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Duo to change school board Votaw-Phillips team easily wins election

By TODD G. DICKSON The Las Cruces Bulletin

joining the Las Cruces school board after both taking more than 80 percent of Tuesday's vote in their races

Current board President Sharon Wooden suffered a resounding rebuke in her re-elec-tion bid for District 5, receiving less than 40 votes. Not only did Connie Phillips handily win with more than 700 votes to replace her on the board, but Wooden came in behind another challenger, David Morgan, who earned more than 100 votes.

The victory for retired educator Bonnie Votaw in District 4 was also decisive with more than 750 votes to less than 160 votes cast for Larry Garcia, a former school board member



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PHILLIPS

and businessman. See **School board** on PAGE A8 **NHAT'S INSID**

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A. KURZ, CRUCESLIVE.COM I The Las Cruces Bulletin Soldiers of the Army's Future Combat Systems (FCS) Evaluation Brigade Team performed a live test Thursday, Feb. 1, of FCS equipment at Orogrande Base Camp in Orogrande, N.M., just south of White Sands Missile Range

Army demos Future Combat Systems New Army technology to be tested at White Sands Missile Range

By JOEL COURTNEY

The U.S. Army's new Future Combat Systems (FCS) per-formed their first showing for Army officials and VIPs on Thursday, Feb. 1, at Orogrande Base Camp just south of White Sands Missile Range

Experiment 1.1, as the presentation was named, allowed the Future Combat Systems Evalu-ation Brigade Team to demon-strate new technology that is planned to be in the hands of soldiers on the battlefield in 2010. Soldiers in the Evaluation Brigade Team demonstrated the

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) and Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle (SUGV) for reconnaissance in simulated enemy territory. The soldiers also used Unattended Ground Sensors (UGS) to track enemy movement over areas that were considered "clear." All of the information

gathered by the UAV, SUGV and UGS was networked to the Brigade Team's platoon leader, Lt. Casey Zimmerman.

In addition to unmanned sensors and remote control devices, the team used communication equipment to display their See Combat on PAGE A13

Voters to decide spaceport tax April 3

Supporters see great job potential; others question timing

By TODD G. DICKSON The Las Cruces Bulletin

Voters in Doña Ana County will be asked on April 3 to approve an increase of the local gross receipt tax by 25 cents for every \$100 spent to provide funding for a spaceport in southern New Mexico.

After hearing from both supporters and skeptics of the spaceport project in a spe-cial meeting Monday, Feb. 5, the county commission in a 4-1 vote, approved the

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increase, which must be ratified by voters. The voters will get that opportunity on April 3.

If approved, the gross receipt tax increase would begin in 2008 and is expected to generate \$6.5 million a year over the life of a 20-year bond, which could be paid off sooner if more GRT is generated than anticipated.

Of the new local GRT money, 75 percent would go to help build Spaceport America, located 45 miles north of Las Cruces and 25 percent would go to the local community for spaceport-related projects. The spaceport is actually located in the southern portion of Sierra County, which also will be expected to ask its voters to approve a .25 percent increase. The plan has Otero County increasing its GRT by an eighth of a percent. Each of these counties also will have a quarter of the money generated go to local projects.

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Commission censures treasurer

Schoonover accused of using staff, office equipment for personal use

By TODD G. DICKSON

The Doña Ana County commission Monday officially censured Treasurer Jim Schoonover after he refused to publicly admit he made a mistake in allegedly using his office staff and computers for Elks Lodge activities.

The censure is essentially a statement of displeasure by the commission about the activity in the hope that the activity won't happen again. Prior to the commission action,

SCHOONOVER county officials kept telling Schoonover that his actions - which they felt they had ample proof of through copies of emails and testimony by employees in the treasurer's - was not malicious. office

But Schoonover is still extremely cautionary after a dispute last year over pencils that he purchased with his name and title in which county officials threatened felony charges when he at first refused to reimburse the county

With this new accusation about using his staff and office equipment for Elks Lodge activities, commissioner Bill McCamley pleaded with Schoonover to simply admit the error and work out a mutually acceptable reimbursement amount with the county's legal department.

'Jim, all I'm saying is that you're putting us in a bind," McCamley said. "Why not just pay it back, and we can move on.

Schoonover's lawyer, Paul Rubino, countered that it was other county officials like McCamley who raised the specter of criminal accusations in the pencil dispute. "You're right," McCamley said. "I went a little over-

board on the pencil thing. But the matter got resolved." McCamley noted another dispute he had with

Schoonover over his investment policy that led to the formation of an investment advisory board, of which McCamley is a member. In that capacity, McCamley said he has found Schoonover to be open and helpful.



"You're forcing our hand, and that will continue driving us through the muck, and I hate it, and I don't want to go there.

John Caldwell, county attorney, admitted that a prosecutor probably wouldn't go through the trouble of prosecuting Schoonover on such a small violation and added that all felt that Schoonover had already learned his lesson on this kind of activity in his office.

But without some kind of firm promise that no further legal action would be taken against him, Schoonover couldn't

simply fess up and move on, according to his lawyer. Commissioner Oscar Vasquez Butler, a Democrat, noted that other county employees have been fired for such actions, but commissioner Kent Evans, a Republican, countered that they were fired because of repeat offenses after being warned.

Saying that the violations related to the Elks Lodge business was unintentional, Evans was the lone vote against the formal censure statement.

The three-page censure statement detailed the accusations about the Elks Lodge - which as the subject of the meeting's debate - but included other accusations. The censure statement accuses Schoonover of not using a bidding system "based on rate of return and amount of collateral provided.

The written censure also claims that Schoonover is refusing to comply with the commission's change to allowing deposits with banks that can only cover half the amount if the money is somehow lost. Schoonover prefers a higher standard of requiring banks to not only cover the full amount, but also any fees for lost funds. Acting as the county's finance board, the commission passed a policy to permit the lower standard for the benefit of local banks. The written censure claims Schoonover told an external auditor he wouldn't comply with the new policy.

Schools look at bullying

Las Cruces schools ask students to report abusive, criminal behavior

By TODD G. DICKSON

School officials report that students are already using an anonymous online tip service after announcing it last week at a televised forum on bullying.

At the forum, students also talked about problems of vandalism and theft at the schools, especially with cars parked at the high schools.

Jeff Brilliant, interim principal at Oñate High School, admitted that it is a challenge with more than 2,000 students attending each of the district's three high schools. Four security guards and a school resource officer do their best to keep an eye on the vehicles, he said, but criminally minded students can be "very crafty" to take advantages of shift changes and other weaknesses.

School officials stressed that students can be of great help by reporting what they see. That can be difficult, admitted Carlos Viramontes, an assistant principal, because students often don't trust adults or don't want to be perceived as "rat-

ting out" friends. "It's hard to get kids to talk to us," said Charles Hook, a Las Cruces police officer.

School officials say they hope the anonymity of sending an email report of bullying or other problems will help students open up about what's going on in the schools. The emails can be sent through a school safety link on the district's website at www.lcps.k12.nm.us.

In terms of abuse where a student needs to talk to someone confidentially, La Piñon's Melissa Jaramillo noted that a hotline has been set up called Kid Talk at 636-3636.

Angie Holguin-Dotson, principal at Camino Real Middle School, said students sometimes don't report bullying out of fear of retaliation — an often unfounded fear.

But a problem that hasn't gone away — as much as some would like to believe — is gangs, said Deputy Sheriff's Officer Alan Franzoy. Despite some arrests, there needs to be a communitywide commitment to repressing gang activity.

"This community continually denies there's a gang prob-

lem," Franzoy said. With only one police unit committed to gangs in the whole county, he said, "it's like a teaspoon holding back the ocean."



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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Senior Games start March 10 The 'over 50' crowd is encouraged to participate in countywide competition By DAVID E. MCCOLLUM

This week's Bulletin features a special new section that highlights the 2007 Doña Ana County Senior Games. The section is the result of an incredibly dedicated group of volunteers who did most of the hard work selling advertising and



identifying some of the top senior athletes in our area. The section is unique in that the advertising sales were primarily handled by Doña Ana County Senior Olympics (DASCO) volunteers, led by Mike Simione. Mike approached us last year with the idea that his organization would like for the Bulletin to assist in a fund raising activity by helping them produce the official guide for the 2007 Senior Games. His

MCCOLLUM

idea was to have his team of 14 DASCO volunteers sell most of the advertising. Our Bulletin team would help out on some of

the ad sales and would handle the design, editorial, pagination, printing and distribution of the section. The concept worked out very well as the senior athlete group achieved their financial goal, and the Bulletin is able to provide readers with the information, schedules and registration forms for the upcoming games.

For our part of the project, the cover was conceptualized by Steve MacIntyre, one of our top graphic designers at the Bulletin. The features were written by

section editor Jordan Bostic. Ads and page design were produced by our graphic design team including manager Rachel Courtney, Theresa Montoya-Basaldua, Aaron Moreno and Carlos Mariscal.

For those who are not familiar with the games, the competition is open for any person who has achieved the age of 50. Events include individual and team sports such as track and field, tennis, badminton, swimming, bowling and golf. There is also a dance competition that features country-western, polka, jitterbug, waltz, Latin and line-dancing. Another area of competition is on-stage performances including comedy, dance, instruments, reading, singing and chorus.

I am planning to participate this year. My specialty is badminton, having been a two-time medal winner in Oklahoma's Sooner State Games a couple of decades ago. Of course, I have not played since 1987, and I will have to borrow someone's racquet. Even though Las Cruces' own "badmintoner," Wally Hill, is likely to win for the umpteenth time in a row, it will still be fun to compete once again.

I might even try my hand at doubles tennis if I can find a partner to put up with me. And then there is the lure of the basketball free-throw competition. I understand I will only have to shoot 15 free throws in the competition. Surely I can still perform as well as any of our beloved Aggies and sink a majority of my attempts.

The whole idea of the Senior Games is to compete and focus on living a healthy lifestyle. It is a good idea for any of us on the downhill side of the century mark to keep our bodies in the best shape possible. Who knows, I might even make an appearance at one of the local gyms for a workout or two before the competition.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for all the Tut

On behalf of the Las Cruces arts community, the City of Artists Promotional Association wishes to thank Will Ticknor and the staff of the Branigan Cultural Center, plus all of the volunteers and docents, for the wonderful King Tutankhamun exhibit. We are also very excited about the newly painted walls and the new gallery lighting, both of which will enhance future art shows and exhibits.

CAROL LOPEZ president, City of Artists

Why eat tofu? Hopefully, Bulletin publisher McCollum jests as to "why eat tofu?" Mankind's traditional

plant-based diet is smart — for health, environment, cleanliness, compassion, and to eliminate world hunger.

As co-founder of Las Cruces' new vegetarian organization "Veggie Nite Out," with 110 email members, I invite (challenge?!) Mr. & Mrs.

McCollum to be my guests at either: • Saturday, Feb. 17, for an entirely vegan banquet at El Paso's Holiday Inn. It is sponsored by the Vegetarian Society of El Paso. Speaking will be Denver attorney Mark Reinhart, author of "The Perfectly Contented Meat-Eater's Guide to Vegetarianism." He's director of the Rocky Mountain Animal Defense and former director of the Vegetarian Society of Colorado and the Colorado Authors' League. Reinhart holds degrees in engineering and law from Duke, Harvard and the University of Chicago. Or

• Tuesday, March 6, at Las Cruces' Taste of India restaurant, featuring Will Tuttle, Ph.D., author of "The World Peace Diet."

Anyone's welcome, but reservations are required by contacting me for information at shalam@zianet.com or 524-9830.

Santa Fe restaurants are smart! We urge Las Cruces restaurants to likewise offer more vegetarian and vegan choices.

And Mr. McCollum, bring Baxter Black along!

LESLEE ALEXANDER Iraq 'a sensible policy'

President Bush took the only course open to us after the attack by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001, which claimed the lives of 3,000 innocent Americans and cost billions of dollars in damages to our cities.

Those silly members of Congress of both parties can now only criticize the ongoing Bush policy of destroying the terrorists, which has been very successful in preventing attacks in the United States for the past five years. Keeping them busy on their own soil is a very sensible policy.

Since the election last November, which placed the Democrats in the majority in both houses of Congress, we ask, "What is their plan?" Let us hear something from them besides a plan to cut-and-run, deploy, demobilize, chat with neighbors, withdraw, etc., etc. How about a plan to win?

So far, we have only blowhards on both sides of the House and Senate postulating and promoting cowardice as our policy for controlling terrorists whose sole aim is the destruction of Western Civilization as we know it.

It is indeed a tragedy that our country is so divided on this critical issue of survival, an issue that can affect future generations forever. President Bush and his Cabinet have courageously faced this terrible problem and have confronted the terrorists in their own strongholds. The naysayers and the Bush haters should get on board and contribute to this mighty effort to defeat evil.

CATHERINE FULLER



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It is a good idea for any of us on the downhill side of the century mark to keep our bodies in the best shape possible.



This may be the year that cockfighting gets banned. The odds greatly improved when the Senate Conservation Committee approved the ban on a close vote.

For many years, that panel was where cockfighting legislation went to die. But a new strategy this year started the bill in that committee. It appears to be smooth sailing from here.

The bill made it through a second committee in a matter of days and is headed to the Senate floor. House passage is expected to be even easier.

Another difference this year is Gov. Bill Richardson's active support of the ban. The word around legislative hallways is that Richardson is doing some heavy-duty arm twisting to move the bill quickly.

The Catholic Church also supports the ban this year. Other than that, everything is about the same. Proponents of the ban call it barbaric. Opponents call it part of

Dave Clary of Roswell, my expert on just about everything, has cast some light on the culture claim for me. Clary has just finished authoring the critically acclaimed Adopted Son, revealing the relationship between George Washington and the Marquis d' Lafavette that won our Revolutionary

War. Clary now is working on a book about the Mexican-

American War, which

<u>Letter to the Editor</u>

Wilderness response

Recently, a coworker forwarded me a letter to the editor entitled "Wilderness and Access" by Philip VanVeen in which he tells of an encounter at the recent BLM open houses for the preliminary alternatives to the Tri-County RMP with a "young man" who stated, "The handi-capped are a small group of people and we don't care what they think " I believe we don't care what they think." I believe I am the "young man" to which Mr. Van-Veen refers since I did speak with a man who identified himself as a disabled off-road vehicle enthusiast. Normally, when a misunderstanding such as this arises, it is difficult to respond to it without the issue becoming a "he said, she said" or in this case, "he said, he said." However, because I believe Mr. VanVeen's recounting of this encounter impugns my personal honor, I feel an obligation to respond to his false accusations.

I feel the need to respond to Mr. Van-Veen's claims for two very important reasons. First, my father suffered a traumatic brain injury 10 years ago and is disabled. Second, I served a year in Iraq as an officer in an engineer battalion where countless members of my battalion were forever disfigured. To suggest that I "don't care" about disabled individuals or that I would ever utter such a despicable quote as that attributed to me is positively offensive.

Wheelchairs, of course, are permitted in wilderness areas. However, motorized recreation is incompatible with designated wilderness. As such, disabled individuals who choose to recreate on motorized vehicles will, like all off-road vehicle users, have to recreate instead in areas which allow motorized recreation. Doña Ana County, already has eight Wilderness Study Areas — areas managed by BLM as "temporary wilderness." In designated wilderness, the temporary protections these areas enjoy would simply be passed into law. Hunting, hiking, horseback riding, birding, rock-climbing, picnicking, scientific study and much more would continue the way it does now.

So why would an Iraq War Veteran who knows a number of disabled people including his own father now advocate for Wilderness Protection of lands in Southern New Mexico? When I was in Iraq, I longed for peace, quiet and a respite from the machinery of war. When I returned, my wife and I slipped away into our nearest wilderness area to walk and talk about our future dreams and plans. To have the only sound be the whistling of the wind provided my soul with a peace I hadn't known in almost a year. As our world becomes more and more mechanized, our computers control our schedules, and the work week gets longer, it makes my heart smile to know that wild places still exist where we can all go to recharge our batteries and gain a reprieve from our stressful lives

Everyone has a right to advocate for their use or designation for our public lands, but no one has the right to impugn the personal honor and integrity of those with whom they disagree in doing so.

HEATH NERO The Wilderness Society



Cockfighting ban may just pass Historian: Mexican bloodsports a post-independence trend

their culture. Dave Clary of

> Maybe Richardson listened to Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez who says no one can be elected president in this country without opposing cockfighting.

took the American Southwest away from Mexico. In his research, Clary discovered that neither cockfighting nor bull fighting made its way up to this area during the Spanish Colonial period.

It was when Mexico won its independence in 1821 that the blood sports began moving north. In 1824, politicians in Santa Fe condemned the City of Durango, Mexico, where those sports flourished. They pronounced such pastimes as "opposed to republican virtues."

But by 1845, a bull ring appeared on the Santa Fe plaza and une commonplace in New

both sports became commonplace in New Mexico.

The immense popularity of cockfighting in Mexico was greatly aided by President Antonio Lopez Santa Anna, who at least one historian says was more interested in cockfighting than government.

Santa Anna usually could be found in the plaza at San Agustin, just outside Mexico City, where non-stop cockfights were held year-round. One historian describes Santa Anna as the "heart and soul" of this cockfighting arena. He brought his cocks, set the rules for the fights, checked the birds to assure that their spurs were fitted right, and always won. And if Santa Anna's cheating wasn't enough to win a fight, his opponents would cheat in his favor. Everyone loved him, and it was an honor to rub elbows with the Great Supreme Chief. He even took game cocks with him into battle.

There's no telling whether any of this had an effect on Gov. Richardson's hands-off approach to cockfighting legislation in the past. Maybe he listened to Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez who says no one can be elected president in this country without opposing cockfighting.

ing. Clary notes that Santa Anna was reelected 11 times while he was his nation's leading patron of cockfighting. In his last term, his interests turned to opera, after which he was run out of the country. Maybe there's a message there too.

I probably need to apologize to most of my readers for my attitude about cockfighting. I certainly don't support it but I have trouble getting too worked up about legislation to prohibit it.

I know people who raise and fight game cocks. They are good people. Their birds are well cared for and they live much longer than those destined for Colonel Sanders.

My main problem, however, is with wasting time passing prohibitive legislation. None of it has ever worked or ever will, even though people have tried from the beginning of time. The world's oldest profession is good evidence of that.

But if the Legislature passes it this year, maybe it will be out of the way in the future. But little will change.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I was having a chat with one of my cattle feeding friends. I often think of these calls as therapy — for both of us. He gets to release all of his frustrations about the injustice of corn farmers being allowed to make a profit due to the demand created by ethanol production.

'Talk about ingratitude! Never once did I complain about the price of corn when feeders went from 98 cents to \$1.04! I hung with 'em, fed as many as I could just to keep demand up. Now, when finished cattle prices are dropping, they are raisin' the price of corn! Can you believe it! And I just bought new tires for the front end loader and donated a new wing for the library at the U of Nebraska! Go Huskers! What's a man supposed to do! And they want to raise the Check Off to two dollars a head! Shoot, the Cowbelles used to do it for free!

"Oh, I contracted some corn ahead, but you know me, I like to play the odds. Now look what's happened, and it's all the

Snow storms during January have increased the mountain snow packs to $102\,$ percent of average for this time of year, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Division, reported.

Since July, upstream flow has added 381,461 acre-feet to the Elephant Butte Reservoir and raised the level 36 feet. But farmers should not think those figures mean the end of the drought or an abundance of

farmers' fault! They knew it was gonna go up. They told me! I thought they were just trying to con me into buyin' early! But the slippery buggers were tellin' me the truth! Who ever heard of such a thing!'

On and on and on.

I benefit from these therapeutic phone calls because I used to feed a few cattle but have now conquered the vice. I can listen as a reformed gambler listens to a hopelessly mired addict;

"Hi, I'm Baxter, I'm a cattle feeder." "Tell us your story Baxter."

"I borrowed money from a banker in Texas. He took my singlewide trailer and vet truck as collateral. My cattle buyer friend purchased me a set of slab-sided 2-year-old Mexican steers from a rodeo producer during one of New Mexico's annual droughts. I fed 'em three months. They gained four pounds a day. Brought 56 cents a pound, I paid back the loan, cleared \$50 a head, bought a doublewide, a box of cigars. I was in tall cotton. That was 1985. I have never made a dime feeding cattle since.

"I quit last year and have been cattle free since, but guess what! Last month I borrowed enough to buy an interest in an ethanol plant in Iowa. No way it can lose. No way

WATER UPDATE

irrigation water, the bureau and Elephant Butte Irrigation District cautioned.

Working with preliminary figures, the bureau announced a 152,200 acre-foot initial allotment, 40 percent of normal snow pack, for 2007.

The storage at Elephant Butte is 585,336 acre-feet, and increase of 9,914, 29 percent of holding capacity and 62 feet below the spillway, the bureau reported.



Historical preservationists honored

By Marvin Tessneer The Las Cruces Bulle

The vision of three men won the for-mer Amador Hotel the Building Worthy of Preservation status at the Doña Ana County Historical Society award banquet and earned them special recognition.

The three men who started the Amador Hotel Foundation to restore the building -Dr. Charles Murrell, George Helfrich and C.W. Ritter — received the Heritage Award.

They also started negotiations to have the county deed the building over to the city. "The Amador Hotel Foundation is a non-

profit organization to raise money to restore the building, to allow it to become a historic museum," Murrell said. "We're beginning the process of raising money for the restoration."

The hotel was built in 1850 of adobe by Martin Amador, who ran a wagon freight line from Chihuahua, Mexico, to Santa Fe.

After Amador went into the hotel business he added a stage at the north end of the lobby, which became a community gathering place, and Army cavalry officers used to ride there for dances. The lobby featured objects from the Indian, Hispanic and settlers' cultures.

Citizens Bank acquired the building in 1970, and the county bought it in 1985 and converted it into its manager's complex.

Donna Eichstaedt's work to preserve the history and culture of Mesilla Valley won her the Doña Ana County Historical Society's 2007 Hall of Fame Award.

She has published articles on southern New Mexico history and its veterans in Southern New Mexico Historical Review, Southern New Mexico Magazine and Southwest Senior and was the 2006 Gemoets Prize winner for her oral history of J. Paul Taylor.

She taught history at the University of Illinois, 1979-1981; was dean of history at Lincoln College, 1981-1992; and since 1992, has taught at the University of Texas at El Paso and Doña Ana Community College.

She came to New Mexico in 1970 when

her husband Carl attended the University of New Mexico and when she started taping oral histories of World War II pueblo veterans, search that she still is conducting.

Gary and Janet Schlothauer's adobe residence at 331 W. Las Cruces Ave. in the Alameda Historic District won the Noteworthy Restoration Award. The house was originally Victorian style. When Judge Numa Frenger acquired it in 1930, he remodeled it to the Pueblo Revival or Santa Fe style.

The Schlothauers added their own touches, ironwork by Gary, sculpture by their son Clay and oil paintings by their son Cliff.

The society named the new Mesilla Town Hall as the Building Adhering to Regional Architecture with its territorial design that has solid wall space greater than windows and narrow structures above the main roof.

The Jardin de Mesquite park at Spruce Avenue and Tornillo Street has set the tone for the Mesquite Street Historic District and earned the Old Timers Award.

The district was first established in 1849 when Doña Ana Mayor Pablo Melendres had an Army officer help plot a new town to relieve crowding in the village. They plotted 84 blocks, a cemetery and plaza for a church.

The society also announced a Special Commemoration for the Alma d'Arte Charter School students, who had worked on the historical panels, and school Director Irene Oliver Lewis.

The Goemets Prize winners were:Martha Shipman Andrews, "Brains, Integrity and Ambition: Recruiting Faculty in New Mexico in 1890," published in the Southern New Mexico Historical Review.

• Leslie Bergloff, Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, and James L. Smith, Mayfield High School teacher, for Creativity and Excellence in the Teaching of History." • The Pasajero del Camino Real Award

went to Dr. John Hunner for his book, 'Inventing Los Alamos: the Growth of an Atomic Community."





Joe A. Parr of Anthony, N.M., holds a copy of the state Constitution last month before the Senate Judiciary Committee while giving his opposition to the proposed cockfighting ban.

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Cockfighting ban passes N.M. Senate

By STEVE TERRELL The Santa Fe New Mexican

After a near five-hour debate, the state Senate overwhelmingly passed a bill to outlaw cockfighting in New Mexico.

Senate Bill 10 goes on to the House of Representatives, which two years ago passed an even stricter bill by a wide margin

"I do believe the era of cockfighting is over in New Mexico," said Sen. Carlos Cisneros, D-Questa, who voted for the bill. New Mexico and Louisiana are the only states in which

cockfighting is legal. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, D-Doña Ana,

said that getting the bill through the Senate — which never before has passed a cockfighting ban - was a milestone. However, she warned the fight might not be over. "Perhaps the House will be easier if I can get two (com-

mittee) referrals." She said it will be a sign of smooth sailing if the bill is assigned to the Agriculture and Water Resources Committee and the Judiciary Committee as it was in 2005. "But if they send it to (the Business and Industry

Committee), I don't know," Garcia said. Rep. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, who is expected to carry Garcia's bill in the House, expressed optimism about the cock-

fighting ban passing the House.

Wirth's cockfighting bill passed the House in 2005 by a 50-15 vote. However, among those voting against that bill were House Speaker Ben Lujan - who decides to which committees bills are assigned — and Rep. Debbie Rodella, D-Española, who chairs the Business and Industry Committee.

But since 2005, the move to ban cockfighting has attracted two major allies - Gov. Bill Richardson, who is running for president, and the Catholic Church. Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops, has attended Senate committee hearings to speak in favor of Garcia's bill.

The Senate on Wednesday amended the cockfighting bill to lessen the penalties. As the bill stands now, a first offense for participating in cockfights would be a petty misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of six months in prison. A second offense would be a full misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of 364 days. A third and subsequent offense would be a fourth-degree felony, which carries a maximum 18month prison sentence.

The Senate also approved an amendment that removes criminal penalties for those who merely watch a cockfight. Opponents of the cockfighting ban, led by Sen. Phil Griego,

D-San Jose, offered a battery of amendments aimed at blunting the bill.

Griego said the bill was an affront on rural people. He said animal-rights advocates might soon seek to ban rodeos as well as other ranching practices such as de-horning and castration. He also brought up the possibility the state would license curanderas (traditional healers) and regulate horno ovens.

"We're criminalizing customs," Griego said. "We're criminalizing traditions.

He also said cockfighting brings \$70 million to the state's economy. "Should we incarcerate those who bring \$70 million to the state of New Mexico?" he said.

But bill opponents said most of the money cockfighting generates is in the form of illegal gambling.

Sen. Shannon Robinson, D-Albuquerque, claimed the bill would lead to police fatally shooting people fleeing from cock-fight raids. "We're giving authority to police officers to use deadly force against cockfighters," he said. Robinson, who noted his father was a cockfighter, said the

poultry industry treats animals worse than cockfighters. He said "a chicken who works for Colonel Sanders" has a worse life than roosters raised for fighting.

Ignition interlocks require an alcohol-free breath sample

Roth said he knows of two documented cases of drivers

'It happens, but it's not our biggest problem," Roth said.

House OKs bill aimed at interlock tampering

By BARBARA FERRY

The House unanimously passed a bill Wednesday that would make tampering with a court-ordered ignition-interlock device a crime.

Under the legislation, a driver who has been ordered to install one of the devices and then disables or otherwise tampers with it could be charged with a misdemeanor and jailed for seven days.

House Bill 125, sponsored by House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, D-Grants, was one of the recommendations of a driving-while-intoxicated task force appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson in November. It next moves to the Senate.

Richard Roth, an advocate for ignition interlocks, said the bill "closes an important loophole" in the law, which requires all those convicted of drunken driving to install the devices in their vehicles.

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A bigger concern than tampering, Roth said, is that some DWI offenders get around the interlock requirement by telling judges they are no longer driving or don't have access to a vehicle.

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School board

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Current District 4 incumbent John Schwebke decided not to run for re-election, citing family responsibilities.

Wooden and Schwebke have been part of the school board that has come under harsh criticism for hiring two failed superintendents and leaving the district's teachers, parents and students demoralized.

Votaw and Phillips were the first candidates to announce their runs together after both were recruited by commu-



nity members upset about the superintendent controversies and a perceived non-responsiveness by the school board members to staff and parents. Votaw is a respected former Las Cruces Public Schools administrator, and Phillips has been actively involved in the district as a parent.

With a low voter turnout, that early start and a strong cadre of people helping their campaigns, gave a strong margin to the two women to make their victory a resounding mandate for change on the school board.



WOODEN

That network of supporters for Votaw and Phillips filled a hotel banquet room election night as early tallies made the win apparent. Votaw told the group she was "gratified, surprised and humbled," and Phillips described herself as

"overwhelmed." Both women credited those who helped them talk to voters and their supporters credited the candidates with walking their district door-to-door, as well. For both it was their first run for an elected office.

"This has given me a small window into what politicians have to do," Votaw said. "It makes me really appreciate what people who hold high office experience."

Phillips emphasized that she wanted to thank Wooden for all her years of service to the schools.

Both women told of emotions that were a mix of exuberance from the election win and trepidation of the task to improving a school board that at times resembles a dysfunctional family.

With membership of the board changing, attempts have been made to dissuade the board from choosing an interim superintendent before the new members are sworn in next month. But earlier Tuesday board members — with the exception of Chuck Davis who wanted the decision put off until March — not only stuck to the schedule, but actually moved up their likely decision to hire an interim superintendent to Feb. 20, a week earlier than announced last month.

As of the Feb. 2 deadline, seven had applied for the interim superintendent position. Criteria for the job includes past superintendent experience in New Mexico, still possessing a current or renewable license in New Mexico and still actively involved in public or higher education within the last two years, such as teaching at a university, work with the state education department or providing contracted services to school districts. Jo Galvan, district communications director, said five of those applicants meet the minimum requirements.

The interim superintendent would be paid at a rate of \$130,000, what the current Administrator in Charge Liz Marrufo is making. Also, the board agreed that the interim superintendent would take on the job with the understanding that he or she couldn't apply for the permanent position. The board will again begin the process for selecting a permanent superintendent after the interim superintendent's been on the job for a year.

