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Bingaman: FEMA boss agrees to delay maps

New flood zones
accuracy contested

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman is reporting that Federal Emergency Management Agency has agreed to slow down the appeal process for new flood zone maps that would add 9,000 parcels of land into flood zones requiring insurance.

FEMA ran a legal notice last week announcing the start of the 90-day appeal process that would have begun after a second legal notice that was to have run on Thursday, July 12. But the second ads were canceled, confirming Bingaman's report.

Following congressional delegation letters and local government resolutions calling for delaying the appeal process, Bingaman reported that he called FEMA Director David Paulison on Wednesday, July 11, to follow up on his letter. Last month, Bingaman wrote to Paulison saying modeling used to generate the flood map may contain flaws and advising for a delay of the process to study the issue. Bingaman said Paulison agreed to the delay in their phone conversation.

"I'm very glad Director Paulison has decided to wait," Bingaman said. "In my view, this process was moving way too fast and I was afraid that New Mexico homeowners were going to suffer as a result."

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Bumper crop

Bulletin reporter Craig Massey
reflects on risks and rewards
of farming in New Mexico

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Captured forever on an old reel-to-reel film, the bouncy footage shows five combines leaving my grandfather's farm headed for a wheat field. The camera pans back and forth to catch each harvesting machine leaving through a gate.

The images somewhat remind me of the old World War II newsreels that show the P-51 Mustangs taking turns racing skyward off the deck of an aircraft carrier. But this isn't 1945 – it's around 1960. And while the drama doesn't quite match a WWII fighter mission, the dawn of wheat harvest was a big deal to a little boy whose heroes drove these loud, dusty machines each June.

The Model 55 John Deere combines didn't have cabs so the drivers are easy to identify despite the poor condition of the old film. There's an uncle here, a family friend there.

And of course, there's Gene Massey – my dad.

I can't think of wheat harvest without thinking of my dad. Like an oasis in a string of long, hard days, Father's Day arrives each year just

in time to provide a restful break during the middle of the harvest. We never worked on Sunday, but Father's Day was always special – never more than this year.

When I was preparing to leave town for my semi-annual trip across the state to help with wheat harvest, Bulletin owner and publisher David McCollum asked me where I was headed. After giving him a brief description of this slice of eastern New Mexico farm life, he asked me to write something about it after I returned. Hesitant at first, I decided that this was a good opportunity to write about someone who deserves recognition – my father and the perseverance, faith and optimism that keeps him going as a dry-land wheat farmer.

When he visits Las Cruces, my dad is continually amazed at the intricate irrigation system that funnels water throughout the Mesilla Valley. Precious water is delivered right to the field. Advance notice of the oncoming precipitation isn't delivered by a meteorologist talking about a 20-percent chance, but rather a phone call from the irrigation district with 100-percent certainty. Some farmers in the Portales Valley irrigate from pumps, but my dad farms outside the valley where rain is the only source of critical moisture for the crops.

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Las Cruces Downtown honors Pollard thanked for seven years of faithful service

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Downtown organization held their annual Awards Gala Wednesday, July 11, at the home of LCDT Executive Director Heather Pollard and her husband Warren as a way to honor those who have given so much of themselves for Downtown revitalization.

The C.B. Smith Family Award for Business was given to Diana Lyon, managing partner of Insta-Copy, by former mayor Ruben Smith. Lyon was honored for keeping her business in the Downtown area

for the past 25 years and contributing so many services, including printing, to the Downtown revitalization cause.

The C.B. Smith Family Award for Business is given in honor and memory of the Smith family, who were founding business members in Las Cruces. Pollard said the Smith family embraced countless great causes with their time and their money. Caterino and Josephine Smith left a legacy with their children, and LCDT has benefited greatly from that legacy, being allowed to occupy Caterino's old office rent- and utility-free for the past seven years.

The winner of the 2007 Cynthia-Ott

Askew Spirit Award was Jim Hawman. Linda Harris, winner of the Spirit Award last year, explained that Hawman is responsible for creating support for Downtown revitalization in the Las Cruces Farmers and Crafts Market. Hawman opened The Truck Farm with his wife Cleda in 1996.

The Spirit Award is given annually in memory of Cindy Askew, a passionate voice for Downtown revitalization. She passed away at a young age with Lou Gehrig's disease, but until her illness prevented it, she was an inspiring and dedicated board member.

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Las Cruces' Ashley Furniture HomeStore opened in November 2003 in the 67,000-square-foot building on Del Rey Boulevard, and Wanda Bowman became the first woman owner in Ashley Furniture HomeStore history.

The success of the Bowmans' home furnishing store was undeniable. Ashley's HomeStores are the No. 1 furniture retailer in the United States, and within their first two-and-a-half years, Bowman's Ashley Furniture HomeStore became the dominating furniture store in southern New Mexico, and the Bowman's store remains the second-largest showroom in the state.

To share the success of their business, the Bowmans have become strong supporters of the Aggie Athletic Fund, March of Dimes, Shriners, Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, United Methodist Church and all area high schools.

Because of her outstanding business and commitment to the community, the YWCA nominated Wanda Bowman the Outstanding Business Woman of the Year in 2003.

The nearly 60 employees of Ashley Furniture HomeStore are like an extended family, and customers are treated as guests in their home. Customers are always greeted with a smile upon entering the store, and the Bowmans pride themselves on hiring quality, loyal employees with strong work ethics.

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Downtown

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The Alice Peden Corozon Award was given to Dominic Metta for his amazing efforts for LCDT. Metta has served diligently on the board of LCDT throughout the year and has set up a photography retrospective exhibit called "Remember Main Street" that will show the Main Street area over the past 100 years. The exhibit is due to open Nov. 2 and run through the month, in concurrence with the City of Las Cruces centennial celebration.

The Corazon Award is in memory of Alice Peden, the founder of Las Cruces Downtown. Alice and her husband Bill moved to Las Cruces in the early '90s, and whenever they saw a need, they tried to fill it. Those passing by Court Youth Center will see beautiful trees in bloom, which the Pedens purchased and planted. Likewise, Alice was the planter for Downtown revitalization. She saw an empty Downtown and started knocking on doors until the Las Cruces Downtown organization was formed. Her volunteer activities continued to fill her life until she died in her early 80s.

A new award, the Henry Gustafson Family Award, was shared by two recipients this year. Las Cruces City Manager Terrence Moore and Assistant City Manager Robert Garza were given the award for their desire to work with the LCDT organization to make Las Cruces a better place.

The Henry Gustafson Family Award was created to honor Henry, who was known as a "Main Street man with a mission." The award will be given to those who are not LCDT board members or volunteers, but who have given so much to make Downtown Revitalization possible.

In addition to all of the other awards, Heather Pollard was recognized for the amazing effort she has given to LCDT over the last seven years as executive director. Numerous speakers, including State Sen. Mary Kay Papen, City Councilor Dolores Archuleta and former Mayor Ruben Smith told guests how Downtown Revitalization would not have happened without Pollard's work. Former LCDT President Steve Newby explained that Pollard brought "high class" to LCDT. Pollard will be stepping down as executive director over the next two to three months.

Pollard then announced that Sites Southwest, the company that created the Master Plan design for the Las Cruces Downtown, has won a statewide design award for that work.



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The new proposed expanded flood zones would have required many homeowners to get flood insurance – depending on how their home is financed – or require flood insurance if they sold their property. Flood insurance to homeowners range from \$650 to \$6,500 a year, according to a resolution by the Doña Ana County Commission in its call for a delay and review of the process.

