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Three local teams win titles the same day

- NMSU men take WAC
- Mayfield High girls win 5A
- MVCS boys are 2A champs

By **John Keith**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Three Las Cruces area basketball teams won post-season tournament championships last week — the first time this has happened as far as anybody can remember.

Coach Reggie Theus' New Mexico State squad captured the Western Athletic Conference tournament title with a 72-70 victory over Utah State.

The Aggies will face Texas at 5:25 p.m. (MDT) Friday, March 16, in the first round of the NCAA's East Regional in Spokane, Wash.

For more about these games, see Sports

Meanwhile, the Mayfield High School girl's team soundly defeated Clovis, 61-42, for the state 5A championship at the Pit in Albuquerque last Saturday. It was the Trojans' first state title since the 2003-04 season.

That same day, Mesilla Valley Christian Schools held on for a 53-51 win over Peñasco in the state 2A title game, also played at the Pit.

The SonBlazers, coached by Terry Adler, finished the season with a record of 28-2.

For New Mexico State, junior forward Justin Hawkins was voted the Most Valuable Player in the WAC tournament. Senior guard Elijah Ingram also made the all-tournament team.

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Aggies win the WAC

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New Mexico State University team members hold up the Western Athletic Conference trophy on the floor of the Pan American Center after last Saturday's 72-70 victory over Utah State.

NMSU, Las Cruces get good reviews from WAC visitors

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

Unless their experience was soured by a game outcome, out-of-town guests for last week's Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament in Las Cruces were complimentary about the area and events.

Some of the most glowing reviews even came from unexpected guests.

"The tournament has been very well organized," said Patti Bussio of Reno, Nev. "The people have been terrific and the cuisine awesome." Bussio and fellow Reno resident Mary Alice Galt gave their approval while arriving to last Friday's afternoon game after spending the morning hiking at Dripping Springs in the Organ Mountains.

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Considering the short notice, there was a good turnout Wednesday, March 14, outside of the Pan American Center to see off the New Mexico State University men's basketball team as they boarded buses for their trip to Spokane, Wash., for their NCAA game on Friday, March 16.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

An incredible week

Three basketball championships in one day; WAC tournaments set several records thanks to NMSU-Las Cruces partnership

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

Saturday, March 10, 2007, will be remembered as one of the most incredible sports days in the history of Las Cruces. In a 10-hour period, three Las Cruces basketball teams earned championships. Saturday morning, our Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' boys team won the 2A championship, defeating Peñasco 53-51 in the Pit in Albuquerque. The Mayfield girls dominated a determined Clovis team 61-42 in the afternoon as they completed a 28-1 season and brought home the 5A championship trophy. Then, Saturday evening, in front of a boisterous, near sell-out crowd at the Pan American Center, the New Mexico State University Aggie men won their first Western Athletic Conference crown and earned a trip to the NCAA tournament when they defeated Utah State 72-70. The outcome of the game was not determined until the final buzzer sounded and a last-second Utah State three-point shot fell short of its mark.

MCCOLLUM

> "Let's take the time to savor our local teams' victories and root for the Aggies to make a nice run in the NCAA men's tournament."

A fourth championship was almost added Saturday afternoon as the Aggie women's exciting run in the WAC tournament ended when the Aggies were unable to hit a three-point shot at the end of the game and fell to top-seeded Boise State 49-46. Earlier the Aggie women had defeated the No. 1 and No. 3 seeds. The Aggies' first-round win over Louisiana Tech knocked the Lady Techsters out of contention for their 26th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Overall, the WAC tournament was a resounding success. All 16 games were competitive, and most outcomes were not decided until the final minutes. Attendance for the tournament was 49,650 which was the highest total in the past 10 years. A total of 11,948 attended the exciting men's finals. WAC officials and visiting fans and coaches were glowing in their praise of how well NMSU and the city of Las Cruces worked together to organize the event.

I had the opportunity to visit with several out-of-town guests as I helped deliver the Bulletin's WAC tournament guide to the local hotels. Most people were impressed with the friendliness of Las Crucens and the fact that each hotel had an individual information center manned by local volunteers. Guests were impressed with the number of restaurant choices in the Las Cruces area. Some of the Utah State fans made their way to the White Sands National Monument. A group of Hawaii supporters took time to play golf. A Nevada couple said they lost track of time while perusing rare book selections at COAS Bookstore. A group from Boise State found their way to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Several others said they thoroughly enjoyed the daily entertainment and food offerings between games at the Pan Am Center.

Coupled with the terrific weather and both Aggie teams winning their way into the finals, this year's WAC tournament will be difficult to top next year. The only way this weekend could have been better would have been for the high school championships to have been played a week earlier, so that fans would not have to make a choice about which events to attend.

For now, let's take the time to savor our local teams' victories and root for the Aggies to make a nice run in the NCAA men's tournament.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spaceport benefits

I am writing to voice a small business owners' view of the growth of the space industry and specifically the spaceport. I hope my small example of already benefiting from the space industry will encourage others to jump in and support the spaceport tax.

I own an event planning business. My company has already benefited from the influx of space-related industry in this area and has passed on that increase in business to many others. Last year my company served as meeting planner for the International Symposium for Personal Spaceflight and coordinated the food vending service for the X Prize Cup. In 2007 my company will again plan the ISPS, will plan a meeting for the National Council of Space Grant Directors, and handle pre-launch celebrations and events for a group that will have payload on the scheduled launches from Spaceport America. We have not yet closed the 1st quarter of 2007 and have that business planned already; for a small business, this is great.

All of the above is new business. The visionaries who worked on space commercialization for New Mexico for years have made small companies like mine a bit more successful. Each of those contracts represents more than revenue for just my company. I have hired tent installers, electricians, students to run registration, caterers, florists, photographers, food vendors and security. Because of these contracts I have spent money with local printing companies, screen printers, and office supply stores.

I wanted to write and let my fellow Las Cruces know that the space industry is already impacting our area positively. I am not naïve enough to think there won't be bumps along the way, and I certainly wouldn't put all my eggs in the basket and go "all space" in my business, but I am ready to take the opportunities that already exist and help more develop.

The growth of the space industry will bring money into our economy, it will bring jobs, and it will most definitely benefit our students. I encourage everyone to think big and vote for the spaceport tax.

DAWN STAROSTKA

Benefits doubted

In the March 2 edition of the Bulletin you write that the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed .25 percent tax increase to fund development of the spaceport. The "state" has budgeted $115 million in the 2007 budget for it. The "state" should have read "New Mexico taxpayers." The state has no funds other than those supplied by the taxpayers. This spaceport is lauded for bringing more jobs, economic development and revenue to southern New Mexico. It certainly will bring higher prices for homes. The majority of the people — who have already paid more than half of the needed $225 million — and who are being asked to pay the increased tax, will benefit the least from its development.

CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS

A small price

I wish to state my support for this tax bill. It is a small price to pay for such a major impact on the Doña Ana County economy as well as the state. Please support this.

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Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller

New Mexico centennial approaching

Arizona, which also became a state in 1912, has already begun planning

Lest you get the notion that New Mexico is becoming less the Land of Mañana as progress marches on, think again.

New Mexico has the longest and most varied history of any state in the nation, but when it comes to celebrating that history, we become more complacent every year.

The latest example is the Legislature's disinterest in beginning preparations for our state's centennial celebration in 1912. After the longest battle of any state to enter the union, it finally happened on Jan. 6, 1912.

Sure, that's almost five years away, but centennials usually start a year early and involve a tremendous amount of bureaucracy and planning. Arizona's centennial is a month later, but it started planning two years ago with a $2.5 million legislative appropriation.

Rep. Rhonda King of Santa Fe has introduced House Bill 511 providing $250,000 to create a Centennial Commission and spelling out eight pages of powers and duties. It is a comprehensive piece of legislation, providing a good road map for how we get organized.

So far, the bill has made it through a grand total of one committee and now lies in the House Appropriations Committee with no money in it. Legislative fiscal wizards fret that similar appropriations may be required during the next five years and they might have more important projects than honoring our state.

Let it be noted that the state has been running surpluses of close to $1 billion the past few years and that if $250,000 were appropriated for each of the next five years, it would only be half the amount Arizona already appropriated two years ago.

> "It is disheartening to see such disinterest in honoring our great state. We will miss a great opportunity to promote our state to the rest of the nation."

It might also be noted that the first 250 years of Arizona's history is New Mexico history. Arizona was merely the western half of New Mexico from 1598 to 1848. And there wasn't much in that half of our state other than saguaros and scorpions.

It is disheartening to see such disinterest in honoring our great state. We will miss a great opportunity to promote our state to the rest of the nation. Guess we can hope that some people will drop by on their way to Arizona. Steve Terrell of the Santa Fe New Mexican predicts New Mexico's centennial celebration will be a pot-luck dinner and no-host bar.

It hasn't always been that way in New Mexico. Back in 1883, we threw a party that surely will never be equaled in our state. We called it a Tertio-Millennial Celebration.

Somehow 333 years didn't quite compute, but it was catchy, and the railroads, which just recently had reached out of state, were anxious to pay the bill in order to bring tourists from all over the nation to get a taste of the true West.

It was a smashing success. The length of the Tertio-Millennial kept being extended as trainloads of visitors poured in for weeks. The press came, too, from all over the nation. Indians danced. A racetrack was built two blocks north of the plaza and the huge center was filled with booths. The area now is Federal Place.

Another huge celebration occurred in 1940, the 400th anniversary of Coronado's expedition. It likely was New Mexico's second biggest celebration. In 1960, Santa Fe celebrated long and hard for its 350th anniversary.

And for nearly 300 years Santa Fe and the Catholic Church have celebrated an annual fiesta commemorating the reconquest of New Mexico in 1692.

But recent celebrations have fallen rather flat. The pueblos did a fairly good job of commemorating the 300th anniversary of their 1680 Revolt against Spanish settlers. And Albuquerque put on a yearlong 300th birthday bash last year.

Very little happened, however, in 1992 to celebrate Columbus' encounter with the New World. Absolutely nothing took place in 1996 on the 150th anniversary of New Mexico becoming part of the United States.

And little happened in 1998 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first permanent European settlement in what is now the United States.

All of those had overtones of strife. This one doesn't. It's our chance to do it right.

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Letters to the Editor

Why vote for a spaceport tax

Much is being said to support the proposed quarter-percent gross receipts tax (.25 percent) for a state spaceport. Unfortunately, those in support of the tax have not provided the voters of Doña Ana County with enough information to make a sound decision or judgment for the tax. They are making many assurances that it will provide jobs and stimulate economic development, but where is the documentation or studies to support such "pie in the sky" statements? They are also predicting the economic growth will produce thousands of jobs, lift us out of poverty and decrease the unemployment rate in the county.

What they fail to mention, however, is what other ailments come with such growth? For example, transitioning from a rural agricultural/service economy to a large urban high tech/industrial economy also breeds more crime, drug and alcohol addictions, gangs, high-density development, traffic congestion, air pollution/smog, depleted the aquifer and severely reduces our lifestyle and quality of life. Is this what you want for yourself and children? Do we really want to grow and develop to become another Los Angeles or Phoenix? I think not!

There are basic inquiries regarding the proposed tax that must be answered before voting for it.

1. Why vote for a tax for a spaceport in another county (Sierra)?

2. Why vote for a tax that funds a state spaceport?

3. Why vote for a local county tax and not a statewide tax?

4. Why vote for a tax when there are countywide infrastructure problems (i.e., road, water, drainage, and sewer)?

5. Why vote for a tax when county fire fighters are not receiving compensation or medical insurance?

6. Why vote for a tax when it's to promote private business?

7. Why vote for a tax when other private business must invest personal resources to start a business?

8. Why vote for a tax that is regressive for retirees, middle- and low-income taxpayers?

9. Why vote for a tax that promotes corporate welfare and space travel for the rich?

10. Why vote for a tax when the environmental impact statement is unknown?

11. Why vote for a tax that Doña Ana County residents will pay a disproportionate amount (estimated $7 million per year) in comparison to Sierra ($365,000) and Otero ($1.3 million) counties?

12. Why pay the tax period?

The "halo effect" may drive our need for the spaceport, however the "devil is in the details." Quite frankly, "if you don't have the facts, then don't vote the tax." On April 3, please vote not on the spaceport tax.

OSCAR VASQUEZ BUTLER
District 1 county commissioner

Statewide smoking ban

Gov. Bill Richardson signed this week the Dee Johnson Indoor Air Act (HB 283) into law, banning smoking in bars, restaurants, and workplaces. We all know that the smoking of tobacco is a danger to health and that exposure to second-hand smoke significantly increases the risk for heart disease, cancer, and lung and heart disease in smokers and nonsmokers alike. We also know that smoking puts expectant mothers at risk of giving birth to babies who have low birth weights and who are more likely to die.

Tobacco kills more than 400,000 Americans per year nationwide and 2,100 New Mexicans alone from direct tobacco use. Two hundred fifty people in New Mexico die per year from exposure to secondhand smoke in the home or in the workplace. This means that every 36 hours, one person dies as a consequence of tobacco use. Tobacco kills one out of three smokers and shortens their life span by 14 years.

Congratulations to Gov. Richardson and all the advocates for taking the steps to protect every New Mexican.

CLARA I. YUVIENCO
NMSU student

Looking for Sunshine

Sunshine Week, March 11-17, calls attention to the importance of transparency and openness in government and to citizen participation in local government meetings and in exercising their right to know.

Three federal laws have been passed that facilitate the public's access to open government meetings and to information. (1) Freedom of Information Act signed into law on July 4, 1966, by President Lyndon B. Johnson spells out the terms of access to government information and decision making; (2) Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972; and (3) the Sunshine Act of 1976 — both give the public access to government meetings. All 50 states, the District of Columbia and, in some cases, local governments passed similar laws. These are often known as sunshine laws or public record laws. Although the specific laws are different, they generally declare that all records and meetings are open unless certain specified exemptions apply.

Finding information about how the government is serving the public has always been somewhat difficult. Since 9/11, in the name of homeland security, sunshine laws and the opportunities for citizens to gain access to information have been constricted which leads to less transparency and more secretiveness in government.

It is incredibly important for citizens to know more about their government.

Our nation's access laws are only as good as we, the people, demand that they be. Knowledge of what is legally accessible and how to obtain such data is essential to keeping our rights alive.

In celebration of Sunshine Week, I thank all of the local elected government officials for ensuring that all meetings, decision-making processes, and information are open for public access and urge them to continue this practice. I also encourage all citizens to show support for the sunshine laws by attending city, county, or school board meetings during Sunshine Week.

BONNIE BURN

Underage drinking and spring break

Spring break is around the corner which means a break from school, road trips, and underage drinking and driving. I am a college student and going from one college town to another, I have seen it happen too many times. I have friends that have been hit by underage drunk drivers and friends who were the underage drunk drivers. More often than not, these people get away with nothing more than a ticket and a small fine to pay.

In New Mexico, the penalty for a first DUI is up to 90 days in jail and a $500 fine. This can be reduced by going to DWI school. This entails counseling, community service, probation and learning the impact of your crime.

It is my belief that as long as these people get off with no to minimal jail time, they don't care about counseling or the impact of their crime. Living along the border with Juarez not too far away makes it a lot easier for underage drinkers to be out on the streets. With spring break right around the corner, this problem will only escalate without harsher punishments. How many lives have to be affected before anything will change?

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Spaceport America is our opportunity

BY JOHN L. HUMMER
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

If you are someone who doubts a commercial space industry can be developed in southern New Mexico or doubts such an industry can inspire and change the lives of future generations of children to pursue aerospace related careers, just think about Kitty Hawk, N.C. This is considered the birthplace of aviation and where Wilbur and Orville Wright made the historic and successful manned flights, Dec. 17, 1903.

HUMMER

I would bet, following this historic flight, there were skeptics throughout the townships surrounding Kitty Hawk that laughed at the very thought of commercial aviation, let alone the development of an aircraft industry in North Carolina. So many unanswered questions. They were wrong about the future of aviation, but were right about North Carolina leading the development of an aircraft industry. It was North Carolina's failure to seize the opportunity and create a vibrant aircraft industry in the very birthplace of modern aviation.

However, 80 years ago, more than 1,000 miles to the west, in the then tiny town of Wichita, Kan., a group of entrepreneurs and civic leaders saw and believed in the future of air travel. Clyde Cessna, founder of Cessna Aircraft, did what many said "could not" be done – build a monoplane with a full cantilever design – that is one without supporting struts or braces. When the Cessna All Purpose plane took off Aug. 13, 1927, the aviation world was forever changed. In 1932, in Wichita, Walter H. Beech founded Beechcraft and launched the Model 17 airplane. These are but just two pioneers of the aircraft industry in Wichita which is prominently known as the "Air Capital of the World."

Wichita was my hometown. Growing up, I came to know families whose lives were inspired by the aircraft industry and, as a result, created generational opportunities for them and their children. Many of these Kansas families transitioned from rugged, low-paying, farm work to the new, and at the time (1920s), "risky" aircraft industry and making planes for wealthy people to purchase and fly. Sound familiar? This community took risks. They knew there were questions yet to be answered and tackled as they ventured down this path of hope and prosperity. This is what encourages me when thinking about the future aerospace industry in southern New Mexico and the positive impact it will have to lift up our community.

How crazy was it in the 1920s to think that a small farming town in Kansas would become the single largest producer of private aircraft? North Carolina lost the opportunity. Wichita seized upon the opportunity. And yes, over the past 80 years the community of Wichita implemented various publicly funded and/or subsidized programs and incentives to support the growth of the industry as did federal dollars (our tax dollars) via the FAA and other municipalities.

I truly believe that our opportunity in southern New Mexico is less risky than Wichita's vision in the 1920s. We have all the attributes needed for a commercial space industry. Those attributes being our ideal climate, open space, low density population, high elevation and an existing history in rocket propulsion via White Sands Missile Range. As for not having all the answers? In any election for a political candidate or referendum issue, there are always unanswered, yet to be proven commitments. With this spaceport GRT election, it is reassuring to know there are safeguards to suspend the tax if certain conditions are not met.

> "Think of our youth and think about creating a better future for our community and state."

It will take an investment to make this happen. The investment is the gross receipts tax – one penny out of every taxable $4,000 spent or $2.50 per month per taxpayer – combined with $140 million of state and federal dollars to fund the infrastructure. Las Cruces has already attracted such companies as Virgin Galactic, Starchaser, UP Aerospace and X PRIZE Cup based on their belief we will have a spaceport. More companies are seriously considering relocating to our community. If it could happen in rugged farmlands of south central Kansas for the aircraft industry, surely we can make this happen in southern New Mexico. Let us not do what North Carolina failed to do after Kitty Hawk.

I strongly support the GRT investment. Thanks to the county commission, 25 percent of the tax will be dedicated to math and science education for our children. My reason for supporting the GRT is to create a better future for my children and other families who proudly call Las Cruces and southern New Mexico home. So, when in doubt about this investment, think of Kitty Hawk to Wichita. Think of our youth and think about creating a better future for our community and state. This is our time! Let's seize this historic opportunity by voting "yes" for the spaceport GRT on April 3! For more information, please go to: www.peopleforaerospace.com.

John Hummer is co-chairman of People for Aerospace.

EBID water begins flowing

BY MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Water started flowing down the Mesilla Valley canals this week as the Elephant Butte Irrigation District opened its 2007 season.

The EBID dispatch office reported that, as of this week, it had received orders for about 800 acre-feet in the Hatch\Rincon Valley, 300 acre-feet for the central part of the Mesilla Valley and 2,200 acre-feet in the West Canal in the southern part of the Mesilla Valley, an order rate that is considered slow.

The early release water is being used for seed-bed preparation, water master Ricardo Bejarano said.

At this time of the season, the EBID dispatch office is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The dispatch office number is 524-8003.

The storage in Elephant Butte Reservoir is 645,000 acre-feet, 31 percent of capacity. But only 445,000 acre-feet will be available to the EBID to satisfy Rio Grande Compact credit obligations, district consultant Phil King said.

The EBID board of directors has granted 18 inches of water for its initial 2007 allocation, pending the rate of snow pack runoff. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Division, is releasing 900 cubic-inches per second at Caballo Dam for the initial release.

Earlier, the Natural Resources Conservation Service had reported a mountain snow pack slightly better than 100 percent of average. But that has been down-graded to 90 percent because strong winds in the higher elevations have blown snow into the atmosphere where it has evaporated, King explained.

The Rio Grande flow at San Marcial is 923 cubic-feet per second, 53 percent of average this time of year, and Elephant Butte had gained 6,886 acre-feet of water last week, the bureau reported.

The continued flow into Elephant Butte has raised the reservoir surface 39 feet and added 426,613 acre-feet to storage since July 29, according to the bureau.

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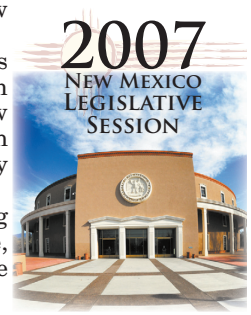
Richardson signs cockfighting ban into law

Gov. Bill Richardson Monday, March 12, enacted a ban on cockfighting in New Mexico. With his signature, Senate Bill 10, a long sought statewide ban on cockfighting, became the law in New Mexico.



"Senate Bill 10 is fair and it is humane," Richardson said. "I am proud that New Mexico will now move beyond cockfighting and join the 48 states that have already banned this outdated practice."

The bill would make cockfighting a misdemeanor on the first offence, with the seriousness of the charge increasing with each citation.

Doña Ana County already has banned cockfighting, but not the breeding of fighting cocks. Otero County allows cockfighting, but doesn't permit breeding. As a result, cockfighting is often held just in the Chaparral area, just across the county line, with breeders coming from Doña Ana County.

At the signing ceremony, Richardson was joined by the bill's sponsor, Doña Ana Democrat Sen. Mary Jane Garcia; Lisa Jennings, executive director of Animal Protection Voters of New Mexico; and Allen Sanchez, executive director of the New Mexico Catholic Conference of Bishops.

"I want to thank everyone who helped pass this bill, especially Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, Rep. Peter Wirth, Lisa Jennings with Animal Protection Voters of New Mexico, and Allen Sanchez, executive director of New Mexico Catholic Conference of Bishops," Richardson said. "This has been a tough fight, but I think the broad array of people and interests represented here are the main reason that this new law will soon be a reality."

Now that New Mexico is banning cockfighting, Louisiana is the only state left allowing it.

LUIS SANCCHEZ SATURNO I The Santa Fe New Mexican

Joe A. Parr of Anthony, N.M., holds a copy of the state Constitution in January while he was giving testimony in opposition of the cockfighting ban before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Statewide smoking ban also signed into law

By Diana Del Mauro
The Santa Fe New Mexican

As of June 15, Indian casinos, private clubs and cigar bars will be among a dwindling number of refuges for smokers who want to light up while eating or drinking in a public place in New Mexico.

What started with smoking bans in 13 municipalities, including Santa Fe and Albuquerque, has now officially gone statewide under legislation signed Tuesday by Gov. Bill Richardson.

New Mexico becomes the 17th state – neighboring Arizona and Colorado are among the others – to establish a broad smoke-free policy, according to The Associated Press.

The governor – an occasional cigar-smoker – said the ban's supporters made a last-minute push to persuade him to sign the bill. The law, with some exceptions, pertains to workplaces, bars, restaurants and stores.

A Santa Fe ordinance that went into effect last June pushed smokers outdoors at restaurants and bars within the city limits. Now, establishments in the county will be forced to become smoke-free, too.

The Mine Shaft Tavern in Madrid has been one of the places in Santa Fe County where dragging on a cigarette over a beer was still allowed.

The new law was supported by the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, the New Mexico Medical Society and New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco.

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Gutierrez gift card bill heads to governor's desk

GUTIERREZ

A bill (HB 127) that would require most gift cards and certificates to be valid for at least five years from the date of issue passed the Senate today. The bill, introduced by Rep. Joni Gutierrez, D-Mesilla, now heads to the governor's desk.

"This is a great bill that will protect many, many consumers in New Mexico," Gutierrez said. "It's not right to buy a gift certificate or gift card and then discover that the value has been chipped away by hidden fees, discounts or just the passage of time."

According to unclaimedassets.com, a total of $2.75 billion or more of gift card value nationwide was never redeemed in 2005. In 2006, the unclaimed value increased to between $3.65 and $7.3 billion.

HB 127 would also prohibit the issuer from charging fees of any kind related to the sale, redemption or replacement of the gift card or certificate other than an initial charge. It would require that if there was no expiration date indicated on the certificate or gift card that the card or certificate would be valid indefinitely.

HB 127 passed the Senate this week with a 32 to 0 vote.

Veterans' group property tax exemption passes

Steinborn sponsors bills to support constitutional amendment effort

Veterans' organizations chartered by the U.S. Congress would get a property tax exemption under contingency bills sponsored by Rep. Jeff Steinborn, D-Las Cruces. One of the bills, HB 719 - Veteran's Organizations Property Tax Exemption, passed the Senate this week with a vote of 35-1. It now heads to the governor.

HB 719 works in conjunction with HJR 16 – Veteran Organizations Property Taxes, which proposes an amendment to Article 8 of the state's constitution to create the exemption. The initiative would be put on the November ballot for voter approval. HJR 16 is scheduled to be heard on the Senate floor and will head to the governor upon its passage.

STEINBORN

"If both HB 719 and HJR16 are signed by the governor, then it will be up to the voters of New Mexico to decide whether or not these organizations get the property tax exemptions," Steinborn said. "I hope that we will reward our veteran posts with this tax relief because they provide our veterans with a gathering place and with services that are invaluable. This is also a way to help ensure that these posts continue to stay open."

The bills would allow a property tax exemption for property owned by veterans' organizations. The property would have to be used for events by the organization itself, other veterans' organizations or non-profit organizations. There are six such posts in Las Cruces.

Animal shelter review sees improvements, cites problems

Local Humane Society already responding to 180-page report

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Even some who were demanding a grand jury investigation into the city-county animal shelter are acknowledging improvements brought on by new local leadership and a review by the national Humane Society.

Carolyn Machowski, who lead the national team's review, this week released a 180-page report on the shelter, praising most staff and criticizing some cleaning and euthanasia practices.

Machowski attributed most of the problems to the shelter's open admission policy, which means the shelter accepts every animal brought to it. While that is commendable, it "puts an extreme burden" on the shelter's resources and leaves staff more open to criticism.

The animal shelter on the northeast edge of the city off of Bataan Memorial Highway is run by the Doña Ana County Humane Society with funding support from both city and county government. What animals the city's and county's animal control officers capture end up being housed at the shelter, which amounts to some 17,000 animals per year. Some are returned to their owners, some are adopted, but many are euthanized.

Problems at the shelter began to get attention after a group last year suggested the county and city offer to spay and neuter procedures free to anyone in the belief that fewer animals would be killed at the shelter and provide a savings to local governments in the long run – such as a 40 percent reduction in four years seen in Carlsbad after it started a free spay and neuter program.

The coalition of animal advocates say the shelter puts to death about 11,000 animals a year. At a cost of approximately $65 per animal, the city and county spends approximately $715,000 a year to put these animals "to sleep," which is more than half of the total $1.38 million animal control budget for the city and county combined. That also means that more than 100 tons of dead dogs and cats are taken to the landfill each year.

Many of the program proponents also were highly critical of the shelter's treatment of animals, and some began pushing for a grand jury investigation. Instead, the local Humane Society agreed to have the national organization review the shelter's practices, which led to this report.

> "This report should be seen as a starting point — not the end of the issue."
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> FRANK BRYCE

Machowski gave a summary of her report in a community meeting last Sunday and to the city council the following day.

The encouraging news, she said, was that the city's and county's animal control field practices exceeded standards, and animal control officers are well trained. As well, both animal control and shelter staff are compassionate.

While she found the euthanasia method sound, there were problems with the handling of animals before and after they are put down, which she attributed to overcrowded conditions. Also, prior to a gate repair, people could easily see the pickup truck used to carry the dead animals to the dump, she said.

The review also found that the shelter didn't provide food appropriate for the age of the animals, and in some cases, the type of animal.

The report found some drainage and shelter problems with some of the cages. Prior to the review, the animals were sometimes still in their pens when staff cleaned the cages with a cleaning mixture that was too strong to come in contact with the animals.

Machowski emphasized that she has seen many improvements and improved practices since the review. She observed cleaner conditions and better staff morale.

Also, the council was introduced Monday to the shelter's new director, Alan Davis, who has 20 years of experience in animal care.

City Manager Terrence Moore noted that the city actually owns the shelter and will be putting management of the facility out to bid. He said the local Humane Society could still retain that contract, but the city is requiring greater transparency in the management of the shelter, which will be in the bid specifications.

Councillor Jose Frietze praised the local animal advocates for "stepping forward," which led to the review and improvements. That heightened public awareness and also helped bring community assistance to the shelter. Officials noted that RT Electric donated a large washer-dryer unit to the shelter, which was cited in the report as one of the shelter's major improvements.

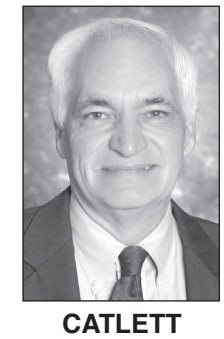
Machowski urged city officials to not let problems build and to be willing to listen to suggestions.

Frank Bryce, one of the local animal advocates, reminded officials that the report did find some very serious issues and that the area still has much to do to not only improve conditions at the shelter, but to better control the local animal population.

"This report should be seen as a starting point – not the end of this issue," he said.

Catlett honored for agriculture service

Lowell B. Catlett, dean of the New Mexico State University College of Agriculture and Home Economics, was awarded the Carl F. Hertz Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award by the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) at their annual meeting in February.



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The award, named for a previous distinguished ASFMRA member, is presented each year to an individual in appreciation for service to agriculture other than directly in the farm management and rural appraisal professions.

"Lowell Catlett has been a very effective and vigorous ambassador for agriculture as well as for New Mexico State University," said James Libbin, an NMSU professor of agricultural economics and business who nominated Catlett for the award. "Lowell is widely respected as a futurist. Because of his leadership, it is truly an exciting time to be a faculty member in the college."

Catlett said he was especially honored to receive this award because it comes from practitioners.

"I was honored to receive this award from people out on the ground," Catlett said. "This organization is made up of people making their living in the industry, which is where I come from."

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The pair told of how a local hiker even gave them some water on the hike in spite of their black-and-white Nevada T-shirts. It was a good-natured jibe on the trail, the two reported.

The tournament had long been held in Reno before WAC newcomer New Mexico State University took it away for 2007 and '08. Knowing that NMSU had a lot at stake, university officials worked hard to make the tournament an enjoyable experience.

That showed, according to the two Nevada women who had been to the tournament in Reno previously.

"I've really enjoyed the entertainment between the games," Galt said.

Don and Mary Alice Williams of Smithville, Utah, were two other longtime tournament-goers at the Pan Am Center enjoying some good Southwestern food Friday before the games. They agreed that NMSU is off to a good start in hosting the tournament.

Rather than go hiking, this older couple did head toward the mountains, but to visit the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. But that was about as much as they had explored up to that point.

"It takes a while to get familiar with where everything is," Don Williams said.

Others were more adventurous. On the first day of the tournament, a bus stopped in the Mesilla and members of the Boise Pep Band quickly began tossing around a football on the plaza.

Although it was just a first impression, Nick Wynkoop of the band said he liked the Hispanic mission style of the town's architecture.

"And the weather rocks," said band member Dave Smith. "Back in Boise the temperature has been in the 50s."

TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Bump Elliot, special assistant to the New Mexico State University athletics director, and NMSU event promoting legend Barbara Hubbard pose outside the Pan American Center on Wednesday, March 13, as they wait for the men's basketball team to arrive for a pep rally send-off before leaving to Spokane, Wash., to play in the NCAA tournament. Hubbard is holding a tray of Easter egg candy that she later handed out to the team members as they boarded a bus to take them to a chartered flight.

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Training young rocket scientists

Hillrise Elementary School first-grader Nathan Ledesma, 7, closely examines the Mustang I built by Central Elementary School students.

David Summers helps his daughter Myranda, 11, a Central Elementary School fifth grader, load the engine into her model rocket in preparation for launching.

Excitement fills the air, along with model rockets during a FLARE (Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts) event Saturday, March 10, in a dirt parking lot behind Aggie Memorial Stadium.

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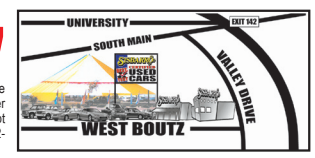

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Elementary students fly made-from-scratch rockets

The bright orange, built-from-scratch model rocket made by students in Ray Montes' fifth-grade class at Central Elementary School, was at the heart of the class' social studies project, which culminated with the launching of the Mustang I and a number of other rockets built both from scratch and from kits, during a FLARE (Fellowship of Las Cruces Area Rocketry Enthusiasts) event Saturday, March 10, in a dirt parking lot behind Aggie Memorial Stadium at New Mexico State University.

The social studies project, according to Montes, was designed, in part, to help the students to compare modern transportation technology to the transportation methods of the American pioneers of the 19th century.

He said that during the project, the students gained in their knowledge of vocabulary, math, physics, history, and astronomy.

The rocket, attached to a 150-yard length of fishing line, was flown twice before the Saturday event.

The students learned about acceleration, resistance, gravity and friction as the rocket gained a speed of 82 miles per hour in 1.5 seconds. Then, it was sent on a ground-scraping flight, in which it came to a halt after only 82 feet, giving the students an example of the effects of friction, Montes explained.

Students from other area schools, such as Hillrise and Mesilla elementary schools, also particpated in the event.

Central Elementary School fifth-grader Miranda Armijo, 11, and Mesilla Elementary School second-grader Aaron Ondelacy, 7, watch as Armijo's built-from-scratch model rocket Golden Retriever is launched from a FLARE launch pad.

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At the WAC Tournament

Nancy Clegg (green) and Nancy J. Lee (red)

Below: Sol y Arena dancer Kirsten Avelar performs at the Hispanic Culture Day late Thursday afternoon next to the Pan American Center.

The Mariachi Femenina Flores Mexicanas, from El Paso, provided great music to visitors.

Left: Hundreds of exuberant Aggie fans rush the court after the Aggies earned the WAC crown. At the top, Coach Reggie Theus is interviewed on the scoreboard screen after the win.

Jag and Linda Cheema

Country Western recording artist Josh Grider and WAC tournament director Maria Roth

WAC Commissioner Karl Benson and NMSU President Michael Martin

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Left: WAC volunteers, Leland Kiehne, from NMSU Registrars, and Erma Quintela, from NMSU Physical Science Laboratory, take a break as they eat gorditas provided from La Ristra Express.

Right: Jo Lytle, co-owner of the Hatch Chile Express, was one of the many producers providing great products for visitors of the Hispanic Culture Day event held on Thursday.

Lou and Mary Henson visit with fans in the Stan Fulton Center.

Left: Columbia Elementary School's Ballet Kalpana was one of the many performers at the Hispanic Culture Day.

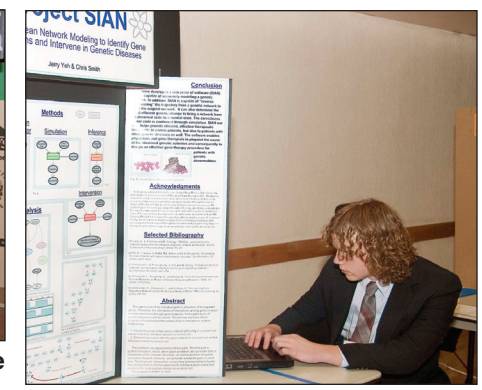
At the SWNM Science and Engineering Fair

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Vista Middle School seventh-grader Brett Armijo, 13, explains his Southwestern New Mexico Regional Science & Engineering Fair entry, "Batteries: You Get What You Pay For," to WERC's Karen Mikel, director of the fair, Saturday, March 10, in the Ballroom of NMSU's Corbett Center. Armijo earned an honorable mention award for the project, which was designed to show the differences in range that could be achieved by walkie talkies using different types of batteries.

Las Cruces High School senior Benna Belfedal, 17, explains his entry, "Key Glove: A Hand for the Visually Impaired," to competition judge Jeffry Brickley.

Ginger Franco, 14, left, an eighth-grade Las Cruces Catholic Schools student explains her entry, "Gender Defender," to fellow contestant Jasmine Brown, 12, a Holloman Middle School seventh grader.



Las Cruces High School sophomore Chris Smith, 16, uses a laptop computer that is part of his entry entitled "Project Sian: Using Network Modeling to Identify Gene Interactions and Intervene in Genetic Diseases."

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Angelina Stanzione, 11, left, a seventh-grade student from the Cottonwoon Valley Charter School in Socorro, and Las Cruces Catholic Schools eighth-grader Lindsey Giacomelli, 13, talk about Giacomelli's entry, "Can You Hear Me Now?"

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INFORMACION IMPORTANTE PARA LOS VOTANTES DEL CONDADO DE DOÑA ANA

On Tuesday, April 3, 2007, Dona Ana County Voters will have the opportunity to vote For or Against an increase in the county gross receipts tax to help finance the construction of the proposed Regional Spaceport. For this election, all 106 precincts will be open from 7:00A.M. until 7:00 P.M, and early voting is available at the County Government Center, at 845 North Motel Boulevard from 8:00 A.M thru 5:00 P.M. Monday thru Friday up until March 30, and from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 31. To help voters know where to go to vote, following is a listing of county precincts and the locations to which voters may go to cast their vote. **Please call the Bureau of Elections at 674-7128 if you have any questions.**

El Martes, 3 de Abril del 2007, los votantes del Condado de Dona Ana, van a tener la oportunidad de votar Por o Contra un aumento del Condado en el total de recibos de ingresos para financiar la construcción del propuesto Porto Espacial Regional. Para esta elección toda las 106 taquillas van a estar abiertas desde las 7:00 A.M. hasta las 7:00 P.M. También hay votación por adelantado que esta disponible en el Centro Del Condado Governal ubicado en 845 Norte Motel Bulevar de las 8:00 A.M. hasta las 5:00 P.M. Lunes a Viernes esta votación por adelantado estará hasta el 30 de Marzo. Y a las 10:00 A.M. hasta las 6:00 P.M. el Sábado, 31 de Marzo del 2007. Para ayudar a los votantes saber a donde ir a votar, hay una lista de las taquillas del Condado y las localidades a la cual los votantes pueden ir. **Por favor hablar al Departamento de Elecciones al 647-7128 si hay alguna pregunta.**

Sincerely,

Rita Torres,
Dona Ana County Clerk; Esqibana del Condado de Dona Ana

Lynn J. Ellins
Supervisor, Bureau of Elections; Supervisor, del Departamento de Elecciones

Precinct:	Vote Here:
1	Garfield Elem., 8820 Hwy 187
2	Hatch High School, 119 East Herrera
3	Hatch High School, 119 East Herrera
4	Dona Ana Comm. Ctr., 5745 Ledesma Dr
5	Onate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Dr.
6	Space Murals Museum, 12450 E. Hwy 70
7	New Covenant Fellowship Church, 20 Holy Cross Rd.
8	Vado Elementary, 330 Holguin Rd
9	Berino Elementary, 92 Shrode Rd
10	Berino Elementary, 92 Shrode Rd
11	Anthony Elementary, 609 Church St
12	Anthony Comm. Ctr., 875 Anthony Dr.
13	Riverside Elementary, 9001 McNutt Rd.
14	Santa Teresa Middle, 4800 McNutt Rd
15	La Union Elem, 875 Mercantile
16	Chamberino Fire Station, 301 S. Medina Rd
17	La Mesa Pre-K Center, 210 E. Barela
18	Mesilla Elementary, 2363 Calle Del Sur
19	Fairacres Elem., 4501 W Picacho
20	Vista Middle, 4465 Elks Rd
21	Picacho Hills Country Club, 6861 Via Campestre
22	Mayfield High, 1955 N Valley Dr
23	Henry Benavidez Comm., 1046 McClure Rd
24	LC 7th Day Adventist, 240 Three Crosses
25	Holy Cross School, 1331 N. Miranda
26	Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N Main
27	Mira Vist, 2141 N. Solano Dr
28	Washington Elementary, 755 E. Chestnut
29	Washington Elementary, 755 E. Chestnut
30	Henry Benavidez Comm., 1046 McClure Rd
31	Henry Benavidez Comm., 1046 McClure Rd
32	Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho
33	ARC Life Center, 2225 E. Griggs
34	Sierra Middle School, 1700 E. Spruce St.
35	St. Genevieve's Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave
36	City Office Center, 575 S. Alameda
37	Central Elementary, 150 N. Alameda Ave
38	MacArthur Elementary, 655 N Fourth St
39	City Office Center, 575 S. Alameda
40	1st Assembly of God, 1605 S. Valley Dr.
41	Munson Center, 975 S Mesquite
42	Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite
43	Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut
44	Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut
45	Conlee Elementary, 1701 Boston Dr.
46	Conlee Elementary, 1701 Boston Dr.
47	Conlee Elementary, 1701 Boston Dr.
48	Valley View Elementary, 915 E. California
49	Las Cruces High, 1755 El Paseo
50	First Church of Nazarene, 1900 S. Locust St
51	University Hills Elem., 2005 S. Locust. St
52	University Hills Elem., 2005 S. Locust. St
53	St. Albert's Catholic Church, 2615 S. Solano Dr
54	Corbett Center, Otero Room 1st Floor
55	Mesilla Park Rec., 304 W. Bell Ave
56	Mesilla Park Rec., 304 W. Bell Ave
57	Mesilla Park Elem., 955 W. Union Ave
58	Corbett Center, Otero Room 1st Floor
59	Highland Elementary, 4201 Emerald
60	Hatch High School, 119 East Herrera
61	Highland Elementary, 4201 Emerald
62	Camino Real Middle, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
63	Radium Springs Comm., 12060 Lindbeck (L.B.)
64	Organ Fire Station, 5816 3rd Street
65	Sunrise Elementary, 5300 Holman Rd
66	Onate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Dr.
67	Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
68	Telshor Apartments, 999 S. Telshor Blvd
69	Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt
70	Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt
71	Hillrise Elementary, 1400 S. Curnutt
72	Missouri Fire Station, 2802 E. Missouri Ave
73	Good Samaritan Social, 3011 Buena Vida Cr
74	Chaparral Middle School, 290 Lisa Dr
75	Chaparral Middle School, 290 Lisa Dr
76	Chaparral Middle School, 290 Lisa Dr
77	NM Farm and Ranch, 4100 Dripping Springs
78	Our lady Of Guadalupe, 3600 Parroquia St
79	Mesquite Elementary, 205 NM HWY 228
80	Anthony Elementary, 609 Church St
81	La Union Elementary, 875 Mercantile
82	San Miguel Elementary, 2160 HWY 192
83	Jornada Elementary, 3400 Elks Dr
84	Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Dr.
85	Vista Middle School, 4465 Elks Rd
86	East Picacho Elementary, 4450 N. HWY 85
87	Picacho Middle School, 2700 W. Picacho Ave.
88	Picacho Middle School, 2700 W. Picacho Ave.
89	Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Dr.
90	Mayfield high School, 1955 N. Valley Dr.
91	Mira Vista, 2141 N. Solano Dr.
92	Eastside Community Center, 310 N Tornillo
93	Hermosa Heights Elementary, 1655 E. Amador Ave
94	Lynn Mddle School , 950 Walnut Ave
95	Rincon Water & Sewer Coop., 2227 Rincon Rd.
96	New Covenant Fellowship, 20 Holy cross Rd
97	Sunland Park Library, 984 McNutt Rd
98	Mesilla Elementary School, 2363 Calle Del Sur
99	Jornada Elementary School, 3400 Elks Dr.
100	East Picacho Elementary, 4450 N HWY 85
101	Tombaugh Elementary, 226 Carver Rd
102	Camino real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Pkwy
103	Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
104	Las Alturas Fire Station, 4145 Cholla Dr
105	Highland Elementary School, 4201 Emerald
106	Desert Hills Elementary, 280 Roadrunner Pkwy
Early Voting	845 N. Motel Blvd., Mon – Fri. 8 am – 5 pm, ONLY Saturday, March 31st 10 am – 6 pm

Coming Up

DWI checkpoint, saturation patrols

Las Cruces police will conduct saturation patrols and a DWI checkpoint within the city limits March 16-18.