A citizen advisory committee will recommend finalists to the school board after interviewing them next week. The board will interview the finalists Feb. 20 and current board members said they felt a decision could be made that same day,

As of Wednesday morning, committee membership included Jim Berry, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce; Karen Trujillo, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces; Margie Huerta, Doña Ana Community College; Michael Morehead, New Mexico State University College of Education dean; Claudia Billings, Wendy Gallegos and Enrique Maestas, parents; Theresa Jaramillo Jones and Chris Cook, principals; Patrick Sanchez, Betty Patterson, and Jesus "Chuy" Morales, teachers/NEA-Las Cruces; Irma Valdespino and John Zarzecki, classified staff/Classified School Employees Council; Leslie Cervantes and Larry Altamirano, Las Cruces Public Schools administration.



Bonnie Votaw, left, and Connie Phillips celebrate their school board wins with supporters Tuesday night.

Spaceport

All together over the life of 20-year bonds, the local GRT increases will generate approximately \$58 million. The rest of Spaceport America's \$225 million budget will come from mostly the state — at a \$115 million commitment to date. The rest of the money will come from a mix of federal grants and from companies using the spaceport in the form of user fees and facility leases, much like a traditional airport.

The bulk of the state money will not flow until three conditions are met: that Spaceport America gets its Federal Aviation Administration spaceport license; that it have an anchor tenant, namely Virgin Galactic; and that the project be brought in without exceeding the \$225 million budget. Doña Ana County commissioners are putting the same conditions on the local GRT question, which for some create more questions than re-assurances.

The biggest questions revolve around the FAA license, which requires an Environment Impact Statement in Spaceport America's favor.

Although Spaceport America will be located primarily on a former ranch that has existing structures, its proximity to near-pristine vestiges of El Camino Real - the Spanish colonial trade route from Mexico to the United States.

Pat Taylor, who is an expert in historical adobe restoration and an advocate for historical preservation, noted concerns raised by in a joint letter from the state's Bureau of Land Management director and National Park Service superintendent about possible adverse impacts to that sec-tion of El Camino Real, which has "high potential" to pro-vide back country historical hiking trails. Paving the road to the spaceport and the type of structures it may need could take away from that experience, according to Taylor.

State Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans has promised to work with the local El Camino group to address those concerns, but Taylor questions why the tax question is coming before voters before these issues are resolved in the EIS process.

"I can't tell you how important this is to New Mexico history," he said.

But supporters of the spaceport say the project is equally important to the area's future, most notably a market study by Futron Corp. that predicts that by 2020, Spaceport America will employ more than 3,500 people and add an excess of \$750 million to local economic activity.

Bill Loomis, who was born in Las Cruces and now lives in Elephant Butte, countered that oil exploration and ranching has been done in that same area for years without damage to the Camino Real. The spaceport's viable promise of providing clean industry is worth the cost, he said, and can be made compatible with the historic trade route.

"We can pride ourselves on the oldest trail in the Southwest intersecting with the newest trail to the future, Loomis said.

Delano Lewis, a former U.S. ambassador and co-chair of the People for Aerospace that will help promote the GRT question, said he is promoting the project because of the economic development potential, but would be just as vocal if the spaceport isn't responsive to people's concerns about it.

But in an area that is growing primarily from retirees moving in, job growth for local residents is just as important, according to Dolores Connor, Las Cruces mayor pro tem. "We need to put people to work," she said.

County commissioner Oscar Vasquez Butler, who was the lone vote against putting the question before voters, said he didn't doubt that the spaceport will provide jobs, but he didn't think it should be even partially be paid for by residents of an area with so much poverty.

"My vote is not against the spaceport," he said. "But I have serious moral issues with this."

But commissioners Dolores Saldaña Caviness and Bill McCamley countered that the state and county governments are doing much to address the problems of poverty in the county. But government can only do so much without new money that will come from a more lively economy, McCamley said.

Although she would vote for putting the question before voters, Chairwoman Karen Perez said she had problems believing in the project and worried that southern New Mexico was somehow being taken advantaged of.

"I'm feeling a little railroaded," she said. "I'm feeling a lot railroaded.

McCamley said the political reality in the state was that northern lawmakers were loath to give money to such a major and promising project in southern New Mexico. If this same project would be going to Farmington, he asked, would people believe it's right for the state to foot the whole bill. "Of course not," he said. "There is no free lunch."

One question there was no clear answer on at Mondav's meeting was how the county could rescind the tax if the Spaceport America deal falls through — because the state will begin collecting the tax before the three conditions are - and if the county could then get that money back. met -



Auggie Valladares and his son Andrew compete with each other in the Space Challenge, one of 16 hands-on displays in the Space Adventures exhibit that opened Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History in the Mesilla Valley Mall. The exhibit will continue through May 13.



A collared lizard catches the attention of Mayfield High School freshmen, from left, Nicole Hansen, 14, Karli Priestley, 15, and Julissa Salas, 14,



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Getting ready for Valentine's Day PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER



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Owner Barb Baumann takes one of many phone orders for Valentine's Day flower arrangements from early-ordering customers at Barb's Flowerland.



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A. KURZ, CRUCESLIVE.COM I The Las Cruces Bulle Stretch Humvees are used by the Future Combat Systems program. The vehicles contain networking equipment to keep soldiers informed about friendly and enemy troop movements.



Maj. Gen. Charles Cartwright shook the hand of each member of the Evaluation Brigade Team to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication to the Future Combat Systems project.



A. KURZ, CRUCESLIVE.COM I The Las Cruces Bulletin Maj. Gen. Charles Cartwright, Assistant Secretary of the Army Claude Bolton and Lt. Gen. H. Ross Thompson III answer questions about the production of Future Combat Systems.

Combat

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movements to their commanding officer, as well as send infor-

mation about casualties, injuries and enemy prisoners. With the information provided by FCS, Zimmerman was able to communicate his soldiers, call an air strike on an enemy vehicle and request medical pickup for a friendly soldier with more speed and accuracy.

Following the demonstration, Assistant Secretary of the Army Claude Bolton asked the 36-man team what they thought of the new systems. "(The FCS) lets us focus our assets where they're really needed," Zimmerman said. "This allows us continuous reconnaissance. Before what you could see is only what you could see from ground level." Other soldiers commented on the increased level of

safety for soldiers that is provided by the new technology. "The SUGV was able to bypass a tripwire and an IED

(Improvised Explosive Device)," Staff Sgt. Stephan Simmins said. "The UAVs and SUGVs act as an extra man on the battlefield.

"The UGS help us keep the team integrity without worrying about our (back)," Squad leader Sgt. Joshua Deveraux said.

FCS will not only help keep American soldiers safe, but can be used to prevent needless accidents on the battlefield.

"In an urban environment, the SUGV also lets you know if civilians are in a building," Zimmerman said. According to Bolton, one of the unique caveats of the FCS program is the input gathered from soldiers after training

sessions, which is in turn used to immediately implement changes and improvements to the FCS equipment. "Designers and software engineers have been working

directly with soldiers over the last three months, and they have been changing the equipment in real time," said Maj. Gen. Charles Cartwright, program manager for FCS. "The true testament to FCS is when you go to a soldier

to get the equipment back and they don't want to give it to

you," Bolton said. The majority of FCS training and testing is being done

at White Sands Missile Range and Ft. Bliss, and other tests are being run at 43 facilities throughout the U.S., according to Cartwright.

"I couldn't be prouder of these great soldiers and this great Future Combat Systems team," said Tom Berard, director of WSMR. "We're honored to have them conducting their testing at White Sands. Now it's our task to coordinate this tremendous testing that will ensure this equipment works for all of our military.'

Approximately 425 soldiers are now beginning training with FCS equipment at Ft. Bliss, and a video recording of Experiment 1.1 will be used for training at 23 other sites throughout the U.S., according to Cartwright.

Dennis Muilenberg, vice president and general manager for Combat Systems at Boeing, said that approximately 850 early versions of the SUGV are already in use in Iraq and Afghanistan, and approximately 50 UAVs are already in use.



Soldiers from the Future Combat Systems Evaluation Brigade Team wait for the start of the demo with a Small Unmanned Ground Vehicle (SUGV) and an Unmanned Ariel Vehicle (UAV).





PAGE A14 Coming Up **DWI Super Blitz**

Enforcement officers throughout Doña Ana County and New Mexico will be conducting checkpoints and saturation patrols the next two weeks in order to prevent DWI fatalities and injuries. These highly visible enforcement activities are conducted in the hopes of deterring drunk drivers from taking to the road and encouraging the use of a designated driver or

taking a taxi. New Mexico State Police Captain Richard Williams, whose District 4 officers have arrested more than 500 people in 2006, reminds everyone: "Don't Drink and Drive! The Super Blitz is on and we're patrolling the roads searching for drunk or impaired drivers. If you see someone on the highway who may be under the influence of alcohol, please call Drunk Busters 1-877-DWI-HALT or 1-877-394-4258

Modular railroad

The Doña Ana Modular Railroad will be on display and running trains at Golden Mesa, 151 Roadrunner Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

The modular railroad also will be on display and running trains at Village at Northrise, 2880 Roadrunner Parkway, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18.

Both shows are free and open to the public. For more information, call 532-1751.

Global energy crisis

"The Global Energy Crisis: Local Solutions" is a free conference offering information and resources on topics such as energy efficiency, lowering utility bills, growing your own food, water conservation, alternative energy sources and transpor-tation. The conference will be held Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24. Seating is limited and lunch will be provided, along with door prizes at the end of the conference.

Tombaugh Pancake Breakfast

Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Road, will hold a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$4 each. They are available from students and at the school and will be sold at the door the morning of the breakfast. Proceeds will benefit Tombaugh Elementary. The meal will consist of pancakes, margarine, syrup and lite syrup, sausage, juice and coffee. For more information, call Tombaugh Elementary at 527-9575.



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Character Counts! Task Force

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

Task Force meetings will be held Tuesdays, March 13, April 10 and May 8. CC! is a nonprofit, non-partisan, nonsectarian coalition of schools, communities and organizations working to advance character education of students. The six CC! Pillars of Character are trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The Mesilla Valley CC! Task Force began operation in August 1996. For more information on the task force, contact Patricia Monge at 527-5871 or pmonge@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Paranormal Chat Club

The next meeting of the Paranormal Chat Club will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, in the Branigan Library. The guest speaker will be Dr. Bruce Cornet who will discuss the "Cydonia Earth-Mars Connection." For more info contact Debra at 382-7126

Retired Teacher's Association

The Retired Teacher's Association is having its monthly luncheon at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. The cost is \$11. County commissioner Bill McCamley will speak on the spaceport project.

Doña Ana County Historical Society

Buddy Ritter will speak on Feb. 15 at the regular month-ly meeting of the Doña Ana County Historical Society. His talk about Mesilla between 1848 and 1912 will immediately follow a very brief business meeting that begins at 7 p.m. All members of DACHS and any other interested persons are welcome to attend this event, which will take place in Good Samaritan Village's Stucky Auditorium (downstairs in the main activities building at 3011 Buena Vida Drive (turn east off Telshor Boulevard). The Doña Ana County Historical Society, founded in 1963, seeks to encourage in every way possible a greater appreciation of New Mexico history, especially that of Doña Ana County. For information on becoming a member or participating in programs, call 521-7833 or 522-3477.

Anti-abduction class

From 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 17, Gold Medal Taekwondo, on Boutz Road near Las Cruces High School, will teach a free anti-abduction class to children ages 5 to 12. The children will watch and discuss the "Safe Side Stranger Safety" DVD, by John Walsh of Americas Most Wanted and Julie Clark of The Baby Einstein Co., and prac-tice some simple "can't-pick-me-up" techniques that they can easily remember if they ever need to use them. "In this class, kids will have so much fun that they won't

realize that they are learning something that could save their life," said Marcy Shoberg, Gold Medal Taekwondo director and 4th Degree Black Belt.

Shoberg has been teaching martial arts in the Las Cruces area for 20 years and specializes in making physical fitness — and safety — fun and easy to learn. Gold Medal Taekwondo can be contacted at 526-4429 or gmtkd@zianet. com. The February class will be limited to 25 kids, but a waiting list will immediately be started for future classes.

Crime Stoppers: Homicide suspect

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

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• The USDA reported that the growing Mesilla Valley vegetable industry for 1956 had a value of \$2.2 million, double what it was the previous year. Cotton still was king with 80,000 bales valued at \$15 million. But lettuce led vegetables with

228,000 cartons harvested off 500 acres and valued at \$740,298. Onions, still a major crop in the valley, had a harvest of 139,000 50-pound sacks that grossed \$521,800. Farmers harvested 250 tons of tomatoes off 150 acres that had a value of \$93,000. But chile was just catching on with 200 acres and a value of \$41,000.

• Voters re-elected James E. Neleigh, chairman, and Dr. A.D. Maddox to the City Commission.

• The temperature hit 79 degrees on Feb. 9.

• Mrs. Catrino R. Smith was re-elected to the Board of Education with 475 votes over her opponent with 92.

• The base pay for Memorial General Hospital nurses was increased from \$250 to \$275 a month for a 44-hour week.

• The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Posse raised \$115 for the March of Dimes as it defeated the Santa Fe





A shot from the old Farmers' Co-op Gin, showing how the cotton is compressed into a bale after the lint and seeds have been separated.

Sheriff's Posse 23-15 in a polo match at the Posse Grounds.

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• Plaza Teatro was featuring the popular Mexican film star Pedro Armendariz and Leticia Palma in "Camino del Infierno."



• Hatch Junior High students were fascinated studying the stars in the portable, inflatable planetarium simulating constellations set up by Frank Gilpin, Southwest Resource Center for Science and Engineering.

• In a show of strength and tenacity, New Mexico State defeated Creighton 77-64, giving the Aggies their 10th straight home victory and a 11-8 season record, and Las Cruces edged Mayfield 54-51 as Paco Larsen and Martin Diaz combined for 29 points and 23 rebounds.

• Sheri Bone was named Miss Las Cruces at the

Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

• Gadsden Independent School District voters approved a \$165,509 levy for capital improvements.



• Las Cruces voters supported a two-mill levy for a \$20 million school bond issue and elected Ruben Alvarado to the Board of Education with 714 votes over his opponent Henry Young, 687.

1997 • The Hispano Chamber of Commerce held a reception for Darius Holland, Green Bay defensive tackle, after the Packers won the Super Bowl.

• In the Hatch Board of Education election, Jesus Soto defeated Fred Telles, 125-97, and Andrew McRae out-polled Lester Brooks 28-10.

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



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Nagging wife and overworked husband equal troubled marriage Patient parents typically rewarded after teen years

What do you consider to be the greatest threat to the stabil-ity of families today?

It would be a phenomenon that every marriage counselor deals with regularly. The scenario involves a vulnerable woman who depends on her husband to meet her emotional needs, and a workaholic man who has little time for family responsibilities. Year after year she reaches for him and finds he's not there. She nags, complains, cries and attacks him for his failures – to no avail.

He is carrying the load of three men in his business or profession and can't figure out how to keep that enterprise going while providing what his wife needs. As time goes by, she becomes increasingly angry, which drives him even further into his workaday world. He is respected and successful there. And thereafter he is even less accessible to her.

Then one day, to her husband's shock, this woman reaches a breaking point and either leaves him for someone else or files for divorce. It is a decision she may live to regret and one that often devastates her children – although by then, the marriage is long-gone. It's such a preventable disaster, but one that millions of other families will be victimized by in coming years.

Are there productive ways older people can remain mentally alert as their bodies age? Is mental decline inevitable in the golden years?

If you live long enough, there will be some loss of intellectual acu-ity. There is, however, much that a person can do to postpone that dete-



rioration. An article in Family Circle magazine suggested five ways to maintain healthy minds through the aging process

The first rule is to "use it or lose it." The human brain isn't like a calculator that you can plug in and leave idle for a year and find it working just as well when we return. It must have constant use and regular input of sensory information.

Second, proper brain function is dependent on a balanced diet with ample supplies of all the essential nutrients

Third is exercise. Every organ of the body benefits from physical activity, including the package of neural matter with which we think.

Fourth is regular physical examinations and good health care. Untreated diseases can affect us physically and mentally.

Finally, the fifth way to keep our brains healthy is by having an active social life. Being sick, isolated and alone is a prescription for rapid mental decline. Unfortunately, many older citizens are unable to implement these five suggestions for one reason or another. Some are alone and have no one to talk to. Others lack the resources for good medical care and healthy nutrition.

That's why those in the younger generation owe today's seniors their time and attention. They were cared



Our 14-year-old recently came o my husband and me to say, "I'm pregnant." Nothing has ever upset us more than hearing those words. What should our attitude toward her be now?

Responding to a teenage pregnancy is one of the most difficult trials parents are ever asked to face. When the news breaks, it's reasonable to feel anger at the girl who has brought this humiliation and pain into her life. How dare this kid do something so stupid and hurtful to herself and the entire family! Once you have caught your

breath, however, a more rational and loving response is appropriate. This is no time for recrimination. Your daughter needs your understanding and wisdom now more than ever. She'll face many important decisions in the next few months, and you can't afford to alienate yourselves from her.

If you can summon a measure of strength and love at this stressful time, you should be able to create the bond that often develops between those who have survived a crisis together.

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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into our American way of thinking. If we

mean by this doctrine all are created in

the image of God, we are created with

the same glory and substance, then yes all

Pastor John Pick

people are created equal.





U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici recently met with Pamela Angell of Las Cruces, who was in Washington, ., to receive the 2007 Audrey Nelson Community Development Achievement Award. Angell is the executive director of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, a nonprofit organization that brings local agencies together to combat homelessness in the Las Cruces area. Angell received the award on its behalf, along with Fairlight Lucia of the City of Las Cruces. The Audrey Nelson Community Development Award was established in 1987 by the National Community Develop-ment Association, which brings together programs across the country that administer federal funds for community development and acts as a source of information for such programs.

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If you were to take all the resources of this wealthy country and divide them equally among all our inhabitants so that we could start fresh, in the short space of two generations all the inequities would reemerge. There would be stories

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of good choices that were blessed, and there would be stories of good choices that completely went wrong. Is it possible that we were not meant to be equal in circumstance or even character? It is in the very differences that we learn virtue! It is injustice where the Lord

Jesus Christ is at work.

THE LAS CRUCES BULLETIN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 PAGE A18 At the Go Red for Women Luncheon-

PHOTOS BY THERESA MONTOYA-BASALDUA

Amanda Gore was the featured speaker at the luncheon and urged attendees to "live out loud" by not stressing about the little things. Gore is a nationally known speaker, and her routine had attendees laughing and interacting with one another while sharing words of encouragement.

Health Events

JUVENILE DIABETES BOWLING PARTY

A Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Bowling Party for children with diabetes and their families will be held Sunday, Feb. 11 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Las Cruces Sun Lanes, 1201 E. Amador Ave. For information contact Connie Fetters at 556-6895 or Amy Kord at 644-1233.

■ ALZHEIMER'S MYTHS & FACTS Alzheimer's Myths and Facts with Mary Lacy of the Alzheimer Association will be held Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. This workshop will describe various myths and facts about Alzheimer Disease and is a must-attend for anyone who knows someone living with the disease. The class is free, open to the public and held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman, Ste. 404. As classes fill up quickly, pre-registra-tion is required. Call the Women's Descured Call the Women's Resource Center at (505) 556-6890 to register for a class or for more information.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

Diabetes Roundup Support oup will be held Thursday, Group Feb. 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Mountain View Regional Medical Center Community Education Room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. During the session, attendees will learn how to use Internet resources to help manage diabetes. This is a free event. For more information contact Connie Fetters at 556-6895.

DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

disease and stroke.

Staying Connected With Your Dementia Loved One with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care will be held Thursday, Feb. 15 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. It can sometimes be hard to maintain a relational connection with someone living with Dementia. This class will cover levels of Dementia, how to connect with those levels and related activities for those with Dementia. The class is free. open to the public and held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman, Suite 404. As classes fill up quickly, pre-registra-tion is required. Call the Women's Resource Center at 556-6890 to register for a class or for more information

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, 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.

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, visit www. orgsites.com/nm/lascrucesapi or 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 twice 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. Additional information is available on the website, www.llusa.org/ web/LasCrucesNM.html.



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Go Red For Women luncheon sponsored by MountainView Regional Medical Center and Heart Magazine. Go Red for Women is a national American Heart Association campaign designed to raise awareness of heart disease in women. Heart disease is

the No. 1 killer of women nationwide and by raising awareness, the campaign aims to empower women to give them the knowledge and tools to reduce their risks of heart

reduce risk – making it a safer treat-ment than D&C or hysterectomy,

Following the procedure, women

may experience some cramping, but Levatino said the discomfort is often

"I was anticipating a lot of pain," Olivarez said. "I was pleasantly sur-

prised that all I had was a little bit

of post-surgical cramping. I just took

According to Levatino, the aver-age time in the hospital for most

women is about three hours, which

includes arrival time at the hospital

lining of the uterus, not every woman is a candidate for the procedure.

As pregnancy following endometrial

ablation poses risk to the mother and

baby, the procedure is recommended

only for women who have completed

their childbearing and are premeno-

pausal. "This procedure is not for a young

woman who is considering starting a

not be the best option for a woman

Prior to the procedure, a physi-cian generally performs diagnostic

tests to rule out abnormal uterine

getic boys, has experienced no com-

plications from the treatment. She said she can't believe the difference

the procedure has made in her life.

"I would definitely recommend this to others," she said. "I just wish

I had done it sooner." Those who wish to discuss the procedure with Levatino may contact him at the Wallaces

NovaSure is a

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in the hospital on an

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Women's Wellness Center, 2907 Hillrise

Drive. His office phone

procedure that uses the pictured ablation

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seconds to complete

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number is 522-9082.

Olivarez, the mother of two ener-

with an enlarged uterus or fibroids.

He added that the procedure may

Because NovaSure removes the

treated with mild painkillers.

ibuprofen, and I was fine.

through time of discharge.

family," Levatino said.

conditions.

NOVASUR

according to Levatino.

New procedure brings hope to menorrhagia sufferers

Surgery-free treatment removes uterine lining

By MELISSA ST. AUDE The Las Cruces Bulletin

Marissa Olivarez learned early in adulthood the art of gracefully turning down an invitation. Incapacitated for weeks at a time by menorrhagia, she said she would schedule her life around her cycles, and that often meant missing parties, concerts and various social events.

But a new procedure called Nova-

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Sure has given Olivarez her life back. and two days after having the outpatient treatment, she was hosting her two-year-old Before this procedure, son's birthday party.

"Before having NovaSure I was at having the point where at the age of 36, I was considering a hyster-ectomy," said Olivarez.

Las Cruces physician Anthony Levatino said that as many as one-in-five women

experience menorrhagia - excessive menstrual bleeding - and until recently, hysterectomy, a surgical procedure to remove the uterus, was one of the few treatments available to fully alleviate the symptoms.

"Abnormally heavy bleeding is very common," Levatino said. "Tradi-tional ways of treating menorrahgia have included a D&C (Dilation and Curettage) which is a scraping of the uterus, hormone therapy (estrogen/ progestin pills or hormone releasing intrauterine devise) and hysterectomy – a surgery, which is the last resort."

Menorrhagia is generally char-acterized by bleeding that is exces-sively heavy and lasts seven days or more.

Olivarez said her symptoms progressively worsened over the years and after having her two children, she began to experience extended periods lasting up to 15 days. Women with menorrhagia often

experience fatigue, anemia and restricted activity that often disrupts their lives

For Olivarez, as well as hamper-ing her social life, menorrhagia also affected her ability to do many of the things she enjoyed like walking and

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exercising.

I was incapacitated to

the point where I just

wanted to cry.

MARISSA OLIVAREZ, Patient

Levatino said that often women experiencing menorrahgia will simply live with the symptoms, not realizing that treatment is available or not realizing that their cycle is not normal.

"The important thing, if a woman is having abnormal bleeding, it's worth it to get a consultation," Levatino said.

NovaSure removes the endometrium (the lining of the uterus)which reduces or in cases, some eliminates bleeding. "Ninety

percent of patients have an improvement after the proce-dure," Levatino said. "For very few, the procedure help." doesn't

NovaSure is a 90-second procedure that is done in the hospital on an outpatient basis. It may be performed at either Memorial Medical Center or MountainView Regional Medical Center, according to Levatino.

During the procedure, which is often covered by most medical insurance plans, the patient is given light anesthesia.

"The patient is asleep for 15-20 minutes," Levatino said. "The procedure itself actually only takes about 90 seconds or up to two minutes.³

While the patient is asleep, the physician inserts an ablation tool into the uterus, and a wire mesh device is released then expands to the dimensions of the uter-ine cavity. Electrical energy is delivered for about 90 seconds, then the wire mesh device is

removed. The device has built

in safety measures to ensure its proper use and

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Support ■ GIFT OF LIFE

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

■ IRRITABLE BOWEL DISEASE

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnor-mal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines.

There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications. diet and surgery. The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. Friends and family members are welcome.

THE CROHN'S DISEASE AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

The Chrohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to5 p.m. in the Community

Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.

DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR

Depression. Bipolar Support Group (DBSA) meets twice weekly, oń Monday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 West Griggs Ave. The meetings are open to the public and for anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more informa-tion, call 523-9096 or 522-0517.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Doña Ana County Behavioral Health Collaborative is a local coordinating and planning group formed at the community level to identify community needs, help develop a range of resources, and ensure the responsiveness and relevance of behavioral health services.

Meetings of the DAC BHC are open to the public. Consumers and family members are greatly encouraged to attend and become part of the collaborative.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information. contact Kimmie Jordan at 527-7923 or Diane Brandt at 640-4173.

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Business

Mesa Gin will pass last year's bale record

By MARVIN TESSNEER

Cotton still is king at Mesa Farmers' Cooperative Cotton Gin, the only cotton gin run-ning in the Las Cruces area.

The B.E. Harvey Gin, a private operation, in Las Cruces and the Luna County Co-op Gin in Deming have shut down. Farmer patrons of those gins have been hauling their cotton to Mesa Farmers, and the extra volume and the late-maturing cotton caused by rains have put the gin

behind its schedule. Mesa Farmers' has 60 patron cotton growers. The gin has been operating "24 hours a day, seven days a week," gin manager Alberto Pando said.

Pando said. The projected ginning figures are 43,768 bales – 23,480 Extra Long Staple Pima and 23,480 Upland. That would top last year's record of 43,571 bales, 26,426 Pima and 17,145 Upland, Pando said. "The price for Pime was

"The price for Pima was good last year, and everyone planted more Pima," co-op board of directors president

Ramon "Dosi" Alvarez said. Last year, Pima grovers received an average of \$1.20 a pound. But this year, buy-ers are talking about \$1.05 a pound, Alvarez said.

"The price of Pima cotton "The price of Pima cotton is based on the California crop where most of the Pima is grown," Pando said. "And California planted a lot of Pima last year. Consequently, that made the Pima market go down."

Normally, Alvarez said, Mesa Farmers starts ginning the first week of October and wraps up the ginning at the end of January. But last year, the cotton was not ready for ginning until late October.

"With the late rain a lot of the bolls started rotting at the bottom of the plants, Alvarez said. "It was time for the plant to shut down. But with all that extra water it kept growing, and a lot of bolls didn't develop into cotton.'

Mesa Farmers was built near Vado in 1991, consolidating four older cooperative gins: Anthony, Chamberino, Mesquite and Berino.

Some of the older gins did not have emission controls. "We had emission controls

since we started ginning,' See Mesa Gin on PAGE B3

Legal 'insurance' available Pre-Paid Legal Services offers identity theft protection

By NATISHA HALES

As technology advances, so do identity theft and other white-collar crimes. Year after year, it becomes more difficult for citizens and businesses to shield themselves from these crimes, and as they seek legal aid, they may fall deep-

er into debt. Protecting citizens nationwide, including Las Cruces, is Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc. The company provides people and businesses with a range of common legal services needed throughout the

course of a person's life. Membership premiums start at \$17 per month, and Identity Theft Shield is provided for an additional \$9.95 per month, which is less than a fraction of the costs of most legal expenses.

"(Identity thieves) can track

you through your social security number, medical records, driver's license, hunting license and real estate," said Deborah Luke, a Pre-Paid Legal Services independent associate. "They can track anyone, anywhere. We have no privacy. Eighty-five percent of thieves get away with it, and once you're hit, you get targeted over and over again.

Luke has been an associate with Pre-Paid Legal Services for almost a year. Luke is not a lawyer, but she said she, along with approximately 10 to 15 other independent associates in town, has to go through extensive training to be certified in each field of services Pre-Paid Legal Services offers – preventive legal services, group marketing, identity theft, small business benefits, legal plans for commercial drivers and other services.

"Pre-Paid Legal Services has evolved

steadily over the years," Luke said. "The company markets various specialized legal service products, including plans tailored for owners of large and small business.' She said the company also has a compre-

hensive family plan, which consists of five major benefits and provides coverage for a broad range of preventive and

litigation-related expenses.

Luke said she came across the company when she was looking for a home-based business. The compensation plan and the product are what attracted her to becoming an associate.

"We're compensated on a daily basis," she said. "This product is needed by everyone."

In addition to her position as an associate, Luke also runs Ponderosa Pines, a summer horse camp for children to become acquainted with horses. For eight years, she has also successfully

run her other business, Great Circus Party, where she provides services for birthday parties.

Phil Kinzer, owner of the New Sun Lanes, was Luke's first Pre-paid Legal Services customer. He had used the services while he owned other bowling centers in Dallas, Texas. He sold them and retired in 1996.

He now uses the services for himself and his company.

"When I found out Pre-Paid Legal was here, I got back in," he said. "But people don't have a clue what services are being offered." Similar to health and auto insurance, Pre-

Paid Legal Services gives its members access to a network of attorneys and legal services for a fraction of what it would cost without a discount.

When signed on with the Legal Shield, members have 24-hour, toll-free access to a network of attorneys.

With the Life Events Plan, members have unlimited access to consultations on business or personal matters around the country. An attorney also is available to prepare letters, contracts, wills and other documents.

Other benefits motor vehicle legal services, trial defense, IRS audit legal services, identity theft protection and a 25 percent member discount for services not included in the membership.

See Pre-Paid Legal on PAGE B3

Legal "insurance" benefits

Legal Shield

• Twenty-four hour, toll-free access to a network of attorneys

Life Events Plan

- Unlimited access to consultations on personal and business matters
- Access to an attorney for document preparation
- Up to 335 hours of trial assistance

Identity Theft Shield

- Access to a credit report
- Constant credit monitoring
- Damaged credit restoration

Farm & Ranch museum welcomes new director

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NATISHA HALES I The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mark Santiago joined the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage

Museum as its director in November.