Property owners who object to being added to a flood zone must hire surveyors and engineers to provide required technical data to appeal the FEMA flood zone designation. Such studies can cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000, according to testimony to the county commission.

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce has said FEMA is trying to make up for losses suffered on the Gulf Coast by get-

ting more people in these new flood planes designed for 500-year flood events, instead of 100-year flood events. Though local insurance agents may sell flood insurance, it is actually government insurance paid for out of FEMA's budget. FEMA is reviewing levees nationwide following Hurricane Katrina.

The most significant expansion of flood zones in Doña Ana County follows the levee roads that run along the Rio Grande because new levee standards require them to be higher. An estimated \$24 million is needed to raise the levee roads to the new FEMA standards.

Bingaman said the federal government is in the process of setting aside funding to make necessary repairs to the levees – operated by the International Boundary Water Commission. A key spending bill approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee last month contains \$11.7 million to make improvements to the levees. The full Senate will soon take up and pass the measure.

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Opinions

FROM THE PUBLISHER

Golfing for dollars

Burger Time Tournament raises the bar; 2007 event adds more than \$220,000

BY DAVID E. McCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As I write this column, our Bulletin golf team is just a few hours from teeing off in the 14th annual Sandra B. McGrath Burger Time Golf Tournament. Our team's goal is to somehow win a trophy in one of the various flights. I fear that I may be the only person in Las Cruces who has yet to win at least one trophy in this prestigious tournament.



McCOLLUM

In the early years of this "scramble" tournament, the golfing was a bit more serious than it is today. Unlike today's tournament rules, there was no "par is your friend" limit. (This means that the worst you can score on any particular hole is par). There were fancy scoreboards where you could witness the posting of almost unbelievable scores in the 40s. You could chide members of the teams who were unfortunate (or dumb enough) to post over-par scores.

Over at least a dozen or so rounds, my teams have posted scores ranging from a high of 70 to a low of 58. But, somehow, we have failed to be recognized as a flight winner. Several times our team's net score tied us for the lead and we anticipated that we would be named "winners." However, each time we were disappointed to learn that we had lost out to some mysterious "tiebreaker" calculation.

The tournament has evolved to become a very efficient fund-raising machine. Originally, the entry fee was low. Much of the income came from a volunteer-intensive silent auction of an array of sport-related items and a public auction of well-known personalities who had been given special invitations to participate in the golf fest.

According to Burger Time owner Kevin McGrath, the silent auction was dumped because of the incredible effort it required to collect, store and display the items. McGrath determined that participants were more interested in golf and fellowship than they were in taking time to place silent auction bids. Organizers were also plagued by phantom bids where a "friend" would surreptitiously place a bid using the bid number of one of his buddies. Some of the auction "winners" were not happy about having to pay \$200 or more for a \$50-valued item.

The player auction was discontinued the year after I was listed as one of the "personalities" to go on the auction block. As I recall, no one bid for my services that year. The bidders were more intent on enjoying their 19th hole activities and telling each other the same old war stories they had shared the year before. Or maybe it could have been that they had learned about my 36 handicap. Anyway, I was not "sold" that year.

Today the Burger Time tournament is just about as efficient as it can be. Gone are the auctions. The money comes from benevolent cash sponsors and a healthy entry fee for each of the six rounds. Tournament participants are very well fed, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Overhead costs are reduced significantly because of the generosity of in-kind food and beverage sponsors who donate their goods for the benefit of the tournament.

Through last year, the tournament raised money only for our local football programs at Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate high schools. This year some of the proceeds will be dispersed to 18 other sports-related programs in addition to football.

The tournament has generated more than \$1 million, of which \$600,000 is now in a trust fund. The net income from this year's event is expected to exceed \$220,000. The official amount will be proudly announced by the untiring Mr. McGrath at Friday night's VIP dinner at the Las Cruces Country Club.

And maybe he will also announce that the infamous Bulletin team has finally won its first trophy.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Public works inundated

We hear numerous complaints by citizens regarding delays or shoddy work on city construction projects. The March 30 project assignment list issued by the public works department lists 164 ongoing projects. This includes 24 capital improvement projects, 97 subdivisions, and 43 permit applications. The list contains abstract information for each project including the name of the city assigned project manager. The project manager assigned to the Dove Crossing subdivision, for example, is listed as project manager for eight capital improvement projects, 19 subdivisions, and 20 permit applications. As a professional engineer, I know the effort required to properly manage a project and to assign 47 projects to a single employee is asinine.

It is obvious that the public works department is inundated by the volume of work generated from actions by city planning and council. Once a construction permit is issued and the developer begins work, the project manager is responsible for assuring that the developer follows approved plans and performs the work in accordance with accepted practices of quality workmanship. When an employee is assigned an overwhelming number of projects, 47 for example, the overloaded project manager is unable to properly address construction issues and the developer is pretty much left on his own. Consequently, this can, and in many cases does, lead to project delays and shoddy work.

I believe it is past time for the city manager to assume responsibility for control of this situ-

ation by requesting a moratorium be placed on new projects until a proper balance can be obtained between project approval and project administration.

RONALD B. MCPHERSON, PHD, PE

Bush disregards process

Just before the Fourth of July and with public opposition from most American citizens, President Bush commuted the sentence of Scooter Libby, the former chief of staff to Vice President Cheney who was convicted by a jury of lying about a matter of national security.

The president shamelessly put partisan loyalties before the fundamental American value of fair and equal justice under the law. It is the same President Bush who has said he has a "no-nonsense approach to crime and punishment. I believe people who commit crimes should pay the consequences and believe sentences imposed by juries should be carried out."

Bush doesn't care that Libby was convicted by a jury of his peers and was properly sentenced by an experienced federal judge. He disregarded the legal process – this time to help someone who has friends in the right places. The average American citizen would not get such preferential treatment. It is a dark mark on the Bush administration. In the future, historians will have a field day with this total disregard of the legal process to help a crony.

GREG LENNES

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Billy the Kid artifacts renew interest in outlaw

Exhibit runs through July 22

The Billy the Kid exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum is well worth seeing for any New Mexican. After all, he's our most famous resident, so we ought to know as much about him as we can.

This is undoubtedly the best exhibit on the Kid ever put together. It contains an impressive array of memorabilia

gathered from public and private collections throughout the nation. It was all put together by Paul Andrew Hutton, a University of New Mexico professor of western history.

The exhibit includes the butcher knife Billy was carrying the night he was killed, the pistol with which Sheriff Pat Garrett shot him and the carpenter bench on which his body laid.

Also included are an extensive explanation of the Lincoln County War and its many characters, information on Billy's life, Garrett's efforts to capture him, Billy's correspondence with Gov. Lew

Wallace who had promised him a pardon and a wide-ranging display of pop-culture memorabilia from Hutton's personal collection.

The pop-culture items include dime novels dating back to the 1880s, more recent works by noted authors such as Pulitzer Prize winners Larry McMurtry and N. Scott Momaday, movie posters from many of the more than 60 films portraying Billy, comic book series from the 1940s and '50s, musical scores by artists ranging from Aaron Copeland to Bob Dylan, Bon Jovi and Billy Joel.