White Sands National Monument may restrict Easter gatherings

Record-breaking rainfall in August 2006 flooded much of the White Sands dune field, and subsequent rain and snow continue to keep much of the dune field under water. Only six-and-a-half miles of the eight-mile Dunes Drive is currently passable, and only one of the park's three picnic areas is accessible by vehicle. Approximately 65 percent of the parking and recreational areas in the heart of the dunes are still under water.

Depending on conditions at the time, the National Park Service will close the park on Easter Sunday when recreational areas fill up. Large families or groups coming to the park on Easter should come early and come together, because no further vehicles will be allowed into the park once the recreational areas have been filled. If additional rainfall floods more of the park, the park may be closed entirely on Easter Sunday.

Because of limited recreational areas, visitors who traditionally spend Easter Sunday at White Sands National Monument are encouraged to make alternative plans.

White Sands National Monument is currently under its yearly alcohol ban (Feb. 1-May 31). The possession of any type of alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited within the monument's boundaries.

Assuming the park is open, a sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. Visitors not attending the sunrise service may enter the park at 7 a.m. and must exit the park by 8:30 p.m.

For updated information on conditions at White Sands National Monument, the public can visit the park's website, www.nps.gov/whsa/news, or call 679-2599.

Free spay and neuter opportunity

Vouchers for a free spay or neuter procedure will be available to Doña Ana County residents on a first-come, first-served basis Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Feed Store, 5165 Doña Ana Road. Vouchers are limited to one per household, and proof of residency such as a utility bill will be required. The vouchers will be good for 90 days at participating veterinarian clinics.

The Feed Store will also be offering a free flea dip for pets at the same time and location.

This program is funded by Doña Ana County and administered on a volunteer basis by Free Spay and Neuter Program Inc., a 501(c)3 corporation. All county funds are used to reimburse the veterinarians, and a quarterly accounting is provided by the county.

For more information, contact FSNP Inc., 1300-G, El Paseo Road, Suite 183 in Las Cruces.

Tip-A-Cop

The annual Tip-A-Cop benefit for Special Olympics is set for 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Red Lobster restaurant on Telshor Boulevard in Las Cruces.

The Tip-A-Cop event features off-duty, uniformed officers from the Las Cruces Police Department, Codes Enforcement and deputies from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department who shadow the Red Lobster wait staff. The officers will help refill drinks, deliver meals, clean tables and talk to customers about Special Olympics. Several special olympians also will be on hand during the event to help answer questions from the public.

Contributions for Special Olympics will be accepted at the door. All the tips raised go to Special Olympics and helps the organization pay for uniforms, equipment and travel expenses for their athletes. Last year the Tip-A-Cop event raised $2,436.31 for Special Olympics.

Those interested in making a contribution to Special Olympics are encouraged to make plans for lunch or dinner at Red Lobster from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 16.

Leprechaun Walk

The city's Wellness Program and Walk Doña Ana County invite the public to attend the Leprechaun Walk on Saturday, March 17, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the walk beginning at 9 a.m.

The purpose of the event is to engage citizens in healthy physical activities and provide a fun, safe event for the community.

For more information contact Paul Crispell at the Walk Doña Ana County program at 541-2610, TTY number 541-2661, or email pcrispell@las-cruces.org.

Enchilada supper in Tortugas

La Corporacíon de los Indigenes de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Tortugas Pueblo, is having its annual enchilada supper from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at La Casa de Comida in the Village of Tortugas. Tickets for the red-enchilada plate are $5 and are available from Pueblo members. Hamburgers will be available for children.

All proceeds from this annual event are used to defray the cost of the December Fiesta in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Please contact Jose and Connie Ferrales at 526-2640 for more information.

Republican women meet

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet Friday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. in the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, in Las Cruces.

The featured speaker will be Doña Ana County District Attorney Susana Martinez.

For more information or to make reservations call 526-2022.

Coming Up

Mesilla history

Residents of the Town of Mesilla and vicinity are invited to attend a public meeting at the Mesilla Town Hall on Tuesday, March 27, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting will introduce the operation of the Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla-Taylor State Monument on the Mesilla Plaza.

Dedicated on Sept. 14, 2006, the new State Monument was generously donated to the State of New Mexico by Paul and Mary Taylor. Although an official state monument, the Taylor's reserved a life-estate that permits occupancy of the property for the duration of their lives. The property, therefore, is not open to the public at this time. In the coming years, preservation and conservation work will be taking place to protect the historic property and its collections.

Rio Grande Historical Collections

The New Mexico State University Library's Rio Grande Historical Collections will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 28, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The public is invited. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with complimentary Starbuck's coffee and pastries. The program begins at 10 a.m. in the museum's auditorium. David A. DeWitt, president of Sunbelt Shows Inc. and board member of the NMSU Chile Pepper Institute, is the guest speaker.

Presentations by staff members of the NMSU Library's Archives and Special Collections Department will focus on the accomplishments of the Rio Grande Historical Collections. Contact the NMSU Library at 646-1508 for more information or contact Connie Loyd at 646-3642 to make a lunch reservation.

Open Space and Trail Network

The Open Space and Trail Network will have a meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Branigan Cultural Center on the Downtown Mall. The public is welcome to attend. For more information contact 524-3262 ext. 113 or visit www.zianet.com/openspace.

Stargazing at NMSU

New Mexico State University's Department of Astronomy will hold an open house at the campus observatory starting at 8 p.m. Friday, March 16. Weather permitting, participants will observe the moon, the planet Saturn, the Orion Nebula, open cluster M35, galaxies M81 and M82 and other astronomical objects.

Astronomy personnel will be on hand to assist stargazers. The Tombaugh Observatory on the NMSU campus is located east of Williams Avenue, near the running track. Admission is free, and children are welcome. For more information contact the astronomy department at 646-4438.

Annual garage sale

First New Mexico Bank's fourth annual garage sale will be held Saturday, March 31, at Beverly Hills Hall, 150 N. Hermosa (behind Meerschiedt Recreation Center). Proceeds from the event will benefit the March of Dimes. Donation of suitable items for the garage sale are still being accepted. For more information call 556-3000.

Table tennis tournament

The City of Las Cruces is accepting entries for the Table Tennis Tournament for all ages at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 Bell Ave.

The fee is $15 and includes a T-shirt, lunch and Gatorade throughout the day. Entries must be received by Wednesday, March 21.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, March 24, starting at 8 a.m. First and second place trophies will be awarded. For more information, contact the Mesilla Park Recreation Center at 541-2454 or 541-2455.

Casting call

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

- Tuesday, March 20 — Hispanic females between the ages of 18 and 25. Males 18 years of age and older, all ethnicities.
- Wednesday, March 21 — Males and females 18 years of age and older to appear in a Day of the Dead parade with accompanying makeup or masks and bright colored shirts; yellow, red, green.

All interested should email their name, age, photo and phone number to Susie Enoch at lineproducers@yahoo.com Those selected will be notified of production times and locations.

DWI prevention grants sought

The Mesilla Valley Safety Council (MVSC), the designated task force for recommending grant awards to public and private organizations, is now accepting applications for mini-grants to organizations with proposals for community DWI prevention programs. The funding for the grants is provided by NMDOT's Traffic Safety Bureau. The City of Las Cruces is expected to act as the fiscal agent to administer these grant awards.

The MVSC is seeking grant applications for projects or activities in four areas: enforcement, prevention, recidivism reduction and information or education. Grants range from approximately $500 to $10,000 and are awarded on an annual basis, beginning July 1. The funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis only. Grantees must conduct their activity within Doña Ana County. Public and private organizations serving a primarily Spanish-speaking population are encouraged to apply.

Extra weight will be given to the following types of proposals: Innovative proposals in one or more of the above program areas: Entities which have not previously been awarded CDWI grants; entities which have little or no opportunity to obtain alternative funding; entities which serve southern Doña Ana County residents; and programs to combat binge and underage drinking.

Applications may be obtained and submitted by email at rjferrary@msn.com or may be obtained and submitted by fax by calling 382-6425 and leaving your organization's name and a fax number. Applicants will be notified of the MVSC's recommendations (subject to approval by the city council) in May. Successful applicants will be required to report on their activities at monthly meetings of the MVSC. The deadline for application is 5 p.m. March 30.

Crime Stoppers: Drive-by shooting

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 drive-by shooting.

On March 7, at 3:30 p.m., a single gun shot was reported in the area of Montana Avenue and El Paseo Road. Witnesses reported seeing a black older-model, two-door vehicle, possibly a Cadillac, driving in the area at the time of the incident and believed the shot was fired by one of the occupants. They also reported seeing a purple Camaro driving by at the same time and assumed it was the intended target. Neither of the vehicles have been identified nor located.

Officers from the Las Cruces Police Department subsequently were alerted to a spent shell casing found in the area and believe it to be related to this incident. If you have any information regarding this crime or any other crimes, you can call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 1 (800) 897-2746.

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

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• Contribute to an IRA as early in the year as possible. If you make your contribution early, it will have longer to grow tax-free.

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MARVIN TESSNEER
Out of the Past

Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

75 years ago 1932

• The Picacho Farm Bureau and PTA were planting trees to develop a shady picnic grove for the community.

• New Mexico A&M students named Lora Boutz of La Mesa May Queen; John L. Gray, La Mesa, Most Popular Fellow; Ray McCorkle, Greatest Aggie, and D.B. Jett, Most Popular Faculty Member.

• Hookey Apodaca was named Best All-Around Player at the High School District Basketball Tournament in Lordsburg.

50 years ago 1957

• The Las Cruces High School FFA Chapter team won the Livestock Judging Contest in the district competition in Deming. Phillip Stoes won high-point individual honors, and Wesley Danley took second. Rod Hille was the third team member. Grady Beal, agriculture instructor, was the coach. The Meat Judging team placed second. The team members were Stoes, Jim Willborn and Johnny Augustine. The coaches were Rupert Mansell, vocational agriculture instructor, and Frances Gary of Food Mart.

• Work was being completed on a NMA&M $1.5 million expansion program including the Chemistry Building, the Gardiner Math and Physics Hall and the Jett Engineering Hall. In the hall, a bronze bust of Daniel B. Jett, who came to NMA&M in 1926 and was named dean in 1938, was installed.

• Mary Dale Jones, 12, Flying Fingers 4-H Club, was named the Doña Ana County 4-H Carnival Queen.

• La Mesa celebrated its San Jose Patron Saint Day. The mayordomos were Jose Montes, Jose Telles, Lucas Avalos, Jorge Provencio, Zacarias Romero, Manuel Lopez, Refugio Reyes and R.C. Medina.

• The Gadsden eighth graders disposed of Deming, 41-19, to win the Gadsden Invitational and to post its 17th straight win and unbeaten record.

• Mesilla Valley farmers cut their first crop of asparagus, averaging 1,500 pounds per acre.

25 years ago 1982

• The snow runoff was more than 100 percent of average, and the Elephant Butte Irrigation District increased the farmers' allotment from two feet, nine inches to three acre-feet. The reservoirs storage was Elephant Butte with 783,600 acre-feet and Caballo with 88,770 acre-feet.

• A final-seconds basket by Scotty Holly gave Alamogordo a 61-59 victory and denied Las Cruces the State High School Basketball Championship.

Workers at the former Farmers Compress line up cotton bales on the loading dock, ready for loading into rail freight cars.

• Beth Howell, Court Junior High, won the Las Cruces Spelling Bee by spelling "luau" correctly.

• The City Commission elected David Steinborn chairman, or honorary mayor.

• Clancy Drake, Anthony Middle School, won the Gadsden Spelling Bee by spelling "triste" correctly.

• Louie Burke knocked out Aurelio Martinez in Las Vegas, Nev., for his eighth KO in the Junior Light-Weight Division.

• During the Pecan Conference, Wanda Morgan, New Mexico State University home economist, said pecans can help lower the harmful cholesterol.

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

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Spaceport tax contingencies set by county

Construction bonding needs 'revenue stream'

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Should Doña Ana County voters approve a .25 percent gross receipt tax increase, the state will put aside the new money until the end of 2008 in anticipation that Spaceport America get its federal license, that Virgin Galactic sign a contract to be its anchor tenant and that the project can meet the $225 million budget.

If those three things don't happen, the county will get back the estimated $7 million a year the increase will generate, according to a resolution passed Tuesday, March 13, by the commission with one commissioner dissenting, Oscar Vasquez Butler.

The commission had first considered the resolution two weeks ago before early voting began, but commissioner Bill McCamley put the debate on hold because he had business to attend to in Santa Fe. Part of that trip included McCamley talking to state officials to make sure that the county could get the money back if the spaceport conditions aren't met.

The resolution calls for earmarking three-fourths of the money to priority needs within the county, such as roads and flood control. The rest would be dispersed to the three school districts within the county for teaching science, math, engineering and technology.

What to do with the new money collected should the spaceport not come through was a major unanswered question being exploited by opponents to the GRT question, which will hold regular balloting on April 3 but began early voting March 6.

The question that is generating passionate arguments already has seen more than 900 ballots cast in early voting.

County Manager Brian Haines concurred with McCamley that state officials told him the state won't take the money away and that the county could use the money to fund projects like roads if the spaceport deal collapses.

Although some opponents argue the tax increase shouldn't be allowed until those conditions are met, Haines said state officials are depending on having at least $7 million a year as a "revenue stream" to leverage $100 million in industrial bonds for constructing the spaceport. The state has another $25 million put aside for building the spaceport.

If the spaceport tax is passed in Doña Ana County, Otero and Sierra counties will ask for similar local GRT support from their voters. In all three cases, three quarters of the money collected would go to spaceport construction, and the remaining quarter would be left to fund local spaceport-related projects.

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>
> BILL MCCAMLEY, county commisioner

The rest of the $225 million will come from a combination of federal grants and spaceport fees. State officials are attempting to finalize negotiations with Virgin Galactic by the end of this month to answer the critics who characterize the tax question as "putting the cart before the horse" without a firm agreement from the company with the most promising sub-orbital flight system. State Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans told the Bulletin last week he was confident the Federal Aviation Administration would approve the spaceport's license by early 2008.

Waiting until everything is more firm is to risk not being the premier location for a new industry that has potential for creating thousands of quality jobs in southern New Mexico, according to McCamley, who co-chairs the People for Aerospace group advocating for the GRT's passage.

"If the spaceport is not up and running by 2010, we will lose that opportunity," he said. "We need to take advantage of this quickly."

John Hummer, who co-chairs People for Aerospace, said those opposing the question aren't educating themselves about the proposal or are being unrealistic about how government finances its services and promotes economic development. "Every single tax you raise is putting the cart before the horse," he said.

McCamley said he was "flabbergasted" by some of the arguments being made against the spaceport tax question, such as people saying they should pay no taxes to support it. "This is not some fantasy world," he said. "Money will not appear on a money tree. The state will not give any more money than it has already agreed to."

If passed, the GRT increase will amount to an additional 25 cents for every $100 spent on goods or services.

Las Cruces Public Schools' budget cushion shrinks

Interim superintendent urges school board to replenish LCPS district cash balance

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Three years ago, the cash balance of Las Cruces Public Schools' $124 million budget was at a healthy $7.3 million, or 5.92 percent of the total.

This fiscal year, that cash balance has shrunk to $2.5 million while the district's total budget grew to $149 million – a mere 1.7 percent of the total.

That's the "bothersome" trend Interim Superintendent Stan Rounds presented to the school board at a work session Tuesday, March 13, on the budget.

Variables such as rising utility costs, salary raises approved by the Legislature or insurance premium increases could easily take big bites out the cushion that the cash balance gives the school system.

Left unabated, that shrinking cash balance would result in illegal deficit spending within a couple of years, Rounds warned.

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>
> STAN ROUNDS, Interim superintendent

What the school board needs to do, Rounds said, is set a target for the level of cash balance the budget should maintain – say 4 or 5 percent. Rounds said he didn't expect the district to make that target in the first year, but it can be an obtainable target in a few years.

"In the interest of transparency, we need to be honest about the financial health of the district in the long term," he said.

Looking at pending legislation and enrollment trends, the district is expecting to have more than $155 million in its budget next year. This assumes the district will maintain a student growth rate of more than 1 percent, which would result in an extra $700,000 through the state's funding formula that gives more money to growing school districts to help them accommodate growth. But if the enrollment growth is less than 1 percent, that would take a $700,000 bite out of that $2.5 million cash balance.

Rounds reviewed expected changes in the state funding formula based on pending legislation. In the formula, students get counted depending on their grade level and educational needs. Those numbers are given values that are multiplied by a funding unit and other factors, such as growth. The amount of money assigned to that unit is expected to be increased by 6 percent.

Meanwhile, teacher salaries are expected to be increased by 5 percent and another bill is recommending that another 2 percent raise be given to principals, assistant principals, social workers, nurses, diagnosticians, speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists, audiologists, sign language interpreters and orientation mobility trainers. That additional raise would cost the district $332,000, but Rounds said he has sent a letter to Gov. Bill Richardson warning him that the legislation didn't provide enough money statewide to pay for this other 2 percent raise.

On a more optimistic note, legislative testimony indicates that school districts may only see a 4 percent increase in insurance premiums, which will mean that workers will still get to take home more money after their raises, Rounds said. It's an analysis that's often overlooked, he said, but it can really make a difference in staff morale.

This is the real beginning of the budget process for a school board with two new members elected on a groundswell of dissatisfaction about the district's administration and spending.

Departments are currently reviewing program needs that will be brought before the board in future budget sessions.

Rounds said his mantra to everyone is to think about the sustainability of decisions. For example, the school district can't depend on federal funding – once a dependable source of money, but is now getting squeezed by war spending. Currently, schools where 63 percent of students are on free or reduced lunches get Title 1 federal funding. Since many of the schools meet that requirement, the idea has been kicked around about simply dropping the cutoff and becoming a Title 1 school district. Besides uncertainty about the dependability of federal funding, that also puts the district at risk of having to pay for costly services if any of the district's schools don't meet mandated academic progress benchmarks for three straight years.

It's best to have those kinds of conversations now, Rounds said, and to set priorities for spending and begin initiatives for savings.

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Religious Services

for the week of March 18, 2007

Anglican

St. Mary's
Historic Anglican Church
(Hill, NM) 7975 Doña Ana Rd.
Anglican Church
International Communion
Using the 1928 BCP
Info: 505-523-6586
Saturday 5 pm Evensong
Sundays 9 am HE**
10 am Bible Study & Bible Study
**HE = Holy Eucharist, *P = Prayers

Assemblies of God

Central Assembly of God
Sunday School: 9:45
AM Service: 10:45
PM Service: 6:00
Pot Luck 2nd Sunday of the Month
(No Evening Service)
Bilingual Service
Spanish Bible Study: 7:00 pm Thursday
524-0824

Baptist

East Mesa Baptist Church
Sunday bible study 9am
Sunday worship
10:15 am & 6 pm
Children's Church Sun 10:30am
Wed Prayer & Bible Study 7pm
Pastor Linvell Tisdale
6160 Moongate • 382-0386

First Baptist Church of Las Cruces
106 South Miranda
Las Cruces, NM 88005-2637
524-3691

Sunday:	
Early Worship	8 am
Bible Study	9:30 & 11 am
9•3•0 Worship	9:30 am
Morning Worship	11 am
University of Life	6 pm
Wednesday:	
Fellowship Meal	5 pm
Prayer	6 pm

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WHILE GOD BUILDS
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642-3607

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Reverend
Gregory Arthur
Sunday:
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Wednesday:
Prayer Meeting and Bible
Study 6 pm
405 E. Hadley Ave.
523-7850

Bible

Grace Bible Church
Pastor Tom Morrison 532-1234
Sunday Worship
10 am - 11 am
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Sunday Evening
Fellowship
6 pm - 7 pm
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting
7 pm - 8 pm
at 2615 Missouri Ave.

Catholic

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church
A Loving Community Where All Are Welcome
Services:
Sat: 5:30 p.m. & Sun: 10 a.m.
Fr. Jim Lehman - Pastor
www.zianet.com/lehhar
702 Parker Rd. • 644-5025

Christian

The Christian Chapel
Sun. Services:
10:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Thurs. Bible Study:
7 PM
Sharing The Word of God
For more information
Call:
Pastor Charles Joseph
505-521-1177
301 Perkins Drive
Off Med Park & Idaho
Behind Diocese Bldg.

Christian Science

Christian Science Church
Sunday Service and
Sunday School 10 am
Wed. Testimonial
Meeting 7 pm
325 W. Mountain
(off Alameda)
523-5063
Reading Room
409 N. Downtown Mall

Episcopal

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sun. 8:30am & 10:30am
Thurs. Eucharist: noon
Monthly healing 7pm
every 3rd Thursday
Logos program for children &
teens Wed 4-7:30pm
518 N. Alameda
526-6333

St. James' Episcopal Church
Sunday Worship:
8 am, 10:30 am
(nursery available at 10:30)
Sun. 5:30 pm: Youth Group
Wed. 10 am: Eucharist
NEW FAMILY MINISTRY
105 St. James St.
1 block south of University & Main
526-2389

Foursquare

Church Triumphant
"A Place for People to Grow"
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am
Wednesday/**180 Youth**: 7 pm
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churchtriumphantlc.com
Ty Loyd - Pastor
2020 N. Valley Dr.,
528-LOVE(5683)

Lutheran

Peace Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship 9 am
Sunday School 10:30 am
Nursery Provided
www.zianet.com/peacelutheran
1701 E. Missouri
Corner of Missouri & Locust
522-7119

Mission Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)
God's Unchanging Word
For An Ever Changing World
Sunday Services: 8 am & 10:30
Sun. School & Bible Study: 9:15 am
¡Lo invito! a la Iglesia Lutherana Misión
Los Domingos:
La escuela dominical 10:30 am
La misa en español 12 pm
2752 Roadrunner Pkwy.
522-0465

Faith Lutheran Church
LCMS
Teaching, Serving, and Sharing Christ
on the West Side of Las Cruces
Sunday School and Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Divine Service 10:30 a.m.
"For by grace you have been saved through faith..."
Eph. 2:8
Presently worshipping Sundays at:
240 Three Crosses Avenue
(close to the Peppermint Barn)
522-0465 for more information
Pastor Joe Ed Pederson
Registration for Mission Lutheran School starting
March 26, 2007 - Preschool through Grade 5

Methodist

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Blended Worship Service	8:15
Sunday school & Fellowship	9:30
Oasis Service of Praise	10:45
Traditional UMC Worship	10:45
SHOUT! Youth Choir	3:00
UM Youth	5:30

Senior Pastor Gorton Smith
email: spoffice@zianet.com
www.stpaulslascruces.com
Call church for more weekly activities
225 W. Griggs 526-6689

Messianic

Etz Chayim-Tree of Life Messianic Congregation
134 S. Downtown Mall
parking lot #10
Shabbat Service 10 am
Davidic Dance class
Pot Luck Oneg (lunch)
Bible Study 1:30 pm
382-0193

Non-Denominational

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Ephesians 4:12
Sunday Services
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The Refuge Young Adult Service 6 pm
Monday
Women's Discipleship Class - 5:30 pm
Men's Prayer Meeting - 7pm
Tuesday
Calvary Chapel Bible College 6pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study - 7 pm
Thursday
Calvary Chapel Bible College 6pm
Friday
Kinship Group Bible Study-7 p.m.
Call 524-0985
for further information
www.calvarychapellascruces.com
email: calvchaplc@yahoo.com

Bethel Bible Fellowship
Acts 2:42
Family Bible Hour/Breaking
of Bread, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School,
11:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Nursery Provided
3890 Stern Dr.
(Near NMSU)
523-9227
www.bethelbf.com

New Thought

WELLSPRING CHURCH
An Inclusive New Thought Community
Sunday Celebration 11:00 AM
Youth Program during Service
Discussion Groups 9:30 AM
Meeting at the ARC Life Center
NE Corner - Griggs and Walnut
Rev. Sam Ritchey - 647-2560

Religious Science

Mastery in Life Center of Religous Science
Rev. Sandhi Scott, Minister
Sun. Celebration 10:30 am
Tues. Support Group 1 - 2:30 pm
Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm
(Drummers and Healers welcome!)
A Course in Miracles Study Group
Saturdays 2:30 - 3:30 pm
All groups are open to everyone
575 N. Main
(on the Downtown Mall)
523-4847
milcrelsc@zianet.com

CHURCH NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sonoma Springs Presbyterian Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., is holding its annual spaghetti dinner and bake sale from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 24. The cost is $5 per plate, and food can be either dine-in or carry-out. All proceeds will be used to provide Easter meals for 50 local needy families. For further information, contact Margaret at 527-0293.

MESSIANIC PASSOVER SEDER

Experience Jesus in the Passover, and discover Communion in Christianity's Hebraic roots at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 1. A complete kosher meal and teaching for all ages will be available. Rabbi Samuel Oppenheim will officiate the event. The cost of the seder is $20 per person, and child-care will be provided. The event is hosted by the Valley Faith Center. For more information, call 496-1656.

MESSIANIC PASSOVER SEDER

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

☐ PASSOVER WORSHIP

Light & Sound of God

ECKANKAR
Past Lives and Soul Travel
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The Religion of the Light and Sound of God
on Saturday Mar. 17th
1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
at Branigan Library
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Call 524-2580 for information
www.eckankar.org

Unity

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley

Sunday Service	10:30am
Thursday Refresh with Prayer	11:45 am to 12:15 pm

Rev. Terry Lund
125 Wyatt
(between El Paseo & Main)
www.UnityofLasCruces.org
523-5592

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

NMSU helps at-risk families

Helping incarcerated fathers improve their parenting skills and helping families improve their relationships is the aim of two innovative new programs from the Family and Child Science Department in New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

The programs, geared toward family wellness and responsible fatherhood, are funded by two separate grants the department was awarded by the U.S. Administration for Children and Families. The grants total $794,000 and are renewable for up to five years.

"We're teaching families the skills they need to have healthy relationships, like communication, conflict resolution and effective discipline," said Esther Devall, professor of family and child science.

During these classes, incarcerated fathers take parenting courses and create projects based on their children's interests, which are then mailed to the child. The fathers' 'parenting partners,' the individuals raising the children, receive the same curriculum as the fathers.

The second program, a family wellness initiative, offers classes to teach families skills to strengthen their relationships. Healthy ways to solve problems are a major component of the program, which hopes to reach 270 adults and their children in Doña Ana County and Albuquerque.

Eighteen 12-week classes will be offered in both English and Spanish. Free to participants, all families with children are welcome. Interested parties should call 646-4360.

The department received two of only 226 grants funded nationwide. The grants were awarded in fall 2006.

United Way of Southwest NM hires new vice president

The United Way of Southwest New Mexico is pleased to announce that Michael Zaragoza will be joining its family of staff as the new Vice President.

In his new capacity, Michael will mainly be in charge of the United Way's Annual Campaign. Zaragoza has a bachelor's degree from New Mexico State University, with a minor in accounting. He comes with a great background in fundraising and special events planning.

"The 2006 was a year of change as the organization began to think about increased service to our community and increased financial assistance from our friends and new friends waiting to help in Southwest new Mexico" states Bill Grigaliunas, 2006 Board Chairman.

"Michael is a crucial part of that change" adds Gilbert Guillen, United Way's President & CEO. "There is a huge difference between fundraising and development. ... Mike is a developer and with time – may one day lead the United Way"

United Way has begun to outline its strategic planning toward a Million Dollar Campaign, Zaragoza was hired with that in mind. "We made a great choice for us and for our community" says Renee Frank, 2007 Board Chair.

Michael Zaragoza is a native of New Mexico and was previously employed by NMSU as a specialist and has been working for the past five years on NMSU's United Way campaign. During his time at NMSU he has help raised over $270,000 on campus for the United Way of Southwest New Mexico.

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Help your children achieve a balance between work and play

Deal with children's needs for body and mind to ease growth

Focus on the Family
By Dr. James Dobson

Can you give us a guideline for how much work children should be given to do?

There should be a healthy balance between work and play. Many farm children of the past had daily chores that made life pretty difficult. Early in the morning and again after school they would feed the pigs, gather the eggs, milk the cows and bring in the wood. Little time was left for fun, and childhood became a pretty drab experience. That was an extreme position, and I certainly don't favor its return.

Contrast that workaday responsibility with some families today that require nothing of children – not even asking them to take out the trash, water the lawn or feed the cat. Both extremes, as usual, are harmful to the child. The logical middle ground can be found by giving a boy or girl an exposure to responsibility and work, but preserving time for play and fun. The amount of time devoted to each activity should vary with the age of the child, gradually requiring more work as he or she grows older.

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My 13-year-old daughter has become increasingly lazy over the past couple of years. She lies around the house and will sleep half the day on Saturday. She complains about being tired a lot. Is this typical of early adolescence? How should I deal with it?

It is not uncommon for boys and girls to experience fatigue during the years of puberty. Their physical resources are being invested in a rapid growth process during that time, leaving less energy for other activities. This period doesn't last very long and is usually followed by the most energetic time of life.

I would first suggest that you schedule your daughter for a routine physical examination to rule out the possibility of a more serious explanation for her fatigue. If it does turn out to be a phenomenon of puberty, as I suspect, you should "go with the flow." See that she gets plenty of rest and sleep.

This need is often not met because teenagers feel that they shouldn't have to go to bed as early as they did when they were children. Therefore, they stay up too late and then drag through the next day in a state of exhaustion. Surprisingly, a 13- or 14-year-old actually needs more rest than when he or she was 9 or 10, simply because of the acceleration in growth.

Your daughter is turning from a girl to a woman overnight. Some of the physical characteristics you are observing are part of the transformation. Do everything you can to facilitate it.

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How can parents prepare their younger children for the assault on self-esteem that is almost certain to come in adolescence? That was a tough time for me, and I want it to be easier for my kids.

One important approach is to teach boys and girls valuable skills with which they can compensate in years to come. They can benefit from learning something that will serve as the centerpiece of their self-concept during the difficult years. This would include learning about basketball, tennis, electronics, art, music, or even raising rabbits for fun and profit.

It's not so much what you teach your child. The key is that he or she learn something to feel good about when the whole world seems to be saying, "Who are you and what is your significance as a human being?"

The teenager who has no answer to those questions is left unprotected at a very vulnerable time of life. Developing and honing skills with which to compensate may be one of the most valuable contributions parents can make during the elementary school years. It may even be worth requiring your carefree kid to take lessons, practice, compete, and learn something he or she will not fully appreciate for a few more years.

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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAS CRUCES, NM
R. Maurice Hollingsworth, Ph.D., Senior Pastor
106 S. Miranda Street • 524-3691

An Inconvenient Faith

I have the privilege to serve First Baptist Church as the pastor. Having arrived in Las Cruces 15 months ago, I have learned to love this congregation, and they in turn have come to love me. Christian people typically do a great job of taking care of one another, both physically and spiritually. When someone is ill, our people are there at the hospital; when a member loses a person in their family to death, we earnestly try to minister to their spiritual needs in their time of grief. Family, even when it is our spiritual family, knows how to bless their own. However, the greater challenge occurs when the need is with someone whom we don't already know.

Recently, I was called to Memorial Medical Center in the middle of the night. It was 3:30 a.m. A family from out of town had gathered around the bedside of a parent who was slowly slipping away. As I came alongside them, the pain of the moment gripped their hearts. They did not know me, but they welcomed me into a very agonizing chapter of their family's journey. This dying woman was far from perfect, and her young adult children knew that. But the flaws of her life did not diminish the love her complicated, blended family had for her. I read a passage of Scripture and then prayed with them, but the greatest need of the moment was simply being there as a source of spiritual calm in the midst of their raging storm of emotions. A thousand thoughts raced through their minds. Opinions abounded. It was not my task to tell them all the right answers, but having a Christian man there to listen as they worked through their needs seemed to help.

In times like these, you always wonder as a minister if you have made a difference. Driving home as the sun peaked from behind the mountains, God brought to mind the words of Christ: "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." [Matt 25:39-40 (NASB77)]

That morning I got to see the world through the eyes of Christ. People who were in pain were touched by a peace which did not originate or end with me. The inconvenient moments of faith truly can be the sweetest.

Bridging the medical language gap

New phones provides medical translation services

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

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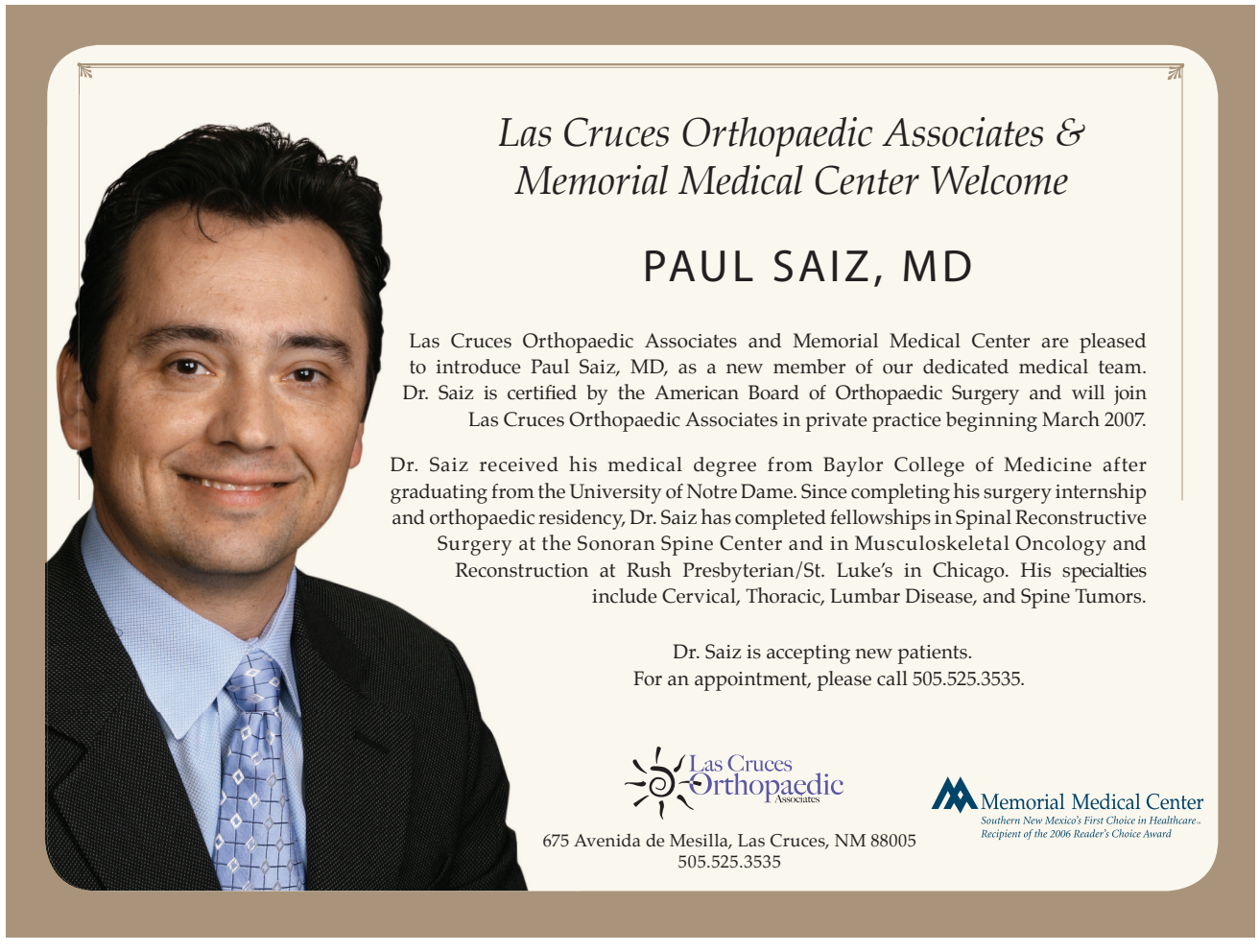

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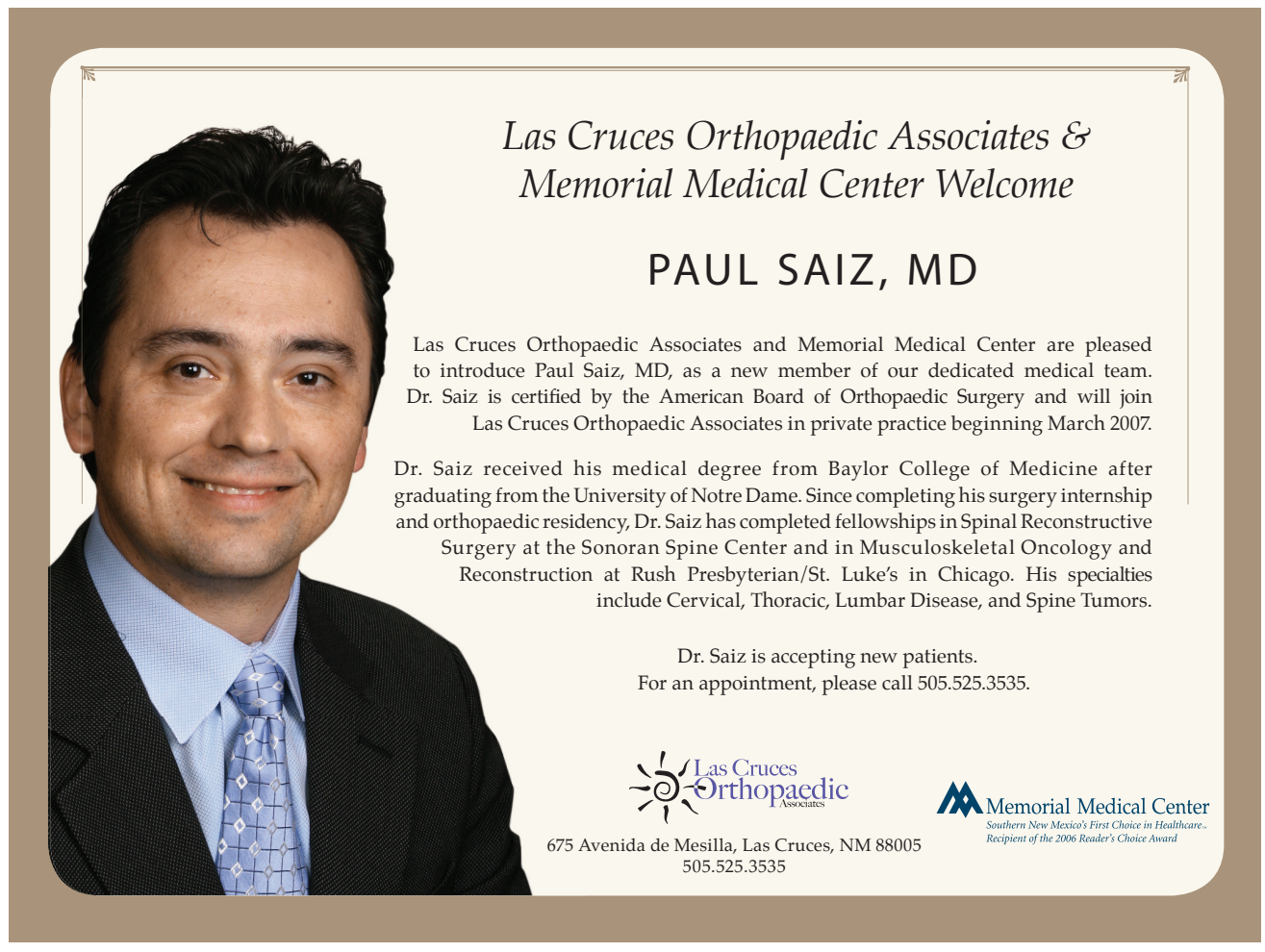

Stopping abuse before it happens

Recognizing signs of grooming may prevent abuse

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the recent conviction and sentencing of George Barber, a local teacher accused of having an intimate relationship with a student, professionals who work with victims of abuse are calling attention to a term many parents may not be familiar with – "grooming."

