Mismo Techo	Casate y Veras	La Parodia	Primer Impacto								
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido	Descontrol	"Angel Enforcers" (1989, Acción)	Sharon Yeung.	Fútbol								
KTFN (13) 65	"Delta Force 4: Operación Plutonio" (1999)	Copa Oro Guatemala vs. El Salvador. (En Vivo)	Copa Oro Trinidad & Tobago vs. USA. (En Vivo)										
KVIA (14)	Xiaolin	Johnny T	Kids Club	Wild Am.	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Exploration	NASCAR	"Under Suspicion"		
WGN (15)	Lizzie	Even	Soul Train (C)	** "Jackie Brown" (1997)	Pam Grier. (In Stereo) (C)	Videos	American Idol Rewind						
ESPN (16)	(10:00) Today at the Belmont Stakes (Live) (C)	Belmont Stakes Special (Live) (C)	Bowling	Bowling	SportsCenter (C)								
USA (31)	Timeline	** "Training Day" (2001)	Denzel Washington. (C)	** "John Grisham's The Rainmaker" (1997, Drama)	Matt Damon. (C)								
TNT (32)	** "The Hand That Rocks the Cradle" (C)	(:15) ** "What Lies Beneath" (2000, Suspense)	Harrison Ford. (C)	** "Twisted" (2004)									
TBS (33)	Out Townr	(:45) ** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003)	Steve Martin. (C)	** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995) (C)									
SPIKE (34)	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	Movie	Movie	Movie								
LIFE (39)	** "Tempted" (2001)	Burt Reynolds. (C)	"Obsessed" (2002)	Jenna Elfman. (C) (DVS)	"My Stepson, My Lover" (1997)	Rachel Ward.							
A&E (43)	Driving	Driving	King Cars	King Cars	** "Planet of the Apes" (1968)	Charlton Heston. (C)	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House				
HIST (44)	UFO Files (C)	Mega Movers	Obelisks.	Mega Movers (C)	Mega Movers Aircraft.	Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed (C)							
TLC (45)	Handyman	Handyman	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Moving Up (C)	Flip That House (C)	Property Ladder (C)						
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs (C)	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Alaskan Crab Fishing	Lobstermen: Jeopardy	Lobstermen: Jeopardy							
FAM (51)	Sabrina	Sabrina	** "Au Pair" (1999)	Gregory Harrison. (C)	** "Au Pair II" (2001)	Gregory Harrison. (C)	"The Parent Trap" (1994)						
DISN (52)	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	K. Possible	Replace	** "Johnny Tsunami" (1999)	Brandon Baker.	Suite Life	Suite Life			
NICK (54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC (57)	100 Rifles	*** "Glory" (1989, Historical Drama)	Matthew Broderick.	** "Braveheart" (1995)	Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau.								
SCIFI (58)	* "Aberation" (1997)	Simon Bossell. (C)	"Basilisk: The Serpent King" (2006, Horror)	** "Snake King" (2005, Horror)	Stephen Baldwin.								
CNN (62)	In the Money (C)	CNN Live Saturday	Special Investigations	CNN Live Saturday	CNN Live Saturday	CNN Live Saturday	Lou Dobbs This Week						
HBO (306)	Barbaro (C)	** "Fever Pitch" (2005) (C)	(:45) * "Big Momma's House 2" (2006) (C)	"Charlie & Chocolate Factory"									
MAX (322)	(10:20) ** "Scoop" (C)	** "The Ice Harvest" (2005) (C)	** "The Big Bounce" (2004) (C)	** "The Paper" (1994)	Michael Keaton. (C)								
SHOW (343)	"My Date With Drew"	** "Vice Versa" (1988) (C)	(:45) "Welcome Back Miss Mary" (2006) (C)	** "Last Holiday" (2006) iTV.									



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KRWG (2) 22	Northrup: Menopause and Beyond				Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel the Love				My Music: Country Pop Legends					Animusic 2
CBS (4) 4	News	News (N) Jeopardy Fortune			48 Hours Mystery	** "Die Another Day"			(2002) Pierce Brosnan. (R)				News (N) CSI: Miami (R)	
KCOS (5) 13	Diet	The Legendary Victor Borge			Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico (R)				Guerrero:Original Chicano				Bruce Springsteen-Sessions	
ABC (7) 7	News (N) ABC	News (N) Insider			Home Videos	"Ruffian" (2007) Sam Shepard. (R)			News			(:35) Cheaters (R)	Access	
KFOX (8) 14	Golf The Ultimate Game. From Las Vegas.				Cops (N) Cops	Most Wanted			News (N) Seinfeld				Talkshow King	
NBC (9) 9	News (N) NBC	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final Game 6 -- Ducks at Senators							Dateline NBC (R)			News (N) (:34) Saturday Night Live (R)		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias Noticiero	La Hora Pico			Sábado Gigante							Noticias Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Noticie	"Por Mis Pistolas" (1968) Isela Vega						** "Hudson Hawk" (1991) Bruce Willis.			Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador
KTFN (13) 65	Mega Match	** "Furia de Venganza" (1992)							** "Pandilla Newton" (1998)			Contacto	** "Hermanos de Sangre"	
KVIA (14)	"Under Suspicion"	Writer's	CinemAtt	Cold Squad (R)					Stone Undercover	Scrubs	My Wife	Comics	Comics	Eye Eye Eye Eye
WGN (15)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (R)				WGN News at Nine	Sex & 24 (In Stereo) (R)						24 (In Stereo) (R)		Outside
ESPN (16)	College Baseball NCAA Super Regional -- Teams TBA. (R)				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (R)			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (R)				
USA (31)	Starter Wife (R)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU						Law & Order: SVU			** "Mercury Rising" (1998) (R)		
TNT (32)	(4:00) ** "Twisted"	** "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. (R)							** "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. (R)				"Deep Impact" (R)	
TBS (33)	"Legally Blonde"	** "Shrek" (2001) (PA) Premiere.			(7:55) *** "Shrek" (2001) (PA)							(9:50) *** "Chicken Run"	Richie	
SPIKE (34)	(4:00) Movie								TNA Wrestling			The Ultimate Fighter	Sports	Mad Max
LIFE (39)	"Write & Wrong" (2007) Kirstie Alley. (R)				** "What's Love Got to Do With It"				Army Wives (R)			Medium (R)		Strong Medicine
A&E (43)	Sell	Sell	Flip This House	Flip This House (N)	Star Wars: Empire of				Dreams (R)			Flip This House		Flip This House
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Vampire Secrets (R)			The States (N)				Dig for Truth			Vampire Secrets (R)		
TLC (45)	Real Estate	Little People	Real Estate		Backyard Nation (N)				Little People			Real Estate		Backyard Nation
DISC (47)	MythBusters (R)	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch		After the Catch				Deadliest Catch			Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch
FAM (51)	(4:00) *** "The Parent Trap" (1998)				** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. (R)				** "I Do, They Don't" (2005) (R)					
DISN (52)	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life	Suite Life Suite Life		Suite Life Suite Life	"Johnny Kapahala"						Suite Life	So Raven	Life De
NICK (54)	Sponge	Sponge	"Shredderman Rules" (2007, Comedy)		Videos	Full Hse.			Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
AMC (57)	(2:00) "Braveheart"	** "The Last of the Mohicans" (1992) Premiere.			** "Hidalgo" (2004) Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif. (R)									Enter
SCIFI (58)	"Lake Placid 2" (2007) John Schneider.	"Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.			** "Arachnid" (2001) Alex Reid. (R)				"Ice Spiders" (2007)					CNN Saturday Night
CNN (62)	This Week at War	Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night					Investigations	Larry King Live				
HBO (306)	Charlie (:45) *** "Over the Hedge"	(:15) ** "Something New" (2006) (R)			** "You, Me and Dupree" (2006) (R)				** "You, Me and Dupree" (2006) (R)					The Sopranos (R)
MAX (322)	*** "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"			(:15) ** "Fantastic Four" (2005) (R)				** "Poseidon"					
SHOW (343)	Holiday	** "Undiscovered" (2005)			(:15) ** "House of D" (2004) (R)				The Tudors (ITV)	Xtreme Combat				Boxing

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KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Christiane Northrup: Menopause and Beyond				Back Care-Yog			Guide Wealth		
CBS (4) 4	Homeown.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)				Nation	Open	Dalbey	Paid Prog. Ben Hogan		
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon				American Soundtrack: This Land Is Your Land		
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America	News (N)						This Week With George	Montana	Suite Life
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday				The Bean	Homebuil	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC (9) 9	(:01) Today (N) (R)		Meet the Press (N)		Tennis French Open -- Men's Final. From Paris. (In Stereo Live) (R)									
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin											Festival del Humor
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa			Pagado	Tus Manos	
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel	Azul			Pequeño	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal				Pepsi Música
KVIA (14)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				Adventure WHADDYA
WGN (15)	Changing	Paid Prog.	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Lizzie			Even	Even
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter (R)	NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) (R)							Baseball
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	** "Mercury Rising" (1998) Bruce Willis.				Law & Order: SVU					Law & Order: SVU
TNT (32)	(4:00) *** "The Client" (1994)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	NASCAR	
TBS (33)	Baby Boom (:35) *** "Father of the Bride" (1991) Steve Martin. (R)				(7:50) ** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)				"Cheaper-Dozen"					
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks! (N)		
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power (R)			Get Thin	Health	Army Wives (R)				** "More Sex & the Single Mom" (2005) (R)			
A&E (43)	Ask This	Ask This	Breakfast With the Arts		Breakfast With the Arts				*** "Planet of the Apes" (1968) Charlton Heston. (R)					Angel
HIST (44)	History	HistoryCTR	Business	*** "The Alamo" (1960, Historical Drama) John Wayne, Richard Widmark. (R)										True Crime Authors
TLC (45)	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trading Spaces				Trading Spaces (R)			Trading Spaces (R)		Trading Spaces (R)
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Venom: 9 Ways				America's Loch Ness	Search-Sea				MythBusters (R)
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded			Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN (52)	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebob	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins			Mickey	Mickey
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar	Mr. Meaty			Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC (57)	(:15) ** "The Pick-Up Artist" (1987) (R)				** "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983)				Shootout	Mad Men				"Last-Mohicans"
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Rest Stop" (2006) Jaimie Alexander. (R)				*** "Red Dragon" (2002) Anthony Hopkins.					
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning	House Call	CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources (R)					Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer (R)					
HBO (306)	Violence	** "You, Me and Dupree" (2006) Owen Wilson. (R)	(:20) ** "Date Movie"	(:45) ** "Phat Girlz" (2006) Mo'Nique. (R)										Bury
MAX (322)	"Return-Dead II"	** "The X-Files" (1998) David Duchovny. (R)			*** "Breakfast at Tiffany's" (1961) (In Stereo)	(:15) ** "Accepted"								
SHOW (343)	(:15) "Welcome Back Miss Mary" (2006) (R)	** "Sahara" (2005) Matthew McConaughey. (R)			(:05) ** "The Movie Hero" (2003)									Yours

SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 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	Guide	Weil's Guide to Eating Well			Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) (R)				The South Beach Heart Program			Ralna
CBS (4) 4	Ben Hogan	Motorcycle Racing	Talkin' Golf	PGA Golf Stanford St. Jude Championship -- Final Round. (Live) (R)					Paid Prog.			LatINation
KCOS (5) 13	Andre Rieu Live From Dublin (In Stereo) (R)				Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) (R)				Mariachi: The Spirit of Mexico (In Stereo) (R)			
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "Mr. Magoo" (1997, Comedy) Leslie Nielsen.		Champ Car World Series Racing: GP of Portland				Entertainment Tonight			
KFOX (8) 14	Golf The Ultimate Game. From Las Vegas. (R)	** "Small Soldiers" (1998, Action) Kirsten Dunst. (R)			Powder	Balancing			Sunland Star			
NBC (9) 9	Tennis: French Open	Golf: Michael Douglas Celebrity Tourn.			Track and Field Nike Prefontaine Classic. (R)				Paid Prog.			3 Wide Life
KINT (10) 26	Festival del Humor	República Deportiva			Copa Oro Honduras vs. México. (En Vivo)				Primer Impacto			
KTDO (11) 48	Fútbol Telemundo				Nitido	Titulares	Ritmo	Just Laugh	WWE Raw			
KTFN (13) 65	Fútbol MLS DC United vs. NY Red Bulls.				La Guerra de los Sexos				** "Karate Kid: Parte 3" (1989, Acción)			** "Invencible"
KVIA (14)	Health	Woman	Movie		Designers	CinemAtt	Latino	Urban	All of Us	Girlfriends		
WGN (15)	** "Bubble Boy" (2001) Jake Gyllenhaal. (R)				"What About Your Friends: Weekend Get-Away"				Funniest Home Videos			Funniest Home Videos
ESPN (16)	College Baseball NCAA Super Regional -- Teams TBA. (Live) (R)				College Baseball NCAA Super Regional -- Teams TBA. (Live) (R)							
USA (31)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
TNT (32)	NASCAR	Green	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Pocono 500. From Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, Pa. (Live) (R)						Deep			
TBS (33)	"Cheaper-Dozen"	(11:50) ** "Legally Blonde" (2001) (R)			** "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" (1995)				*** "The Mask"			
SPIKE (34)	Prisoners-Ctrl	*** "Rocky" (1976) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. (R)			(:45) *** "Rocky II" (1979) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. (R)							
LIFE (39)	** "Disappearing Acts" (2000, Drama) Sanaa Lathan. (R)				** "Indecent Proposal" (1993) Robert Redford. (R)				"Fatal Desire" (2006)			
A&E (43)	City Confidential (R)	Amer. Justice			Cold Case Files (R)				Detroit SWAT			Detroit SWAT
HIST (44)												

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WEDNESDAY EVENING														JUNE 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	News	Secrets of the Dead	State Legislature	Innerworkings of the Idaho	State Legislature. (N) (CC)						News	
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	King	King	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY (CC)			News (N)	Late Show	Late Late	Late Late	
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Auction						Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)		
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Next Best Thing	American Inventor	Traveler "The Out"				News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (CC)		Simpsons	Idol	So You Think You Can Dance (N) (CC)		News (N) (CC)				Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends		
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Deal or No Deal	Last Comic Standing	(In Stereo) (CC)				News (N)	Tonight Show	Late		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones	La Fea Más Bella	Copa Oro México vs. Panamá. (En Vivo)						Destilando Amor	Impacto	Noticiero		
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate	Marina	Zorro - Espada	La Esclava Isaura					Noticiero	12 Corazones	Rojo Vivo		
KTFN (13) 65	(4:00) "Crusoe"		Copa Oro Cuba vs. Honduras. (En Vivo)		Qué Dice la Gente	Así Es la Vida					Contacto	"Dieciocho Años Otra Vez"			
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Hidden Palms (N)	One Tree Hill (CC)					Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	
WGN (15)	Home Videos		MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Chicago Cubs. (CC)								News	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (16)	MLB Baseball Teams	to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout)			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (CC)					Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter (CC)		
USA (31)	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU					Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	The 4400 (CC)		
TNT (32)	Law & Order		Law & Order	Law & Order	Without a Trace	Without a Trace					Without a Trace	Las Vegas (CC)	Law & Order		
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Payne	Payne	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	** "Paycheck" (2003) (PA) Ben Affleck.				
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	UFC Unleashed	UFC Unleashed (N)	Guys Choice (N)							Guys Choice				
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "Perfect Prey" (1998) Kelly McGillis.	Will	Will				Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong	
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (CC)	CSI: Miami "Nailed"			The Sopranos (CC)	To Be Announced					CSI: Miami "Nailed"	The Sopranos (CC)			
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels (N)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels					Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels		
TLC (45)	Save Marriage	Untold Stories	Half Ton Man (CC)	Mystery ER	Untold Stories	Half Ton Man (CC)					Untold Stories	Half Ton Man (CC)	Mystery ER		
DISC (47)	How	How	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (N)	Cash	Cash	Dirty Jobs (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)		Dirty Jobs (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)		
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan. (CC)		The 700 Club (CC)	Smallville "Devoted"					Smallville "Devoted"	MythBusters (CC)	Paid	Riches	
DISN (52)	Emperor	Emperor	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Montana	Suite Life	** "Brink!" (1998) Erik von Detten. (CC)		** "Brink!" (1998) Erik von Detten. (CC)	So Raven	Life De		
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	
AMC (57)	"Dragon: Bruce"	** "Braveheart" (1995, Historical Drama) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau.									** "Platoon" (1986) Tom Berenger.				
SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Destination Truth	Noory	Ghost Hunters	Destination Truth	Noory			Ghost Hunters	Destination Truth	Noory		
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)							Larry King Live	Cooper 360			
HBO (306)	It Was-Game II	** "Big Momma's House 2" (45) "John Tucker Must Die"			Making	Big Love (CC)	** "The Fever" (2004) (CC)				** "The Fever" (2004) (CC)				
MAX (322)	How Stell (:35) ** "House of Wax" (2005) (CC)		** "Tremors" (1990) (CC)		(:15) ** "Tremors II: Aftershocks" (CC)	** "Poseidon"					** "Poseidon"				
SHOW (343)	Say Un	** "The Honeyymooners"	** "Beauty Shop" (2005) Queen Latifah.		The Tudors (ITV)	** "Absolute Power" (1997) ITV.					** "Absolute Power" (1997) ITV.				