Santiago enjoys new leadership role

By NATISHA HALES

He started his new position in November, and now Mark Santiago is becoming well acquainted as director of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

"I visited this museum many times," he said. "It still has some newness to it. So I tried for the position and was fortunate enough to get it.

As director of the museum, Santiago said he is in charge of administering the museum's entire operations - the physical plant and the visitor experience.

We make sure more folks are aware and appreciate the museum," he said.

A staff of 30 and about 100 volunteers also help with the museum.

"These are great folks helping maintain and preserve the heritage in New Mexico," he said.

Santiago said he doesn't have any particularly new plans, but he wants to "finish what needs to be finished."

The beef barn and the sheep and goat barn are basically shells with only an exterior. Santiago said he would like to finish the interior to allow visitors to have a more intimate experience with the animals.

He would also like to begin construction on a green house and a wagon barn to also enhance visitors' experiences.

"People don't realize that historically farming and ranching is still important to this economy, especially in New Mexico," Santiago said.

Santiago, an Arizona native, worked for the Arizona Historical Society for slightly more than 17 years. He worked in three of the



PROFILE

Doug Rains: Serving the entire community

Governor recognizes local leader as outstanding citizen

By NATISHA HALES

At any given event throughout Las Cruces, local residents usually have the opportunity to visit with Doug Rains.

As a public relations practitioner for the Las Cruces office of the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Rains was the one to contact when Gov. Bill Richardson came through southern New Mexico on a

tour of agriculture. As a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadore, Rains is at many ribbon-cutting and ground-breaking ceremonies, and more recently, he greeted attendees at the door of the Governor's Mansion during a reception for Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe. So it's no wonder that Gov. Bill Richard-

son recognized Rains as an outstanding citizen of New Mexico. Although the two New Mexicans will not be officially recognized as "outstanding citizens" until September, Richardson assured Rains and the rest of the attendees at the Governor's Mansion that Rains would be one of them.

Richardson did, however, name Rains as Col. Aide de Camp of the staff of the governor.

Rains, the approachable man most Las Crucens know, is a native Texan, but he's lived in Las Cruces for more than 20 years,

"When we (he and his wife Barbara Simmons-Rains) came in 1986, we were both native Texans," Rains said. "We've been here for 20 years, and we'll probably untim here." retire here.

So far, Rains has retired at least three times in his career. Right out of high school, he joined the

U.S. Army Air Corps, which is now known as the Air Force. He retired from the Air Force as first lieutenant of the Air Force Retired Reserve after World War II. Before he retired, however, he was introduced to what started his professional career.

When he came back from overseas, Rains said he was sent to a rehabilitation and relaxation center in Florida. The colonel in command volunteered Rains and five others to put on their dress uniforms and travel as guests to make speeches and

encourage people to buy war bonds. During a "show" in downtown St. Peters-burg, Fla., the general manager of radio station WSUN asked Rains if he had ever been interested in a career in radio.

"I interviewed other guys in rehab and relaxation and sent the interviews to radio stations in their hometowns," Rains said.

He gave his first live report covering a hurricane

hurricane. From Florida, Rains was reassigned to San Antonio, Texas, and was sent to a public relations school at the University of Louisville. When he returned to San Antonio, Rains said he spent the last six months in the Air Force by giving the intro, middle and close to a 30-minute program and hosted a hometown USA Air Force feature. He also emceed a 15-minute remote at the Gunner Hotel, which featured a dance band comprised of members of the Air Force.

On the G.I. Bill, Rains attended Baylor University near his hometown and received a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in history and radio.

"Baylor had a fine journalism school," Rains said. He volunteered at the university radio station and one of his friends, who worked at KTEM in Temple, Texas, told Rains he was leaving his job and Rains

told Rains ne was leaving his job and Rains should take his place. "I auditioned," he said. "I read news copy, and I got my first job." Listening to Rains' smooth voice, it's easy to understand why the general man-ager at the WACO radio station in Waco, Texas, called him and offered him a job while listening to Rains on KTEM. The station in Waco was part of the

Texas State Network, and Rains was soon transferred to KFDA in Amarillo, which also had a television station. For the next 12 years, Rains spent the majority of his time giving sports play-by-play for the television station. "The only person that (the station) could

afford full-time was the newscaster, so I

was also a TV time salesman," Rains said. While spending time with an advertis-ing client at Southwest Investment Co., Rains was offered the position of director of

corporate advertising and public relations. While traveling back and forth between Amarillo and Lubbock, Texas, for his new position the mayor of Lubbock arranged for Rains to audition for a sportscaster position at the ABC affiliate in Lubbock. Once again, Rains was offered the position. "I had spent a year in Lubbock when I

met Dr. Barbara Simmons," he said.

They married 28 years ago.

When Simmons was offered the dean-ship of the College of Education at New Mexico State University, Rains said, "I came down with her without a job.

He wasn't jobless for long.

Rains applied and was selected for an opening for development director at KRWG-TV at the university. He stayed in that position for more than eight years. "Then I retired for three years,"

said.

The former regional president of West-ern Bank convinced Rains to come out retirement to be vice president for business development.

"I told him I would do it as long as it would be fun," he said. It was fun for Rains for six years before

he retired again. "Then along came Dr. Miley Gonzales

who needed somebody to do public rela-tions for him," he said. He took the part-time position for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture,

and he is now in his fourth year. He only works in the mornings, but Rains said he is technically never away from the office, and he is available from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. with his wireless device.

Even with his lively career, Rains has always taken the time to contribute to his community, no matter which one it was. In Lubbock, Rains founded the Nation-

al Women's Invitational Tournament and

was a member of the Military Affairs and Sports committees in the city's chamber of commerce

Now that he is in Las Cruces, Rains is still an active member of the chamber of commerce. Rains' Conquistadore blue blazer is filled with pins from all the events he's attended.

For the majority of the time he has been in Las Cruces, Rains has served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army of Doña Ana County. The group founded Dress-the-Child 17 years ago. Rains still

serves as chair of the event. "We're the only one that does essentially dress the child," Rains said.

Since he started his professional career, it's easy to see that he has a gift of maintaining relationships, even when it comes to his community involvement in Las Cruces.

"I started with the Rotary Club," Rains said. "And I think (Doña Ana County Commissioner) Kent Evans asked me to join the Conquistadores."

Since he began his work in the community, Rains has served as the president of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta and played in the Bishop's Golf Tournament with Bishop Ricardo Ramirez. He was also president of Keep New Mexico Beautiful for eight years

and still remains on the board. "Things just evolve," he said. "I've had a lot of fun with helping to raise money and causing a lot of things to happen. I've always been a strong believer that if you're part of the community, you need to give back

Although he has made the commitment to be involved in the community, Rains has spent the last two to three years as the main caregiver for his wife, who suffers from osteoporosis and peripheral neuropathy, an inherited disease for which there is no cure. Due to osteoporosis, Simmons-Rains has lost 36 percent of bone density and six inches in height, and Rains said her pain comes from the fact that her spine is now shaped like a snake. Because of the peripheral neuropathy,

she has no feeling in her legs below her calves

"She has to be very careful about her

walking," Rains said. With such an interesting career, it's equally as interesting that Rains, even with his new task at home, still takes the time to be involved in the community. Those in Las Cruces can truly be grateful that he and his wife have chosen to retire in this community.

"We enjoy the people, we enjoy the community and we enjoy living in Las Cruces," Rains said. "Besides that, come tell me where can find a view like (the Organ Mountains)."

• 2007 Col. Aide de Camp of the staff of the governor

Vice President, Las Cruces Rotary Club

President, Pineywoods Water Association

Past president, Community of Hope

- Past Conquistadore of the Year, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Past Citizen of the Year, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

Doug Rains Public relations

New Mexico Department of Agriculture

Family

- Wife Barbara, retired dean of New Mexico State University College of Education
- Two sons, Brian criminal district judge in Houston, Texas; Mike, business owner in Austin, Texas
- "Other son" Eric, retired military, who lives in Lubbock, Texas

Education

 Bachelor's degree in political science with minors in radio and history, Baylor University, 1949

Organizations

Awards

- Member, Conquistadore Committee of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Member, advisory board of the Salvation Army of Doña Ana County

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According to the Federal Trade Commission website, the act is to protect personal records

against "unauthorized access

and use of their personal infor-

improperly by employers, the employer is subject to federal and

state fines adding up to \$3,500,

ness owners don't even know it's

buy all the services offered, but

there are plans that can be tai-

lored to meet individual needs.

Services not covered are self-

induced crimes, such as DWI, but Luke said if you call, they

may be able to help you in some

plan is for the average Ameri-

making \$10 to \$12 an hour," he

said. "They can't afford a \$250-

"I developed a taste for it," he said. "To

His interest in military and space his-

After six-and-a-half years, Santiago said

"The buildings needed refurbishing,"

All museum windows were replaced,

and the museum and the IMAX theater

received new roofs. Santiago said he also

"I think I got them back to where they needed to be," he said. "I had a lot of help

he said once his twin sons graduate from

high school, the family will relocate to Las

His family still lives in Alamogordo, but

tory led him to seek a position as director of

the Space History Museum in Alamogordo.

he oversaw the completion of \$2 million of

continue in that position, I had to go out-

Kinzer said a pre-paid legal

"Most average people are

"Ninety-nine percent of busi-

She said people don't have to

per employee per incident.

in place," Luke said.

If that information is handled

information.

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can.

an-hour lawyer."

side the Historical Society.'

infrastructure repairs.

re-invigorated the exhibits.

from the staff and the community."

he said.

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Pre-Paid Legal

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For each year members are enrolled in a pre-paid legal plan, they earn a certain number of hours of trial assistance, helping with attorney fees for civil and some work-related charges covered under the plan. By the fifth year enrolled, a member can accumulate up to 335 hours of trial assistance, which includes 295.5 hours of actual trial time and 39.5 hours of pre-trial time.

For those who enroll in the identity theft shield, members have access to their current credit report from Experian, their personal credit score and the analysis of their personal score

Risk-consulting company Kroll Background America will notify members if new accounts have been opened in the member's name, derogatory notations have been added to the credit report, public records have been

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Alvarez said. "But the Environmental

Department didn't issue an air quality

rips the lint from the seeds with a saw.

process that wipes the lint off the seed,

"The gin operators on a push-pull sys-tem," Pando said. "The cotton is moved

through the gin with air. And by putting

the fans in a separate room, that has cut

Mesilla Valley is one of the few places in the United States where extra-long

staple Pima cotton is grown. The valley

has a long growing season, which that variety likes. Pima growers plant the

first of April and normally harvest in

with chemicals to remove leaves so that

they can harvest before bad weather can

move in and knock bolls off the plant,

and Upland is about an inch to an inch

Most growers defoliate the plants

"Pima's length is an inch and-a-half,

down the noise level about 50 percent."

The Mesa Farmers Co-op processes

The saw gin for Upand cotton that

• The roller gin for Pima, a gentler

Mesa Farmers also had the air fans

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permit until last year."

cotton with two gins:

set up in a separate room.

October, Pando said.

Alvarez said.

Pando said.

added, credit inquiries have been made or a change of address has been requested.

When identity theft has occurred, Pre-Paid Legal Services will also aid in the restoration of the damaged credit, Luke said.

"Many companies will moni-tor your credit," she said. "But they won't restore your name back to par. Pre-Paid Legal does everything."

She said the company will provide an expert to handle restoration of the credit so the member does not have to lose as much time and money as they would if they didn't have the services.

Although the company offers these services, Luke said it is sometimes difficult to get the word out there.

"They think it's just a sales pitch," she said. "They don't understand the extent, nor the

and-a-quarter," Pando said. "And the longer the staple, the stronger the fiber."

"And Pima gives a finer texture to fabrics," Alvarez said. Alvarez is in a good position to know about Pima. He raises 450 acres of organi-

cally grown Pima that he sells to spinning mills in Switzerland and Japan. "Many people who are environmen-

tally conscious like organically-grown cotton better," he said.

Most cotton is brought to the gin in modules, the long, plastic-covered bales that motorists see in the gin yard from Interstate 10. Late last year, they saw 900 modules in the yard, waiting to be ginned. In 2006, the gin hauled in 1,342 mod-

ules of Pima and 386 trailers and 1,663 modules of Upland and 379 trailers, Pando said. The modules hold from 14 to 22 bales.

The longest haul for the gin was 124 miles from Salt Flats.

Pando and the gin crew have been able reduce the cost of ginning that increased the returns to the farmer-members. As a non-profit organization the co-op can pay returns, and the returns the last few years have been from \$15 to \$20 per bale.

The other board members are: Robert Sloan, Billy Holbrook, Willie

Hernandez, Keith Deputy, Hector P. Franco, Dave Koenig, Eugene Watson, Luis Holguin, Carl Moore and Dino Cervantes.

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As an independent associate, Luke is able to work from her home to enjoy her other home-based businesses, including running Ponderosa Pines, a summer horse camp that acquaints children with horses.

benefits of the product and the protection the services provide customers.'

Luke said she also informs small and large business of

Farm & Ranch

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society's four branches - Yuma, Tucson and Tempe

After he received bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Arizona, Santiago started his "historical career" as a curator in the Century House in Yuma in 1984, which featured historical aviaries and gardens.

"I did basically everything there," he said.

From curator, he moved to a registrar and collections manager position in Tucson, and he was in charge of 25,000 historical objects.

In 1998, he took a temporary position as special projects manager in Tempe, Ariz., which basically consisted of organizing exhibits.

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the Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act's "disposal rule" passed in 2005, which calls for the proper protection and disposal of customer and employee BRIEFS

NMSU fire department awarded federal funds

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman announced that the New Mexico State University Fire Department has been awarded a \$34,102 grant through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

Funding can be used to implement operational and firefighter safety programs at the fire stations. Funds can be used for training, equipment, personal protective equipment, and modifications to fire stations and facilities.

"The funding awarded today will help the New Mexico State University fire department continue to serve their community," Bingaman said.

Bingaman is a strong supporter of the Assistance to Firefighters program, which provide much-needed federal assistance to local fire departments for equipment, training, and fire prevention campaigns.

University Advancement promotes McKinney

Rebecca Dukes, vice president for university advancement at New Mexico State University, recently announced that Jim R. McKinney has been promoted to the position of associate vice president of university advancement effective Jan. 2.

McKinney, who has worked for NMSU for more than 20 years, has been a staff member of the office of university advancement for the last six years. He most recently served as director of advancement services.

"Jim has been a critical member of the advancement team," Dukes said. "His technical knowledge combined with his leadership and integrity has enabled us to refine and improve the quality of the information maintained in our data files. He understands the critical link between accurate data and successful stewardship, particularly in conjunction with our current comprehensive fundraising campaign for NMSU."

McKinney earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from NMSU and a master's degree in business administration from the University of New Mexico. He taught in NMSU's College of Business from 1975 to 1977 as a visiting professor in the marketing department. In 1984, he joined the university's computer center and remained with ICT until his transfer to the office of advancement in 2000.

He said the title doesn't really change the focus of his job.

"My goal continues to be to improve the advancement office's ability to support the efforts of the alumni association, development officers and foundation accounting in stewarding relationships with more than 133,000 university alumni and friends," McKinney said.

"If I have one goal for 2007, it is to improve our ability to reach the more than 4,000 alumni who live in other parts of the world," he said.

LCAR welcomes new president

Connie Hettinga is a realtor's realtor. Named the 2006 Realtor of the Year by the LCAR, she has had an adventurous life and eclectic career ranging from Alaska to New Mexico. Here in Las Cruces she is currently the Assistant Managing Broker for Coldwell Banker de Wetter Hovious where she teaches and mentors newly licensed agents as well as looking after clients who appreciate her professional expertise and congenial personality.

Not only is she well equipped to do so with a string of accreditations (ABR, CRS,

E-Pro, CMS), she has also been remarkably involved with the industry: she is a Director for the State Real Estate Association of New Mexico, the Vice Chair of Budget & Finance, on the State Strategic Planning Committee, and the President of the Stanley H. Mathis Foundation, a RANM foundation dedicated to real estate members and their family's education. She has always offered full service care to clients, customers, and colleagues and feels helping people find a home is the same as helping them buy a gift for themselves. With a supportive husband as well as two daughters and three grandchildren, she is an approachable, personable, and exceptionally dedicated professional. Her goal for the Association this year is to increase communication as well as enhance educational opportunities for all its members.

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One Connect IP, a New Mexico owned VoIP service is offering next generation telecommunications service in Las Cruces.

At its annual award banquet at Hotel Albuquerque on Nov. 3, 2006, Ortiz received the \$1,000 George Pulakos Memorial Scholarsheise she is she is eptionfor the e comship as et wo she is e comship as et wo she is e comship as et wo she is e comship as et wo ship as et wo she is e comship as et wo she is e comship as et wo ship as et wo s

Scholarship to Lorin Ortiz.

ship," Ortiz said, explaining, "The funds will help pay for my master's degree program, and I couldn't be more delighted." Ortiz, a senior at NMSU, is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Accounting degree

NMSU student

earns scholarship

The New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants (NMSCPA) recently awarded the seventh annual George Pulakos Memorial

enrolled in the Bachelor of Accounting degree program. She is expected to graduate cum laude in May 2007, and will continue her education by enrolling in the Master of Accounting degree program. Ortiz plans to take the CPA exam after she completes her graduate degree.

A native of New Mexico, Ortiz was raised in Albuquerque and attended Saint Pius X High School. She has worked in the accounting department at an Albuquerque-based engineering firm, and has also interned with a local certified public accounting firm in its audit department.

Pulakos & Alongi Ltd. established the George Pulakos Memorial Scholarship fund in 1999 following the death of George Pulakos, who co-founded the firm in 1972.

Pulakos studied accounting after serving in the U.S. military during World War II, and opened his own practice in Albuquerque in 1958. He formed Pulakos & Alongi, Ltd. with Carl M. Alongi in 1972, and retired from the firm in 1987. In 1998, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Mexico Society of Certified Public Accountants.



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Spring selling kicks off early in Las Cruces

Home inventory rises to 1,200+ unit mark

Las Cruces is used

appreciation...



After declining steadily since the summer of '06, sales of new and existing Las Cruces area single-family detached homes, townhomes and condominiums are again on the rise, according to a report posted on the Las Cruces Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) computer on Feb. 5. According to

the posting, pending sales began rising in the middle of January and have been inching-up steadily since that time.

A sale is listed as pending when a contract has been signed but the transaction has not yet closed. Since pending sales are typically closed within a month or two of signing, the number of pending sales is a harbinger of the how many closings will take place 30 to 60

days into the future. On the national scene, the National Association of Realtors (NAR) reported recently that pending sales were also rising in all regions of the country. That's good news for our local market because it will now be easier for folks who want to move here to sell their out-of-area homes. While an increase in the number of available buyers might be music to the ears of local sellers, their excitement may be somewhat muffled by the steady number of new and existing homes being added to our inventory each day.

And with the addition of each unit to our already sizeable inventory, competition for buyers really tends to heat up. According to MLIS, our inventory of new and existing single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums had grown to 1,200 units as of Feb. 5 from 858 units last July. That's an increase of 342 units and over 39 percent in just six-months. Additionally, MLIS shows that 83 existing manufactured homes-onland are being offered in addition to the 1,200 site-built variety.

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To what extent will the number of additional homes for sale and coming on line affect our local market? No one really knows; there are simply too many variables. In general, however, if the number of homes offered for sale continues to increase faster than the number of available buyers, sales will not be as brisk and prices will rise more slowly than they would ordinarily. (In some areas, prices could actually decline.) If the number of available buyers increases

at a rate that exceeds the addition of new inventory, however, activity and prices will most likely evolve at a more "normal" or perhaps even an accelerated pace.

Las Cruces is used to to setting new yearsetting new year-overyear records for home over-year records sales and appreciation, but projections are fuzzy when it comes to predictfor home sales and ing whether this year will The NAR's chief econo-mist, David Lereah, said recently that he expects the U.S. to experience

"modest sales gains throughout the year, with what I believe are sustainable levels of activity." Lereah also said "2007 promises to be the fourth best year on record." If he's correct, we should have an excellent chance of setting new records for both production and prices, as we have a first-rate track record of out performing the nation as a whole.

How will we know if we're on track for a terrific 2007? Stay tuned to this column, we'll figure it out together. Until then, I hope to...

See you at closing!

Gary Sandler has been a realtor for more than 32 years and is president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces. He is also the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection radio show, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570 and publisher of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection newsletter. Questions or comments may be directed to Gary at 525-2400 or by emailing to gary@sandlerteam.com.

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Sisbarro Luxury Motors General Manager Richard Frescas poses next to a Porsche Cayenne. The Porsche model is one of the pre-owned luxury models for sale at Sisbarro's newest dealership. The showroom was open for business on Saturday and will feature pre-owned luxury models by Lexus, BMW, Volvo, Audi, Subaru and others.



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IN GOOD COMPANY: ENCHANTED DOVES — **Releasing symbolic birds on any occasion** Enchanted Doves adds a unique touch to tradition

By NATISHA HALES The Las Cruces Bulletin

Throughout history, the white dove has been symbolic for many in the Western hemisphere, especially as a symbol of peace after its return to Noah with an olive branch showing the Great Flood waters had receded.

Today, releasing doves remains symbolic, especially at weddings and funerals, and Jeff Longwell of Enchanted Doves provides the birds to be released for that special occasion in town.

Longwell and his wife had a vending machine business before this one, but he said when he had kids, he had to stop because they would always ask for a candy bar or other unhealthy snack.

"I started thinking about other stuff I'd done and what would be fun for the kids," Longwell said.

Originally, when he searched on the Internet, Longwell said he was interested in butterfly releases, but the search also brought up dove release information.

"It was something I knew how to do," he said, since he raised pigeons as a child in Boy Scouts.

He combined what he knew how to do with his family – his wife Kristi; sons Benjamin, 6, and Caleb, 4; and daughter Grace, who will be 2 years old in June – who helped build a loft for the doves.

"They're all part of the business," Longwell said. "(The children) clean the loft, feed the birds and play in the park when we train them."

It took more than a year to obtain the flock he has now, which includes 50 rock doves in "different stages of life."

With his new business, Longwell said he is interested in weddings and funerals, but he also wants to let the public know that doves can be released for any

are trained to be re town and usually controls, grand openings, religious ceremonies and even housewarming parties.

Longwell does not have a store front, but he is available for scheduling, and about a month ago, the business launched its website, www.enchanted-doves.com.

For weddings, Longwell said the bride and groom can release their own dove along with a small flock released, or they can release doves from a heart-shaped basket. In funerals, one dove can be released in memory of the loved one who died.

The business, however, isn't just to release doves at the occasion and hope





CARLOS MARISCAL I The Las Cruces Bulletin The doves released by Enchanted Doves are trained to be released anywhere in town and usually come home within an hour, Longwell said.

safe.

"They mate for life. They have a family-type insinct," Longwell said.

He and his family make sure the doves have a home that makes them feel secure. Not only are they well cared for and well fed, but Longwell said he doesn't release his doves in windy weather, and he will not release them indoors or at night.

Another reason he opened his business was to keep people from buying white doves in pet shops for release.

"People buy white doves to release, and they end up dying because they can't survive outside of a cage," Longwell said. "It helps save the poor, defenseless ones and educates potential customers to leave those birds in cages. Our birds are bred to fly."

The Longwells are members of the International White Dove Society, which requires each member to uphold basic standards to maintain healthy birds. It

they survive. The doves are trained to fly back home after their release.

They were born in the loft, a place Longwell said is somewhere the birds feel safe and secure. To train them, he would take them out to different parks, and the rest lies in the birds' instincts. He said different studies suggest that the birds follow roads to come home, but he said he believes they come home because they feel



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Jeff Longwell of Enchanted Doves releases two white doves from a heartshaped basket. The basket is usually used during weddings, where the bride and groom can either release the doves together or by themselves.

also provides the Longwells with a quarterly journal, including information on marketing ideas and maintaining the health of the bird.

In addition to releasing the birds, Enchanted Doves also provides two fantailed doves – Romeo and Juliet – for show. Longwell said it's an added touch at weddings when the birds are in a decorated cage and placed next to the table for signing the guestbook. These doves are also an added touch to any occasion.

As his business continues to grow, Longwell said he will make the necessary adjustments to stick with it.

"This is something the family enjoys doing."



IN GOOD COMPANY: ENCHANTED DOVES

Talking business with owners Jeff and Kristi Longwell

What inspired you to go into business

Probably the same thing that inspires most people - a desire to do something you enjoy, be your own boss and set your own hours.

What is unique about your business?

Raising, training and releasing doves is not a common hobby in this area of the country. It has been a popular hobby/ business back east, and we wanted to bring that history and elegance to this area – especially as it is growing so rapidly.

Who are your customers?

The great thing about this business is that there are really no limitations to our customers. Anyone with a reason to celebrate can enjoy these beautiful birds. We anticipate a large number coming from wedding and solemn occasions.

How would you define success in the short-term?

Short-term success to us is really very simple. We want people to hear about us. We want to provide wonderful, memorable experiences for our customers and share our love for these beautiful, symbolic birds.

Where do you see the business in five vears?

In five years, we would love to be on everyone's list of the perfect addition to, or the perfect gift for, any celebration or ceremony.

What is your business philosophy? We really want to provide the most beautiful, memorable experience possible for our clients.

What is the best part of your job? The knowledge that the service we provide creates a sense of wonder and joy in all who see it. We also love caring for and training these beautiful birds.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

We work very hard to raise and train high-quality, beautiful white doves. They are well cared for and well trained to return home when released. They are a testimony themselves of our commitment to quality. We provide a very professional service that can be tailored to and enhance any occasion.

How are you marketing the business? We have discovered that word is spreading quickly from satisfied clients who loved the birds and are telling everyone they know. We are also trying to

work with other businesses in the area (i.e. wedding planners, event rentals, funeral homes, realtors and others) to provide our service in combination with theirs.

What is the best business decision you've made so far? We believe that the proven track record

of this business, both here in the states and internationally, made choosing to proceed with this idea a great business decision, especially with the potential of this market area.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

We realized as we have gone along that we need a website and more marketing in order to get our name and business out there. We are doing that now.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

A desire for independent ownership.

What has been your biggest surprise? Our biggest surprise has been how quickly others have grasped this idea of releasing white doves and want to share it with everyone. They really love the whole concept and seem grateful someone is providing it now.

What advice would you give to others starting a business? Research thoroughly and make sure you cross every "t" and dot every "i

What items do you carry, in brief,

and their price ranges? We provide both displays of doves and releases of doves in set packages and tailored packages, ranging in price from \$50 to \$300.

What is your most popular item? For weddings: a display of fan-tailed doves and a release of two doves by the couple, accompanied by a large release from a basket.

For funerals: A release of 14 doves followed by a single dove released by a family member representing the loved one.

What can be done to help

entrepreneurs succeed? We would love to see more incentives (i.e. tax breaks from the city or county) for a time while businesses get going.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Because our business is relatively new and unknown, our biggest obstacle really is just a need to spread the word. Once people know what we do, they get very enthusiastic and want to know more.





Fan-tailed doves like Juliet are ideal for show at weddings and other special occasions when placed in a decorative cage. Juliet's mate, Romeo, is in the cage.

What are your business goals? To become an integral part of the many special occasions the people of this area celebrate and observe.

What is the most important thing about your business that you wish

people knew? That we are here and would love to be a part of their special day or solemn occasion. It's difficult to really describe how much

these birds add to any occasion. They have a very long history of special symbolism that is very meaningful to a lot of people.

What is your opinion of the Las **Cruces business climate?** Las Cruces is an exciting place to begin a business at this time of growth. We believe the people of Las Cruces are looking for exactly this kind of quality, professional and symbolic service.



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Building Las Cruces Value Place Hotel



The Value Place Hotel, now under construction at 2080 Triviz Drive is scheduled to open April 24, according to job superintendent Mike Warren. When complete, the four-story, 40,280-square-foot building will contain 113 guest rooms and a guest laundry room. Each room will include a stove, refrigerator, microwave oven, high-speed Internet access and a television. The rooms are designed for guests who need long-term accommodations. The minimum time for which rooms will be rented is one week, and the charge is expected to be \$179 per week.

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Las Cruces Comcast reaches 10,000th high-speed Internet customer



John and Margaret Peters (center) were rewarded with six months of free high-speed Internet service for being the 10,000th high-speed Internet customers in Las Cruces. They were congratulated by Comcast Marketing Manager Melissa Turner (left) and Comcast Southern New Mexico Vice President and General Manager John Christopher (far right).

"My daughter uses Comcast and told me to call you. I did, and I'm very happy," Peters said.

"Customers love the quality, reliability and easy-to-use features of Comcast high-speed Internet," Christopher said. "We're excited to have reached this milestone so quickly."