Why was Billy so popular? The exhibit explores that question too. He rose to the defense of longtime locals in Lincoln County who lived under the thumb of outsiders who had taken control and were going to do whatever they could to maintain their stranglehold on the valley.

Billy and his gang were out to stop them and help the locals who were being

wronged. They obviously went outside the law to attain justice and thus his image as the Robin Hood of the West.

The Kid wasn't like other outlaws, robbing banks, trains and stagecoaches for the money. He went outside the law to seek revenge and to aid the oppressed.

He was also a likable person who loved to sing and dance. In Silver City, he organized minstrel shows to raise money for school projects. He learned to speak Spanish fluently and had many friends who would hide him when the law was on his tail.

Because of his young age and violent death, he somehow managed to capture the imagination of authors, songwriters, screen writers and classical composers. In most of the exhibit collection he is pictured as a hero.

But sometimes he isn't. It is easy to cast him in many different molds. During the '60s, he was the tragic, tormented rebel with a cause. Had James Dean lived, he would have portrayed Billy. During the cynicism of the '70s, he was dirty little Billy – lazy, degenerate and cowardly.

Little enough is truly known about him that he has been an Everyman

throughout literature and entertainment. The exhibit illustrates all these sides.

The exhibit also covers the effort by three sheriffs to dig up Billy, his mother and Billy's pretenders. On this topic, the exhibit is myopic, treating only the pro-digging side. No mention is made of those of us, including noted historians, forensic scientists and the New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator, who think the effort is a frivolous wild goose chase.

But the digging effort has repopularized our most famous New Mexican at a time when the Western craze in film and TV has waned. This exhibit appears to be a result of that renewed interest.

The principals, who provided much of the exhibit material, are people who wanted to see the digging take place. Deputy Sheriff Steve Sederwall, artist and True West magazine president Bob Boze Bell and Hubbard have been the major players in making this a great exhibit.

It is good enough that the state departments of Tourism and Cultural Affairs are discussing the possibility of a traveling exhibit. But don't wait for that. See it in Albuquerque before July 22.

Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dog parks supported

My letter is in response to Barbara Johanssen's letter in The Bulletin, Friday, June 29, concerning dog parks.

I have taken my dog to many dog parks in Santa Fe, N.M., Arizona and other parts of the country without a problem. Usually only the responsible owners bring their dogs to a dog park so the dogs can socialize and become "better" dogs. I have never seen an "aggressive dog" at these parks, and the owners always clean up afterward.

I wonder if Ms. Johanssen owns a dog or knows anything about training dogs. Most responsible dog owners train their dogs and would not bring them to a dog park if the animal is aggressive. There are ways to control dog parks. Users of the park can be lookouts on certain days or you can charge a small admission fee (the dog park gate will be locked), with money going back into the park.

The education part comes when kids see how you handle/train the dog to obey when not on a leash. It also teaches children responsibility and kindness to animals.

At the Santa Fe Dog Park a few months back, I asked people in charge if there ever were any problems and they said once a dog was missing (Santa Fe has no fence around their large park) and once in ten years a dog bit another dog. The owner was told not to return to the park. There are rules that must be followed.

Dog parks are in many communities. Do you think Las Cruces dog owners are less responsible than most dog owners? If this is the case, the people need training, not the dogs.

In third world countries where many dogs are strays you will find they get along with other dogs and do not attack people as a rule. Dogs become very aggressive when they are chained. Most people who chain their dogs would probably not bother to socialize their dog or bring them to a dog park. Tying a dog up all day on a chain is when biting occurs. When you chain a dog you say that you don't want to be bothered to train your animal. Just like children, animals need love, training and socialization.

Look at the statistics and you will find few if any dog attacks in dog parks. It is the sensational headlines that give dogs a bad rap. If you investigate these "sensational headlines" you might be surprised to find that the dogs were probably chained in their yard day after day without being walked or cared for properly. That's the problem, not the dog park.

OLIVIA SOLOMON

Bus station mess

I wish the owners of property around the bus depot on Wyatt Drive, would try to keep the grounds near it clean. The place is a disgusting mess and it smells like a urinal.

The area around the Wyatt Drive shopping mall is always littered with trash. Come on Las Cruces, you can do better. Just imagine what a bad impression Las Cruces leaves on its visitors when they see this disgusting mess.

I live near the area and I have to walk around the trash on my way to work, and it is so disappointing to see this mess every morning. Place a bathroom at the bus station for public use, so the back of the building will not become a health hazard. The closure of many stores on Wyatt Drive has left the area a general mess and a location for crazy men. Just the other day my boss at Burger King was threatened by a violent, psychotic man (twice this year alone).

Keep your violent teenage males on a short leash before they turn Las Cruces into a war zone this summer. (like Anthony, N.M.) and stop giving excuses for their psychotic behavior.

The police have to monitor the Wyatt Drive area more often. I want to live in a clean and safe community. How about you?

PAUL JARAMILLO

Rule of law must be respected

We have all read about the unfortunate treatment of an Arab, Ali al-Marri, an American detained for over two years and then summarily released.

It seems to me that we are witnessing the demise of the rule of law. In al-Marri's case, law was totally missing; he is a victim oppressed by the unrestrained power of a federal government literally gone mad with power.

One problem we face is that the "Rule of Law" is not understood, nor do we fully appreciate how essential the rule of law is to democracy. In the short space of a letter to the editor, one cannot begin to fully grasp what is referred to when the rule of law is invoked.

In a few words here is a summary with a hope and a prayer that my fellow Americans take the time and dig

further. The rule of law proposes that no one is above the law; everyone is subject to law, it is supreme. The source of sovereignty, the authority of law, is all of us, we the people. Law is inert and law needs lawyers, judges, legislatures to make law a living institution in a democratic society. The body of law, or the accumulation of laws, is an essential function as a democracy evolves. Critical to the rule of law is the abiding authority of law, which means that we the people, all of us, honor the law with obedience. Law seeks just order in a society; without law there is no just order; without just order we have abandoned individual rights. So sad.

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Do you plan on using a dog park if one is built in Las Cruces?

- ☐ I will use it often
- ☐ I will use it occasionally
- ☐ I own a dog but won't use it
- ☐ I don't own a dog, but like the dog park idea
- ☐ I don't own a dog and don't like the park idea

June 29 question:

Do you support more or less restrictions on fireworks than are currently in place or are they just right?

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Farm bureau president: Wolf program a failure

Locals fear for their children and pets

By **MICHAEL WHITE**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

In the more than two decades of the ill-fated "Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program," I cannot remember even one printed or broadcast sentence of good publicity about this boondoggle. That should tell you something. So let's face facts and declare the program a monumental failure that is continuing to cascade out of control.

Even through the fluctuating drama of daily events, some things have remained constant during the course of this government-mandated fiasco. One is the fact that the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau has continuously had a grassroots policy against this program from day one. Through the years, the hand-wringers have called on us to compromise and to capitulate. We haven't and we won't.

Another constant is the solid opposition to this program in the agricultural community and in the cities, towns and rural areas where these predators are being perpetuated. I'm guessing the reason some high-dollar, politically correct pollster has not done an opinion survey in western New Mexico and eastern Arizona is that they know what the results would be.

The individuals and groups supporting this mess are a small band of folks who would not make a demographic dent in such a poll. Residents, business people, ranchers, outfitters and tourism-related industries in most cases would give a resounding thumbs down to this program that brings nothing but negative publicity, maulings and death to the area in question.