THURSDAY EVENING														JUNE 14, 2007	
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer	News	Globe Trekker	Sierra Center Stage	Austin City Limits	Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)						
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Pirate Master (N)	CSI: Crime Scn	Shark "Backfire"				News (N)	Late Show	Late Late	Late Late	
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Auction						Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)		
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	NBA	NBA Basketball: Finals Game 4 -- Spurs at Cavaliers	Entertain					News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (CC)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?	You Can Dance	News (N) (CC)				Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends		
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Name	30 Rock	Office	Scrubs	Studio 60-Suns	News (N)	Tonight Show	Late			
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones	La Fea Más Bella	Destilando Amor	Aquí y Ahora	Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa		
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate	Marina	Zorro - Espada	La Esclava Isaura	Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo	Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo	
KTFN (13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi	Qué Dice la Gente	** "Un Largo Beso de Despedida"		Así Es la Vida	Contacto	"La Muerte le Sienta Bien"				Contacto	"La Muerte le Sienta Bien"			
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville "Reunion"	Supernatural (CC)	Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date			
WGN (15)	Home Videos	** "Phantoms" (1998) Peter O'Toole.			WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos					
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (CC)	Golf U.S. Open Championship -- Best of First Round. (CC)			SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	Post	Baseball			SportsCenter (CC)	Post	Baseball		
USA (31)	** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) (CC)	Starter Wife (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Starter Wife (CC)	Psych (CC)			Law & Order: SVU	Starter Wife (CC)	Psych (CC)		
TNT (32)	Without a Trace	Law & Order	** "Cellular" (2004) Kim Basinger. (CC)		Without a Trace	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order			Without a Trace	Law & Order	Law & Order		
TBS (33)	Raymond	Raymond	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Minnesota Twins. (Live) (CC)		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	"A Time to Kill"		Friends	Friends	"A Time to Kill"		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	TNA Wrestling	The Ultimate Fighter	The Ultimate Fighter	Wild	Sports	Most	Real TV		Wild	Sports	Most	Real TV	
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Secrets of Comfort House" (2006)	Will	Will				Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong	
A&E (43)	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami (CC)	The First 48 (CC)		Kansas City SWAT	CSI: Miami (CC)					CSI: Miami (CC)				
HIST (44)	Ship of Gold (CC)	Alaska: Big America (CC)			Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Alaska: Big America (CC)				Alaska: Big America (CC)				
TLC (45)	Overhaul'n' (CC)	American Chopper	American Chopper	Wrecks to Riches	American Chopper	Wrecks to Riches	American Chopper				Wrecks to Riches	American Chopper			
DISC (47)	Human Hobbit	Before Dinos	Before Dinos	Prehistoric-Tail	Cash	Cash	Before Dinos				Before Dinos				
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	** "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore.	Whose?	The 700 Club (CC)	Smallville "Run"	Paid	Paid			Smallville "Run"	Paid	Paid		
DISN (52)	So Raven	So Raven	Life De	Life De	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	"Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board" (CC)	So Raven	Life De				
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Full Hse.	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Rose	Rose	
AMC (57)	(2:00) "Braveheart"	** "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979)	(:15) ** "Papillon" (1973) Steve McQueen, Dustin Hoffman.	"Any Which Way"							** "Ice" (1998) Grant Show. (CC)	Twilight	Twilight		
SCIFI (58)	"Caved In: Prehistoric Terror" (2006) (CC)	"Ice Spiders" (2007) Patrick Muldoon.	** "Ice" (1998) Grant Show. (CC)								Twilight	Twilight			
CNN (62)	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)							Larry King Live	Cooper 360			
HBO (306)	Billie	** "Supercross: The Movie"	"Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" (2007)	Ocean 13	** "Shot in the Dark" (2002)	John-Cincin.					** "Shot in the Dark" (2002)	John-Cincin.			
MAX (322)	"Delta Force 2-Colombian"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	** "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves.	"Fantastic Four"							** "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves.	"Fantastic Four"			
SHOW (343)	(4:35) "House of D" (:15) ** "Deepwater" (2005) (CC)	** "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage.	** "The King" (2005) William Hurt ITV.								** "The King" (2005) William Hurt ITV.				

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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



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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.

FIVE STAR HOTEL

ENGLISH
ACCOMMODATIONS
AMENITIES
DELUXE
ELEGANT
EXQUISITE
GRACIOUS
LUXURIOUS
PRIVATE
SECLUDED
SPACIOUS
SUITE
TERRACE

SPANISH
LOCALIDADES
SERVICIOS
DE LUJO
ELEGANTE
EXQUISITO
CORTÉS
LUJOSO
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SUITE
TERRAZA

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D E N S P A C I O U S Q U E S
E X Q U I S I T E C N A O L O
L U X U R I O U S R O C D X J
U L R É O J U L E D I O A C U
X O D A V I R P B C T É S L L
E C B T N A G E L E A D I A S
X A M E N I T I E S D E O D U
Q L C R T H N S U A O D N A O
U I I R T L U I C Z M U S T I
I D O A Z I T X H A M L É R C
S A S C T E S É T R O C T A A
I D O E N Z T B D R C E R P R
T E T N A G E L E E C S C A G
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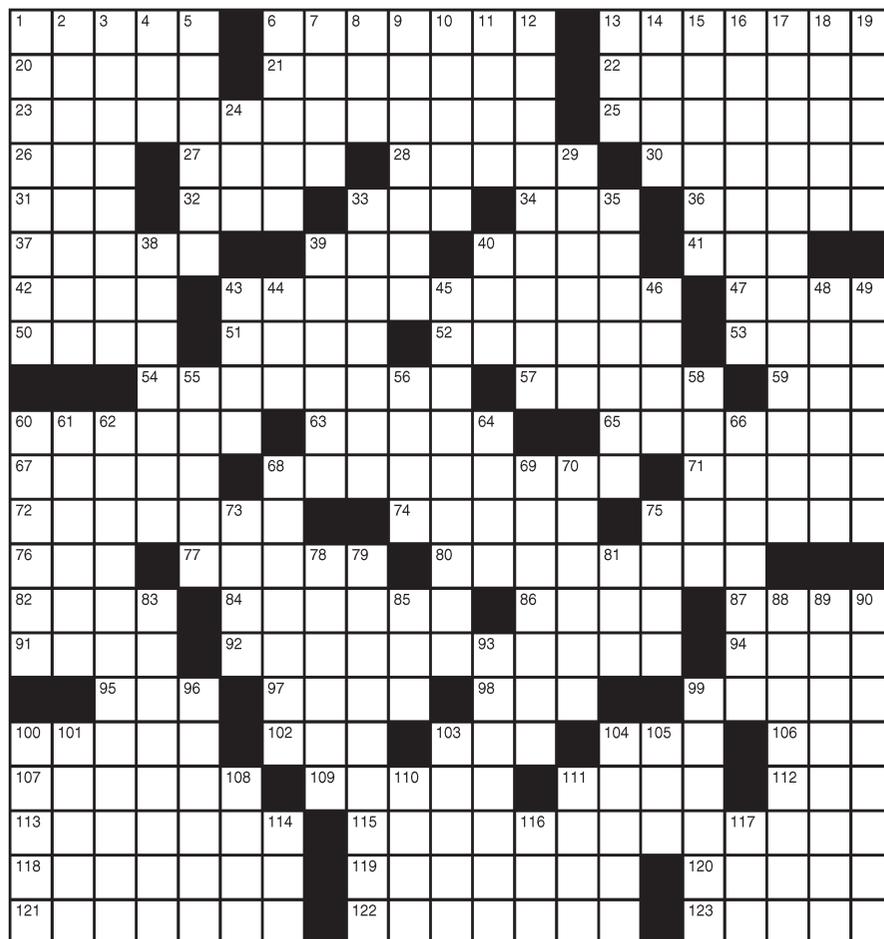
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

- ACROSS**
- Anti-government doctrine
 - Sloth
 - "Cheers" star
 - Avalanche of lies and flattery
 - Huns' leader
 - Maglie or Mineo
 - Be in debt to
 - Audible frequency coverage
 - Pull the plug
 - Dry brandy
 - Draw breath
 - Held first place
 - CSA soldier
 - Legendary Chicago Blackhawk
 - Meadowsweet
 - IRS mo.
 - Singer Sharp
 - Part of RSVP
 - Subduers
 - Ending for peace or beat
 - Alluring women
 - Four-sided solids
 - Cato's 601
 - Ring off.
 - J.J. Pershing's troops
 - Nice no
 - Rich and intense
 - Gentle gusts of air
 - Consume
 - Make a minister
 - Suffix in linguistics
 - Find a new tenant
 - Russ. or Lith., once
 - Bounces back
 - Tenets
 - Play about mech. men
 - Sloppy digs
 - Swindler's victim
 - So to speak
 - Nothing to ___ at
 - Obscenity
 - Yang counterpart
 - Poetic contraction
 - Anchor-chain openings
 - Liquors
 - Conscious creatures
 - Mythic
 - Extends
- DOWN**
- Small islet
 - Vane dir.
 - Contribute
 - Gangster's pistol
 - Alexander Pope, e.g.
 - Reddish brown dyes
 - Extra strip in a shoe
 - Flat-bottomed barge
 - Adolphe of "Morocco"
 - Possess
 - Make unclean
 - Oscars and Emmys
 - Some golf clubs
 - Wooded
 - Eng. instruction letters
 - Betty Grable's fan club members
 - Potts and Lennox
 - Acorn dropper
 - Fatigue
 - Burn the leg of lamb
 - Rustic class
 - Islands and continents
 - Fond of luxury
 - R. Chamberlain's TV role
 - Haberdashery purchase
 - Brightest star in Aquila
 - Fulltime hospital employee
 - Contemptuous exclamation
 - Stood up to
 - Rule enforcers
 - Servile toadies
 - Tiny portion
 - Comic Philips
 - Neutralizing a magnetic field
 - Apparition
 - Vesta, to Greeks
 - Emphasize
 - Idaho hrs.
 - Wind dir.
 - Mailing code
 - Isolate
 - Character in William Styron's "Sophie's Choice"
 - Single hand warmer
 - Stagger
 - Writer LeShan
 - William Styron novel, "The Confessions of ___ Turner"
 - Three in Sardinia
 - Part of CBS

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- ACROSS**
- Tablelands
 - Lancelot's son
 - Renders
 - Not the right thing to say
 - Writer France
 - Scott hero
 - Beauty pageant criticism?
 - Presage
 - Spat ending?
 - Region
 - Hearth goddess
 - Sweet gas
 - Highland hat
 - Mothers
 - Poetic contraction
 - E.R. staffers
 - Outcast
 - Stravinsky and Sikorsky
 - MGM motto opener
 - Detonator cord
 - All the same
 - Swiss river
 - Batman's request for repairs to Alfred?
 - Webster of words
 - Scrutinized
 - Sch. on the Rio Grande
 - Raced longer
 - Letters for 606
 - St. James's Palace location
 - Mineral cathartics
 - Males
 - Like a wolf
 - Cathode's counterpart
 - Williams and Rolle
 - Malkovich movie
 - Like blood still in one's body?
 - Ms. Witherspoon
 - Club chorister
 - Nightmarish Belgian artist
 - Mashed to mush
 - Empty space
 - Indian state
 - Apache leader
 - Patronage
 - Moby Dick, maybe?
 - Alternative to etc.
 - God of thunder
 - Depression
 - When meds are dispensed?
- DOWN**
- Dream in Rheims
 - Neon or chlorine
 - December song
 - Wall St. abbr.
 - Lew of "Dr. Kildare" movies
 - Earth pigment
 - Republicans
 - Jolson's real first name
 - Tyke
 - Afore
 - Louse
 - Forenoons
 - Singer Wynonna
 - Fancy vase
 - Supporting pieces
 - Ridiculing exhortation?
 - Takes on
 - Capital of Libya
 - Wear away
 - Well out on the ocean
 - Stalkless, in botany
 - Supped
 - Petty details
 - Hiroshima bomber
 - Teddy Roosevelt's home, ___ Hill
 - Financing fig.
 - Cooks in vapors
 - Billionaire Bill
 - Latin handle
 - ___-di-dah
 - Throwback
 - Keeps one's fingers crossed
 - Brew buys
 - Blows up on purpose
 - Quick swim
 - Bacchanalian cry
 - In a sense
 - When all is said and done
 - How chicks communicate?
 - Weight unit for lorries
 - Passover meal
 - Southern constellation
 - "Broken Arrow" actor
 - Rock-boring devices
 - Like flowers with calyxes
 - Norway evergreen
 - Tarzan, e.g.
 - Pot-au-___
 - Bulrush
 - NL Braves
 - Being tenacious
 - Tolkien's tree creatures
 - Loath
 - Spoke like a snake
 - Jungian soul
 - Run with an easy gait
 - Guitar rhythm
 - Hoofed (it)
 - Liquid lost during shipment
 - Chicks' dormitory?
 - Word used in a threat
 - Spartan serfs collectively
 - Take off, as a backpack
 - Swit or Lynn
 - Sexy
 - In an NYC minute
 - Stack up
 - Flowering
 - Highway distance indicators
 - '60s war zone
 - Switches on
 - Zip
 - Immediately after this
 - Reverse, as a veto
 - Begrudged
 - Busybodies
 - Earthquakes
 - Confused
 - Group of eight
 - Ajaccio's island, to inhabitants
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GALLERIES & OPENINGS



Unnamed piece by Greg Allen at Alegre Gallery



"July Skies" by Greg Allen at Alegre Gallery

OPENING THIS WEEK

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery featured artists for June, Ray Baird and Roxanne Quinnell, will hold an artists' reception at the gallery from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Light refreshments will be served, and the public is invited. Baird's works on canvas often feature old vehicles, historic buildings and other regional subjects. Quinnell's realistic drawings capture a wide variety of wild and domestic animals. Come in and meet both the artists and see their work, as well as the work of 30 other local artists. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, in the historic Fountain Building, just across from the Fountain Theater. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit <http://mesillavalley-fineartsgallery.blogspot.com>.

ALEGRE GALLERY

The Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado, featured artist for June will be oil painter Greg Allen. Allen's oil paintings reflect his love for the Southwest, in both landscapes and architecture. He and his wife Margie are native New Mexicans, but they have called El Paso their home for 15 years. Though largely a self-taught artist, he is inspired by the works produced by the early Taos and Santa Fe artists. The gallery will have an opening reception for Allen from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9. For more information, call 523-2311.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Gallery will feature work by artists within the congregation and friends of the church. The show will run through June 29. An artist's reception will be held Sunday, June 10, from noon to 2 p.m. Participants will include well-known regional artists as well as talented newcomers to the area and others who have shown their work less frequently. Works shown include those by Lois Wilson (fused glass), Betty Sweeney (landscapes in oils), Judy Licht (silk paintings), John Northcutt (expandable steel sculpture), Rich Richins (astronomical photography), Roy van der Aa (acrylics) and Stan Karp (symbolist painting), among others. Exhibiting art monthly for five years, the mission of the Tombaugh Gallery is to reach out to the wider community so that

thought-provoking art may be contemplated within an open, tolerant and forward reaching faith community. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday or by appointment. For general information, call 522-7281. The gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. To submit an artist proposal for 2008 to the gallery, call Chairperson Roy van der Aa, at 541-9770.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Artamants Spring Show will be hosted at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Downtown Mall. There will be an opening reception with a chance to meet the artists that coincides with the First Friday Ramble on the Downtown Mall. The exhibit will run through Saturday, June 30. Loosely translated from Latin, Artamants means "lovers of art." This group of friends has been gathering weekly for over 10 years to paint and to share techniques and camaraderie. Current members include Nabuko Bassett, Flo Hosa Dougherty, Sheila Duffy, Marie Dwyer, Tom Gerend, Jennifer Goude, Mayanna Howard, Betty Hummer, Darlene Hungate, Susan Kintosh, Jo Ledbetter, Sally March, Burt Rawlings, Susan Rivera and Virginia Roach. There is no charge to visit the center, and it is fully accessible. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 541-2255 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

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

LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun will be featuring two artists during the month of June. Teresa Fernandez will continue to show her unique story boxes and jewel-like mosaics. Also featured during June will be bead artist Sara Ames, whose jewelry ranges from her handmade glass oil jar fragrance necklaces to seafoam wire mesh necklaces and watch bands. Ames is one of the resident artists that Laughing at the Sun presents on a regular basis. Join the gallery June 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Laughing at the Sun in the Old Tortilla Factory, 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The Rio Grande Theatre Galleries will feature Alan Carrison as their feature artist for June. Working primarily in oils, watercolors and acrylics, Alan Carrison has been creating landscapes for more than fifteen years. His inspiration comes from photographs he and his wife have taken on their travels throughout New Mexico, other parts of the United States and Mexico. Often using an impressionistic style, Carrison attempts to capture the essence and emotions, the mood and the splendors of the landscapes he loves to paint. Largely self-taught, he has taken numerous classes with local artist, Sally Quillin as well as a workshop with Russian artists and El Paso residents, Aleksander and Luby Titovets. A nationally certified well driller and pump installer, Carrison turned to landscape painting as a means of expressing his love of nature. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the most popular symbols of the Americas, especially in Mexico where she is the best known and most loved of all saints. "Morena Moderna: La Virgen de Guadalupe," a photo essay by Diana Molina, is sponsored in part by the Frame & Art Center.

Like so many elements of Mexican culture, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is found throughout the Southwest. Finding the presence of La Virgen throughout her travels in Mexico and the United States, photographer Diana Molina began to document the modern-day phenomenon of "La Morena Moderna." Her depictions of the symbol reveal the occurrence and historical evolution of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe within contemporary society, politics and media. Through photography, Molina shows portrayals of La Virgen in a variety of locations ranging from the Basilica in Mexico City to Washington, D.C., as well as close to home at Tortugas and in El Paso.