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Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value	Permit \$
07-0TC-1151	Homeowner	Lucelva Maestas	Res/Add	2045 Rosedale Drive	N/A	\$4,000	\$51
07-0TC-343	Saratoga Homes of N.M.	Saratoga Homes of N.M.	Res/New	3702 Piedras Negras	High Desert	\$168,660	\$3,377
06-CBI-12696	Garland & Loman Inc.	F & A Dairy Products, I	Comm/Add	355 S. Crawford Blvd.	N/A	\$150,000	\$599
07-0TC-819	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2112 Windsor Place	Avalon Park	\$158,400	\$2,640
07-0TC-1012	Five Star Builders, LLC	Weldon Hamilton	Res/Alt	1450 Avenida de Mesilla	N/A	\$11,900	\$99
07-RBI-944	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes, LLC	Res/New	1322 Magoffin Place	Legends West Ph2	\$119,700	\$2,931
07-0TC-1146	GL Green & Associates	Greg Green	Res/New	996 Flora Vista Drive	Corazon del Valle	\$144,420	\$3,320
07-RBI-945	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes, LLC	Res/New	1318 Magoffin Place	Legends West Ph2	\$143,100	\$2,986
07-0TC-986	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	1207 Turkey Knob	Sandhill Center Heights	\$161,700	\$3,444
07-RBI-751	B.E.A.R. Construction	Bear Construction	Res/New	931 Flora Vista Drive	Corazon del Valle	\$130,320	\$3,287
06-SUI-6448	Gallardo Construction	3242, LLC	New Subd	1 Tidwell Terrace	N/A	\$563,447	\$28,172
06-SUI-10099	Burn Construction Co.	Sonoma Ranch	New Subd	1 White Sage Ph1	N/A	\$303,888	\$15,649
07-RBI-835	Segovia Homes	Chris & Lori Foster	Res/New	4467 Nambe Arc	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	\$168,120	\$2,322
07-0TC-1141	GL Green & Associates	Mathew Adams	Res/New	992 Flora Vista Drive	Corazon del Valle	\$138,540	\$3,306
07-RBI-891	Rodolfo Quintero Con	Christopher Sanchez	New Duplex	826 N. San Pedro	N/A	\$156,000	\$1
07-0TC-960	Zertuche Builders	Victor & Silvia Lopez	Res/New	4080 Calle de Estrella	Dos Sueños	\$142,080	\$3,155
07-0TC-814	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	New Townhouse	2147 Tor Lane	Avalon Park	\$114,780	\$3,251
07-RBI-348	Saratoga Homes of N.M.	Saratoga Homes of N.M.	Res/New	3706 Piedras Negras	High Desert	\$169,680	\$3,379
07-0TC-1087	Camino Real Builders	Camino Real Builders	Res/New	2994 Long Bow Loop	Diamond Springs	\$150,240	\$2,925
07-0TC-928	Homeowner	Melvin D Morrow	Res/Alt	4442 Visa de Luz Court	N/A	\$4,600	\$57
07-RBI-947	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes, LLC	Res/New	1306 Magoffin Place	Legends West Ph2	\$143,100	\$2,986
07-0TC-1185	Flair Homes, Inc.	Flair Homes	Res/New	4602 Rimrock	Park Hill Estates	\$136,500	\$3,358
07-RBI-1086	Enchanted Desert Homes	Bob Flamm	Res/New	4359 Yavapai Court	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	\$174,600	\$2,393
07-RBI-1082	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4720 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	\$173,940	\$3,389
07-RBI-1080	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4758 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	\$175,640	\$3,346
07-RBI-892	Medina Homes	Medina Homes	Res/New	2541 Los Alamos Court	Rancho Lomas	\$348,360	\$3,565
07-0TC-1337	Danny's Painting & Re	MoN/Arch Properties	Res/Alt	1900 S. Solano Drive Bldg 13	N/A	\$45,000	\$265
06-RBI-11833	Sandoval Homes Inc.	Sandoval Con.	Res/New	4073 Calle de Luna	N/A	\$140,520	\$3,152
07-CBI-898	Baker Enterprises, Ac	Gary Anderson	Comm/Alt	115 Roadrunner Parkway	N/A	\$75,000	\$377
07-RBI-1079	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4761 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	\$101,520	\$3,220
07-RBI-1084	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4806 Calla Bella	Los Enamorados	\$101,520	\$3,220
07-RBI-1083	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4804 Calle Bella	Los Enamorados	\$110,580	\$3,241
07-0TC-1295	Sandia Sunrooms Inc	Joseph & Betty Parker	Res/Add	4337 Camino Dos Vidas	N/A	\$98,940	\$140
07-RBI-949		Desert View Homes, LLC	Res/New		Legends West	\$19,000	\$140
07-0TC-1116	Desert View Homes LLC	DEP Building Co	Res/New	1314 Magoffin Place 2137 Sedona Hills Parkway			
	DLP Building Co			4006 Elks Drive	Sonora Springs N/A	\$191,700	\$3,271
07-0TC-1386	Homeowner	Francis & Dottie Crew	Res/Alt		Avalon Park	\$600	\$31
07-0TC-1342 07-0TC-1243	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2146 Tor Lane		\$114,780	\$3,251
	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	4543 Azure Hills	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$189,360	\$3,156
07-0TC-1225	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	970 Gilmer Way	Avalon Park	\$150,960	\$3,352
07-0TC-1350	Castle Construction	Mary Ann Hendricks So	Res/Add	2128 Laredo Drive	N/A	\$52,418	\$286
07-0TC-1400	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2114 Windsor Place	Avalon Park	\$130,680	\$3,388
07-0TC-1401	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	5801 NuN/Atak Place	Vista de la Montaña	\$150,960	\$3,419
07-0TC-1221	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2111 Windsor Place	Avalon Park	\$136,680	\$3,302
07-0TC-1246	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	4573 Azure Hills	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$118,020	\$3,176
07-0TC-1234	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2158 Tor Lane	Avalon Park	\$125,640	\$3,276
07-0TC-1240	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	4549 Azure Hills	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$133,140	\$3,211
07-0TC-1450	Fierro Enterprises	Fierro Enterprises	Res/New	4668 Mesa Rico	Mesa Grande	\$114,300	\$2,253
07-0TC-1244	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	4507 Azure Hills	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$159,000	\$3,272
07-0TC-1219	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2063 Briarwood Lane	Avalon Park	\$130,680	\$3,288
07-0TC-1237	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2150 Tor Lane	Avalon Park	\$125,640	\$3,276
07-0TC-1231	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2152 Tor Lane	Avalon Park	\$114,780	\$3,251

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Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value	
31706	Del-Rose Const.	Reymundo Garcia	Comm/Add	5165 Doña Ana Road	N/A	\$330	
31712	Self	Joe & Veronica Moya	Res/Alt	4405 Calle de Oso	N/A	\$170	
31713	Self	Bobby & Mary Perez	Res/New	5421 Four Winds St.	Anasazi Estates 3	\$1,151	
31714	Self	Irma Ramirez	Res/Alt	703 Sara Arzola Road	Mercure Estates	\$100	
31715	Garland & Loman	Griffith Joint Venture	Comm/Add	2400 Airport Road	N/A	\$1,165	
31717	Self	Samuel Torres	Res/New	1053 La Quinta St.	La Quinta Subd.	\$624	
31720	Tim Curry Const.	J. Mark Glenn	Pool House/Garage	4242 Superstition Drive	Cassidy at Sundance Acres	\$550	
31722	Self	Isreal & Sylvia Chavez	Res/Alt	184 Misty Way	N/A	\$290	
31723	Pan American	Ramon & Eva Hernandez	Res/New	3799 Vaquero Place	Los Caballos	\$535	
31726	Self	Robert Holguin	Res/New	64 Shrode	Bureau of Land Mgmt	\$544	
31730	RDJ Bldrs. LLC	RDJ Bldrs. LLC	Res/New	4111 Camino Bonito	Dripping Springs Subd.	\$912	
31733	McGinley Const.	Michael Keller	Pool House	4418 Echo Canyon Road	Cassidy at Sundance Acres	\$1,470	
31734	Taj Const.	Joseph Cervantes	Res/Add	5075 Wind Summit Place	Summit Chase	\$330	
31738	J.E. Larkin	Louis & Judith Edwards	Res/New	3260 Mesilla Hills Drive	Adelanto Estates	\$617	
31739	Zion Bldrs	Ivan & Blanca Ramirez	Res/New	101 Rinconcito Court	Rinconcito	\$460	
31741	Acosta Construction	Rafael & Anna Marie Acosta	Res/New	7375 La Fleche Place	Ranco del Gallo	\$832	

Horseman's Association encourages efforts to improve

Awards banquet honors local riders

By MARVIN TESSNEER The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Horseman's Association's Gymkhana Division likes spunk.

The association gives special recognition to members who make the extra effort to improve their riding skills during the season, not just to the high-point leaders.

The 2006 Most Improved Riders in the Gymkhana Division, whom were named at the LCHA Award Banquet, were:

Kailee Parra, Six and Younger; Manny Quintanilla, 13 to 17; Teresa Montoya, 18 to 39, and Steve Proffitt, 40 and Older.

The top Gymkhana High Point winners, in order of placing, were:

- Forty and older Julie Herring, Chris Laney, Steve Hazelton
- Eighteen to 39 Larissa Harrison,
- Shannon Inks, Estella Leyja **Thirteen to 17** Kaysha Nakamae, Ash-ley Terrazas, Shelby Preece
- Ten to 12 Justine Smith, Kellie Carson, Devon Waisbrot
- Seven to Nine Miranda Cisneros, Brandon Lopez, Devin Lopez
- Six and Younger Shelby Alexander,

Emilee Parra, Alexandra Veyna The LCHA is a family group that encour-ages youths to participate. It also offers a Lead Line Division, when adults lead the horses for the young riders. The association encourages

these youngsters with special awards:

Lead liners who won Perfect Attendance Awards were, Lori Dinwiddie, Amarah Fladhammer, Cooper Gahan, Dalton Kyle, Taylor Kyle, Isabella Latasa, Richard Lucero, Amy Weich and Shiree Yarbrough.

The Gymkhana also presents a Mega Motivator Award to the rider who encourages and supports other members. And the 2006 winner is Stella Leyja.

The division's Special Honor went to the Venya family for:

Leading by example; helping where it is needed; falling off and getting back without grievance; lending a smile or hug or hand-up when it is neeed, and always happy to be a part of the Gymkhana Division.

The LCHA holds nine gymkhanas a year, the third Saturday of the month from March to November.

The LCHA also revived the Western Show Division, last season, and the first-place winners were

- Adult Erin Weich
- Fourteen to 17 Adeana VanMeter Nine and younger - K-Von Armijo
- The 2006 Harry Jiron Memorial Good Sportsman Award went to Ken Nakamae. In the Hunter/Jumper Division, the top
- riders, in order of placing, were: Adults Bill Gammill, Kristi Gottsponer, Alex Saenz
- Youths Savanna Webb, Chantal Villescas
- Children Veronica Alba
- Walk-Trot Jillian Goodart, Hannah Pleasant, Jenna Andrews
- Lead Line Tied for first place, Ethan Alberson, Lila Alberson, Bella Alberson, Ross Alberson

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For the Love of Art Month rolls around Las Cruces community works together to promote local artists

By JOEL COURTNEY The Las Cruces Bulletin

An entire month of art exhibits, celebrations and love of the arts has returned to Las Cruces for February, affectionately known as For the Love of Art Month.

This year marks the ninth annual month-long event, which is sponsored by

the ArtForms, a local organization dedicated to promoting "art in all forms." "For the Love of Art

"For the Love of Art Month is off and running," said Flo Hosa Dougherty, president of ArtForms. "This community loves a celebration."

The festivities began at the beginning of February with the work of local artists being displayed throughout Las Cruces at various galleries

at various galleries and local businesses. (For a full listing of business and galleries hosting artists, see below on page C2.)

below on page C2.) Thursday, Feb. 8, saw the opening of the ArtForms member show in the Shannon Room at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, which will run through Wednesday, Feb. 28. The 2007 For the Love of Art exhibit will feature more than 40 pieces of artwork from ArtForms members.

pieces of artwork from ArtForms members. "We have a really eclectic collection of art pieces this year," said Cheryl Fallstead, ArtForms event coordinator.

ArtForms event coordinator. The weekends of Feb. 10 and 11 and Feb. 17 and 18, local artists will host tours of their work in their home studios and galleries located around town. The studio tour, originally set for just one weekend, was split into two weekends to allow the participating artists to visit each other's studios, according to Fallstead. (See page

Business/Organization

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CHERYL FALLSTEAD, ArtForms event coordinator

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to meet the artist.

C3 for a complete listing of artists on the studio tour and page C2 for a map of studio sites. For a printable version of the studio tour map, visit www.lascrucescvb.org.)

"It makes the art more meaningful to meet the artist," Fallstead said. Dougherty added, "It enlightens the pub-

lic to see the workplaces that artists have." Mesilla will join in celebrating the arts with their fifth annual For the Love of Art

Celebration on the Bove of Art Plaza Saturday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Mesilla celebration will feature 10 artists from the area with their work for sale, as well as a performance by the Border Jazz Trio from 2 to 3 p.m.

Trio from 2 to 3 p.m. "Since Las Cruces started celebration For the Love of Art, we have worked to enhance what Las Cruces does and let Mesilla be a part of it," said Kristie Medina, special events coordinator for the town of Mesilla.

According to Fallstead, the original intention of ArtForms was to make people more aware of the quantity and quality of the arts in Las Cruces, but has since expanded to providing venues for local artists and allowing those artists to interact with other fields of the arts. She added that ArtForms works to "have art seen as a business, rather than a hobby."

a hobby." ArtForms is a group of approximately 100 individual members of the Las Cruces arts community. The Las Colcheras Quilt Guild is a longtime member of ArtForms, and recently, the New Mexico Watercolor Society also has joined forces with the organization.

ArtForms holds meetings at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall, on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information about ArtForms or becoming a member, contact 541-4353.



Exhibit or Performance

Dates, Times, Details

Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado #1, 523-2311 ------- Joyce May, collage and pastel landscapes ------- Wed. - Sat. 10 a.m. Sun. noon - 5 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Blue Gate Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, 523-2950-------Flo Hosa Dougherty, paintings------Tues - Fri. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Sat. 9 p.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 2, 5 a.m.- 7 a.m. Bountiful Baking Company, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., 532-6886------ Rebecca Courtney, abstract and landscape acrylic paintings ------ Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St., 541-2155------- Las Colcheras Quilt Guild Show (Opens 2/23 from 5 to 7 p.m.) ------ Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Branigan Library, Terrace Gallery, 200 E. Picacho Ave., 528-4000 ------ NM Watercolor Society's For the Love of Art Show (Opens 2/2, 4 to 6 p.m.)--- Mon. - Thur. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sun. 1- 5 p.m. Drawings by Maria Cristina Studio, 1910 Calle de Parian, Mesilla------ Cristina Fridenstine, freehand drawings in MS Word; folk paintings------- By appointment - call 312-9530 Emerald Isle, 1710 Calle de Mercado Mesilla, 525-9177 ------ Kathleen Squires, oil paintings ------ Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Glenn Cutter Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, 524-4300------ Lois Wilson, fused glass; Brian Fallstead, metal sculptures ------ Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Sat. - Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. International Delights, 1245 El Paseo Road,. 647-5956 ------ Frank Parrish, photography ------Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market, Downtown Mall ------- T. LaPierre, sculptures; F. Parrish, photography; S. Gaskill, multi-media ------ Sat. 9 a.m. - noon Laughing at the Sun Gallery, 1910 Calle de Parian Mesilla, 523-1890 --- C.C. Cunningham, paintings in acrylics- figurative, landscapes, whimsical ----- Thur. - Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m. M. Phillips Fine Art Gallery, 300 N. Downtown Mall, 525-1367 ------ Russian and European Art ------ Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wed. 8:30 - 4; Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Main St., 523-4847 ------ Original works by several local artists ------ Mon. - Fri. 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sat 10-Noon Rising Sky Artworks, 415 Foster Road, 525-8454 ------ Richard & Dorothy Rising, stoneware and porcelain ceramic creations ------ Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Roffler Family Hair Care Center, 1750 E. Lohman Ave., 524-1500 ------ Ron Cooper, photography- landscapes, seascapes, portraits & poetry------ Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Studio 309, 309 E. Organ St., 649-3781------ Thur. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and by appointment

February: 'For the Love of Art Month' - Studio tours

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Map Letter	Member Name	Gallery & Studio Name	Art Offered	Date(s)	Address
А	Jan Addy, Juliet DeLaricheliere		Watercolor paintings, collages, note cards, watercolor giclees	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	484 Calle de Oro
В	Mari Blacker	Mari's Studio	Indoor and garden sculptures, paintings	Feb. 11 & 18	2553 Scenic Crest Loop
С	Ruth Drayer		Original acrylic paintings, giclee prints, notecards	Feb. 10 & 11	1155 N. Miranda #B-7, upstairs apartment, Unit B
D	Penny & John Duncklee	Studio-Gallery 1201	Watercolor paintings and demonstrations; books by John Duncklee	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	1201 Second St.
Е	Martha Duran		Handmade paper, journals, etc. and the processes and equipment of hand papermaking	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	204 Manso Ave.
F	Susan Frary	Shade Tree Products, Ltd.	Metal sculptures – steel and copper; home and garden décor	Feb. 10 & 11	132 W. Willoughby Ave.
G	Maria Cristina Fridenstine	Drawings by Maria Cris- tina Studio in Old Tortilla Factors	Artist prints of free-hand drawings in MS Word; acryl- ics on canvas; paintings on wood and handpainted and handcrafted retablos	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 10 & 18	1910 Calle de Parian
Н	Susan Long	Black Box Theatre	Abstract landscapes in charcoal, watercolor, gouache, acrylic, oil	Feb. 10 & 11	430 N. Main St.
Ι	Joyce May		Oil paintings, pastels, collage, jewelry	Feb. 17 & 18	1003 Coyote Trail
J	Valice Raffi, Brian Fallstead, Cheryl Fallstead	Blue Moon	Ceramics, metal sculpture, photography	Feb. 17 & 18	4919 Elks Drive
К	Dorothy & Richard Rising	Rising Sky Artworks	Stoneware and porcelain pottery; demonstration of wheel throwing	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	415 E. Foster Road
L	Ken Stinnett	Studio 309	Photography, jewelry	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	309 E. Organ St.
М	Lynn Unangst	Casa de Puertas	Spirit Minder dolls, gourd jewelry, beaded jewelry, beaded buttons, hand weavings – garments, scarves, rag rugs, needlepoint gift items, landscapes, bags, etc.	Feb. 10 & 11	4020 Red Yucca Court
Ν	Roy Van Der Aa		Mixed media and found object pieces	Feb. 10 & 11 Feb. 17 & 18	2645 Doña Ana Road
0	Cally Williams	Cally Williams Pottery	Pottery, jewelry, weavings, paintings	Feb. 10 & 11	331 Capri Arc
Р	Lois Wilson	Southwest Glass Creations	Functional and art creations in fused glass; fused glass jewelry	Feb. 10 & 11	4178 Calle de Estrellas
Q	Daphne Wirthlin		Acrylics on canvas, Southwest, whimsy, folk art paintings	Feb. 10 & 11	5103 Alamo Mine Trail



Give Your Sweetheart Flowers for Valentine's Day!

> Tuesday – Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.



'Love Letters' returns to Black Box Theatre

Annual Valentine's production runs 7th year

No Strings Theatre Company presents seas owing to the celebrity casts who per-its seventh annual production of A.R. Gur-

ney's 1988 smash hit "Love Letters" with a single performance on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14. Curtain time is 8 p.m. at the Black Box The-atre, 430 N. Downtown Mall.

No Strings Theatre Company's annual production features a different couple each year. This year, Michelle Privette and Chuck Gordon star in this delightful twocharacter play chronicles that

the lifelong relationship between a man and a woman solely through their corre-spondence. "Love Letters" tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose poignantly funny friendship and ill-fated romance takes them from second grade through adolescence, maturity and middle age.

"Love Letters" has gained a unique reputation all over the United States and over-

Michelle Privette and Chuck Gordon star in the seventh annual production of A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" at the Black Box Theatre on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 14.

unique and imagina-tive theater piece, which, in the words of playwright Gurney, needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no

special set, no memo-rization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of perfor-mance." The letters, as the actors read them aloud, create an evocative, touching, frequently funny, but always telling pair of character studies. The Wall Street Journal called "Love Let-ters," "the love affair of a lifetime" and "an

exhilarating, funny, moving event," while Time Magazine lauded it as "one of the best American plays of the decade," and the New York Times praised it as "wittily, irresistibly moving."

Refreshments will be served after the performance of "Love Letters." Tickets are \$9 for regular admission and \$8 for students and seniors over 65 and may be reserved by calling 523-1223. Reservations are highly recommended as space is limited.





Now Playing

A Song at Twilight Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets: \$6-\$9 Through Feb. 18

Vincent in Brixton Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus 646-4515 Tickets: \$10-\$15 Through Feb. 18

Love Letters Black Box Theatre 430 N. Downtown Mall 523-1223 Tickets: \$8-\$9 Feb. 14 only

Upcoming Performances

Mister Roberts Las Cruces Community Theatre 313 N. Downtown Mall 523-1200 Tickets: \$5-\$8 Opens Feb. 23



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THE LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

Gender issues abroad 'Taafe Fanga' shows role reversal in male-dominant African society

film review

"Taafe Fanga" starts Friday, Feb. 9, at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla and runs for

one week. Not rated, it would probably merit

a PG, with little that could offend anyone. It is in the Kaado and Bambara languages with

good subtitling and runs for approximately 100 minutes. Please note that even though this film was released in 1997, it is not the

classic film for this calendar, and regular

By JEFF BERG For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Taafe Fanga," which translates to "Skirt Power," might not be a good movie to see on a first date.

Funny, charming and geographically unique – it is one of the few films to ever come out of the African country of Mali. It is, however, a great movie to see for anyone who needs a lesson on how to create domestic bliss.

After another fight with her husband, Yayame is out gathering wood one day. She and the other women of her village are gender oppressed by their loutish husbands. The women do all of the work – wood gathering, cooking, laundry and

childcare and then are expected to be perky and alert to answer their husbands matrimonial inspired physical needs each night.

However, this is different. day She happens upon а bush spirit. which happens to be a powerful fable inspired demon. The wandering spirit has a huge mask, and tradi-tionally the villag-ers are required to do whatever the spirit commands.

But Yayame decides that enough is enough,

mugs the demon, swipes her mask, and goes back to her own village. She lets a few of the other wives in on the secret, and they hatch a plan to scare the men into doing something besides loafing around the village square and quaffing beer.

The hoax goes according to plan, and the men, scared out of their tutus by the "demon," are soon part of a full case of role reversal. Who is doing the cooking now, complete with complaints administered by their wives? Who is gathering the wood and carrying the water, not to mention doing all of the childcare? Why, the men, of course, while the women relax into a form of semi-retirement. Beer never tasted so good!

All is not as blissful as it would seem, however. A young girl, who acts as a narrator of sorts for the picture, continually challenges both the women and the mean into meansidering what has here

men into reconsidering what has happened. In her youthful and intelligent eyes, a compromise would create a much better way of life for all of the villagers. Complicating the

Complicating the whole issue is the original demon that wants her power-inducing mask returned at once and is not beyond using skullduggery herself in order to retrieve it.

es... Jeff Berg doesn't do windows, but is okay with

other types of housework. Find out his cleaning secrets at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

A Valentine's treat at the Fountain '15 Amore' shows life in Australia and crosses cultural barriers during WWII

The CineMatinee film for Saturday, Feb. 10, is "15 Amore" (1998, 92 minutes). Based on director Maurice Murphy's experiences on a farm in rural Australia during World War II, "15 Amore" is a passionate, wonderful tale of when the world was in chaos – an acutely moving observation from the point of view of a young boy.

During the war, Italian prisoners of war in Australia were routinely assigned to farm and cattle station families in need of help.

This film, mostly a series of vignettes, involves two Italian soldiers, who, for more than three years, played father to three children whose real father had left them to fight in the Australian army – and what happens when two mother-and-daughter German Jewish war refugees also find refuge at the same property.

It is a gentle and interesting mixture of Australian, Italian, German and Jewish culture in a land, which, for all intents

> SPECIAL EVENTS!

Before Friday's screening of "Taafe Fanga," there will be a music performance by The New World Drummers, and a visiting dancer from Mali will perform. This will start at 7 p.m.

Immediately after the screening of "Taafe Fanga" on Feb. 9 at approximately 9:45 p.m., a free screening of Richard Linklater's "Dazed and Confused" will take place. The film is a droll and gently humorous piece about "slackers" set in Austin, Texas in the 1970s. and purposes, recognizes no cultural barriers, with a gentle love story rolled in for good measure. Beautifully shot, and with a gentle mix of adventure, tragedy and love, "15 Amore" is a small gem of a movie and a Valentine's Day season treat.

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. However, this month the theater will feature films that you should have seen but probably didn't.

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

Two CMI films seeking actors

A casting call for two independent films produced through the Creative Media Institute of New Mexico State University will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 167 of Milton Hall (CMI hallway). Shooting dates for the short film "Among The Living" are March 3,4,10 and11. Casting (Anglo or Hispanic) needs are: male – 32-40ish, female – 15-18, male – 25-30, female – 32-40 years old. Shooting dates for the short film "Mr. Bob" are March 17, 18, 19 and 20. Casting needs are: male – early to mid-20s, Female – 20-27, male – middle aged, male – any age, female – middle aged, extras. For more information call 312-8319 or 312-3335.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the folk sound of Larry Stocker on Friday, Feb. 9 from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000

"THE SECRET" SHOWING

Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m., the movie "The Secret" will be shown at Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Downtown Mall. Admission is free. This Australian film is not being shown in theaters. The event is open to the public. For more information. call 650-7344

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

LAS CRUCES CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF JENNIE CURRY

Founder's Day of the Storytellers of Las Cruces brings a festival of stories of all kinds: traditional to evolutionary, dance to Chautauqua, adult to children. Please join us from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the New Mexico State University Zuhl Library. Refreshments, stories and music are free to the public. For more information, call 521-1819.

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 Garry Orr. Call 528-3000 for more information.

KNITTING GUILD MEETING

The Unravelers Knitting Guild meets on the second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Dresp Room A at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. New and experienced guests are welcome to bring their knitting. There will be a yarn swap, so bring yarn to exchange, too. The group is asso-ciated with The Knitting Guild of America. For more information contact LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or at meadows@zianet.com

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

Central Elementary School physical edu-cation teacher Tommy Esparza will be the celebrity guest reader at the Doña Ana Arts Council's (DAAC) Magic Carpet StoryTime, 11:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 10, in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Downtown Mall. The event is free and open to all children. Esparza has been with Las Cruces Public Schools for 17 years. This is his first year at Central Elementary. He was recently named one of two national winners of the American Alliance for Health (AAHPERD), Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's 2007 Jump Rope for Heart (JRFH) Outstanding Coordinators of the Year. Esparza has been involved with JRFH for 16 years, hosting 23 events and helping raise more than \$100,000 for the American Heart Association. The program is designed to raise awareness and prevent heart disease and stroke. Each child who attends DAAC's Magic Carpet StoryTime has his or her own "magic carpet" to sit on during the readings, donated by architect Gary Williams of Williams and Associates of Las Cruces. Each guest celebrity reads all or part of a children's (second- to fifth-grade level) book to the assembled group.



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reading are placed into a drawing. The winner gets to keep the book that was read that Saturday. For more information, contact Rio Grande Theatre Manager David Edwards at 523-6403 or david3@daarts.org

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

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NMSU SYMPHONIC WINDS

The New Mexico State University Symphonic Winds will perform its honor band concert at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, at the NMSU Music Center Recital Hall. Rhonda Taylor, an NMSU music professor,

will be featured during the concert. She is a saxophonist. Ticket prices are \$7 general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for students. To purchase tickets, call 646-1420 or visit any Ticketmaster outlet

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Photographer and refuge naturalist Jerry Goffe will lead his annual workshop on Wildlife Photography on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 6:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Goffe and friends will first provide an overview on wildlife and nature photography, followed by hands-on instruction. Techniques and

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tips will be utilized while photographing the sandhill cranes, geese, refuge landscape and wildlife. Canon will be supplying some advanced point-and-shoot cameras and flash units for the use of attendees. Bring your camera, instruction manual, media (memory) cards or film, tripod, lunch and water for an all day workshop. The Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge is located south of Socorro. Take I-25 to exit 139, go east 1/2 mile to NM Highway #1, then south eight miles. Meet in front of the Visitor Center at 6:15 a.m. The event is free, but limited to 20 participants. Reservations are required. Call (505) 835-1828 for more information or reservations.

LAURA INGALLS WILDER: THE LIFE AND LEGACY

There will be a presentation of Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Life and Legacy of "The Little House" Author on the 50th anniversary of her death presented by Alice B. Davenport at the Terrace Gallery of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Sunday, Feb. 11. An overview will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m., and in-depth presentation will be from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Seating is limited to 20. Call Alice at 527-1411 to reserve your seat. The event is free to public.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

LAS COLCHERAS QUILT GUILD

Las Colcheras Quilt Guild will meet at its new location 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, knowl-edge and friendship. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and members, potential members and guests are invited to attend. For more information, contact Libby Pruett at 521-3050.

HISTORICAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION

On Monday, Feb. 12, local historian Beth Morgan will be presenting a program with question and answer about conducting personal historical research. This will be in the Dresp Room of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. If you are interested

in more information, contact Morgan at standsred@zianet.com

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

STITCH'N VISIT

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

BEGINNING ARGENTINE TANGO DANCE CLASSES

Beginning Argentine tango dance class-es run Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. with a 45-minute practice session to follow. This is an exciting dance form that is sweeping the nation. Instructors are Monina and Curtis Graham. Classes are at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center auditorium, 304 W. Bell Ave. Singles and couples are welcome. For information, call 382-1640 or 496-2761.

"CROSSING THE LINE" BOOKSIGNING

On Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Dresp Room of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., Diane Nilan will be presenting a video, speaking about and signing copies of her book "Crossing the Line: Taking Steps to End Homelessness." Nilan is founder and president of HEAR US, Inc. a nonprofit dedicated to giving voice to homeless children in the U.S. You can find out more information about HEAR US, Inc. at www.hearus. us. Thanks to COAS Bookstore, you will be able to purchase a copy of "Crossing the Line" and have it signed by Nilan after the program

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BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Come out and learn to fox trot, waltz. swing, cha cha, rumba and American tango. This is a 13-week program which began Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Primary instructors will be Monina and Curtis Graham. Lessons will be given at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center auditorium, 304 W. Bell Ave. Singles and couples of all ages are welcome. The event is sponsored by the NM Performing Arts Academy. For information, call 521-0274, 382-1640 or 496-2761.

PETER FLETCHER CONCERT

On Thursday, Feb. 14, classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will make his third appearance on stage in the Branigan Library's Dresp Room. The Branigan Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave. At the end of the concert, you will be able to buy his CDs and get them signed. More information is available on Fletcher's website: http://peterfletcher.com/ or by calling 528-4001.

PAISANO CAFÉ WINE DINNER

Paisano Café is having a "Wine Dinner" on Valentine's Day at 5:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m. Wine will be provided by Luno Rossa Winery. Paisano will provide a gourmet fivecourse meal. The cost is \$49.95 per person. For more information, call 524-0211

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

GORDON OWEN BOOK REVIEW

Dr. Gordon Owen, author of "The Two Fountains" and "Las Cruces, N.M., 1849-1999; Multicultural Crossroads," will be the guest speaker Thursday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m., at the monthly Golden Mesa Library book review at Golden Mesa Gracious Retirement Living Complex, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Owen's book on the history of Las Cruces gives the reader a remarkable and occasionally humorous history of the town and Dona Ana County. This paperback book sells for \$15 and Owen will have copies for sale and signing. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 522-4219.

SUNLAND STAR SINGING CONTEST

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

HOWLING COYOTE OPEN MIC

The Howling Coyote Coffeehouse/Open Mic begins its third year at the Mastery in Life Center, 575 N. Main St., continuing on Friday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. The Howling Coyote is open to acoustic musicians and poets and averages about 70 people in attendance. Coffee, soft drinks and light snacks are offered, and the event is open to the public. For more information, call Bob Burns, music director, at 525-9333 or toll free at 1 (800) 894-0859.