Certainly one of the tactics of the pro-wolf people has simply been to wear us down. They have nothing to lose and everything to gain if the politicians look the other way, if ranch families go out of business and if the state and federal governments continue to cater to their radical agenda which

is always anti-agriculture.

We must resist their efforts in every way. We must continue to pressure the people who can put a stop to this insanity, including state legislators, our congressional delegation, the U.S. Department of Interior and the current administration in the White House.

Unfortunately, failure is not a criterion for stopping a government program. In fact, in the twisted world of these fanatics, within and outside the government, failure is every reason to expand within the scurrilous vacuum of in-accountability that is their dark badge of dishonor.

Remember when the government bureaucrats and their apologists in the so-called environmental movement were standing on boxes and telling us the depredation (their word for killing) of cattle would be minima? We knew that was bovine scatology then and it's an unwelcome, daily fact of life now out in the Gila National Forest and the Apache-Sitgrave National Forest on the Arizona side.

These, pen-raised, human-habituated wolves have been killing cattle, calves and bulls (in the 1,200 pound range) since the first day the feds sicced them on their own citizens. They kill deer, elk, turkey, cats and prized ranch dogs.

Recently wolves killed one of Mark and Mary Miller's horses in its corral. It was the horse their 8-year-old daughter learned to ride on and now she has trouble sleeping at night. It was a good thing she wasn't on the animal at the time.

And now they want to expand the program in boundary and scope. The Farm Bureau and its members will oppose this at every turn. The hunting, hiking and fishing community had better get on board big time or their pursuits of happiness will be another victim out in the killing country.

We now have to ask then, what is the cynical end to this deadly game? Where

do the wolf lovers want this wreck to end up? In 10 years – 200 wolves? In 20 years – 1,000? Such a result will be tragic by any measure especially for the one thing the pro-wolf groups never mention and that is the people who live in the affected areas.

The children who now must watch their backs at school bus stops, the businesses and ranches that will fail. We therefore have established that the wolf lovers don't care what happens to the citizens of New Mexico or Arizona.

So if the wolf camp wants their program at any cost we must conclude that the deadly, unthinkable equation at work here is that all risk is acceptable including the killing of men, women and children. Do the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish agree with that conclusion?

They must since they continue to perpetuate this morally bankrupt program.

Based on all we know, and the experiences we have had to date with these megapredators, the day will come when a child or another person is maimed or killed by

government-sponsored wolves.

Will that stop this madness? If the answer is "no" then our nation, and our state are upside down. And to what end? To appease a small minority of environmentalists who will stop at nothing to take down their own country and return it to a pre-Columbus environment?

In the community of Reserve, N.M., concerned citizens are right now making plans to build enclosures for students waiting at school bus stops. We have come to the point where we are putting our children in cages to protect them from government wolves.

When these sad structures are built, I doubt we will see bureaucrats from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or the N.M. Dept. of Game and Fish show up for this photo-opportunity. However, they know, as we know, they have an unsavory rendezvous with destiny from which they cannot run nor hide.

Michael White is president of the New Mexico Farm and Livestock Bureau.

I'm ridin'

My Papa told a story from his childhood dust bowl days
He was out a'ridin' fences tryin' to find 'em, anyways
When he saw a cowboy buried in the sand up to his waist

Papa trotted up behind him
till he saw the feller's face.
"How ya doin'?" asked my Papa, careful not to be blindsidin'.

The cowboy tipped his hat, looked up and said, "I'm fine, I'm ridin'."



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But a chance, an opportunity, took the bitter with the sweet.
So busy with their daily chores just makin' loose ends meet
Sometimes they'd pass each other like two ships at sea a glidin'.

He'd peck her cheek, she'd squeeze his hand, "We're fine," they'd say, "we're ridin'."

Their life went by and they got old and then she had

a stroke.
He held her till the medics came but ne'er a word she spoke.
He prayed like he had never prayed to heal the one he loved
And when the wheelchair brought her home he thanked the Lord above.
"I've been so worried," he said in tears, her smile began to widen.
He touched her face and read her lips, "I'm fine," she said, "I'm ridin'."

Some will see their life half empty, some will see their cup half full
Some will only open one eye and find living miserable
But if yer fine and ridin', you can see and you can plan
'Cause life's got a lot to offer, if yer head's not in the sand.

County seeks applicants for valuation board

Doña Ana County is accepting applications for positions on the County Valuation Protest Board.

The two-year appointment requires a commitment of several full workdays each year for protest hearings. The New Mexico State Department of Taxation and Revenue will reimburse each board member at the rate of \$80 per day and 25-cents per mile for round-trip transportation on scheduled hearing dates to the Doña Ana County Government Center.

Applicants may not hold elected office while serving on the Valuation Protest Board,

nor may they be public-sector employees.

To be considered, send a letter of interest and a résumé to the Valuation Protest Board Nomination Committee c/o Andy Segovia, Doña Ana County Assessor's Office, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, N.M. 88007. Applicants with substantial knowledge of the real estate market and appraisal methodology are preferred. Deadline for receipt of applications is 5 p.m. Friday, July 20.

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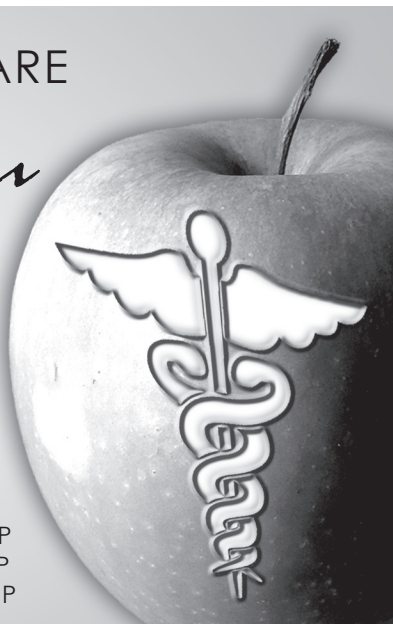
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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

New extension service livestock agent takes the reins

Ranch experience helps Realivasquez teach 4-H kids

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Rafael Realivasquez, the New Extension Service livestock specialist agent, took over his Doña Ana County duties last week just in time to participate in two major youth activities.

Realivasquez's official title is Extension Service 4-H and adult livestock agent, and he is looking forward to working with youths and area dairy-men and beef cattle ranchers, he said.

He started out participating in the 84th annual State 4-H Convention that was held last week at New Mexico State University. And from Aug. 3 to 5, he will be busy at the Doña Ana County 4-H and FFA Expo that will be held at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

Realivasquez has just moved into his new Extension Service position here from Presidio County, Texas, where he had worked with Texas A&M University Extension Service as an agricultural and natural resources agent.

He is a graduate of Sul Ross University where he had earned a bachelor's degree in animal science, with an

emphasis on reproduction, in 2002 and a master's degree in 2005.

He was born and raised in El Paso where he graduated from Cathedral High School. While growing up in El Paso, he was able to learn about what was going on in the beef cattle and dairy operations in Doña Ana County.

He gained 4-H and FFA experience while in college by working with 4-H and FFA youths, he said.

In that part of Texas, young livestock growers raised mostly goats, lambs and swine and a few beef steers and rabbits.

"While I was at Sul Ross, I became interested in livestock reproduction, genetics and artificial insemination," Realivasquez said. "I had been looking for a field of study in college, and one of my professors explained to me about livestock reproduction and management, and I got interested."