Photographer, filmmaker and writer Diana Molina is a native of El Paso and currently resides in New Mexico, on the Texas and Mexico border. She began photography while abroad in Europe, where she lived for 10 years. Focusing on cultural, political and environmental issues, Molina has published feature articles for numerous international magazines, including Elle,

Esquire, GEO, GQ, Marie Claire, National Geographic Traveler and Vogue. Exhibits of her photography have been shown at venues including the Art Museum of the Americas in Washington, D.C., the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, and the Albuquerque Museum of Natural History and Science. Most recently her documentary photography was part of a three-artist exhibit, "North & South of the Border," at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

"Morena Moderna: La Virgen de Guadalupe" exhibit runs through Saturday, Aug. 25. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the northern end of the downtown mall, at 501 N. Downtown Mall. The center is free and accessible. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 541-2255 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

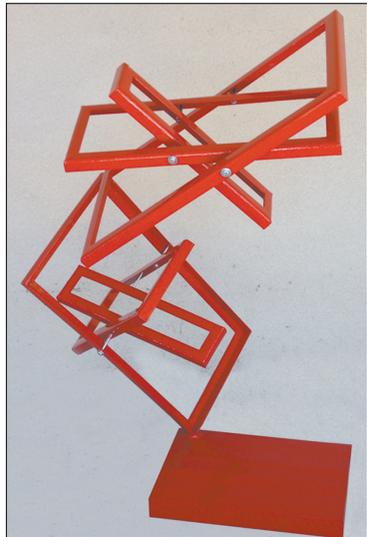
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART

Artwork by some very talented Las Cruces Public Schools elementary school students will hang through September in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. Media includes crayon, pen and ink, felt, watercolor, charcoal and paper. For more information, contact LCPS Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Bonnie Hosie at 527-5888 or [bhose@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us).

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

"From the Ground Up XXIII" Juried Regional Ceramics Exhibition will be on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Saturday, June 30. The annual event is sponsored by the Las Cruces Potters' Guild and the Museum of Art. Ceramic works by 25 artists representing five states in the Rocky Mountain region make up the exhibition. They range from utilitarian ceramics to ceramic sculpture and installation works. Included are pieces by Liz Fisher, Klyf Brown, Suzanne Kane and Joe Krasean of Las Cruces; Ben Brooks and Geneva Bailey of Roswell; Kari Rives, Heidi Loewen and Judy Nelson Moore of Santa Fe; Lia Rosen of Albuquerque; Sandra Reynolds of Clovis; Mary Holmes of Belen; and George Rodriguez of El Paso. The exhibit also includes works by artists from other areas of Texas, Colorado, Idaho and Utah. The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Downtown Mall. Exhibits are accessible and free of charge. For information, call 541-2137 or visit www.museums.las-cruces.org.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS



Untitled piece by John Northcutt at Tombaugh Gallery



"Star of Tularosa" by Ray Baird at Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery



"The Observer" by Roxanne Quinnell at Mesilla Valley Fine Art Gallery

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■ NMSU MUSEUM

Photographs detailing the history of the Chiricahua Apache from 1872 to the present will be housed in the New Mexico State University Museum lobby through Aug. 28. The historical photographs feature Cochise and Naiche family descendants. The museum is free and open to the public. Hours of operation are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-3739.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Three legendary saddle makers are featured in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's ongoing exhibit, "Legends in Leather: Saddle Makers of the Southwest." For the next year, the historic saddle makers section of the extensive exhibit features three men who played a big part in the booming saddle-making industry in Pueblo, Colo., during the late-1800s and early-1900s. The Museum is displaying the leather work of Samuel Caldwell Gallup, Robert Thompson Frazier and Tom Flynn. While several saddle makers operated shops in Pueblo during this time, Gallup, Frazier and Flynn are most associated and well-known with this community and the Pueblo Saddle. The three men were key figures in the origination and manufacture of the Pueblo Saddle style. All three saddleries made virtually identical saddles, differing only in the custom leather carving decoration and the reputation behind the name stamped on the cantle. All three companies reached their business peak in the 1910s and saw a decline in the 1920s. Ultimately, only Frazier's company survived the Great Depression. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

"Water in the Desert," a Patio Art Gallery Invitational exhibit featuring established and emerging artists, runs through June 16. Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta J. Hoover, Judy Licht, Joyce T. Macrorie, Julie Ford Oliver and Dan Tapper of the Patio Art Gallery, with guest artists Mary Beatle, Jo Ledbetter, Bonnie Mandoe, Lynn Leland, Joan Shepack, Lucia Wilcox and Daphne Wirthlin, will present this timely show. The artists are from Las Cruces and El Paso. "The use of water in the desert often takes on political and social meaning," said Carolyn Bunch, gallery co-owner, "but through art, we can also consider the historic and artistic influences of water. The Patio Art Gallery, which does have a fountain, reflects the beauty and value of water in its show, "Water in the Desert." The Patio Art Gallery is located at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5

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■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

White Raven Studios presents "Symphony in Color." The exhibit, which runs through June 10, features paintings, collages, wood sculpture and collaborations. "Symphony in Color" featured artists are Roger Atkins, Joshua Rose and Janell Wicht. White Raven Studios is located at 425 W. Griggs St.

p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays with art classes offered on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 541-7401.

■ THETHEATREGALLERY

Inspired by pictographs and scenic landscapes throughout the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, Margaret Bernstein tries to capture the joy of a moment in paint and color. She loves to work with theatre because of its tradition and spontaneity both relevant to a painter's perspective. This exhibit, "Under Glass," includes new and recent work in watercolor and acrylic media of landscapes, flowers and abstracts. Thetheatregallery is located in the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 523-1223.

■ BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

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

■ NMSU MUSEUM GALLERY

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

noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For more information, call the University Museum at 646-3739.

■ DRAWINGS BY MARIA CRISTINA

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

drawings in Microsoft Word from her "Day of the Dead" series, such as King Tut and Lynyrd Skynyrd, as well as classics from her "Frog" and other series. The artist's studio hours are Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For information, please call 521-4694.

■ 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.

A night with a Wiseman



Bob Wiseman will put on a unique one-man show of comedy and music with slide projectors, super 8's and musical instruments along with Magali Meagher of The Phonemes at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Tickets are \$15 for regular admission and \$10 for students and seniors. Call 523-1223 for reservations.

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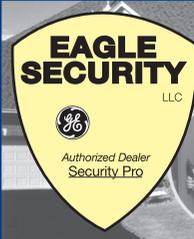
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Rus Bradburd is my symbol of hope.

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A few years ago, Bradburd switched from coaching basketball to writing books.

While coaching, he traveled the country giving basketball dribbling exhibitions. I saw a tape he made. He was good.

Rus also plays the harmonica and the fiddle and runs a summer basketball camp for barrio kids in El Paso.

At one time he lived in Chicago where he wrote and edited a basketball recruiting publication for college coaches.

Here's a guy who not only changes jobs, he changes worlds.

At present, Rus teaches writing classes at New Mexico State U. "It's a steady job," he says. "I have to eat."

Which may cease to be a problem soon. Bradburd's latest book, "Paddy on the Hardwood," inspired by two years of coaching semi-pro basketball in Tralee, Ireland, is a big seller.

The Chicago Tribune calls it the best sports book of 2006. Other publications have jumped aboard.

Under Rus' command, Tralee leaped from the cellar to the championship of the Irish Super League in a two-year span.

Bradburd learned coaching under two legends. He was an assistant for Don Haskins at UTEP and Lou Henson at New Mexico State.

A few years ago, Rus gave basketball a head fake and quit coaching to teach and write for a living.

He recently sold the movie rights to "Paddy on the Hardwood" and was flown to New York this week to read before a monthly reading club there. He read alongside Rick Riley, another award-winning author of sports books.

Bradburd's itinerary changed drastically a year ago. Connie, his wife, gave birth to a baby girl. "We named her Alma," Rus said. "After my mother. I thought it

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City to host all-star baseball series



NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mayfield's pitcher Gera Sanchez will be one of three local high school players that will compete in the North-South All-Star Baseball Tournament at Apodaca Park this weekend.

No summer fun in the sun

New Mexico State swim team works hard during the summer months

By JORDAN BOSTIC
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When visiting the outdoor pool at the New Mexico State University natatorium, it is difficult to find shade. There are only a few covered areas, and those valuable spots are usually occupied by those who truly deserve them: the NMSU swim team.

Who could blame the girls for trying to get out of the sun? Every swimmer has a rosy sunburn from spending their "lazy" summer days participating in 10 voluntary swimming workouts each week.

"This is the most [girls] we have had stay here in Las Cruces and train in the summer since I have been here," head coach Rick Pratt said.

In the summer, the NMSU swimmers compete as a club team at national meets during the offseason from the collegiate circuit. Most of the Aggies are swimming for the Las Cruces Aquatic Team and will be heading to the Speedo Sectional

Championships in Mt. Hood, Ore., or San Antonio, Texas, in July.

While the other team members are at those meets, two of the Aggies are heading back to their native countries to compete in national events.

Senior Nicolin Lillhage has already qualified for the Swedish National Championships in July, while junior Stephanie Peacock will head home to Canada to participate in a qualifying meet for the Canadian National Championships.

"Swimming is a year-round sport," Pratt said. "Swimmers are used to taking only two weeks off from swimming each year. They know that if they take the summer off, they are really hurting their chances to improve."

Pratt feels good about the current state of the Aggie swimming program. The team has signed four new swimmers for the fall, bringing the roster to 28.

"We only had 12 swimmers on

Three local players will be heavily involved in North-South game

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For the 32nd year, the top 40 high school baseball players in New Mexico will be in Las Cruces to compete in the North-South All-Star Series.

The three-game series begins Friday at 7 p.m. at Apodaca Park. The two squads will meet in a doubleheader Saturday beginning at noon.

Las Cruces will be represented by three players: Mayfield's Gera Sanchez and Sam Perez-Wright and Las Cruces High's Ryan Honeycutt. Oñate catcher Maguire Taney was selected to play in the game, but had to bow out this week because of an injury. Gadsden has four players on the team, including Charles Drake, Jaime Armendariz, Mario Lopez and Julian Nevarez.

The South will be coached by Silver High School's Claudie Thompson, who finished his ninth year as the school's head coach. He led the Colts to the state championship in 1997 before sitting out three years and then returning.

Thompson said he is familiar with all of his all-star players, including the three standouts from Las Cruces.

"We didn't play Las Cruces,

but we played Mayfield," he said. "I've seen a little bit of them, I've read the papers and of course, the coaches tend to talk."

The local contingent is led by Sanchez, the standout Mayfield pitcher who will play for New Mexico State University next year.

"That's reassuring to have (Sanchez) on my team," said Thompson. "And Perez-Wright is an excellent ballplayer, too. We're excited to have those guys."

While Silver didn't play LCHS last season, Thompson said he is well aware of the physical ability of Honeycutt. The former LCHS quarterback has signed to play for Central Arizona College where he will pitch and play in the outfield.

"I've seen him a couple of times," he said. "We played them a couple of years ago and they had him in the outfield. He's very good."

"The Cruces area has a lot of good players, so anytime you get some players from there, you know you'll have a good team," he said. "I get to coach 20 great athletes, and knowing that we'll get to make memories for the kids is very exciting."

The players arrived in Las Cruces on Wednesday and stayed at the NMSU campus. The South swept the series last season.



NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Aggie freestyler Sarah Lawrence practices during NMSU's summer workouts Tuesday.

the team when I first arrived," Pratt said. "The more the team improves, the more our name gets out there and the easier it is to recruit quality athletes."

This past season was the first in which NMSU had a diver on the team, and Pratt has added two more for the upcoming year. "We will have the most depth we have ever had at NMSU," Pratt said.

The swimming program has improved considerably since

Pratt arrived, a fact he attributes to the work ethic and positive attitude of the team members.

"It's one of the differences between our program and others," Pratt said. Our girls really love the sport and put in extra work."

That extra practice has paid off for the Aggies. At the Western Athletic Conference

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Andrew Landwerlen, New Mexico's top-ranked junior tennis player, recently won the singles championship at the United States National Open in El Paso.

Andrew Landwerlen wins national tennis event

State's top-ranked junior player on a roll

Las Cruces native and New Mexico's top-ranked junior tennis player Andrew Landwerlen won the singles championship at the United States National Open in El Paso last week.

Landwerlen holds the No. 1 ranking in the Southwest region and is currently the 46th nationally ranked junior player in the country. "Yeah, last year I played some men's events and kind of let my junior ranking slip a bit," he said.

After ending 2006 winning a men's professional doubles tournament in Florida, Landwerlen made it to the quarterfinals of another men's singles pro event in Miami, Fla. before leaving for Brazil in March. After spending two days training on the slow, red South American clay courts he played two consecutive ITF (International Tennis Federation) tournaments. "I found out what grinding out a match was really about. Everything came back. I literally kissed the courts here when I got home."

Landwerlen returned to the United States in April to play two more pro singles tournaments in Florida and in California, where he reached the semifinals.

Returning to Las Cruces last week, Landwerlen, the No. 2 seed, went on to win the U.S. National Open in El Paso, beating the No. 1 seed 6-1, 6-4, in the final match.

"I love playing here," he said. "I can play relaxed and just let my game take care of business."

In the El Paso tournament, he broke his opponents' serve four times in the first set alone.

Andrew learned to play on the public courts of Las Cruces, where he met Ray Lind, who helped him develop the game he has today. Landwerlen said, "The support I get from the players at Lions Tennis Courts (on Picacho Ave.) always makes me feel great. But there is just no way that I could do this without Ray. I believe that Ray just knows as much as anyone - anywhere - about tennis technique. He gave me my

serve and my forehand. And, of course, Errol (Hull) has always been there encouraging me to hit one more ball, I am so grateful to them; no way would I be where I am today without them."

Three years ago, when Landwerlen was 15 years old, a speed gun at a pro event in Phoenix clocked his serve at 132 miles per hour. "Sure it's fast, but because he can put it anywhere in the box, with every kind of spin, when he's serving big, well, it's a monster, and it's just plain scary," Lind said.

At 6-foot-6, Landwerlen may be frightening opponents, but on the courts of Las Cruces, his broad smile and infectious laugh don't seem to be scaring anybody.

" I love playing here. "

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On the green

The learning curve

Golf camp starts a love of learning golf

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor



Over this past weekend Herb Wimberly and I taught our second Performance Golf School of the season at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. We spent two solid days working on golf swings and fundamentals of the game. Some of our students were young long hitters who were challenged to hit it straight. Others were higher handicap players who occasionally missed shots badly, costing them many strokes; and a couple of our students were basically beginners. These were middle-aged individuals who just recently took up the game of golf, and who wanted to do it right by learning how to swing a golf club. What struck both Herb and me was that, early on, they had very little grasp of what was involved with a proper golf swing, but they did have a positive attitude. That's half the battle when learning golf.

I have played golf most of my life. My father and my grandfather, who were both pretty good golfers, basically taught me as a youngster. Just recently I ran across a hole-in-one plaque that was presented to my late father for an ace on a 250-yard par-4 hole in Cleveland. Back in 1937, that was awesome. While I haven't been a total beginner for many decades, I can relate. Plus, I have taught hundreds of beginners since I've been teaching golf as Wimberly's golf school partner. As a golfing psychologist, I have learned something about how to learn golf.

I'm a proponent of learning by imitation. That's imitation, not intimidation. It's how children learn. They watch; they learn. Hopefully our children are watching the right behavior and learning right from wrong. Kids can learn to play musical instruments like crazy because they are sponges for training, and they can reproduce what they see and hear and practice. Adults aren't so fortunate. We have outlived some of our natural sponginess. We get stuck easier. That's why it's much harder to learn a second language as an adult. The language acquisition mechanism is more worn. But take heart, you can still learn golf and play it well. Here are the learning strategies I think will get you there.

First, watch all the golf you can on television, men and women professionals. Watch the slow motion camera displays of their golf swings; make notes. As the analysts talk about "spine angles," "shoulder turn" and "strong grips," you may be lost at first, but after a while it will start to make sense. You can start to mimic the posture and the moves the really good golfers make.

Next, read all you can. Learn the game. Learn the world of golf, including the jargon, the technology and the culture. It may be like a non-techie learning about computers and the Internet. There is a whole language and a subculture involved. You have to talk the language and know what you're saying. You have to learn skills to get around on the web. If you want to be a golfer – a good golfer – talk the talk of a golfer. Get comfortable with what golfers are doing and talking about.

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Fund-raisers

Date	Event	Location	Phone
June 8	La Casa Benefit	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
June 8	Uganda Benefit	NMSU GC	646-3219
June 22	Gym Magic	Las Cruces CC	526-8731

Tournaments

Date	Event	Location	Phone
June 16	SUGA	NMSU GC	646-3219
June 16	White Sands Open	White Sands GC	678-1759
June 22	Tortugas Open	NMSU GC	646-3219
June 23	McGladrey Team Champ.	NMSU GC	646-3219
June 24	White Sands vs. Alamo.	White Sands GC	678-1759

The best way to "walk the walk" of a golfer is to get a coach – a golf instructor. Although how to pick a teacher is the subject of a future column, the point is to keep learning fundamentals. That's why we teach golf schools, to overload folks in a weekend so that they get so turned on by their rapid improvement that they continue with lessons with their local PGA professional. If you doubt that for a moment, talk to someone who has gone to a golf school or a golf camp. Anywhere.

Still, it seems to me that the biggest challenge for beginning golfers who want to build a solid, correct swing and game is acquiring a sense of what a golf swing should feel like. I emphasize the idea "sense," because one's ability to discern the skeleto-muscular movements of any motor skill varies greatly from person to person. This falls into a realm that experts have called "kinesthetic intelligence." It's like emotional intelligence for the body. Some humans are better than others at interpreting instructions about how to move their bodies to perform physi-

cal tasks.

If you fall into the category of the kinesthetically challenged, take heart. Even klutzes can learn golf and play well. The secret is observational learning. Pick an expert golfer you can identify with and imitate his or her swing. Perhaps you're a middle-aged woman and are just taking up golf. Watch Julie Inkster on the LPGA and imitate her swing, or something close. When you constantly approximate a good golf swing – the swing of the person you have identified with – you're swing gradually becomes closer to something that will produce really good results. Then there is the mental make-up. That is the subject of columns to come.

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@lascrucbulletin.com.