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals of Laura Humpherys on Friday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

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Although she never had one of her own, exhibit designer Megan Walker gets a close look at a circa 1950s Roy Rogers-style child's cowboy hat as she gives a final dusting to the base of the hat's display case, while helping to prepare for the opening Monday, Jan. 22, of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's latest exhibit, Cowboys and Hatters: Bond Street, Sagebrush, and the Silver Screen.



The exhibit, scheduled to run through June 27, features a variety of men's hats which were popular from the mid-19th through the mid-20th centuries, including western styles, bowlers, sombreros, top hats, and straw boaters.



Curator of exhibits Dave Lundy cleans a vintage hat stretcher and makes sure it is working as he helps to prepare for the opening of the Farm & Ranch's latest exhibit.

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Toni Laumbach, director of programs and chief curator, carefully places a gold top hat of circa 1870-1880 in its display case.







Rhett Skelton, left, of Albuquerque, and his father Irv Skelton, who recently moved back to Las Cruces, discuss a display of western hats.



Don and Hazel Perry of Spotsylvania, Va. view a display of vintage hatboxes.

Have-a-Heart exhibit opens Graduate Art Association to host art sale for La Casa and NMSU programs

The Graduate Art Association of NMSU campus. New Mexico State University will host All proceeds f the Valentine art "Have-A-Heart" Exhibition, featuring heart-related original art on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6 to 9 p.m

The exhibit will be held in the arts building, D.W. Williams Hall, on the



All proceeds from the exhibition benefit La Casa, a nonprofit organization assisting women and children who are victims of domestic violence, as well as the NMSU Graduate Art Association and Art Society. The money given to La Casa will go towards their capital campaign for expanding the current shelter facilities. According to Zoe Spiliotis, vice president of the Graduate Art Association, money raised for the two art organizations at NMSU will be used to fund more opportunities for the arts in the community, such as donating murals to local organizations and bringing in guest artists for demonstrations.

Given the word "heart," nearly 40 local and national artists explore what the image of the heart represents, incorporating a heart in the design or basic concept of the work in key or subtle ways. All art is a convenient size of 6 inches by 8 inches and will be sold for the affordable price of \$20. Artists will sign the back of their work, which will only be revealed to the buyer. There will also be several larger pieces of art and other items donated from local business available in a silent auction.

Food, refreshments, music and raffle prizes will be available throughout the night.

For more information, call 646-1705 or 645-9779.

A heart-themed piece by Vick Verauteren will be on display at the Have-a-Heart art exhibit, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 10 at Williams Hall on the NMSU campus.

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J.M. CRAMER | The Las Cruces Bulletin Above: Irine Roane discusses her pottery with Terry Thomas.

Left: Georjeanna Feltha shows off Louise, one of her felt doll creations.

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Breaking the traditional color rules Daphne Wirthlin's paintings explore a magical world full of color

By JOEL COURTNEY

Although she has always been a very creative person, Daphne Wirthlin never imagined that she was an artist until she began painting less than two years ago. Since then, her colorful works of art have graced numerous private collections and several local galleries.

"One morning last July I woke up, and I just knew that was a painter and that was OK,"

Wirthlin said. Wirthlin got her start in the art

world through photography while liv-ing in India as a child. She said she remembers using an old Box Brownic camera at the age of 9 to take pictures of "holy men and other holy objects."

Wirthlin's passion for photography has stayed with her to this day, and she often takes pictures of the birds and other desert wildlife that live around herhome behind Tortugas Mountain, although she

admitted she doesn't take as many picnow tures because of time the she spends

painting. In addition to her skill as a photographer, spent she 18 years as a profes-sional actress Canada, in before living Portland, in Ore

While still in Portland, Wirthlin would travel through

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the Southwest to visit her brother who lives in El Paso. Her travels would bring her through the City of the Cross es, and after spending more than a year living outside of Tucson, Ariz., Wirthlin and her husband Gene made the move to Las Cruces

This is a good

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and paint.

DAPHNE WIRTHLIN,

Artist

"This is a good place to live and paint," she said. Wirthlin began creating plinths, colorful wooden stands, in Las Cruces before starting to paint with acrylics on canvas.

"It's really been a magical expe-rience," she said. "Who would have thought I would find a new creative outlet at this part of my life?" Her work takes colors that vividly

contrast, and she uses them to portray fantastic and realistic desert scenes, the likes of which are not being creating elsewhere in Las Cruces.

"I thought everyone would be painting like this," she said. According to Wirthlin, color has always been an important part of her life since she was a child because of the emotions they evoke. And she said her color choices all come from the fact that "no one told me not to.

She added, wouldn't have made it in art school. But I feel I'm successful because the people whose work I admire and respect are incredibly supportive of my work. Wirthlin's color

choices are not the only unique part of her artistic style. She also enjoys getting a dif-ferent perspective while painting.

"I always lay a piece flat on the table while I'm painting," she said. "I like to climb up and see it from above.

Wirthlin also works on commissioned pieces, but

takes a rather unique approach to the commission pro-

"I don't accept money for a commission until the piece is finished," she said. "That way there is no pressure for me, which allows me a totally stress-free environment.

She added the lack of pressure allows her to create the quality of work she makes. To keep her freedom, Wirthlin said she has chosen so

far to not hang regularly in a gallery.
"I feel freer on my own right now," she said.
Wirthlin's next showing will be at the "All You Can Eat"
exhibit at the Hal Marcus Gallery in El Paso in March.

To see more of Daphne Wirthlin's work, her studio at 5103 Alamo Mine Trail will be available as part of the For the Love of Art Month studio tours on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10 and 11. Her work also can be seen online at www.whimsy-art.com.





"Babaloo and the Hummingbird" by Daphne Wirthlin



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NBC	9	9	Poker After	Dark 🖾	Today (In Ste	ereo) 🖸			Babar (EI)	Dragon (EI)	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie	Jane	Jacob
KINT	10	26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayun	o Alegre: Fin		Ultracham	Mochila Azu		Lente Loco	Trato	Muévete	
KTDO	(11)	48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Todo Bebé
KTFN	13	65	Carita de Ár	igel	Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Pequeño	Escuadrón	Animal	Mega Match	1
KTLA	14		Farm Rpt.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T
WGN	(15)		Enterprise	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeTeam	"Cleveland"
ESPN	16		SportsCente		SportsCente	er cc	SportsCente	er 🖸	SportsCente	er 🖸	College Gan	neDay (Live)	College Bas	ketball
USA	31		Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Nashville St				Kate Boswort		*** "Casir	
TNT	32		"Interview-V	amp"	* "I Know W	/hat You Did	Last Summe	e r " (1997)			Jennifer Lope		* "Twisted"	(2004)
TBS	33			Harvey) Sandra Bullo				(1993) (PA) J	Julia Roberts.		My Best
SPIKE	34						*** "The L							MuscleCar
LIFE	39				Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.				*** "Pretty			<u>Y</u>
A&E	43		Murder, She		Murder, She		Biography "						Airline	Airline
HIST	44		Heavy Metal			Mail Call	Wild West Te		American Ea		Decoding th		Decoding the	
TLC	45		Paid Prog.			Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep		Clean Swee		Clean Swee		Trading Spa	
DISC	(47)		Little Giant	<u> </u>	0	Paid Prog.	Mega Builde		Mega Builde		Futurecar Ex		MythBuster	
FAM	51					Step-Step	Full House					Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN	52					Maggie				Higglytown			Mickey	Mickey
NICK	54			OddParent			SpongeBob					Avatar	Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC	57		()	"Warlock" (1			Man Without				nanche Territ			Tall Men
SCIFI	58			Paid Prog.			* "Carnosau							
CNN	62		CNN Saturd			House Call					CNN Saturd			
HBO	306						Jolie. (In Stere			(:20) ★★ "Sı		* "Date Mov		
MAX	322	·	(4:05) "High		*** "16 Blo				ck the Bear"			** "Jingle /		
SHOW	343		* "One Tou	gh Cop " (199	8) CC	(:40) *** "	Head" (1968)	iTV. 🖸	(:15) ★★★ "I	My Date With	Drew" (2004) [CC]	(9:50) "Mixe	d Nuts"

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KRWG	(2)	22	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Mental	Philosophy	Theus	Desert
CBS	(4)	4	College Bas	ketball UCLA	at West Virgi	nia. 🚾	PGA Golf AT	&T Pebble Be	each National	Pro-Am Th	ird Round. 📼		NFL Footbal	I: Pro Bowl
KCOS	5	13	High Q	Americas	Food	Lidias				Sews		Hometime	Workshop	Old House
ABC	7	7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Skiing Hond	a Ski Tour.	Basketball	College Bas	ketball Team	s TBA. (Live)	(CC)		Montana	Suite Life
KFOX	8	14							Paid Prog.				Smallville "L	ucy" 🖸
NBC	9				*** "Four	Weddings an	d a Funeral"	(1994)	Paid Prog.	Bull Riding	PBR Tour. (Ta	iped) 🖸	Paid Prog.	Reporter
KINT	10	26	(10:00) Muév	/ete				Los Grande					Primer Impa	cto
KTDO	(11)			Frecuencia					95) Brad Renf		Fútbol			
KTFN	13	65	Mega Match			rbaros" (198	7, Fantasía) D	avid Paul.	★★★ "Arma				** "Broken	
KTLA	14		Legion							The Littles			Smallville "S	acred"
WGN	(15)				Soul Train 🛙				81) John Clee		Funniest Ho		American Id	
ESPN	(16)		College Bas				at Wisconsin.		College Bas				College Bas	ketball
USA	31				995) Robert D				003, Drama)				Monk 🖾	
TNT	32		(10:00) * "Ti				arlize Theron.		(:15) * "Don				*** "Signs	
	33		(iend's Wedd				uire" (1996) T				*** "Men i	
	34		Xtreme 4x4				Rongguang	Yu.	** "Crocod				Disorderly C	-
	39				aham, Taye D				006) Dermot N			r Love" (1998		
	43					Cruise, Jack N			Sell House			Sell House		
	44		Decoding th		Modern Mar						L	vels "Walt Dis		
	45		Trading Spa		What Not to		Outrageous		Moving Up		Moving Up		Property La	
	(47)		Dirty Jobs "S		Dirty Jobs ©		Dirty Jobs ©		Survival Sto		How to Surv		How to Surv	-
	(51)						lave Fun" (19			" (1999) Gre			★ "Au Pair I	()
	52				Doodlebop		Lilo Stitch			le: So the D		K. Possible		Dragon
	54					SpongeBob		Phantom				Catscratch		
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	58				Species" (199				rienne Barbea			f the Damned		
	62		In the Money		CNN Live Sa		Special Inve		CNN Live Sa		CNN Live Sa		Lou Dobbs	
	306		Billie Jean K		Inside the N		Thin (In Ster					" (2005) Ioan		Aqua
	322				irgin" (2005)				edemption"			(:20) ** "M		
SHOW	343		Mixed Nuts	Filmmaker	Filmmaker	Greenspan:	Pride Agains	st Prejudice	(:05) *** "	Stage Beauty	r" (2004) Billy	Crudup.	"The Honey	mooners"





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KRWG	2		Aggie		Monarch o		Lawrence	Welk	Keep Up	Summer	Fields	Red	MontyP	My Fam	Sharpe	Road
CBS	(4)	4	(4:00) NFL	Football A	FC-NFC Pro	o Bowl.	To Be Ann	ounced	Cold Case	CC	48 Hours I	Mystery	News	Edition	CSI: Miam	CC
KCOS	(5)	13	Ask This	Cooking	Lawrence	Welk	Antiques F	Roadshow	In Search	of Myths a	nd Heroes	CC	Soundstag	je 🖸	(Off Air)	
ABC	(7)	7	News	ABC	News	Insider	Charlie B.	Winnie	** "Bring	ing Down	the House"	(2003)	News	(:35) Chea	ters (N)	Access
KFOX	8	14	Star Trek:	Ent.	NASCAR F	Racing: Nex	tel Cup S	Shootout	College Ba	asketball Te	eams TBA.		News	Seinfeld	Mad TV (N) [CC]
NBC	9	9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Dateline N	BC CC	Law & Ord	ler: SVU	Law Order	r: Cl	News	(:35) Satu	day Night	Live (N)
KINT	10	26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Far	nilia	Sábado Gi	igante					Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
KTDO	(11)	48	Pagado	Noticie	Vas o No V	las "Con Bo	oletazo"	Urgente	** "Trapp	ed" (2002)	Charlize Th	neron.	Titulares	Pagado	Conquista	dor
KTFN	(13)	65	"Broken A	rrow"	*** "A Fe	ew Good M	en" (1992,	Drama)	Fútbol de	la Liga Me	xicana		Contacto	Pepsi Mús	sica	Yo Vengo
KTLA	(14)		**** "L.	A. Confide	ntial" (1997) Kevin Spa	cey, Guy Pe	earce.	Raymond	Raymond	Idol Rewin	nd	The Shield	CC	KTLA Prin	ne News
WGN	(15)		Funniest	Funniest	Chicago A	uto Show	King: Man	of Peace	WGN New	s at Nine	Sex &	24 (In Ster	eo) 🖸	24 (In Ster	eo) 🖸	Rambo III
ESPN	(16)		College Ba	asketball	College Ga	ameDay	College Ba	asketball F	orida at Ker	ntucky.	SportsCer	nter 🖸	Midnight		SportsCer	
USA	(31)		Psych 🖸		Law & Ord	ler: SVU	Law & Ord	der: SVU	Law & Orc	ler: SVU	Law Order	r: CI	** "Amei	rican Pie" (1999) Jasor	n Biggs.
TNT	(32)		(4:00) "Sig	jns" 🖸	*** "Slee	py Hollow	" (1999) 🖸				r" (1999) 🖸		** "Once	Upon a Ti	me in Mexi	:0" ^(C)
TBS	(33)			lack" (PA)	★★ "Men i	n Black II"	(2002)	(:45) * "B	ue Streak"	(1999) (PA)	(:45) ** "	Swordfish'	' (2001) (PA) CC	Lethal 2
SPIKE	(34)		UFC Unlea	ashed	UFC Unlea	ished	Ultimate K				TNA impa	CT! CC	TNA	Ultimate k	nockouts	Knock
LIFE	(39)		*** "Din	ner With Fr	iends" (200)1) CC	** "Shatt	ered Heart	s" (1998, D	rama)	Medium 🖸		** "Some	Kind of W	onderful"	1987)
A&E	(43)		Sell	Sell	Flip This F	louse	Flip This F	louse	The First 4	18 00	American	Justice	Flip This I	House	Flip This I	louse
HIST	(44)		Modern M	arvels	USS Cons	tellation: B	attling for I	Freedom	True Carib	bean Pirat	es 🖸		USS Cons	tellation: E	attling for	Freedom
TLC	(45)		Flip	Flip	Moving Up	o (N)	Flip	Flip	Trading S	paces (N)	Moving U	0	Flip	Flip	Trading S	paces
DISC	(47)		MythBuste	ers 🖸	Japan: Fu	ture	Combat Zo	one	Futurewea	pons	How	How	Japan: Fu	ture	Combat Z	one
FAM	(51)		(4:00) "Au	Pair II"	** "Stepr	nom" (1998	, Drama) Ju	ulia Roberts	CC	*** "Ste	el Magnolia	as" (1989) S	Sally Field.	C	Videos	Videos
DISN	(52)		Emperor	Emperor	Replace	Replace	Montana	Montana				Kim	Kim	Kim	So Raven	So Raven
NICK	(54)		Sponge	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Full Hse.	Full Hse.
AMC	(57)		"Jeremiah		*** "A B	ronx Tale"	(1993) Rob	ert De Niro.		**** "Ta	axi Driver"	(1976) Rob	ert De Niro.	. ,	"Once-Am	nerica"
SCIFI	(58)		* "Gargo	/les: Wings	of Darknes	ss" 🖸	"Pumpkin	head: Bloo	d Feud" (20	007)	** "Pum	kinhead II	: Blood Wir	ngs"	"Pumpkin	head"
CNN	62		This Week	at War	Investigati	ons	Larry King	y Live	CNN Satu	rday Night	Investigat	ions	Larry King	Live		rday Night
HBO	306	5)			(:15) * "Da						ane Mosley.		(:15) ** "			
MAX	322			and Seek"									ld Virgin" (** "ATL"	
SHOW	343	3)	Honey	Sham		r Hawk" (20			he Zodiac"				'Saw II" (20		Elite Xtrer	
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CBS	4 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	Believers	CBS News S	Sunday Morn	ing 🚾	Nation	Open	Spinning	Motorcycles	j
KCOS	5 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Macroecon	Nova 📼 (DV	′S)		History
ABC	77		Wall St	News		Good Morni		News		This Week V	J.	<u> </u>	NBA
KFOX	8 14					Paid Prog.		Fox News S			Paid Prog.		Riches
NBC	<u> </u>			Today (In St		Riches	<u> </u>	Paid Prog.	<u> </u>	Meet the Pre		Matthews	Music
KINT			Caliente	Tu Desayun				Mochila Azu		República D	-		
KTDO			Pagado		Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Mi		Pagado	Tus Mano
KTFN	13 65	Carita de Ar		Azul		Patrulla		Plaza Sésa		Escuadrón		Pepsi Músic	
KTLA	14	The Shield		Paid Prog.		Pacesetter	Success	<u> </u>	Believers				Changing
WGN	(15)		Paid Prog.			This Is Day	<u> </u>	Feed			Even	Funniest	Funniest
ESPN	(16)		SportsCente		NFL				SportsCenter				Bowling
USA	31				J. Osteen	Psych 🖾		Monk 🖾				eather Grahar	
TNT	32	(4:00) ** "E				bance" (2001		** "Out of				★★ "John G	
TBS	33		"The Pelican					PA) Ben Afflec				acemaker" (1	
SPIKE	34			Paid Prog.		MuscleCar			Hrsepwer			Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!
LIFE	39	Dr. Frederic		Hour of Pov	-	Paid Prog.		Gay	Gay		of My Heart"	()	
A&E	43	Old House		Breakfast W		Breakfast W							
HIST	44		HistoryCTR		Generatn	First to Figh		** "Raid or				Rommel 🖸	
TLC	45	Little Giant			Paid Prog.	While You W		While You V		Trading Spa		Trading Spa	
DISC	(47)	<u>v</u>	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.	Inside Anim		Inside Anim		Killer Crocs		MythBuster	-
FAM	51	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House		Boy World				Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN	52		Whiskers		Maggie	Bear	JoJo		Higglytown		Einsteins		Mickey
NICK	54				Neutron			OddParent			Mr. Meaty		Nicktoon
AMC	57	(4:30) ***	"5 Fingers" (Voyage to the				Shootout		entine's Day	Massacre
SCIFI	58		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ripley		' (2002, Horro					Prophecy
CNN	62	CNN Sunda				CNN Sunda	, ,	Reliable Sou		Late Edition			
HBO	306		(:20) ** "Fi					ig (Never Sto				"Star Wars:	
MAX	322	"S. King Th		★★ "ATL" (2		" Harris.	(:45) ** "Fi	refox" (1982)				"War of the	
SHOW	343	(3:45) Push	(:45) ** "T	he Honeymoo	oners"	Filmmaker	** "Madiso	on" (2001, Dra	ama) 🖸	(:15) ** "Sa	ahara" (2005) iTV. (In Stere	30) CC

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KRWG	(2)	22	Santa Fe	Business	Aggie Alm	Doctor	Healthy	Antiques Ro	adshow	Pres. Conve	rsations	China From	the Inside	Seasoned
CBS	4	4	College Bas	ketball Conne	ecticut at Geo	orgia Tech.	PGA Golf AT	&T Pebble Be	each National	Pro-Am Fir	nal Round. (Li			Travel Styl
KCOS	5				At Close Ra			Business	Healthy	Mature	The Suprem	e Court (In S	tereo) 📼 (DV	S)
ABC	7			ball San Anto					ball Los Ange	eles Lakers at	Cleveland Ca	avaliers.	Entertainme	nt Tonight
KFOX	8			Paid Prog.							Visions		Sunland Sta	
NBC	9			"Music of th		Snowboardi			Colorado Ava				Paid Prog.	
KINT	10	26	Fútbol de la	Liga Mexica	na		Qué Locura			ita " (1979) M		lazco.	Primer Impa	cto Mundial
KTDO	(11)	48	Fútbol								WWE Raw			
KTFN	(13)		Objetivo Fai	ma		dad" (1986, [** "Cuando				"Cazador-So	
KTLA	14					The Littles			*** "Cop L				*** "G.I. J	
WGN	15			rried Margo"					(1999) John S		Funniest Ho		Funniest Ho	
ESPN	(16)		PBA Bowlin		Bull Riding		Bull Riding		Pro-Am Pok				SportsCente	
USA	31			lutty Profess					he Klumps"			an Pie" (1999		
TNT	32		(10:00) ** "		Law & Orde							r (In Stereo)		
TBS	33			maker" (PA)					* "Blue Stre				*** "Men i	
SPIKE	34		Pros vs. Joe		CSI: Crime		CSI: Crime S		CSI: Crime S			2004) Tom Be		
LIFE	39			rts' Angels Fa					1992) D.B. Sv			e From Clau		
A&E	43			'irm" (1993, D					Iceman-Psyc		Iceman Con		Cold Case F	iles 📼
HIST	44			Stories of fire		The Wrath o		Witch Hunt			Alaska: Big			
TLC	45			Simple (N)			Sports Disas		Sports Disas		Sports Disa		Sports Disa	
DISC	(47)		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
FAM	51			verly Hillbillie					Jackie Chan			Hour" (1998)		
DISN	52				Doodlebop		Lilo Stitch		"Kim Possib			K. Possible		
NICK	54			Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron		OddParent		SpongeBob			School
AMC	57			*** "Once								*** "A Bro		
SCIFI	58		<u>, ,</u>	Prophecy: U			<u>, ,</u>	/		es. 🖸	** "Dragon	fly" (2002) Ke		
CNN	62		This Week a		Special Inve		In the Money		CNN Live Su		CNN Live Su		Lou Dobbs	
HBO	306	· ·		Episode II"		(:45) * "Big			5) CC	*** "King I	Kong" (2005)	Naomi Watts		
MAX	322	/	"War of the			1d " (2005) (In			rd Way" (199			"Comedy in		
SHOW	343)	Sahara	(:25) ** "Be	eauty Shop"	(2005)	(:15) ** "Th	e Hitcher" (1	986) Rutger H	lauer.	** "Donnie	Darko" (2001	 Jake Gyller 	ihaal.

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KCOS	5	13	The Supre	me Court @			Nature (N)		Masterpie	ce Theatre	"Dracula"	Nearby	Globe Trel	ker	(Off Air)	
ABC	7	7	News		Makeover:		Makeover:		Housewiv	es	Brothers &	& Sisters			Ebert	Insider
KFOX	8	14	Idol Rewin	nd	King-Hill	Simpsons	Simpsons	King-Hill	Family	Amer	News 🗠		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Cowboys
NBC	9	9	NBC	News	Grease: Yo	ou're the O			Apprentic		Crossing	Jordan (N)	News	(:35) Alias	CC	Shield
KINT	10	26	Noticias		La Hora P		Bailando p		de Mis Su	eños			Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Ve	rdad
KTDO	(11)	48	Remix TV	Noticie	★★ "Men i	in Black II"	(2002) Will	Smith	** "Gone	in 60 Seco	onds" (1974	l)	Titulares	Pagado	"Ladrones	sAsns"
KTFN	13	65	"Cazador-	Sombr"	* "Home	Alone 3" (19			* "El Orde	en de la Mu	erte" (2001)	Contacto	** "Jueg	os del Dest	tino"
KTLA	14		(4:00) "G.I	. Jane"	All of Us			Chris	Reba		7th Heave	n (N)	Beauty, Ge		KTLA Prin	ne News
WGN	15		Funniest		Idol Rewin		Ult. Blackj		News		Sex &	Scrubs		Real TV	Ult. Black	ack
ESPN	16					etball Chica				SportsCen					SportsCer	
USA	31		** "Amer	ican Pie 2"			** "Amer	ican Wedd	i ng" (2003)	CC	Law & Ord		Law & Ord		"Americar	
TNT	32		Law & Ord			ime to Kill"						ime to Kill"			Bullock. 🖸	
TBS	33		"Men in B	lack" (PA)	*** "Oce	an's Elever	n " (2001) G	eorge Cloo	ney.	*** "Oce	an's Eleve	n" (2001) G	ieorge Clooi	ney.	"The Peac	emaker"
SPIKE	34		* "Sniper	2" (2002) T	om Berenge	er.	★★ "Snipe	er" (1993) T	om Berenge	er.	CSI: Crim	e Scn	CSI: Crime	e Scn	CSI: Crime	e Scn
LIFE	39		"Nora Rob	erts' Monta	ana Sky" (2	2007) 🖸	"A Valenti	ne Carol" (2007) Prem		Grey's An		Strong Me	dicine	Strong Me	dicine
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KCOS	5	13	Curious	News	News-Leh	rer	Antiques	Roadshow	American	Experience	"New Orlea	ans" (N)	Business	Charlie Ro	ose (N)	(Off Air)
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"Like my father used to say, it is harder not to think about something you have been told not to think about than to think about something no one has ever thought of before."

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OPENING THIS WEEK

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The ArtForms Artists Association's ninth annual For the Love of Art Month Member Show continues through Feb. 28 at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. Paintings, photography, ceramics, collage and sculpture are just a few of the art media that are on display and for sale. The show is open regular museum hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

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

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

The Las Cruces Arts Association will be featured at the Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church during the month of February. The exhibit will run through Feb. 28. The art has been created on the theme "Songs into Art," creating visu-



"Tacos at Pastor" by Kathleen Squires at Emerald Isle Boutique

al views of musical pieces. The results will be judged by painter and printmaker Joyce Macrorie, who will award ribbons and cash prizes. Twenty-five to 30 members have entered up to two pieces each. The association has approximately 40 to 45 active members who work in a variety of media, including: oils, acrylics, mixed media, pastel, watercolor, dyes on silk and collage. Current members include Nobuko Bassett, Margaret Bernstein, Rayma Claessen, Helga DeLisle, Phyllis Delzer, Flo Hosa Dougherty, Carolyn Bunch, Ruth Drayer, Jane Dunne-Brady, Alice Dressler, Penny Duncklee, Pam Eberly, Ellen Egan, Nancy Fairbank, Ken Faner, Pat Faner, Dolores Fuller, Marion Fulmer, Patricia Gaskins, Toni Graywolf, Shirley Hawkins, Mayanna Howard, Patricia Keever, Carol Kennedy, Julia Koontz, Lynn Leland, Judy Licht, Louise Lockhart, Wilma Lomastro, Jean Long, Carol Lopez, Sally Marsh, Vinita Neff, Hope Newhouse, Janet Parks, Margaret Pedreny, Shirley Pereda, Helen Polley, Caryl Porter, Maria Simpson, Roselyn Smitley, Jill Steinhoff, Fidelia Vasquez and Lucia Wilcox. The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive



"Anticipation" by Penny Duncklee at the Branigan Cultural Center

and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or by appointment. For information, call 522-7281.

HELIX PROJECTS

Helix Projects is pleased to present works by Las Cruces artist and Helix Projects coowner Jason Denholm, who said, "The works present thought-forms, pictures brought about through the contemplation of ideas and things; images that exist in a realm of their own: somewhere between abstraction and figuration, the fantastic and the everyday." An opening reception will be held in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble on Friday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, please call 527-0921 or visit www.helixprojects.com.

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 starting Feb. 1. "Unlikely Valentines," a spoof on contemporary American culture, shows such pairings as Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and other interesting couples. Based on Grant Wood's classic "American Gothic," each is a limited edition of 10 and is signed and numbered by the artist. "Alternate Universe" stretches our usual perceptions of our universe. It features an exotic array of hand painted portraits of alien beings. Also included in the studio's display are some of Maria Cristina's new drawings in Microsoft Word from her "Day of the Dead" series, such as King Tut and Lynyrd Skynyrd, as well as classics from her "Frog" and other series. The artist's hours are Friday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., or by appointment. For information, please call 521-4694.

■ GLENN CUTTER

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will introduce a new artist, Pamella Sweitzer, on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. Her work is primarily watercolor and mixed media and the subjects she likes to paint most are mountains, canyons, walls, doors and her most favorite subject – horses.

PATIO ART GALLERY

With her varied paint brushes and vivid colors, Las Cruces artist Annetta Hoover tells her stories in the "New Mexico Series," opening at the Patio Art Gallery, University and El Paseo. Enjoying the opportunity to express ideas through painting, Hoover delights in being involved in the "Love of Arts" month in Las Cruces, offering fresh views of some of her favorite places in New Mexico. Hoover's "New Mexico Series" includes some 12 paintings, among them views of Steins and Madrid. She works in all mediums but especially enjoys acrylics. This is her fourth year with the Patio Art Gallery where she occasionally offers art classes.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE

The artwork of Martha Randall Brown, Sally Quillin and Laurel Weathersbee - otherwise known as Three Crazy Girls from Las Cruces - will be featured in a combined show called "Dramedy," conveying the dramatic colors and textures of their New Mexico environment with a strong sense of humor. The exhibit opened at the Rio Grande Theatre's El Paso Electric Gallery on Friday, Feb. 2, and will hang during the month of February. Opening at the same time in the Carolene de Mesilla Information Center and Gallery will be a showing of artwork produced by residents and children through programs at the La Casa Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence. Silhouettes created and decorated by women and children at the shelter along with decorated T-shirts as part of the "Clothesline Project" will be displayed. In addition, works created through the shelter's Youth-at-Risk program sponsored by the Doña Ana Arts Council will also be part of the exhibit. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the DAAC office at 523-6403 for more information.

WHITE RAVEN

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

■ WILD CHILD CREATIONS

Apparel artist Patricia McClure explores the origins of pre-written language cultures and their art during For the Love of Art Month. During this month, her shirts will emphasize art motifs from preconquest Mexico, petroglyphs from the Southwestern United States, cave paintings from Lascaux, France, the Snake Goddess and bullfighters of Knossos and the inexplicable Venus of Willendorf. These shirts will be available for purchase after Feb. 1. Special orders for men's and children's shirts will be available, too. Wild Child Creations' studio is located in Old Mesilla at the Old Tortilla Factory on Highway 28 and Calle de Parian. Studio hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. McClure can also be found at Saturday's Las Cruces Farmer's Market (weather permitting) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, please call 639-0188.