Grooming is the gradual manipulation that predators use to gain a young person's trust and to desensitize them and break down their inhibitions in order to manipulate or coerce them into certain behaviors. As grooming is a precursor to sexual abuse, professionals say that recognizing its signs is important and may stop abuse before it happens.

Many of the signs are universal – inappropriate touching, a keen interest in the child or her hobbies and making the victim feel that they are entering into a consensual relationship, according to Louise Tracey-Hosa of La Piñon, an organization that provides sexual assault recovery services in Southern New Mexico.

"The main pretense of grooming is to convince the victim that the interaction is appropriate," Tracey-Hosa said.

Grooming may take place in close proximity to others who might witness the behavior but not recognize it as inappropriate, or if they do, they may be afraid to speak up, said Tracey-Hosa.

She added that when a predator grooms a victim and sexual contact is eventually attempted, the abuser often does not need to use explicit force.

According to Tracey-Hosa, typical grooming behaviors may begin with the abuser expressing an interest in the youngster's hobbies, social life or family.

"The abuser may offer advice or guidance in order to gain the trust of the victim," said Tracey-Hosa. "Grooming usually involves making the child feel that she (or he) and the abuser share a special relationship. This makes the child feel responsible for the abuse or the child may feel that the abuse is acceptable."

Teens are often made to feel by the abuser that the "relationship" is OK, and that they are mature enough to handle it, she added.

"This further disguises the abuse and convinces the teen that the relationship is a consenting one," Tracey-Hosa said. "This also creates isolation between the victim and their family or peers as the youth may feel that others will not understand the relationship."

She added that this element often compels a victim to maintain secrecy about the abuse.

"Secrecy will allow an abuser control, as it initially blinds the victim emotionally. The abuser may gain the child's trust thereby lessening the victim's defenses," she said.

To learn more about grooming, or to receive a brochure and other educational information, contact La Piñon at 526-3437.

Signs of potential grooming include, but are not limited to:

- Nonsexual touching that may appear to be accidental or innocent
- Inappropriate interest in the youngster's hobbies, social life or family
- Extra attention, praise, affection or gifts that make a child feel special
- Making the child feel the "relationship" is consensual or acceptable
- Convincing the child that the "relationship" is important
- Desensitizing the child by breaking down inhibitions
- Compelling the victim to secrecy

Suspicious behavior of any form of child maltreatment or sexual abuse should be reported to law enforcement by calling 526-0795 or Children, Youth and Families Department at 1-800-797-3260.

La Piñon has a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week hotline for victims manned by trained volunteers. The number is 1-888-595-7273.

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Health events and support groups

BREAST CANCER, SUPPORT AMONG OURSELVES

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Stopping abuse before it happens

Recognizing signs of grooming may prevent abuse

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With the recent conviction and sentencing of George Barber, a local teacher accused of having an intimate relationship with a student, professionals who work with victims of abuse are calling attention to a term many parents may not be familiar with – "grooming."

Grooming is the gradual manipulation that predators use to gain a young person's trust and to desensitize them and break down their inhibitions in order to manipulate or coerce them into certain behaviors. As grooming is a precursor to sexual abuse, professionals say that recognizing its signs is important and may stop abuse before it happens.

Many of the signs are universal – inappropriate touching, a keen interest in the child or his or her hobbies and making the victim feel that they are entering into a consensual relationship, according to Louise Tracey-Hosa of La Piñon, an organization that provides sexual assault recovery services in southern New Mexico.

"The main pretense of grooming is to convince the victim that the interaction is appropriate," Tracey-Hosa said.

Grooming may take place in close proximity to others who might witness the behavior but not recognize it as inappropriate, or if they do, they may be afraid to speak up, said Tracey-Hosa.

She added that when a predator grooms a victim and sexual contact is eventually attempted, the abuser often does not need to use explicit force.

According to Tracey-Hosa, typical grooming behaviors may begin with the abuser expressing an interest in the youngster's hobbies, social life or family.

"The abuser may offer advice or guidance in order to gain the trust of the victim," said Tracey-Hosa. "Grooming usually involves making the child feel that she (or he) and the abuser share a special relationship. This makes the child feel responsible for the abuse, or the child may feel that the abuse is acceptable."

Teens are often made to feel by the abuser that the "relationship" is OK, and that they are mature enough to handle it, she added.

"This further disguises the abuse and convinces the teen that the relationship is a consenting one," Tracey-Hosa said. "This also creates isolation between the victim and their family or peers as the youth may feel that others will not understand the relationship."

She added that this element often compels a victim to maintain secrecy about the abuse.

"Secrecy will allow an abuser control, as it initially blinds the victim emotionally. The abuser may gain the child's trust thereby lessening the victim's defenses," she said.

To learn more about grooming, or to receive a brochure and other educational information, contact La Piñon at 526-3437.

Signs of potential grooming include, but are not limited to:

- Nonsexual touching that may appear to be accidental or innocent
- Inappropriate interest in the youngster's hobbies, social life or family
- Extra attention, praise, affection or gifts that make a child feel special
- Making the child feel the "relationship" is consensual or acceptable
- Convincing the child that the "relationship" is important
- Desensitizing the child by breaking down inhibitions
- Compelling the victim to secrecy

Suspicious behavior of any form of child maltreatment or sexual abuse should be reported to law enforcement by calling 526-0795 or Children, Youth and Families Department at 1-800-797-3260.

La Piñon has a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week hotline for victims manned by trained volunteers. The number is 1-888-595-7273.

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BAXTER BLACK
ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

I wrote a book titled "Blazin' Bloats and Cows on Fire!" It referred to the flammability of rumen gasses and the spectacular but rarely harmful occasions when they are ignited.

I assumed that the predilection for ignition was confined to ruminants but, as is often the case, I was thinking too small. Dr. Charlie broadened my horizons.

He and his esteemed equine veterinary colleague Marvelous Marv were on a house call to examine a 4-year-old colt with colic. Although the horse was a fine-looking chestnut, the facilities were not up to par. It was raining a steady drizzle and the horse pen was abloom in late spring Colorado mud. Marvelous Marv was not necessarily fastidious, but he made a point to dress professionally. A Windsor-knotted tie, Pendleton wool sport coat and checkered English hunting cap set him apart from Dr. Charlie who wore more practical coverall garb. When they arrived together, most assumed Marvelous Marv was the man-in-charge and Dr. Charlie was his valet.

They soon determined from the history of the patient being fed a garbage can full of lawn clippings and the swollen tight high right flank, that a gaseous cecum was the problem. The lady owner fretted. She led the horse from the muddy pen into a small very old wooden storage shed. The doctors proceeded with their examination and concluded that the cecum would have to be punctured to relieve the pressure.

The concerned owner held the halter while Dr. Charlie prepped the right paralumbar fossa. He was doing it mostly by feel since the light was very poor.

"Hold him tight," he instructed the owner.

He poised the 3-inch 12-guage needle just as Marvelous Marv flamed his cigarette lighter. Whether it was to lend assistance or to light his pipe is irrelevant, it coincided with the puncture and release of the cecal gas causing a fireball that whooshed and brilliantly lit the shed long enough for the owner to scream and the horse to bolt through the door! From his position cringing in the corner with no eyebrows, Dr. Charlie could see his colleague trying to beat out the wall of burning cobwebs that reached to the rafters, with his natty checkered cap.

Marvelous explained later to the trampled owner that they should have warned her. The procedure is routine to insure that no flammable gas is left in enclosed areas.

"Thank you, so much," she said.

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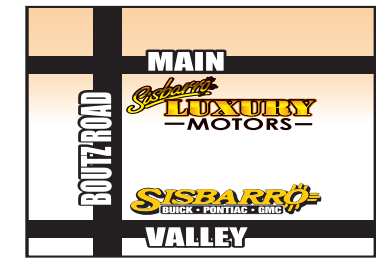

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NMDA negotiates pecan exports to China

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pecans, with their special flavor, are selling themselves as an export product, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture reported.

During December and January, New Mexico pecan growers exported about 3 million pounds of in-shell pecans to Hong Kong, China, timing the exports just before the Chinese New Year.

The NMDA estimated that the shipments had a value of $4.5 million.

"Our goal is to double our pecan exports for the coming year," NMDA international trade specialist James Ditmore said. "We're developing new markets for all New Mexico agricultural products. Any exports that we can do will help offset our international trade deficit."

Ditmore used samples to get the Chinese interested in New Mexico pecans. Last October, during a SIAL-Paris international trade show where the New Mexico Pecan Growers had an exhibition booth, he gave a Chinese company representative some pecans to taste. The Chinese company representative liked the pecans flavor and nut quality, and Ditmore was able to make export arrangements.

"These trade shows provide a great venue to introduce New Mexico pecans into new markets by providing nutritional information, contact information and samples for tasting as well as innovating nontraditional uses," Ditmore said. "The Chinese were very interested in the flavor and high quality of the New Mexico pecans."

The pecan is a Mississippi Valley native plant. The only places where they are grown now are in the United States, Mexico and Australia, where Stahmann Farms has a large orchard.

The NMDA Economic and Marketing Division is continuing its work with the New Mexico Pecan Growers Association to develop other international markets.

Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez, NMDA director, said that department is not stopping there and is looking ahead.

See **Pecan exports** on PAGE B5

Area businesses on display

Chamber-sponsored showcase to be held April 17

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Business Showcase 2007, sponsored by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, will display local businesses' goods and services from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

The event has changed a bit from last year when it was called the Business to Business Expo.

"We're trying to make it a bigger event and generate more traffic," said Jim Berry, GLCCC president and CEO. "We expect a lot more traffic than in recent years."

Last year, the expo was more of a business-to-business showcase and businesses like Mesilla Valley Mall were unable to participate because it was a business-to-consumer outlet, said Susan Palmer, the mall's marketing director.

"One of the comments was that past expos excluded half the members from participating," said Palmer, who also is chair of the Small Business Council, which is organizing the event. "It will build on our (the mall's) traffic plus traffic that will come to the showcase, so that's a big draw." Booth reservations are still being accepted for the event, and all businesses can participate in the event.

A one-table booth costs $200 for chamber members, a two-table booth is $350 and a premium space – which includes two tables and additional floor space – is $450. For non-chamber members, the cost is $50 extra.

A 50 percent deposit will be accepted through March 27, and the final deadline for booth reservation is April 3. Applications for booth reservation are available from the chamber's website, www.lascruces.org.

"By being in the mall, business can expect a good environment for the expo," Berry said. "We plan on publicizing the booth holders quite a bit."

In addition to the showcase, the chamber is working with SCORE to present seminars for small businesses during the day. Palmer said topics may include customer service and how to run a small business on a budget.

A networking event exclusively for chamber members will also be held at the mall from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The event also will include several door prizes and a silent auction.

Palmer said it's important for local businesses to participate in the showcase.

"I think all businesses change every year, and there are different aspects of that business that the community will not know about," she said. "It's a good way to meet the community and meet the people that could be your potential customers."

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- Chamber member networking event
- Small business seminars
- Door prizes
- Silent auction

Opening the door to Las Cruces center

Regents, city administration sign ground lease agreement

The approval Monday of a ground lease agreement between New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces means the city may move ahead with its plans for a proposed convention center on university property.

The NMSU Board of Regents approved the city's leasing of an eight-acre parcel at the southwest corner of University and Union avenues – a location the university believes will enhance opportunities for both NMSU and the community. A convention center at that site not only will fit in with the master plan being developed by NMSU, but also will encourage economic development for the region, regents said.

"In order to make economic development work, you need more than one entity," Board of Regents President Steven Anaya said. "This agreement has three major elements that make it a win-win for the region. The first is it will encourage economic development that will help the region prosper. New Mexico State University has always been at the forefront of such activities. Also ,when you have limited resources, you need to look at partnering that will benefit the entire community. Then you add educational advancement to that kind of development ,and you have the opportunity to really make a difference in the lives of people."

According to the agreement, the city would lease the property for $3,500 a year for 45 years with the right of renewal for an additional 25 years. It also has the option of expanding over an additional six acres to the west of the site.

The city guarantees a minimum of five paid internships each year for students in the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management program. NMSU students also will have employment opportunities at the center. NMSU would receive seven free events each year and get a discount on usage of the center for other events. It also is expected that the city will annex the land.

NMSU President Michael Martin, left, watches as Steven Anaya, president of the NMSU Board of Regents, center, and Terrence Moore, Las Cruces city manager, sign a lease agreement allowing for the city to build a convention center on university property.

The proposed convention center is in tune with the NMSU master plan that has called for a redevelopment along University Avenue that will become the university's front door. In conjunction with this, a hotel and a planned performing and visual arts complex would be part of the transformation.

Ben Woods, senior vice president for planning, physical resources and university relations, said the agreement would not have happened "if we didn't have good people willing to work hard and willing to work together to do good things. We have much to be proud of and much yet to accomplish. We know we are stronger when we work together."

President Michael Martin called the approval and the signing of the agreement between the city and the university historic.

"This agreement continues the relationship between the university and the city and

See **NMSU Center** on PAGE B4

Las Cruces lures LaserShield

'Plug and go' security product moves its future

By Todd G. Dickson
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's a company offering more than 100 decent jobs that decided back in 2005 that Las Cruces was the place to be as it provides a "break-through" home security product.

Outside of seeking some assistance for approval as a Foreign Trade Zone in order to distribute products manufactured in China, LaserShield Systems Inc. arrived to Las Cruces quietly, almost unnoticed except for a small news item that caught the eye of state Economic Development Secretary Rick Homans.

When Homans said he made his first visit to LaserShield's offices on the second floor of 1st Community Bank in Downtown Las Cruces, there was only a handful of people. Now that floor is full of more than 30 employees with plans to hire another 40 for customer support. The average annual salary for these workers will be $24,000 and the company plans to provide daycare for its workers on the bank building's third floor.

As was announced in a press conference late last week, LaserShield will move its distribution facility from Carlsbad, Calif., which will bring 80 new jobs plus 100 construction jobs.

LaserShield plans to build their new distribution facility at the city's West Mesa Industrial Park, with a total capital investment of $20 million in infrastructure, equipment, and inventory. LaserShield purchased 10 acres from the city for the new facility for $256,500. Before construction on the new distribution facility begins, LaserShield must receive approval as a Foreign Trade Zone in order to distribute products manufactured in China. This approval process takes six month to one year.

"LaserShield has benefited tremendously from the expertise we've been able to acquire since relocating our headquarters to Las Cruces. The labor pool is talented and qualified, with most individuals having earned their initial (degrees) from New Mexico universities," said LaserShield CEO and Chairman Anthony Dohrmann.

Because the company believes it has a product that will be sell well where other "off the shelf" home security systems have failed, Dohrmann said he wanted to relocate the business to someplace where his workers could afford to live and buy a home.

"Las Cruces offers residents and companies an affordable place to live, work and raise a family," he said. "Relocating to Las Cruces has been the right decision for our corporation and we're grateful for the warm welcome and support we've received ... We look forward to continuing our rapid expansion and fulfilling our goal of becoming one of the top five employers in the state."

Development partnership played important roles in bringing LaserShield's distribution center to Las Cruces, according to officials.

"LaserShield's downtown headquarters have been an excellent location for the company to grow, and now they are ready to bring their distribution center to Las Cruces," said Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace. "This is an example of our commitment to bring new jobs to Las Cruces but it also shows our dedication to helping existing companies grow here. LaserShield has been in Las Cruces since 2005, and we are proud that they have been able to thrive as a part of our community."

"The Foreign Trade Zone in the West Mesa Industrial Park was created for just this type of industry," said Christine Ochs, city economic development administrator. "The construction that has been completed, and the policy decisions that have been made over the years, are paying off for Las Cruces now in that we are ready, willing, and able to support growing companies looking for a strong workforce and a community that cares about them for the long term."

Dohrmann said part of the attraction to Las Cruces was its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border to take advantage of maquila manufacturing opportunities.

"Much of this region's future growth is tied to our local businesses' ability to compete globally," said Steve Vierck, President and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. "LaserShield is committing substantial resources to exporting their security products overseas and MVEDA is glad to be an active part of the team supporting their important endeavor. Their success translates into additional jobs and a stronger economy."

The Job Training Incentive Program (JTIP) approved $37,209 for LaserShield Systems at its February board meeting, enabling the company to create 11 new jobs. LaserShield plans to apply for future JTIP funding as it expands. The company also will be eligible for the rural jobs tax credit, as well as no inventory tax assessed on the merchandise in its warehousing operation.

TODD G. DICKSON I The Las Cruces Bulletin

LaserShield will distribute its "breakthrough" retail home-security product in a new distribution facility planned for construction in the West Mesa Industrial Park.

At the core of the business, however, is LaserShield Systems' development of "the first plug-and-go security system featuring an alarm plus 24/7 professional monitoring," according to the company. Wireless technology makes for easy installation of the security system that resembles stereo components. If an intruder enters the home, an alarm will be set off upon crossing invisible infrared beams and notifies a monitoring service that will contact authorities if needed. The homeowner turns the alarm off and on with a keychain remote similar to those used for locking and unlocking cars.

The starter system costs $200 with a $20 per month monitoring service. The master alarm requires only a telephone jack and standard wall outlet with no need for wiring the home. Each wireless motion detector protects a room up to 1,200 square feet. The system includes panic buttons, distress alert, battery power for outages and a way to keep pet activity from triggering false alarms.

LaserShield is available nationwide through CompUSA and other chain stores are being test marketed, Dohrmann said. So far, the response to the affordability, ease and reliability of the product holds promise that it could be the "break-through" product where other retail home security systems have failed to earn customer satisfaction, he said.

Building Las Cruces Roadrunner Storage

More storage space soon will be available in Las Cruces. Construction of 476 climate-controlled units is underway at 170 Roadrunner Parkway. The two-story, 66,090-square-foot building is scheduled for completion by June 1. Roadrunner Storage, a Pueblo Construction project, which is expected to cost approximately $3.5 million, is being built by Highland Enterprises of Las Cruces, according to Highland site superintendent Javier Valdez. The building also will include two freight elevators.

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Highland Enterprises welders Tizoc Antonio, front, and Kyle Obyrne weld ledge angles to metal plates in the concrete walls of the Roadrunner Storage facility now under construction at 170 Roadrunner Parkway. The ledge angles will give support to the second floor of the building, when it is put in place.

Days on market varies by price range

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection

Time required to sell a home inches upward

Earlier this year, a client I've known for quite some time asked me if I knew how long it took to sell a home "nowadays." Of course I said "yes," having at my fingertips more than 10 years worth of local sales and property statistics. "So why don't you publish them?" he said. And so I did.

On Jan. 5 of this year, I shared with readers of this column the number of days it took for sellers of new and existing homes to sell their properties and close their transactions. The statistics covered the period from June 1, 2006 through Nov. 30, 2006. At that time, our Multiple Listing and Information Service (MLIS) indicated that the average days on the market for sellers of new and existing homes were 158 and 91 days respectively.

With an eye on our changing market, I thought it might be interesting to take a fresh look at our sales stats to determine if current market times are longer, shorter or about the same as they were during the previous reporting period. By the way, a property's market time is measured by counting the number of days between the time the for-sale sign is hammered into the ground and the day the moving van arrives to pick up the furniture.

Here, then, are the latest numbers published by our MLIS on March 12 and covering the period beginning Nov. 1, 2006 and ending on Feb. 28, 2007:

Let's begin at the end. The bottom line is that the average time required to sell and close a new home, townhome or condominium rose slightly to 161 days from the 158 days reported during the previous period. Sellers of existing homes also had to wait a little longer to close their transactions – waiting 101 days for their sale proceeds as opposed to the 91 days posted last year.

When it comes to market times for new homes, the numbers vary. For example, it took more time to sell a home in the $120,000 to $159,999 price range during the past few months than it did previously. The same holds true for the $160,000 to $179,999 range and in the $220,000 to $319,900 range. Longer market times were also noted between $380,000 to $399,999, between $420,000 to $439,999, and for sales recorded in the $460,000 to $479,999 price range.

On the other side of the coin, new homes priced between $160,000 and $179,999 and between $200,000 and $219,999 took less time to sell than they did during the previous period. Shorter market-times were also reported in the $320,000 to $379,900 range and the $400,000 to $419,999 price range. Properties sold in the $460,000 to $499,999 range also posted shorter market times than before.

The number of days required to sell and close an existing home varied in the new report, depending on price. Additional days were required to sell existing homes, townhomes and condominiums in the $160,000 to $299,999 and the $320,000 to $419,999 ranges. Faster market times were recorded in the $420,000 to $499,999 range, among others.

Will the time required to sell a local home continue to rise? It depends. If the number of buyers in the marketplace continues to increase and our inventory holds steady at its current level, market times will stay the same or improve. If, on the other hand, our inventory grows while the number of available buyers remains flat, market times will probably increase.

For now, our inventory seems to be stable and the number of available buyers appears to be on the rise. That's a positive indication that the time required to sell a home will probably not increase in the near term. Something as simple as a small rise in mortgage rates could easily upset the apple cart, however, so all bets are off when it comes to predicting future numbers.

See you at closing!

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Price Range	New Listings 6/06 - 11/06	New Listings 11/06 - 2/07		Existing Listings 6/06 - 11/06	Existing Listings 11/06 - 2/07	
$100,000 - $119,999	X	X		100	90	
$120,000 - $139,999	165	172		78	103	
$140,000 - $159,999	141	152		82	76	
$160,000 - $179,999	185	171		70	93	
$180,000 - $199,999	166	196		77	83	
$200,000 - $219,999	130	105		90	113	
$220,000 - $239,999	150	162		97	173	
$240,000 - $259,999	131	138		89	95	
$260,000 - $279,999	194	223		85	111	
$280,000 - $299,999	186	218		110	100	
$300,000 - $319,999	111	152		119	104	
$320,000 - $339,999	207	130		110	153	
$340,000 - $359,999	123	79		94	157	
$360,000 - $379,999	92	91		102	112	
$380,000 - $399,999	94	236		142	144	
$400,000 - $419,999	129	84		87	158	
$420,000 - $439,999	117	141		117	82	
$440,000 - $459,999	282	216		114	53	
$460,000 - $479,999	184	241		232	149	
$480,000 - $499,999	217	280		223	157	
$500,000 - $519,999	X	X		110	X	
$520,000 & Above	155	106		151	174	
Average DOM	**158**	**161**		**91**	**101**	

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Las Cruces businesses made a great WAC team

Locals banded together to make recent tournament a huge success

NATISHA HALES
Business Editor

While enjoying the excitement and energy of the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament last week, I discovered I wasn't the only one who got goosebumps when the New Mexico State men won the WAC conference championship. Or when the women made it all the way to the finals.

It seemed as if everyone was there to support the Aggies and the entire tournament, especially members of the local business community.

Lou Sisbarro, owner of Sisbarro auto dealerships, loaned seven vehicles for use by WAC and team officials.

Sisbarro and other local businesses in the area welcomed out-of-town fans in different ways. Some gave discounts and others displayed welcoming and supportive messages on their marquees. And it all helped – traffic from visitors led to an increase in sales in many places, especially the Mesilla Valley Mall.

"Last week through Friday, traffic was up 4 percent. There seemed to be a lot of in-between-game traffic," said Susan Palmer, marketing director for the mall. "For the majority of stores, the increased traffic helped weekday sales."

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>
> JOHN HUMMER, Steinborn GMAC CEO

Palmer got out to watch the Aggies play Thursday, March 8, but missed the semi-finals and finals on Friday and Saturday because of a tennis tournament she played in that weekend.

"My son went to the games though," she said. "After Saturday night's game, he was up and talking and excited, and I was ready for bed. I played tennis all day."

Palmer's son wasn't the only one there to support the Aggies.

Steinborn GMAC CEO John Hummer was among the near 12,000 fans who attended the WAC men's championship game Saturday night.

Hummer went to each Aggie game and the majority of the other games, he said.

"It was just a terrific week of excitement," Hummer said. "I'm proud of the university and proud of Las Cruces. The weather kept getting better every day, and the energy kept getting better and better every day."

Sisbarro, who also attended each men's game, said the tournament was the best he had ever attended.

"I think it was the most tremendous tournament I've ever been to," he said. "I've been to a few Big West (Conference) tournaments. We used to go to Las Vegas and Reno (Nev.), but this was so much better, and there were a lot more people at this one. The support from the city, the community, the people is absolutely fantastic."

With support from businesses like Sisbarro, Steinborn GMAC, the Mesilla Valley Mall and others, the tournament was definitely a success, and as everyone got together to cheer on the home team, it probably helped them win.

"The crowd was absolutely tremendous," Sisbarro said. "I walked out of there (the Pan American Center) Saturday with so many pent-up emotions.

"It wasn't just me. People coming outside, they absolutely screamed. I think the university and the city did a great job, and I can't wait until next year."

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allows NMSU to advance its mission while contributing to the community as a whole," Martin said after watching Anaya and Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore sign the agreement approved by the board earlier in the day.

In other action, the board also approved a supplemental water agreement and a new major in agriculture and community development and expressed support for Spaceport America. The water agreement continues a history of collaboration between the city and NMSU on water supply. The two have worked together before to meet the water needs of the region with the university supplying water to off-campus residences for more than 40 years before the city extended service to those areas in 1965.

The board also elected new officers for the coming year. Laura Conniff is now president; Bob Gallagher, vice president; and Steven Anaya, secretary-treasurer.

WESST Corp develops local financial literacy program

The Stocker Foundation awarded WESST Corp a grant of $20,000 ($10,000 outright and a $10,000 1:1 challenge) to expand its Financial Literacy/IDA Savings program into Doña Ana County. WESST Corp has developed the successful program in Albuquerque over the last three years and is pleased that this funding from The Stocker Foundation will enable WESST Corp to develop the program in the Las Cruces region. To date, Bank of the Southwest, Wells Fargo, and Bank of America have committed funds toward the $10,000 challenge; $3,000 is still needed from the community.

"A challenge grant is an effective way to build lasting partnerships between nonprofit organizations, communities, and foundations. We view this grant as a positive investment in the community and are delighted to support the expansion of WESST Corp programming into Doña Ana County," advises Patricia O'Brien, executive director of The Stocker Foundation.

WESST Corp is utilizing all monies received from The Stocker Foundation to support innovative Financial Literacy Training coupled with an Individual Development Account (IDA) program that began in February. Participants complete financial literacy training and are then given the opportunity to open matched savings accounts. Their savings are matched at a rate of 4:1, after which they can purchase one of the following three assets: a down payment on a home, start-up costs for a small business, or investment in higher education.

Participants deposit their own money and state and federal partners match that contribution at the 4:1 rate. The first Las Cruces Financial Literacy/IDA class has 17 participants. WESST Corp anticipates approximately 20 participants for the second series, which begins in fall 2007.

"Community support for our IDA program is invaluable because it carries with it support from The Stocker Foundation which doubles the impact we can have in improving public financial literacy," said Jennifer Craig, regional manager for WESST Corp Las Cruces. "With the first class underway and participant interest quickly increasing, the need for community support is more important than ever."

Pecan exports

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"This success story is only the beginning of our overall global market place strategy for New Mexico products. With more than 1.3 billion potential consumers, China is a vast market for our pecans," he said.

"We're trying to position other New Mexico agricultural products for the international market, adding chile and onions. It's been an excellent partnership we've had with our farmers and processors. I think that what we've done with pecans has set the stage to market more of our products, both processed and fresh."

During the initial shipment, New Mexico shipped 60 containers to Hong Kong by ocean freight ships. The NMDA also is looking at market possibilities in the Philippine Islands, Singapore and the Middle East, Gonzalez said.

"Once a person has the opportunity to taste the quality of our pecans, the pecans will sell themselves," David Salopek, New Mexico Pecan Growers' Association, said. "However, our biggest challenge, both domestically and internationally is in being able to educate buyers and consumers on the health benefits, nutritional aspects and nontraditional uses for our high-quality pecans.

"Pecan imports to China is nothing but a positive effect on pecans because we're selling directly to the customers. It's a new market for the pecan industry that has been growing substantially every year. It's an exciting, new market that didn't exist four years ago. The pecan industry is very happy with the NMDA for its work. It's been very instrumental in gaining the Chinese market. We are increasing our international focus, and with this success in China, we're very optimistic. But we have a long road ahead of us."

Phillip Arnold, who runs the San Saba Pecans shelling plant, sees a growth trend. Last year, United States and Mexican pecan growers exported from 12 million to 15 million pounds of pecan to China. It might be speculative, but with this rate of increase the export could reach 30 million to 40 million pounds next year.

"With the growth in the Chinese economy we're starting to see an increase in the imports into China of items they can't get in China, one thing nuts in general," Arnold said. "The larger portion of U.S. walnuts and almonds produced in the U.S. are exported all over the world.

"As China continues to grow and becomes a dominating economic power in the world, consequently for an item like the pecan the export potential would be substantial, at this point. And it would stabilize the price for many years."

"The export of any U.S. agriculture product overseas is a positive development," pecan grower Greg Daviet said. "Particularly for the pecan industry because the export of pecans will add to price stability. Any stime we can export pecans that strengthens the position of the U.S. agriculture industry and helps cut the trade deficit and stabilize the dollar."

Daviet has 250 acres of producing pecans and also is president of the Doña Ana County Farm and Livestock Bureau.

Generally, pecans are alternating-bearing trees, a heavy yield one year and a light the next year. During the heavy-supply years buyers decrease prices to growers. But if an excessive supply of pecan could be reduced by exports, the prices would be more stable, growers believe.

"This is a great opportunity to open the market for pecans, especially for the larger pecan growers in this county," Doña Ana County Extension horticulturist John White said. "In China the economic status has improved, and the Chinese are more interested in working with the rest the world in imports. Right now, pecans are on the high end of prices, but the affluent Chinese have money to buy them."

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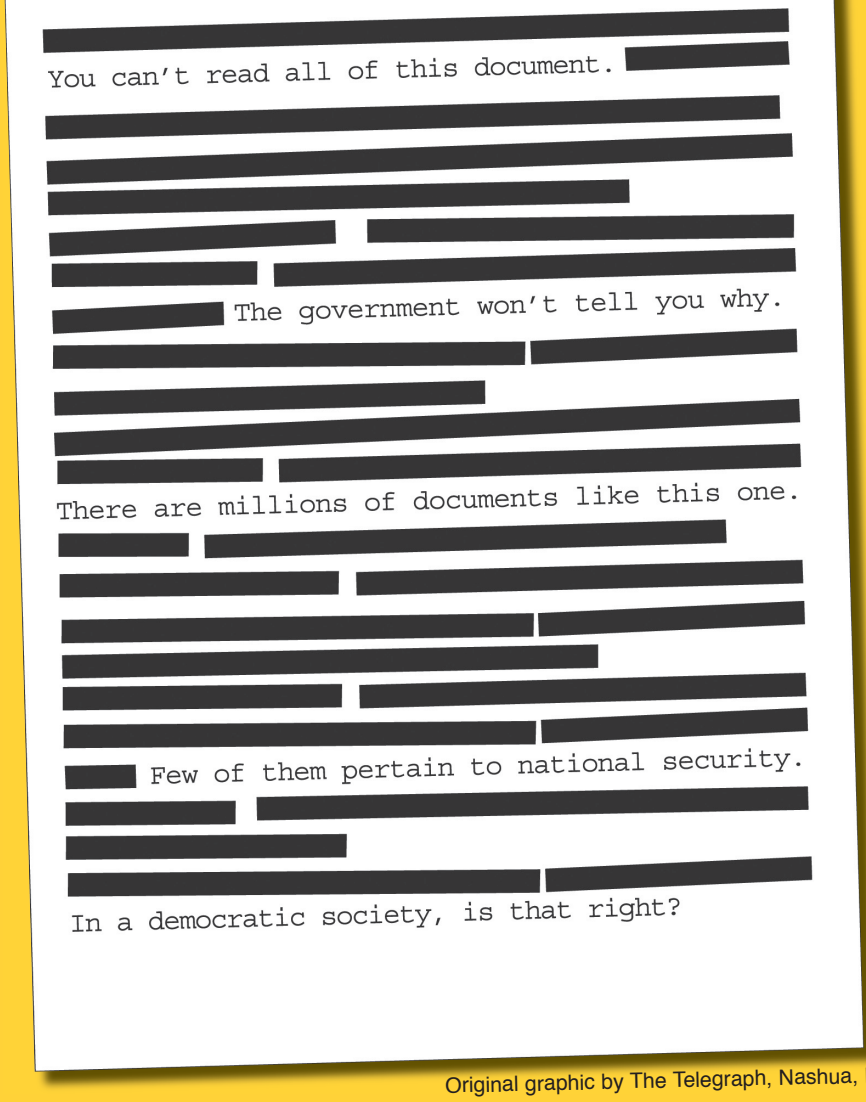

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In Good Company: Solamente Mi Casa

Home accents and décor with Southwestern flavor

Solamente Mi Casa showcases unique products with regional flair

By Natisha Hales
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Just to the west of the historic Old Mesilla Plaza on Calle de Parian, a unique specialty store offers Las Crucens and tourists Southwestern-inspired home décor, jewelry and other accessories, so that everyone can give their home a Southwestern personality.

With backgrounds and a passion for interior design and the Southwest, long-time friends Patti Gruessing and Janyce Leone opened Solamente Mi Casa together during October 2006.

> "We try to blend the old with the new."
>
> PATTI GRUESSING, Co-owner Solamente Mi Casa

Leone, who owns Solamente de Mesilla, said she thought about opening the business when the space next door became available.

"We researched other shops, trying to do something different," Gruessing said.

In fact, all the merchandise in the store is "different," because most of it can't be found anywhere else in Las Cruces.

"We try to blend the old with the new," Gruessing said. "We have old tables that have been hand-painted to have their own personalities."

Other hand-painted furniture is available along with antique, Mexican-style doors that are popular for building a customized home.

"A lot of people come and build their homes here," Leone said. "We have a lot of accent pieces."

Once a home is built, Solamente Mi Casa offers the perfect Southwestern décor. Antique tortilla presses can be purchased from the shop, as well as intricately designed floral strings of light made from real leaves of the Bodhai tree (also spelled Bodhi).

Exclusive limited edition prints from Arizona artist Linda Carter Holman are also available.

"The prints are more affordable," Leone said. "One of her originals can cost around $5,000."

Customers can also find Las Cruces' signature design of the three crosses in the shop.

"The three crosses depict Las Cruces," Leone said. "People just seem to love those."

Once the house is decorated, customers can enhance their experience with handmade candles and exclusive candleholders, including a unique candleholder that sits inside of wine bottles and exclusive massage oil candles.

Gruessing and Leone said massage therapists come in for the candles, which are made with all-natural oils. As the candle burns, the oils melt and can be rubbed into the skin.

"As far as we know, we're the only ones who sell the candles," Leone said.

Solamente Mi Casa also has Southwestern-style belts and handbags. The custom-made leather handbags are made by a craftsman in El Paso.

"He is extremely talented," Gruessing said.

They have recently added a collection of jewelry inspired by designers that include David Yurman, John Hardy, Tiffany & Co. and Chanel.

"You get the look for a fraction of the cost," Leone said. "Women love to take this jewelry on vacations. It's very, very popular."

Since the store opened, Leone said business has been steady, and many tourists who visit Old Mesilla also stop in at Solamente Mi Casa.

Since they know tourists stop by often, they'd also like to reach out to local residents.

"We talk to so many people who say they never come to Old Mesilla unless they have friends or family in town," Gruessing said.

Adding to the uniqueness of the shop, homeowners or builders who wish to sell a house can enlist the help of Gruessing, who, with her interior design expertise, also does home staging through Solamente Mi Casa.

There's another plus to the shop – it's located next to a large parking lot, something hard to find near the Mesilla plaza.

"We have plenty of parking," Leone said. "A lot of people don't even know about the lot behind us."

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Together, Patti Gruessing and Janyce Leone own Solamente Mi Casa, a specialty shop offering a unique line of home décor and accessories.

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Gruessing and Leone said the iron crosses are a very popular item among customers, especially the set of three crosses because it is the symbol of Las Cruces.

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In Good Company: Solamente Mi Casa

Q&A: Talking business with owners Patti Gruessing and Janyce Leone

What inspired you to go into business?
Janyce: Owning her own store has been a dream for many years for Patti.
Patti: When Janyce called me in Scottsdale and told me that a space would be available for a new business just two doors down from her store "Solamente de Mesilla." We knew that we were moving to Las Cruces soon and the timing couldn't have been better. We discussed going into a partnership together. My husband Tony could do all the tenant improvements for the new store. We both had an idea on what kind of merchandise to purchase for the new store, what expectations we needed to have and decided, let's go for it.

What is unique about your business?
Having merchandise that you cannot find anywhere else in Las Cruces. We are the only retail store that sells "designer-inspired jewelry." David Yurman, John Hardy, Chanel and Tiffany & Co. are some of the designers who inspire our faux jewelry collection. So why pay the difference when you can't tell the difference? Women love to take this jewelry on vacations.
Our home décor is very unique and includes antique Mexican and Spanish doors, beautiful crosses and hand-carved Santos.

How would you define success in the short-term?
Having repeat customers is always a good thing. Listening to customer needs, wants and desires are a must, and offering excellent customer service.

What is your business philosophy?
To offer high-quality merchandise at affordable prices and excellent customer service.

Where do you see the business in five years?
Successful.

Who are your customers?
Local residents and tourists.

What is the best part of your job?
Because our store is in historic Old Mesilla, we have the opportunity to meet folks from all over the world.

How do you keep your competitive edge?
By buying merchandise that is unique. We also offer home-staging services.

How are you marketing the store?
In local print media. Word-of-mouth advertising has been very useful for us.

What do you look for in an employee?
Honesty, personality and loyalty.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?
Taking the risk and just going for it.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?
Changing products that we carry in order to attract a more diverse group of customers.

What has been your biggest surprise?
The success that our new store has had.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?
Las Cruces now has wonderful mentoring programs to help new business owners get started. You just have to go with your passion and make it happen. Be sure that you have enough financial backing to support you for the first couple of years.

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Solamente Mi Casa is located just off the historic Old Mesilla Plaza at 2290 Calle de Parian, Suite B.