Back to school



DAVID MCCOLLUM | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Charlie Blanchard surveys the golfers on the Sonoma Ranch driving range at the Performance Golf School last week. Blanchard and former NMSU golf coach and PGA teaching pro Herb Wimberly conduct the Performance Golf School statewide.

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NMSU offers ACL workshop for local athletic trainers

Davis offers advice on common problem



PETE
Pete's Ponderings

From time to time ole Pete' gets a bit of saddle rash or some sore old bones that need some mending, and I've been lucky to have the ear of the best darned medical men this side of Doc Holiday: the NMSU athletic trainers.

This weekend, one of the school's top knee wrappers is runnin' a workshop on one of the peskiest problems to bedevil a trainer of any kind, injuries to the anterior cruciate ligament in your knee. There are a couple of different ligaments in your knee, and when they get hurt, there are problems for the competitor. This particular part of the knee is the thing that stabilizes your leg joint and lets you walk with a normal gait. A healthy one lets an athlete change direction, shift their weight and make those type of moves on the field that bring a sigh of appreciation to those of us enjoying the game.

A bad ACL can limit what a competitor can do and often sidelines a player while the mendin' process takes effect. The workshop will look at prevention measures and rehabilitation once the injury occurs. Jeb Davis will run the show; he has enough energy to run one of these shebangs every weekend, but is starting the project locally.

A native of Helena, Mont., Davis

received his athletic training education at NMSU and worked at schools in Pennsylvania and Missouri before heading back to the Mesilla Valley to join "Team O'Larey" on the second floor of the Fulton Center.

The ACL injury is one that is more common in female athletes, and with more women taking part in sports of all sorts, the knee injuries are mounting. While some national commentators point to this as proof that women are not supposed to be playing sports, anyone with the sense that God gave a screwdriver

knows better than that. The need for proper stretching and other pre-game routines is coming into common practice and knee braces, wraps and other adornments can do a lot to keep the ACL from being placed in a vulnerable position during the heat of the game.

Davis' weekend session is for athletic trainers, but coaches could learn a thing or two from the man from the Big Sky country as well. No one likes

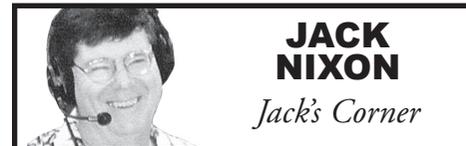
bein' hurt, and rehabbing an injury isn't much fun either. But a session like the one NMSU is providing can go a long way to reduce the risk of this happening. The old philosopher to the world, Will Rogers once said, "When you get old, everything either leaks or dries up." Professional help from the people in the Aggie athletic training room can keep those young'ns from getting old before their time.

PETE

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A bad ACL can limit what a competitor can do and often sidelines a player.”

Aggies have staffing switch

WAC marketing master comes in while basketball public relations guru heads out



JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

The Aggies added another five-star recruit last week, but lost one to the Pacific Northwest. They aren't McDonald All-Americans, but if there were all-star teams chosen for this type of athletic skill, these guys would be on them.

Heading in is Steve Macy, he will be in charge of marketing and other public relations projects for the department. Macy has been with the Western Athletic Conference and has done just about everything in the league offices in Denver. Running championship events, dealing with sales and marketing, and Macy is also credited with being the inventor of WAC.tv. That's the Internet option that allows fans to watch every WAC football and basketball game that isn't on ESPN or some other national TV outlet.

Macy will have a hand in implementing the Aggie Vision project as well as increasing marketing efforts and expanding ticket sales for all events. He is taking the marketing reins from Bump Elliott, who yields them without protest. Elliott was happy to do the job but is just as happy to give it to someone with the necessary experience. Macy's hire comes at a time when the Aggies are making a move from the minors to the major league in budget growth to keep up with

the rest of the WAC. His addition also helps shore up the badly understaffed athletic department roster.

Heading down the road, Reggie Nation's minister of doctrine. Don't tune in to Rush Limbaugh, "The Factor" or "The View" for an update on this propaganda expert, just go to the schools athletic website. Garret Ward is reluctantly leaving Reggie and company behind to stay married. It wasn't an ultimatum, just a practical solution since his wife Kristel has been hired to teach in Tacoma, Wash.

Unlike the leader of the nation, Ward is a humble person, he even insists on spelling his first name with only one "t." He has worked with Reggie and his entourage for the two years of the handsome one's meteoric rise to popularity. Ward is a patient soul setting up inter-

views, taking phone calls at odd hours and doing what he can to keep media vibes and scribes full of quotes and notes about Reggie and the unpredictable things he will say.

He is looking at a job that would put him in a nature setting rather than the men's hoops "wild kingdom" he has been a part of. The Wards are a couple of college sweethearts who met at Washington State

University and had their love bloom on the Palouse.

It was great working with Ward, and having Macy on board will signal a continuation of the greatest era of NMSU athletics. It's nice to have people who others want too. It reinforces the idea that the people who are calling the shots know what it's all about.

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... Macy is also credited with being the inventor of Wac.tv.”

LPGA ready for a shootout



JOSH BACHMAN | The Las Cruces Bulletin
Kristy Albers will be one of four LPGA players competing in the New Mexico Shootout in September at the new Sierra del Rio Golf Course at Elephant Butte. She was helping to promote the tournament at a recent press conference at the El Paso Country Club.

High Noon Soccer League

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Aggies to host football camps

Prep players from several states expected to attend two sessions of instruction

By JOHN KEITH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hal Mumme's New Mexico State's football staff calls them "skills camps."

Although instruction has priority, recruiting is also a key objective.

Approximately 50 junior high and high school players (13 to 18 years old) from eight states will report to the NMSU practice fields for two of the Aggies' three-day skills camps, June 12-14 and June 19-21.

A high school quarterback from New York will be there. Hawaii will send players. So will Georgia, Florida, California and Minnesota.

All sessions begin at 10 a.m. and last until approximately 5 p.m.

Campers get a free lunch, two T-shirts, a backpack, cap and a polo shirt.

The Aggies assistant coaches will offer instruction by position.

"Most of the campers will be from New Mexico and Texas," said Matt Walter,

NMSU's strength and conditioning coach. Walter and graduate assistant John David Cassey are coordinating both camps.

"We sent out fliers to high school coaches across the country and to the top 100 high school players," Walter said. "We've had great response. Last year, I think we only had 27 guys show."



MUMME

At 10 a.m. on June 23, the Aggies will hold their annual seven-on-seven camp that pits seven offensive players from one high school team against seven defensive players from another. Winners play each other until a champion is crowned.

Teams from New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California are expected.

New Mexico State, like all Division 1A college football programs, use summer camps to evaluate players they might someday recruit.

For more information on any of the three camps, call 646-2521.

Swimming

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Championships, 16 of the 19 swimmers posted lifetime-bests. The amount of improvement the swimmers have experienced is another factor that attracts potential recruits, according to Pratt.

"Ultimately, kids want to come and swim for a program where they will continue to improve," he said. "Our girls may swim for NMSU, but they still have dreams of getting to the United States National Championships or the Olympic Trials."

The girls are currently practicing in the outdoor pool, known as the long course. All summer swim meets happen

in long course pools, which are more than double the size of the indoor pool the team uses during the collegiate schedule.

"The long courses are more physically demanding because there are fewer turns where a swimmer can build momentum, and the courses are a longer distance," Pratt said.

As a result, when the Aggie swim team begins official practice shortly after Labor Day, the girls hope to be in great physical shape when they return to the shorter indoor pool.

Ten workouts per week and perpetual sunburn may not be a regular summer for most college students, but the team hopes its hard work will pay off when they don their Aggie swim caps and gear up for another competitive collegiate season in the fall.

Crawford's contract not renewed

Aggies search for new track and field coach

New Mexico State Athletics Director Dr. McKinley Boston announced Ed Crawford will not return as NMSU's track and field coach in 2007-08. Crawford's last day at work will be June 30. A national search begins immediately for a replacement.

Crawford was the head coach of the cross country and track and field teams at NMSU for 10 seasons. During that time, the Aggies rewrote the record books with 33 new school marks, several NCAA individual appearances and two conference outdoor championships.

In 2005, Crawford guided three Aggies to the NCAA Midwest Regional meet: Sandra Anane (long and triple jump), Erin Streater (hammer throw and shot put) and Grace Thomson (5,000-meter run).

Streater was named the 2005 Sun Belt Conference Field Athlete of the Meet after winning the hammer throw and the shot put, while Thomson was named the High Points Scorer of the Meet after winning the 5,000 and 10,000-meter run and taking second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Crawford led the Aggies to their second Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championship in three years in 2004 and was named the 2004 Sun Belt Conference

Coach of the Year. He guided distance runner Rachael Cuellar and freshman sensation Sandra Anane to incredible seasons. Cuellar earned the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championship Track Athlete of the Meet while winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase, 5,000-meter run and the 10,000-meter run, eventually competing at the 2004 NCAA Championships. Anane was named the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championship Field Athlete of the Meet after winning both the triple and long jumps.



CRAWFORD

Crawford became the first full-time track and field/cross country coach at New Mexico State University in 1996. He has coached 71 NCAA All-Americans

and served on the coaching staffs of five NCAA National Championship teams during his coaching span.

Crawford earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at Cal Poly Pomona in 1987. He also completed all his credit hours during his graduate work in physical education in Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Crawford holds two different associate's degrees in physical education and mechanical design technology from Mt. San Antonio Jr. College.

Weather shortens Gymkhana event

Eighty-two riders enter competition

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Wind and dust forced the Las Cruces Horseman's Association to cut competition to three events at its last Gymkhana, coordinators reported.

The Gymkhana attracted 82 hardy riders. The LCHA will conduct its next Gymkhana-admission to the public free- on May 19 at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Normally, the association holds five gymkhana events, but during the last go-around it could only hold three; Barrels, Poles and Flags.

Julie Heming has earned 31 points and Guy Wolfarth has 30 to lead the 40 and Older Division. The leading riders in the last Gymkhana were:

Barrels - Nancy Alexander, 16.53 seconds; Steve Hazelton, 16.56; Herring, 17.47. Poles - Hazelton, 24.72; Herring, 25.03; Jerry Curry, 25.22. Flags - Hazelton, 9.36; Wolfarth, 10.09; Herring, 10.61.

Elizabeth Knight earned 10 points to increase her lead in the 18 to 39 age division to 23. The top riders were:

Barrels - Ernie Lucero, 16.31 seconds; Susan Taylor, 16.87; Knight, 18.03. Poles - Taylor, 25.46; Estella Leyja, 26.66; Knight, 26.89. Flags - Lucero, 8.83; Taylor, 9.46; Leyja, 9.84.

Justin Smith maintained his lead in the 13 to 17 Division by earning 18 points with three first places for a 45-point total. Other

leading riders were:

Barrels - Smith, 16.04 seconds; Kaysha Nakamae, 17.34; Ashley Terrazas, 17.9. Poles - Smith, 21.83; Nakamae, 22.61; Courtney Plemmons, 28.59. Flags - Smith, 9.41; Pat Quintanilla, 9.63; Nakamae, 9.79.

In the 10 to 12 Division, Gregory Lopez picked up 15 points to add to his total of 19, close behind leaders Willie Lucero and Megan Simmons with 23 each. Others who did well in the short session were:

Barrels - Brandon Lopez, 18.4 seconds; Jordan Morris, 18.68; Gregory Lopez, 19.1. Poles - Gregory Lopez, 25.50; Shawnee Wagner, 26.77; Brandon, 27.94. Flags - Willie Lucero, 9.55; Gregory Lopez, 9.61; Jordan Morris, 10.18.

Devin Lopez widened his lead in the Seven to Nine Division to 41 points with three first places and 18 points. The division placing were:

Barrels - Lopez, 18 seconds; Shelby Alexander, 20.16; Megan Gonzales. Poles - Lopez, 23.02; Gonzales, 30.91; Emilee Parra, 33.32. Flags - Lopez, 10.01; Parra, 12.81; Alexander, 13.20.

In the Six and Younger Division, Riley Patterson also had three first-places, picked up 18 points to protect his lead of 41. The other leading riders were:

Barrels - Patterson, 23.75 seconds; Kailee Parra, 25; Jamee Middagh, 33.31. Poles - Patterson, 32.51; Parra, 43.79; Middagh, 46.09. Flags - Patterson, 14.65; Middagh, 16.80; Taylor Kyle, 43.16.

Ags prepare for volleyball camps

NMSU coaches will offer instruction, competition

New Mexico State volleyball head coach Mike Jordan and his staff have scheduled their 2007 summer camps.

The Aggies are hosting three camps at the end of July, an all skills, setter and team camp, which are open to children 11 years and older.

The all skills camp, July 23-26, is designed to teach all volleyball skills while providing both indoor and outdoor competitive games.

The setters camp is July 21-22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day camp is intended to teach the art of setting.

The Aggies are offering a team camp, July 27-29. The focus will be on developing serving, passing, setting, attacking, defense and transition skills in a team environment.

In addition, the NMSU coaching staff offers advanced systems and team concepts for each specific team. Tournament play is also provided for high school teams.

"The camp is without question the best camp in the Southwest," assistant coach and camp director Ashley Hardee said. "It truly offers campers a great experience to learn from four-time coach-of-the-year Mike Jordan and the best coaching staff around."

Hardee said campers have the opportunity

to learn from current Aggie coaches, high-level club and high school coaches along with players from the Aggies' 2006 NCAA Tournament team.

"The camps not only prepare the older players for their high school teams and college volleyball but they also inspire a lot of passion for volleyball from the younger players," Hardee said.

In addition, the NMSU volleyball coaching staff has developed a five-week summer league that begins June 18 at the NMSU activity center. The session is from 5 to 7 p.m. each Monday until July 16 and is open to players entering the 5th to 9th grades in fall 2007.

The league focuses on fundamentals and game-play and cost \$80. Both beginners and experienced players are welcome.

NMSU assistant coach and league director Ashley Hardee said the league's goal is to provide an environment for players to improve their skills over the summer in preparation for the middle school season.

Online registration is available at NMStateSports.com. For more information contact Hardee at 505-646-2368 or wbranch@nmsu.edu.

Keith

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was time I did something she'd be proud of."

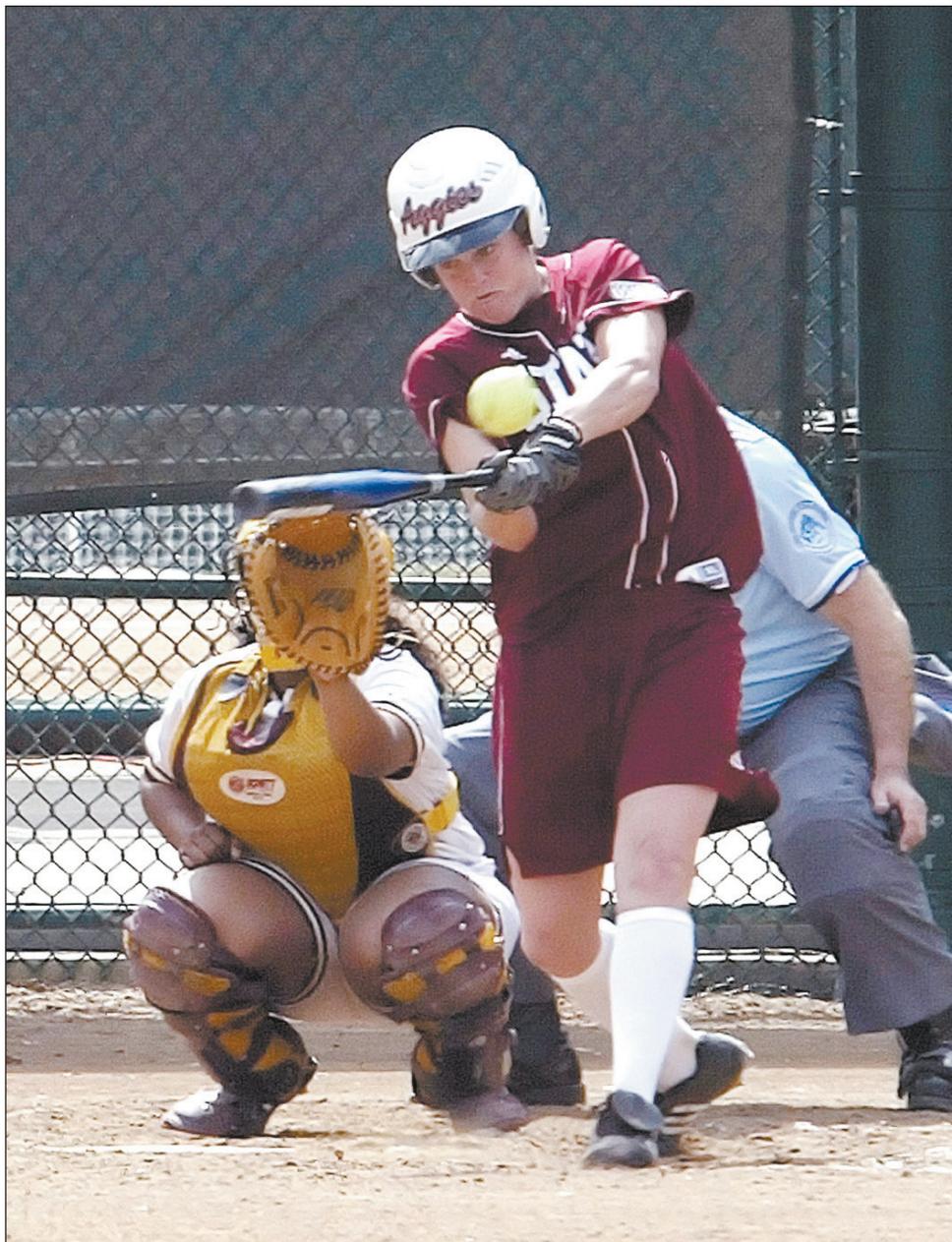
After he returns from New York Rus plans to resume writing at home. "Only when Alma naps," he said.