FUNKY KARMA

Taos artist Dennis Lujan began a new art show Jan. 27 at Funky Karma, 207-A Avenida de Mesilla. Lujan will introduce those not familiar with his work by exhibiting new and recent Machina's. Lujan will also introduce his new clothing line "Savage Hobajiven" to the college set. Jeans reworked, distressed, patched and painted tribal designs reinspired from the artists early years as a fashion designer. From newborns to 80, there's something for everyone. Funky Karma is your source for imported teas, incense, tea

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pots, cups and gifts from around the world and as well as here in Las Cruces. For more information, call 635-2275. Funky Karma is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery members present "My Masterpiece," a very special event, during February. Participating artists will exhibit works in the style of their favorite masters, then gallery visitors will have the chance to match gallery artists with masters and win prizes! The gallery will also offer a selection of works at a booth on the Mesilla Square on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In honor of "My Masterpiece," For the Love of Art Month and two February featured artists, the public is invited to a special artists' reception from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10. Come in and join the festivities, take part in the contest and meet February featured artists Carolene Herbel and Pat Burnett. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, in the historic Fountain Building, just across from the Fountain Theatre. For more information, call 522-2933.

BLACK BOX THEATRE

"Color, Design, and Imagination," Susan Long's watercolor, gouche and acrylic work is currently on display in thetheatregallery at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. Long, who has been painting for 16 years, studied art at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and The Art Student's League in New York City prior to moving to Las Cruces. A wine and cheese reception for the artist will be held on Friday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre in conjunction with the Downtown Ramble.

FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

A new temporary exhibit at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum explores the historical use of the hat by



"Beauty and the Burns" by Jan Addy at Branigan Library's New Mexico Watercolor Society exhibit

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 opens Jan. 22 and will be in the museum's north corridor through June 26. The exhibit features more than 50 hats with a wide range of styles that begin in the mid-1800s and continue through the 20th century. Also included are photographs, vintage hat boxes and hat-making artifacts. The Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, please call 522-4100.

STUDIO 309

Las Cruces' newest gallery Studio 309, is featuring three diverse artists during the month of February: photography by Ken



"Ginger on the Garden Chair" by Daphne Wirthlin, who will be featured in the ArtForms studio tour

Stinnet, unique one-of-a-kind jewelry by Lavernne Stinnet and paintings by Ruth A Drayer. Drayer's luminous paintings are layers of colorful acrylics applied to hand textured canvas. Regular hours of Studio 309 are Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 649-3781.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART

Las Cruces Public Schools' annual Winter Middle School Art Exhibit went up Nov. 10, in the LCPS Administration Building gallery lobby, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. The show, which will remain up through February 2007, features outstanding framed works and three-dimensional pieces from middle school students across the district. For more information, contact Bonnie Hosie at 527-9486 or bhosie@lcps. k12.nm.us.

NMSU MUSEUM GALLERY

"Friends of the Family: Photographs from the Amador Family Collection" will be the featured exhibit at the New Mexico State

University Museum. This unique exhibit will feature photographs taken by members of the prominent Amador family during the early 20th century in Las Cruces. The photographs were taken by one of Martin Amador's daughter (no one is certain which one) and provide a glimpse into the family's activities, neighbors, and events. These photographs reveal the people and places of Las Cruces during the Edwardian era. These were the years when Las Cruces became an important multi-cultural community in southern New Mexico. The museum is located on the NMSU campus in Kent Hall at the corner of University Avenue and Solano Drive. The museum is free and open to the public. Hours are noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-3739.

THE VALLEY ARTISTS

The Valley Artists is a group formed 19 years ago who paint together on Fridays at the Mesilla Community Center. Thirteen of its members are now showing at the El Ranchero Restaurant, 2605 S. Espina St. The artists presenting their work are Ann Dyer, Marion Fulmer, Pat Gaskins, Mayanna Howard, Joyce Key, Carol Lopez, Hope Newhouse, Janet Parks, Margaret Pedreny, Carol Porter, Maria Simpson, Betty Sweeney and Frances Viscosa.

LEATHER SADDLEMAKING

For generations, leather saddle makers' hand-tooled creations have connected horse and rider. As both artists and craftspeople, saddle makers designed and built a valuable tool that included a unique artistic touch. The new, semi-permanent "Legends in Leather: Saddle Makers of the Southwest" exhibit features an old-fashioned saddle store; a craft demonstration area; an interactive area with children's activities; and an historic area. New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Adult admission is \$3, \$2 for seniors 60 and older and \$1 for children 6-17. Kids 5 and younger get in for free. Call 522-4100 or visit www.frhm.org.





This postcard shows Main Street, Las Cruces. The back of the postcard reads, "Settled in 1848, Las Cruces has become a flourishing and prosperous city in the heart of the Southwest Sun Country." Thanks to Mary Alice Aylon for your contribution.

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Mumme satisfied Aggies announce 22 new football signees

This is the best

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HAL MUMME. NMSU Football Coach

By JOHN KEITH

Several years ago, when Hal Mumme coached football at Kentucky, he discovered that it is safe to have insurance.

Tim Couch, the All-American quarterback there, defected to the NFL after his junior season. Mumme had no qualified

replacement. That will not happen at New Mexico State where Mumme is cur-rently employed. On Wednesday, Feb. 7, he announced that quarterback J.J. McDermott, a 6-foot-4 prep standout from Katy, Texas, had signed a letter of intent with the Aggies.

"We're planning on letting him back up Chase (Holbrook, NMSU's record-setting junior-to-be) next fall," Mumme said. "We'd like to redshirt him his sophomore season, but if Chase should leave early for the draft, McDermott could step in

with a year's experience. Otherwise, we'll probably redshirt McDermott his sophomore year and then have him for three more years after Chase graduates.

McDermott is one of 22 new signees announced by NMSU Wednesday.

"This is the best class since we've been here," Mumme said. "We'll practice with a roster of 85 scholarship players next fall."

Included in that list was kicker Kyle Hughes from Columbia, S.C. An incoming freshman, Hughes will prob-ably kick extra point tries and field goals next season, hopefully restoring NMSU to respectability in the kick-ing game. Botched field goals and extra point tries last year were costly. The Ags' were in a position to win every game again the last of how on the settled for a 4.8 merced game save the loss at Nevada but settled for a 4-8 record instead.

Another priority, Mumme said, was at running back. NMSU announced the signing of two, 5-8, 191-pound Randall Bell of Roswell, Ga., and 5-10, 205-pound Ronald Opetaia from American Samoa. The Aggies recruited hard in Samoa, landing four players from that country altogether.

"Randall is what we were looking for at running back," Mumme said. "He's extremely physical and is a good run blocker and pass blocker."

The Aggies' coach said that recruit-ing went well this year, probably better than at any time since his tenure began at NMSU two years ago. "We got good reception from everybody we went after," he said.

"I think that Boise State's win over Oklahoma (in the Fiesta Bowl) gave our league some legitimacy.

Mumme said that he and his staff watched a lot of film on this year's incoming talent. "And we're already looking

at film on possible 2008 recruits," he said.

See Aggie Signee List on PAGE D5



Hal Mumme, who worked with a short roster on the football field last fall, will have a full team of 85 scholarship players for the 2007 season. On Wednesday, Mumme, New Mexico State's head coach, announced the signing of 22 new players.



Aggie freestyler Carolyn Bohm will swim in seven events at the WAC Championships that began Wednesday, Feb. 14.

There's poetry in swimming Bohm to compete in seven events at WAC meet

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RICK PRATT,

NMSU Swimming Coach

JOHN KEITH Sports Editor

Would Carolyn Bohm rather be called a swimmer who writes poetry or a poet who swims competively? A good reporter would have asked.

Bohm, a junior freestyler from Kent, Wash., swims on the women's team at New Mexico State. Her

poetry is strictly private. "I don't even show my poems to my teammates," she says. How, I asked, can you sell your

work if you don't let people read it? "Nobody knew what Emily Dick-enson wrote until after she was

dead," Bohm said. It figures. Gifted poets, many of

them, gain notoriety posthumously. If poetic fame awaits Bohm, it must wait. Right now her itinerary

is full. There's school, where she majors in English and professional writing- and swimming. "I don't have much time for anythng else," she said.

Bohm is busy enough as a swimmer. At the four-day Western Athletic Conference championships that begin next Wednesday (Feb. 14) in San Antonio, Texas, she will compete in the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyle plus additional duty swimming on four of NMSU's relay teams.

Preceded, we might add, with a leisurely swim of

lenge. NMSU is one of eight teams competing in the WAC meet. Hawaii, ranked No. 15 nationally, is picked to repeat as league champion. Rick Pratt, the Aggies' coach, thinks Bohm is good

enough to crash the top three in the 100 and 200 free-style. "She's a very hard worker," he says. "She's timid and quiet until she steps on the start-

7,000 to 8,000-yards to warm up. And you thought the English Channel was a chal-

ing blocks. Then she's fierce. "She's a perfectionist. A great stu-

dent in school and very well rounded." Pratt is rebuilding an Aggie team that finished 5-12 in dual meets this season, only his second as NMSU's coach. He succeeeded Mark McFarland, who decided he could make more money selling real estate.

It was McFarland who recruited Bohm out of Kentwood High School in Covington, Wash.

She is one of four on NMSU's roster recruited from that state.

"I wanted to go to college some place that was entirely different," she said. "I think I found it here. Las Cruces doesn't look anything like Washington.'

One of Bohm's English professors is Rus Bradburd, former assistant basketball coach at UTEP and New Mexico State and a published author himself.

"Good subtle sense of humor," Bohm says of Bradburd. "He keeps telling me to be sure and stay in the shallow end of the pool.







Sophomore, Men's Tennis

Sophomore Roman Stoisavljevic went 2-1 in both his singles and doubles matches when the New Mexico State men's tennis team opened its season with three dual matches in the state of Utah. In singles play, the Zagreb, Croatia, native went 1-1 at the No. 1 singles position and he was 1-0 at the No. 2 slot. Stoisavljevic defeated conference opponent Oscar Ericsson from Utah State, 6-4, 6-2, Feb. 2 in Logan, Utah. His only singles loss came at the hands on Utah's Zach Ganger who is the No. 45 singles player in the nation. In doubles action, he went 2-1 with senior Stjepan Beg, all at the No. 1 doubles slot. The duo's only loss also was against a ranked opponent, as Utah's Ganger and Miron Mann downed the pair, 8-4, Feb. 3, in Salt Lake City, Utah.



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Ags face Fresno State, Hawaii NMSU gets beaten at Utah State, 75-63

The New Mexico State men's basketball team faces a tough challenge when it tries to rebound from Monday's 75-63 loss at Utah State

The Aggies travel to Fresno State Saturday then face Hawaii in Honolulu on Monday

On Monday, junior Justin Hawkins scored in double-figures for the 17th time this season, but Utah State, behind a career-high 44 points from Jaycee Carroll, broke the Aggies' four-game winning streak at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Western Athletic Conference men's basketball.

The loss dropped the Aggies to 18-5 over-all and 8-2 in WAC play. Utah State, which is now 11-0 at home this season, improved to 17-7 and 6-4 in league action.

Hawkins (Anaheim, Calif.), who had five points in the first half, finished with 18 points on 8-for-10 shooting. Hawkins also dished out four assists and had two steals in the loss. Senior Elijah Ingram (East Orange, N.J.) was the only other Aggie in double-fig-

ures with 12 points. The Aggies shot 46 percent from the field, but hit just 2-of-11 3-pointers in the second half. NMSU also struggled from the freethrow line, hitting just 10-of-18 attempts

from the charity stripe. "I was disappointed in the way that our big guys played physically tonight," head coach Reggie Theus said.

The Aggies were out-rebounded 36-24, including an 11-8 edge on the offensive glass.

Carroll, whose previous career high of 32 was also against the Aggies last season, recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds. Carroll finished the game 12-for-16 from the field and 5-for-7 from 3-point range. Carroll was also a perfect 15-for-15 from the freethrow line.

When a guy (Carroll) is on a roll like that, it is hard to stop him," Theus said.

As a team, the UtAgs shot 90.3 percent from the charity stripe and hit 41.7 percent from long range.

The UtAgs used a nine-point run to start off the second half, all from Carroll, to push its lead to 41-30 with 18:15 to go in the half. After Aggie junior Hatila Passos (Rio de Janerio) was called for an offensive foul, New Mexico State head coach Reggie Theus picked up a technical foul and Carroll hit

both free throws to put Utah State up 11. During most of the second half, it was the UtAgs that had the answers to NMSU's

advances as the Aggies struggled to get the deficit to single digits for more than a few moments at a time.

With 6:07 to go in the game, Hawkins drilled a long deuce from the elbow, but backto-back buckets from Chaz Spicer pushed the advantage to 13 at 65-52 with just over four minutes to go in the game.

With under four to go in the game, Hawkins and Ingram drained 3-pointers to pull within eight at 67-59, but the UtAgs hit 5-of-6 free throws down the stretch to secure its 11th straight win at home this season.

Utah State used a perfect performance from the free-throw line in the first half to lead by two heading into the intermission. The UtAgs, led by Carroll's six free throws, were 12-for-12 from the charity stripe in the first half.

The UtAgs used three quick misses from the Aggies to sprint to an early five-point lead as Carroll hit back-to-back layups in transition and converted on a three-point play to make the score 5-0 just a minute and

a half into the game. Despite missing their first three attempts from the field, Aggies ended the half shooting 43.5 percent, including a 5-for-12 showing from 3-point range.

Down 14-7 with just under 14 minutes to go in the half, Ingram hit two 3-pointers from the top of the key to pull the Aggies within one at 14-13.

Ingram nailed with third straight 3-point-er to answer a trey from Carroll with 8:51 to go in the half, but moments later picked up his third personal foul and had to sit the remainder of the half.

Senior Ted Knauber (Albuquerque/Sandia HS) nailed a 3-pointer from the elbow to tie the game at 26 with just under four to go in the half. It was the first time since the game was knotted up at five apiece.

With under a minute to go in the half, Kris Clark hit his only field goal attempt of the half to push Utah State back ahead two and NMSU went into the locker room trailing 32-30.

The Aggies were led in the first half by nine points from Ingram and five from Hawkins. Ingram was a perfect 3-for-3 from 3-point range while Hawkins hit 2-of-3 shots from the field.

Carroll led all scorers with 18 points in the first half while grabbing four rebounds. Clark, who averages less than 2.5 points per game, had six in the first half.



NMSU's Justin Hawkins scored 18 points, dished four assists and made two steals in the Aggies' 75-63 loss at Utah State Monday, Feb. 5.

To fit or not to fit The golf doctor looks at club fitting



During a recent trip to Albuquerque I stopped in at Bullseye Golf Center (884-3454) on Menaul Boulevard. Bullseye has been around selling golf equipment for some 30 years, but now there's a twist. About 1,000 square feet are devoted to a new system of club fitting called Hot Stix. [There are now dozens of Hot Stix licensed fitting centers around the country (most in stores), along with several mobile ones in vans.] Bullseye also has a certified club maker in the shop to build and modify clubs.

Dan Rish, the Hot Stix guru at Bullseye, explained that the whole system operates on a vast database comprised of tens of thousands of swing videos and statistics, which are combined with data from research on just about every golf club on the market. One source I found noted that the Hot Stix swing robot took 40,000 recorded swings just last year with a very large array of golf clubs. Rish says that the Hot Stix research folks independently test woods, irons, wedges, putters and balls. "These people are completely unbiased," says Rish, "and they're not affiliated with any club manufacturer in any way."

any way." The Hot Stix indoor fitting section at Bullseye consists



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1201 E. Amador • 526-8055 (Tuesday Nites are Karaoke Practice) of a couple of fairly roomy hitting bays with nets. The first step in the process is for Rish to collect enough data on an individual golfer's swing so the computer can process it and compare it to the mass of existing data. In my fitting session, unfortunately shortened some by time constraints, I

took about 10 swings, hitting each ball into the cage with my current driver. An ultra-high-speed camera recorded each swing, and reproduced data from the six best swings, creating the following specs: my clubhead speed, the ball speed coming off the clubface, amount of backspin, and the launch angle of the ball just

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speed coming off the clubrace, amo the launch angle of the ball just after impact. The camera itself is amazing, as it triggers from the sound of the impact and records photos in nano-seconds.

What each Hot Stix analysis is looking for, based on the profile of my shot, is the optimal computer score. The computer will then match what it has stored for the latest clubs and shafts, and come up with a recommendation. The computer spits out a distance "rating," along with an accuracy or "forgiveness" index. Rish said I needed a graphite shaft with a lower kickpoint (flex dynamic) and a driver with a higher loft

(than I'm now using), which should allow me to get more distance without sacrificing accuracy. For me the outcome seemed to be right on the number, and pretty much what I expected. What did surprise me, however, was the drivers that showed up were ones I had not considered before. This was a good indicator of the lack of bias that Hot Stix claims. Another indicator came from a golfing friend who said that the Hot Stix consultant he worked with (in Scottsdale) recommended that he not change his

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equipment right away. A hot Stix clubfitting analysis costs \$50 at Bullseye, and that amount is credited if a new club is purchased. But it's worth it regardless, in my opinion. Today, golf club fitting is becoming big business. The

tour pros get their equipment custom fitted and tweaked

Getting expert advice on what equipment to buy and use is certainly recommended, whether it comes from your teaching pro or a high tech specialist.

with the most savvy club craftsmen around. Each big company brings its own trailer with a club shop to each big tour event. But the question remains about the possible value of personal clubfitting to the average recreational golfer. I found Rish's candid comment about this telling: "This (analysis) will help low and middle handicappers, but it won't do much for the golfer who can't get it airborne. It's too hard to capture the useful data." He sid if you're a beginner or in the midst of a major swing change, delay the fitting. "Go ahead and take your golf lessons, then come see us," he wisely advised. Getting expert advice on what equipment to buy and use is certainly recommended, whether it comes from your teaching pro or a high tech specialist

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AGGE INSIDER

All-century team picks

Pete names some great Aggies that didn't make the final cut



The announcement of the fans' choices for the greatest Aggie basketball team of alltime was great. But ole Pete, like every Aggie fan, has some favorites that weren't in the top vote getters, but are worth a mention here in print before the ceremony, Feb. 17.

Make no mistake, the people's voice is the true one and these offerings are just some grist for the endless mill of Aggie lore and discussion. Pete voted for most of those on the list, but had Ernest Patterson, Keith Hill and Jamie Pena on my ballot. Patterson established himself as a legitimate Division I starter in his first year. Out of Houston, Texas, Patterson was a solid shooting guard. He didn't seek to be flashy and even refused to dunk the ball when he could of, saying, "that isn't me." Talk about going against the showboating "look at me" athletes that are too often in the headlines. He was refreshing. Patterson played for teams that won, but never had a postseason berth. He was an ambidextrous quarterback in high school and brought all of the heart and skills it takes to be considered for the all-time greatest team.

Keith Hill is best known as "the man who shot down the Shark." Hill's jumper to the right of the key went home and provided the winning margin over UNLV in 1990. He also hit the winner at the Pit ear-

lier that year and proved to be as good a defender and point guard as NMSU ever had. He played alongside Randy Brown and Reggie Jordan and may have been overshadowed by their skills, but that just isn't right by Pete's reckoning. Hill was 6-4 and used to dribble the ball much higher than most that are good at passing and moving the team. He was so physically strong few could steal the ball from him, and his quickness made him a demon in the match-up zone the Aggies installed that wreaked havoc on opponents through the 1990s. Hill got a degree in accounting and went on his way quietly, which is how he carried out his days on the NMSU campus.

It could be argued that since Jamie Pena played only two years for the Aggies he could not be evaluated with four year players. Perhaps, but Pena was as good a shooter as a big man that the Aggies ever had. A native of Mission, Texas, Pena came from Navarro Junior College courtesy of former assistant Skip Adams, and he could fill up the cords on the parquet floor. Along with century team member Chito Reyes and Kiko Martinez, Pena was as popular as any Hispanic player who ever laced them up. The night of Feb. 17 will be a great one in the tradition of Aggie basketball. I hope you'll join ole Pete in the Pan Am to give these great men one more hurrah.



Do or die with RPI Ags still have a shot at the NCAA

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Coming off the game at Utah State, Feb. 5, the three letters that have dealt tons of misery to college basketball fans nationwide are popping up in larger type. Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) is the term that dashes most fans postseason dreams

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every year. The Aggies aren't in trouble, but a road win would help boost their number closer to NCAA level. In the past

decade teams that have an RPI higher than 70 are usually getting the phone call from the NIT if at all. The formula that is part of the Big Dance selection process counts your opponent's record twice as

much as yours. In other words, the seasons that UNM, UTEP and the bottom third of the WAC are having isn't helping much. It is fun to cheer against the Aggies rivals, but their losses diminish the Aggies luster in the RPI world.

The same value to the Aggies' record is the record of their opponents. Even though Loyola-Marymount is struggling through a poor season, its win over Gonzaga will help some, but a victory at Fresno State over Hawaii would help more. Road wins play a larger part than home wins, and adding the Utah State and Fresno State opponent list will help out some as well. It comes down to winning at

It comes down to winning at the end of the year and having a relatively good RPI. With four more games at home, NMSU can end the season in good shape figuring a good showing in the WAC tournament. Winning the tourney will seal the deal, but you want an ace or two in the

closet to put some NCAA hardware in the pantry and that can come down to RPI. It's not a ques tion of "can the Aggies do it?" It's "will the Aggies do it?" Chocolate milk all around barkeep: For the second time in my life, I got to watch the Superbowl in Logan, Utah. There are

worse fates in life, I know, but a lot of the fun of watching the game is sit-

ting in a sports bar arguing with your friends over artery-clogging snacks with helpful servers hovering around. The Ags will be in Honolulu the weekend of the Pro Bowl, so that makes up for it.

Do you like gladiator movies Gus? Aggie assistant Gus Hauser is completing his tasks learning to be a pilot. This will be a comfort to know that he could take over the throttle of a 747 if there is airborne drama on a basketball road trip.

All-session pass saves WAC fans money

A unique and exciting event is about to blow into Las Cruces and New Mexico State University March 6-10, as the city and university play host to the 2007 WAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships. The week will feature not only 16 action-packed men's and women's basketball games, but fun-filled activities that will explore the culture of the Southwest.

Fan Festivities Tent

A tent will be located next to the Pan American Center for fans to visit throughout the tournament. An exciting tent filled with New Mexico's heritage will feature food and entertainment options each day that highlight the diverse culture of the Southwest. Merchandise vendors, food vendors and entertainment will be provided each day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. All vendors at the Fan Festivities Tent will be New Mexico owned.

Wednesday, March 7 — Kids' Day

The tournament will open with Kids' Day at the Pan American Center that will run during the afternoon session and continuing up to the beginning of the evening session (4 p.m. to 6 p.m.). The day will feature activities such as a jumping booth, basketball hoops, face painting, balloon making and much more outside the Pan American Center, along with hot dog and hamburger vendors. Music will also be provided during the event.

Thursday, March 8 — Hispanic Culture Day

Day Various types of Mexican food including tacos, gorditas, nachos and burritos will be available to purchase from food vendors inside the tent and the entertainment will include mariachi music. Friday, March 9 — Native American Culture Day

Indian fry bread, roasted corn and gorditas will be available to purchase from food vendors inside the tent, while the entertainment will include Native American music and dance performances. Saturday, March 10 — Western Culture Day

Brisket and hamburgers will be available to purchase from food vendors inside the tent and entertainment will include country and western music and dance exhibitions.



This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 9 Baseball Utah Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Women's Tennis Northern Arizona Las Cruces, 1:30 p.m.

Softball Sam Houston State Las Cruces, 2:30 p.m.

Softball North Texas Las Cruces, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10 *Women's Tennis* Wyoming Las Cruces, 10 a.m.

Track and Field Lobo Invitational Albuquerque, 11 a.m.

Softball Colorado State Las Cruces, 12:30 p.m.

Baseball Utah Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Women's Basketball Fresno State Las Cruces, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball Fresno State Fresno, Calif., 8 p.m.

Equestrian South Carolina Las Cruces, TBA

Sunday, Feb. 11 Softball Bracket Play Las Cruces, TBA

Baseball Utah Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 12 *Men's Basketball* Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii, 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 Baseball New Mexico Las Cruces, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 Women's Basketball Louisiana Tech Las Cruces, 7 p.m.

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Wrestling teams ready for district championships

City prep squads short on experience

By CRAIG MASSEY The Las Cruces Bulletin

All three of the city's high school wrestling teams entered the season facing the same potential obstacle - youth.

The inexperience led to an unpredictable season of highs and lows, and while all three teams had to overcome the same hurdle, Mayfield had an ace in the hole – Jimmy Nevarez III. The Trojans earned the regular-season district title last week and Nevarez, a defending state champion, led the way with a spotless record at 145 pounds (he was 41-0 as of last week).

"We had only one senior," said coach Jimmy Nevarez Jr., speaking of his talented son. "This was such a young group.'

The focus this week for the teams is the district tournament, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10 at Mayfield. The wrestlers will be among hundreds statewide vying for an invitation to the state championships. The top 16 in each weight class are selected by a committee and invited to compete in the championships scheduled for Feb. 16-17 in Rio Rancho.

Aside from the dominating performance of Nevarez, the Trojans also got outstand-

ing seasons from juniors Michael Mendoza at 140 pounds and Sean Cramberg (40-2) at 119 pounds, and freshman Gary Misquez (38-9) at 103 pounds.

Las Cruces High leaned heavily on three seniors this season - Jerry Gonzalez at 119 pounds, Robert Altamirano at 125 and Joseph Sanchez at 171. Other key wrestlers are Joaquin Marquez at 103 pounds and Tyrell Russell at 112. Russell and Altamirano placed in the state championships last year.

"We are real young, so everyone is just trying to do their part," said LCHS coach Kevin Marks. "Mayfield probably had the most experience. Gadsden is coming up and Oñate is just as tough.'

The Knights, who depended on several freshmen, held their own in an evenly matched district this season.

Oñate's top wrestlers are seniors Jess Portillo at 112 pounds, Michael Radasa at 152 and Andrew Montijo at 171, junior Ollin Venegas at 135, sophomore Jesus Mesa at 140 and freshman Eddie Diaz at 125

"It's been an up-and-down year," said Oñate coach Jonathan Abeyta. "We had a lot of young kids, a lot of freshmen.



NIKI RHYNES I The Las Cruces Bulletin Oñate wrestler Jess Portillo tries to take down Mayfield wrestler Josh Thulo Thursday, Feb. 1, in the Las Cruces High School gym.



Oñate's Jon Padilla wrestles Mayfield's CJ Garner, Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Las Cruces High School gym.



HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Zach Adams Mesilla Valley Christian Schools



Zach Adams is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He is the boy's SonBlazers' varsity point guard and a sophomore starter with all seniors. He currently averages 11.7 points and nine assists per game (Adams leads the entire state of New Mexico in this category), 3.3 rebounds and two steals per game. He made the All-Tournament team at the Clayton Orange and Black and Dexter Tournaments this year.

Adams exudes enthusiasm for the game of basketball. He has an ability to inspire others to achieve and an

incredible desire to succeed. He is a good role model for all with regards to personal characteristics like trust, friendship, loyalty, goodness and kindness. His teammates greatly respect him.

When the basketball season ends, Adams will be on the MVCS golf team. He maintains a 3.5 GPA and loves agricultural activities like farming. He works for his dad's chile and onion business.





JOSH BACHMAN | The Las Cruces Bulletin Aggies' outfielder Tyler Hardt steps up to the plate against Northern Colorado Sunday, Feb. 4. NMSU dropped two out of three games to the Bears in the season's opening series.

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An RBI double by junior centerfielder Joseph Scaperotta gave New Mexico State a 6-5 baseball victory against Northern Colorado in the second of a three-game series last Saturday.

It was win No. 1,000 for NMSU and the Ags' only victory in the series. Northern Colorado won the opener, 9-1 last Friday and the finale Sunday, 8-5.

The Aggies will try again at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, in the first of a three-game series against Utah at Presley Askew Field.

Saturday and Sunday's contests also begin at 1 p.m.

Last Saturday, Scaperotta (San Diego, Calif.) went 2-of-5 with two RBIs on a day where he had the winning hit in the bottom of the ninth. Scaperotta brought in junior shortstop Ryan Gibson (Sachse, Texas) after he got on with an error by the Northern Colorado first basemen.

"Scaperotta didn't start off real good, but

at least he can say that he has a game-winning base hit," head coach Rocky Ward said. "We were able to stay in it today and come back and win the game today, and that's what makes me happy."

Senior right-handed pitcher Brian Gausman (Aurora, Colo.) earned his first win of the season, when he was brought in during the ninth inning after the Golden Bears tied the game at five apiece on a slow moving groundball down the third base line.

Senior Bryan Robinson started for the Aggies Saturday, and pitched four tough innings striking out five batters, walking three and giving up three earned runs.

The Aggies finished the game with six runs on 11 hits and committed no errors, a day after commiting four errors, while UNCO brought in five runs on seven hits and had two errors.

The Aggies took the first lead of the game in the third

inning when junior centerfielder Ari Loiben (Waco, Texas) continued doing what he did in the first game of the series and brought in one RBI. Loiben went 3-for-5 with two RBIs. Scaperotta also picked up his first RBI of the day, when hit a groundball to the UNCO shortstop to advance Gibson from third. Gibson finished the day with two runs scored.

"This was a good win today, and I am extraordinarily proud to be here of our 1,000th win," Ward said. After UNCO picked up three runs in the

fourth inning and one more in the sixth, the Aggies would tie the game at four runs each when junior Marcus Quade (Littleton, Colo.) hit a blooper to right and the Golden Bears right fielder committed an error on the throw to third that brought in junior Marcos Rosales (Gilbert, Ariz.) and senior Adam Harvey (Celine, Texas).

The Aggies began playing baseball as a varsity team in 1962, but have had a team since 1952. NMSU's first win was against Colorado State

in a game that ended 1-0. "Our 1,000th win goes back to Presley Askew, the person who the field is named after, and the guy who made my father who he is and made me who I am," Ward said. Now we can work on the next 1,000 wins.

Presley Askew coached both baseball and basketball at NMSU and coached players such as Gary Ward and Lou Henson, who both went on to become legendary coaches. He coached baseball from 1962-65 and picked 42 wins during that time.

The Aggies will take on Northern Colorado in the final game of the series on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 1:05 p.m. The game will be aired on KSNM 570 AM with Jeff Matthews doing the play-by-play. Fans can get a recap of the game at www.nmstatesports.com following the game.