What items do you carry, in brief, and their price ranges?
We carry limited edition prints by Linda Carter Holman, home accessories, flower lights, furniture, designer-inspired jewelry, gorgeous belts, beautiful leather handbags and much more. Items range from $24 and up.

What is your most popular item?
The designer inspired jewelry, set of three crosses and flower lights (made from real leaves).

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?
I believe our love of interior design and the longtime desire to have a shop.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?
Most definitely growing by leaps and bounds.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?
We feel the biggest obstacle is getting the local people to frequent Old Mesilla more often.

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At the Hispano Chamber Student Awards

Recipients of the Hispano Chamber of Commerce Certificates of Academic Achievement and Exemplary Citizenship proudly display their framed certificates after the 2006-2007 Middle School Student Recognition Program, Wednesday, March 7, in the Court Youth Center Auditorium. Sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students from nine middle schools—Camino Real, La Academia Dolores Huerta, Las Cruces Catholic, Lynn, Mesilla Valley Christian, Picacho, Sierra, Vista, and White Sands—were recognized during the ceremony. More than 200 students, family members, friends and dignitaries attended, including Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, City Councillor Dolores Archuleta and Stan Rounds, Las Cruces Public Schools interim superintendent.

Hispano Chamber of Commerce Education Committee co-chairs Toby Rue and Geneva Frampton

Lynn Middle School sixth-grader Tala Zmeili, left, and eighth-grader Zulma Muñoz, standing with assistant principal Dave Jacquez, were among the 27 Las Cruces-area middle school students recognized by the Hispano Chamber of Commerce and presented with Certificates of Academic Achievement and Exemplary Citizenship during the 2006-2007 Middle School Student Recognition Program.

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Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, left, and newly appointed interim superintendent of Las Cruces Public Schools Stan Rounds enjoy a brief chat before the program.

At the NMSU Employment Extravaganza

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New Mexico State University professor Tony Popp, head of the economics and international business department, chats with Gwen Olson, a human resources specialist with the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service, Wednesday, March 7, during the NMSU Employment Extravaganza in the Corbett Center Ballroom.

NMSU graduates Michael Mendoza and Heather Granger listen as Lt. Joseph Martinez, an officer recruiter, explains some of the benefits of a career as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Below: Human resources recruiter Valerie Maez, right, explains some of the opportunities of a career with Tresco to NMSU senior Lexie Snyder.

Sophomore Gary Milne talks to Student Conservation Association recruitment representative Paige Beauchemin.

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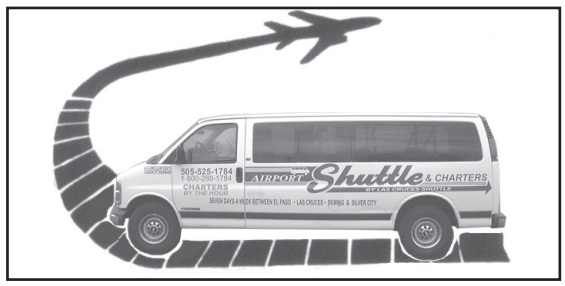

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Texas, Mexican growers earn top honors at annual convention

New Mexican farmers named seedling champions

By Marvin Tessneer
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Texas and Mexico growers made the strongest showing during the recent Western Pecan Growers Association's pecan show that was held here during its annual convention.

The pecans were judged on a combined system, the number of nuts per pound and kernel percentage.

Rio Bravo Farms in Tornillo, Texas, won the Best of Show title with its Wichita variety.

In the Improved Variety Division, FRIO Pecan Farm of Leakey, Texas, won the Grand Champion title with its Cheyenne, and Farmers Investment Corp. (FICO), Sahuarita, Ariz., took Reserve Champion with its Pawnee variety.

Nuez Junto, La Banqueta, Mexico, won the Grand Champion ribbon, but Gerry Kretek, Deming, kept New Mexico among the top entries by winning the Reserve Champion award.

In the Wichita Variety Division, judging it was Rio Bravo Farms, Grand Champion, and FRIO Pecan Farms, Reserve Champion.

But New Mexico came through in the Seedling Division with Richard Wilson of Arrey named Grand Champion, and Bruce Haley of Roswell named Reserve Champion.

Top contestants in other divisions, in order of placing, were:

- Ideal – Rio Bravo Farms, Davidson A&M
- Western – Nuez Junto, Kretek, Graham Farms
- Wichita – Rio Bravo Farms, FRIO, Don Whitney, Canutillo
- Seedling – Wilson, Haley, Kretek
- Apache – FICO, blue ribbon
- Burkett – Dori Whitney, Canutillo, first and blue; Virgil Haley Roswell; Kretek
- Caddo – FICO, first
- Cheyenne – FRIO, first
- Comanche – FICO, second
- GRA TEX – FRIO, second
- Kiowa – FRIO, FICO
- Mohawk – FRIO, first
- Pawnee – FICO, Belding Farms, Fort Stockton, Texas; FICO
- San Saba – Rio Bravo Farms, first
- Shawnee – FRIO, first
- Sioux – FRIO, first
- Stuart – Whitney, first

On the Agenda

Estate planning workshop

"Getting Started with Estate Planning" with attorney Katherine Blackett will focus on an overview of what estate planning is, information you need to gather to get started with estate planning, understanding the difference between probate and non-probate assets and the durable power of attorney for financial transactions.

All classes are free and open to the public. Classes fill up quickly, so pre-registration is required.

Date: Monday, March 19
Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Location: MountainView Regional Medical Center Women's Resource Center 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404
Contact: 556-6890

Debt/bankruptcy workshop

The next consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The workshop includes a presentation and open question-and-answer period by volunteer attorney Kenneth Egan. This event is open the public and free of charge as a community service. Call 1-800-876-6227 or (505) 797-6048 for details.

The New Mexico State Bar Foundation and the Bankruptcy Law Section sponsor this program.

Date: Thursday, March 22
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City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report March 8, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	$ Value	Permit $
07-RBI-2215	Enchantment Custom	Kerry & Debbie Hixon	Res/New	4340 Venetian Loop	Sonoma Ranch Estates	$419,640	$3,803
06-CBI-13765	Warren Construction	Bank of the Rio Grande	Comm/New	3500 Northrise Drive	N/A	$1,450,000	$4,304
06-OTC-13389	Homeowner	Scott Christensen	Res/Add	2309 Terrace Court	N/A	$20,000	$146
07-OTC-2475	Southern Comfort Build	Southern Comfort Build	Res/New	4578 Mesa Moreno	Mesa Grande	$179,760	$2,405
07-OTC-2508	Homeowner	James Ballinger	Res/Alt	1020 Rainbow	N/A	$10,500	$93
07-OTC-2502	Homeowner	Thomas G. Pouliot	Res/Add	3425 Pinnacle View Drive	N/A	$2,000	$40
07-OTC-2514	Complete Building Services	Haston	Res/New	4596 Hatchet	Parkhill Estates	$146,340	$3,325
07-OTC-2565	Jarrett W. Gene Smith	Jarrett W. Smith	Res/New	4483 Nambe Arc	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	$210,540	$2,421
07-OTC-2347	Thurston Equity Corp	TEC	Res/New	4625 Mesita St.	Parkhill Estates	$107,760	$3,234
07-OTC-2558	Medallion Homes L.T.D.	Medallion Homes	Res/New	4414 La Cienaga	Sonoma Ranch East 2	$168,360	$3,460
07-RBI-2335	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	2868 Meriwether St.	Legends West North	$106,800	$1,468
07-RBI-2350	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	2877 Meriwether	Legends West North	$148,560	$1,566
07-OTC-2615	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	1321 Doniphan Place	legends West 2	$119,700	$2,931
07-OTC-2643	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes, LLC	Res/New	4016 Calle de Estrella	Dos Suenos	$108,000	$3,076
07-CBI-2165	Baker Enterprises, AC	Forever Sun Tanning S	Comm/Alt	115 Roadrunner *1	N/A	$65,000	$337
07-RBI-2342	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	2801 Meriwether	Legends West North	$155,640	$1,582
07-OTC-2348	Thurston Equity Corp	TEC	Res/New	4626 Mesita St.	Parkhill Estates	$134,160	$3,296
07-OTC-2620	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	1313 Doniphan Place	Legends West 2	$95,880	$2,876
07-OTC2583	Desert View Homes LLC	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	1326 Magoffin Place	Legends West 2	$117,480	$2,926
07-RBI-2337	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	1418 Tingley Drive	Legends West North	$148,560	$1,566
07-OTC-2441	Diemer Building and R	Jim Debraal	Alteration	1040 Rainbow	N/A	$30,000	$188
07-RBI-2646	Ramirez Builders	Ramirez Builders	Res/New	5183 Picuris Court	The Pueblos at Alameda Ranch	$176,100	$2,341
07-OTC-2787	Charlos Homes, LLC	Charlos Homes	Res/New	5905 Leaping Lizard Loop	Desert Wind	$109,740	$1,696
07-OTC-2739	Pinnacle Builders Inc.	Pinnacle Builders Inc.	Res/New	5905 Big Jim Drive	Villa Coronado Estates	$132,360	$1,777

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report March 8, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	$ Value
31896	Durio Homes	Dennis/Maria Shelly	Res/Add	309 Desert Garden Drive	Santa Teresa Rep Unit 1A	$240
31897	Self	Victor Avena	Res/New	936 Dalrymple Road	N/A	$632
31899	B & M Mechanical	Antonio Gonzales	Res/New	499 Carver Road	N/A	$595
31904	Emerick Const.	Richard & Mary Helen Rice	Res/New	1965 Tapestry	Mesilla Park Mosaic	$1,003
31905	GL Green & Assoc	SRI Realty Fund	Res/New	8229 Pissarro Drive	Fairway 18 Townhomes	$440
31906	GL Green & Assoc	SRI Realty Fund	Res/New	8225 Pissarro Drive	Fairway 18 Townhomes	$501
31910	Side View Const.	Manuel Casillas	Res/New	5224 Sioux Trail	EBL & T	$330

BRIEFS

Byford joins NMSU Foundation

Rebecca Dukes, vice president of university advancement and executive director of the New Mexico State University Foundation, announced that Tina Byford is the new senior investment and chief financial officer of the NMSU Foundation.

BYFORD

Byford, who served as controller of the university for 12 years, began her new responsibilities Feb. 26.

"The role that Tina is assuming is a huge responsibility," Dukes said. "It requires not only the technical background she possesses, but also a desire to take on and master new learning in the increasingly sophisticated investment categories and their related performance. We feel privileged to have Tina as a member of our dynamic team."

Byford, who earned certified public accountant status in 1980, has been employed by NMSU since 1988 when she and her husband Ron relocated from Louisiana State University so he could accept a position in the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Byford has been in the university's business and finance department since 1991. She was the university's budget director for three years before assuming the responsibilities of university controller. She has prior experience with the NMSU Foundation, having served as its controller and assistant director of university gifts from 1988 to 1991.

"I absolutely love NMSU," Byford said. "I am looking forward to serving in this new capacity. I believe the experience I have had working on the university side for the last 15 years will be invaluable in my new position."

One of Byford's major responsibilities will be working with the investment committee of the NMSU Foundation's board of directors, which manages endowment assets that have grown to more than $100 million.

"In my prior position, I had oversight for management of the university's investments and am familiar with the goals of the foundation board. We are all looking for ways to help this university grow and achieve new levels of excellence," she said.

Byford earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting from Oklahoma State and a master's degree in educational management and development with an emphasis on higher education administration from NMSU.

Commissioner speaks at realtor meeting

Bill McCamley, Doña Ana County District 5 commissioner, was the special guest at last week's luncheon meeting of he Women's Council of Realtors. Always a very dynamic speaker, he stressed the importance of the spaceport, an investment in the future of Las Cruces. The meeting was hosted by WCR President Jennifer Goude and was well attended at Texas Roadhouse. Some 40 participants enjoyed both the talk and the delicious buffet.

The Women's Council of Realtors is a national organization not just for women. It promotes professional development, and monthly meetings have kept Realtors and related businesses in Las Cruces well informed. There are approximately 40 members in Las Cruces who appreciate the chance to get together on a regular basis. Goude was also last year's president and the local real estate industry benefits from her multi-faceted background and talent. She came to Las Cruces almost 20 years ago, and her nursing career spanned 27 years in the fields of critical care, emergency department, coronary care, and oncology. A professional real estate agent for the last eight years and Associate Broker with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, she is also a member of the Artamantes, a local group of Southwestern artists.

GOUDE AND MCCAMLEY

Bazant-Jung named Heritage Hotels president

Pam Bazant-Jung is a native New Mexican who has spent the last seven years in the hospitality industry working with Jim Long, CEO, in creating Heritage Hotels & Resorts, Inc. She served as the company's vice president of branding and development and, prior to that, served as the director of special projects and executive director. Bazant-Jung has overseen more than $30 million in construction projects, converting franchised hotel properties into rich, authentic, culturally distinct hotels. She was responsible for overseeing the conversion of Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, Lodge at Santa Fe, Nativo Lodge and Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces into independent hotels. Bazant-Jung also oversees the branding initiatives that have made Heritage Hotels & Resorts one of the most recognized, dynamic cultural hospitality companies in the southwest.

BAZANT-JUNG

According to Long, "Ms. Jung has emerged as one of the finest executives in the hospitality industry and has been instrumental in the development of Heritage Hotels into the outstanding company that it has become. As the first person hired for Heritage Hotels, Ms. Jung has had a significant role in every aspect of the company, and this promotion acknowledges her tremendous accomplishments." In 2006, the U.S. Departmentt of Commerce named Heritage Hotels and Resorts the minority national retailer of the year in the United States. As CEO, Long will focus his efforts on expanding the company throughout the Southwest. Long also co-founded American Property Management Corporation in 1994, which has become one of the largest hospitality companies in the United States.

In addition to her role as president, Bazant-Jung is an executive committee member and board member for the Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau where she works closely in overseeing the progress for Albuquerque's Destination Master Plan. She is also a board member on the Albuquerque Museum Foundation. She also served as a council member for United Way's Women in Philanthropy where she was one of the founding council members. Pam also was instrumental in the recreation of, and has had continued involvement in the Montezuma Ball, a well-known event that has raised more than $1 million dollars for local charities over the last seven years.

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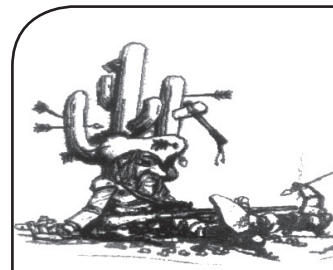

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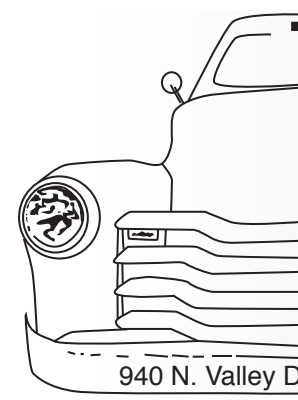

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Noble stallions ride again

The "World-Famous" LIPIZZANER STALLIONS

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Graceful horses to perform at Pan American Center

Lipizzaner Stallions bring more than 400 years of history and style to Las Cruces

By Jordan Bostic
The Las Cruces Bulletin

They astound audiences with their grace and agility and captivate onlookers with their spectacular routines. Dressed in stunning costumes, the dancers move in perfect synchronization and leave jaws agape with their leaping ability. These aren't just any ballerinas, however. They are the Lipizzaner Stallions, and they are performing horses that will bring their world-famous show to Las Cruces at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the Pan American Center.

"We're really looking forward to coming to Las Cruces," Troy Tinker, master of ceremonies, said. "It's been a few years, but we always enjoy it."

The Lipizzaner Stallions have been performing their equine ballet for 37 years.

"We are the third-longest continuing coliseum show, behind the Wringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus and the Harlem Globetrotters," Tinker said.

Tinker has been hosting the show for 16 years, some of those years spent on tour and others with the shortened show featured at the Excalibur Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

Over that time, more than 25 million people have seen the performance at locations in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, Norway, Sweden, Mexico and more. When they travel to other countries, Tinker said they hire a translator and narrate the show in both the country's native language and English.

"We actually just got done with a show in Quebec where we hired a French translator who joined me in hosting the show," Tinker said.

These special horses have a storied history. General George S. Patton is credited with saving them from certain extinction at the end of World War II. In their 400 years of history, they have been prized animals because of their spectacular leaping and agile footwork. Originally trained to use their physical prowess in battle, the stallions now lend their talents to equestrian ballet.

For their show, the riders and Lipizzans have to perfect the art of the perfect gait, known as dressage. It takes extensive training patience to create the precise trot and even canter that translates into the rider and horse working together as one graceful unit.

"People come away from the show amazed by how well the horses and riders work together," Tinker said.

The Lipizzaner Stallions are on tour for 11 months each year, beginning shortly after Christmas and ending shortly after Thanksgiving. To be a rider in the Lipizzaner Stallions show, a person must submit an audition video and be at the third level of dressage, which Tinker compares to a brown belt in judo.

"The riders are nearly at the top level of dressage, so they want to improve by riding our quality and well-trained horses," Tinker said. "When a rider is hired, they are usually performing in the show within two weeks."

The show features an international selection of riders coming from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Vienna and the United States. The head rider is Redha Gharsa, a native of Algeria who has been riding with the tour for nine years. According to Tinker, the head rider is responsible for the ongoing training during the tour, as well as giving notes to riders to keep honing their performances.

When the 37th Anniversary Tour arrives in Las Cruces on March 16, viewers will be able to see 12 to 14 stallions performing maneuvers that emulate the Spanish Riding School of Vienna, Austria. The Lipizzans will show off their leaping talents in a segment entitled "Airs Above Ground."

"Traditionally, the audience loves the Airs Above Ground Segment," Tinker said. "They love to see the big battle maneuvers that originally made these horses famous."

To conclude the performance, the horses will demonstrate the traditional Grand Quadrille in which six to eight stallions and riders showcase the horses' abilities in an intricate, synchronized ballet.

"The routines are based on traditional choreography that goes back hundreds of years," Tinker said. "What makes each year unique are the different horses. Like dancers, each horse puts his own personality into the performance."

During its 37-year run, the Lipizzaner Stallions World Tour has been a family favorite, entertaining both children and parents alike.

"After every show, someone tells me they saw it as a child and had to bring their kids, too," Tinker said.

"What keeps it fresh for me is watching the audience," Tinker said. "I love seeing the delighted looks on their faces when they watch the show."

Tickets for the event cost from $14.50 to $22.50 based on seating and are available at the Pan American Center Box Office at 532-2060 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Capriole, a Lipizzaner Stallion, performs a dramatic leap.

JOEL COURTNEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Ballet Kalpana from Columbia Elementary performs traditional Ballet Folklorico at the Viva Vista 98.7 stage during Hispanic Culture Day Thursday, March 8, outside the Pan American Center. New Mexico State University hosted special events for nearly every day of the WAC tournament.

WAC not just a game

JOEL COURTNEY
Arts & Lifestyles Editor

Well, the WAC tournament has come and gone, with great success from the Aggie men's basketball team and a fantastic effort from the Aggies' women's team.

The thing that reverberates the most with me was the compliments our hometown received from the thousands of guests we hosted last week.

Although I wasn't able to attend as many of the games as I would have liked, I was able to attend some of the festivities hosted by New Mexico State University outside of the Pan American Center, and it gave a great taste of the place we call home to these visitors.

For those of you who missed out, Wednesday, March 7 was Kids' Day, followed by Hispanic Culture Day, Native American Day and Western Culture Day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Each of these days was special in their own way, but they each had three things in common: great music, great food and a good time had by all.

While sliding through the crowds of Nevada, Utah State and Fresno State fans wearing every type of fan paraphernalia possible, I heard time and time again that Las Cruces was offering more than they expected.

The "New Mexico Shopping Experience," which was put on by the NMSU Alumni Association, featured New Mexican merchants selling authentic New Mexico products, such as pecans, chile, jewelry and even artwork.

From the vendors I talked to, which included photographer Mike Groves and The Truck Farm, sales were very successful throughout the tournament. Although most sales came from tourists, vendors like Groves said even locals discovered that there were great products available to them and will likely return to purchase in the future.

From The Truck Farm booth, the general goal of the booth wasn't to make big sales, but to say, "Here's Las Cruces, and you are welcome" to our guests.

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Mariachi Flores performs classic mariachi music during the WAC Fan Fest.

One thing that stuck out most of all was the ease that NMSU put into getting off campus after the night's games ended. For anyone that has ever tried to get home in a timely manner after a game, then you know how crazy it can be. Not only did NMSU make sure there were plenty of police officers working every possible street corner to ensure things ran smoothly, other drivers were friendlier and more polite than I've ever experienced.

Already from papers throughout the country I have read that people aren't as trepidatious about next year's tournament being held in the Mesilla Valley, and most are even looking forward to returning to cheer their team on in the Pan Am Center.

I know that it wasn't just NMSU and local businesses that pitched in to make the WAC tournament so good, all of Las Cruces worked together to make this happen. So, for that, I want to give a resounding thanks to everyone who worked so hard through a very busy week.

World-renowned violinist and pianist come to Las Cruces

DAAC and Piatigorsky Foundation to feature classical concert at Rio Grande Theatre

The Doña Ana Arts Council (DAAC) and the Piatigorsky Foundation will present a concert by classical violinist Paul Rosenthal and pianist Doris Stevenson on Monday, March 19, at 7 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 411 N. Downtown Mall.

Paul Rosenthal, who began playing the violin at the age of three, studied at The Juilliard School and with Jascha Heifetz at the University of Southern California. He has performed as soloist with orchestras from Alaska to New York and in recitals and chamber music series in the United States, Canada, Germany, Holland, Japan, Korea and France.

Rosenthal can be heard in recordings on the RCA, Vox, Fidelio, Arabesque, Vanguard and Biddulph labels, including the premiere recording of the String Quartet Op. 14 by Taneyev and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence," recorded in 1968 with Jascha Heifetz and Gregor Piatigorsky. His most recently released recording is from a live performance at the Tucson Winter Chamber Music Festival, and features Taneyev's "Two Cello Quintet," performed with members of The St. Petersburg String Quartet.

Rosenthal holds honorary degrees as Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Alaska and Doctor of Music from Alaska Pacific University. He performs on a violin made by Joseph Guarnerius in Cremona in 1706.

Doris Stevenson has won lavish praise from critics and public alike in performances around the world. She has soloed with the Boston Pops, played at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Salle Pleyel in Paris and Suntory Hall in Tokyo. She has performed with Jascha Heifetz and such great players of the past as Gregor Piatigorsky, Ruggiero Ricci and Paul Tortelier.

Her recordings include the Saint Saens violin sonatas with Andres Cardenes on the Arabesque label and the complete Mendelssohn cello works with Jeffrey Solow for Centaur, as well as three CDs with cellist Nathaniel Rosen: the Brahms Sonatas for JMR records, plus two albums of romantic pieces entitled "Reverie" and "Orientale" for Northstar. A recent Stravinsky CD with violinist Mark Peskanov received a Grammy nomination. Miss Stevenson taught for 10 years at the University of Southern California and has been artist in residence at Williams College since 1987.

The mission of the Piatigorsky Foundation is to make live classical music part of the fabric of everyday life for communities throughout the United States.

The Foundation was established in 1990 by cellist Evan Drachman in honor of the renowned Russian cellist, Gregor Piatigorsky (1903-1976). Piatigorsky believed that music is not a luxury for the elite few but a necessity of life for all and his goal in life was to bring the cello to the far corners of the earth and let people hear its magnificent voice.

The Foundation carries on this legacy and since its inception, the Foundation has presented more than 2,200 concerts bringing live classical music to hundreds of thousands of people who would otherwise not have the opportunity to attend such performances.

Tickets are $5 and will be available at the door. For more information contact DAAC at 523-6403.

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Tickets: $10-$15
Through March 18

The Crucible
Rio Grande Theatre
211 N. Downtown Mall
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George Burns comes to the Black Box

"An Afternoon with George Burns" starring Dean Hinmon, will have one performance on Saturday, March 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. The show is in concert style, much like Burns did in his later years. Ticket prices are $9 for regular admission and $8 for students and seniors over 65. For reservations, call 523-1223 or visit www.no-strings.org.

Making the ordinary into the extraordinary

'The Nature of Mutation' shows lighter side of intelligent design vs. evolution

REVIEW BY JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The High Desert Play Development Workshop at New Mexico State University has created its first success with "The Nature of Mutation" by John Walch, which runs at the Hershel Zohn Theatre through March 18.

High Desert, which began in 2006, invites select playwrights for a comprehensive workshop with input from the director, dramaturg, actors and even an audience.

Although I didn't get a chance to see "The Nature of Mutation" during its workshop, it is an enjoyable ride of nonstop laughter combined with some deep introspection on a difficult issue.

It is readily apparent that the play is pro-evolution, but it doesn't detract from or diminish the concept of intelligent design. Walch's main point appears to promote allowing the advocates of these ideas to realize they can co-exist and need not be mutually exclusive.

The setting for Walch's lofty goal is the Carlyle School, a private institution located in New Jersey, during modern times.

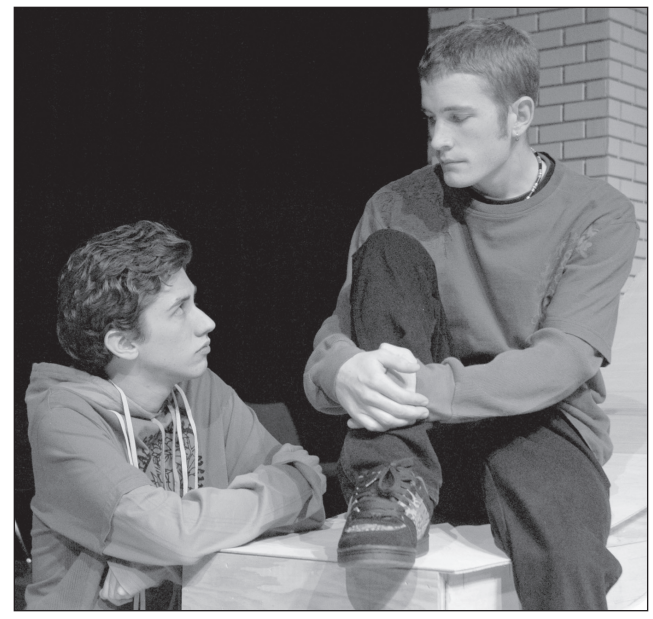
The audience immediately gets a chance to meet the major players, biology teacher Claude Davis, English teacher Melanie and students/roommates Clancy Gibbens and Drew.

The trouble that begins to brew at Carlyle begins one year previous. Clancy's twin brother Lance killed himself by hanging, having built his gallows from his collection of science books topped with "On the Origin of the Species" by Charles Darwin.

Clancy and Lance's mother, Barbara Gibbens, sets out on a mission to promote the teaching of intelligent design at the Carlyle School with the donation of thousands of scholarships (to help the school's falling enrollment numbers) and Whizmos (a handheld computer, organizer and global positioning system).

Meanwhile, Clancy finds himself haunted by visions of his dead brother who won't be content until Clancy has hung himself in the same manner. And Mr. Davis the science teacher is finding his romantic dealings with Melanie strained over the topic of church and teaching intelligent design.

Just when things seem ready to boil over, Davis's bulldog Huxley (aptly named after Thomas Henry Huxley, renowned advocate of evolutionary theory who was also known as Darwin's bulldog) throws a wrench into the plans of the Carlyle School.



Sean Darragh (Clancy Gibbens) and Dan Mulkerin (Lance Gibbens) talk about science and suicide at New Mexico State University's production of "The Nature of Mutation," which plays at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus through March 18

I won't give away too much, but the writing is superb, and the parallels drawn between the modern fight at Carlyle and the age-old battle between Huxley and Archbishop Samuel Wilberforce are both humorous and well thought out.

The acting, which was ideal, seemed fueled by the interest of the cast. From the seats, the enthusiasm of the actors was palpable from their desire to be a part of such a wonderful performance.

Each actor seemed well fit to their role and gifted in their ability, so it was hard to chose a stand out performer.

NMSU junior Sean Darragh (Clancy Gibbens) shows the pain and frustration of any teen-ager who doesn't have the answers but is determined to not to give up, as he tries to explain his philosophy to Carol Ayon (Barbara Gibbens). Ayon turns into a reflection of the audience's mother as she vents her frustration in an argument with Darragh. The dynamic between the two is incredible and speaks volumes about their abilities as actors.

Eric Young (Claude Davis) displays the same character every student has experienced from the "uber-teacher," who tries so hard to connect with the troubled students and stays hip with his pierced ear.

On the lighter side, Michael Anderson (Drew) keeps the audience laughing with "bros," "dudes" and other stereotypical lingo, much to the annoyance of Darragh's character.

Adrienne Cox (Sally) is the main love interest for Darragh, and she does a excellent job of portraying the mixture of frustration and excitement generated from trying to connect with someone who's trying to overcome several large issues all at once.

Megan McQueen (Melanie/Mrs. Le) pulls double duty on stage along with Steve Conn (Owen/Huxley), and it if wasn't for the program, a newbie to local theatre most likely wouldn't know these fine actors were playing two parts.

The set for "The Nature of Mutation," although seeming simple, serves its purpose amazingly. Made only of several chalkboards on rollers, simple chalk drawings serve as everywhere from parks, classrooms, closets and even an auditorium.

The music during set changes helps set the bizarre mood of the Carlyle School during these tumultuous times.

All in all, I wouldn't have missed this performance for the world. In fact, I fought past an oncoming sickness and gave up a chance to watch the Aggies win the WAC championship to see the performance on Saturday, and I have no regrets.

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

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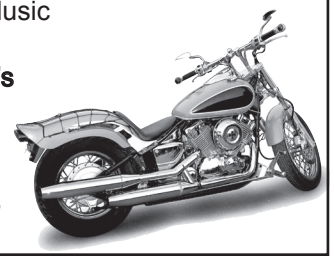

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FILM

A Celebration of Women

'Volver' shows intertwining relationships in female life

By Jeff Berg
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Certainly one of noted director Pedro Almodovar's most accessible films, "Volver" continues his never-ending interest in death and women, not necessarily in that order.

Without a male lead, "Volver" works to define the relationships between several women of the same family.

As many of his films do, Almodovar's long opening dwells on death and dying. Raimunda (Penelope Cruz) and Sole are among a group of women tending to the graves of relatives. We learn that a fire has claimed the lives of Raimunda's parents some years earlier, and the suspicion still exists whether it was accidental or not.

Upon returning home, Raimunda and her daughter Paula find that her worthless lout of a husband, Pablo, has lost his job and seems to be planning on passing the next few weeks by drinking beer and watching soccer on television. The teenage Paula, slightly unaware of her own burgeoning sexuality, becomes a target for the creepy Pablo, who tries to assault her a short time later.

He ends up being the next candidate for the cemetery as Paula dispatches him with a kitchen knife, as Almodovar shows us in colorful contrast when Pablo's bright red blood gently spreads across the brightly tiled kitchen floor.

Pablo does not have the good fortune of a graveyard burial, however, as he is unceremoniously stuffed into a freezer at the recently closed restaurant where Raimunda once worked.

And it is with good fortune that this happens, as a hungry crew of nearby workers become accidental customers when they think that Raimunda is the operator of the café.

Indeed, she is not, but she uses the opportunity to make ends meet. And, no Pablo is not on the menu!

Meanwhile, Raimunda's sister, Sole, runs a beauty shop out of her home somewhat illegally. It is there where she gets help, in the form of her mother who, although thought dead, has "returned" to help her own sister, Tia Paula, who is somewhat taken aback by the maladies of advancing age.

This serves as in interesting catalyst for all of these characters, along with Agustina, who has been helping the elderly Tia Paula, in spite of her own illness. It is Agustina who first meets the ghost of Irene.

Almodovar offers a good laugh or two when Sole masquerades her ghost mom as a helper in the beauty shop, telling customers that she is a Russian immigrant.

Sole (Lola Duenas), Paula (Yohana Cobo) and Raimunda (Penelope Cruz) explore the relationships of women in "Volver".

From here, it is the interaction of the characters that leads the story. Closets full of skeletons are opened, confessions and questions take place, another nonviolent death takes place and don't miss the large number of loud puckery kisses offered by the women when greeting each other. Perhaps this is just a detail added in to the picture to show how the love and affection of women – mom's, aunts, daughters, sisters – is what keeps the world from going completely insane.

"Volver" is far more subdued than all of the other Almodovar films that I have seen. The histrionics are gone, and it feels more relaxed and at ease than most of his works, especially earlier pieces such as "Matador" (coming soon to the Fountain Theatre). But he is not cheating his fans and new viewers out of his wonderful eye for detail, including sets and camera shots. In this way, the picture feels more believable and much more fun to watch, again, referring back to his earlier films.

Penelope Cruz was nominated for an Oscar this year for her performance, but did not win. This was certainly not a bad decision, as I found her character to be interesting, but not the best I had seen last year.

"Volver" is a very good film, a gentle salute to all the women in our lives and another feather in the cap of one of Spain's best filmmakers.

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

Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. When he was a kid, sloppy kisses from his female relatives were not in short supply. Find out why at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com

film review

"Volver" plays at the Fountain for one week beginning on Friday, March 16. In Spanish, and subtitled, it runs just under two hours and was released late last year. It is rated R for some adult content.

grade: A-

A taste of the Irish in film

St. Patrick's Brigade rides again at Fountain

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, March 17, will be "The San Patricio Brigade: A Factual Documentary" by Mark R. Day (1996, 60 minutes)

During the U.S.-Mexican War of 1846, more than 500 immigrant soldiers, mostly Irish, deserted the U.S. Army and joined forces with Mexico. Were these men traitors or heroes? You be the judge.

Dubious about why they were fighting a Catholic country and fed up with mistreatment by their Anglo-Protestant officers, hundreds of Irish, German and other immigrants deserted the American Army and joined forces with Mexico.

Led by Capt. John Riley of County Galway, Ireland, they called themselves the St. Patrick's Battalion (in Spanish, the San Patricio's) and fought against their former comrades in all the major campaigns of the war.

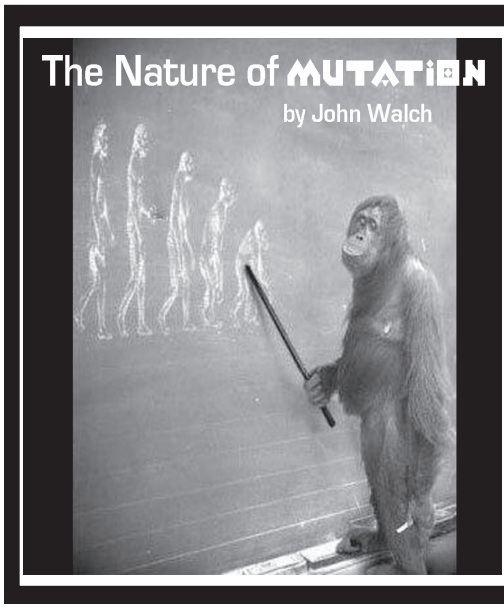
The history of the San Patricio's is a woeful tale of angry, bewildered, naive or calculating young men from varied backgrounds, who deserted for a myriad of reasons and paid a fearful price.

The San Patricio's, in the words of one Mexican general, "deserved the highest praise, because they fought with daring bravery."

The film also clarifies the reasons for the war and the active participation of immigrant people (most notably Irish but also Scots and Germans) who joined the Mexican side and paid for that decision with their lives.

While the brave soldiers of Saint Patrick's Battalion are not particularly well known outside Mexico, it is clear that their god-like status in Mexico is enough to compensate for the attention they failed to receive in other countries. There is still a fond memory of "Los Colorado's," the redheaded Irishmen who gave their lives in the struggle for Mexican sovereignty.

Each and every Saturday afternoon, a quality talking picture (with an occasional silent one) will be screened at the Fountain Theatre in Mesilla, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe. The general theme of this ongoing series is life in the West, which could mean the "new" West, the Old West, the historical West or anything in between. All screenings begin at 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is $3 or free for Mesilla Valley Film Society members.



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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

■ ST. PATRICK'S IRISH CONTRA DANCE

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society (SNMMDS) will host a St. Patrick's Irish Contra Dance on Friday, March 16, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Kris Jensen of Albuquerque will teach and call all contra dances to live acoustic old-time and Irish music by the "Hippie-billies." Beginner dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m. The cost is $5. For more information, call 522-2421.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Gloria Hacker will be the featured storyteller at the Main Street Downtown store location, and Jeanne Gilbert 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.

■ OLD TIME FIDDLE WORKSHOP

Dan Levenson will host a fiddle workshop on Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5060 Pueblo Trail. The workshop will be for advanced beginners to intermediate students. The cost to attend the workshop will be $90 per person. To register or for more information about the workshops, contact Eileen or Tom at 373-1523. For more information about Levenson, visit www.oldtimemusic.us.

■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

Local actor, writer and director Patrick Payne will read "Jamie O'Rourke and the Pooka" by Tomie dePaolo on Saturday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day – at the Rio Grande Theatre's Magic Carpet StoryTime. Jamie O'Rourke, the laziest man in Ireland, has been left in charge of the house while his wife is away for a week. His buddies come by every night to keep him company and mess up the house in the process. A mysterious donkey-man, which turns out to be a Pooka, or Irish animal spirit, appears nightly to do the cleaning. Jamie can't believe his luck, but the situation takes an unexpected turn. Payne has performed locally at the Black Box Theatre, lo-fi productions and was most recently seen as Ensign Pulver in the Las Cruces Community Theatre's production of "Mr. Roberts." Magic Carpet StoryTime is a free program brought to you by the Doña Ana Arts Council and takes place every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 411 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

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

Upcoming Events

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

■ OLD TIME BANJO WORKSHOP

Dan Levenson will host a banjo workshop on Sunday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 5060 Pueblo Trail. The workshop will be for advanced beginners to intermediate students. The cost to attend the workshop will be $90 per person. To register or for more information about the workshops, contact Eileen or Tom at 373-1523. For more information about Levenson, visit www.oldtimemusic.us.

■ ZEBULON PIKE BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Local history will come to life at the Rio Grand Theatre on Sunday, March 18, when the 200th anniversary of the encampment of U.S. Army Lt. Zebulon Pike just north of Las Cruces will be commemorated with two free lectures beginning at 2 p.m. Speakers Dr. Hal Jackson and Dr. Leo E. Oliva will detail Pike's experience as a prisoner of the Spanish military, traveling the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro through southern New Mexico in 1807. The program is co-sponsored by the Doña Ana County Historical Society (DACHS), El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association (CARTA) and the Branigan Cultural Center of Las Cruces. The lecture is supported in part by the National Park Service's Challenge Cost Share Program. Refreshments will be served. Pike had set out in 1806 to explore the headwaters of the Arkansas River and wound up snowbound in present southern Colorado (hence, Pike's Peak), Spanish territory. He was rescued by the Spanish and conducted to Santa Fe with the survivors of his small command. He was

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not a very successful explorer, nor a "spy," according to present definition of the term, but is historically important because he wrote in detail of his travels and provided the first descriptions in English of a great expanse of territory unknown in the United States. The Rio Grande Theatre is located at 211 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, contact the Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

DOÑA ANA CAMERA CLUB

The Doña Ana Camera Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., at 7 p.m. Nirmal Khandan of NMSU will present a program from his photo safari in Africa. Anyone interested in any phase of photography is invited. For more information, call Mary Lou at 523-9664.

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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 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

BEGINNING BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

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

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 Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

Dance every Thursday from 8 to 10 p.m. to the music of the Ron Thielman Band at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. The cost is $6 for members and $8 for nonmembers and includes rumba lessons at 7 p.m. during March. Singles are welcome. There is a dress code. Call 382-5255 for more information.

SUNLAND STAR SINGING CONTEST

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals and steel drum of Laura Humperys on Friday, March 23, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles age 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 p.m., and there is a $5 cover charge. Music will be provided by Stacy & Rough Strings. Call 528-3000 for more information.

STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Sonya Weiner 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.