"And after I find my glasses. It's hard to write when you can't see."

Hopefully for Bradburd, there's another book on the horizon. If not, I'm sure he'll find some other way to make a living.

I've had similar thoughts. Until, that is, each time the Bulletin hands me a paycheck.

The Future is Bright for Aggie softball



NMSU's Ashley Roszkos was named second team All-NFCA West Region and second team All-WAC after setting the school record for RBI in a season with 43. Her 109 career RBI is the most in program history.

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Aggie pitcher Kim Watson was named second team All-WAC after leading NMSU in wins with 19 and in ERA with a 2.74.

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New Mexico State returns majority of its team next season

The New Mexico State softball team concluded its 2007 season at the Western Athletic Conference Championships on May 10 at Bulldog Stadium in Fresno, Calif., after losing 3-1 to San Jose State.

The season came to an abrupt end with the loss, but looking back it was one of the best years in program history.

The Aggies finished the year with a 31-27 record and 9-9 mark in WAC play. The 31 victories were the fourth most in program history (only the fourth time an Aggie team surpassed the 30-win tally), and it was the most wins since the 1998 NMSU softball team won 32 games (they were 32-27 that season under head coach JoAnn Ferrieri).

New Mexico State opened the season by going 14-6 in the first 20 games, which was the best start in program history. The Aggies were 9-2 after the first two weeks of the season when they hosted the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Invitational (Feb. 9-11) and the Troy Cox Classic (Feb. 16-18). NMSU was runner-up of the first tournament and then won the Troy Cox Classic by going a perfect 5-0 in tournament play.

The Aggies used a second-place finish at the Houston Marriott Hobby Invite (Feb. 23-25) and then went 2-2 in the USF Louisville Tournament (March 2-4) to reach their 14-6 record.

Coming into the season, the coaching staff set a goal for the players to finish in the top three in the conference. NMSU accomplished this goal, finishing third in the WAC regular season race.

Conference play started out strong for the Aggies, as they swept San Jose State (March 23-24) at the SJSU Softball Complex. Following the opening conference series, the Aggies lost two of three games at Louisiana Tech (March 30-31) and then were swept by both No. 18 Hawaii (Apr. 6-7) and No. 24 Fresno State (Apr. 13-14) at the NMSU Softball Complex.

After those three tough conference series losses, New Mexico State knew it had to rebound and win the next two series to reach its goal. The Aggies refocused themselves and did just that by winning two-of-three games at Nevada (Apr. 20-21) and then swept Utah State (May 4-5) at home to conclude the regular season.

Not only did head coach Kathy Rodolph and associate head coach Cat Heifner's team do well as a whole, many of the individual players had break-through seasons. Junior Ashley Roszkos (Benicia, Calif.) led the group, as she became the third Aggie in program history to earn all-district accolades. She was named to the NFCA West Region Second Team on May 16.

Roszkos also was named to the All-WAC Second Team along with teammate Stephanie Herrera (Pecos, Texas) and sophomore pitcher Kim Watson (Spokane, Wash.).

Many individual records were broken throughout the season and Roszkos highlighted the record setting as she broke three offensive marks and tied another. The 43 runs that she drove in this spring were the most in a single season and it gave her 109 for her career, which set a new program career RBI mark.

The future of Aggie softball now shines brightly, as NMSU returns the majority of the players from the 2007 team that had no seniors. Ashley Frisby is the one Aggie that will be missed the most, as she graduated this spring after three seasons

at NMSU.

The Aggies second baseman was granted a rare double medical redshirt after missing the 2005 and 2006 seasons because of injuries. She had an opportunity to return for her senior year, but she decided to move on to the next phase in her life as she felt her injuries would limit her from playing at the top of her game.

Frisby's leadership will be greatly missed, but the three seniors-to-be (Herrera, Colleen Kimbro, and Roszkos) along with a solid group of returning juniors- and sophomores- to-be will lead the way as the Aggies continue to build a winning tradition under Rodolph's guidance at New Mexico State.

Aggie highlights from the 2007 season:

- NMSU's 31 wins was the fourth most in school history, and it marked just the fourth time ever in the program's 33-year history that a team surpassed the 30-win tally in a season.

- Junior Ashley Roszkos became just the third Aggie ever to be named to an all-district team. She was a Second Team All-West Region honoree by the NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association).

- The third place finish in the WAC was the best conference finish by the Aggies since NMSU placed second in the Sun Belt Conference in 2001.

- New Mexico State broke many team offensive records in 2007, most notably the record for most runs scored in a season. The Aggies scored 257 runs on the year, which was 16 more than the previous record of 241 done in 1996.

- Other offensive team records that were set in 2007 include the record for most runs driven in for a season (214), total bases (603), slugging percentage (.390) and the Aggies tied the record for most doubles in a game (five vs. SHSU on Feb. 10) and triples in a game (two against UT-Arlington on Feb. 17).

- Not only did NMSU have a good year at the plate, the Aggies did well in the field as the team tied the record for the best fielding percentage at .965.

- Roszkos, Stephanie Herrera and Kim Watson were all named to the All-WAC Second Team.

- Sophomore Kristi Randall was named to her second consecutive WAC All-Tournament Team after she hit .400 at the 2007 WAC Championships with two doubles and two runs scored.

- Roszkos was named the WAC Hitter of the Week on Feb. 19 after leading NMSU to its second-straight Troy Cox Classic Championship. She was named MVP of the tournament after hitting .467 with seven hits, all of which went for extra bases. She had two doubles, one triple, four home runs and 10 RBI.

- Freshman pitcher Vanessa Fitzgerald was named the WAC Pitcher of the Week on Feb. 27 after throwing a no-hitter against McNeese State in her first career start. She became the first known WAC pitcher to throw a no-hitter in her first career start and just the second Aggie freshman to ever toss a no-hitter (Jo Kord was the other in 1980).

- Kim Watson was twice named the WAC Pitcher of the Week. The first was on March 26, and the second was on May 7. She became the first Aggie to receive the honor twice in one season since NMSU joined the conference in June 2005.

Aggie basketball camps for boys and girls in high gear

Both the New Mexico State boys and girls basketball summer camps are in full swing on the NMSU campus.

Men's coach Reggie Theus is holding four camps for boys and girls from kindergarten through 12th grade. Women's coach Darin Spence is offering three

camps for boys and girls of all ages.

Theus and his staff will host their final camp – The Aggie Day Camp – June 11-15 at the Pan Am Annex. Spence's staff will resume camp sessions for older players June 18-19 and finish with the team camp June 22-24.



An Aggie instructor works with several young campers on ball handling at Reggie Theus' camp at the NMSU Activity Center.



Tristan Romero gets focused.

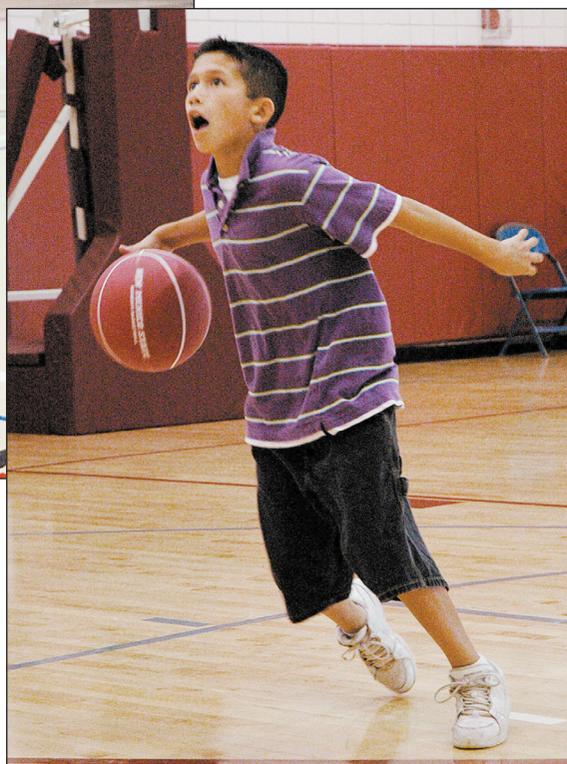


Aaron Ramsey works on his passing skills at Reggie Theus' camp.

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Coach Michael Spaulding gives instruction on passing at Reggie Theus' camp.



Adrian Ogas keeps his eye on the basket at the Aggie men's camp.



Darin Spence, Aggie women's basketball coach, teaches a dribbling exercise to (left to right) Jessica Dinsmore, Drake Spence and Sarah Abney during basketball camp last week at NMSU's practice facility.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1541
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a fed- erally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROY W. MAST AND PATRICIA A. MAST, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on June 21, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

A 2.50 acre tract of land situate in Section 5, Township 22 South, Range 3 E., N.M.P.M., of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, east of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows to wit:

BEGINNING at a found iron rod for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, BEING IDENTICAL to the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of the aforementioned Section 5;
THENCE S 01 degrees 08 minutes 26 seconds E, 331.40 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;
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The address of the real estate is 6580 Coyote Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 5, 2007, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$119,883.19 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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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 any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 10, 2007.

John A. Darden III,
Special Master
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-302

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

**JAMES P. HARRIS,
aka JAMES HARRIS;
and JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 20, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1855 Hot Peppers Road, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a

judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 27, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$170,744.12 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from March 30, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,523.74. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1245
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

**ANDREA CASANOVA
also known as
Andrea R. Osborn,
ANTONIO C. ALANIZ
and, 1988 Oldsmobile
Cutlass, White; VIN:
2G3AM5136J2305226;
New Mexico License
Plate No. HSL 935,
Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Antonio C. Alaniz, the above named Respondent.

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2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1414
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

**LILLY ESTRADA,
SILVESTRE GOMEZ
and, 1999 SATURN
COUPE, White; VIN
1G8ZF5281XZ174939 New
Mexico License Plate No.
GSG 026, Respondents.**

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To: Lilly Estrada and Silvestre Gomez, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1999 Saturn Coupe, White, VIN: 1G8ZF5281XZ174939, New Mexico License Plate No. GSG 026.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6412
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1411
Judge: JERALD A.
VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

**ROLANDO J. GONZALES,
CORONADO FINANCE,
and 1979 GMC SIERRA
C25 PICKUP, White; VIN:
TCL249Z530715; New
Mexico License Plate No.
DWX 063, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Rolando J. Gonzales, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1979 GMC Sierra C25 Pickup, White.

2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
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505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6413
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D0307CV200700705

MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARGARET L. KRIBS;
PATRICK K. FORTSON;
CHARLES WALK;
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES
ARE UNKNOWN; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CHARLES WALK, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT STATE
OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendant: The Unknown Spouse of Charles Walk, if any.

**GREETINGS: YOU ARE
HEREBY NOTIFIED** that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5821 Sandpiper Dr, Santa Teresa, NM 88008, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 44 Casas Lindas Subdivision, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county clerk of said county on February 27, 1987, as Plat No. 1565, in book 14 pages 337 and 338 of Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before July 9, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla
Sharon Hankla
Karen Howden Weaver
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800-286-0013;
(719) 634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of May, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez CLERK OF

THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Peggy R. Brock Deputy
07-0335/Walk, Charles;
P293453

Pub #6418
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1412
Judge: JERALD A.
VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

**ANGELICA R. GARCIA,
TERESSA GARCIA,
AND 1995 MERCURY
XR7, Green; VIN
1MELM6247SH623316;
New Mexico License
Plate No. GZA 994,
Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Angelica R. Garcia and Teresa Garcia, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1995 Mercury XR7, Green.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
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505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6420
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO: DM-2007-00209
JUDGE: James T. Martin

Victoria L. Sherman, Petitioner,

vs.

Chancey D. Sherman, Respondent.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: Chancey D. Sherman

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Civil Action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in and for Doña Ana County, wherein Victoria L. Sherman, is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a decree of said Court dissolving the marriage now existing between you and Petitioner.

Unless you file an answer to this action on or before the time allowed by law, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted.

The address of the Petitioner

is 3260 Hillrise Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011.

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 10 day of May, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT
ADMINISTRATOR

Pub #6421
Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601041

**WACHOVIA BANK,
N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR
THE REGISTERED
HOLDERS OF GSRPM
2004-1, MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SHERON E. PICKAR;
PATRICIA KOLB; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SHERON E. PICKAR, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on June 28, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Block 1, DELARA ESTATES UNIT #1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county Clerk of said county as Plat No. 860 on 01/21/1977 in Book 12 Page(s) 89 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 213 Jeanne Lane, Chaparral, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 19, 2006, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$49,838.54, plus interest from September 30, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.9% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's

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funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: May 22, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO
80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868
06-2239/Pickar, Sheron E.;
P294296

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Dates 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15,
2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-0401

**WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., as Trustee for
the Benefit of the
Certificateholders,
Park Place Securities,
Inc., Asset-backed Pass-
through Certificates
Series 2005-WCW2,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

RACHEL GARCIA

**BANEGAS; ARTHUR
BANEGAS, aka ARTHUR
A. BANEGAS; TAXATION
AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO;
and JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 27, 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 3800 San Ysidro Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1

A tract of land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 35, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract 5-103B and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set at the northeast intersection of San Ysidro Road running north and south and San Ysidro Road running east and west for the southwest corner of this tract, identical to the southeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 5-103B;

Thence from the point of beginning and along the easterly line of San Ysidro Road N.23°24'20"W., a distance of 61.00 feet to a point for the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the easterly line of San Ysidro Road N.66°55'23"E., a distance of 46.01 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this

tract;

Thence S.23°25'08"E., a distance of 61.27 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the northerly line of San Ysidro Road for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the northerly line of San Ysidro Road S.67°15'32"W., a distance of 46.03 feet to the point of beginning enclosing 0.064 acre of land, more or less.

Parcel 2

A tract of land situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 35, T.22S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract 5-103D and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the easterly line of San Ysidro Road for the southwest corner of this tract, whence the southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 5-103B bears S.23°24'20"E., 61.00 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning along easterly line of San Ysidro Road N.23°24'20"W., a distance of 37.30 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the easterly line of San Ysidro Road N.66°35'40"E., a distance of 46.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.23°25'08"E., a distance of 37.56 feet to a point for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S.66°55'23"W., a distance of 46.01 feet to the point of beginning enclosing 0.039 acre of land, more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on May 16, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the

above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$65,441.23 and the same bears interest at 9.250% per annum from April 19, 2007 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,160.91. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-
6169
(505) 525-2711

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Dates 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22,
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-463
Judge: VALENTINE

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
ex rel., LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**ESTHER PONCE,
ERIC J. PONCE,
and 1984 CADILLAC
ELDORADO, Yellow; VIN:
1G6AL5788EE649742;
New Mexico License
Plate No. HBG 003,
Respondents.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

To: Esther Ponce and Eric J. Ponce, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1984 Cadillac Eldorado, Yellow.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connolly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6424
Dates 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-07-550
Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

**RICHARD ALLEN
BELKE, JR. AND JANET
S. BELKE, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on July 10, 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 10 in Block D of Greenwood Subdivision, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 17, 1971 and recorded in Book 10 at Pages 82, Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 660 Palmas Street, Chaparral, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on May 16, 2007, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$129,882.11 (including interest to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time

stated above, the sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the county assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on May 23, 2007.

John A. Darden, III,
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655

Submitted by:
VOGEL CAMPBELL &
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Albuquerque, New Mexico
87110
(505) 884-8444

Pub #6425
Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29,
2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

In the Matter of the Estate Of FRANK T. DALY, Deceased.

No. PB-07-45
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Steven F. Dove 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 James

A. Roggow of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2007.

/s/ Steven F. Dove
Personal Representative
c/o P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837
(505) 526-2449

Pub #6426
Dates 6/8, 6/15, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

In the Matter of the Estate Of FRANK T. DALY, Deceased.

No. PB-07-45
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO HEIRS OF OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND COURT OF ADDRESS AND LOCATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO: Frank C. Daly, II; Colleen Wilson Mizuki; Annette Davis Jacoby; Eileen Davis Tucker; Allen Davis; John Richard Davis, Jr.; Dwight Davis; Evan Davis; Malena Davis; Gerald R. Dove; Esther Roush; Judy Roush; Sandy Wilson; Maya Mizuki; Sara Jacoby; Lauren Jacoby; Ben Jacoby; Colin Tucker; Raymond Edward Dove; Seana Daly Fischer, the Unknown Children of Seana Daly Fischer and any minor children of the above individuals, and all unknown persons who have an interest in the above estate:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Last Will and Testament of Frank T. Daly, that within 90 days of the date of the first publication of notice, his heirs and relatives shall be required to file a notice of their address and location with the State of New Mexico, County of Doña Ana, Third Judicial District Court, and a copy of same to his Personal Representative in care of his attorneys. Failure to make your address and location known shall cause any devise made by the decedent, Frank T. Daly, in his Last Will and Testament to lapse as to any devisee who has not filed a notice of their address with the Court within 90 days from the date of the first publication and sending a copy of same to the Personal Representative in care of his attorneys, Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., P.O. Drawer 1837, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837. The Doña Ana County District Court is located at 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and notices should be sent to that location as well, with the caption of this probate proceeding on said notice.

DATED this 1st day of June, 2007.

/s/ STEVEN F. DOVE,
Personal Representative
c/o P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837

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Dates 6/8, 6/15, 2007

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COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA L. BROOKSHIRE, DECEASED.

No. 07-89

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

I, MELISSA J. REEVES, ATTORNEY AT LAW, am the attorney of record for Jack B. Brookshire, Sr., the Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia L. Brookshire.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned counsel for the Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

DATED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2007.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves
Melissa H. Reeves,
Attorney at Law
910 Lake Tahoe Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007
505-522-5009
505-522-5031 Fax

Pub #6428
Dates 6/8, 6/15, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. DM-2007-584
Judge James T. Martin

VERONICA MORALES, Petitioner,

vs.