But his livestock reproduction knowledge is not limited to the classroom. During his college days he also worked as a regular ranch hand at a cow-calf operation near Abilene. In addition to learning scientific cattle reproduction and management, he also

worked cattle on the open range, mended fences and maintained the cattle water system.

To cowboys, maintaining the water system means making sure the windmills are working and pumping water and checking that earthen tanks and water lines are delivering to the troughs and pulling rods from the windmill wells when they break down.

"With my college background and my ranch experience I believe that I will be able to educate 4-H youths with their livestock projects and extend their knowledge of what livestock and agriculture is all about," Realivasquez said.

Commercial dairies are strong on genetics and artificial insemination, offering another opportunity for him.

"Coming here will give me a chance to work with my interests," he said. "And it also will help me support beef ranchers."

Realivasquez is married to the former Yvonne Parras of Fort Stockton, whom he had met at Sul Ross. She is enrolled at the University of Texas-El Paso where he is working on a doctorate degree in border land history.



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New Extension livestock specialist Rafael Realivasquez stands in front of a 4-H display. He will be involved in the Doña Ana County 4-H and FFA Expo at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds in August.

North Valley Water gets grants

Plant will treat 1.5 million gallons a day

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

North Valley Water and Waste Water Region Provider officials have been successful in acquiring grants and loans for a treatment plant, coordinator Mariano Martinez reported.

The New Mexico Water Trust Board authorized a \$1.9 million grant to design and construct a wastewater treatment plant east of the former village of Hill but across Interstate 25. The plant will treat about 1.5 million gallons of wastewater a day.

"We're in the planning stages now," Martinez said. "We anticipate starting to build in six to eight months."

Martinez is the Doña Ana Mutual Water Consumers Association manager, and he also serves as a region provider coordinator.

The association also has been successful in acquiring other waste-

water treatment plant grants, including a \$125,000 Environmental Protection Agency grant, three state legislative appropriations grants totaling \$318,000 and a New Mexico Finance Authority grant of \$400,000.

The regional provider also has received grants for a surface water treatment plant, Martinez said. That funding includes an EPA grant worth \$1.55 million and \$380,000 from the New Mexico Finance Authority.

The provider is planning to acquire surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District and sub-dividers.

The Leasburg Mutual Domestic Water Users Association also has been monitoring the region provider progress. Leasburg is interested and willing to work with the provider on a water treatment plant, said Leasburg board member Phil King, who has been discussing the project with Martinez.

4-H and FFA Expo set for August

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County youths will conduct their own county fair Aug. 3-5 during their sixth annual 4-H and FFA Expo at the Southern New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

During the expo, youths will be showing dairy heifers, meat goats, swine, rabbits and poultry, market lambs, market steers and will conduct a horse show, coordinators said.

The expo also provides youths practice showing livestock in preparation for the 41st annual Southern New Mexico State Fair scheduled from Oct. 3-7. The fair will feature the Junior Livestock Sale on Oct. 5.

The expo also will present a 4-H Achievement Day on Aug. 4 to provide the opportunity for youths to exhibit other projects, non-animal, and to qualify for the New Mexico State Fair.

The exhibits will include Animal and Veterinary Science, Small Pets, Rodeo, Horticulture and Agronomy, Plant Soil Science, Gardening, Range Plant Management, Forestry, Entomology, Wildlife, Shooting Sports, Engineering, Electricity, Small Engine, Welding, Rocketry, Wood Science, Personal Development, Health and Safety, Citizenship, Leadership, Speaking, New Mexico Cultural Education, Computer, Leather craft, Braiding, Fiber craft, Ceramics,

Photography, Home Economics, Sewing, Food and Nutrition and Housing and Design.

The Expos 4-H Council Family Night hamburger fry and dance are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4 in the Coca-Cola Pavilion. Tickets are \$25 for families or \$15 for two people.

Requests should be mailed to: Doña Ana County Extension Office, Doña Ana 4-H Council, 530 N. Church St., Las Cruces, 88001. The deadline is July 27.

Livestock exhibitors should send their entries, postmarked no later than Sept. 1, to Martha Sayles, P.O. Box 1, Mesquite, N.M., 88048. All livestock should be checked in at the fairgrounds barn by 7 p.m. Oct. 1.

The Doña Ana County 4-H Council officers and ambassadors are: Laurence Grooms, president; Quentin Preece, first vice president; Thomas Judd, second vice president; Kassi Grooms, secretary; Cody Britton, treasurer; Veronica Alba, song and recreation leader; and Megan Hall, Jodi Lindsa, Karl John Lopez, Sierra Salopek and Jeremy Witte, ambassadors.

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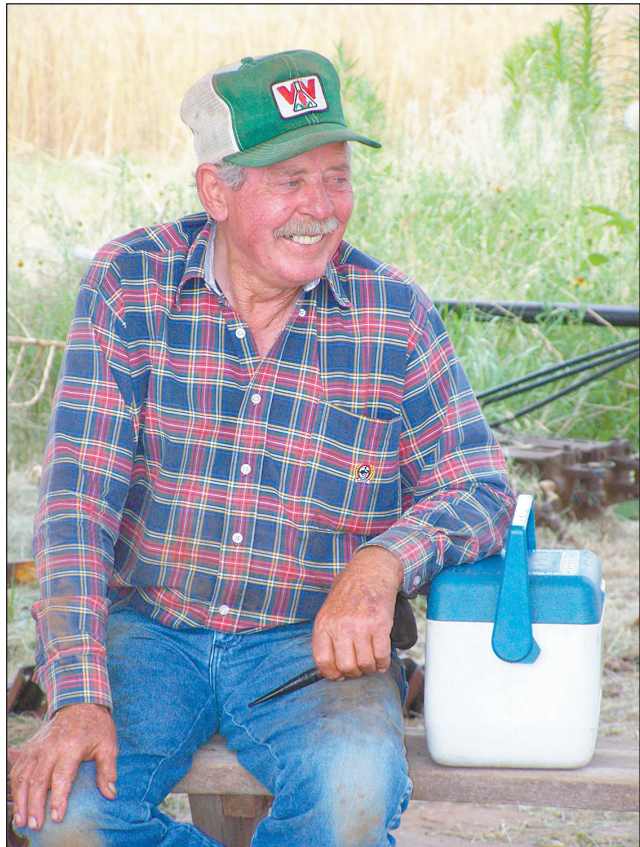
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Harvest

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He grew up in Roosevelt County and learned the basics of farming and how to work hard from his parents. But it was in 1953 when a whole new world of farming was unveiled to him. It was that summer when, as a teenager, he got a job driving a combine for his future



Gene Massey enjoys his lunch break early in the harvest.

CRAIG MASSEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

father-in-law, my grandfather, John Ross.

To say that my grandfather was a pioneer in dry-land farming is an understatement. He was one of the first to grow wheat in Roosevelt County and for many years had more acres of wheat than anyone else in the county. In 1953, he had 4,500 acres of the crop.

He also was a visionary. Managing fields that sometimes covered a section (640 acres), he began looking for larger, more powerful tractors that could pull wider plows. In the late 1940s, he bought DW10 Caterpillar tractors and added 5,000 pounds of cement weights to them for added traction. These were the tractors used by state highway departments to build roads – not necessarily to pull a plow through a field. He simply converted them into agriculture tractors and then ordered 30-foot Graham Hamer shank plows with sweeps for the tractors to pull. With faded-red Farmall tractors and an occasional green John Deere usually dotting the fields in the region, these big yellow Cats were quite a sight.