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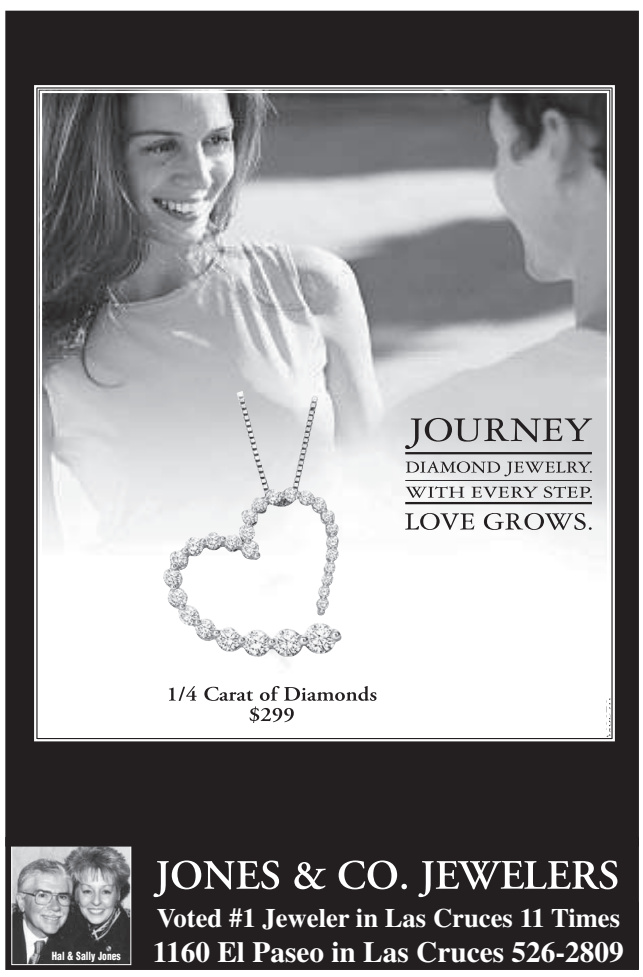

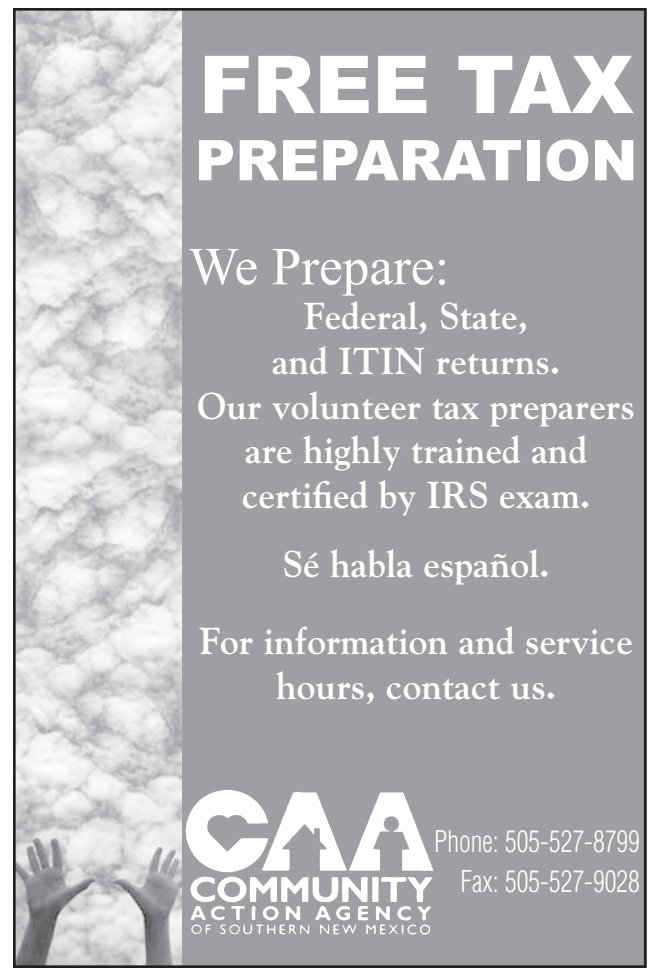

CALL TO ARTISTS

PETS & PALS EXHIBITION

Celebrate our four-legged friends by donating a piece of artwork to the "Pets & Pals" 2007 Exhibition and Sale on Saturday, April 21, at Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla. The event is sponsored by Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP) of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. Drop off artwork at Enchanted Garden from 9 to 10 a.m. on April 21. Sign in upon delivery; no pre-registration or early drop-offs. Artwork will be available for sale between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Limit of one artwork per artist, any medium and subject, with 50 percent of the sale price donated to the SNAP program. Donations are tax deductible. Come to the event to enjoy live music and refreshments. For information, call Joy Miller 527-9954. SNAP works to reduce pet overpopulation by subsidizing the cost of spay/neuter surgeries for pets from qualifying low-income households.

ANNUAL AUTHOR AWARD

Authors who reside in Doña Ana County are invited to submit books published in 2005 or 2006 for consideration for the Annual Author Award presented by the Friends of Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. The competition includes works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, adult or children's literature. Submission forms are available at the reference desk of the Branigan Library. The deadline to submit the form and two copies of the published book is Thursday, May 31. The award winner will be announced at the Authors' Award Luncheon on Sunday, Sept. 16. For information, contact Friends' President Denise DeMercy at doulainlc@gmail.com.

LAS CRUCES POETS AND WRITERS MAGAZINE

Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine is calling for submissions of poetry and short fiction: up to five poems of any length, single spaced; fiction under 3,000 words, double spaced. Submit by email to mvp@zianet.com or overland at Mesilla Valley Press, PO Box 847, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0847. By regular mail, include an envelope large enough so that pages are not folded. Always include a short bio. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope only for return of work. The Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine does not publish submissions that are pornographic, sexist or racist, nor accept simultaneous submissions. They respond within three months. Time from acceptance to publication is one to six months, and they pay one copy of the magazine to contributors. LCPM acquires one-time publishing rights. The bi-monthly magazine is published by Joan Glicker and Maria Kruse.

FLY BY NIGHT ARTISANS GALLERY

Fly By Night Artisans Gallery is located at the Branigan Cultural Center. The Branigan Cultural Center is seeking local artisans/crafts people to display and sell their works at the new Fly by Night Artisans Gallery. The gallery features all crafts media, including jewelry/beading, ceramics, wood, stone, glass, textiles/fiber and more. Artists should submit one sample photograph and a brief description of media/technique, plus personal contact information to Garland Courts in person at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Water St. in the Downtown Mall or email gcourts@las-cruces.org.

NEW HORIZONS SYMPHONY

The New Horizons Symphony, under the direction of Oscar Butler, is an amateur orchestra beginning its fourth season. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Las Cruces High School orchestra room, 1755 El Paseo Road. Have fun making music again. For more information, call Butler at 526-8053.

CITY OF ARTISTS

City of Artists Promotional Association, a recently organized group of artists, gallery owners, and interested individuals, promotes Las Cruces, Mesilla and the surrounding area as an art destination for tourists. They have created an artist list for publication through the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the organization's website and invite participants to come give their input to current and future projects. The group's website is www.cityofartists.org. If you are an artist or gallery owner not included on the site, please let Carol Lopez know at waxartist@earthlink.net. Artists already listed on the website should proofread their information and send one digital photo representing their work to ra_highsmith@hotmail.com.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is seeking proposals for solo and group exhibitions for the 2008 calendar year. The museum is open to all artists living and working in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Proposal packages must include a statement on the proposed exhibit, including theme or general content; medium of the work to be presented and proposed use of space (linear or square footage); artist's resume, including exhibition record and brief artist's statement; 10 – 20 images on CD (jpeg format, 355 dpi, 4 inches by 6 inches image size) of works intended for exhibition and a page of thumbnails of same images; non-refundable $30 submission fee payable to the City of Las Cruces. Deadline for submission is Saturday, June 16. Submit submission to the Las Cruces Museum of Art, Attn: Curator, 490 N. Water St., Las Cruces, NM 88001. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit www.museums.las-cruces.org.

At the Rag Rug Festival

PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

Marti Baird of Las Cruces tries on a crocheted cap made by Madelyn Stark of Pecos Sunday, March 11, during the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's annual Rag Rug Festival. The event, sponsored by the New Mexico Women's Foundation, began Saturday morning and ran through Sunday afternoon.

Members of the Rios family of Las Cruces, from left, Karin, 13, Alena, 4, their grandmother Tina, and mother Ladia watch closely as Dolores Dorado of Vado weaves a chenille scarf on her loom last Sunday

Sharon A. Brown of Santa Clara discusses a rag rug made by members of the Tres Manos Textile Arts Training Program in San Miguel with the program's operations manager Teresa Valles.

Ann Lumaghi of Abiquiu demonstrates the sewing of a rag rug.

Yvonne Nivaliotis of Las Trampas adds a point twill sampler to her display.

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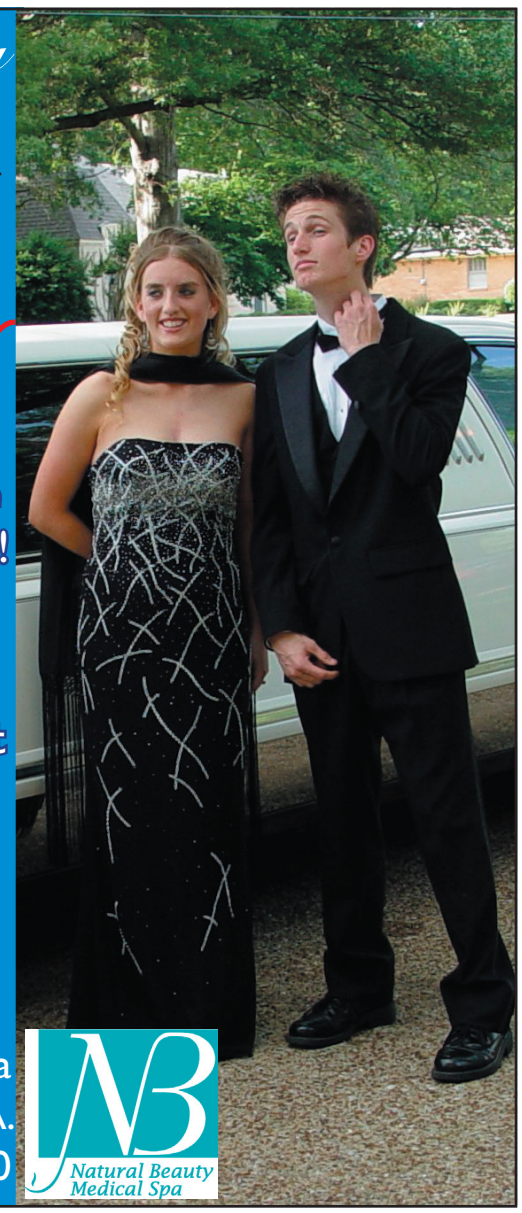

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At the Women Without Borders art exhibit —

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Catalina Guzmán with her oil painting of her grandmother on her 90th birthday at the opening reception for the Women Without Borders art exhibit in the Branigan Cultural Center Friday, March 9.

Juan Carlos Foncerrada Berumen, consul general of the Mexican Consulate in El Paso, and Sally Cutter of Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery admire one of the paintings on display last Friday.

Among the dignitaries on hand for the opening reception for the Women Without Borders art exhibit are, from left, center director Garland Courts, Las Cruces City Councillor Dolores Archuleta, Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, Juan Carlos Foncerrada Berumen, consul general of the Mexican Consulate in El Paso and Las Cruces Director of Museums Will Tickner.

Brenda Muñoz, cultural promoter with the Mexican Consulate in El Paso, takes pictures of the speakers while Elsa Borja, the vice consul for cultural affairs, listens.

Joanne Gray, deputy consul general with the U.S. Consulate, welcomes guests to the opening reception for the Women Without Borders art exhibit last Friday.

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Zoology meets fine art

Roxana Quinnell brings an eye for detail and a love of nature to her realistic portraits

By Joel Courtney
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Roxana Quinnell has translated her love of wildlife and the great outdoors into a lucrative art career, creating prints of animals from the tiniest bugs to kings of the jungle.

Quinnell hails from Montana where she spent the majority of her life among the pristine vestiges of nature in the northern United States.

"My dad and mom were big into wildlife," she said. "We spent a lot of time camping and doing other things outdoors."

Quinnell said that art has always been a part of her life and was often drawing on the walls at the tender age of 3. Although it may have caused some extra cleaning on their parts, she said her parents were always very supportive of her artistic impulses.

The town she grew up in was so small that the local schools had no art classes, so her first exposure to any art training was at Western Montana College, a branch of the University of Montana.

> "We spent a lot of time camping and doing other things outdoors."
>
> ROXANA QUINNELL, Artist

While attending college, Quinnell decided to pursue art more heavily and double majored in art and education.

After graduating, she began teaching junior high school, which gave her a varied curriculum over several subjects.

She said she chose not to teach art in the classroom because she didn't want to teach students that were taking the class because they had to. Instead, Quinnell offered extracurricular art classes for those students that seriously were interested in expanding their skills.

After teaching for several years, Quinnell and her husband moved to Nevada, where she began taking her talents into the commercial world for the first time. Quinnell said that the majority of her commercial work was done for casinos and ranchers living in the area.

Her husband brought the family to Oregon, where he was pursuing a master's degree, but their oldest son Cole developed bad asthma from the region. After hearing about the wonderful climate of the Southwest, Quinnell's family chose to move to Las Cruces to make their son's life easier and fell in love with the area.

Shortly after moving to the City of the Crosses, Quinnell decided to focus the entirety of her art on animal portraits, which she had done only occasionally in the past. Now it has been more than 12 years since she has specialized in animal portraiture.

Having done most of her early work in painting, her animal portraits are first drawn in pencil and can then be colored in pastels if she chooses.

Although she doesn't work from photographs, Quinnell said she makes sure she puts enough time into each picture to make it realistic.

"I do an awful lot of research," she said. According to Quinnell, each drawing takes at least two to three weeks of research.

"Once you start drawing, you sometimes run into things you didn't even think of like eye color," she said.

In addition to research online and through wildlife videos, Quinnell said several wildlife biologists who purchase her work on a regular basis also share stories with her about wild animals and their specific features.

"I kind of make up the picture, but it's put together from the stories and the videos," she said.

Quinnell also tries to visit the more exotic creatures in zoos, but said she knows how to give these creatures the wild look they need for her pictures.

Several years ago, a friend and neighbor of Quinnell suggested she do small card-sized prints of her dog. Through more people requesting their dog breed be featured on the next set of cards, that idea has since grown to include more than 160 breeds of dog recognized by the American Kennel Club as well as numerous breeds of cat and other exotic animals.

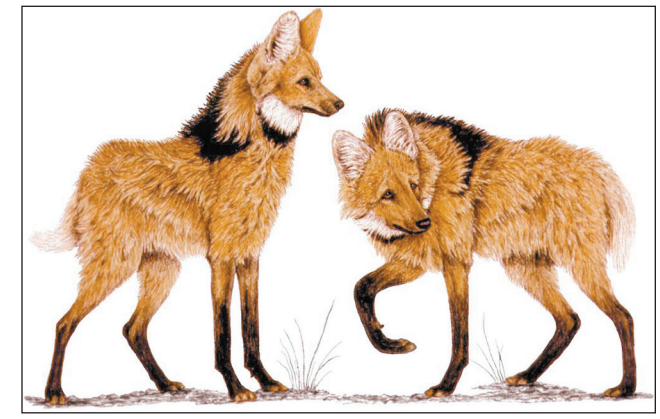
"The card line is my bread and butter," she said. "They sell all over the world, and I got a call recently from someone in Israel interested in purchasing them."

To help preserve her precious art subjects, Quinnell shares the profits of her work with national and local nonprofit agencies, including the World Wildlife Foundation, Wolf Defenders, National Wildlife Federation, the Nature Conservancy and the Doña Ana County Humane Society.

To see more of Roxana Quinnell's work, visit the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470 Calle de Guadalupe, and Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Prints of her work can also be viewed and purchased at www.zianet.com/qpix. In the near future, Quinnell said she plans to have a website available to sell originals of her work.

"Lion King"

"Red-tailed Hawk"



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Television Listings

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FRIDAY EVENING — MARCH 16, 2007

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KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	House "Hunting"		The Wedding Bells		News CC		Simpsons		Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
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KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) (In Stereo)				WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	Figure Skating: U.S. Championships						Figure Skating			SportsCenter CC		College Gmday	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Monk CC		House "Half-Wit"		★★ "Patch Adams" (1999) CC			
TNT 32	Law & Order		★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.				★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000) George Clooney.				"Three Kings" CC			
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"				"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"				★★★ "Emma" (1996) Gwyneth Paltrow.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scene		Pros vs. Joes		Pros vs. Joes		TNA Wrestling		Sports	MXC	Game	Wild
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Eight Days to Live" (2006) Kelly Rowan.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami CC		Intervention "Ryan"		Intervention "John"		CSI: Miami "Recoil"		CSI: Miami CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Dogfights CC		Dogfights CC		Mail Call CC		Combat Garage		Dogfights CC		Dogfights CC	
TLC 45	Chef	Chef	Fashion Icons		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Fashion Icons		What Not to Wear	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		Stunt	Stunt	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	★★★ "Stephen King's It" (1990, Horror) John Ritter, Richard Thomas. CC								The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
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SCIFI 58	Heroes CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Special Unit 2 CC		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		John Doe CC	
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	★★ "Curious George" (2006)		(:45) ★★ "Kicking & Screaming" (2005)				★★★ "Walk the Line" (2005) Joaquin Phoenix. CC						Rome CC	
MAX 322	Harry	★★★ "Matchstick Men" (2003) CC			★★★ "Dirty Harry" (1971)				(:15) ★ "The Wash" (2001) Dr. Dre. CC				"Harry Potter"	
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KCOS 5 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Berkner Band		Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) CC			
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KTFN 13 65	Carita de Ángel		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Pequeño	Escuadrón	Animal	Mega Match	
KTLA 14	Farm Rpt.	Paid Prog.	Money	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 "Atlanta"	
ESPN 16	SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		SportsCenter CC		College Basketball: NIT Tournament			
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Sexy Abs	★★ "Loser" (2000) Jason Biggs, Zak Orth. CC				★★ "American Pie" (1999) Jason Biggs. CC			
TNT 32	(4:00) ★ "Chill Factor"		★ "Money Train" (1995, Action) Wesley Snipes.				★★★ "The Pledge" (2001, Drama) Jack Nicholson. CC					Silence
TBS 33	Harvey	Harvey	★★ "Mad Love" (1995) (PA) Chris O'Donnell.				Wed Outtakes		★★★ "Emma" (1996) Gwyneth Paltrow. CC			
SPIKE 34	Paid Prog.	Spinning	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	★★ "Another 48 Hours" (1990) Eddie Murphy.				Bullrun (In Stereo)		Hrsepwer	MuscleCar
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Her Own Rules" (1998) Melissa Gilbert. CC			
A&E 43	Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Sports Wives Women hold their families together.				Airline	Airline	"Kings of South"	
HIST 44	Heavy Metal CC		Generatn	Mail Call	Wild West Tech CC		American Eats Beer.		Modern Marvels "Tea"		Modern Marvels CC	
TLC 45	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Trading Spaces CC	
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Really Big Things		Really Big Things		Mega Builders CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Dolittle 3
DISN 52	So Raven	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK 54	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar-Last Air		Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC 57	(4:45) ★ "Comanche Territory" CC			★★ "Night Passage" (1957) James Stewart.				★★★ "Warlock" (1959) Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda. CC				
SCIFI 58	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Paid Prog.	★★ "Fairy Tale: A True Story" (1997, Fantasy)				★★ "The Magical Legend of the Leprechauns"			
CNN 62	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Live Saturday	
HBO 306	(4:00) ★★★ "Kingdom of Heaven"			"Angel Rodriguez" (2005) (In Stereo)			★★★ "Millions" (2004) (In Stereo)			(:45) ★★ "Poseidon" (2006) CC		
MAX 322	(3:40) "The Ring Two"		(5:50) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005)					★ "The Avengers" (1998) CC			★ "Son of the Mask"	
SHOW 343	Malibu	(:25) ★★ "State Property 2" (2005)			★★ "My Best Friend Is a Vampire"			"Extreme-Super Dave"			"Free Enterprise" CC	

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	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
KRWG 2 22	Eating Well		Andy Andrews: The Seven Decisions CC				My Music: Country Pop Legends CC				Theus	Ireland
CBS 4 4	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Second Round					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament				College Basketball		
KCOS 5 13	Andre Rieu Live From Dublin (In Stereo) CC				Weil's Guide to Eating Well			Visions of Ireland (In Stereo) CC			Can You Feel	
ABC 7 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Countdown	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Nicorette 300. (Live) CC						Paid Prog.	Ebert
KFOX 8 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Outdrsmn.	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	★ "Father's Day" (1997) Robin Williams.			
NBC 9 9	Animal R.	Old House	Paid Prog.	PGA Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational -- Third Round. (In Stereo Live) CC							Paid Prog.	Reporter
KINT 10 26	"La Venganza" (1999, Acción) Diego Torres.				La Parodia Shaila.				La Familia Peluche		Primer Impacto	
KTDO 11 48	Tu Hogar	Frecuencia		Nitido	"El Padrecito" (1964, Comedia) Ángel Garasa				Fútbol			
KTFN 13 65	"Policía Lunar" (1994) Michael Paré, Billy Drago.				★★ "La Dama Halcón" (1985) Rutger Hauer				Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana			
KTLA 14	Legion	Batman	Spider	Monster	Libertys	Libertys	Libertys	The Littles	Soul Train Dazz Band.		Smallville "Hidden"	
WGN 15	The St. Patrick's Day Parade (In Stereo) CC				American Idol Rewind		MLB Preseason Baseball San Diego Padres at Chicago Cubs. CC					
ESPN 16	The Pulse (Live) CC		Women's College Basketball				Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. First Round					Strongest
USA 31	★ "Bring It On Again" (2004) Bree Turner CC				★★ "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps" (2000)				★★ "Patch Adams" (1999) Robin Williams. CC			
TNT 32	(10:30) ★★★★ "The Silence of the Lambs"				★★★ "The Perfect Storm" (2000) George Clooney. CC					★★★ "Ocean's Eleven" (2001)		
TBS 33	Emma CC	(:45) ★★★ "Kate & Leopold" (2001) Meg Ryan, Hugh Jackman. CC						(:20) ★★★ "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994) CC				
SPIKE 34	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	Wrlds. Scariest		UFC Friday Night -- Sanchez vs. Parisyan				UFC: The Final Chapter (In Stereo)			
LIFE 39	"Blue Valley Songbird" (1999) Dolly Parton. CC				★★ "A Marriage of Convenience" (1998)				"A Secret Affair" (1999) Janine Turner. CC			
A&E 43	"Kings of South"		★★★ "Cliffhanger" (1993) Sylvester Stallone.				Sell House	Design	Clean	Sell House	Sell House	Spender
HIST 44	Modern Marvels CC		True Crime CC		The Irish in America CC				Paddy Whacked: The Irish Mob CC			
TLC 45	Trading Spaces CC		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Moving Up CC		Moving Up		Property Ladder CC	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs CC		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Lobstermen: Jeopardy		Man vs. Wild Kenya.		Man vs. Wild CC		Man vs. Wild CC	
FAM 51	(10:30) "Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006) CC			★★ "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy)				★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) CC				
DISN 52	Sprites	Handy	Doodlebop	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	★ "The Big Green" (1995) Steve Guttenberg.				Dragon	Dragon
NICK 54	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	OddParent	Avatar	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent
AMC 57	★★★★ "Rio Grande" (1950) John Wayne.				★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960, Western) John Wayne. CC				★★★ "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972)			
SCIFI 58	(9:00) "The Magical Legend of the Leprechauns"				★★ "Leprechaun" (1992) Warwick Davis.				★ "Leprechaun 2" (1994) Warwick Davis.			
CNN 62	In the Money CC		CNN Live Saturday		Special Investigations		CNN Live Saturday		CNN Live Saturday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO 306	Poseidon	"Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" CC				★★★ "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Mark Hamill.				(:45) ★★ "Just Like Heaven" CC		
MAX 322	Son Mask	(:35) ★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt. CC				★★ "The Object of My Affection" (1998) CC				★★ "Elektra" (2005) (In Stereo)		
SHOW 343	"Free Enterprise" CC		★★★★ "When We Were Kings"			★★★ "Of Mice and Men" (1992, Drama) iTV.				(:25) ★★ "The Playboys" (1992)		

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KRWG (2) 22	Visions of Ireland		Daniel O'Donnell: Can You Feel the Love		Celtic Woman: A New Journey CC						Rockabilly Legends			Road
CBS (4) 4	College Basketball		College Basketball: NCAA Tournament				To Be Announced		48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: Miami "Legal"		Paid
KCOS (5) 13	Can You Feel		Celtic Woman: A New Journey CC				Andre Rieu Live From Dublin CC				American Soundtrack: Doo Wop			
ABC (7) 7	News	ABC	News	Insider	Celeb-Bloopers		"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde"				News	(:35) Cheaters CC		Access
KFOX (8) 14	Star Trek: Ent.		Smallville "Hidden"		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Mad TV (N) CC		Talkshow	King
NBC (9) 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Dateline NBC CC		Law & Order CC		Law Order: CI		News	(:35) Saturday Night Live (N)		
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia		Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo	
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Noticie	Vas o No Vas "Con Boletazo"		Urgente		En Primera Fila		En Concierto		Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador	
KTFN (13) 65	★ "El Vencedor" (1987) Robert Loggia				★★★ "Hombres de Honor" (2000)				Contacto	Pepsi Música		"Pensamientos Mortales"		
KTLA (14)	★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) CC				My Wife	Jim	Raymond	Raymond	Soul Train Music Awards				KTLA Prime News	
WGN (15)	Funniest	Funniest	NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Memphis Grizzlies.					News	Sex &	21st Annual Soul Train Music Awards			24 CC	
ESPN (16)	Horse Racing		College Wrestling NCAA Division I Championship.					SportsCenter (Live) CC			College Gmday		SportsCenter CC	
USA (31)	★★ "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey. CC				★★ "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.				Law Order: CI		★★ "Bruce Almighty" (2003) Jim Carrey.			
TNT (32)	"Ocean's Eleven"		★★ "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall. CC					★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2" (2000) Tom Cruise.				"Deep Blue Sea"		
TBS (33)	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997, Drama) (PA) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. CC								★★ "Pay It Forward" (2000) Kevin Spacey. CC					Americn
SPIKE (34)	Eating Special		UFC Fight Night (In Stereo)				UFC Fight Night (In Stereo)				★★ "Boondock Saints" (1999)			
LIFE (39)	★★★ "Return to Me" (2000) CC				"Unwed Father" (1997) Nicholle Tom CC				Medium CC		★★ "Yesterday's Children" (2000) CC			
A&E (43)	Sell	Sell	Flip This House		Flip This House		Jackpot Diaries Lottery jackpot winners.				Flip This House		Flip This House	
HIST (44)	Celebrat.-Green		Rumrunners, Moonshiners & Bootleggers				Godfathers CC				Rumrunners, Moonshiners & Bootleggers			
TLC (45)	Flip That House		Moving Up (N)		Flip That House		Trading Spaces (N)		Moving Up		Flip That House		Trading Spaces	
DISC (47)	MythBusters CC		Sinking Carrier		Weapons-World		Futureweapons		How	How	Sinking Carrier		Weapons-World	
FAM (51)	"Harry Potter"		★★★ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe.						★★ "Looney Tunes: Back in Action"					Videos
DISN (52)	Emperor	Emperor	Replace	Replace	Dragon	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	Kim	Cory	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001)			Phil
NICK (54)	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC (57)	"Jeremiah John."		★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. CC						★★★ "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford.					Firecreek
SCIFI (58)	★★ "10.5" (2004) Kim Delaney. A series of earthquakes threatens the West Coast.								★★ "Epicenter" (2000) Gary Daniels.				"Tornado!" (1996)	
CNN (62)	This Week at War		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Saturday Night	
HBO (306)	Just Like	(:45) ★★ "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas.			Addiction (In Stereo) CC				★★ "Take the Lead" (2006) CC				Rome CC	
MAX (322)	(:10) "National Lampoon's Animal House"		★★ "She's the Man" (2006)				MAX Set		★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt. CC				"The Family Stone"	
SHOW (343)	(:15) "The Movie Hero" (2003)		(:45) ★★ "Happy Endings" (2005) Tom Arnold. CC						(:15) ★★ "Saw II" (2005) iTV. (In Stereo)				"Devil's Rejects"	

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KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Suze Orman: Women & Money (In Stereo) CC				Legislators	America's Home Cooking		
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning CC			Nation	Open	Rhythms	College Basketball	
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Kid Concoctions II (In Stereo) CC			Andre Rieu: Live In Tuscany (In Stereo) CC			
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News		Good Morning America		News		This Week With George		Montana	Suite Life
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Paid Prog.	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC (9) 9	Matthews	Hispanics	Today (In Stereo) CC		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press CC		Snowboarding	
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin			Carmen	Pijamadas	Ultracham	Qué Locura		República Deportiva	
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel		Azul		Patrulla	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Niño	Escuadrón	Animal	Pepsi Música	
KTLA (14)	The Shield	Blind Date	Wall St	Ron H.	Pacesetter	Success	Amazing	Believers	Feed	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Changing
WGN (15)	Changing	Paid Prog.	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Feed	Paid Prog.	NASCAR	Even	Funniest	Funniest
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter CC		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) CC				Bowling
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	Monk CC		★★ "Jeepers Creepers" (2001) Gina Phillips.				"Jeepers Creepers 2"	
TNT (32)	The X-Files "731"		The X-Files CC		★★ "The Craft" (1996) Robin Tunney. CC				★★ "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar.			
TBS (33)	(4:30) ★★★★ "American Beauty" (1999) (PA)				★★ "Wimbledon" (2004) Kirsten Dunst. CC				★★ "Pay It Forward" (2000) Kevin Spacey. CC			
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Dalbey	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	MuscleCar	MuscleCar	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power CC		Paid Prog.	Health	Gay	Gay	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	"The Advocate's Devil"	
A&E (43)	Ask This	Ask This	Breakfast With the Arts		Breakfast With the Arts		Jackpot Diaries Lottery jackpot winners. CC				"Kings of South"	
HIST (44)	History	HistoryCTR	Business	Generatn	★★ "U-571" (2000) Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton. CC				★★★ "The Hunt for Red October"			
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Clean Sweep CC		Clean Sweep CC		Trading Spaces CC		Trading Spaces	
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Anaconda Adventure		Expedition Borneo CC				Dirty Jobs CC	
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina
DISN (52)	Barbarian	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	OddParent	Avatar	Mr. Meaty	Nicktoon	Nicktoon
AMC (57)	(4:45) ★★★★ "High Noon" (1952)				★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960, Western) John Wayne. CC				★★ "The Last Hard Men" (1976, Western)			
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Descent" (2005) Luke Perry, Michael Dorn.				★ "Post Impact" (2003) Dean Cain.			
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning		Reliable Sources CC		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer CC			
HBO (306)	Sykes	★★ "Take the Lead" (2006)				★★ "Doctor Dolittle" (1998) CC			★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale.			
MAX (322)	"Heartbreak Ridge"		(:15) ★★ "The Family Stone" (2005) (In Stereo)				★★★ "Ragtime" (1981, Drama) James Cagney. CC				Vendetta	
SHOW (343)	(4:15) "Blind Horizon"		★★★★ "The Official Story" (1985, Drama)				Made in Sheffield (iTV)		★ "Fatal Instinct" (1993) CC		Great New	

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KRWG (2) 22	America's Home Cooking			Brenda Watson's Fiber 35			Sinatra: Vegas		Johnny Mathis: Wonderful			Return
CBS (4) 4	College Basketball			College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Second Round					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament			
KCOS (5) 13	Brenda Watson's Fiber 35			Generation of One Stroke Painting			Moments to Remember					Andre Rieu
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	NBA	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Detroit Pistons. CC					Entertainment Tonight	
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Kobalt Tools 500. From Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton, Ga. CC									Sunland Star	
NBC (9) 9	Snowboarding: U.S. Open			PGA Golf Arnold Palmer Invitational -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live) CC							Paid Prog.	3 Wide Life
KINT (10) 26	República Deportiva		Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				Festival del Humor		Primer Impacto		Fútbol-Mex.	
KTDO (11) 48	Fútbol Telemundo				Nitido	Titulares	Ritmo	Sabía Ud	WWE Raw			
KTFN (13) 65	La Guerra de los Sexos				Objetivo Fama		"Diamante Corta Diamante" (2004)		★★★ "Independence Day" (1996)			
KTLA (14)	Shook	Money	Paid Prog.	The Littles	Strawberry	Wild Am.	Jim	Jim	Jim	All of Us	NBA Basketball	
WGN (15)	★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996) (In Stereo) CC				★★ "Mystery, Alaska" (1999) Russell Crowe.				Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN (16)	PBA Bowling		Update	Women's College Basketball				Kickboxing: ISKA		Kickboxing: ISKA		Karate
USA (31)	"Jeepers Creepers 2"		★★★★ "Jaws" (1975, Horror) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw. CC						★★ "Final Destination" (2000) Devon Sawa.			
TNT (32)	★★ "Deep Blue Sea" (1999) Thomas Jane.				★★ "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni. CC					★★★ "Mission: Impossible 2"		
TBS (33)	Pay It	★★★ "Four Weddings and a Funeral" (1994) Hugh Grant.					★★★★ "Titanic" (1997) (PA) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. CC					
SPIKE (34)	Pros vs. Joes		Eating Special		★★★ "The Godfather, Part III" (1990) Al Pacino, Talia Shire. (In Stereo)						CSI: Crime Scn	
LIFE (39)	"The Advocate's Devil"		★★ "To Love, Honor and Betray" (1999) CC				★★ "American Tragedy" (2000) Ving Rhames, Ron Silver. Premiere. CC					
A&E (43)	"Kings of South"		King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	King Cars	Dog	Dog
HIST (44)	"Hunt-Red-Oct."		UFO Files Kapustin Yar.		Comets: Prophets of Doom CC				Inside the Volcano CC			
TLC (45)	Home Made Simple (N)		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives		The New Detectives	
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs Coal mining.		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs New Orleans.	
FAM (51)	"The Dukes of Hazzard: The Beginning" (2007)				★★★ "Stephen King's It" (1990) John Ritter. Friends face an evil they thought they had destroyed.							
DISN (52)	Sprites	Handy	Doodlebop	Charlie	Lilo Stitch	Replace	"The Luck of the Irish" (2001) CC		Life Derek		Suite Life	So Raven
NICK (54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	Phantom	OddParent	Avatar	SpongeBob	Drake	Amanda	School
AMC (57)	★★ "Broken Trail" (2006) Robert Duvall. A cowboy and his nephew save five girls from prostitution.								★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall. CC			
SCIFI (58)	★ "Aftershock: Earthquake in New York" (1999, Action) Tom Skerritt, Sharon Lawrence.								★★ "10.5" (2004) Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges.			
CNN (62)	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money CC		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO (306)	Batman	Real Sports CC		★★ "Curious George" (2006) CC			Real Time		(:15) "Life Support" (2007) CC			Something
MAX (322)	(10:45) ★★★ "V for Vendetta" (2006) CC				★★★ "War of the Worlds" (2005) Tom Cruise.				★★ "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves. CC			
SHOW (343)	"Great-Wonder."		★★ "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker. iTV.				★★ "The Big White" (2005) CC				(:45) ★ "A Night at the Roxbury"	

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SUNDAY EVENING — MARCH 18, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Return to Balance		Best of Pledge								Burt Wolf	Smart	Any	(Off Air)
CBS 4 4	News	News	60 Minutes CC		Amazing Race		Cold Case (N) CC		Without a Trace (N)		News	CSI: Miami CC		Paid
KCOS 5 13	Andre Rieu: Dutchman			John Denver: A Song			Johnny Mathis: Wonderful			Guerrero:Original Chicano			Pink Floyd Live	
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	Home Videos		Makeover: Home		Housewives		Brothers & Sisters		News	Sports	Ebert	Insider
KFOX 8 14	Idol Rewind		War	War	Simpsons	Winner	Family	Winner	News CC		Seinfeld	Sex &	Sex &	Paid
NBC 9 9	NBC	News	Dateline NBC CC		Grease: You're		Deal or No Deal		Apprentice: LA		News	(:35) Alias CC		Shield
KINT 10 26	Fútbol-Mex.		Locura	Noticiero	Bailando por la Boda de Mis Sueños						Noticias	Noticiero	Tras la Verdad	
KTDO 11 48	Remix TV	Noticie	★★★ "Madeline" (1998) Hatty Jones				★★★ "Panic Room" (2002) Jodie Foster.				Titulares	Pagado	★★ "El Circo"	
KTFN 13 65	"Independence"		Objetivo Fama				★★ "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.				Contacto	"Rafferty y las..."		
KTLA 14	NBA Basketball			Girl	The	Chris	Pussycat Dolls		7th Heaven CC		Next Top Model		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Funniest	Funniest	Idol Rewind		Ult. Blackjack		News	Replay	Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Real TV	Ult. Blackjack	
ESPN 16	SportsCenter CC		NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Lakers				SportsCenter (Live) CC				College Gmday		SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	★★ "Final Destination 2" (2003) CC				★★ "Unbreakable" (2000) Bruce Willis.				Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		"Jeepers Creepers"	
TNT 32	"Mission: Imp. 2"		★★★ "The Manchurian Candidate" (2004) CC				★★★ "The Manchurian Candidate" (2004) CC						★★ "John Q" CC	
TBS 33	(2:00) "Titanic" (PA)		"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"				"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"				★★ "Wimbledon" (2004) Kirsten Dunst.			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	
LIFE 39	"American Trag."		"Framed for Murder" (2007) Premiere.				Blood Ties (N)		Grey's Anatomy		Blood Ties CC		Strong Medicine	
A&E 43	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Dog	Dog	Simmons	Simmons
HIST 44	Decoding the Past		Last Days on Earth CC				Apocalypse		Tsunami 2004		Last Days on Earth CC			
TLC 45	Shalom in the Home		Amish Country		Heaven Gate		Flight-Watched		Amish Country		Heaven Gate		Flight-Watched	
DISC 47	Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs		Spoof Discov.		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs CC	
FAM 51	★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999) Bruce Willis. CC					★★★ "The Sixth Sense" (1999) Bruce Willis. CC					J. Osteen	Feed	Zola Lev	Paid
DISN 52	Sadie	Phil	Sister	Life De	Phil	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	★★ "The Thirteenth Year" (1999) CC				Phil	Sadie
NICK 54	Drake	Jordan	Zoey 101	KCAs	Full Hse.	Grow	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Grow	Cosby
AMC 57	"Open Range" CC		★★ "The Quick and the Dead" (1995)				(:15) ★★★ "Hombre" (1967) Paul Newman.					★★ "The Last Hard Men"		
SCIFI 58	(3:00) ★★ "10.5" (2004) Kim Delaney.				The Dresden Files		Battlestar Galactica		The Dresden Files		Battlestar Galactica		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	CNN Live Sunday		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night		Investigations		Larry King Live		CNN Sunday Night	
HBO 306	(4:45) ★★ "Something New"			★★★ "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale. CC					Rome CC		Rome (N) CC		Entou	Entou
MAX 322	"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" CC				★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003)				(:15) ★★ "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" CC				"V for Vendetta"	
SHOW 343	"Jiminy Glick in Lalawood"			(:45) ★★ "The Man in the Iron Mask" (1998)					★★ "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker.				The L Word (iTV) (N)	

MONDAY EVENING — MARCH 19, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Legisla	Antiques Roadshow		American Exp.		Secrets of the Dead		Legisla	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Mother	Christine	Two Men	Rules	CSI: Miami (N)		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Rockabilly Legends			Roy Orbison & Friends			Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Dancing With the Stars (In Stereo) CC				What About Brian		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Prison Break (N)		24 (N) CC		News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Deal or No Deal (N) (In Stereo) CC				The Black Donnellys		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Cristina		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - Espada		Decisiones		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "Zona Mortal" (1994) Wesley Snipes.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"Aullidos 4: la Pesadilla"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Chris	All of Us	Girl	The	KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	College Basketball: NIT Second Round				College Basketball: NIT Second Round				SportsCenter CC		Gameday	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw CC				Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		(:05) Monk CC	
TNT 32	Charmed CC		Charmed CC		Law & Order		Law & Order		Cold Case CC		Law & Order		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family	Family	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	★★ "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" (PA)			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry. (In Stereo)							CSI: Crime Scene		Voyager
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Secrets of an Undercover Wife"				Housewives		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "10-7"		The Sopranos CC		(:09) The Sopranos CC			First 48	CSI: Miami "10-7"		The Sopranos CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		UFO Files CC		Dig for Truth		Engineering		Sea Detectives		UFO Files CC		Dig for Truth	
TLC 45	My Life As a Child		Little	Little	Kids by the Dozen		Wld Child-Feral		Little	Little	Kids by the Dozen		Wld Child-Feral	
DISC 47	Mega Builders		Dirty Jobs		Futureweapons (N)		Stunt	Stunt	MythBusters CC		Dirty Jobs		Futureweapons	
FAM 51	Lincoln Heights (N)		Wildfire (N) CC		★★ "Summer Catch" (2001) CC				The 700 Club CC		Wildfire CC		Paid	Paid
DISN 52	So Raven	So Raven	Suite Life	Suite Life	So Raven	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	"Zenon: Z3" (2004)			Kim	Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Grow	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Rose
AMC 57	"Quick-Dead"		★★ "Volcano" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones.				(:15) ★★ "Hero" (1992) Dustin Hoffman.					"Any Which Way You Can"		
SCIFI 58	Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		Star Trek: Ent.		The Dresden Files		The Outer Limits		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	"Don't Tell Mom-Babysitter"		(:45) ★★★★ "Million Dollar Baby" (2004) CC						Real Time		Rome CC		Costas NOW CC	
MAX 322	Dupli	★★ "The X-Files" (1998) (In Stereo) CC			★★ "The Wedding Date"				★★ "The Family Stone" CC			On Set	"Out for Justice"	
SHOW 343	"The Visitation"		★★ "The Ballad of Jack and Rose" CC				(:15) ★★ "The Pink Panther" (2006) iTV.				The L Word (iTV)		"Usual Suspects"	