OSCAR GARCIA, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: OSCAR GARCIA GREETINGS:

You are notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Cause No. DM-2007-584, wherein you are identified as Respondent, and wherein Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty (20) days from the third publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Shane A. English, Post Office Drawer 1329, Anthony, New Mexico 88021, Telephone (505) 882-4500.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico this 22 day of May, 2007.

/s/NADINE SANCHEZ
NADINE SANCHEZ, Clerk

By: Jodie Castillo
Deputy

Pub #6429
Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-473
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

ALFONSO MESTA, and 1977 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK, Gray; VIN: CCL1475141530, New Mexico License Plate No. CZW 690, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Alfonso Mesta, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1977 Chevrolet C-10 Truck, Gray, VIN: CCL1475141530, New Mexico License Plate No. CZW 690.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6430
Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-457
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

CHRISTINA MONTES, RUBEN MONTES, and 1986 MERCURY COUGAR, Gray; VIN: 1MEBP92F3GH727332; New Mexico License Plate No. HHM 634, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION AS TO RUBEN MONTES

To: Alfonso Mesta, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1986 Mercury Cougar, Gray, VIN: 1MEBP92F3GH727332, New Mexico License Plate No. HHM 634.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response

is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6431

Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-466
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

FRANCISCO RAMIREZ, AND 1989 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, Blue; VIN: 2FABP74F5KX224418; New Mexico License Plate No. GXH 248, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Francisco Ramirez, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1989 Ford Crown Victoria, Blue, VIN: 2FABP74F5KX224418, New Mexico License Plate No. GXH 248,

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6432

Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-461
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

JOANNA PALOMARES, and 1991 FORD TEMPO, White; VIN: 2FAPP36X175142; New Mexico License Plate No. F03HXC, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Joanna Palomares, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1991 Ford Tempo, White, VIN: 2FAPP36X175142, New Mexico License Plate No. F03HXC.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this

service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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Pub #6433

Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-462
Judge: VALENTINE

vs.

FRANCISCO RAMIREZ,

AND 1989 FORD CROWN

VICTORIA, Blue; VIN:

2FABP74F5KX224418;

New Mexico License

Plate No. GXH 248,

Respondent.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY

OF ACTION

To: Francisco Ramirez,

the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces,

New Mexico, seeks to forfeit

all interest you may have

in the following described

motor vehicle: 1989 Ford

Crown Victoria, Blue, VIN:

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Mexico License Plate No.

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Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL

DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-461

Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES,

ex rel., LAS CRUCES

POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Petitioner,

vs.

JOANNA PALOMARES,

and 1991 FORD

TEMPO, White; VIN:

2FAPP36X175142; New

Mexico License Plate No.

F03HXC, Respondents.

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attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

LINDA PEREZ, CYNTHIA PEREZ, and 1978 CADILLAC DEVILLE, Blue; VIN: 6D69S8Q244537, New Mexico License Plate No. GTD 871, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Linda Perez and Cynthia Perez, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1978 Cadillac Deville, Blue, VIN: 6D69S8Q244537 New Mexico License Plate

No. GTD 871.

2. You are the named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

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Dates 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF, SALVADOR FREDERICK CHAVEZ, FOR CHANGE OF NAME, Petitioner.

Case No. D-307-CV-2007-1150
Judge Robles

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Salvador Frederick Chavez, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen (14) years has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Salvador Frederick Chavez to Frederick Salvador Chavez, and that this Petition will be

heard before the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge, on the 29th day of June, 2007, at the hour of 1:15 p.m., at the Third Judicial District Courthouse at 201 West Picacho Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

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Court Administrator

By:/s/Maggie O. Madrid
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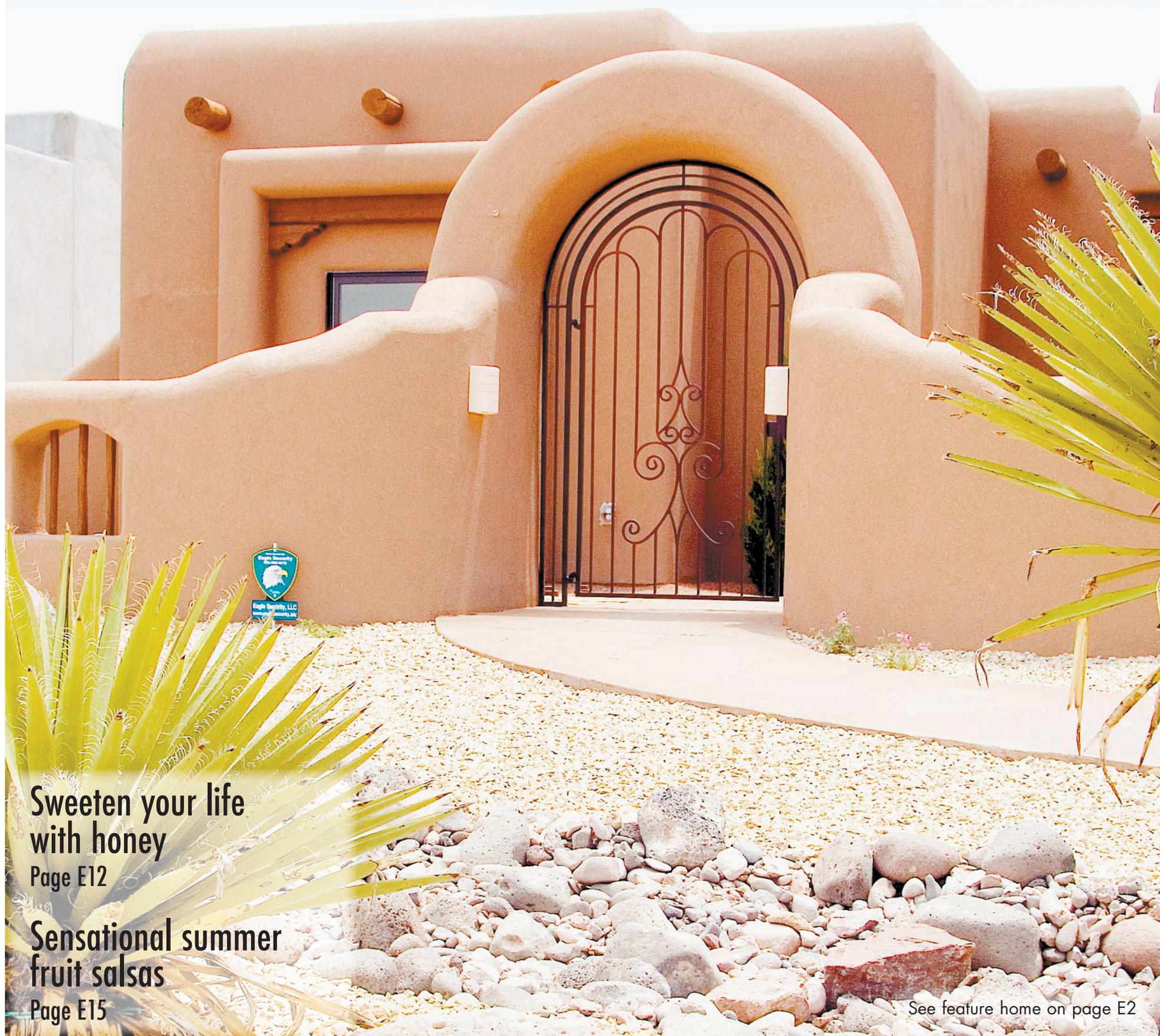
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Pueblo style in a contemporary time

This home at 4410 Nambé Arc earned honors for its handcrafted interior



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Combining family fun with style and grace

Teamwork between builder and homeowner make this home a special find

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since taking a woodworking class in middle school, Fred Mobley of Las Cruces has always enjoyed wood crafts and home-improvement tasks. Although he's not a professional builder (Mobley is the senior vice president at Bank of the Rio Grande), Mobley and his wife, Rebecca teamed up with Planet Development Design-Build and set out on a nine-month odyssey to create the perfect home – one that combined flowing lines, an open floor plan and the tasteful, artistic touches that come from truly loving the project.

While Planet Development Design-Build oversaw the project and did the structural work, the Mobleys did much of the interior work, selecting materials and doing the home's woodworking.

"It was a collaborative effort," Fred Mobley said. "Planet Development was very easy to work with. We were very hands on throughout the building process, and we used their subs to make sure the quality of the home met our standards. (Gary Rogers of Planet Development) knew when to step back and let me take the lead."

The result, 4410 Nambé Arc, is a pueblo-style home with high ceilings, carefully selected Italian porcelain tile, Venetian-plastered walls and solid-alder doors, along with beams and vigas hand carved and stained by the Mobleys. Their efforts paid off. During the Las Cruces Home Builders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes, 4410 Nambé Arc was judged the best interior in its price category, \$400,000 to \$699,999.

"I think the end result really stands out," Mobley said. "The quality of the homes in Las Cruces is great, and I feel honored that our home stood out."

The Mobleys started out knowing exactly what they wanted in the home – an open floor plan and living space that seemed large for its size with elegant appointments.

"Rebecca chose the cabinets, tile and interior materials. She put it all together," Mobley said.

At 2,369 square feet, the home is designed around an open floor plan with the living room, kitchen and dining area in the back of the home, which lead to two back patios – one off the dining room and another off the living room. Designed as an extension of the living room, the private back yard patio features a fireplace, built-in grill and accommodations for a flat-screen television.

"This is a great place to relax and watch television while still enjoying the great weather," Mobley said.

The home has three bedrooms, two and one half baths and an oversized garage.

To bring a spacious, flowing feel to the home, the Mobleys included high ceilings and natural curves.

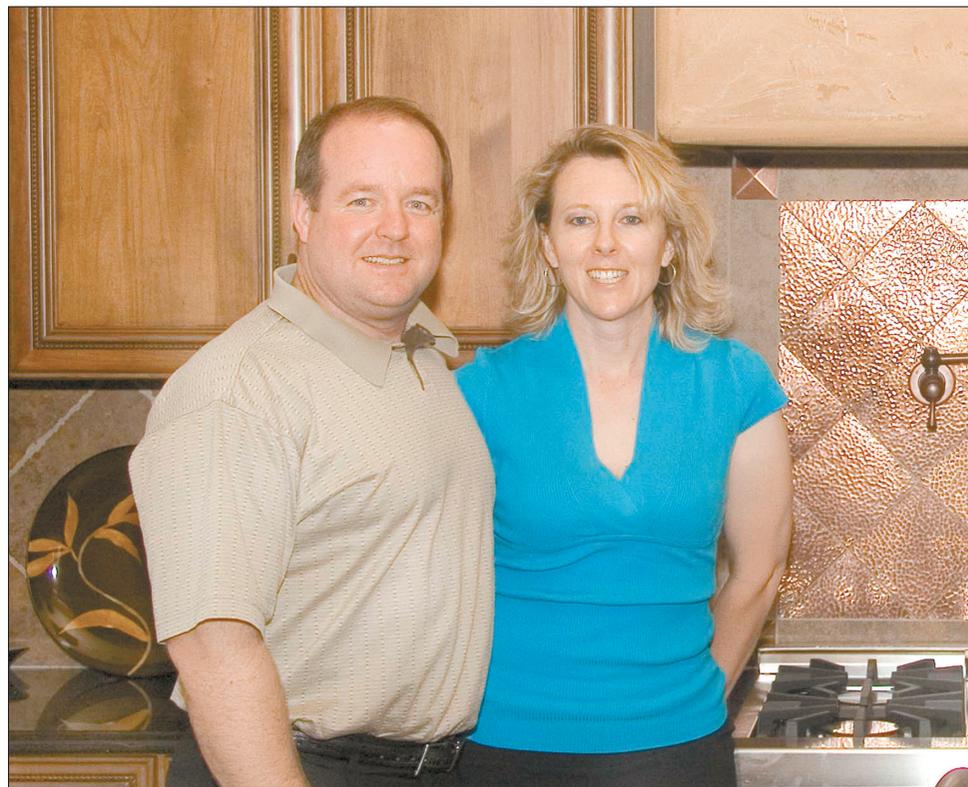
"The curves are softer on the eyes than square corners," Mobley said.

An S-curve on the living room ceiling and a rounded rope pattern carved into the home's beams, vigas and wooden accent over the living room fireplace add to the soft, free-flowing feel. A soft, earth-toned color scheme enhances the warm, welcoming feel of the home.

The kitchen was not overlooked, and the Mobleys created a spacious and efficient room with granite counter tops, custom cabinetry, a Thermadore gas stove, warming drawer and wine cooler.

The floors in the home feature 13-by-20-inch Italian porcelain tile. It is wired for surround sound, whole-house audio and has a central vacuum system.

Other unique touches include Winsor wood sliding patio doors and windows,



Fred and Rebecca Mobley collaborated with Planet Development Design-Build to complete their new home at 4410 Nambé Arc. See more featured home photos on pages E6 and E7.

hand-scraped wooden floors and solid alder interior doors.

Mobley said he and his entire family (he and his wife have two children, Brannon, 11 and Annalies, 8) enjoyed working on the home.

"The kids pitched in and helped with some of the projects, and they did a lot of the cleaning," Mobley said.

He added that after spending nine months working to create the perfect home for their family, Mobley has been

left with an appreciation for the building profession.

"I have a better understanding of some of the challenges they face," Mobley said. "We have some talented builders in Las Cruces."

He added that he and his family so enjoyed the creativity that went into building a home that they might someday embark on another building project.

"We learned a lot and had fun doing it," Mobley said.

FEATURE HOME PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Working with an open floor plan, homeowners Rebecca and Fred Mobley created a feeling of a larger house by accentuating natural curves with a rope pattern in the vigas, an S-curve in the ceiling and rounded edges.

Featured Home:
4410 Nambé Arc



With its open floor plan, the kitchen overlooks the dining room and living room. Custom cabinetry, granite countertops and a walk-through design make the kitchen efficient as well as elegant.

Dressing your bed for comfort, style

You don't have to be a celebrity to have designer sheets



**MARIANN
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Design Diva

Possibly the most significant private domain in the home is the bedroom, where the average person spends approximately one third of their life. The bedroom has several pieces of furniture, but the bed is unquestionably the focal point of the room. The bed is dressed up with comforters, duvet covers and a lot of pillows. Since we spend more than one-third of our lives in bed, do we consider the type of sheets we buy? Bedding has always been a mystery to me. Although individual tastes and personalities will ultimately dictate the selections of bedding usually purchased, we often neglect the main element and critical factor in determining a peaceful night's sleep. Details such as how to buy sheets, what the different textiles are and what constitutes luxury linens are questions that help in determining bedding selections.

In the late '60's ready-to-wear designers such as Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein entered the home textiles market and fashioned bedding for the bedroom. Customers began to see more than white or solid color sheets. Calvin Klein was one of the first, along with Christian Dior, Bill Blass and Yves St. Laurent, to coordinate the sheeting with the comforters and duvet covers along with bed skirts and shams,, creating the luxury designer look. These products and designs became a new wave of decorating as bed linen has been used on the walls, on the furniture and in accessory items from lampshades to waste baskets.

Today there are designers, celebrities and department stores selling bedding. How do you know you are getting your money's worth? There are two main components to consider when purchasing sheets – textile and thread count. Textile refers to the materials that make up the sheet. Thread count refers to the total number of fibers woven into each square inch. Generally the higher the thread count, the higher quality of the sheet and the softer it

“ Bed linen has been used on the walls, on the furniture and in accessory items from lampshades to waste baskets. ”

is to the touch.

The quality of cotton used to manufacture the sheets and the finishing details such as lace or embroidery, also make a difference. While thread counts range from less than 200 to more than 1,200 threads per square inch, the ultimate judge of bed linens is your hand, not a number. One should not make the mistake of judging a sheet by the thread count alone. When combining the thread count and the quality of cotton, you can see the difference in the feel and beauty of the fabric. Most sheets will have a thread count around 200 to 250, so the price increases as the thread count gets higher, the weave gets tighter and the feel of the sheets becomes silky.

In purchasing bedding, the material is as important the thread count. The best fabric for the bedroom ensemble is cotton because it provides the most comfort and has such a range of quality. In investigating the textiles, there are many choices of cotton and other fibers:

- Percale
- Supima
- Sateen
- Polyester/cotton blend
- Pima
- Egyptian
- Linen
- Damask/polyester/rayon

The highest in quality is Egyptian cotton. These sheets are also excellent at keeping you warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

The market place has something for everyone. While some celebrities have a lifestyle approach in their collections, designers such as Calvin Klein are taking a minimalist approach by offering buyer-friendly mix and match sets. In stores and boutiques, I am seeing the minimalist approach with simple lace borders in ivory and white colors. Sheeting is elegant and simple with the purpose of enhancing the colorful bedspreads and duvet covers. The cost of sheeting is also dependent upon the amount of embroidered edging or monogramming. Bedding can also be made in Italy or France and under designer labels, all of which account for the high cost of sheeting. But if pure luxury and comfort

were your only criteria, just imagine reclining into the Court of Versailles Collection of bed linens. The sheets are 1,250 thread count and made of Egyptian cotton that is soft to the touch with a silky, cozy feeling. The sheets have generous bands of scalloped lace, adding elegance and classic styling and a soft feel against the skin. Sweet Dreams!

Mariann Novack is the design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Court. The showroom features Arizona Tile and is open to the public. She welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann@lascrucbulletin.com or 524-2831.

Gardening



TIP OF THE WEEK

By Gary Guzman

Ironing your garden

This is the time of year when some of us gardeners and nongardeners tend to over-water. The temperatures soar, and we feel the need to water even more. In some cases, such as for new plantings, it is OK to do this. Some older, more established plantings may do fine without additional water. If and when you do over-water, you may notice excessive yellowing of the leaves. This is caused by the soil being “leached out” of nutrients. In sandy soils there are very little nutrients to begin with, so this is very easy to do. If you have used regular fertilizers to help correct the yellow leaves and have no luck or are not achieving the results you like, then a lack of iron may be the culprit.