Caring for the land

Many of his fields bore the names of the early homesteaders who settled on each of the 160-acre farms beginning about 1908, but sold out sometime later. There was the Miller Place. The Phillips Quarter. The Hoffman Quarter. The flat landscape in this area of eastern New Mexico is marked by the remnants of old homesteads – usually a cluster of elm trees, a broken-down windmill and the cement foundation of a house tucked in the corner of the 160 acres.

My grandfather also bought the first self-propelled combine in Roosevelt County and was the first farmer in the area to build his own elevators and grain storage bins – both out of wood. By storing his own grain, he could hold it until the price rose in March and then sell it for a larger profit.

Most farmers are conservationists and my grandfather was no different. After a flood in the 1950s washed the topsoil from many fields in the area, he purchased a road-grader and a terracing machine. He used the equipment to build a series of winding, 5-foot-tall terraces throughout many of his fields.

It was during this time period that wheat harvest became an “event” for our family. While family members got first crack at the harvest jobs, the workforce during the two-to-three-week harvest also included a wide



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Like mechanical shark teeth, a row of sickle blades on the front of the combine shines in the midday sun.

range of people and personalities looking to make some extra money during the summer. Combine drivers have included everyone from the local pastor to the high school principal.

My mother, La Trelle, the youngest of my grandfather's four daughters, helped run the grain elevator early on and later became a truck driver during the harvest. She married my dad on June 10, 1956, and he climbed

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aboard a combine the next day. When her children started arriving, my mom's all-important duties shifted from the field and the grain elevator to the home and the kitchen.

The noon meal, which we call "dinner," usually consisted of sandwiches and was delivered to the field in lunch buckets late in the morning. In the early days, a sandwich wrapped in waxed paper and an ice-cold bottle of soda pop arrived about 4 p.m. The snack was delivered to the drivers without the combines ever stopping. The cutting would continue until dark, marking the end of a very long day.

In the 1970s, when my dad and his brother-in-law were in charge of the farm and the harvest, the tradition of bringing "supper" to the field began. We started cutting later in the morning, but worked later, sometimes until 11 p.m. The moms and wives would arrive at the field about 7 p.m. and we would all stop the combines and have a 30-minute feast. My mom could turn the back of an SUV and the tailgate of a pickup into a restaurant, complete with a meal featuring favorites such as fried chicken, pea salad, mashed potatoes, rolls (wheat of course) and brownies. The combine drivers always went through the food line first.

A drought of farmers

My first memories of the harvest were riding with my grandmother in one of the grain trucks, watching her shift gears as we bounced across the furrows in pursuit of a combine ready to unload its grain. A few years later, when I was about 12, I began driving a combine each June. That first year, I shared a combine with my 10-year-old cousin, each of us taking turns every round and trying to stay out of the way of the bigger machines with more experienced drivers.



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Three generations of Masseys steer the family's three combines through one of the family fields in eastern New Mexico

My dad and uncle depended heavily on their sons over the next several years, and my two brothers and a cousin eventually decided to become farmers. But with the rising price of fuel and equipment, the stalled price of wheat and a long drought, one by one, they have gone on to pursue other careers in recent years.

Dad scaled back his operation quite a bit three years ago, sold the home place, some of the equipment, including the crop-duster airplane he used to fly and moved to nearby Portales. He still farms, however. He moved his remaining equipment to some property owned by my mom that includes the old, abandoned schoolhouse they attended in the 1950s.

"It takes a man of real faith and a positive attitude to stick it out this many years," my mom said of my dad. "He's always very optimistic. My daddy was that way and Gene is certainly that way. It takes a special person."

My dad has always looked younger than his age, and at 5-foot-8, 150 pounds was the strongest guy for his size that I had ever seen. Now 70 years old, he is finally starting to realize that he can't continue to do it all. He's had at least three shoulder surgeries and the wear and tear on his back led him to the doctor's office several times during the past year. The constant, loud hum of a tractor motor has helped rob him of some of his hearing.

But nothing dampens my dad's optimism or his faith, and this summer, he is being rewarded. The price of wheat, usually between \$2 and \$3 per bushel, is hovering over \$5 this summer. Last September, he sowed a more-than-usual amount of the land in wheat — 2,200 acres. Combined with my sister and brother-in-law's 800 acres, and a very wet winter and spring, 2007 is a bumper crop of wheat and answered prayers.

Before returning to Las Cruces, I spent the first week of an expected three-week harvest driving what we call the grain cart. It's a John Deere 4630 tractor pulling a 500-bushel cart or trailer that can unload the combines on the move. This year's harvest has featured a varied mix of family members excited to help my dad bring in the bumper crop. Combine drivers have included a rotating roster featuring my oldest daughter, my sister, my brother-in-law, his daughter, two of my nephews, the son of one of my cousins and occasionally one of my brothers.

During the second week of June, we rolled into the tall, thick wheat with three aging New Holland combines, my dad piloting the lead machine. He's not flying his beloved airplane anymore, but it's the next best thing.

Fountain fills fund-raiser



ROBERT YEE | For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Nancy Binneweg, president of the Mesilla Valley Film Society, shows off an auction item at the Fountain Theatre's July 7 fund-raiser. The fund-raiser sold out and raised approximately \$10,000 through ticket sales, auctions and other donations.

Applications being taken for spaceport education panel

The Doña Ana County commission is accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the Spaceport Educational Advisory Committee.

At their June 26 meeting, the commissioners agreed that the advisory committee will be comprised of representatives from each of Doña Ana County's school districts, from the New Mexico State University Education and Engineering colleges, from a representative of the aerospace industry, as well as a commissioner and two members of the general public.

Under provisions of a tax increase approved last April by Doña Ana County voters, 25 percent of gross-receipts taxes collected to support Spaceport America will

be allocated to education. The Spaceport Educational Advisory Committee will make recommendations to the Doña Ana County Commission about how to allocate the funding to the Hatch, Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools for enhanced math and science curricula designed to help area students pursue aerospace careers.

Valid application packets will consist of a letter of interest, a current résumé and three letters of recommendation. The deadline to submit applications for consideration is 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 18. Application packets must be sent to the attention of Jess Williams by fax at 525-5948, or hand-delivered to the Doña Ana County Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd.



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Albuquerque mayor shares pet control strategy

Sterilization dictate irks breeders

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Reducing the animal euthanasia rate makes a city more attractive to new businesses and residents, Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez told local officials Monday, July 9.

In Albuquerque, according to Chavez, last year's Humane and Ethical Animal Rules and Treatment (HEART) ordinance has reduced its shelter animal euthanasia rate by 9 percent while the rate of animals taken to the shelter has decreased by 10 percent. "This attracts good attention," he said.

The goal, Chavez said, is to have euthanasia at the animal shelter become so infrequent as to make it a "live exit" shelter. The Duke City is reaching that goal, he said, through the mandating of spaying and neutering all pets and requiring all pets be microchipped to improve recovery rates of pets that get lost or escape from their yards.

Albuquerque's animal shelter also aggressively seeks adoption of abandoned pets through adoption centers and even the mayor showing up with a pet for adoption to press conferences.

Chavez admitted that taking the necessary steps for reducing the problem of pet overpopulation can be a painful process, but it can be less difficult if officials truly reach out to animal advocates to get them involved in shaping the policies and ensuring that humane practices are followed.