TUESDAY EVENING — MARCH 20, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova CC (DVS)		Independent Lens "Stolen" (N)			Cezanne-Prov		News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	NCIS "Iceman" (N)		The Unit (N) CC		CSI: Crime Scn		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Northrup: Menopause and Beyond				Andre Rieu: La Vie Est Belle			Independent Lens "Stolen" (N)		
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Home Videos		Primetime (N) CC		Boston Legal (N)		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	American Idol Eleven compete. CC				News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Dateline NBC CC		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Ver Para Creer		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - Espada		Decisiones		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "48 Horas: la Segunda Vuelta"				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★ "Busca y Destruye"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Bulls					Gilmore Girls CC		Pussycat Dolls		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	Funniest	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal				College Basketball: NIT Quarterfinal				SportsCenter CC		Gameday	NFL Live	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		★★ "The Scorpion King" (2002) CC				Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		The Dead Zone	
TNT 32	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at New Jersey Nets.				NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at Houston Rockets.						Inside the NBA		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex and the City		Friends	Friends	Sex and the City		(:15) ★ "Sweet November" (2001) CC			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		Bullrun (N)		Pros vs. Joes		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "Crossed Over" (2002) Premiere.				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	King	King	CSI: Miami CC		Dog	Dog
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Lost Worlds CC		Ancient Disc.		Man-Machine		Horrors of Hussein		Lost Worlds CC		Ancient Disc.	
TLC 45	You Thinking?		SWAT: Tactical		Miami Ink Psychic.		Miami Ink (N)		Miami Ink CC		Miami Ink Psychic.		SWAT: Tactical	
DISC 47	How	How	Spoof Discov.		Dirty Jobs CC		How	How	Dirty Jobs CC		Spoof Discov.		Dirty Jobs CC	
FAM 51	Smallville "Heat"		★★★ "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas. CC						The 700 Club CC		Lincoln Heights		Fighting for Life	
DISN 52	Suite Life	Suite Life	Life De	Life De	Phil	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	★★ "The Country Bears" (2002) CC				Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Grow	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Cosby
AMC 57	(3:45) "Volcano"		★★★ "Misery" (1990) James Caan, Kathy Bates.					★ "Lake Placid" (1999) CC			(:15) ★★★ "Midnight Express" (1978)			
SCIFI 58	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		ECW (Live)		Battlestar Galactica		(:05) The X-Files		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	Sports	★★ "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) CC					★★ "Poseidon" (2006) CC			Blades	The Sopranos CC		Addiction CC	
MAX 322	(:15) ★★★ "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) CC						★★★ "Iraq in Fragments"			(:35) ★★★ "Madagascar"			"History of Viol."	
SHOW 343	(4:45) ★★ "Enduring Love"			★★ "The Baxter" (2005) CC					★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005) CC		★★★ "Hustle & Flow" (2005) CC			

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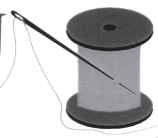

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — MARCH 21, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	National Geographic		Through Deaf Eyes (N) CC (DVS)				Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	News	News	News	Fortune	Survivor: Fiji (N)		Criminal Minds (N)		CSI: NY (N) CC		News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Andre Rieu: Live In Tuscany CC				Andre Rieu: Royal Albert Hall		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Lopez	Jim	Jim	In Case	Lost (N) CC		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones (N) CC		Idol	'Til Death	News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Friday Night Lights		Crossing Jordan (N)		Medium CC		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Don Francisco		Impacto	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - Espada		Decisiones		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		★ "Virus" (1999) Jamie Lee Curtis.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	★★ "Tía Julia y el Guionista"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Next Top Model		Pussycat Dolls		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Home Im	Home Im	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Cavaliers					SportsCenter (Live) CC			NFL Live	Fast	SportsCenter CC	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		The 4400 CC	
TNT 32	Without a Trace		ER "Freefall" CC		ER "Missing" CC		ER "Makemba"		Without a Trace		Las Vegas CC		Law & Order	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	★★ "Grumpy Old Men" (1993) CC				"Grumpier Men"	
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: NY CC		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	★★ "The Mermaid Chair" (2006) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami "Prey"		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC		(:07) The Sopranos		(:13) Intervention		CSI: Miami CC		The Sopranos CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Super Tools CC		Super Tools CC		Super Tools "Ship"		Super Tools CC		Super Tools CC		Super Tools CC	
TLC 45	Sleep Go Bad		That's Gotta Hurt		Supersize She		Half Body, Courage		That's Gotta Hurt		Supersize She		Half Body, Courage	
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		Mega Builders		MythBusters (N)		MythBusters CC		Futureweapons		Mega Builders		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Smallville CC		★★★ "Parenthood" (1989, Comedy) Steve Martin. CC						The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Life De	Life De	Phil	Phil	Montana	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	★★ "A Goofy Movie" (1995)			Replace	Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Grow	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Fresh Pr.
AMC 57	"North to Alaska"		★★★★ "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell.								★★★ "North to Alaska" (1960) CC			
SCIFI 58	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	★★ "The Island" (2005) Ewan McGregor. (In Stereo)				★★ "The Skeleton Key" CC				Sopranos	Addiction CC			Real Time	
MAX 322	Family	(:45) ★ "Billy Madison" (1995) (In Stereo)			(:20) ★★ "Running Scared" (2006) CC				★★ "Alien Nation" (1988)				"The Family Stone"	
SHOW 343	★★★ "Of Mice and Men" (1992) iTV.				"Jiminy Glick in Lalawood"				(:45) ★★★ "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell. CC				The L Word (iTV)	

THURSDAY EVENING — MARCH 22, 2007

	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG 2 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Globe Trekker		Branson Jubilee		Austin City Limits		Aggie	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS 4 4	College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semifinal				College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Regional Semifinal						News	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS 5 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Suze Orman: Women & Money CC				Great Performances (In Stereo) CC				Business	C. Rose
ABC 7 7	News	ABC	News	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N) CC		Grey's Anatomy		(:01) October Road		News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX 8 14	Dr. Phil CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?		Family	Amer	News CC		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC 9 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	My Name Is Earl		Scrubs	Barker	(:01) Raines (N)		News	Tonight Show		Late
KINT 10 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Mundo de Fieras (N)		Aquí y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO 11 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Marina		Zorro - Espada		Decisiones		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN 13 65	Por Amor (N)		Qué Dice la Gente		★★ "Cheetah" (1989) Keith Coogan.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"La Conspiración del Miedo"		
KTLA 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Smallville "Combat"		Supernatural (N)		KTLA Prime News	
WGN 15	Home Videos		Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Chicago Bulls.					News	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN 16	SportsCtr	Figure Skating World Championships -- Original Dance & Men's Free Skate.							Figure Skating		SportsCenter CC		College Gmday	
USA 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Psych CC	
TNT 32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The X-Files CC		The X-Files CC	
TBS 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ "Fools Rush In" (1997) CC				(:10) ★★ "Dangerous Minds" (1995) CC			
SPIKE 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA Wrestling		Pros vs. Joes (N)		Bullrun (In Stereo)		Wild	Sports	MXC	Dude
LIFE 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"You Belong to Me Forever" (1998) CC				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E 43	CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC		Iceman-Psych.		Iceman Confess		CSI: Miami CC		The First 48 CC	
HIST 44	Modern Marvels		Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History CC				Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History CC			
TLC 45	American Chopper		American Hot Rod		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Hot Rod		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISC 47	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC		MythBusters Pirate ship battles. CC				Stunt	Stunt	MythBusters CC		MythBusters CC	
FAM 51	Smallville "Red"		★★ "A Cinderella Story" (2004) CC				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club CC		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN 52	Phil	Phil	Sister	Sister	Suite Life	So Raven	Phil	Suite Life	★★ "Double Teamed" (2002, Drama)				Life De	Phil
NICK 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Grow	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	Growing	Rose
AMC 57	"Dances-Wolves"		★★ "Conan the Barbarian" (1982, Adventure)					★★ "Commando" (1985)			(:15) ★★ "The Manhattan Project" (1986)			
SCIFI 58	Eureka CC		Eureka "Alienated"		Eureka "Invincible"		Eureka "Dr. Nobel"		Eureka "Blink"		Eureka CC		Twilight	Twilight
CNN 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 CC				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO 306	"Curious George"		★★ "Just Like Heaven" CC		16		★★ "The Transporter 2" CC			"Life Support" (2007) CC			Big Love "Pilot"	
MAX 322	★★★ "War of the Worlds" (2005) CC			(:15) ★★★ "Twister" (1996) Helen Hunt.					(:15) ★★★ "Dirty Harry" (1971) CC				★★ "The Sentinel"	
SHOW 343	"Great-Wonder."		★★ "The Pink Panther" iTV.		(:35) ★★ "The Movie Hero"				(:05) "An Inconvenient Truth"		Truth		Penn	Am. Life

THE LAS CRUCES **Bulletin**

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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

Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

THE LAS CRUCES
Bulletin BRAIN GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

CAR TALK

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ALTERNATOR	ALTERNADOR
AXLE	EJE
CARBURETOR	CARBURADOR
EXHAUST FUMES	GASES DE ESCAPE
FILTER	FILTRO
FLAT TIRE	PINCHANZO
GASOLINE	GASOLINA
IGNITION	IGNICIÓN
MOTOR	MOTOR
MUFFLER	SILENCIADOR
PISTON	PISTÓN
SPARK PLUG	BUJÍA

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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

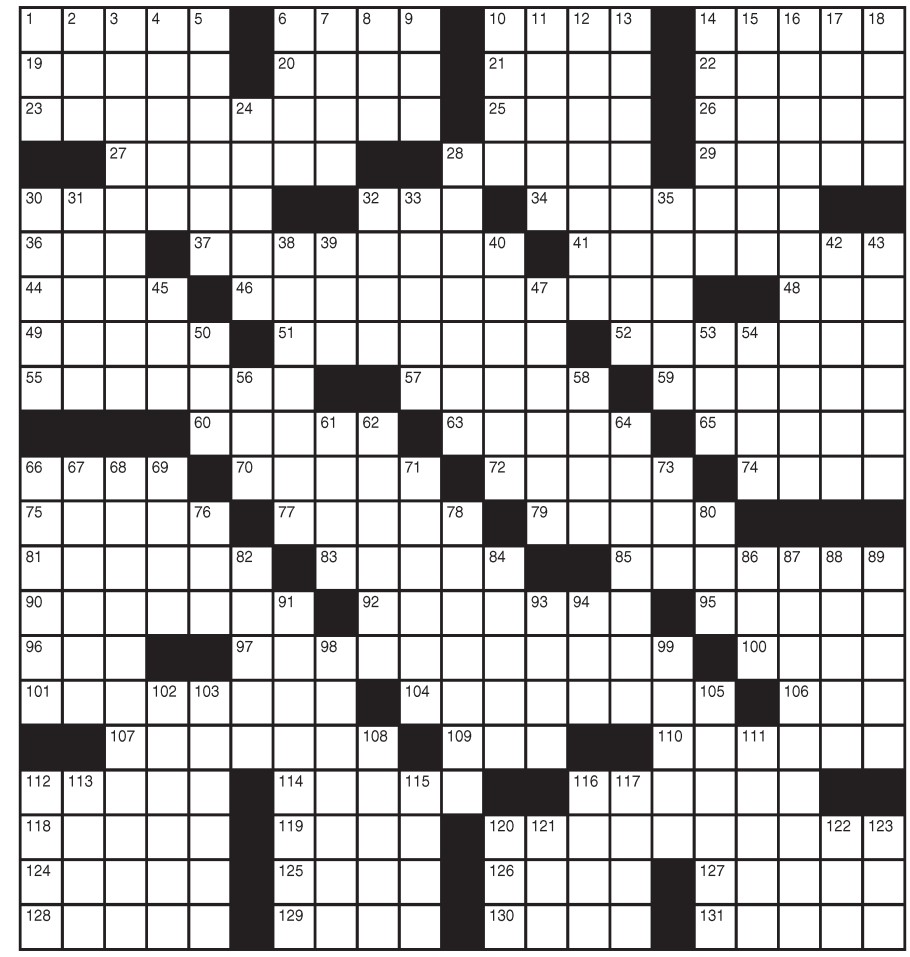
ACROSS
1 Chocolate coffee
6 Open roughly
7 Wretchedly unclean
14 Home of St. Francis
20 Look after
21 Avoided the rag pile longer
22 Flora
23 Conceals
24 "Airplane" co-star
25 Writing implement
26 Royal decree
27 German steel center
28 Make piano repairs
29 Rodent burrows
32 Choppers' bases
35 Simple weapon
37 Flatfishes
38 Chip maker
39 Verify
40 Inks in
43 Harshness
47 Spearheaded
48 Well-honed skill
49 Elver's parent
50 __ de la Plata
51 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
52 Large, roomy boat
53 Operate
54 Glide on snow
57 Roseanne's TV husband
60 Place to drive from
61 Informational pamphlet
64 Unnatural aura
66 Assisted
67 Stop gripping
68 Menial workers
69 Fast food order
70 Courteous formality
75 Chosen
80 Captivate
81 Dick or Petula
85 Prickly, highland shrub
86 Give a new score to
87 Brazilian city near Belem
89 Inappropriate
90 Stick-up artist
91 Love of Theseus
92 "Tomorrow" girl
93 Risks a ticket
94 Most bronzed
95 Kitchen gadget
96 Estate documents

DOWN
1 Dogsled driver
2 Lake near Syracuse
3 Unit of college study
4 Ultramodern
5 Papal
7 Male progeny
8 Still
9 All-purpose vehicles
10 Hole-making tools
11 Suffer a defeat
12 Locomotive in the Old West
13 Hibernation location
14 One who informs
15 REM situation
16 __ Domingo
17 Sustain
18 Tour of duty
19 Man and Dogs
30 Sri __
31 Come in!
33 Skip the church ceremony
34 Tier
36 South African golfer Ernie
37 Hot spring
40 Book-jacket copy
41 Madagascar primate
42 "A Bell for __"
44 Really angry
45 Becomes weary
46 Oxen couplers
54 Flinches
55 Praise
56 "Fame" star
57 Buck leathers
58 Bandleader Shaw
59 Bruce of Sherlock Holmes films
62 Those who frolic
63 McMahon and Ames
64 North Pole worker
65 Football lineman
70 Salon sets
71 Outdo
72 Huge
73 Picture
74 Schlepped
76 Mack or Sellecca
77 Dazed condition
78 Sighted
79 Impedes
82 Cut of pork
83 Greenspan or Ladd
84 Contumelious
87 Made a lap
88 At the ready

DAYS OFF

ACROSS
1 Thicket of trees
6 Stopper
10 Not kosher
14 Have a gut feeling
19 Philosopher Kierkegaard
20 Colossal
21 Stock optimist
22 Singer Black
23 Days off work until dawn?
25 Opera highlight
26 Of an arm bone
27 Thin porridges
28 Follow closely
29 Hamlet, to Horatio
30 "Ecstasy" star Hedy
32 Printer letters
34 Bides one's time
36 Docs' grp.
37 Gluttonizes
41 FAO Schwarz, e.g.
44 Hors d'oeuvres spread
46 Days off at the beach?
48 Primeval deity
49 Functional
51 Smear with dirt
52 Got in shape
55 "The Old Guitarist" painter
57 Leaving nothing out
59 Wipe from memory
60 Fighting battles
63 Twilight, poetically
65 Electrician, at times
66 Unk. author
70 With 72A, days off in the spring?
72 See 70A
74 Off. underling
75 Small eateries
77 Auctioned autos, often
79 Foam
81 Soup dish
83 Gian-__ Menotti
85 Scalawags
90 Pre-owned vehicle
92 Computer capacity
95 Written defamation
96 NRC predecessor
97 Days off in California?
100 Italian wine region
101 Hoover Dam formation
104 "Rebel Without a Cause" co-star
106 Heavy weight
107 Coincide partially
109 New Zealand parrot
110 Yearning painfully
112 Tracking device
114 Muslim holy men
116 Author of "Emma"
118 Excessive self-esteem
119 Pitts of silent film "Greed"
120 Days off of seven maximum?
124 Walking sticks
125 Tolkien's tree creatures
126 Light tan
127 Teeth: pref.
128 Psychological distress
129 Sports page fig.
130 Jacob's wife
131 Girls of Sp.

DOWN
1 R.E. Lee's nation
2 Startled response
3 Utilitarian
4 Spanish missionary Junipero
5 Long, long race
6 Donahue or Collins
7 Carries laboriously
8 Exclamation of disgust
9 Come by
10 Skier's lift
11 Back-country
12 Draws forth
13 Fall asleep
14 Racing boats for rowers
15 "Billy __," 2000 movie
16 Days off for all-star baseball team?
17 Hidden obstacle
18 Raison d'__
24 Emperor before Trajan
28 Donating ten percent
30 Drink like a cat
31 Noted violin maker
32 __ Xiaoping
33 "Gloria __"
35 Church assembly
38 Cover with foliage
39 __ v. Wade
40 Mogadishu man
42 Ways to go
43 Well-practiced
45 Old-time high note
47 Big-time criminals
50 NASA partner
53 Novel
54 Lamb's pen name
56 Ave. crossers
58 End-table item
61 With, in Arles
62 Meal
64 Actress Stapleton
66 Based on fact
67 Queasiness
68 Days off concerned with accounting?
69 Poverty
71 Oliver and Jay
73 Vocalist Sumac
76 Part of a min.
78 Bratislava folk
80 Night school subj.
82 Consumer advocate Ralph
84 Papal vestment
86 OSS, today
87 Like a teetotaler
88 Reveal true feelings
89 Supporting loop
91 Fulfills
93 __ mater
94 Italian article
98 Impervious to reason
99 Fermenting agent
102 Gets around
103 Least little bit
105 Groups of eight
108 Linguine or ziti
111 Tree feller
112 Shelter for strays
113 Algerian port
115 Have to
116 Taj Mahal locale
117 Inelegant denial
120 Reef denizen
121 Swelling retardant
122 Letter from Athens
123 Canvases?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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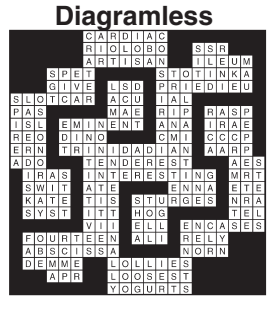
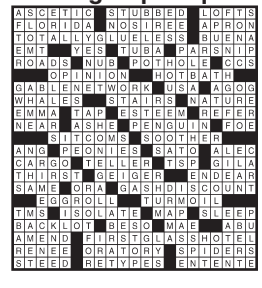
Diagramless



Thinking Cap Required



CRYPTOGRAM

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"SDUIPU DUZ GU DABU DERQ URECQL ZE

PLEEZ GT IQU!"

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"How, I think, doughnuts were invented: A very bright fry cook cut out the soggy centers before they got that way!"

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

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

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The international exhibit, "Women Without Borders," will open on Friday, March 9, at the City of Las Cruces Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Main St. The exhibit is part of the world recognition of International Women's Day 2007. The exhibit will run through Saturday, March 31. Through art, "Women Without Borders" reunites women from both sides of the border, regardless of their nationality, profession, culture, language, politics or age. For more information contact Garland Courts at 541-2156.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

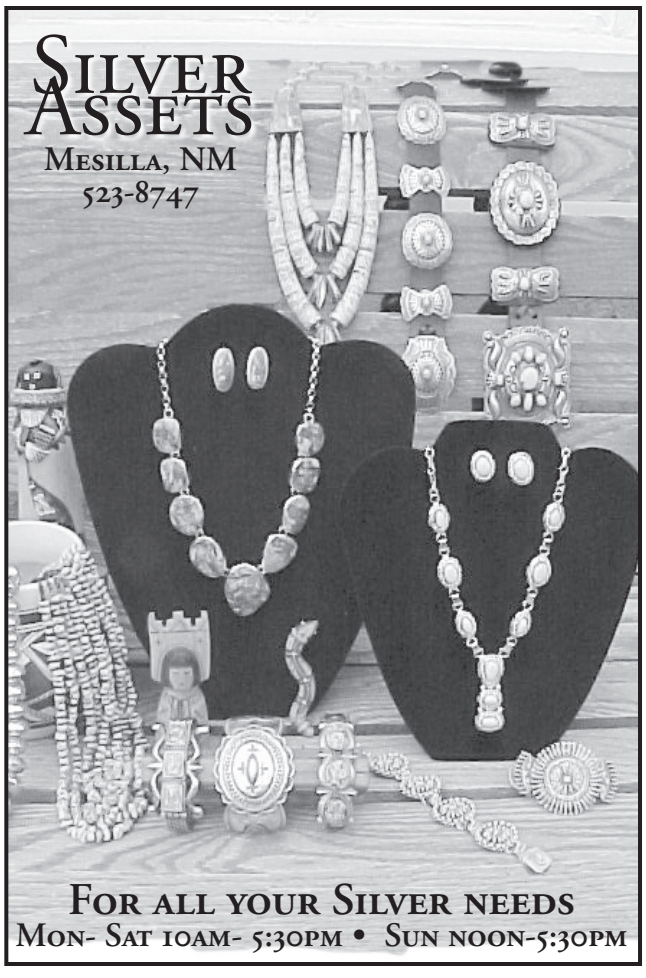
The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery at 2470A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, across from the Fountain Theatre, announces that the Artists of the Month in March are Carol Lopez and Mayanna Howard. A reception, open to the public, will be held at the gallery on Saturday, March 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. Carol Lopez is an encaustic artist using wax and pigment to create a variety of works both representational and primitive. Mayanna Howard is a watercolorist who concentrates on the colors of the Southwest, including terracota, blues and greens, to paint adobe churches. For more information, call 522-2933.

GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

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

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

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



RIO GRANDE THEATRE

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

HELIX PROJECTS

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

TERRACE GALLERY

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

PATIO ART GALLERY

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

BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

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

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LAUGHING AT THE SUN

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

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

Elihu Carranza's black-and-white relief prints are influenced by a variety of core theological and social topics. While many images have specific biblical references, he brings a fresh perspective through abstract forms. His aesthetic unfolds in symbols, invented visual allegories, and poetry. He will be the featured artist at the Tombaugh Gallery through March 30. In lieu of a formal opening, the artist will be present during gallery hours for the full month. The Tombaugh Gallery is located in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. For details, call 522-7281.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

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

SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

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

NMSU MUSEUM GALLERY

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

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.

Classic play shows modern troubles

'Under the Sycamore Tree' tells a human tale from a smaller perspective

REVIEW BY JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

No Strings Theatre Company has brought a timeless piece of stage work to Las Cruces with their newest production, "Under the Sycamore Tree," by Samuel Spewack and directed by Jim Eckman.

The story tells of the "white ants," a colony of atypical bugs that have become self-aware. All the blame of their condition comes from the Chief Scientist (Bob Singer), who discovered many strange things after stepping on a wire that sent strange sounds and images into his head.

Soon thereafter, the science ant has the entire colony speaking in words instead of numbers and searching to become more and more human through love. However, Scientist does create some of the less attractive parts of human society as well, including weapons of mass destruction, deception and even adultery.

The Queen Ant (Kathi-Jane) eats up the new technologies and ideas, further pushing her colony to the forefront of civilization, regardless of the consequences it may cause.

Trying to hold the colony back to the "good old days" are the Chief Statistician (Cassandra Smith), the eternal conservative who longs for the way things were, and the General (J.J. Straub), who values the honor behind a good war and eating your enemy afterwards.

As the Scientist discovers love, he tries to figure a way to force it into any society. Thus, Girl Ant (Jasmine Singer) and Boy Ant (Christopher Rivas) are called upon to fall into love. Not understanding the concept, Scientist forces the two to perform many of the rituals that loving humans perform, although they do look rather silly when observing them from an outside perspective.

Slowly but surely, the entire colony becomes assimilated from love, and even the Queen herself falls in love with Scientist. Through time, the ants learn from the mistakes their newfound civilization has brought them, even learning valuable lessons such as the fruitlessness of war. However, when the ants try to explain their findings to the president of the United States, they are promptly dismissed.

The most enjoyable aspect of the play is how relevant the topics are, even though it was written in the late 1940s. Although it is not uproariously funny, there are several humorous moments, and it is very family friendly.

The Black Box Theatre had more children on opening night than I have ever seen at a theatre outside of a field trip, and they all seemed to enjoy the night, although many of the more serious topics may have been over their heads.

Singer and Kathi-Jane do a great job of running their new government inside the colony, but shine the brightest as parents discussing the marriage of their daughter Precocious.

Straub becomes the consummate general, and even his accent fits that of the hardened leader who values the honor of a fight over the effectiveness of it.

The rest of the cast, though young, is no less gifted on the stage. In fact, Smith, Singer and Rivas attend Alma d'arte, Oñate High School and Las Cruces High School, respectively. Smith seems years older from her constant complaining about the "good old days" of speaking with numbers, and Singer and Rivas keep the crowd laughing throughout their time onstage with their mockery of "human love."

The Queen Ant (Kathi-Jane) and Chief Scientist (Bob Singer) discuss the mystery of love in "Under the Sycamore Tree," which plays at the Black Box Theatre through March 25.

Peter Herman and his set construction crew did a great job of creating the root system of the sycamore tree that extends into the ants colony, and the dead wasp and ant hunting spears that hang on the queen's wall truly add to the feel of the set.

If you're looking for a fun night of theater for the whole family, or even just a good night out alone, stop by the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall, for a performance of "Under the Sycamore Tree."

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

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

ShamrockFest 2007 brings in Tim Murphy

The Junior League of Las Cruces (JLLC) will be hosting their annual gala event, ShamrockFest 2007, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, from 6:30 p.m. to midnight at Dickerson's Event Center, 3900 W. Picacho Ave.

Tickets to the event are $50 per person and will include dinner catered by Lorenzo's de Mesilla and a show from special guests Tim Murphy, Let it Ride, Salty Dogs and Empyre Pipe & Drums.

Murphy is a two-time Grammy nominated, Top-10 Country music star and winner of the New Music Award 2006 Country Male Artist of the Year.

In addition to the festivities, the JLLC will be raffling a trip for two to Ireland at the event. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased prior to ShamrockFest. Raffle contestants need not be present to win.

According to Jessica Doak of the JLLC, the money raised from the event goes to the JLLC's Building Block Conference, Done in a Day programs and the Helping Hands committee to help local charities.

The Junior League of Las Cruces is an organization of women committed to promoting volunteerism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers.

For tickets to ShamrockFest 2007, contact the Junior League of Las Cruces at 650-5353 or visit www.jllcshamrockfest2007.com. To purchase raffle tickets, call Christina at 541-1568 or Lisa at 541-0766.

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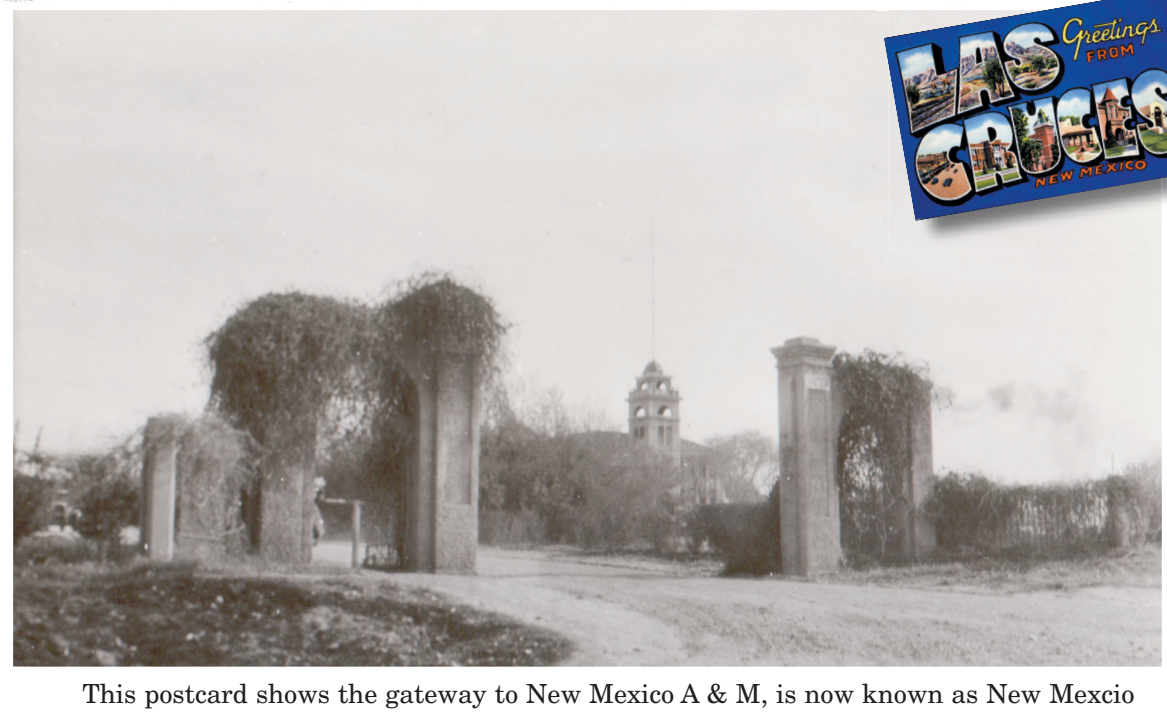

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JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor

Would somebody telephone Karl Benson and tell him New Mexico State won the WAC men's basketball tournament here last week?

I'm not sure that Benson, the conference commissioner, had time to watch.

He arrived in Las Cruces on Tuesday, facing TV cameras and media interviews immediately.

He was interviewed on a local radio station early Wednesday morning. He was on Don Haskins' radio show in El Paso. He golfed with NMSU officials at a local country club.

He was here. There. Everywhere in Doña Ana County, fielding questions about the WAC tournament that, he says, will be played here one more year at least.

"You bet," he said, when asked if he was pleased with our city, its hospitality and its ability to handle an event of this size.

"The school showed me something when it sold 5,500 tickets before the tournament even started," he said.

"And with Reggie's team playing so well this year, the timing was perfect.

"This is a small market and you can do things in a small market you can't in a big one. It's the only game in town. We are not lost in Las Cruces.

"I'm encouraged by the support the university received in Santa Fe, providing valuable help and financial assistance.

"Everybody in the athletic department has done a good job coordinating the entire program.

"The city council is to be commended for its support. The whole community seems to have gotten behind this thing and made it a success.

"The attendance has been wonderful for all the games, both men's and women's."

There were questions about whether or not a city the size of Las Cruces could host this annual event. Benson said the Aggies agreed to meet all the requirements presented to them when the tournament was up for bids two years ago.

Several other league schools also submitted bids, but NMSU, Benson said, agreed to provide additional amenities.

"We're very happy with the way things are going here," he said. "Yes, we'll definitely be back next year."

Texas a tall order for NMSU

Aggies, 'Horns meet in NCAA regional

By John Keith
The Las Cruces Bulletin

David vs. Goliath?

Maybe. But Reggie Theus, although impressed with 14th-ranked Texas, thinks New Mexico State, the basketball team he coaches, matches up well with the Longhorns.

"Hey, I refuse to overthink it," he said at Tuesday's press conference. "We are what we are.

"And what do we have to do to win? Play harder than they do. If they play harder, they win."

Argue all you want. The truth is, nobody knows what will happen when the Aggies, WAC tournament champs, play Texas in the first round of the NCAA's East Regional at Spokane, Wash., Friday.

Tipoff is scheduled for 5:25 p.m. (MDT). CBS, which owns exclusive rights to all NCAA tournament games, will televise this one nationally.

For sure, the Longhorns, the No. 4 seed, are favored over Theus' team, seeded 13th.

Team records are comparable. Texas brings a 24-9 mark (12-4 and third place in the final Big 12 Conference standings) to Spokane. NMSU finished 25-8, 11-5 and second in the WAC. The Aggies claimed the league's tournament title with a 72-70 victory over Utah State in the championship game.

This will be the school's first appearance in the NCAAs since 1999.

Texas advanced to the finals of the Big 12 tournament, but lost, 88-84, to Kansas in overtime.

NMSU, like every Texas opponent, will be on red alert for the Longhorns' Kevin Durant, arguably the best player in college basketball this season. The 6-foot-9 freshman guard/forward averaged 25.6 points and 11.3 rebounds. His name is splashed frequently inside the press release that Texas officials will take with them to Spokane.

"He's a great player," Theus said of Durant. "As good as anybody in the country."

But Theus warns that UT guards D.J. Augustin (14.5 points) and A.J. Abrams (15.4) are equally as formidable.

Ted Knauber, the Aggies' senior guard, compares Abrams, who'll be his probable defensive assignment, with Utah State's Jaycee Carroll. The latter hung 44 points on NMSU during the Utes' 75-63 victory in Logan Feb. 5. "Abrams can shoot like Carroll," Knauber said. "He's active, hard to find and hard to guard."

Theus was asked what he

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Elijah Ingram, who made the WAC all-tournament team after New Mexico State won the championship with a 72-70 victory over Utah State, will be a key factor for NMSU against Texas Friday, March 16.

MVC, Mayfield girl's nab state titles

Spence leads Trojans past Clovis

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Several times during the season, Mayfield girl's basketball coach George Maya mentioned the "businesslike" way that his 2006-07 team approached the job at hand.

The team's business trip to Albuquerque last week was a success. They closed the deal. In what was their most important job of the season, the Trojans arrived at The Pit, briefcases in hand, and dismantled the Clovis Wildcats in the state championship game last Saturday.

Mayfield's 61-42 demolition capped a 28-1 season that saw the Trojans reach the state title game for the fourth year in a row. MHS won it all in 2004 and lost in close contests in 2005 and 2006.

In what could be called a dynasty, Mayfield has piled up wins by the bushel during the past five years, but the 2006-07 team was different. Always long on talent and flash, this Trojan team also brought along some grit.

"They put pressure on themselves to win it all," said Maya. "They felt that they had to win it."

Mayfield trailed only once against Clovis, 2-0. The Trojans scored the next nine points, led 29-14 at halftime and cruised to the victory. Madison Spence led Mayfield with 31 points, capping an amazing four-year career at the school. The 5-11 guard will take her act across town to New Mexico State University next year where she will play for the Aggies.

"I thought it would be a great game, a close game," said Maya. "When you're at the state tournament, you're never too confident because you have so much respect for the other teams. But the kids jumped on them early

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SonBlazers hold off Peñasco

By Jim Hilley
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It was a dark moment for the Mesilla Valley Christian School SonBlazers in the 2AA state basketball championship game last week.

After keying an outstanding third quarter for the SonBlazers, senior center Ben Carr had fouled out. Starting point guard Zach Adams had fouled out for the first time all season. There were still nearly four minutes left in the game and the No. 1-ranked Peñasco Panthers were making a furious comeback.

"The mark of a true champion," SonBlazers coach Terry Adler said, "is when you play as a team and your best players aren't out there.

"Zach Adams had never fouled out before. I had a team in there that had never played together," Adler recalled.

In those last moments of the game, the SonBlazers showed the mark of a true champion, pulling out a thrilling 53-51 victory over the Panthers for the championship in the legendary Pit in Albuquerque.

Two key plays were big for the SonBlazers in the final minutes. With about a minute left, Adler's son, Scott, stole the ball from the Panthers at half court. "It was great defensive play. He maintained control of the ball and really hurt Peñasco's momentum.

"And with 13 seconds to go in the game, Dom Marketto saw that Evan (Pirtle) was double-teamed and Dom drives and hits the shot, it was huge," Adler said.

Adler, in his first year as coach of the SonBlazers, had nothing but praise for his seniors. "We have six seniors out of 12 players, and they have been very solid in spiritual leadership and have set a good example for the team. We have been in a lot of

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High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Varsity Tennis	Sat., Mar. 17	at Mayfield Invite	9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball	Thur., Mar. 16	at NM Invite	11 a.m.
	Tue., Mar. 20	at Los Lunas	4 p.m.
Varsity Golf	Tue., Mar. 20	at LC Country Club	9 a.m.
Varsity Track	Sat., Mar. 17	at Alamogordo Invite	10 a.m.
Varsity Softball	Fri., Mar. 16	at NM Invite	3 p.m.
	Sat., Mar. 17	at NM Invite	TBA

Mayfield High School

Varsity Tennis	Sat., Mar. 17	Mayfield Invite	9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball	Fri., Mar. 16	at NM Invite	1:30 p.m.
	Thur., Mar. 17	at NM Invite	TBA
	Tue., Mar. 20	Deming	5 p.m.
Varsity Golf	Tue., Mar. 20	at LC Country Club	9 a.m.
Varsity Track	Fri., Mar. 16	at SISD Invite	9 a.m.
Varsity Softball	Fri., Mar. 16	at NM Invite	3 p.m.
	Sat., Mar. 17	at NM Invite	TBA

Oñate High School

Varsity Tennis	Sat., Mar. 17	at Mayfield Invite	9 a.m.
Varsity Baseball	Fri., Mar. 16	at NM Invite	1:30 p.m.
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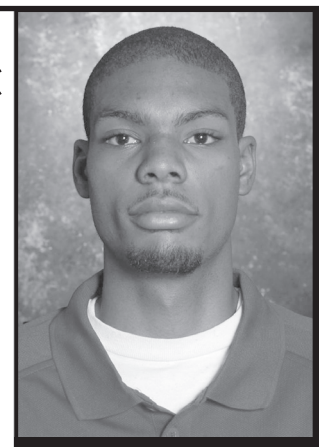

Justin Hawkins

Justin Hawkins
Basketball, Junior, Forward

Junior forward Justin Hawkins was named the WAC Tournament Most Valuable Player after averaging 17 points and five rebounds in three tournament games. Hawkins has scored in double-figures 27 times this season and leads the team in scoring (15.3) and rebounding (6.8).

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WinStar Derby slated for Sunday

Sunland Park Racetrack's biggest event lures top field

The $600,000 WinStar Derby, a nationally televised racing event, will be the featured race at Sunland Park Racetrack on Sunday, March 18.

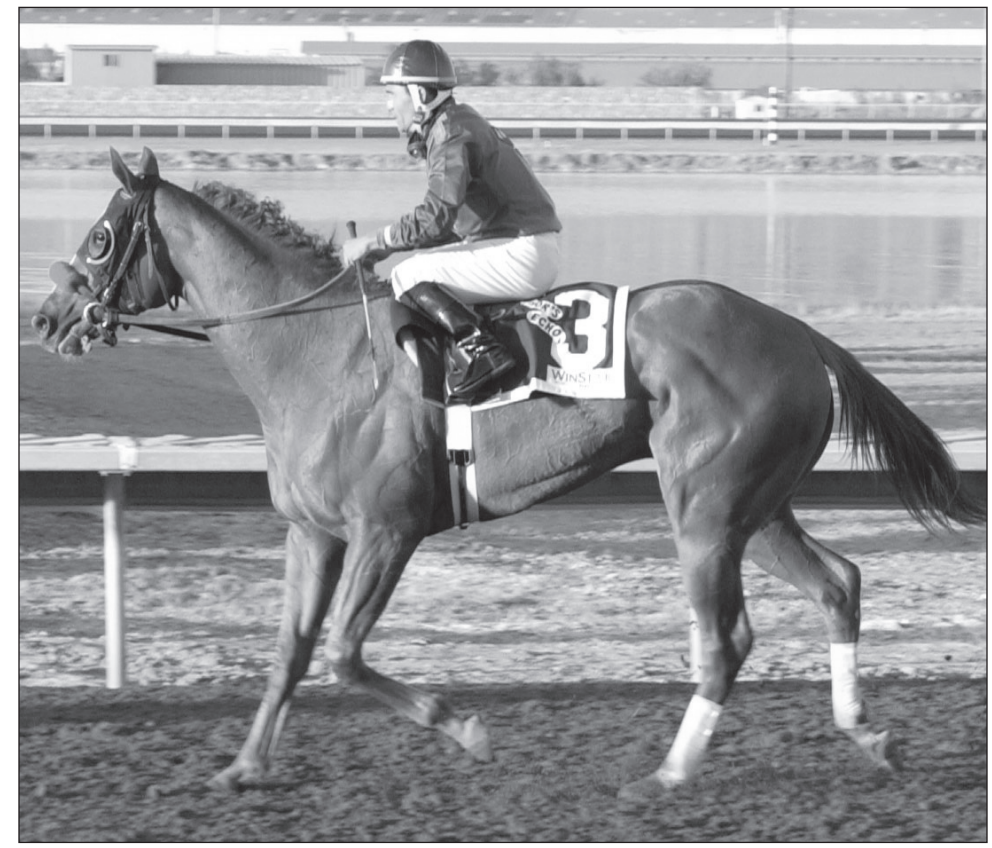
The 1-and-1/8-mile-race has lured a premium field. Approximate post time will be 4:45 p.m., and the winner's purse will be $300,000.