Both iron and nitrogen will help make leaves green. The way your plant or tree is reacting will help you determine which nutrient is deficient. Nitrogen can “move” from one leaf to another, so new growth can take nitrogen from the lower leaves to help provide for new growth, typically leaving yellow leaves at the base or middle of the plant. Iron, on the other hand, gets “fixed” into a leaf. You will typically notice the new growth coming out almost a pale yellow, while the lower leaves stay green.

Iron products come in an array of forms. They are available in liquid, granular or powder forms. Iron with the word “chelate” in it seems to work the best. Find a product that works best for you. For example you may not be able to use a granular product if you have plastic and rock around your plant. You might not be able to use a spray if you have a wall or structure around or near your plant.

Keep in mind that most iron products will stain concrete and other hard surfaces, so apply it with care. As always read and follow directions exactly as listed on the label.

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Thread count and textile type are two important criteria to consider when shopping for sheets.



Keep kids healthy, safe this summer

Tips on avoiding common seasonal pitfalls

For children, the balmy days of summer mean extra time outdoors, riding bikes, splashing in a back yard pool or simply playing in the sun. Although summer is a carefree, easy time for youngsters, it does have its hazards. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers the following tips to parents to ensure a safe summer season for kids. These tips and more are available on the AAP website, www.aap.org.



Children are generally not developmentally ready to swim on their own before the age of four, and floaties often give parents a false sense of security. Children should be constantly monitored when they are in the pool.

Fun in the sun

Babies under 6 months:

- Avoid sun exposure and dress infants in lightweight long pants, long-sleeved shirts and brimmed hats that shade the neck are still the top recommendations from the AAP to prevent sunburn. However, when adequate clothing and shade are not available, parents can apply a minimal amount of sunscreen with at least 15 SPF to small areas, such as the infant's face and the back of the hands.

For Young Children:

- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days. The SPF should be at least 15.

For Older Children:

- The first, and best, line of defense against the sun is covering up. Wear a hat with a three-inch brim or a bill facing forward, sunglasses (look for sunglasses that block 99-100 percent of ultraviolet rays), and cotton clothing with a tight weave.
- Stay in the shade whenever possible, and limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours - between 10 a.m.

and 4 p.m.

- Use a sunscreen with an sun protection factor of 15 or greater. Be sure to apply enough sunscreen - about one ounce per sitting for a young adult.
- Reapply sunscreen every two hours, or after swimming or sweating.
- Use extra caution near water, snow and sand as they reflect UV rays and may result in sunburn more quickly.

Reducing heat stroke in children who exercise

- The intensity of activities that last 15 minutes or more should be reduced whenever high heat and humidity reach critical levels.
- At the beginning of a strenuous exercise program or after traveling to a warmer climate, the intensity and duration of exercise should be limited initially and then gradually increased during a period of 10 to 14 days to accomplish acclimatization to the heat.
- Before prolonged physical activity, the child should be well hydrated. During the activity, periodic drinking should be enforced. For example, each 20 minutes, five ounces of cold tap water or a flavored sports drink is recommended for a child weighing 90 pounds, and 9 ounces for an adolescent weighing 130 pounds, even if the child does not feel thirsty.
- Clothing should be light colored and lightweight and limited to one layer of absorbent material to facilitate evaporation of sweat. Sweat-saturated garments should be replaced by dry garments.
- Practices and games played in the heat should be shortened and more frequent water/hydration breaks should be instituted.

Pool Safety

- Install a fence at least 4 feet high around all four sides of the pool. The fence should not have openings or protrusions that a young child could use to get over, under or through.
- Make sure pool gates open out from the pool and self-close and self-latch at a height children can't reach.
- Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment.
- Keep rescue equipment (a shepherd's hook - a long pole with a hook on the end - and life preserver) and a portable telephone near the pool.
- Avoid inflatable swimming aids such as "floaties." They are not a substitute for approved life vests and can give children

a false sense of security.

- Children may not be developmentally ready for swim lessons until after their fourth birthday. Swim programs for children under 4 should not be seen as a way to decrease the risk of drowning.
- Whenever infants or toddlers are in or around water, an adult should be within arm's length, providing "touch supervision."

Bug Safety

- Don't use scented soaps, perfumes or hair sprays on your child.
- Avoid areas where insects nest or congregate, such as stagnant pools of water, uncovered foods and gardens where flowers are in bloom.
- Avoid dressing your child in clothing with bright colors or flowery prints.
- To remove a visible stinger from skin, gently scrape it off horizontally with a credit card or your fingernail.
- Combination sunscreen/insect repellent products should be avoided because sunscreen needs to be reapplied every two hours, but the insect repellent should not be reapplied.
- Insect repellents containing DEET are most effective against ticks and mosquitoes and can prevent Lyme disease.
- The concentration of DEET in products may range from less than 10 percent to more than 30 percent. The benefits of DEET reach a peak at a concentration of 30 percent, the maximum concentration currently recommended for infants and children. DEET should not be used on children under 2 months of age.
- The concentration of DEET varies significantly from product to product, so read the label of any product you purchase.

Playground safety

- The playground should have safety-tested mats or loose-fill materials (shredded rubber, sand, wood chips or bark) maintained to a depth of at least 9 inches. The protective surface should be installed at least 6 feet (more for swings and slides) in all directions from the equipment.
- Equipment should be carefully maintained. Open "s" hooks or protruding bolt ends can be hazardous.
- Swing seats should be made of soft materials such as rubber, plastic or canvas.
- Make sure children cannot reach any moving parts that might pinch or trap any body part.
- Never attach - or allow children to attach - ropes, jump ropes, leashes or similar items to play equipment; children can strangle on these.
- Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned.
- Parents should never purchase a home trampoline or allow children to use home trampolines.
- Parents should supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.

Bike safety

- Do not push your child to ride a two-wheeled bike until he or she is ready, at about age 5 or 6. Consider the child's coordination and desire to learn to ride. Stick with coaster (foot) brakes until your child is older and more experienced for hand brakes.
- Take your child with you when you shop for the bike, so that he or she can try it out. The value of a properly fitting bike far outweighs the value of surprising your child with a new one. For more information on finding the proper fit, go to www.aap.org/family/bicycle.

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- Buy a bike that is the right size, not one your child has to "grow into." Oversized bikes are especially dangerous.
- Your child needs to wear a helmet on every bike ride, no matter how short or how close to home. Many accidents happen in driveways, on sidewalks and on bike paths, not just on streets. Children learn best by observing you. Whenever you ride, put on your helmet.
- When purchasing a helmet, look for a label or sticker that says the helmet meets the CPSC safety standard.
- A helmet protects your child from serious injury and should always be worn. And remember, wearing a helmet at all times helps children develop the helmet habit.
- A helmet should be worn so that it is level on the head, not tipped forwards or backwards. The strap should be securely fastened, and you should not be able to move the helmet in any direction. If needed, the helmet's sizing pads can help improve the fit.

Skateboard and scooter safety

- Children should never ride skateboards or scooters in or near traffic.
- All skateboarders and scooter-riders should wear a helmet and other protective gear.
- Communities should continue to develop skateboard parks, which are more likely to be monitored for safety than ramps and jumps constructed by children at home.



A symbol of summer, the lawn mower can seem fascinating to children, but youngsters under the age of 12 should be nowhere near the mower.

Lawn mower safety

- Try to use a mower with a control that stops the mower from moving forward if the handle is let go.
- Children younger than 16 years old should not be allowed to use ride-on mowers. Children younger than 12 years old should not use walk-behind mowers.
- Make sure that sturdy shoes (not sandals) are worn while mowing.
- Prevent injuries from flying objects, such as stones or toys, by picking up objects from the lawn before mowing begins. Have anyone who uses a mower wear hearing and eye protection.
- Do not pull the mower backward or mow in reverse unless absolutely necessary, and carefully look for children behind you when you mow in reverse.
- Always turn off the mower and wait for the blades to stop completely before removing the grass catcher, unclogging the discharge chute or crossing gravel paths, roads or other areas.
- Do not allow children to ride as passengers on ride-on mowers.



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"Adding worldly flair to everyday meals is easy," says Dan Hernandez, "Flavor Czar" for Hormel Foods. "You can achieve the authenticity of native dishes by folding in one or two new flavors with those you already have at home."

Hernandez utilizes his expertise in ethnic cuisine to help others discover the true essence of flavor. Below, he offers a few simple suggestions on turning the common chicken dish into chicken cuisine extraordinaire.

Rev up the Rice

If a typical bland meal of chicken and rice sends your family dreaming of take-out, try substituting the rice with couscous. Although rice and couscous have similar appearances, couscous contains strong North African roots, with flavoring the whole family will love. This new side dish, with flavors such as mango salsa, parmesan and even plain for picky eaters, is also naturally low in fat and cholesterol.

Make it Mexican

Create an authentic Mexican meal by using mole sauce with your regular chicken recipe. Mole, a condiment with chocolate, chiles, spices and seasonings, gives meats, enchiladas and vegetables a more festive feel. It is as easy as adding water to a jar of pre-made mole and incorporating it into any cooked dish.

Spice up Supper

Preparing delicious Indian food does not need to be complicated. Simple Indian barbecue marinades, such as PATAK'S Honey and Ginger marinade, can add a tangy twist to chicken, with no extra effort. The masalas, or blend of spices, boost flavor like no other, enticing friends and family to keep coming back for seconds.

Stir in the Zest

Another simple meal for even picky eaters is the ancient Asian tradition of stir-fry. The basic cooking techniques used in Asian cooking, stir frying, deep frying and steaming, are still practiced by families today. Adding pre-made stir-fry sauce to chicken and vegetable dishes saves time and enhances flavor.

"Being adventurous in the kitchen is half the fun of cooking," Hernandez said. "Many websites, such as our own worldfood.com, were created to cater to those with exotic tastes and those just looking for the chance to indulge in something a bit different."

For cooking tips, authentic recipes and more, visit www.worldfood.com.

Toddler drownings can occur quickly and silently

Using multiple barriers can reduce the risk of child pool drownings

Each year nearly 260 children ages 5 and under drown in swimming pools across the country, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and an estimated 2,725 children are treated annually in hospital emergency rooms for pool submersion injuries – mostly in residential pools. CPSC strongly advises that parents use layers of protection around the pool to prevent their children from becoming a drowning victim.

In conjunction with this year's drowning prevention campaign, CPSC has produced a public service announcement (transcript) to illustrate what happens when a toddler falls into a pool. It demonstrates what you expect to hear and what the reality often sounds like.

"Parents may think that if their child falls in the water, they will hear lots of splashing and screaming, and that they will be able to come to the rescue," said CPSC Acting Chairman Nancy Nord. "Many times, however, children slip under the water silently. Even people near the pool often report hearing nothing out of the ordinary."

To reduce the risk of drowning, CPSC recommends adopting layers of protection, including physical barriers, such as a fence with self-closing, self-latching gates completely surrounding pools to prevent unsupervised access by young children. If the house forms a side of the barrier, use alarms on doors leading to the pool area or a power safety cover over the pool.

It is important to always be prepared for an emergency by having rescue equipment and a phone near the pool. Also, all parents who own pools should learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

"No one layer of protection is foolproof to prevent drowning in pools," Nord said. "Use as many layers of protection as possible. Multiple barriers and constant supervision are essential to protecting children."

Last year, CPSC highlighted the growing dangers of the popular inflatable or portable pools, which range in size from small kiddie pools to pools up to 4 feet deep and 18 feet wide. Between 2004 and 2006, CPSC received 47



Children should always be supervised when they are in the pool. Proper safety barriers will reduce the risk of toddlers wandering unsupervised into the pool area.

reports of deaths of children related to inflatable pools.

Large inflatable pools are relatively inexpensive – large pools with water filters can cost under \$200. They often have slanted or flexible sides, which make it easier for children to climb into the pool even without a ladder. These pools may fall outside of local building codes that require barriers, and are often purchased by consumers without considering the barriers, such as fencing, necessary to protect young children.

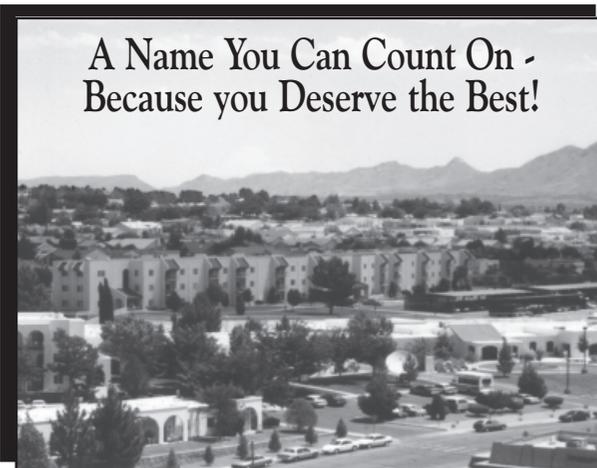
In addition to barriers and constant supervision, CPSC offers these tips to help prevent drowning deaths.

- Since every second counts, always look for a missing child in the pool first. Precious time is often wasted looking for missing children anywhere but in the pool.
- Don't leave toys and floats in the pool that can attract young children and cause them to fall in the water when they reach for the items.
- For above-ground and inflatable pools with ladders, remove or secure the ladder when the pool is not in use.
- Even if children can swim, it doesn't make them drown-proof. Always supervise children using the pool.

For more information about drowning prevention, read CPSC's Swimming Pool Safety Alert (PDF), Safety Barrier Guidelines for Pools (PDF) and How to Plan for the Unexpected (PDF). Copies of all these free publications can also be obtained by calling CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772.

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Location
4410 Nambé Arc

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Square feet
2,363

Number of bedrooms
Three

Special features
This pueblo-style home features hand-crafted wooden accents and an open and spacious floor plan that is warm and welcoming. Two exterior patios serve as an extension of the living area and provide for easy indoor/outdoor transition.

Special note
This home was judged "best interior" in the \$400,000 to \$699,999 price range in the 2007 Las Cruces Home Builders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes in April.



The home features a walled-in front entry courtyard along with two patios for abundant opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Featured Home: 4410 Nambé Arc

FEATURE HOME PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Homeowners Rebecca and Fred Mobley hand carved a swirling rope pattern into each of the eight wooden columns found throughout the house. The couple also stained the beams themselves.



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Enjoying the outdoors is made easy with this back patio, designed as an extension of the living room. The patio features a built-in corner fireplace, grill and accommodations for a flat-screen television.



In adding the special details to the home, homeowners Rebecca and Fred Mobley used curves and rounded corners wherever possible.



Framed by hand-carved wooden columns, this spa-styled tub is the perfect place to unwind and relax.



The light and airy master suite is spacious and tasteful. It is positioned at the front of the home and has its own entrance to the back patio.



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This home in the entry-level price category (\$100,000 to \$399,999) was judged best curb appeal, best kitchen, best interior and best home in category during the Las Cruces Home Builders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes in April.



J.M. CRAMER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Homes built by GL Green & Associates are known for their unique touches. The ceiling of this towering foyer, in the home of partner Caleb Neskahi, features a chandelier set among soft lines and sharp angles. Detailed tile work, vibrant yellow tones and abundant sunlight add to the entryway's unique charms.

Taking homebuilding from ordinary to extraordinary

Stone, wood, bricks and beams give GL Green homes European-inspired flair

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a company motto of "setting the standard," GL Green & Associates business partners Greg Green and Caleb Neskahi have been building unique, European-inspired homes in Las Cruces since 2003.

Known for their distinctive style, homes by GL Green & Associates often blend stone, brick, wood and always vibrant desert hues.

Green credits teamwork between himself, partner Neskahi and designer Matt Adams with the creative homebuilding GL Green & Associates has become known for.

The partners travel extensively to other communities around the country and to Europe to study homes and trends so that they may bring fresh, unique ideas to Las Cruces.

"We do like the Old World style of building," Green said. "But we like to include our own style and tastes as well."

Growing up, Green, a third-generation homebuilder, didn't always see himself following in his father's and grandfather's footsteps. Born and raised in Las Cruces, he attended New Mexico State University and graduated with a degree in finance in 2000. Intending to obtain some work experience before applying to graduate schools, he sold real estate for a while – a job that gave him an

up-close look at the local housing market.

"I saw the architectural styles and what was available, and I saw the kinds of homes my friends were building," he said.

When he began building a house for himself, a new business was born.

"I began building a house in the Talavera area as my own personal house," he said. "It wasn't as unique as the houses we build today – we've evolved quite a bit since then – but it was still unique. Before it was finished, someone asked to buy it. It wasn't even on the market."

That sale launched a business founded on creativity, style and a passion for artistry, but firmly grounded in structural integrity and master craftsmanship.

"One thing that sets us apart from other companies is our subcontractors," Green said. "For many of them, we're about 80 percent of their business. They've been with us since the beginning, and they're used to our style and the details."

Among the unique details often found in GL Green & Associates' homes are faux-finished walls, which blend three colors together for a unique look; artistic tile work, one-of-a-kind floor plans and rich use of natural stone and brick. When moving



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from one room to another and one material to another – for example from the hickory floors in the dining room to the tiled floors in the kitchen – the company uses a transition material or design as a border.

"A transition between materials makes the rooms fit together," he said.

Green said that in 90 percent of the homes, he places an appealing, rounded rotunda. Positioning a home on a lot to take advantage of views, and combining that with picture windows helps each home maximize its surroundings.

Although the company has focused its first few years on building high-end homes, it is now making its mark in the entry-level market as well. A recently constructed GL Green & Associates home at 992 Flora Vista, pictured above, recently earned several honors during the Las Cruces Home Builder's Association's Spring Showcase of Homes. Judges gave top honors to the home in the entry-level category (homes priced from \$100,000 to \$399,999) for best curb appeal, best kitchen, best interior and best home in category.