"In the area of animal activists, many of them are very thoughtful and some of them are not so thoughtful," he noted.

Still, Martin said, animal activists should be seen more as a resource than a burden to solving pet problems. He did caution against setting rules too detailed for humane treatment, such as giving proper dimensions for food and water bowls. Also, he said, the line between rural and urban lifestyles should be clearly drawn and respected.

Besides a large number of local animal activists attending the city council work session, there was also a contingency upset about Albuquerque's treatment of breeders and owners of show animals that require the animals be "intact," meaning not spayed or neutered. Martin noted that Albuquerque residents do have the option to pay an additional fee to allow a pet to remain "intact."

The impact of the "intact" fee is \$150, according to Patte Klecan of Albuquerque, who chairs the National Animal Interest Alliance of New Mexico. This is costly to people who intend to breed their purebred dogs, and, coupled with the lack of outreach to Albuquerque kennel clubs, she said she worries



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Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez gestures Monday, July 9, during his visit with the Las Cruces city council.

that these breeders will opt to not participate in getting their animals licensed with the city. "They'll disappear from the radar screen," Klecan said.

Rob Hoffman of Las Cruces also took offense to Chavez's part of his presentation on breeders where he grouped them into either commercial breeders or "backyard breeders."

"The picture was painted with a very broad brush," said Hoffman who breeds Brittanies. "They painted us as scum bags and that's simply not true."

That lack of understanding for different needs of pet owners is one of the main problems with the Albuquerque HEART ordinance, according to Klecan.

Although she sympathizes with Las Cruces who want to reduce the grim euthanasia rate at the city-county animal shelter, Klecan said the answer to that problem is putting more resources into enforcing existing control ordinances to reduce the number of animals that end up in the shelter without owners claiming them. Examples of other animal ordinances supported by her group can be found at www.naiaonline.org.

Many of the supporters for creating a dog park in Las Cruces were at Monday's work session. Albuquerque already has a number of park areas that are fenced off so dogs can run unleashed. (See related story this page and next.)

In choosing locations for dog parks, Chavez urged Las Cruces officials to gauge neighborhood support for the idea and to seek a different location if there is any neighborhood opposition to the dog park. But, he added that the dog parks in Albuquerque are very popular and are another attraction for the city. "People just flock to these dog parks," Chavez said.



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Marianne Barteau pours water into bowl for her dog Sam in Albuquerque's Los Altos Park last week.

Pet owners delight in Duke City's dog parks

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On a bright morning the day after the Fourth of July, Pam Pott takes Daisy to Albuquerque's Los Altos Park, where the frisky dog celebrates her own independence.

In a fenced area behind one of the recreation complex's ball fields in the city's northeast section, Daisy is let off her leash to do what she loves best — chase after tennis balls tossed by her owner. Occasionally, one of the other dogs will join in the chase, but it's mostly Daisy scampering after the balls.

Pott said going to the dog park has helped the energetic pooch be calmer at home and the contact with other people and their dogs at the park has helped her be less nervous around new people and other social settings.

"She's made friends," Pott said. "This has been a good experience for her."

Daisy's paws sling wood chips into the air after Pott tosses another ball. There used to be more grass in this section of the park, Pott said, but lawn maintenance workers cut the grass too short, which the playing dogs tore up too easily. The park crews are now letting the grass grow shaggier in the dog park, she said, and the wood chips were recently added to try to keep the erosion down.

In another sectioned-off portion of the Los Altos dog park for smaller dogs, Marianne Barteau said she and her dog Sam have been going to the park for two or three years and seen only a few incidents where owners had to separate aggressive dogs.

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It's not just the people who make themselves at home at the Los Altos dog park picnic tables.

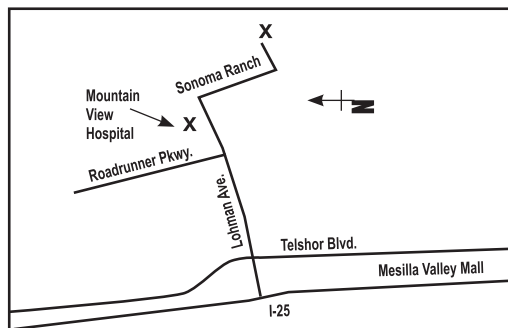


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"Hey, everybody has a bad day," Barteau said. "Dogs are no different."

It's all about responsible owners, both women say, who help enforce the rules of the park and even supplied bags for cleaning up after the dogs before the city began supplying them. "We used to tie old shopping bags to the fence," Pott said.

"About 99 percent of the people clean up after their dogs," Barteau said.

According to Albuquerque's website, the city of half a million people provides nine such dog parks.

Nestled between the Albuquerque zoo and one of its major TV stations is the Rio Grande Triangle where a lunch rush of sorts began later that morning with owners pulling up in their cars with their dogs. David Heuston, whose Great Pyrenees named Yanni almost had run of the park before the new arrivals, said the location is reportedly the pet park of Mayor Martin Chavez. Heuston noted that the park's lighting has been improved and its center was covered with artificial turf to address the erosion problem.

Heuston said his experience with Albuquerque's dog parks has largely been positive with mostly responsible owners and well-behaved dogs. "Very, very rarely do you see two dogs going at it," he said.

When told that the idea of dog parks in Las Cruces is a controversial idea to some who are worried about irresponsible owners and aggressive dogs, Heuston said these fears are probably coming from people who don't own dogs. "I would highly recommend it to the people of Las Cruces," he said.

Like many city-dwellers, Heuston said his home has a small yard and there are limited opportunities for Yanni to interact with other people and dogs.

"Here, he gets his socialization, and he has a place where he can run and walk," Heuston said.

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Above: There's no shortage of signage at the entrance of Albuquerque's Triangle Park in its downtown area.

At right: A full listing of all Albuquerque's dog park rules can be found at the city's website.

Below: The city provides these bags to help owners pick up after their dogs.



Albuquerque's Dog Park Rules

For the enjoyment and health of pets and their people please abide by the following rules and responsibilities:

- Parks are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted
- Park users and dog owners assume all risk related to dog park use
- Children under the age of 12 are not allowed inside the off-leash dog exercise area unless accompanied by an adult. Parents must refrain from bringing toddlers and small children to the dog park and at no time be allowed to run with, or chase after dogs in the park
- Each owner/handler is legally and financially responsible for the actions of their dog in the off-leash exercise area
- Any dog exhibiting aggressive behavior must be leashed and removed immediately
- Dogs must be under voice control and in sight of owners/handlers at all times
- Dog owners/handlers must have a leash in their possession at all times
- Dogs must be kept on a leash until inside the double-gated entry. Enter the first gate with the leash on and remove it prior to entering the second gate. Do the reverse when leaving.
- Owners must clean up and properly dispose of waste left by their dog(s)
- Owners must cover any holes their dogs dig
- Puppies using the park must be older than 6 months
- Dogs must be licensed and vaccinated with tags displayed on a collar
- Dogs must be microchipped, spayed or neutered. If a dog is unaltered the owner must have a current Intact Animal Permit.
- A female dog that is in heat shall not be permitted in the off-leash dog exercise area
- Limit of three dogs per person per visit
- No food or drinks allowed within the fenced area

Source: City of Albuquerque website

EBID asks to broker water leftovers

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Elephant Butte Irrigation District will release farmers' unused water to other irrigators if they haven't used their full quota at the end of the season, the EBID board agreed Wednesday, July 11.