The field will include Law Breaker, whose lifetime record and earnings stand at 4-2-1-1 and $97,932.

Other predicted contenders will be Congo Bay (4-1-0-0, $18,700), Forty Grams (5-2-1-1, $86,300), Game of Skill (7-1-2-1, $48,760), Jack Hes Tops (3-2-1-1, $53,270), Solemn Promise (1-1-0-0, $28,800), Song of Navarone (4-2-1-1, $58,080) and Takedown (5-3-0-0, $90,480).

The $200,000 WinStar Sunland Park Oaks, the $150,000 Harry W. Henson Breeders' Cup Handicap and the $100,000 New Mexico Breeders' Derby will bolster Sunday's program.

Steve Davidowitz, noted racing authority, will chair a racing seminar and book signing in the Signature Showroom at 10 a.m. Sunday.



Thor's Echo captured the win during the 2006 WinStar Derby at Sunland Park Racetrack.

MVC

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close, pressure games this season, and they have played with a lot of poise and patience. You can't win without that leadership."

The SonBlazers had reached the state 2A championship by beating Navajo Pine in a tough first-round game, and then dominated a big and fast Estancia team in the semifinals. The coach described the atmosphere in the Pit as "a lot of fun. There were thousands of screaming fans, the whole atmosphere of pomp and circumstance, the musical entertainment, the announcers. You can't hear anything, it's an amazing experience."

For Adler though, the most memorable moment came after the game. "They asked us to bring six players into the media room," he said. "All the media cameras were rolling, and two of those players were my sons, Tom and Scott. I was so proud."

Adler has been very impressed by the support his team has received from the Las Cruces community. "Our school has great fans and friends around Las Cruces. There have been lots of tears and hugs, lots of support both emotional and financial. I have found that our community extends beyond the walls of this school."

"God rescued us. He gave us the victory and we give Him all the credit."

Even with seniors Dominic Marketto, Derek Blanchard, J.T. Pollock, Evan Pirtle, Ben Carr and Cris Warren leaving after the season, Adler is optimistic about next year's SonBlazers.

"We have Kyle Vasey, Zach Adams, Scott Adler, Tommy Adler, Greg Patti and Coday Correa coming back. We should be very good."

On the green

Back to school

Performance Golf School starts April 14

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor

Back in January, Las Cruces Bulletin publisher Dave McCollum disclosed one of his 2007 resolutions – vowing that he would complete the Performance Golf School this year. Since then we've had a number of inquiries regarding what "golf school" is all about. Trust me, it isn't like DWI school, although ours is held on Saturday and Sunday.

Performance Golf Schools actually has its origins in Gunnison, Colo., where PGA teacher and Hall of Fame coach Herb Wimberly had been giving weeklong golf camps throughout the summer at the Rocky Mountain Golf School. In 1995, I spent some summer weeks giving mental game clinics there, and later took over directing the RMGS briefly.

Many Las Cruces golfers are graduates of RMGS, including former Governor Garrey Carruthers. In 1998 Herb and I started Performance Golf Schools, envisioning making our brand of golf performance enhancement available and affordable in key locations in New Mexico and in far west Texas. It's a traveling show where we come to you.

Unlike some of the "big name" golf schools featured in the magazines, our approach is based on the recognition that solid fundamentals are needed by all golfers at all levels, and that each golfer is a unique individual with certain strengths and body type. There is no "cookie-cutter" or "best" way to teach everyone. "Our goal is to provide folks with personal attention and highly useful information that will have an immediate impact on how they swing and play," explains Herb. "The idea is that each person is different, and each person needs our hands-on individual attention for more than just a few minutes. It's the extended learning periods with lots of practice time and tutoring that gets results," he adds.

Over the course of two days students learn proper technique for woods, irons, chipping, putting, bunker play and trouble shots. The emphasis is on adapting and adjusting one basic golf swing to nearly all circumstances while reducing mistakes.

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The format of each Performance Golf School is two days of intensive lessons and on-course enjoyable play. Instruction starts early on Saturday morning with a 30-minute clinic, which we call Herb's "Get Set" clinic. Since most golfers make basic mistakes with stance, posture, grip, ball position, alignment and aim, Herb addresses these fundamentals by demonstrating proper or conventional technique. "Bad shots are usually caused by problems that occur before you ever take the club away," advises Herb.

To get your alignment square Herb suggests that you place two parallel clubs on the ground pointing in the direction of the target. "If the best golfers in the world practice this way, why shouldn't you," asks Herb.

The morning is filled with personal lessons combined with "mini-clinics" on things such as finding a good pre-shot routine, focusing on each practice shot, aiming at a specific target and controlling your emotions. Both afternoons are spent on the golf course with playing lessons in a fun-filled, non-pressured scramble format complete with prizes.

What about the bottom line: after golf school do people really get better? This is what Jeff Wilson, who is a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch here in Las Cruces, has to say about his experience at golf school. "It's a lot of practice and a lot of balls to hit in two days, but I know that my swing is better because Herb and Charlie point out what's good about your swing, what to get rid of and specifically what you need to work on. For me, I look at it over the long term and it's the mental preparation before each shot, and my decision-making that has really improved." Reflecting on Herb's vast fund of golf knowledge and experience, Wilson adds, "It's comparable to what's in Harvey Penick's famous Little Red Books."

The first Performance Golf School this Spring will be at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course on April 14 and 15. A session is also scheduled for July 7 and 8 at Painted Dunes in El Paso.

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

Upcoming golf events

Tournaments

Date	Event	Location	Phone
March 17	Men's Golf Association	NMSU GC	646-3219
March 19	Sun Country PGA Challenge	Picacho Hills CC	523-2556
March 20	Jimmy Oliver HS Tournament	LC Country Club	526-8731
March 23	Westbrook Homes Tournament	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 24	HS City Championships	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 27	Rotary Club Tournament	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818
March 28	Sonoma Senior Series	Sonoma Ranch	521-1818

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Mission accomplished in the Mesilla Valley

Las Crucens and New Mexico State make a great WAC team

PETE
Pete's Ponderings

It brought a tear to this old saddle tramp's eye to see the support and hospitality that our town doled out for the visitors from around the Western Athletic conference cities. No one in the league expected much of a turnout for the Tuesday games but the five thousand plus was the largest crowd either women's team had played before and there were three times the number that showed up for home games for the men's teams.

To walk the Pan Am concourse and see locals greet those in rival shirts and provide directions, sight seeing hints and other ideas only locals would know helped to provide a warm atmosphere for those who came to town. A big tip of the 10 gallon goes to NMSU's Maria Roth. She put in a lot of hours and got lots of help from Bump Elliott and his marketing staff to get the little things done that can make a nice event a great event.

Game ticket sales broke the record for the conference tournament shattering the previous best set in Fresno, Calif., and surpassing by a large amount the money generated in Reno, Nev. It would be easy to say it was due to the local teams getting to the title game, but ol' Pete thinks it was due to two other factors.

The town loves hoops and the town loves to have a party. Dr. McKinley Boston took a gamble in bringing this rodeo to town, but Las Crucens showed they believe in the university and want to support the moves being taken by Dr. B and Dr. Michael Martin.

Candidly Pete hadn't seen that type of cooperation between town and gown in a long time and some around the WAC didn't want it to succeed. That's a might selfish of them but the world has some varmints who would be hissin' and crying if you had the event in Heaven. We can catch our breath now and root for the men in the NCAA tournament but you know 11 months will slip by quick and the challenge to do it even better the next time will be before us soon. Pete knows that the Aggies will fine tune those things that can be done better and think of a couple of things that will spice this shebang up even more.

Before I forget, how bout country crooner, Josh Grider's singin' of the National Anthem before the title games. You had to know that a cowboy singer was a good indicator of the way the fates of basketball might tip for the eventual winner.

PETE

Nixon's NCAA tournament photographs and memories

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JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

This will be my eighth trip to the NCAA post season tournament with NMSU. The memories I have of the preceding trips are some of the best of my 27 years with NMSU. The run of games with Coach McCarthy started with the glare of the media spotlight versus Loyola-Marymount, in the building where NMSU had lost a struggle with UNLV, the Long Beach Arena. I sat on a panel of sportscasters the next day and thankfully, was asked no questions, since it was attended largely by west coast media, who cared very little for anything outside of the Golden State.

The following year NMSU met Creighton in Salt Lake City and one of my Omaha sportscasting heroes had me on his pre-game show. I had the kind of feelings a kid gets on Christmas morning even though I was 41 years old at the time.

The Sweet 16 junket to Phoenix was marked by a meeting with the late Harry Carey. He was there for spring training and the Ag's were playing and beating DePaul from Chicago.

The next year the Aggies were sent to Syracuse, N.Y. A blizzard had preceded them by a few days and we walked past walls of show that were about seven feet high. The view from the hotel rooms was that accumulated frosty glaze instead of the scenic Onondaga Lake front.

The Aggies meeting with Oklahoma State was in the Myriad, which was a stones throw from the building destroyed by the terrorist bomb in Oklahoma City a year later.

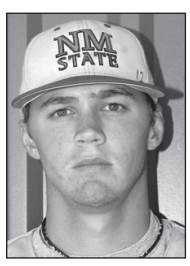
I was late for the charter flight to New Orleans in 1999 because I couldn't get an overnight guest out of the house fast enough to make the team bus, AD Jim Paul cut me some slack with a laugh, when he heard the reason for my tardiness.

The first trip for me was in 1979 and we had a rematch with Weber State, coached then by Neil McCarthy. His squad won in overtime in Allen Field house in Lawrence, Kan. It would have been enough to get into the tournament but to get a trip back to my alma mater was a plus but there was another special bonus as well.

It provided me one last visit with my father who was terminally ill at the time. He was hospitalized in Omaha, about a three-hour drive from Lawrence and it allowed me the chance to say some of the things that a son wants to, but can't always express to his dad. I would have traded all the tournament trips that followed for one more hour with him, but to make that last visit was truly a gift from the One who determines our fate.

What will Spokane hold in store? Hopefully a post game victory celebration for the Crimson and White.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Brian Gausman,
Senior
Baseball

Senior right-handed pitcher Brian Gausman earned a pair of wins over Utah Valley State, March 9-11. Gausman threw eight innings and tallied eight strikeouts. The Aurora, Colo., native only allowed one earned run without walking a UVSU batter.

Stephanie Herrera
Junior
Softball

Junior infielder Stephanie Herrera is currently sporting a seven-game hitting streak. At the UNLV Eller Media Stadium Classic, March 9-11, she went 9-for-16 at the plate with one RBI and two runs scored. Herrera is now leading the Aggies offense with her .395 batting average, which ranks second in the WAC. She is also second in the conference with her 11 stolen bases in 12 tries.

Cecilia Russell-Nava
Senior
Women's basketball

Senior guard Cecilia Russell-Nava led the NMSU women's basketball team to its second consecutive WAC Championship game. Russell-Nava earned conference all-tournament team honors after she averaged 9.0 points, 5.0 assists and 4.0 rebounds per game while shooting over 44 percent from the 3-point line.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, March 16
Track and Field
Willie Williams Invite
Tucson, Ariz.
4 p.m.

Women's Tennis
UTEP
Las Cruces
5 p.m.

Baseball
Sacramento State
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament
Texas
Spokane, Wash.
5:25 p.m.

Saturday, March 17
Track and Field
Willie Williams Invite
Tucson, Ariz.
All Day

Women's Tennis
Memphis
Las Cruces
12 p.m.

Softball
Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, Calif.
2 p.m.

Baseball
Sacramento State
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Sunday, March 18
Baseball
Sacramento State
Las Cruces
11 a.m.

Monday, March 19
Men's Golf
Western Intercollegiate
San Jose, Calif.
All Day

Softball
St. Mary's
Moraga, Calif.
3 p.m.

Men's Tennis
UNLV
Las Vegas, Ariz.
9 a.m.

Tuesday, March 20
Men's Golf
Western Intercollegiate
San Jose, Calif.
All Day

Men's Tennis
Arkansas
Las Vegas, Ariz.
1 p.m.

Baseball
New Mexico
Albuquerque
6 p.m.

District baseball race wide open

City prep teams face invitational

By Craig Massey
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The battle for the district baseball title appears to be wide open this year with Oñate, Mayfield and defending champion Las Cruces High each having a solid shot at conquering one of the top baseball districts in the state.

The city's three teams, along with five other squads, are competing in the 34th Annual New Mexico Invitational this weekend at Apodaca Park.

The tournament got under way on Thursday and continues with semifinal games and consolation bracket games on Friday. The championship game is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Joining Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate in the tournament are Doherty High School in Colorado Springs, Colo., Gallup, Deming, Albuquerque Valley and El Paso Franklin.

When the dust clears from this weekend's event, the focus will move to the district race where Mayfield could be considered the favorite. That's because the Trojans have the returning New Mexico Gatorade Player of the Year in Gera Sanchez, the top pitcher in the state. Sanchez, who signed with New Mexico State, compiled a 10-0 record last year.

"I would give Mayfield the edge because they have a lot of starters back and they have Gera Sanchez," said Oñate coach David Reyes.

First-year head coach Miguel Gomez inherits a team that returns eight starters and went 17-10 last year. The Trojans were third in the district last year, but made plenty of noise in the state playoffs, reaching the semifinals by knocking off Las Cruces in the quarterfinals.

Mayfield, off to a 4-3 start this year, also will depend heavily on talented multi-sport athlete Nathan Enriquez (pitcher/outfielder), catcher Freddy Young and pitchers Matt Sullivan and Pancho Ybarra.

The Knights, who finished fourth in the district race last year but had a 17-10 overall record and reached the state playoffs, are in position to challenge for the top spot this year. Oñate is off to an 8-2 start this year as Reyes blends a roster that leans heavily on a few seniors, but also will depend on the development of some key sophomores.

> "Our main goal is to finish strong and reach the state playoffs."
>
> DAVID REYES, OHS baseball coach

"We're younger this year," said Reyes. "We had four sophomores starting a game earlier this year."

Seniors Kris Koerper and Aaron Holguin are the team captains. The 6-5 Koerper is a dominant presence on the mound and also provides power at the plate. Holguin is the team's lead-off hitter and plays center field.

Taney Maguire and Ariel Perez rotate at catcher and help provide offense. Among Oñate's top sophomores are outfielder Eric Flores and shortstop/pitcher Randy Montoya.

"We've been hitting the ball well and all of the guys on the pitching staff have done their job," Reyes said. "But I'm a stickler on defense. We're getting there. Our main goal is to finish strong and reach the state playoffs. We have probably three of the top 10 teams in the state (in the city), but don't forget about Alamogordo and Gadsden. Whoever gets the timely hits and plays the best defense will end up on top."

Las Cruces High, which went 21-7 last year and won the district with a 9-3 record, returns only four starters from last year. Leading the way is pitcher Ryan Honeycutt, who also is a threat with the bat. Michael Medina returns as the team's shortstop, Robert O'Brien is the catcher and Mark Montoya is a pitcher/outfielder.

"We have a lot of guys who are inexperienced on the varsity level," said LCHS coach Gil Padilla. "The young ones are coming along, learning what it takes at this level. We have more team speed that we've had in the past and that's neat because you can't teach speed."

Like Reyes, Padilla sees Mayfield as the probable front-runner in the district.

"Mayfield has a lot of players back, along with Gera Sanchez, the Gatorade Player of the Year," he said. "Oñate is strong with some key people back. Alamogordo finished second last year and they have their ace back, along with three or four key players."

Padilla and Reyes are excited about the quality of the teams in this year's New Mexico Invitational.

"Franklin is ranked No. 2 in El Paso and Valley is one of the top three teams in Albuquerque," said Padilla. "The Colorado team has a very good pitcher who is a Division 1 prospect."

Aggies

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thought Texas' opinion of NMSU might be. "I don't think anybody would want to draw us in the first round," he said.

"We're athletic, deep and big inside. We're a difficult team to scout.

"I don't think they're (Texas) scared of us.

"But we can play any type of game they (Texas) want — half court, up-tempo, slow down, whatever."

The Aggies boarded a charter flight that left for Spokane on Wednesday.

Theus was not sure about his starting lineup earlier this week. But Justin Hawkins, voted the most-valuable player in the WAC tournament, is a sure bet at forward. So is guard Elijah Ingram, who made the all-WAC tournament team.

Knauber, Hatila Passos and Tyrone Nelson are probables.

Mayfield

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and played really well."

Spence paced a strong senior group that understood the team concept. The seniors include Diane Morales, Hillary Bourger, Jamonica Hudgins, Emily Thatcher and Mary Medford. Hudgins (Western New Mexico), Thatcher (Weber State) and Medford (Western New Mexico) join Spence as future college basketball players.

"They all accepted their roles," said Maya. "We had scorers, rebounders, defensive specialists and passers."

Maya says he will be back for his 13th season next year and is looking forward to coaching another talented team that is led by key returnees such as Desiree Marrufo, Shatwa Morris and Amanda Tucker. The MHS junior varsity had a 17-5 record last year and the ninth-grade team compiled a 16-4 mark.

GREG SORBER I The Albuquerque Journal

Mayfield's Mary Medford, left, and Desiree Marrufo, right, battle with Clovis' Antiesha Brown, center, for the ball during the Class 5A girl's state basketball championship in the Pit on Saturday, March 10. Mayfield won 61-42.

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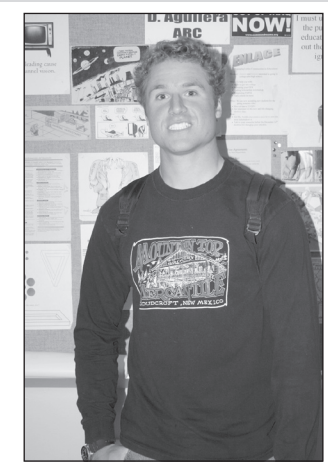
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Kris Koerper
Oñate High School



Kris Koerper is and 18 year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is pitcher and plays first base on the boy's varsity baseball team. His is batting .800, has five homeruns and 21 RBI. He is an awesome student athlete – is hard working, respectful, caring and a great leader. He has received a scholarship to play baseball at Brigham Young University, and Oñate High School is very proud of him!

Koerper maintains a 3.90 GPA. He is focused and determined to achieve success in the classroom, at baseball and in all his personal endeavors. When not playing baseball, Koerper enjoys church, family, music and snowboarding.

Aggies win the '07 Men's WAC Tournament

PHOTOS BY NIKI RHYNES

The Aggie players leap off the bench as the clock ran out on Utah State in the WAC tournament championship game Saturday, March 10. NMSU won, 72-70.

Hatila Passos tries for a follow shot in the Aggies' 77-70 first-round victory over Louisiana Tech.

Tyrone Nelson shoots against Boise State in the semifinals.

CHRIS DULANYI The Las Cruces Bulletin

NMSU coach Reggie Theus cuts down the net after the Aggies' championship victory.

Shaun Davis tries a jumper against Utah State in the championship game.

Ted Knauber, left, and Elijah Ingram celebrate after an Aggie basket during NMSU's 88-69 victory over Boise State in the tournament semifinals.

A near miss for Aggie women

PHOTOS BY JOSH BACHMAN

NMSU center Niki Holt tries for a putback against Boise State in the championship game.

Cecilia Russell-Nava drives to the basket during NMSU's 73-62 victory over Nevada in the WAC tournament semifinals.

Monique Bribiescas prepares to shoot a free throw while teammate Hannah Spanich watches in the finals against Boise State.

Darin Spence looks on as his New Mexico State women's team upsets No. 2 seed Louisiana Tech, 63-57, in the first round of the WAC tournament. It marked the first time in women's collegiate basketball that Louisiana Tech had been eliminated from consideration in the NCAA post-season tournament.

Anikia Jawara eyes a free throw during the Aggies' 49-46 loss to Boise State in the championship game.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 4, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate West of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Sections 33 and 34, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. SURVEYS BEING PART OF U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D4, designated as Lot B of the proposed summary replat of U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D4 to be known as U.S.R.S.Tract 10-97D4 Replat No. 1, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod set at the Northwest corner of this tract, whence the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 10-97D1 bears the following two courses and distances, N. 33 deg. 08' 54" W., 171.74 feet; thence N. 33 deg. 09' W., 845.60 feet; THENCE from the place of beginning N. 62 deg. 30' 13" E., 68.00 feet to an iron rod set for an angle point of this tract; THENCE S. 33 deg. 08' 54" E., 83.70 feet to an iron rod set for an angle point of this tract; THENCE N. 62 deg. 30' 13" E., 198.93 feet to an iron rod set at the center line of a 50.00 foot wide road easement for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE following along the center line of the 50.00 foot wide road easement S. 29 deg. 40' 17" E., 225.08 feet to an iron rod set at the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 (A.K.A. Bilbo Road) for the Southeast corner of this tract; THENCE following the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 S. 62 deg. 30' 13" W., 253.21 feet to an iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the North line of Doña Ana County Road C-041 N. 33 deg. 08' 54" W., 309.72 feet to the place of beginning containing 1.473 acres of land, more or less. and all improvements, including, but not limited to the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1998, Double Wide, VIN No. SCH01982518AB, Plate No. 8993MHN. The address of the real property is 1780 Bilbo Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 25, 2006, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $68,596.67, plus interest from October 1, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.45% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: February 21, 2007
Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868 05-0914/
Flores, Leslie Q.; P278207

Pub# 6239
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ANDY FLORES, Petitioner,

vs.

CINDY AYALA, Respondent.

NO: DM-2006-811
JUDGE: MIKE MURPHY

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: CINDY AYALA

You are hereby notified that a Civil Action is now pending in the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, in and for Doña Ana County, wherein ANDY FLORES is the Petitioner and you are the Respondent. The general objects of said action are to obtain a Judgment of said Court determining issues of paternity, child custody, child support and visitation. Unless you file an answer to this action on or before the time allowed by law, judgment will be rendered against you by default and the relief prayed for by the Petitioner will be granted.

The address of the Petitioner is: Andy Flores, 105, Commerciantes Apt 264 Santa Teresa, NM 88008

WITNESS my hand and seal of this Court, this 20th day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Pub# 6240
Dates 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT EVERETT C. McGUIRE, Petitioner,

vs.

TESHA McGUIRE, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Divorce Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Everett C. McGuire,
2241 Entrada del Sol #5H,
Las Cruces, NM 88001,
Pro Se

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of February, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: Richard Armijo
DEPUTY

Pub# 6242
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601841

ABN AMRO MORTGAGE GROUP, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR.; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES OF PATTI A. DEBRAAL, DECEASED; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHN DEBRAAL, JR. AKA JOHN R. DEBRAAL, JR., IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on April 4, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate in Section 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, being located generally Northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at an iron rod found for the southeast corner of the tract herein described at the intersection of the centerlines of two 50 foot wide road and utility easements: WHENCE THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 15, T. 22S., R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O.

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The address of the real property is 5275 Devaca Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 13, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of $30,525.44, plus interest from February 1, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.5% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.
Dated: February 22, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868

06-2824/Debraal, John and Patti A.; P278612

Pub# 6243
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 22, 2007, R. Gene Sparks, Virginia M. Sparks and James Clayton Sparks, 1114 Casad Road, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-11448 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Ground Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-11448, located in the SW1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well 160 feet deep with 4-inch casing to be located in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of said Section 29, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock purposes. The proposed replacement well site is located southwest of Anthony, NM and can be found at the physical address of 1114 Casad Road. Old well LRG-11448 will be plugged.

Any person, firm, or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of tbe last publication of this Notice. Facsimilies will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub# 6248
Dates 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 6, 2007, Michael and Janet Johnson, 1810 Little Road, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-12031 with the State Engineer for Permit for Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to use existing domestic well LRG-12031, permitted under NMSA 1978 §72-12-1, drilled to a depth of 140 feet with 4-inch casing, located in the SE 1/4 SW1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing pre-basin domestic well LRG-I0786 located in the SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 6, for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. Proposed supplemental well LRG-12031 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and can be found at the physical address of 1810 Little Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in, accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6250
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 3/23

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

MARIA LUISA MCCLURE, Petitioner,

vs.

FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ JR., Respondent.

No.: DM-06-1202
Judge: Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner requesting a Divorce.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Maria Luisa McClure
c/o Cammuñez Law Firm, P.C.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505) 532-8270

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 14 day of November, 2006.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By:/s/Diedra E. Redford
DEPUTY

Pub# 6251
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of DARLA DAUGHERTY, Deceased.

No. PB 2007-20
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Kenneth Daugherty has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2007.

/s;/ Kenneth Daugherty
KENNETH DAUGHERTY
Personal Representative
760 Hayride Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Pub #6252
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD EARL STULL, JR., Deceased.

No. PB 07-25
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald E. Stull has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Stephen E. Hosford of the law firm of Martin, lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 15th day of March, 2007.

/s;/ Kenneth Daugherty
KENNETH DAUGHERTY
Personal Representative
760 Hayride Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Pub #6252
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Matter of the Estate of EDWARD EARL STULL, JR., Deceased.

No. PB 07-25
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ronald E. Stull has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this lotice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Stephen E. Hosford of the law firm of Martin, lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 1st day of March, 2007.

/s/ Ronald E. Stull
RONALD E. STULL
Personal Representative
956 Tumbling 77
Show Low, AZ 85091

Pub #6253
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-307-2006-620

TCIF REO BAR, Corp., Plaintiff,

vs.

RUBEN ARREOLA; ESTELLA ARREOLA; JOSE DELGADO; YOLANDA DELGADO; US WEST FINANCIAL SERV. INC.; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 4, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 613 Tumbleweed Road, Chaparral, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Being the description of 1.00 acres of land out of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 16, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:
Beginning at a point on the West line of Section 16, for the Southwest and beginning corner of this parcel, from whence the Southwest corner of said Section 16 bears South 00 deg 10' 27" East a distance of 313.50 feet; Thence North 89 deg 45' 14" East, at 30.00 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of a 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.15 feet to a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set for the southeast corner of this parcel; Thence North 0 deg 10' 52" West, a distance of 132.00 feet to a point for the northeast corner of this parcel; Thence South 89 deg 45' 14" West, at 50.00 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap at the West side of a road and utility easement, at 300.14 feet pass a 1⁄2" rebar with plastic cap set on the East line of said 30 feet wide road and utility easement, continuing for a total distance of 330.14 feet to a point for the Northwest corner of this parcel; Thence South 0 deg 10' 27" East, with the West line of said Section 16, a distance of 132.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.00 acres of land. A 30.00 feet wide Road and Utility Easement is reserved along the entire West side of this parcel. A privately maintained, Road and Utility easement is reserved on the North 25.00 feet of the East 50.00 feet of this parcel, and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1986 Fleetwood, VIN No. TXFLAM2ABG281210873.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above_entitled and numbered cause on February 20, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above_described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $65,909.58 and the same bears interest at 13.750% per annum from January 12, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $2,060.89. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
505-525-2711

Pub# 6254
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 2007

NOTICE OF AUCTION

To: Bill & Jo Skinner (Storage Unit A 8-25)

Amount to satisfy lien: $375.00

5475 Porter Dr. # 5 Las Cruces, NM 88012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage Unit will be sold at public Auction to satisfy our lien in the amount listed above and any accumulating fees. You may still come by and give full payment of balance owed by cash or certified mail and remove all of your items from our property before the auction date.

Date of Auction: Saturday, March 24, 2007
Time: 12:00 PM
Place: Sunrise Mesa Storage
5245 Porter Drive
Las Cruces, NM 88012

Thank you for your prompt attention. Sunrise Mesa Storage

Pub #6255
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

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PROBATE COURT

No.: 07-32
Judge Alice M. Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HARRY CLEIS,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Marlene Cleis was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Harry Cleis (a/k/a Harry P. Cleis), deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Harry Cleis (a/k/a Harry P. Cleis), deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 5th day of March 2007

Marlene Cleis,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132
(505) 526-3312 telephone
(505) 526-6590 facsimile

Pub# 6256
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Beth Miller
6401 Academy Road NE #132
Albuquerque, NM 87109**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0532 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $500.13, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: furniture, wood.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6257
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: David Trejo
P.O. Box 2253
Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0598 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $378.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: bed, bunkbed, misc.

Date of Auction:
March 28, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
(505) 525-2927

Pub #6258
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Bernadette Ontiveros
P.O. Box 1
Mesilla Park, NM 88047**

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Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
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Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek, Manager
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Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**Stull Storage Units #2
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**TO: Emily Williams
200 Cervantes Village #C10
Las Cruces, NM 88001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0744 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $381.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

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**Stull Storage Units #2
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Las Cruces NM 88001**

**TO: Robert C. Sarabia
6563 Blanchard Ave.
Fontana, CA 92336**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0235 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of $329.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: computer, misc.

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Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Stull Storage Units #2
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Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. CV-2007-309

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Courtney Woolwin FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Courtney Woolwine, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Courtney Woolwine to Kourtney Ashton Brown and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge, on the 11th day of April 2007, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Courtney Woolwine
Courtney Woolwine
Petitioner, pro se
108 N Aries
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505)640-4913

Nadine Sanchez
Court Administrator

By:/s/ Maggie O. Madrid
Maggie O. Madrid, TCAA

Pub #6262
Dates 3/9, 3/16, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. CV-2006-1684

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

OCTAVIO MEDINA; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 11, 2007, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2650 Night Owl Lane, Anthony, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
A tract of land situate North of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 23, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:
Beginning at a 1⁄2" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the Northeast corner of Section 23, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distances; N.89°50'50"E., 399.40 feet; thence N.00°08'10"E., 1644.80 feet; Thence from the point of beginning, S.89°50'50"W., 264.00 feet to a 1⁄2" iron rod found on the West line of Night Owl Lane for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence along the West line of Night Owl Lane, N.00°06'50"E., 165.00 feet to a 1⁄2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract; Thence N.89°50'50"E., 264.00 feet to a 1⁄2" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence S.00°06'50"W., 165.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. Subject to a 15 foot wide road and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the North boundary line and a 30 foot wide road and utility easement being parallel and adjacent to the West boundary line. Also subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Deed filed January 14, 2004, in Book 490, Pages 1390-1394, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #05-0137. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on February 5, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is $132,068.38 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from January 16, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be $1,867.06. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
505-524-2121

Pub# 6263
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

In the Matter of the Estate of GLORIA SHELLEY CAMPBELL, a/k/a Gloria H. Shelley, Deceased.

No. PB 07-22
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Christopher H. Shelley has been appointed, personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court. The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow, Hosford & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2007.

/s/ Christopher H. Shelley
CHRISTOPHER H. SHELLEY
Personal Representative
1010 N. Armijo
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub #6265
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

No. DM-2007-00175
Judge Martin

**MANUEL CHAVEZ,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**BEATRICE CHAVEZ,
Respondent.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF PROCEEDING

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: BEATRICE CHAVEZ

GREETINGS:
You are notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being Cause No. DM-2007-00175, wherein you are identified as Respondent and wherein Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within thirty (30) days from the fourth publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default. The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Daniel A. Dolan, 1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, Telephone (505) 525-0077.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico this 22 day of February 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
Clerk

By: /s/ WJ
Deputy

Pub # 6266
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

**ELVIA MORALES and EUSTOLIA CARRASCO,
Plaintiffs,**

vs.

**NICOLE L. HENKE,
Defendant.**

No. D-307-CV~200601328
Judge Jerald Valentine

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION AND SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
to NICOLE L. HENKE
Defendant,**

GREETINGS: You are notified that the above named Plaintiffs have filed a civil action against you in the above entitled Court and cause. the general object thereof being to recover damages that were sustained by the Plaintiffs as a result of your negligence in crashing your vehicle into the rear of Plaintiffs' vehicle more particularly described in the Complaint in said cause.

You are notified that if you fail to file with the District Court in the above entitled cause an answer or motion to the Complaint is the matter, or an entry of appearance, within thirty (30) days of the end of this publication that judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or other appropriate relief will be rendered in this cause against you, and you will thereafter not be permitted to contest Plaintiffs right to recover damages from you.

Name, address and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Mario A. Esparza, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2468, Las Cruces, NM 88004, (505) 524-8312

Respectfully Submittted,
Mario A. Esparza
Attorney for Plaintiffs

Pub #6267
Dates 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**

Leroy Portillo and Rosa C. Portillo, Petitioner

vs.

Cindy Felix and Javier Esparza, Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Appointment of Guardianship for the minor child, A.E. 5/23/2003 (initials of minor child and date of birth)

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition for Guardianship will be granted.

Leroy Portillo and Rosa C. Portillo (Petitioner's Name and Address)

Witness the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 13 day of March, 2001.

Nadine Sanchez
Clerk of the District Court
By: /s/ Jodie Castillo
Deputy

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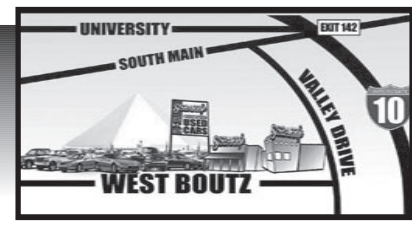

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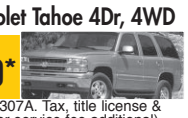
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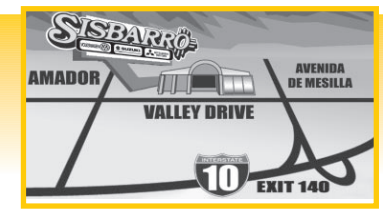

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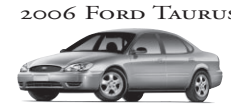
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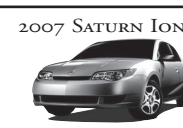
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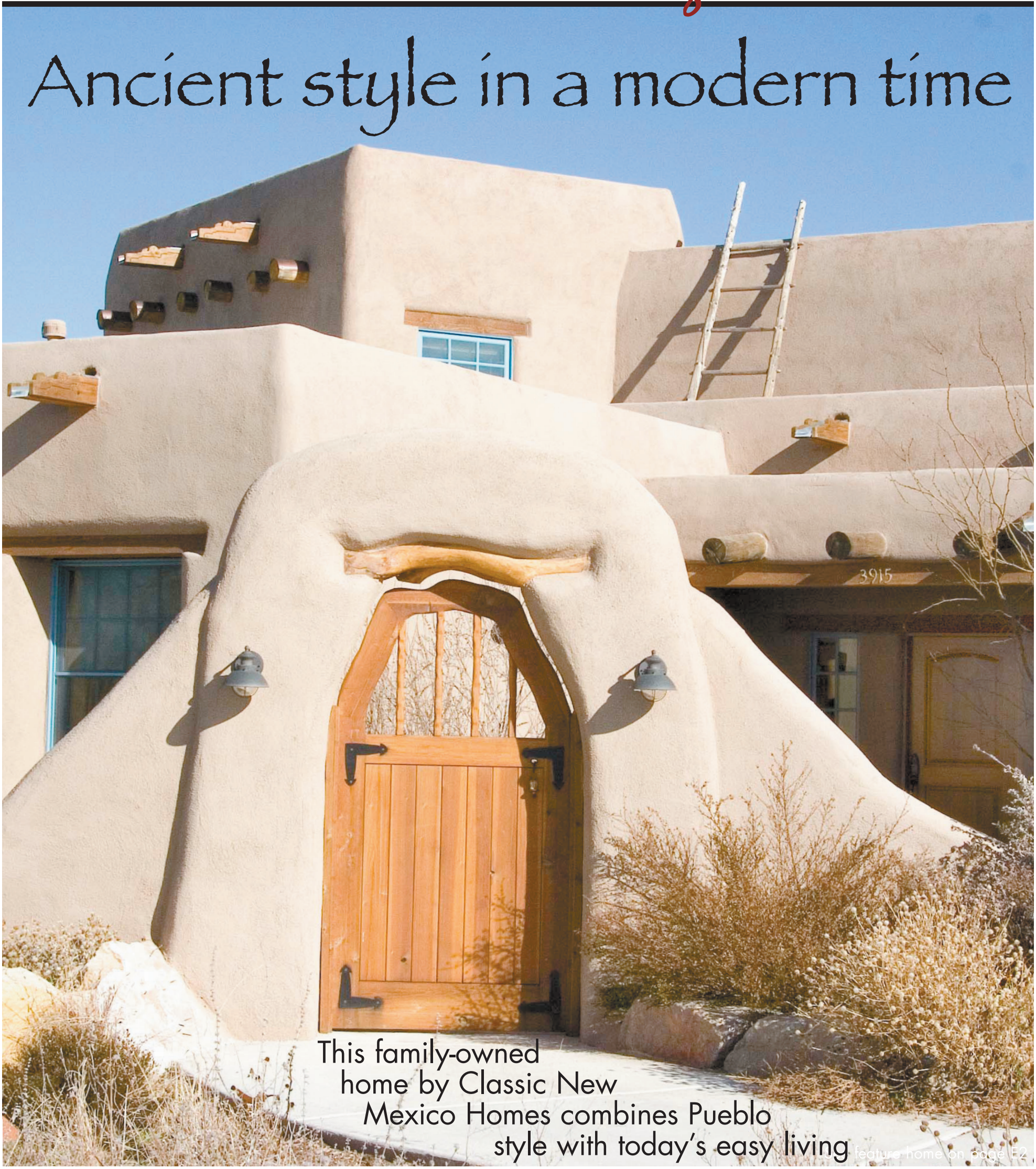

This family-owned home by Classic New Mexico Homes combines Pueblo style with today's easy living

feature home on page E2

Classical Pueblo style finds a new home

All elements combine to make this house the perfect home for the Suggs family

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Set among native landscaping, 3915 Desert Broom features 3,000 square feet of indoor living space. See more feature home photos on page E6-7.

Every family has a favorite spot in their home – that special place where everyone gathers for informal meals, to help one another with homework, plan family vacations or to simply sit and share hopes and dreams. For Wayne and Kiki Suggs of Classic New Mexico Homes, that special spot is a built-in table, beside the indoor pond overlooking the vast desert scenery and awe-inspiring Organ Mountains.

"This is the spot that people seem to gravitate to," said Kiki. "We'll do crossword puzzles here, eat here – it's just more casual and comfortable than the formal table."

Building homes with special spots – built-in benches, window seats, lofts and sunken offices – are among the qualities that make Classic New Mexico Homes projects unique and the Suggs included them all when building their own home, 3915 Desert Broom.

Classic New Mexico Homes prefers to build Pueblo style homes and their own home is no exception.

"Our building style is very traditional," Wayne said. "Everything in our homes has function, like the lintels and the vigas. They are beautiful and functional."

Built in the traditional Pueblo style, 3915 Desert Broom features thick walls, freeform adobe buttresses and exterior walls accented with a custom-built wooden front gate. Inside and out, the home features beams, corbels, vigas and lots of wooden accents.

Incorporating traditional Pueblo building style with the family's needs – room for the couple's 20-year old daughter and 17-year-old son and the family's pets – was a priority when building the home. Making the home look as though it were at home in its desert setting was equally important to the couple.

"We wanted that old house feel even though we were building a new house," Kiki said. "We wanted it to look like it had been here for a while."

Wayne has a passion for woodworking and the interior of the home is a testament to his work with handcarved corbels on each doorway, post and beam accents and vigas throughout the home. Set against red saltillo floor tiles and hand-textured walls, the wooden accents give the home a true desert personality.

A love of fishing inspired much of the home. Many of the family's favorite vacations have centered around fishing trips and Kiki said that incorporating fishing themes was an important element in designing the home. Vibrant red and earth-hued tiles combined with wooden vigas, tall posts and hand-carved corbels follow the theme.

"We specialize in adding character to a home through unique touches such as comfortable built-in window seats, wooden bancos and lintels, " Wayne said. "We use as much native material as possible, such as adobe, flagstone, Douglas fir, cedar, rock, stone and saltillo tile."