JOSH BACHMAN I The Las Cruces Bulletin NMSU's Marcus Quade slides back into first base, avoiding a put out against Northern Colorado in a three-game series last weekend.



NMSU's Marcus Quade checks a Northern Colorado runner at first base during the Aggies' 8-5 loss to the Bears here Sunday, Feb. 4.

Lou Henson honored on all-century team Five former all-Americans selected

This season is the 100th for Aggie men's basketball, and in accordance with its season-long celebration of the anniversary, the New Mexico State Athletics Department announced the Aggie All-Century Team, presented by Western Refining, Thursday, Feb. 2.

The team, which automatically includes the Aggies' five All-Americans, is made up of 15 additional players and one coach that were selected based on fan voting from November to January. Over 1,100 Aggie fans voted on the All-Century Team, which will be honored at the Aggies' O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBuster Game against Ohio University Saturday, Feb. 17.

Leading the way for the All-Century Team is Hall-of-Fame head coach Lou Henson. Henson, who spent a total of 15 years as head coach of the Aggies, is the school's all-time leader with 289 wins and entered the 2006-07 season as the seventh all-time winningest coach in Division I men's basketball with 779 career victories. Henson retired as the 15th fastest coach to reach 700 career wins and is one of only 11 coaches to take two different schools to the Final Four.

The five Aggie All-Americans on the All-Century Team include Charlie Criss, Jimmy Collins, Sam Lacey, John Williamson and James Moore.

Criss became the first All-American in NMSU history after the 1968-69 season, as he was named to the UPI "Small Men" All-American Team as a junior. In two seasons with the Aggies,

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Team.

Criss helped NMSU to back-toback NCAA Tournaments, including the school's only Final Four appearance in 1970.

Collins, who is the only Aggie in program history to earn multiple All-American honors, was a three-time first team All-American during his time with NMSU. As a senior in 1969-70, Collins averaged 24.3 points per game while leading the

Aggies to the Final Four. Collins left NMSU as the school's third all-time leading scorer with 1,734 career points and still holds the school record for field goal attempts in a career with 1,566.

Lacey, who was named a first team All-American by Basketball News, helped the Aggies to the 1970 Final Four while being

Former Aggie basketball coach Lou Henson is NMSU's all-time winningest coach with 289 Aggie wins. He is one of only 11 coaches to take two schools to the Final Four.

named to the Midwest Regional All-Tournament team during the Aggies' run. Lacey still holds the school record for career rebounds with 1,265 and left school as the Aggies' seventh all-time scorer with 1,448 career points.

. Williamson, who was named a first team All-American bv Basketball News during the 1971-72 season, holds the school record for career-scoring average at 27.2points per game over his 43 game career. Williamson left NMSU after his junior year to enter the NBA draft and still holds the school record for most points in a game with 48 at California on Jan. 17.1972.

Moore, the last Aggie to earn All-American honors, was named an honorable mention pick by the associated press in 2002-03 after his junior season. He was also named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year that season and is the Aggies' career blocks leader with 200. Moore left NMSU as the school's fifth all-time leading

scorer with 1,651 career points. The 15 other Aggies to join the All-Century Team include greats from throughout NMSU's basketball history.

Former Aggie Eric Channing, the most recent Aggie selected to the team, graduated in 2002 after becoming the school's all-time scoring lead with 1,763 career points. Channing also holds the career free throw percentage record at 84.9 percent and is the only Aggie in any sport to be named an Academic All-American three times.

Randy Brown, three-time NBA champion with the Chicago Bulls, was a star for the Aggies from 1989 to 1991. He was the Aggies first two-time All-Big West selection in 1990 and 1991 and was the first Aggie to repeat as an all-conference performer since Albert "Slab" Jones was a three-time All-Missouri Valley choice from 1978 to 1980. Brown left NMSU with the career record for steals (162) and the singleseason record for assists in a season with 187.

Steve Colter, who played for the Aggies from 1981 to 1984, is ninth on the all-time Aggie scoring list with 1,333 career points and was named a first team All-Big West pick in 1984. As a senior, Colter led the team in scoring, averaging 19.5 points per game, and was drafted in the second round of the NBA Draft by the Portland Trailblazers.

Sam Crawford, a two-year letter winner, holds the school



Hall-of-Fame coach Lou Henson was voted the coach of the NMSU All-Century Team. More than 1,100 voters participated in the All-Century Team selection.

record for career assists with 592. He also holds the NMSU single season record for assist with 310 during the 1992-93. In his first season, Crawford was named second team All-Big West while being named the MVP of the 1992 Big West Conference Tournament.

Charles Goza, a four-year letter winner from 1995 to 1999, is 10th on the Aggies' all-time scoring list with 1,233 career points and led the Aggies in blocks in each of his four seasons. As a freshman, Goza was named the Big West Freshman of the Year after averaging 6.9 points and 5.9 rebounds. As a senior, Goza was named first team All-Big West and helped the Aggies to their last NCAA Tournament appearance.

Dexter Hawkins was a fouryear letter winner for the Aggies from 1974-77 and is ranked 21st in career scoring with 1,022 career points. Over his career, Hawkins averaged 10.1 points per game and helped the Aggies to the 1975 NCAA Tournament. Albert "Slab" Jones is the

Albert "Slab" Jones is the school's second leading scoring with 1,758 career points. He was a three-year letter winner from 1977 to 1980 and was an All-Missouri Valley Conference performer each season. In 1977, Jones averaged 12.8 points and 6.5 rebounds while being named the Missouri Valley Conference Newcomer of the Year.

Reggie Jordan was a two-year letter from 1990 to 1991. As a senior, Jordan was named first team All-Big West after leading the team with 14.6 points and 8.9 rebounds. He finished his career with 752 points and 412 rebounds while scoring in doublefigures 23 times.

In just two seasons with the Aggies, Billy Keys scored 1,004 career points while helping NMSU to its last NCAA Tournament in 1999. He led the team in assists each season and ended his Aggie career with 310 assists, good for sixth all-time in school history. In 2000, Keys averaged 17.3 points and was named first team All-Big West.

Former big man George Knighton was a three-year letter winner for the Aggies from 1960 to 1962. Knighton is the Aggies' fourth leading scorer all-time with 1,660 career points and is one of only two Aggies to average a double-double of their career. Knighton currently ranks third on the Aggies' career rebounding list with 866 boards.

Richard Robinson, who played for the Aggies from 1974 to 1977, is the program's sixth leading all-time scorer with 1,540 career points. Over his career, Robinson shot 47.1 percent from the field and averaged 15.4 points per game.

Kiko Martinez, the senior member of the All-Century Team, played for the Aggies from 1937 to 1939. He was a first team All-Border Conference pick in 1938 and 1939 while playing for the Mexican National Team at the 1936 Olympic Games.

Chito Reyes, a two-year letter winner with the Aggies, helped NMSU to back-to-back NCAA Tournaments, including the 1970 Final Four. In 1976, Reyes was a member of the Mexican Olympic Team.

Tracy Ware was a three-year letter winner for the Aggies in the early 1990's. In 1993, he was named second team All-Big West as NMSU went 26-8 and won the conference regular season title. Ware also guided the Aggies to three straight NCAA Tournament from 1991 to 1993 and still holds the school record for career field goal percentage at .586.

William Benjamin led the Aggies to four consecutive postseason appearances, including three straight NCAA Tournament from 1990 to 1993. Benjamin holds the school record for career steals at 209 grabs. As a senior, Benjamin was named the team's Most Outstanding Player while also serving as team captain.

The Aggies (18-4, 8-1 WAC) hit the road this weekend for a showdown at Utah State Monday, Feb. 5. The game will be televised back to Las Cruces on Comcast Channel 3.

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THENCE from the point of beginning, N. 00 deg 29' 00" W., 202.08 feet to an iron rod

THENCE along said 20 foot wide road and utility ease-ment, N. 89 deg 54' 12" E., 215.87 feet to an iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving said 20 foot wide road and utility easement, S. 00 deg 17' 40" E., E., 202.21 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract:

THENCE S. 89 deg 56' 16" W., 215.20 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. Subject to a 20 foot wide road and utility easement parallel and adjacent to the Northerly boundary line. Also subject

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of Section 15, T.22S., R.2E. bears the following two courses and distances; S. 89

E. 434.69 feet;

set on the North line of a 20 foot wide road and utility easement for the Northwest corner of this tract:

on January 16, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortan action to foreclose a mort-gage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judg-ment, which includes inter-est and costs, is \$92,298.66 and the same bears inter-est at 12.75% per annum from December 31, 2006. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,934.40. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale

SUBDIVISION

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-

entitled and numbered cause

erty and improvements con-cerned with herein will be

sold subject to any and all

patent reservations, ease-ments, all recorded and

unrecorded liens not fore

land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamina-tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations con-cerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title

to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,

Special Master

and

\$1,934.40. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real prop-

SW1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and drilling a replacement well 150 feet deep with 4-inch casing to be located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 of said projected Section 15, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for to any other easements and strictions of record NOTE THIS IS AN INTER FAMILY Information in the prepa-ration of this description derives from Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 135, Page 95, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #92-1478. Field notes by MOY SURVEYING CO., License #5939. Job #92of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The pro-posed replacement well site CO., License #5939. Job #92-1470, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2000 Cavco doublewide, Vin No. CAV5937AB. is located west of Doña Ana. NM and can be found at the physical address of 5835 Leasburg Drive. Old well LRG-14044 POD1 will be

plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writing corporate person protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impair-ment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to xol5-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 ofNMSA 1978

unrecorded liens not fore-closed herein, and all record-ed 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 Pub # 6195 Dates 1/2, 2/2, 2/9, 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 HOLDERS OF GSRF 2004-1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff,

SHERON E. PICKAR; PATRICIA KOLB; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SHERON E. PICKAR, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-signed Special Master will on February 28, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Definition of the District Provider Statement

Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las

NOTICE OF SALE

vs.

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield Attorney at Law P.O. Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 505-524-2121

Pub# 6193 Dates 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2007

Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and con-vey 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 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2007, Ronald A. and Kimberly A. Schulmeister, 5835 Leasburg Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-14044 POD2 with the State Engineer for with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the the plat thereof, filed in the office of the county Clerk of said county as Plat No. 860 on 0.1/21/1977 in Book 12 Page(s) 89 of Plat Records. The address of the real prop-erty is 213 Jeanne Lane, Chaparral, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 19, Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-14044 POD1, also known as undeclared domestic well 14044 POD1, also known as undeclared domestic well LRN05-0046 on LRN Map 5D of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, locat-ed within the SE1/4 SW1/4

2006, in the above enti-tled and numbered cause, which was a suit to fore-close 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 costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, pubthe Special Master's fee, pub-lication 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 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 reinstate-ment or any other condition that would cause the cancel-lation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist. any of these conditions exist. at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the suc cessful bidder's funds shall cessful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements con-cerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all record-ed 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: January 18, 2007.

13725 Struthers Road 13725 Struthers Road Suite 201 Colorado Springs, CO 80921 (800) 286-0013 (719) 634-4868 06-2239/ Pickar, Sheron E.; P272615

Pub # 6197 Dates 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2007

Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Drive Anthony, NM 88021 Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070

Juan H Rodriguez P.O. Box 2445 Anthony, NM 88021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage Unit 8 will be sold at public auction to sat-isfy our lien in the amount of \$230.80 and any accumulat-ing fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or cer-tified funds to reclaim your contents.

Date of Auction: February 12, 2007

10:00 AM Place: Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Dr. Anthony, NM 88021

contents.

Time

Thank you for your prompt attenti Maria Rodriguez Resident Manager

Pub# 6198 Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007

Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Drive Anthony, NM 88021 Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070

Miriam Rodriguez 10900 Bay Ridge El Paso, TX 79934

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the con-tents of your storage Unit 22 will be sold at public auction to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$260.00 and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or certified funds to reclaim your contents.

Date of Auction February 12, 2007

Time: 10:00 AM Place: Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Dr. Anthony, NM 88021 Thank you for your prompt

To

attenti Maria Rodriguez Resident Manage

Gregoria Chavez 901 Anthorio Anthony, NM 79821

Date of Auction: February 12, 2007

Anthony Self Storage

1000 Anthony Dr. Anthony, NM 88021

Maria Rodriguez Resident Manager

Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007

Pub# 6202

Time: 10:00 AM

Place:

Pub# 6201 Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007 Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Drive Anthony, NM 88021 Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070

Pamela Carmody Special Master c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski

Anthony Self Storage 1000 Anthony Drive Anthony, NM 88021 Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070 To

Graciela R. Ortiz P.O. Box 1060 Anthony, NM 88021

NOTICE IS HEREBY **GIVEN** that all the contents of your storage Unit 37 will be sold at public auction to sat-isfy our lien in the amount of isty our lien in the amount of \$365.00 and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or certified funds to reclaim your contents.





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Date of Auction:	be sold at public auction to		Pub# 6211	1000 Anthony Dr.	within the SE 1/4 of project-	741 N. Alameda Suite 4	Master's fee, publication costs,
February 12, 2007	satisfy our lien in the amount	Crystal Rueda	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	Anthony, NM 88021	ed Section 35 and the SW	Las Cruces, New Mexico	and Plaintiff's costs expend-
l'ime:	of \$156.00 and any accumulat- ing fees. You may still come	P.O. Box 2818 Anthony, NM 88021		Thank you for your prompt	1/4 of projected Section 36,	$88005 \\ 524-4141$	ed for taxes, insurance, and
.0:00 AM	by and give full payment of	Anthony, NWI 88021	Anthony Self Storage	attention.	Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, on lands dedi-	524-4141	keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right
0.00 AW	balance owed by cash or cer-	NOTICE IS HEREBY	1000 Anthony Drive	attention.	cated to the public for right-	Pub #6216	to bid at such sale and submit
Place:	tified funds to reclaim your	GIVEN that all the contents	Anthony, NM 88021	Maria Rodriguez	of-way purposes. The move-to	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	its bid verbally or in writing.
Anthony Self Storage	contents.	of your storage Unit 136 will	Phone (505) 882-1816	Resident Manager	location is adjacent and like-	,,	The Plaintiff may apply all or
.000 Anthony Dr.		be sold at public auction to	Fax (505) 882-0070	Pub# 6213	wise within the SE 1/4 of said		any part of its judgment to the
Anthony, NM 88021	Date of Auction:	satisfy our lien in the amount		Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	projected Section 35 and SW	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	purchase price in lieu of cash.
	February 12, 2007	of \$120.00 and any accumulat-	To:		1/4 of said projected Section	COUNTY OF DOÑA	At the date and time stated
Thank you for your prompt		ing fees. You may still come	Rosa G Munoz		36, on land owned by James	ANA THIRD JUDICIAL	above, the Special Master may
attention.	Time:	by and give full payment of	112 E Joy Dr.	Anthony Self Storage	E. Jones. Both move-from and	DISTRICT	postpone the sale to such later
Maria Rodriguez	10:00 AM	balance owed by cash or cer-	Anthony, NM 88021	1000 Anthony Drive	move-to lands receive ground water from well number LRG-	N DODOTOVIDOGGALOOO	date and time as the Special
Resident Manager	Place:	tified funds to reclaim your	NOTICE IS HEREBY	Anthony, NM 88021 Phone (505) 882-1816	6745 located within the SW	No. D0307CV200601900	Master may specify.
tesident Manager	Anthony Self Storage	contents.	GIVEN that all the contents	Fax (505) 882-0070	1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of said	DEUTSCHE BANK	NOTICE IS FURTHER
Pub# 6203	1000 Anthony Dr.	Date of Auction:	of your storage Unit 157 will	Fax (303) 882-0070	projected Section 36, on land	NATIONAL TRUST	GIVEN that this sale may
Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	Anthony, NM 88021	February 12, 2007	be sold at public auction to	То:	owned by James E. Jones. The	COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE	be subject to a bankruptcy
		1 obraalij 12, 2001	satisfy our lien in the amount	Adrian Breseda	move-from and move-to lands	FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME	filing, a pay off, a reinstate-
	Thank you for your prompt	Time:	of \$505.00 and any accumulat-	P.O. Box 1456	are described by Lower Rio	LOAN TRUST ASSET-	ment or any other condition
Anthony Self Storage	attention.	10:00 AM	ing fees. You may still come	Anthony, NM 88021	Grande Subfile Number LRS-	BACKED CERTIFICATES,	that would cause the cancel-
000 Anthony Drive			by and give full payment of	•	28-007-0001 -A and have both	SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff,	lation of this sale. Further, if
Anthony, NM 88021	Maria Rodriguez	Place:	balance owed by cash or cer-	NOTICE IS HEREBY	been adjudicated surface and		any of these conditions exist,
Phone (505) 882-1816	Resident Manager	Anthony Self Storage	tified funds to reclaim your	GIVEN that all the contents	ground water combined rights	vs.	at the time of sale, this sale
Fax (505) 882-0070	D 1 # 0005	1000 Anthony Dr.	contents.	of your storage Unit 165 will	for the purposes of irrigation.		will be null and void, the suc-
0	Pub# 6205	Anthony, NM 88021	Data af Assatis	be sold at public auction to	The diversion amount is to	JOYCE TREVIZO; MANNY	cessful bidder's funds shall
lo:	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	(T)	Date of Auction: February 12, 2007	satisfy our lien in the amount of \$270.00 and any accumulat-	be determined later by Court	TREVIZO; MORTGAGE	be returned, and the Special
Maria Romero 113 Trinidad		Thank you for your prompt	February 12, 2007	ing fees. You may still come	Order. The subject lands are both located south of the City	ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION	Master and the mortgagee giv- ing this notice shall not be
Sunland Park, NM 88063	Anthony Self Storage	attention.	Time:	by and give full payment of	of Las Cruces and near the	SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY	liable to the successful bidder
Julianu I ark, Nil 00000	1000 Anthony Drive	Maria Rodriguez	10:00 AM	balance owed by cash or cer-	intersection of NM 478 and	AS NOMINEE FOR	for any damages.
NOTICE IS HEREBY	Anthony, NM 88021	Resident Manager	10.007110	tified funds to reclaim your	Great View Court.	LENDER AND LENDER'S	for any damages.
GIVEN that all the contents	Phone (505) 882-1816		Place:	contents.		SUCCESSORS AND	NOTICE IS FURTHER
of your storage Unit 38 will	Fax (505) 882-0070	Pub# 6210	Anthony Self Storage		Any person, firm or corpora-	ASSIGNS), Defendant(s).	GIVEN that the real prop-
be sold at public auction to		Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	1000 Anthony Dr.	Date of Auction:	tion or other entity having		erty and improvements con-
satisfy our lien in the amount	To:		Anthony, NM 88021	February 12, 2007	standing to file objections or	NOTICE OF SALE	cerned with herein will be sold
of \$270.00 and any accumulat-	Rosa Lozano			-	protests shall do so in writing		subject to any and all patent
ing fees. You may still come	P.O. Box 2047	Anthony Self Storage	Thank you for your prompt	Time:	(legible, signed and include	NOTICE IS HEREBY	reservations, easements, all
by and give full payment of	Anthony, NM 88021	1000 Anthony Drive	attention.	10:00 AM	the writer's complete name	GIVEN that the undersigned	recorded and unrecorded liens
balance owed by cash or cer-	NOTICE IS HEDEDV OBJENI	Anthony, NM 88021	Mauia Dadaiman	Diama	and mailing address). The	Special Master will on March	not foreclosed herein, and all
ified funds to reclaim your contents.	NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your	Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070	Maria Rodriguez Resident Manager	Place: Anthony Self Storage	objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment,	7, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana	recorded and unrecorded spe- cial assessments and taxes
ontents.	storage Unit 74 will be sold at	Fax (505) 882-0070	Resident Manager	1000 Anthony Dr.	you must specifically identify	County District Court, 201	that may be due.
Date of Auction:	public auction to satisfy our	То:	Pub# 6212	Anthony, NM 88021	your water rights; and/ or (2) if	W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM,	that may be due.
February 12, 2007	lien in the amount of \$200.00	Jennifer Jennings	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	111110119, 1411 00021	public welfare or conservation	sell and convey to the highest	NOTICE IS FURTHER
	and any accumulating fees.	300 Shadow Mountain	,,	Thank you for your prompt	of water within the State of	bidder for cash all the right,	GIVEN that the purchaser
Гіme:	You may still come by and give	#1111		attention.	New Mexico, you must show	title, and interest of the above-	at such sale shall take title
10:00 AM	full payment of balance owed	El Paso, TX 79912	Anthony Self Storage		how you will be substantially	named defendants in and to	to the above-described real
	by cash or certified funds to		1000 Anthony Drive	Maria Rodriguez	effected. The written protest	the following described real	property subject to rights of
Place:	reclaim your contents.	NOTICE IS HEREBY	Anthony, NM 88021	Resident Manager	must be filed, in triplicate,	estate located in said County	redemption.
Anthony Self Storage		GIVEN that all the contents	Phone (505) 882-1816	D 1	with the State Engineer, 1680	and State: SEE ATTACHED	
.000 Anthony Dr.	Date of Auction:	of your storage Unit 139 will	Fax (505) 882-0070	Pub# 6214	Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las	EXHIBIT "A" TRACT 1 A par-	Dated: January 26, 2007.
Anthony, NM 88021	February 12, 2007	be sold at public auction to	10	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	Cruces, New Mexico 88005	cel of land located in Sections	Demole Germander
hank you for your prompt	Time:	satisfy our lien in the amount of \$135.00 and any accumulat-	To: Lshana Mediola		within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication	35, T.22S., R 1E., N.M.P.M. U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of	Pamela Carmody Special Master
attention.	10:00 AM	ing fees. You may still come	P.O. Box 1813	NOTICE IS HEREBY	of this notice. Facsimile's will	U.S.R.S. Tract 5-76A3, and	c/o Castle Meinhold &
controll.	20.00 1101	by and give full payment of	Anthony, NM 88021	GIVEN that on December	be accepted as a valid protest	as part of Tract 2 of County	Stawiarski
Maria Rodriguez	Place:	balance owed by cash or cer-		11,2006, James E. Jones,	as long as the hard copy is	Surveyor's Plat, as filed	13725 Struthers Road,
Resident Manager	Anthony Self Storage	tified funds to reclaim your	NOTICE IS HEREBY	P.O. Box 93, Mesquite, NM	sent within 24-hours of the	October 20, 1962, in plat Book	Suite 201
0	1000 Anthony Dr.	contents.	GIVEN that all the contents	88048, filed application num-	facsimile. Mailing postmark	8 at page 71, in the Doña	Colorado Springs, CO 80921
Pub# 6204	Anthony, NM 88021		of your storage Unit 159 will	bered LRG-6745-1 with the	will be used to validate the	Ana County Records North of	(800) 286-0013
Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007		Date of Auction:	be sold at public auction to	State Engineer for Permit to	24-hour period. Protest can	Las Cruces, Doña Ana County,	(719) 634-4868 0
	Thank you for your prompt	February 12, 2007	satisfy our lien in the amount	Change Place or Purpose of	be faxed to 505-524-6160. If	New Mexico, and more par-	6-3090/Trevizo, Joyce &
	attention.		of \$275.00 and any accumulat-	Use of Underground Waters	no valid protest is filed, the	ticularly described as follows:	Manny; P274049
Anthony Self Storage		Time:	ing fees. You may still come	within the Lower Rio Grande	State Engineer will evaluate	BEGINNING at a point of the	
000 Anthony Drive	Maria Rodriguez	10:00 AM	by and give full payment of	Underground Water Basin in	the application in accordance	South side of a community	Pub # 6217
Anthony, NM 88021	Resident Manager	Discou	balance owed by cash or cer- tified funds to reclaim your	Doña Ana County by trans- ferring groundwater rights	with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-	ditch for the Northwest cor-	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 2007
Phone (505) 882-1816 Fax (505) 882-0070	Pub# 6207	Place: Anthony Self Storage	tified funds to reclaim your contents.	ferring groundwater rights supplemental to surface rights	2-16, 72-12-3.	ner of the tract; whence the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S.	2007
aa (000) 004-0010	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	1000 Anthony Dr.	contents.	from EBID for the irrigation	Pub #6215	Tract 5-76A3 bears S. 67 deg.	
o:	Dates 212, 210, 2001	Anthony, NM 88021	Date of Auction:	of 2.42 acres known as the	Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007	29' W., a distance of 297.00	STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Jorge Sanchez	·		February 12, 2007	Great View Court right-of-	2400 412, 210, 2001	feet; THENCE from place of	COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
201 Red Rock Ct SP #11	Anthony Self Storage	Thank you for your prompt		way and stacking the ground		beginning N. 67 deg. 29' E.,	THIRD JUDICIAL
Anthony, TX 79821	1000 Anthony Drive	attention.	Time:	water rights on 6.32 acres	STATE OF NEW MEXICO	102.29 feet to the Northeast	DISTRICT
	Anthony, NM 88021		10:00 AM	known as lot 10 of Great View	COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA	corner of this tract; THENCE	
NOTICE IS HEREBY	Phone (505) 882-1816	Maria Rodriguez		Subdivision to likewise be	IN THE PROBATE COURT	LEAVING THE DITCH S. 26	No. CV-06-01914
GIVEN that all the contents	Fax (505) 882-0070	Resident Manager	Place:	supplemental to EBID. The		deg. 55' 30" E., 115.77 feet to	
of your storage Unit 48 will			Anthony Self Storage	move-from location is located	IN THE MATTER OF THE	the southeast corner of this	COUNTRYWIDE HOME
					ESTATE OF CONRAD EDWARD PYTLIK	tract; THENCE S. 68 deg. 04' 30" W 102 00 feet to the	LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

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ESTATE OF CONRAD EDWARD PYTLIK, DECEASED.

No: 07-01

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bertha Gallegos has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first pub-lication of this Notice or the after the date of the first pub-lication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at P.O. Box 844, Mesilla, New Mexico 88046, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

DATED: January 22, 2007

BERTHA GALLEGOS nal Representative

By:/s/Ben A. Longwill By:/s/Ben A. Longwill Ben A. Longwill Attorney for Personal Representative BERTHA GALLEGOS tract; THENCE S. 68 deg. 04' 30" W., 102.00 feet to the southwest corner of this tract; Thence N. 26 deg. 55' 30" W., 123.65 feet to the place of beginning containing 0.280 acre of land, more or less. Together with a 15 foot wide Road Easement parallel to the south property of a 0.251 acre tract located immediate east of the above tract, and as set-out in Deed recorded in Book 289 at Pages 324 and 325, which 15 foot Road Easement joins with a 15 foot Road Easement described in Miscellaneous Book 206 at Pages 944 and 945, which Road Easements connect to established Banegas Road PLAINTIFFS EXHIBIT A Trevizo The address of the real property is 886 D Bangas Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 17, 2007, in the above entiled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wheretract; THENCE S. 68 deg. 04' 30" W., 102.00 feet to the

foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and where-

in Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the

ALEXIS APODACA; and if married, JANE DOE APODACA, (true name unknown), his spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; HOUSING AUTHORITY; HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants,

ALEXIS APODACA:

vs

unknown), tenants, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Alexis Apodaca and Jane Doe Apodaca, (true name unknown), his spouse is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendant(s) Alexis Apodaca Defendant(s) Alexis Apodaca and Jane Doe Apodaca, (true and Jane Doe Apodaca, (true name unknown), his spouse, are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) Alexis

described real estate in the sum of \$157,251.38, plus inter-est from December 18, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.93% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special LEGAL NOTICES - Lowest rates in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County - 524-8061 - email: legals@lascrucesbulletin.com

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the costs of sale, including the

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Special Master's fee of \$267.81, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insur-ance or 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 judg-ment to the purchase price in

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NOTICE IS FURTHER

GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned

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Apodaca and Jane Doe Apodaca and Jane Doe Apodaca, (true name unknown), his spouse, fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint. omplaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A. 4501 Indian School Road NE. Suite 101 P.O. Box 3509 Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509 254-7767 FAX: 254-4722/4706

December 11, 2006 By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt Deborah A. Nesbitt Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 25th day of January, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Joe M. Martine Deputy (SEAL)

Pub # 6218 Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-1958 Judge Jerald A. Valentine

CHARTER BANK, a federally chartered savings bank, Plaintiff,

ROGER CARDENAS AND STELLA M. CARDENAS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 6, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., in 6, 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: named County and State:

Lot 31, ROADRUNNER PARK AT NORTHRISE PHASE 3 & 5. REPLAT #1, in the City of KEPLAT #1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat there-of, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 29, 2001, in Book 19, Pages 748-750 of Plat Records

The address of the real estate is 2695 Nebula Way, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 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 judg-ment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$167,051.00 in the sum of \$167,051.00 (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 Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit any respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

The sale may be postponed and 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 pat-ent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unre-corded special assessments DONA 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 9, 1938, RECORDED IN BOOK 6 AT PAGE 31 OF PLAT AT PAGE 31, OF PLAT 6, AT PAG RECORDS. corded special assessments and taxes that may be due. THE FOREGOING SALE

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 manufac-tured home on the property, if THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on January 9, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$40.958.86 and the same tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamiis \$40,958.46 and the same bears interest at 14.550% nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any

bears interest at 14.550% per annum from December 31, 2006 to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$979.64. 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 discre-tion of the Special Master. **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. tion 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 reserva-tions, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-closed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, Submitted by: VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C. 6100 Uptown Blvd., N.E., Suite 500 disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale Albuquerque, New Mexico takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assess 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 manufac-tured home on the property, if any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concern Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT and zoning violations concern ing the property, if any.

No. CV2006-1404

MORTGAGE, LLC fka

MERLINDA MONTOYA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name

Unknown), her spouse; JESUS MONTOYA, if liv-

ing; If deceased, THE ESTATE OF JESUS

NATIONSTAR

Plaintiff,

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GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of Centex Home Equity Company, LLC fka Centex Home Equity Corporation,

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A. P.O. Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM

(505) 525-2711 Pub # 6220 Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23. 2007 ESTATE OF JESUS MONTOYA, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF JESUS MONTOYA, Deceased; ALVINA MONTOYA; SUN CITY FINANCE; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

88004-6169

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY C. ROMINGER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF SALE

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 412 1/2 Villamora, Las

Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as

es, and is situate in Doña

Defendants.