Green said that although he enjoys the

creativity involved in building a high-end home, he also enjoys the challenge of building a beautiful home on a budget.

Together with Mary Holliday, Green and Neskahi are also partners in Silverleaf Land and Real Estate Development Company.

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horses, as well as mortality in certain domestic and wild birds.

Cases of West Nile virus in New Mexico have occurred every year since 2003, though decreasing numbers of cases have been reported, from 209 in 2003, 88 in 2004, 33 in 2005 and 8 human cases in 2006. West Nile virus infections in humans occur seasonally, with the peak of cases in late summer and early fall. Fortunately, there have been no reported cases in New Mexico in 2007 as of yet.

Mosquitoes may be small, but they're not harmless.

Potentially deadly mosquito-borne illnesses strike some 700 million people globally each year. Outside the United States, mosquito control is considered a life-and-death issue.

Disrupting mosquito breeding grounds is the key in helping to prevent the spread of West Nile or any other mosquito-borne virus. It is important to drain any sources



of standing water in the yard. In addition, emptying old flower pots, tires and other containers of water can also help prevent the spread. Still water is a magnet for breeding mosquitoes.

To avoid mosquito bites, I recommend the following:

- From now until October, minimize your time spent outdoors, especially at dawn and early evening, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
- Apply insect repellent repeatedly to exposed skin and clothing.
- Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens.

If you are suffering from flu like symptoms such as high fever, headache, neck stiffness and muscle weakness, then you should be tested for West Nile virus. For more information about West Nile or other mosquito-borne diseases visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.

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Pearce promotes free hotline for homeowners

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce continued efforts to advance financial literacy among New Mexicans by promoting a resource to help people who have questions about their home loans. A national telephone hotline connects borrowers with counselors who can answer concerns regarding payments, credit problems, lending practices and foreclosures.

"Information is a key component in preserving your financial health," Pearce said. "Particularly for those who are vulnerable to foreclosure or are having trouble with their payments, this hotline will provide a valuable tool to keep them on the right path and avoid permanent damage to their financial well-being."

The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Consumers in all 50 states can take advantage of this service by calling 888-995-HOPE.

Recently, borrowers have voiced serious concerns with possible downturns in the housing market as well as the use of sub-prime mortgage lenders. The counselors will be able to provide information regarding these issues and many others.

"I am committed to helping families in New Mexico become educated about their finances and gain access to resources available to answer their questions. Through efforts such as the Financial Literacy Conference I hosted in Las Cruces, our Financial Security and Opportunity Tour last year and now the 24-hour hotline, I will continue to reach out to constituents to help them achieve financial stability," Pearce added.

A jog through the juicing jargon jungle

Knowing what you want in a juicer makes buying easier

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On a hot summer day, few things are more refreshing than a cold glass of freshly squeezed juice, but often, the effort to get that glass of juice (15 to 30 minutes of squeezing oranges) overshadows the brief joy of drinking it.

Fruits and vegetables are an important part of any diet, and juice is a great way to get the nutritional and health benefits of the food without having to ingest the fibers. For many, juicing is a way of life, and there are a wide array of machines and recipes that make juicing easy and fun. With such a variety of juicers on the market, there is a machine to meet almost every budget, but it can be difficult to know where to begin.

What is it?

With a lot of patience, strong hands and a strainer you can make fresh-squeezed juice from many fruits without specialty equipment, but having the right juicer on hand can make an otherwise time-consuming job easy. Most handheld, manual and citrus juicers extract only the fruit's water. To make total juice, which involves liquefying the fruit, a stronger juicer is needed.

- **Handheld citrus squeezers** – Great for squeezing a small amount of citrus quickly and efficiently, with minimal mess or equipment. These also work well with kiwi and other small juicy fruits and generally cost only a few dollars.
- **Manual pressers** – Using these somewhat old-fashioned models involves a pressing motion to extract the juice. Because they are sometimes difficult to use and not as efficient as an electric juicer, they can be difficult to find.
- **Electric citrus juicer** – For more efficient lemon, orange or other citrus squeezing, electric citrus juicers are perfect for whipping up a cup or two of juice. As they generally only contain two or three pieces, they are simple to clean. Many even come with their own storage container. Expect to pay anywhere from \$10 to \$50 for an electric citrus juicer.
- **Centrifugal juicers** – Popular and efficient, these electric juicers work by finely grating the fruits and vegetables, then spinning the pulp against a mesh strainer. It usually contains a flat cutting blade, and a rotating container. They are not good for juicing wheat grass or leafy vegetables. Centrifugal juicers fall into two sub-categories – the pulp ejector which draws juice through a basket, and the continuous version, in which pulp is ejected into an outer container. Centrifugal juicers cost anywhere from \$30 to more than \$200, depending on model and speed.
- **Single-gear masticating juicer** – Able to juice just about anything, the masticating juicers work by liquefying fruits and vegetables in a chewing motion, leaving more of the fruit fiber with the juice. This version is great for making apple or pear sauce or baby food. Expect to pay \$200 and up for one of these machines.
- **Dual-gear triturating machines** – Expect to pay \$300 and up for these super juicers that grind fruits and vegetables to yield the highest percentage of juice.

What to consider when buying one:

Buying a juice extractor can be confusing – there are many models and a dizzying selection of price ranges. Cost can be an important consideration, but good

Sweet Tropical Punch

- Juice of 1 kiwi
- Juice of 1 orange
- Juice of 1 mango
- Juice of 1 small papaya
- 2 tablespoons of honey dissolved in 1/3 cup of warm water
- Sparkling mineral water

Place all ingredients except the sparkling water in a blender and blend until well mixed. Combine juices with sparkling water and pour over ice before serving.

quality juicers can easily be found at reasonable prices. Look for the most powerful model in your price range.

A wide opening is also important, as the wider the opening the more fruits and vegetables you'll be able to fit at one time.

Juice extractors often have many small parts that come apart for easy cleaning. Look for a model where all parts that need to be cleaned after use are dishwasher safe.

Tip:

If your juicer's straining screen allows too much pulp through, consider lining with a coffee filter before using. Save the pulp (most pulps freeze well) and use it in fruit-inspired recipes.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: Juicer



A diet rich in fruit and vegetable juice is good for your health, but buying a juicer can be confusing. Before buying an expensive piece of equipment, consider your needs and look for the most powerful model in your budget.

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Fire chiefs appeal for help in reducing fire fatalities

Nationwide, 82 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home

The Las Cruces Fire Department is joining firefighters across the country in reminding homeowners to take the necessary precautions to reduce the risk of fire fatalities.

Within the past three weeks, residential fires claimed the lives of at least 19 people across the nation. Six were killed in a Baltimore house fire on May 22. Detroit is reporting its seventh fire fatality in the city in five days. Saginaw, Mich., is mourning the death of a man and five children killed in a house fire on May 24, and a Kentucky mom and her two children perished in a blaze two weeks ago.

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that 82 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home. Statistics show that having a working smoke alarm reduces one's chance of dying in a fire by nearly one-half. And nearly one-third of the residential fires, and two-fifths of residential fire fatalities, occur in homes with no smoke alarms.

The Las Cruces Fire Department has the following recommendations for reducing the risk of injury and damage due to a home fire:

1. Check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to be sure they are properly working.
2. Coordinate with your family a fire escape plan with a meeting place.
3. Do not enter a burning home. Many people lose their lives going back into a burning home.
4. Kitchen stoves are not made for heating homes.
5. Supplemental heating devices should be used and maintained in accordance with manufacturer recommendations. Keep combustibles clear. Do not leave supplemental heating devices unattended.
6. Make sure the fireplace and furnace chimneys are properly maintained.
7. Only use candles in a safe environment, in a fire-proof container and away from children. Do not leave candles unattended.
8. Consider installing a residential fire sprinkler. According to statistics, the risk of death by fire is reduced by 82 percent when smoke detectors are accompanied with residential fire sprinklers.



Taking the mystery out of selecting paint

The color and scheme you choose sets the tone for your home



Finding the right color doesn't need to be difficult. Start by determining what type of feeling you want your home to portray - intimate and cozy or invigorating.

When it comes to decorating, choosing paint color can really be a challenge. While you may feel that there are too many choices, you're bound to find the right one.

CertaPro Painters offers expert tips that will help you find the color that is right for your home. After all, the paint color you choose will set the tone for each room you add color to.

1. Find the existing dominant color that you like, or wish to keep, in the room or on the house. For an interior, it could be the color of your sofa, your flooring or your window coverings.
2. Determine what kind of feeling you wish to have in the room or on the home. Warm colors, such as red, orange, yellow or beige, can create an invigorating mood or add cozy intimacy to large spaces. They can help warm up a room that has northern or eastern exposure. Blues, greens, violets or grays, the cool colors, give a serene feeling and can add spaciousness to small

places. The balance between light colors and deep colors should also be considered.

Consider how complex a color scheme you wish to undertake. There are three main color schemes to choose from.

1. Monochromatic schemes are based on one hue, which varies in value (lightness and darkness), and saturation (the amount of color). An example of this is a pale blue with a pure blue and dark blue.
2. Analogous schemes combine no more than three similar colors. An example of this is red, yellow red (orange) and yellow.
3. Complementary schemes are based on opposing colors. This scheme offers more contrast and can introduce both warm and cool colors into the area. An example would be red and green.

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That's not clutter, it's a collection

Avoid turning your treasures into dust collectors

For some people, collecting is not just a hobby – it's a lifestyle. But how do you tame collectibles so they don't look like clutter, or worse, junk?

According to design experts, no matter what you collect – dolls, old glass bottles, antique kitchen gadgets and so on – the impact is always great when treasured items are grouped together.

Instead of spreading collections throughout the house in a haphazard way, group them together to create a beautiful, eye-catching focal point for your home.

Being passionate about what you collect and having fun with it are what's important, experts say.

The value doesn't matter as much as what your collection means to you.

Design experts have this advice for collectors to get the most enjoyment of their treasures.

- You don't have to play with all your toys at the same time. It is good to rotate or change collection displays occasionally.
- Avoid having too many items placed on one level as you would see on the shelf of a store. Rather, alternate heights and colors to give visual appeal.
- Grouping one color together and placing the collection against a contrasting wall draw attention to the items.
- When displaying a collection of small objects, placing them on a tray confines them to a space, making them appear more important.
- Baskets are a great way to house small collectibles.



For many people, collecting is a way of life.

Antique photographs in a basket with the stereograph viewer are user friendly to family and guests who are curious about the collection.

- A collection of postcards can be placed in matching linen-covered boxes. These boxes have a metal plate designed for the purpose of labeling and are readily available from many sources. A grouping of boxes on a book shelf gives relief to an entire case of books.
- When grouping items of varying sizes, create a hierarchy by placing the tallest items in the center for balance.
- Some collections lend themselves well to being displayed in frames – handkerchiefs in 12-inch record frames, buttons sown onto stretched fabric, christening gowns mounted in elegant display frames.

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CHILE KNIGHTS

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Berries – A quintessential summer fruit for salsa

These berry-licious recipes make summertime dining a sweet deal

Berries: A Book of Recipes was given to me as a gift in 1997 from then (if memory serves me) 8-year old Jameson Mott as a thank you for featuring his culinary magic in "Weekend Chef," a column I penned for a few years back in the late 1990s. Recently, I was thumbing through the book for recipe ideas when I found Jameson's handwritten note dated Sept. 7, 1997: "Dear Sunny, Thank you for getting me in the newspaper, and thank you for helping me to cook." Using magic markers, Jameson drew a picture of a gumball, jelly roll and a chile pepper. Little did I know then that my next food column would be all about chiles! The first recipe shared below is from Berries.

Summertime means luscious fresh, juicy fruit. Aside from pies, cobblers, jelly and preserves, berries and other fruit make delicious salsas for chip dipping and as toppers for grilled meats and fish. Some salsas, such as the Mighty Mint Fruit Salsa, shared below, taste splendid on ice cream, lemon pound cake, or add yogurt to the recipe and blend in a food processor for a refreshing, healthful smoothie.

Fresh Berry Salsa

(From Berries: A Book of Recipes, Anness Publishing Limited, London, 1996)

This bright, tangy salsa is spicy hot – add more jalapeño pepper to make it even spicier. It is good served with broiled chicken or fish.

- 1 fresh jalapeño pepper
- 1/2 red onion, minced
- 2 scallions, chopped
- 1 tomato, finely diced
- 1 small yellow bell pepper, seeded and minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon raspberry vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup strawberries, hulled
- 1 cup blueberries or blackberries
- 1 cup raspberries

Finely mince the jalapeño (discarding the seeds and membrane if a slightly milder flavor to the salsa is desired). Place the pepper in a medium-size bowl. Add the red onion, scallions, tomato, bell pepper, and cilantro and stir to blend thoroughly.

In a small bowl, whisk together the salt, vinegar, orange juice, honey, and oil. Pour over the jalapeño mixture and stir well.

Coarsely chop the strawberries. Add to the jalapeño mixture with the blueberries or blackberries and raspberries, and stir to blend. Let stand at room temperature 3 hours. Serve the salsa at room temperature. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

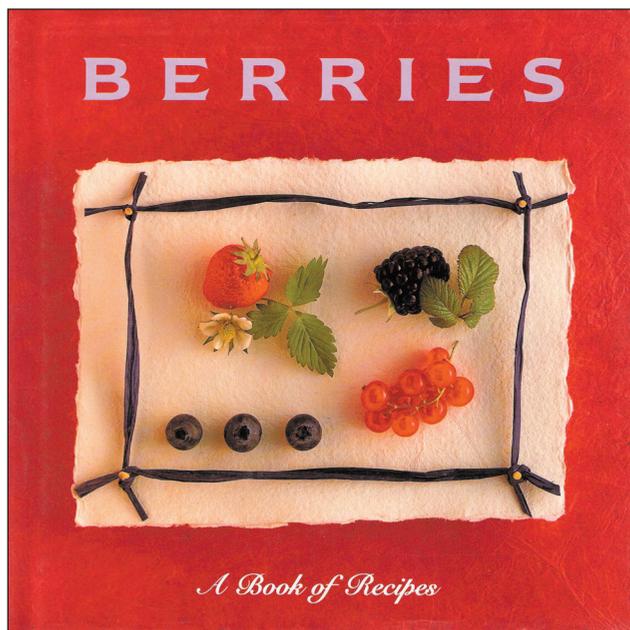
Mighty Mint Fruit Salsa

- 2 peaches, pitted, peeled, and chopped
- 2 cups strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 1 cup raspberries
- 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint leaves
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 3 tablespoons honey

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and serve. This recipe would also make a tasty smoothie: Add all ingredients to a blender with a cup of yogurt and blend. If too thick, add a little milk. Refrigerate, if desired, for 30 minutes. Sip and enjoy!

Berry Sweet Serrano Salsa

- 2 kiwi, peeled and diced
- 1/2 pint raspberries



The cookbook, **Berries: A Book of Recipes** is now out-of-print, but used versions are still available online at www.bookbase.com for \$5. A very berry-sweet deal!

- 1 pound strawberries, diced
- 1/2 pint blueberries
- 1 serrano pepper, stemmed and minced
- 1 tablespoon white sugar
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons fruit preserves, preferably blackberry

In a larger bowl, mix together ingredients. Chill at least 30 minutes before serving.

Fruit-Spun Avocado Salsa

Tastes especially good as a topper for lamb or pork.

- 1 cup fresh apricots, diced
- 1/2 medium pineapple, peeled and diced
- 1/4 medium white onion, diced
- 1 large avocado, peeled, pitted and diced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, diced
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Mix ingredients together. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving. Makes about 3 cups.

Fresh Berry Hot Sauce Salsa

- 1 pint blueberries, rinsed
- 1 pint strawberries, hulled and rinsed
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons minced sweet onion
- Juice of one lemon
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Favorite hot pepper sauce, to taste
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds, preferably toasted

Rinse the blueberries and strawberries, then dry on paper towels. Pick over the berries. Hull the strawberries and cut into quarters. In a bowl combine the blueberries, strawberries, sugar, onion, lemon juice, pepper and hot pepper sauce. Mix well and refrigerate for at least one hour. Just before serving, stir in the almonds. Serve as a condiment for grilled meat.

Luau Salsa

- 1/2 cup fresh pineapple, diced
- 1/3 cup firm-ripe banana, peeled and diced
- 1/4 cup minced red onions

- 1/4 cup diced fresh orange segments
- 2 teaspoons minced serrano peppers
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Gently mix all ingredients together. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes for flavors to meld.

Melon-Medley Salsa

- 1 cup ripe cantaloupe, diced
- 1 cup ripe seedless watermelon, diced
- 1 cup peeled cucumber, diced
- 4 ripe plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 1/3 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 tablespoons parsley, coarsely chopped
- 1 teaspoon jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced

Mix all ingredients in a bowl and let rest at room temperature for up to 1 hour before serving.

Orange-Habanero Salsa

- 2 oranges peeled, seeded and diced
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 1 habanero pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1/4 cup cilantro chopped (stems removed)
- 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 2 teaspoons virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Mix it all together and let sit for a 1/2 hour before serving with tortilla chips

Serrano Hot Honeydew Salsa

- 1/2 cup onion; cut into 1/4" dices
- 1/2 red bell pepper; seeded, deveined and diced
- 1 tablespoon lime peel; finely minced
- 1 serrano pepper; seeded, deveined, and minced
- 2 cup ripe honeydew; cut into 1/2" cubes
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves

Toss together onion, bell pepper, lime peel, serrano and honeydew in a glass bowl. Drizzle with lime juice and toss again. Allow to sit for 30 minutes; adjust seasoning. Add cilantro and serve immediately.

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