A pond behind the built-in table further emphasizes the fishing theme and enhances the area as the family's favorite place in the home. Surrounded by lush green plants, Kiki said that the pond provides a tranquil element to the sometimes busy and frantic lives the family leads.

"I just love this pond," she said. "When we were building it, the neighbors didn't understand why we were putting a pond in the house, but now that they've seen it, many of them want one too."

A love for nature and a desire to protect the environment extend to the couple's homebuilding business. While building homes that seems at home in the desert setting, the company designs each project according to the site, beginning first by building a reinforcing wall around the homesite to protect native vegetation.

"One of our goals whenever we start a house is to leave the desert as pristine as possible," Wayne said. "We want the house to look like it's been here for a while and that it belongs."

Designed to encourage family unity while providing ample space for privacy, the Suggs' home features a unique floor plan that includes three bedrooms and a sunken office on the lower level of the home. Crowned with ceilings of pine, the living room, kitchen, and dining areas are slightly raised. A pine staircase leads to a loft directly above the sunken office.

The Suggs' home has a large living room with a kiva-style fireplace in the corner and wooden built-in shelves. Large picture windows facing the mountains capture distant views.

A corner of the living room serves as Kiki's work area. An artist, Kiki paints portraits and native scenes as well as the hand-painted touches unique to Classic New Mexico Homes projects. Her artwork is also found throughout the family's home.

The home's kitchen overlooks the dining and living rooms and Kiki said it was designed around her love for cooking with easy-care tiled countertops, abundant cabinetry and a large walk-in pantry with ample storage.

Whether building their own home or one for their clients, the Suggs say they strive to make each home attractive, comfortable and perfectly suited for those who dwell inside.

"We take pride in creating homes that are not only a joy to live in, but that create a lasting impression on all who spend time in them," Wayne said.

FEATURED HOME PHOTOS BY J.M. CRAMER

The large walk-in pantry is large enough to store all of Kiki's cooking supplies as well as snacks and other items the family wants to keep handy, yet hidden.

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Central vacuum systems make housecleaning easier

More powerful than the average vac, these built-in systems are growing in popularity

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Are you building a home? Then you should consider a central vacuum system. Many items in building a home are architectural products or decorating elements that appeal to the emotional level. But the whole-house vacuum is useful and practical and deals with the maintenance of the home. And something that makes your life easier in the future definitely needs consideration. Not much is advertised about the central vacuum. Surprisingly, Builders Magazine quotes, "of the 1.7 million single-family homes constructed last year, only about 200,000 have a central vacuum system."

What is a central (or whole-house) vacuum cleaner? It is a vacuum cleaner that is built in and consists of a power unit, collection canister, and a 25-50-foot hose. Special pipes are installed within the interior walls, crawlspaces, attics or basements that connect the central part of the system with low-voltage wall inlets.

Central vacuum systems are more affordable than most people think. The Beam model is one of the most popular systems in Las Cruces.

Because the motor is located in the garage, the system is very quiet. The 30-foot hose allows homeowners to reach about 700 square feet in floor space. Several vacuum outlets are located throughout the house for convenience.

Another major benefit of a central vacuum system is improved indoor air quality. People don't realize that air from their standard upright goes right back into the room as it re-circulates the dust, where the central vacuum deposits the dust into the canister in a remote location.

Central vacuums are more effective than upright vacuums because they are three to five times more powerful. Perhaps the most salient feature of the central vacuum is its ease of operation.

One of the coolest features is the kick pan ability. A kick pan is like a dust pan in the toe kick of the baseboard. When you open it with your foot it sucks in anything that is in front of it. In the kitchen, a homeowner can just grab a broom, and with their foot or toe, open the little door and just sweep all the dirt into it.

The cost is affordable. The piping, installation and unit itself can be as little as $800 for an entry-level system and a high-end unit might run about $2,000. I think one reason central vacuums are not installed in new housing is the consumer perception is that it costs more than it really does. But just ask a friend who has one, and they will tell you they would never build another home without a central vacuum.

In Las Cruces a popular brand used by several general contractors is Beam. The Beam model Serenity Plus is up to five times more powerful than a conventional vacuum cleaner and has a self-cleaning 'CleanStream" filtration system ensuring maximum air flow throughout the cleaning process. Visit www.beam.com for more information about the system.

Knowing what selection of vacuum products there are in the marketplace is half the search. Selecting what features you want and what price range to spend is the other half. So, to help you get started here are several other manufacturers that specialize in central vacuum systems: Hoover, www.hoover.com; M.D. Mfg, www.builtinvacuum.com; Nutone, www.nutone.com and H-p Products www.vacuflo.com.

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Spot a hazardous tree

Looking for clues of tree defect may prevent injury and property damage

Hazardous trees pose a danger to people and property. When storms or high winds hit, limbs – and often whole trees – fall to the ground.

Many fatal accidents and property damage can be averted if homeowners heed the warning signs of a hazardous tree, according to the Tree Care Industry Association

Tree Defect Clues

Fortunately, one can often read the clues which indicate that a tree is prone to failure. For instance, if a tree has large branches attached with tight, V-shaped forks, you should consider having those branches removed or lightened. Other warning signs of structural instability include cracks in the trunk or major limbs, hollow and decayed areas, or the presence of extensive dead wood.

Mushrooms growing from the base of the tree or under its canopy may be a sign of root decay. On the other hand, just because you may not see fungus growth does not mean there is no decay.

The sign most people recognize is a hollow in a tree. But even a large hollow does not necessarily signify a tree has become hazardous. Nor does it mean the hollow should be filled. Filling of hollow trees, a process called "cavity filling," was practiced by arborist for many years. However, thanks to modern research, it has been discovered that cavity filling is not needed to support or improve the health of hollow trees.

Tree experts found that cavity filling with cement can actually damage a tree. According the Tree Care Industry Association, "the column of cement created in the tree by a cavity fill doesn't move, just like a column on a building, but the tree is always moving. It sways with the wind constantly. The rubbing created by the swaying tree and the solid column of cement further damages the tree."

Wood decay fungi that created the hollow in the first place are able to take advantage of the new injuries created by the rubbing and invade the remaining healthy tissue of the tree. If cavity filling is desired for aesthetic reasons, there are some new synthetic foams that can be sprayed into the cavity by professional arborists. These materials will bend with the swaying tree, reducing injury. However, there is really no reason to fill a cavity other than for aesthetic reasons; it doesn't improve the tree's health and doesn't offer any added support. If structural support of a tree is required, a professional arborist will recommend cables, braces, tree guys, or removing the tree, not cavity filling.

What should you do?

Homeowners who would like a professional arborist to assess their trees may contact the Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA), a 69-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture. It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards and who are required to carry liability insurance. TCIA has the nation's only Accreditation program that helps consumers find tree care companies that have been inspected and accredited based on: adherence to industry standards for quality and safety; maintenance of trained, professional staff; and dedication to ethics and quality in business practices. An easy way to find a tree care service provider in your area is to use the "Locate Your Local TCIA Member Companies" program. You can use this service by calling 1-800-733-2622 or by doing a ZIP code search on the TCIA website, www.tcia.org.

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Patch your pants or treat a wart

This heavy-duty tape has a history that involves many varied uses

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Most home tool kits include at least one roll of duct tape – a strong, fabric-based tape with many around-the-house uses.

Developed as a waterproof sealing tape during World War II, duct tape was originally designed for soldiers to seal their ammunition cases. Its rubber adhesive made it waterproof while its fabric-based strips were easy to rip. Versatile and heavy-duty, duct tape grew quickly in popularity to become a household staple and has been used to patch up just about anything needing patching.

Although it was originally designed in classic silver, today's duct tape manufacturers make the tape in a transparent version along with a variety of popular colors, which add to the product's wide variety of uses.

1. Treat a wart. Recent medical studies have shown that a small patch of duct tape worn over a wart for six weeks is more effective than topical remedies for treating the tiny virus-caused blemishes.

2. Use to remove a splinter or cactus sticker out of your fingers, toes, etc. Simply put a patch of duct tape over the splinter, leave for a minute or two, then pull it off. The splinter should come out.

3. Make a quick bandage.

4. Remove lint on upholstery, clothing or furniture. Either use a long strip or wrap the tape around your hand with the sticky side facing out. Place the tape on the linty area, press down, then pull up.

5. Reseal packages of cookies, chips or other foods to keep the contents fresh.

6. Repair hoses around the house with duct tape.

7. Do you have a baby who likes to remove his diaper? Use a bit of duct tape over the diaper closure.

8. Have a hole in your jeans but no time to sew on a patch? Cover the hole on the inside with a bit of duct tape. It should hold through at least one, if not two, launderings.

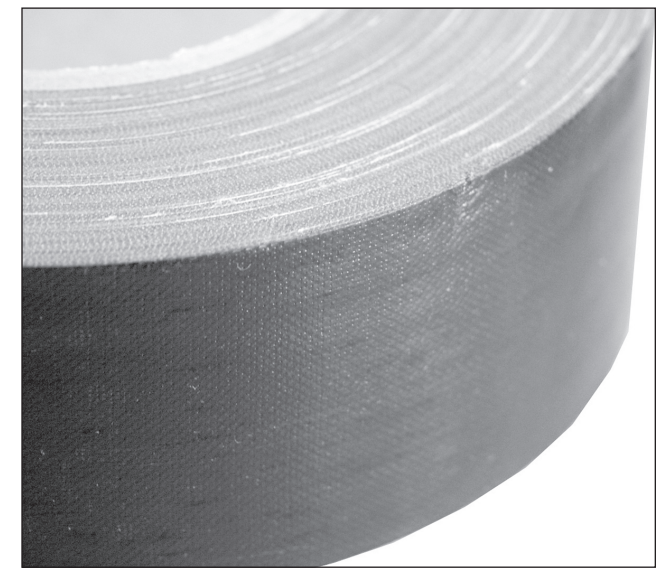
9. Tape down electrical cords.

10. Protect your fingers when working with brick or stone by wrapping around your fingers.

11. Patch just about anything, an umbrella, raincoat, hose, wallet or even a canoe.

12. Make a fashion statement by designing duct tape clothing. For more on this visit www.3m.com/intl/CA/english/centres/home_leisure/duct_tape/sc_area.html

Tip: To remove duct tape residue, use a little bit of WD-40.



When it was first made in the early 1940s, duct tape was designed for soldiers to waterproof their ammunition cases. The tape still provides an efficient waterproof seal.

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Brush on some flavor

This paintbrush-like tool is essential for full-flavor grilling

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It looks like a paintbrush, but rather than adding color, this kitchen tool is designed to brush on flavor for tastier meat and poultry.

While the traditional basting brush with hair-like bristles can be difficult to use – bristles are prone to breaking off into food and absorbing a bit too much of the liquid – modern basting brushes tend to be made of heat resistant silicone or other material that make for easy clean up and even distribution of sauce.

Many can withstand temperatures of up to 500 degrees or more, making them an ideal tool to use when barbecuing or roasting. Natural-bristle basting brushes are still sold, and those that are firmly sealed to prevent shedding are considered a great choice for smoothing sauces on to meats.

What is it?

Generally between one and 12 inches long (although some are longer), the basting brush is designed to brush oil, butter, marinade or sauces onto meats while they are cooking. It usually features a contoured handle, often made of wood, silicone, plastic or stainless steel, along with a loop for hanging and a bristle brush designed for absorbing liquid and brushing it onto meats.

How is it used?

Dip the tool into the sauce and smooth it onto the meat as it is baking, grilling or roasting.

Other uses:

Although specialty pastry brushes do a better job, in a pinch, a basting brush may be used for basting butter or other flavorings onto freshly baked bread and other pastries to ensure the crust bakes to a golden brown.

What to look for when buying one:

If you are buying one with natural bristles, look for a model that is firmly sealed to prevent shedding. A soft comfortable grip is equally important. Look for a brush that is lightweight and made of a durable, heat-resistant material. Non-absorbent, stain-resistant bristles that won't retain odors, like those made of silicone, are a plus. A hanging loop makes for convenient storage. As most rinse clean with ease, a dishwasher safe model is not always necessary.

Tip:

Wait until the meat is almost fully cooked before applying marinade. To prevent basting sauces from causing the meat to stick to the grill, spray the grill with non-stick spray before firing up. Also, make sure that the grill is hot enough before placing the meat on the grill.

The basting brush is available in a variety of forms – from natural-bristle brushes to those made of silicone. Look for one that is heat resistant if you are going to be using the brush near the grill.

Featured Kitchen Gadget: The basting brush

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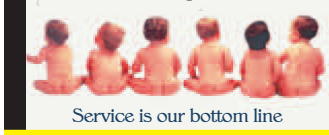

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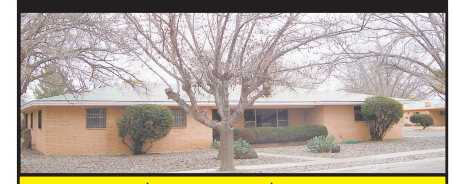

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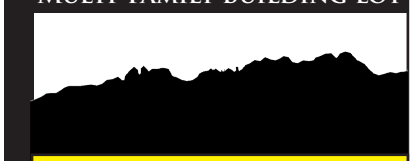

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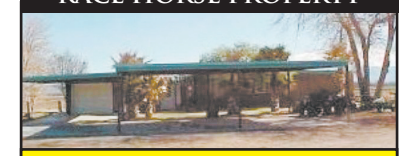

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A view of the Organ Mountains and desert scenery lend character to the dining room, while an indoor pond brings a bit of the outdoors in.

Kiki Suggs custom designed this photo display using framed photos, a curtain rod and ribbon. It hangs in the couple's master bedroom.

The home features oversized windows for exceptional viewing, saltillo floor tiles throughout and pine ceilings.

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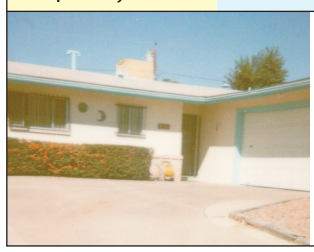

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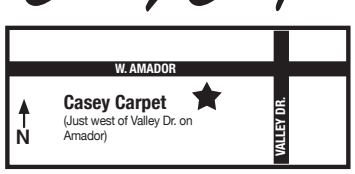

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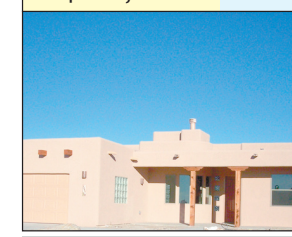

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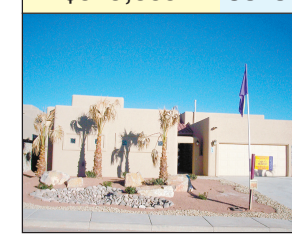

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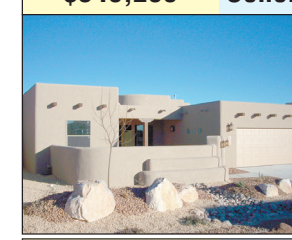

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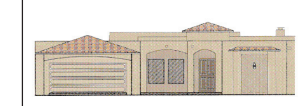

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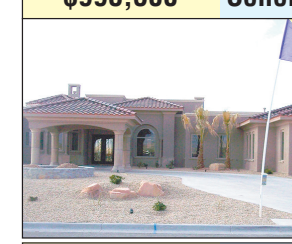

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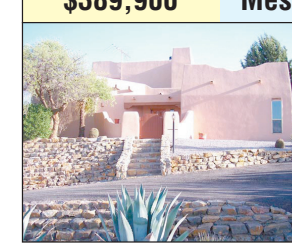
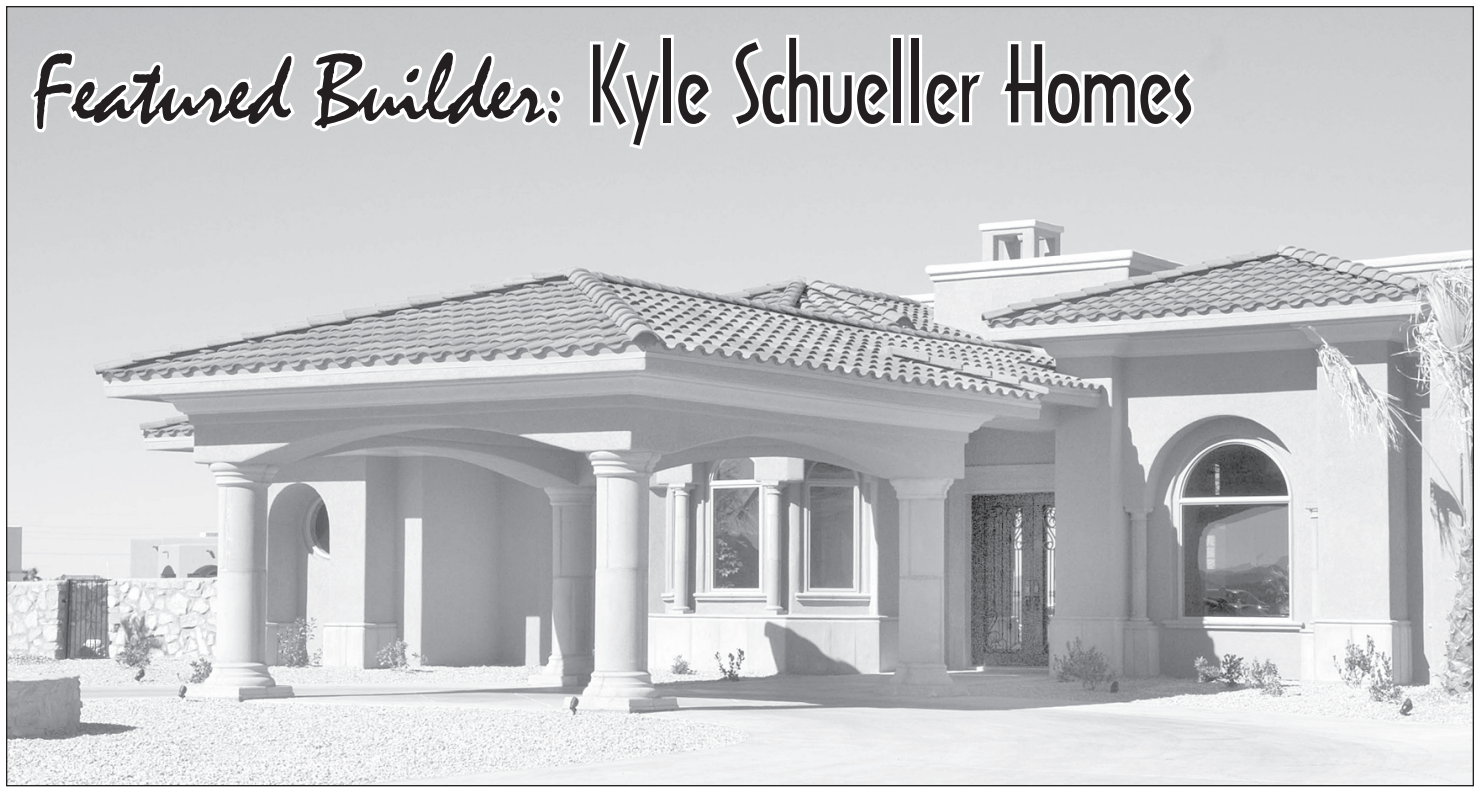


www.6025kokopellilane.com **6025 Kokopelli Lane -** Santa Fe stylings and panorama of the Organ Mountains, all in the popular & prestigious Mesilla Hills area of Las Cruces. Amazing views from this elevated .91 acre home site. 4 Bedrooms including upper master suite with its own fireplace and deck area. Two recently updated baths. 2,075 square feet of living space with beautiful Saltillo tile floors in the great room & dining areas. Ornate Kiva Style fireplace, wood beams and ceiling treatment. Open, spacious kitchen with new ceramic tile counters! Deck and HUGE patio for enjoying outdoor life. Jake Sims & Co., Paul Sims 649-8771 MLS 779019



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Homebuilder Kyle Schueller has been building homes in Las Cruces for five years, since graduating from New Mexico State University with a degree in engineering.

Building grand homes with Sonoma style

This second-generation builder expresses himself through his homebuilding projects

By Melissa St. Aude
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Walking through homebuilder Kyle Schueller's latest project – a 4,049-square-foot-Grecian villa-inspired home on Tuscan Hills, which he partnered with his uncle Jeff Terpenning to construct – it's easy to see what is important to the second-generation Sonoma Ranch builder. Such things as prime location in a great neighborhood, grand columns, large Pella widows and the exotic appointments that transform a home into an oasis are vividly apparent.

It is through such majestic projects that Schueller says he expresses himself.

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Terpenning said that the concept of the Tuscan Hills house was "Kyle's brainchild."

"Kyle loves the Grecian columns, the Venetian plaster and the grand look," Terpenning said. "He designed the floor plan and had the big picture. It all came together just the way he envisioned it, and it's very majestic."

Although he has been in the homebuilding business for only approximately five years, Schueller is no stranger to the construction business. His father is a local builder and land developer and his uncle is also a builder. Although he grew up around construction sites, he said, when he entered New Mexico State University soon after high school graduation, he did not think homebuilding would be the career path for him.

"Toward the end of my junior year I began to see the potential in building," he said. "I've always enjoyed drawing floor plans and my father helped me to get started."

He started small with a 1,900-square-foot home in Sonoma Ranch. By his third year in business, Kyle Schueller Homes, his company, was building between four and five homes a year, including remodeling projects.

"He has a real affinity for drawing floor plans and seeing the big picture," Terpenning said. "He really pays attention to detail and quality."

All of Schueller's projects are custom-built homes or renovations and he said flow and style take the forefront when beginning a project.

"I talk with the customer to see how they will be using their home – what are their habits – and design a layout based on style and function that suits that family," he said.

Schueller builds homes primarily in the Sonoma Ranch area, where he lives in one of the first homes he built. Having neighbors that were once clients has helped him focus on what he feels is important in homebuilding – quality construction and quality customer service.

"It's nice living and working in the same neighborhood," Schueller said. "I get a lot of feedback."

He said that completion of the Tuscan Hills house ranks among his biggest accomplishments. In designing it, he said he included everything he's dreamed of having in his own house.

"I wanted it to be different, yet beautiful," he said. "Building this home has been an incredible experience. I've gained a lot of knowledge, and I think we've created an oasis."

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Of special note
Kyle Schueller's latest building project, a home on Tuscan Hills, will be featured in next week's Bulletin.

Ants in your pants... and everywhere else

More than a nuisance, ants can contaminate food, destroy gardens or even attack humans and animals

By Barry Murray
Spokesperson, Truly Nolen of America

Ants might be small, but their impact can be big. Many people feel ants are merely a nuisance to be brushed aside like the crumbs that attract them, but some species can cause structural damage to your home or business, contaminate food, destroy seeds, damage plants and even attack and injure animals and humans.

Ants are seemingly everywhere; they eat almost anything and have few natural predators to control their numbers. They are also among the most difficult pests in the world to control.

People try traps, sprays and other methods, yet the ants seem to keep coming back – and in larger numbers.

Add to that the proliferation of non-native species, and there is no doubt that there are more ants now than there were 20 years ago.

These imported ants – such as the South American fire ant and the white-footed ant from Japan – have no natural enemies and aggressively out-compete native species for food. In the case of the white-footed ant, they simply out reproduce native species.

These unwanted guests have become an expensive nuisance throughout the southern United States.

In the Deep South, the fire ant – which immigrated to the United States in the 1930s – causes millions of dollars in damage annually. They nest in soil at the base of trees, shrubs, grass or in homes and are extremely aggressive, swarming and killing livestock, short circuiting electrical equipment and burrowing under rural roads. Single queen mounds can number 30-100 per acre with up to 250,000 ants each.

In Florida, the white-footed ant – an accidental Japanese import in the mid 1980s – drives homeowners to distraction simply because of their ubiquitous presence and appetite for sugar. They are extremely prolific, reproducing at Herculean rates. Unlike other ants that rely on a single queen and specialized ants to reproduce, 50 percent of the white-footed ant colony can produce offspring. Their colonies can house more than 1 million ants. Fortunately, they don't cause damage or injury.

The same cannot be said for the carpenter ant, the most common species found in homes throughout the northern United States. A silent menace that destroys wood and can cause worse damage to homes than termites, carpenter ants thrive in the same environment as humans. Outdoors, colonies are usually located in dead wood such as fallen tree limbs, tree holes and stumps. Indoors, they settle in roofs, ceilings, walls, ventilated crawl spaces and in the attic. The queen can live 15 years. Her workers live as long as seven years and can forage up to 300 feet from the colony. Carpenter ants feed on insects and human food and will bite people when disturbed.

Other common ant varieties include:

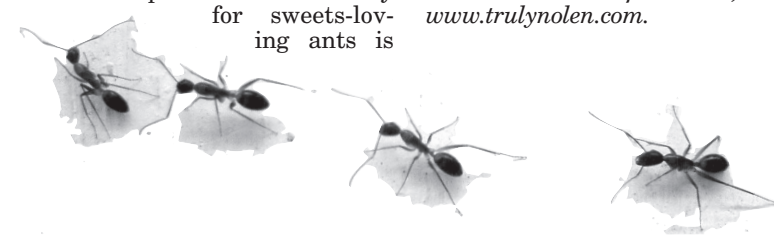
- Ghost ants, whose colonies contain several reproductive females and hundreds of thousands of extremely small workers, can occupy several nesting sites and spread a variety of bacteria.
- A severe pest in the southern United States and California, Argentine ants nest in moist soil next to or under buildings and are well adapted to urban environments. These pests feed on sweets and have multiple queens in each nest.
- Nesting in wall voids behind baseboards and between liners, pharaoh ants spread a variety of bacteria. Colonies contain several reproductive females and hundreds of thousands of workers which are about one-sixteenth-of-an-inch long.
- Big head ants feed on meats, greases and breads and may invade homes in search of food. They nest in soil or rotten wood and are found in warmer and dryer sections of the United States. They get their name from the enlarged heads of soldier ants.
- Crazy ants are common indoor pests in the northern sections of the United States and are often found outdoors in the south. They nest in small cracks and crevices and feed on animal matter, greases and sweets.
- Normally found in decayed wood outdoors, acrobat ants may infest a home in search of food. Their name comes from their tendency to raise their abdomens over their heads when excited.

An ant prevention program should include the following elements:

- First, identify which types of ants have invaded your home.
- Inspect your house by circling it and cutting away any plants that touch the structure. Ants use plants as a bridge to enter homes.
- To deal with ants already inside, make sure all food is sealed in containers. Ants are also attracted to water, so drain your sink after washing the dishes. Also make sure to dry counter tops.
- Granular bait formulas applied outside a structure have proven to be the most effective treatment for controlling indoor ant infestations. However, this bait is only available to licensed pest-control operators who have proper training and equipment. Homeowner versions are available, but not as effective.
- Other consumer indoor ant baits may work for pharaoh ants and Argentine ants. Be sure to look for products with delayed toxicants, such as hydramethylon and sulfuramid.
- An inexpensive home remedy for sweets-loving ants is 1percent boric acid in a 10 percent sugar solution. However, there are disadvantages to this approach: it is very slow acting and, because the colonies are so large, they must be given a constant supply, which means you will have to check the bait regularly. Even then, control is not guaranteed.
- If you choose to spray, try to limit it to spot treatments where ants are entering a structure such as door thresholds.

Remember, it's much easier to deal with ants if you take action as soon as you see them. It doesn't take long for ants to swarm and take up residence in your home or business, spreading bacteria and destroying your property. They should be taken seriously.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative, as well as unique and entertaining, perspective to consumers' pest problems in the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family-owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has 69 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. For more information, visit www.trulynolen.com.



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$249,900 - High Range - 4351 Kachina Canyon Road, nearly new home in Sonoma Ranch. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas. Extensive landscaping front and back. Unobstructed views of the Organ Mountains from the front yard. Close to Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. Call Beth Marr 496-1848 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778862

$229,900 - Mesilla Park S. - 1410 Union, there are two homes on this property. The larger home is approximately 1,298 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath, a living room plus a large family room that could be a 3rd bedroom. The home has been well maintained and the outside stucco and roof have been replaced during the past two years. The smaller home is approximately 300 sq. ft. F and has 1bedroom and 1 bath. There are 4 covered carports and ample storage. Call Mary Mulvhill 496-6597 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778748

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$179,000 - Country Club - 1680 Valencia Drive, large home with detached building for office or music room. Room is carpeted and has its own A/C unit. Call Renee Axtell 621-6881 with Emerick Real Estate. Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778883

$179,900 - High Range - 4106 Campana Court, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 fireplace in Campana Subdivision. This home is just a little over 2 years old. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 or David Lither 680-6800 for more info. Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778868

$154,900 - E. Mesa - 4876 Calle Bella Ave., this home has good views from the back. New home community, great rental. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with a refrigerator, washer and dryer. Please call Quint Lears 635-1163 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850 MLS # 778870

$137,000 – Valley View - 2210 Hixon - This 3 bedroom 1 3/4 bath just had new carpet installed in hall and bedrooms and kitchen counters. There is ceramic tile in living room and dining room. This house is currently listed at $137,000 by Laurel Coyle 650-3500 with Emerick Real Estate, Inc. MLS # 778618

$120,000 – Elks Club - 4031 Calle Estados, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, Carport, 2,280 sq. ft., Assist to Sell Buyers and Sellers Realty, LLC, 532 N. Telshor Blvd., Ste. B, 521-7355 or 650-9244, MLS # 778877

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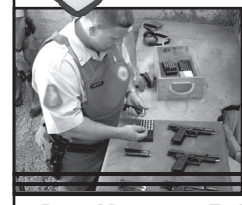

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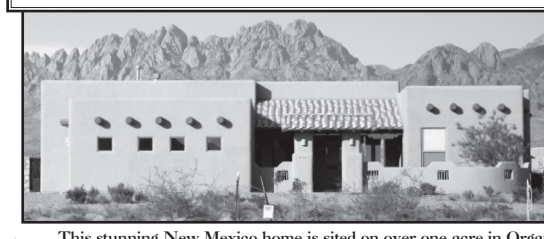

This stunning New Mexico home is sited on over one acre in Organ Mesa Ranch. Oversized windows capture crystal clear views of the Organ Mountains from almost every room of this spectacular home.

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For a private showing of this executive home, contact Gilley Hale at 642-5977 521-4840 or 524-4488

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Before buying that bikini, try these healthy recipes

Healthful, balanced meals with regional flair help you keep your girlish figure

"She wore an itsy bitsy teeny weenie yellow polka dot bikini…"

—Singer Brian Hyland, 1960

In 1960 I was 10 years old (go ahead, add it up) when Brian Hyland sang the hit song, "Itsy Bitsy Teeny Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," which triggered a bikini-buying spree among American teens. Being too young to wear one (Mom said so), I was envious of my "elder" friends who could. When I finally reached the ripe-old age of 13, I was going through a "chubby phase" (I was addicted to fudgecicles; the ice cream truck delivered daily – "Three, please."). Although I "slenderized" before hitting 15, I never could/would wear a bikini. "Things" just didn't balance out to make it an attractive, appealing option. Sure, I wore two-piecers but they were far, and I mean far from "itsy bitsy" – more like boxer shorts with a matching top that needed "mending." I still have calluses on my fingers from sewing darts…

Although I'm still "dying" to wear an "itsy bitsy," it won't be in this lifetime and at my age. Nevertheless, I want to keep a fairly girlish figure by eating healthful, balanced meals, particularly of the Mexican variety, which can be high caloric. So, when I came across the cookbook, Healthy Mexican Regional Cookery: A Culinary Travelogue (Lottie Mendelsohn, Font & Center Press, 1995) at a used bookstore, it piqued my interest and so did the recipes – tasty regional Mexican cookery without mega calories. I share some of my favorites below. Healthful eating!

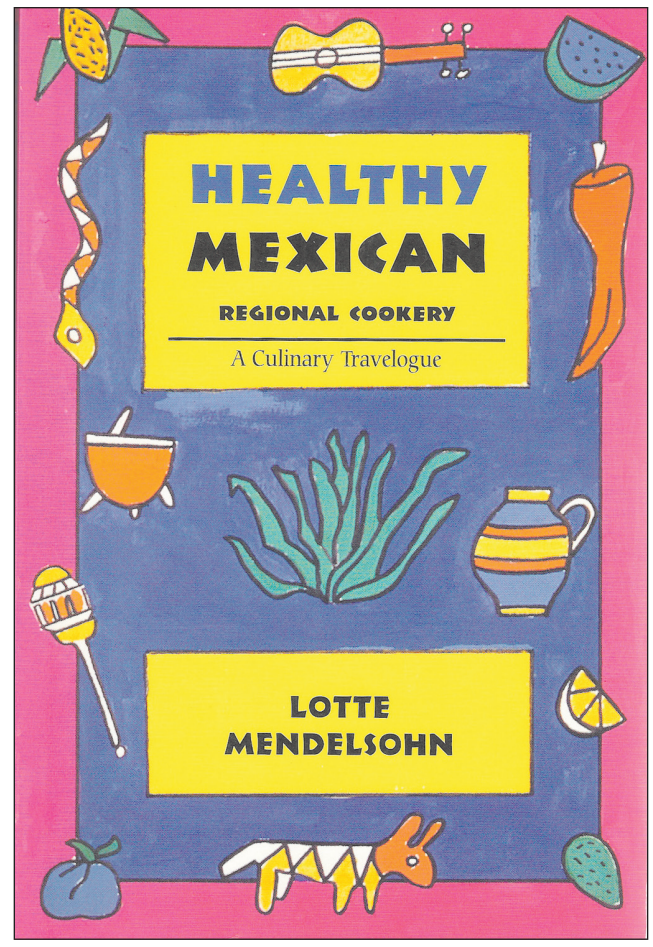
Salsa Borracha ("Drunken" Sauce)

6 pasilla chiles, seeded and deveined
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 medium-sized white onion, quartered
1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup beer or 1/4 cup tequila
1 medium-sized onion, chopped fine
1/4 teaspoon salt, or more to taste

Rinse and dry the chiles. Heat the oil and sauté chiles, moving them constantly until they turn a shade or two lighter. Remove to the glass jar of the blender. In the same oil, sauté the quartered onion and add to the blender jar with orange juice and beer or tequila. Blend until evenly grainy but not smooth. Remove to the glass or pottery container; add to the chopped onion and salt to taste. Makes approximately 1 1/2 cups.

Torta Tampiqueña de Camarón
(Shrimp Omelet Tampico-style)

4 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup scallions, chopped, with the tender half of the green stem
1 cup sweet red pepper, chopped
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded, deveined, and chopped fine (optional)
3 cups Swiss chard or fresh spinach, washed and torn into 2-inch pieces
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Salt and pepper to taste



1/2-3/4 pound small shrimp, steamed and shelled
8 eggs beaten

In a 12- or 14-inch iron skillet, heat the oil and sauté the scallions, sweet pepper, and jalapeño chile until limp. Add the chard or spinach and seasonings. Stir until the fresh greens are limp and the flavors are melded. Fold in the shrimp and spread the ingredients evenly over the bottom of the pan. Add the beaten eggs and allow the omelet to set, pulling edges away from the skillet with a knife or spatula. Cover and cook until the top is set. Cut into fourths and serve on heated plates garnished with lemon wedges and parsley. Serves four.

Ensalada de Papas con Chipotle
(Spicy Potato Salad)

6 red potatoes
6 tablespoons wine vinegar
1 large sweet onion, grated
6 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
4 canned chipotle peppers. Seeded deveined and julienned
12 large romaine leaves
4 to 6 ounces Feta cheese
Handful of watercress sprigs

Boil the potatoes in their skins. When cool enough to handle, cut into bite-sized pieces and toss with 4 tablespoons vinegar. Whisk together the onion, olive oil, remaining vinegar and salt and pepper. Fold in the chipotles and adjust the seasoning. Allow to sit at room temperature for an hour. Arrange a bed of romaine leaves. Spoon the salad on top and sprinkle liberally with the cheese. Garnish with watercress sprigs and serve.

Lomitos de Cerdo Valladolid
(Very Spicy Pork with Beans)

2 cups dried black beans, sorted and rinsed
2 quarts water
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 onion
4 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 pounds boneless pork, cut into 1-inch chunks
4 cups chicken broth
4 large tomatoes, skinned and chopped
2 sprigs epazote (or drops of Beano!)
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon salt
8 radishes, finely chopped (optional)
2 hard-cooked eggs, quartered

Place the beans in a large pot, add the water, 1 teaspoon of vegetable oil, and the onion, and bring to a rolling boil for 10 minutes. Lower the heat to medium, and continue cooking covered for 1 hour. Drain the beans, reserving the liquid. Serves 6.

Heat 4 tablespoons of vegetable oil in a heavy skillet with a cover. Add the beans, pork, chicken broth, tomatoes, epazote, and chiles. Cook, covered, over medium heat, for another hour. If too much liquid cooks off, add up to 2 cups more broth. Add the salt and cook for 30 minutes. Adjust the seasonings. Serve in a large, preheated tureen or casserole dish, garnished with the finely chopped radishes, and the hard-cooked egg quarters.

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At the Exit Realty Horizons
Lazo del Norte open houses

Visiting neighbors, from left, Joanne and Robert O'Grady and Paul and Dianna Landrum drop by to welcome Ross and Susan Johnson to the neighborhood and to see the couple's brand new home at 6166 Lazo Del Norte.

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Prisma Villa, left, a contract sales assistant with Pat Goff's Appliance and TV Warehouse, and homeowner Susan Johnson, and her daughter Mindy Jenkins discuss the Johnsons' new home with the builder J. B. Stearns of Stearns Custom Homes at the kitchen counter of 6166 Lazo Del Norte during a triple open house Thursday, March 1, in La Tierra Escondida.

Gathered in front of the fireplace in the living room of 6116 Lazo Del Norte in La Tierra Escondida, are Exit Realty Horizons agents, from left, Colleen Preece, Ed Aeschliman, listing agent, Toby Jansen, Ginger Moore and Camille Hines, listing agent.

From left, Bryan Tice and Enrique Perez, contract sales managers with Pat Goff's Appliance and TV Warehouse, and Erin Stearns of Exit Realty Horizons discuss a home built by J.B. Stearns on Lazo Del Norte.

Color your diet healthy with veggies

Try these easy recipes to up your veggie intake

Do you want the best way to add color, texture, flavor and essential nutrients to your meal? Choose vegetables – either fresh or frozen. Frozen vegetables are a great choice, as they're available throughout the year and – since they're picked at their peak – can actually be more nutritious than those found in the produce aisle.

Check out these easy and delicious ways to help get those USDA-recommended three to five vegetable servings a day.

Don't forget the freezer. Remember that many frozen vegetables, like those found in frozen entrées such as Lean Cuisine, have been picked and processed at their peak, so stock up. Lean Cuisine's new Spa Cuisine entrées all feature at least two servings of vegetables and offer varieties such as Sesame Stir Fry with Chicken, Butternut Squash Ravioli, Ginger Garlic Stir Fry with Chicken, Hunan Stir Fry with Beef, and Grilled Chicken Primavera.

It's in the sauce. Tomato-based spaghetti sauces and salsas can be a vegetable serving. So can guacamole, salsa verde and pico de gallo.

Stuff. Choose ravioli stuffed with squash or pumpkin, then fill a burrito with grilled vegetables and fresh salsa, spoon hummus and chopped cucumber into pita bread.

Chop. Cruise through the grocery store salad bar and load up on chopped veggies to quickly add to scrambled eggs, a grilled cheese sandwich or a casserole.

Consider adding a simple salad or one of these easy vegetable dish recipes to your entrée, and you'll be well on your way to reaching the USDA daily recommended servings of vegetables.

Easy Minestrone

2 (10-ounce) packages Italian-style vegetables, frozen
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1/4 cup grated Parmesan

Stir together vegetables and chicken broth in a large saucepan over medium-high heat.

Cook, stirring, until soup bubbles and vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with parmesan. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Roasted Red Pepper Hummus

3/4 cup roasted red pepper from a jar, drained
1 cup prepared hummus
Lemon juice to taste

Serve this easy dip with raw vegetables or toasted pita bread.

Puree roasted red pepper in food processor or blender, then add hummus and puree until smooth. Add lemon juice to taste. Makes 1-1/2 cups or 8 servings.

How many vegetable servings do you need?

The USDA recommends 2 1/2 cups of vegetables per day for a 2,000-calorie diet, with higher or lower amounts depending on age, gender and activity level. That means about five 1/2-cup servings a day of fresh or frozen, raw or cooked vegetables. For more information, visit mypyramid.gov.

Want more veggies in your diet?

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- Tips on how to incorporate more vegetables and fruits into your diet.
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Most of us should eat at least 2 and 1/2 cups of vegetables each day. Vegetables add color, texture, flavor and nutrients to any diet.