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No. 07-06 NOTICE IS HEREBY NOTICE TO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 28, 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

NOTICE IS HEREBY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-signed has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons hav-ing claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

LOTS 19, 20, 21 AND 22,

/s/Deborah Lynn Schwebke Deborah Lynn Schwebke Personal Representative of the estat of the estate of HARRY C. ROMINGER 1230 Vista del Monte Las Cruces, NM 88007 (505) 527-0238

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C. Attorneys for the Perso Representative P.O. Box 6790 Las Cruces, NM 88006 (505) 523-7411

By:/s/Ray O. Sage Ray O. Sage

Pub #6221 Dates 2/2, 2/9, 2007

PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. PB-07-13 Judge Alice M. Salcido

DECEASED.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AMALIA DE LA CRUZ

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IO CREDITORS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-signed has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons hav-ing claims against this estate are required to present 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 repre-sentative at 3365 Elkridge Lane, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or flued with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, Court of Doña Ana County New Mexico, located at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New r as roal Mexico 88007

> DATED this 30th day of January, 2007.

/s/ Maria Elena Garcia MARIA ELENA GARCIA Personal Representative 65 Elkridge Lane Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 NOTICE IS FURTHER

JOHN E. KEITHLY Attorney for Personal Representative Post Office Drawer 1329 Anthony, NM 88021 (505) 882-4500 (505) 882-5000 [FAX]

Pub #6223 Dates 2/9, 2/16, 2007

GIVEN that on January 10, 2007, Nelson F. Clayshulte, Box 1243, Mesilla, NM 88046, Box 1243, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-6688-1, LRG-6688-2, LRG-8792 and LRG-8792 A with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine Underground Water with-in the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Rasin in Doña Ana County by combin-ing water rights as recorded and on file with the State Engineer in files LRG-6688-1, LRG-8688-2, LRG-8792 and LRG-8792-A for the combined LRG-8792-A for the combined diversion of 714.72 acre-feet diversion of 714.72 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground-water from well LRG6688 POD-2 located in the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of pro-jected Section 35, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM., and well LRG-8792 located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of said projected Section 35, supplemental to surface water rights on record with water rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) for irriga-tion purposes on 119.12 acress ofland owned by the applicant and located within the N 1/2 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 and the E 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of said projected Section 35, and the E 1/2 SE

25 South, Range 26, Township 25 2 East, NMPM.

Well LRG-6688 is located south of La Mesa, NM and may be found approximately 1600 feet west of the intersec-tion of Harlacker Road and the West Drain. Well LRG-8792 is located immediately southwest of the intersection of the West Drain and the of the West Drain and the Corpening Lateral.

Any person, firm or corpora-tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservaif public welfare or conserva-tion of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimile's will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6224 Dates 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 2007

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CV 2006-1914 Judge Valentine

ALEXIS APODACA: AUDACA; and if married, JANE DOE APODACA, (true name unknown), his spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; HOUSING AUTHORITY; HOUSING CITY OF LAS CRUCE^{C.} CITY OF LAS CRUCES; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names inknown), tenants. Defendants.

vs

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Alexis Apodaca,

You are hereby given notice that a Cross-Claim in this matter has been filed in the Third Judicial District Court. under the above caption under the above caption. 2. The relief requested in the Cross-Claim in foreclosure of a mortgage granted by you to the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces (HACLC) regarding property located at 1705 N. Willow, Las Cruces, New Mexico. 3. The Cross-Claim was filed by undersigned counsel who by undersigned counsel who may be contacted at the

address and phone number shown below 4. Pursuant to New Mexico law (§ 32A-4-29D, NMSA). law (§ 32A-4-29D), NMSA), you have 30 days to file an answer to the Cross-Claim. If you do not file an answer within that time, a default judgment may be entered granting HACLC the relief it seeks against you. eeks against vou

Respectfully submitted, HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT P.C. By: DAVID MCNEILL, JR. Attorneys for HACLC Post Office Box 2699 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699 Telephone: (505) 524-8812 Pub # 6225 Dates 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-06-1159 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING THROUGH RURAL HOUSING SERVICE,

vs JOSE L. HERNANDEZ. and DEBORAH HERNANDEZ, Defendant(s)

Plaintiff,

NOTICE OF SALE

GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reserva-tions, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-closed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on March disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real Judicial District Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: 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 manufac-tured home on the property, if any, environmental contami-nation on the property, if any, and zoning violations concernand State: and zoning violations concern

Lot 71 of BUENA VISTA SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, located in Doña Ana County, ing the property, if any. **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to New Mexico, as shown on the Plat thereof filed for record Fiat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 14, 1996 and recorded in Plat Book 18 at Pages 434, Plat Records the above described real prop-erty subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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. The address of the real prop-erty is 105 Father Luis Catano, Sunland Park, New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Fore-closure Dated: January 30, 2007 entered on November 16, 2006, entered on November 16, 2006, in the above entitled and num-bered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$89,840.11, plus interest from September 16, 2006, to the date of sale at the rate of 6.875% per annum, or \$13.57 per day, Kyle H. Moberly , becial Master PO Box 7663 Las Cruces, New Mexico 88006 (505) 541-1278 Pub # 6226 Dates 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 2007

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2007 SECTION E

PUEBLO CHARM MEETS MODERN STYLE



WALL-TO-WALL WARMTH AND BEAUTY

Delicate artistry amidst rustic, wooden features

BY MELISSA ST. AUDE The Las Cruces Bulletin

Set against a naturally beautiful backdrop of desert landscaping, with rabbits, quail and roadrunners as neighbors, 3925 Desert Broom Court is a rustic-styled Pueblo home that seems to have sprung up from the earthen floor. And that's exactly the look builder Wayne Suggs, of Classic New Mexico Builders, was hoping to accomplish.

"One of our goals whenever we start a house is to leave the desert as pristine as possible," Suggs said. "We want it to look like it's been here for a while and that it belongs." To accomplish that, 3925 Desert Broom's construction began like any other of the company's projects – with a

reinforcing wall around the

homesite to protect the natu-

ral landscaping. "The desert is beautiful," Suggs said. "Why mess it up?

Suggs believes that the 1,000-year history of the Pueblo style home is ideal for the terrain and 3925 Desert Broom Court is no exception.

It was designed in the authentic Pueblo style with thick walls, soft and free-form adobe buttreses and exterior walls highlighted by a wooden gate at the entrance. Inside and out, the home features beams or corbels.

"Our building style is very traditional," Suggs said. "Everything in our homes has a function, like the lintels and the vigas. They are beautiful and functional.

Suggs carefully considered the angle at which the home would be placed to maximize mountain views and sunlight. Oversized windows help to further that goal.

Suggs has a passion for woodworking and the interior of the home is a testament to his work. Cedar ceilings, pine vigas, post and beam accents and handcarved beams and corbels on each doorway give the home an invitingly rustic feel set against red saltillo floor tiles and hand textured walls.

A number of built-in features are found throughout the

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER



The desert is beautiful. Why mess it up?

WAYNE SUGGS, Homebuilder



This Pueblo-styled home by Classic New Mexico Homes is set in a quiet desert location. See more photos on page E6-7.

house as well, including nichos, carved wooden benches, bookshelves and window seats. A cozy, cushioned kitchen window seat is adorned with a floral design hand-painted by Suggs' wife, Kiki, an area artist. She puts her artistic flair in all Classic New Mexico Homes projects by selecting color schemes, hand texturing walls and lending her talents to other tasks.

The home has three bedrooms and a sunken office with floors of Sonoran Gold tile. The pine ceiling of the office doubles as the floor of the rustic loft directly above it. The office serves as the home's library. "This room has an old feel to it," Kiki said. "The stone

and the wood come together to give the room a great look

The home's spacious master suite is bright and sunny and features a garden tub and spectacular views.

Classic New Mexico Homes concentrates on building about three homes each year. Construction of 3925 Desert Broom Court took approximately one year to complete.





Hand-crafted wooden details abound throughout the house giving the home rustic appeal.



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Modern homes are not complete without a living kitchen As styles and trends evolve, the kitchen becomes the focal point of the home



If the entire world is a stage then the kitchen stage has sure changed in the last 10 years. In many modern homes, the breakfast room has taken the place of the formal dining room, and the kitchen island has evolved into a wrap-around bar to become another eating area. The current trends in kitchen design focus on creating spaces that are functional and efficient yet offer a welcoming embrace to all who enter. Today there is a focus on the "living kitchen," which got its name from

"living kitchen," which got its name from the living room. The living kitchen incorporates a space for food preparation and a casual dining area, such as an island bar, so that the cook and guests can interact throughout the gathering.

While styles may vary, there are certain design elements I incorporate when creating a new kitchen. First, I design a unique stamp, or an individual creative focal point in the space, and at the

same time incorporate style that will hold up over time. Second, the living kitchens continue to follow two style trends no matter what their design theme – built-in features and fully integrated professionalstyle appliances.

The style trend of built-in features is designed to offer the experience of luxury at home in the upscale kitchen with specialty appliances built in.

Built-in coffee makers, warming drawers, under counter beverage centers and wine storage units are leading the pack.

In an integrated kitchen, the fronts of appliances, such as the refrigerator, dishwasher and warming drawers, look like the cabinets or they blend in so that the appliance is not a focal point.

As the living kitchen grows, the design package should include the expansion of appliances for future use. The kitchen island could be plumbed for a second vegetable sink. Kitchen appliance manufacturers are now featuring refrigerator drawers and dishwasher drawers and the islands are a good future area for these appliances. The wiring for these appliances should be done in the building stage. The gourmet chef might like an extra freezer or refrigerator. As the kitchen has grown into an entertainment area of the home, having two dishwashers, two refrigerators and two ovens may also be useful.

Another key to contemporary or traditional design is the introduction of color. One interesting note is that people who view themselves as very bold and vibrant and don't want a beige kitchen still usually end up making neutral color choices. If you find yourself in this mode, go with color in your accent pieces, such as an accent wall or piece of art, or design a colorful backsplash or fabrics in the chairs in the kitchen.

Living in the Southwest a variety of design styles work whether it's cool and contemporary or rich and traditional. As you read home improvement magazines

The living Southwest kitchen is becoming softer, more romantic and more sensual. you notice contemporary styles have been in the forefront for a long time, but it can't always be dark woods and hard edges. The hard-edge contemporary can be combined with a Shaker panel, which adds a softness that is more of a soothing blend of contemporary for the Southwest. With the classic wood tones, consider combining a variety of different textures that create a high style and

enduring appearance. The woods are now in textures such as knotty alder or wormy maple, and many use colorful glazing in coffee hues or even grays and blues which add richness to the wood.

The living kitchen also has a demand for function, and that extends to cabinet interiors. A myriad of storage options are now offered that focus on access and display as well as organization of such things as spices and silverware to de-clutter the kitchen. It's about convenience and having the daily things you use within close reach. The living Southwest kitchen is becoming softer, more romantic and more sensual with artwork or collectibles infused into the space. The movement toward more decorative designs are more refined, tasteful and moderately contemporary. In other words, a more classic look with much cleaner lines. Finally the hardware is the jewel or the finishing touch of the kitchen. It is not just a functional element but finishes the design of the kitchen.

Mariann Novack is the design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Court. The showroom is open to the public. Mariann welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann @lascrucesbulletin.com or 524-2831.





Modern kitchens are now designed to be a gathering place and many, like this one incorporate space for preparing food and a place for enjoying it. Other characteristics of a living kitchen are fully integrated appliances and handy built-in features.



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Beyond edible – incredible uses for eggs

Science experiments to facials, there are many uses for eggs

Around

the home item:

By MELISSA ST. AUDE

Eggs are one of the nation's favorite breakfast foods. Packed with protein and 13 other essential vitamins and minerals, the egg is one of the few foods with natural Vitamin D.

Historians believe that the Europeans were the first to domesticate hens in about 600 B.C. Chickens were brought to North America by Christopher Columbus in 1493 during his second trip to the new world. Today in the United States an estimated 240 million hens produce approximately 5.5 billion dozen eggs for American consumers annually, according to the American Egg Board, the trade asso-

ciation for national egg producers. The average hen lays between 300 and 325 eggs a year and begins her egg-laying career at 19 weeks of age. To produce one egg, a hen must eat about four pounds of food and what she eats influences the pigmentation of the yolk. Feed containing yellow corn or alfalfa generally produces a medium yellow, while feed containing marigold petals may enhance the color of the yolk, according the AEB.

When they're not eaten scrambled, poached, boiled or fried, eggs are often used in cooking as a leavening agent or to thicken, emulsify, bind, coat and clarify foods as well as to prevent crystallizaton. But the egg has many uses outside of the kitchen as well.1. Treat a bruise with a hardboiled egg. Boil an egg,

cut it in half and rub over a bruise. Rinse away. 2. Use the skin from a hardboiled egg to cover a cut

that won't stop bleeding. The skin will also help prevent scarring.

3. Condition you hair with eggs. Yes – eggs. Beat two eggs and rub into your hair after shampooing. Allow to sit for about ten minutes, then rinse. The eggs will make your hair shine.

4. Children will enjoy the rubber egg experiment – an easy experiment that requires little more than an uncooked, uncracked egg, distilled white vinegar and a little bit of patience. Place the egg in a tall jar and cover with vinegar. Have children observe changes in the egg at different time intervals such as when vinegar is first poured, 24 hours, etc. Allow the vinegar-covered egg to sit for about a week then discard vinegar and rinse the egg. The shell will be gone and the egg's exterior will be rubbery while the inside remains gooey. This

experiment works because the acetic acid in the vinegar reacts with the calcium of the eggshell.

5. Add eggshells to a compost pile. The calcium is a valuable nutrient to any compost.



A large egg only has about 75 calories and about 5 grams of fat. As well as being nutritious, eggs have many uses outside of the kitchen.

6. Water your plants with the water you used to boil eggs - be sure to allow it to cool first. It's nutrient-rich and plants will love it.

7. Plant seeds in an eggshell. Break in half, empty and clean, then fill with soil and a few seeds. When the seedlings are ready to be transplanted, remove from the shell.

8. Make a homemade facial by combining egg yolk, lemon and honey. A bit of oatmeal may also be added. Apply to the face and allow to sit for at least 20 minutes then rinse clean.

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\$550,000 - Dona Ana West - 5529 Redfox Rd., 3 bedrooms, 3+ baths, Darcy R. Salopek - 650-6006, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mésilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777106

\$539,900 - Organ Mtns./I-**10** - 5156 Hunters Chase Rd., 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths, Kelley Coffeen - 649-3882, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777252

\$524,900 - Mesilla Area 7020 Raasaf Drive, 5 bedrooms, 3+ baths, Renee 640-7228. Peterson Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777438

\$400,000 -\$499,99<mark>9</mark>

\$495,000 - N. Picacho Hills/Laqui - 1612 Via Diamante, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777856

\$485,000 - N. Valley - 1859 River Court, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Jose Fresquez - 635-2258, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777477

\$421,500 - High Range 3105 Eclipse Ridge, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Brenda Allen -644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777816

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\$399,900 - Picacho Hills/ Laqui - 1286 Morisat Place, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597. Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777233

\$390,500 - High Range - 3115 Eclipse Ridge, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 B a t h s , Brenda Allen -644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777814

\$389,900 - Jornada/Las Colinas - 4300 Real del Sur, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Brenda Allen - 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777879

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\$378,350 - N. Valley -163 Red Deer Court - On 1-acre in new N. Valley neighborhood. 3-car side entry garage. Separate 11x14 office. The center-piece of open living area is great room with cathedral ceiling, corner fireplace & built-in entertainment unit. Formal dining romm and large open kitchen. Large covered patio and very large back yard. Continued on page E10









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How would you like your <u>eg</u> This simple device has helped cooks time eggs since the 14th century

By MELISSA ST. AUDE

Boiled eggs are a much-loved breakfast food and whether you enjoy them hard-boiled (with a solid center) or softboiled (with runny yolk) timing is the key to perfection. A hard-boiled egg generally cooks for 10 to 15 minutes while a soft-boiled egg requires between only three and four min-utes of cooking time. Over the years, a number of devices have been invented to help cooks judge egg-cooking time.

What is it? Used to calculate cooking time for eggs, the egg timer falls into three categories:

Sandglasses: Sand flows from one end of the device to the other to mark the passing of a set period of time. Historians believe this timer was invented during the 14th century in Europe. As well as being useful to cooks, the timing device was also used by sea captains, in churches and in the workplace.

Mechanical: Requiring the manual turning of a dial. Many of these timers are found in whimsical designs and shapes

Digital: The passing of time is measured by a digital, clock-like device.

How is it used?

With most egg timers, the cook simply turns the dial or sets the time digitally. Some modern egg timers are made of heat-reacting Lucite or another material and are placed directly in the cooking water with the eggs where they remain throughout cooking to indicate degree of done-

Other Uses:

Most egg timers have various settings so that they may be used to calculate cooking time of other foods. Generally small and portable, egg timers are handy in and out of the kitchen as they can time just about any task and tend to ring when time is up. They may be used to help children monitor game time or telephone time or to set viewing limits with television watching. Many parents use egg timers to measure "time-outs" for misbehaving children.

Where is it found:

Egg timers can be found with kitchen supplies in most department or kitchen stores. Many online retailers and online auction sites sell them as well.

How much does it cost?

Even the fancier versions of the egg timer are often less than \$10

What to look for in a timer:

Unless you are fond of the sandglass version, look for a timer with an alarm that is easily heard. One that is durable and able to take the bumps, dings and occasional water or grease splat-ter from being in the kitchen is a plus. A timer should be easy to use and uncomplicated, giving accurate readings.

Rinsing a hard-boiled egg under cool water after cooking causes the inside to shrink, making shell removal easier. This also prevents discoloration.



-Featured Kitchen Gadget: The Egg Timer Egg timers have experienced their own evolution over the years. From the medieval sandglasses to the modern digital versions, measuring cooking time is essential when

preparing most foods, like eggs.









Sunny and warm, the home's living room also features fabulous views.

The sunny window seat features a floral trim design handpainted by local artist Kiki Suggs. Suggs is responsible for the handtextured walls and touches of artistry in each Classic New Mexico Homes project.





The traditional wooden front gate is a trademark of Classic New Mexico Homes and adds character, charm and privacy to each home.



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Number of bathrooms Two

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Tiles in soft hues of gentle pink and teal are set against a wooden backdrop in the home's kitchen, which overlooks the living room and dining area.



Great views, cheerful tile work, tropical greenery and a garden tub are featured in the home's bathroom.



The master bedroom features Mexican tiling and great views.

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By MELISSA ST. AUDE

Coventry Development Company builds a different kind of home. With a team approach to the process of homebuilding, Raymond Reynaud, president of Coventry Development, and his team endeavor to make each home as unique as the family who resides inside.

'We know that it takes a careful bal-ance of ideas, creativity, communication and organization to turn a dream of a home into reality," Reynaud said. "The most common concern in the build-ing or purchasing of a home is the experience of the home builder and the support as the client moves forward

with the process." Along with Reyn-aud, Coventry Development's diverse team includes a staff with extensive experience in mechanical and electrical engineering as well as professionals that put a touch of elegance into each project. Each member works to bring to the home the characteristics that the client dreams of having in a

house, whether it's an open and flowing floor plan, distinctive bathroom or cozy and welcoming backyard.

"We build a quality home," Reynaud said. "We believe it is our job to build the masterpiece that will house the client's most precious treasures. By selectively choosing our partners, keeping strict guidelines, constantly monitoring the quality and maintaining a hands-on approach, Coventry is able to ensure quality from the ground up."

Reynaud, who spent 22 years as a NASA engineer before retiring three years ago to a life of homebuilding, said his company takes a project management approach to each home it builds, with each am member assigned specific tasks.

Company General Manager Brad Obman, who has a background in hydraulics and electrical engineering, oversees each project while company foreman Rob-

ert "Spike" Skaggs sees to the details of each home. Skaggs also creates the custom-designed ironworks - such as copper patchwork kitchen hoods, ornate metal flourishes or other iron designs unique to each Coventry Development project.

Reynaud's wife Tami coordinates with professional designers to put the finishing touches on each project to give it a polished and elegant look, always with the client's tastes and lifestyle in mind.

"Each person on the team has experience to keep the building process moving forward and to ensure quality," Reynaud said.

He added that the company's approach is designed to keep the process of building a home stress-free, understandable and comfortable for the customer.

The process often begins when a customer visits Coventry Development with plans, sketches or simply an idea for their future dream house. Designers sit with the customer and create a basic layout and specifications for the home to meet their needs.

When a lot is selected and building is set to begin, designers study the home site against the specifications to ensure that Continued on following page



Making the outdoors an extension of a home's living space is one of the goals of Coventry Development. This home on Bazille Place features a cozy sitting area with a fireplace.

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the design will take full advantage of views, orientation, slope and other features.

Throughout the construction process, customers are kept informed on progress through conversations, electronic reports and digital photos.

Each home the company builds is backed by a 10-year warranty.

"When we sell a house, everything is included in the design process," he said. "We don't cut anything out, including landscaping."

Coventry Development concentrates on five customdesigned homes a year, focusing on quality, high-end homes with unique floor plans, quality construction and artistic details. The company builds homes in several prestigious parts of town including Picacho Hills, the Ridge at Northrise and Sonoma Ranch Estates.

Reynaud says homebuilding is a gratifying career. "I enjoy seeing the fruits of my labor when I'm fin-

ished," he said. "It's a very satisfying feeling." He says he is optimistic that the Las Cruces home-

building market is strong even though in recent months sales have slowed a bit.

"I'm confident it will pick back up," he said. "Las Cruces is a beautiful place to live."

Reynaud was raised in Las Cruces and graduated from New Mexico State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is a member of the board of directors for the Las Cruces Home Builder's Association and is also a member of the New Mexico Homebuilder's Association.

Reynaud and his wife Tami have one daughter, Brianna, 7, who is a second grader at Desert Hills Elementary School.

Details

Coventry Development Company

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Company

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Phone 521-8260

Website www.Coventry-development.com Below: Homes built by Coventry Development Company often feature flowing floor plans and dramatic details like these iron flourishes.



Coventry Development Company's construction foreman Robert "Spike" Skaggs does intricate metal work for each home, including this copper patchwork hood.





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\$364,800 - High Range - 3485 Midnight Ridge Dr., 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Debbie Nachtsheim - 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777821

\$362,000 - High Range - 3475 Midnight Ridge Dr., 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Debbie Nachtsheim - 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777826

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\$340,000 - N. Picacho Hills/Laqui - 7020 Camino Blanco, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777859

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\$310,000 - High Range - 2886 Quasar Drive, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Beth Marr - 496-1848 Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777368

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\$299,900 - Mesilla Park South - 3841 Shady Glen Ave., 5 bedrooms, 3+ baths, Kari Hitner - 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777065

\$298,000 - Organ Mtns./I-10 - 4905 Ocotillo Road, 4 bedrooms, 3+ baths Laurel A. Coyle 650-3500 Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777211

\$295,000 - South Valley - 115 Liberty Court, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, Laurel A. Coyle - 650-3500 Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777378

\$295,000 - Organ Mtns./ I-10 - 0000 Wind Dancer Trail, Beth Marr - 496-1848 Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777344

\$294,500 - High Range - 4137 Council Oak Road, 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, 2-car garage, 1,901 sq. ft., Assist-2-Sell Buyers & Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244 or 642-4305 MLS #777434

\$291,500 - San Andres - 1400 Rayos de Luna, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Kari Hitner - 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777278

\$269,900 - N. Valley - 812 Granada Street, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777306

\$265,000 - N. Valley - 3800 Shalem Colony Trail, 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, Kari Hitner - 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777905

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\$224,900 - High Range - 2496 Gila Bend Loop, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777524

\$209,900 - Elks Club -4190 Fireweed, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Mary Mulvihill - 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777577

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\$192,500 - Elks Club - 655 Lori Drive, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850

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\$190,000 - Elks Club - 1017 Devendale Dr., 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, Brenda Allen - 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777071

\$187,000 - East Mesa/ Weaver Rd. - 4833 Calle Bella Ave., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Kathe Pass 644-8068 Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777213

\$187,000 - High Range - 4106 Campana Ct., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, Quint Lears - 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777143

\$182,495 - Jornada/Las Colinas - 5186 Cats Eye Rd., 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Linda Scott - 644-6757, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777758

\$179,900 - Telshor Area - 2720 Ardis Dr., 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Steve Barrett - 644-0639, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777113

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\$159,900 - Alameda - 1966 Chateau Dr. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Brenda Allen - 644-8112, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777102

\$143,000 - Telshor Area - 2905 Valle Vista, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Beth Marr - 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777912

\$129,000 - Downtown -811 E. Amador Ave., 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, Isaac Vigil - 635-6115, Emerick Real Estate, Inc., 1730 Tierra de Mesilla, Ste. 4, Mesilla, 523-2850 MLS #777124

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\$119,900 - Elks Club - 4159 Calle Americana - This well cared for double wide has an open and spacious feel. Split bedroom plan with formal dining room, plus one of the larger lots in the sought after Mi Tierra Subdivision allows for plenty of room to "spread out." Home is equipped with a security alarm system for extra "peace of mind" Two evaporative cooling units. Great home in a great neighborhood! Must See! MLS **#** 778515 Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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~Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, Wind, Sand, and Stars, 1939

What would Valentine's Day be without chocolate and wine? Wine connoisseurs recommend pairing white chocolate with a sherry or a moscato d'asti or an orange muscat. For milk chocolate, try pino noir, merlot, ries-lings or dessert wines. Dark chocolate demands a Cabernet sauvignon or a zinfandel.

This Valentine's Day, start your romantic evening with a bowl of Cupid's Chocolaté Tex-Mex Chili and a goblet of mellow merlot. How sweet it is!

Cupid's Chocolaté Tex-Mex Chili Recipe

Some months ago, a relative sent this recipe. My first reaction was "yuck" – chocolate chili? Surely you jest. But after giving it a try, I was delightfully surprised by its savory taste. And it's a two-course meal in one main and desert! But really, the chocolate flavor is mild and doesn't overwhelm this tasty medley. I saved this recipe especially for Valentine's Day. Cupid highly recommends this chili choco-chileous recipe with a glass of mellow merlot.

4 cups water

- 16 ounces tomato sauce
- 14 ounces salsa verde (green salsa)
- 1 cup pure ancho chile powder
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ tablespoons dried onion flakes
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dried minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin 1 teaspoon ground dry cilantro, crushed
- 1 tablespoon Hungarian paprika
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 tablespoon ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons cocoa powder (unsweetened)
- 1 tablespoon chipotle powder
- 2 pounds flank steak, diced* (or lean hamburger) 10 ounces Rotel diced tomatoes and green chiles, drained
- 15 ounce can black beans, drained
- 16 ounces corn, cooked
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1/4 cup fresh masa flour

Fill an 8-quart pot with the water, tomato sauce, and salsa. Heat on low to slowly bring up the temperature. In a separate iron skillet, rapidly sear the flank steak cubes over high heat. Add the meat and dry spices to the heated water mixture and then bring the pot to a boil on high heat. Once the pot is boiling, lower heat to medium-low and cover. Cook for 2-hours, stirring every 15 minutes.

Just before the 2 hour mark, mix together the warm water and masa flour to make a pasty fluid. Then add it to the diced tomatoes and chiles, black beans and corn. Cover and cook an additional 30 minutes, stirring at least once during this time. Serve with shredded cheese, coarse chopped raw onion and tortillas. Makes about 1 gallon

*Note: Sear flank cubes in small batches, maybe 3 to 6 at a time, depending on the size of your pan.

Habanero Chocolate Truffles

I haven't tried this recipe, but a friend who gave it to me warned that they were highly addictive.

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons softened unsalted butter
- 12 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips plus 8 ounces for dipping
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder, sifted
- 1 tablespoon habanero sauce

Heat the cream in a saucepan. Remove from heat. Add habanero sauce. Slowly add the 12 ounces of the chocolate chips until all of the chocolate has melted. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and allow it to cool to room temperature. Stir occasionally for about 45 minutes. Pour the mixture into a food processor and add the softened butter. Purée on high 3 to 4 minutes.

Pour the mixture out onto a work surface and work it with a pastry knife, cooling it down, until it begins to firm up. Using a small scoop (such as melon) form the mixture into 1-inch balls and place on a cookie tray lined with parchment paper. If the mixture is thick enough you can shape it with two spoons or fill a pastry bag to pipe them out.

Let the truffles set for about 10-15 minutes. Melt just 6 ounces of the chocolate for dipping, remove from heat and add the remaining 2 ounces, stir until it melts and cools down.

Using tongs put each truffle ball into the melted chocolate. Shake off excess and placing each one on a clean sheet of parchment paper. Repeat until all of them are done. Roll each truffle in the cocoa and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment. Allow the truffles to set about 10 minutes. Makes about 24 to 30 truffles. These will keep for about 2 weeks in an airtight container.

Albaricoques del Chocolate (Chocolate Apricots)

Apricots dipped in chocolate kissed with habanero powder are lip-smakin' luscious!

20 high quality dried apricots

4 ounces high quality dark chocolate A pinch or two of habanero powder or to taste

Melt the chocolate with the habanero powder in a double boiler or in the microwave in a microwavable bowl (check and stir often to prevent burning). Remove from heat. Drop the apricots in the chocolate and stir until well coated. Use a fork to lift the apricots from the bowl, and put them carefully a sheet of parchment paper. Allow chocolate to dry. (Or dip just one half of the apricot into the chocolate for a "designer" effect.)

Enchanting Chocolate Chile Bites

- 1 cup butter or margarine
- 8 ounces high quality dark chocolate
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 tablespoon of flour
- 1/2 teaspoon New Mexico Red Chile Powder (I prefer hot but medium will do)

Preheat oven to (400°F).

Note: This recipe requires the use of petit four molds. Melt the butter with the chocolate in a small saucepan over low heat on a burner or in a microwaveable bowl in the microwave. If melting chocolate in the microwave, check every 30 seconds or so. Don't burn the





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chocolate! Stir frequently with a spoon.

Once melted, transfer mixture into a mixing bowl, add sugar and mix with a wooden spoon and let cool briefly. Add the eggs one by one, mixing well with the spoon after each addition. Add a rounded tablespoon of flour and the New Mexico Chile Powder and mix well.

Pour the dough in the petit four molds, and put into the oven and bake for ten to twelve minutes. The top should look set, but the inside should still be on the soft side

Allow the mini bites to cool just enough to un-mold them, then turn them out on a rack to cool completely while cooking the other batches. Store in a plastic container, refrigerate, and take out about an hour prior to serving the next day. Serve these spicy chocolate bites with cabernet sauvignon or zinfandel. Makes 72 mini bites.

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