EBID will mail letters to farmer patrons at the end of the growing season to ask for the authority to broker unused quotas to farmers in need of more irrigation water.

Board members also voted to hold this year's farmer allotment to two acre-feet.

EBID consultant Phil King said the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is holding the district to a total allotment of 264,143 acre-feet, so he recommended the farmer quota stay at two-acre feet.

The board is charging farmers \$65 for the first acre-foot. And it decided at the last meeting to inform farmers in a second letter it is charging another \$10 if they order the second acre-foot.

During June, EBID ditch riders diverted 40,927 acre-feet into farmers fields, leaving a balance at the end of June of 122,572 acre-feet.

Farmers were irrigating pecans, alfalfa, onions, lettuces and wheat.

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New charter school seeks students

Las Montañas, Las Cruces' newest charter high school, is looking for freshmen students to be in its first class when it opens its doors next month.

Las Montañas, conceived by Families and Youth Inc., will have a rigorous college preparatory focus with small classes taught by dual-certified teachers. The school will have a high-tech focus and will be on a year-round balanced calendar.

The school's academic dean is Joyce Aranda, who is an experienced teacher and administrator, including principal of Oñate High School.

Students will be able to learn at their own pace, which could include accelerated advancement and early college credits, Aranda said.

The school is looking to start with between 100 and 125 students, Aranda said. Interested students and their families can contact her at FYI by calling 522-4004 or by emailing her at jaranda@fyinm.org. Also, Las Montañas will hold a parent night at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at City Hall, 200 N. Church St.

If more students apply than available slots, students will be selected by lottery, Aranda said.

Local electric bills set to rise

NM customers receive 6.23 percent overall rate increase

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico's Public Regulation Commission recently voted 3-1 to approve a rate case agreement between El Paso Electric and other parties. The agreement includes an overall average base rate increase of 6.23 percent for New Mexico customers.

Representing Southwest New Mexico, District 5 Commissioner Sandy Jones voted for the agreement.

The rate increase came into effect July 6 and customers should see the change in their next bill. Residential customer base rates have been increased by 1.97 percent. Businesses, however, will receive larger increases.

"It's going to affect different businesses differently," said David Carpenter, vice president of corporate planning and controller for El Paso Electric. "It depends on what rate the business is under."

"For the smaller commercial establishments, what we're showing is the base rates will increase about 20.5 percent."

Carpenter said he expects the rates to drop after fuel adjustments are made.

"We expect that after August, the base rate increase will be offset by lower fuel prices," he said. "For larger businesses, we hope the increase will be less

than 10 percent on total revenues once the fuel catch-up is made."

Because of different customer classes, the base-rate increases differ and some classes have been hit harder by the increases than others.

"We have not had a rate increase since 1990, and since 1999, we had a couple of small rate decreases," Carpenter said. "What's happened is the usage characteristics of customer classes have changed. We have a lot more residential customers with computers and refrigerated air, and we try to adjust our rates to reflect the changing usage characteristics. Residential is the biggest customer class, so that means somebody else is getting more than a 6.23 percent increase."

Originally El Paso Electric approached the PRC for \$13 million in annual base-rate revenues, which translated to a 16.75 percent increase for residential customers, according to a PRC press release. However, several parties – including the PRC's Utility Division, the New Mexico Attorney General's Office, the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico State University, the U.S. Department of Defense and Community Action New Mexico – objected to the proposal.

"What happened was that these parties all negotiated a



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El Paso Electric customer service cashier Anita Duran takes a payment from a customer. El Paso Electric's New Mexico customers will receive a 6.23 percent overall base rate increase, which will be reflected on their next bill.

rate increase that everyone felt was fair to the consumer and to the company," said John Arnold, spokesman for the New Mexico PRC. "It's a settlement really. All of these parties bring this agreement before the commission. Rather than having it adjudicated, the commission was asked to approve the settlement."

El Paso Electric settled for

\$5.8 million in annual base-rate revenues.

According to the release, the settlement requires the PRC to review El Paso Electric rates in 2009.

"We're required to go back in and do an extensive analysis of our rate design and present that in our 2009 rate case," Carpenter said.



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Most secure places awards

Las Cruces and the surrounding metropolitan area have been named the "Number One Most Secure Places to Live in the U.S." for medium size cities with 150,000 to 500,000 residents, according to a 2006 survey released by Farmers Insurance.

Farmers Insurance will honor Las Cruces and three metropolitan governments at a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 13, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

Farmers New Mexico State Executive Craig Allin will present Most Secure City Recognition Plaques to Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, Mesilla Mayor Michael M. Cadena, Hatch Mayor Judd L. Nordyke and Sunland Park Mayor Jesus Ruben Segura. Also attending will be city councilors, town and village trustees, state legislators, Chambers of Commerce members, community leaders, New Mexico Farmers agents and employees and local fire, police and emergency services representatives.

"Farmers Insurance sponsored the Most Secure Places to Live survey to find out how local government works with its citizens to make their communities secure," Allin said.

The rankings, compiled by database experts at www.best-places.net, took into consideration crime statistics, extreme weather, risk of natural disasters, environmental hazards, terrorism threats and job loss numbers in each municipality. There were 379 municipalities studied and divided into three groups: large metropolitan areas, mid-size cities and small towns. Visit www.farmers.com for more information.

White Sands schedule

White Sands National Monument has released their schedule of activities through this weekend.

Each evening there is a Sunset Stroll Nature Walk at 7 p.m. At 8:30 p.m., Friday, July 13, there will be an evening program on "Star Talk: Watch the stars come out and learn the summer constellations." At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, July 14, the program will be "The Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks."

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

Nonprofit insurance workshop

The United Way will host a free seminar and workshop for the nonprofit community throughout southern New Mexico and west Texas from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Community Action Agency, 320 Wyatt Drive off of El Paseo Road.

The workshop will feature Tammy Bean, the marketing manager for Insure New Mexico! since September 2006. She will be discussing affordable health insurance for the nonprofit community. The Insure New Mexico! programs including the State Coverage Insurance (SCI) program, Small Employer Insurance Program (SEIP) and Premium Assistance programs are programs included under the Insure New Mexico! umbrella.

"The United Way used to have monthly meetings for its member agencies that consisted of handing out checks and then giving updates as to what was going on at everyone's

Crime Stoppers: Casino theft by machine tampering

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 larceny.

On or between April 29 and May 7, a man stole \$24,000 from a gaming machine at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino. The subject was able to manipulate the game in order to receive winnings without ever losing.

The Hispanic male is between 5 feet 9 inches to 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs approximately 300 pounds. The man had a shaved head and was wearing a T-shirt and blue jeans.



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The man was last seen driving what appeared to be a 2004 to 2007 white Cadillac, possibly with New Mexico license plates.

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.

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respective agencies" said Gilbert Guillen, United Way's president and CEO. "We've changed that format to now include a 'program.' The other change that we did is making these workshops available to all nonprofits, whether they receive funding from United Way or not." Anyone interested in going should RSVP to the United Way office by calling 524-7561.

Sierra Club hike

The Sierra Club will have a moderate seven-mile hike on Sunday, July 15, on the Pine Tree trail in the Organ Mountains, with some off-trail hiking. Participants should meet at the Kmart parking lot, 1900 Bataan Memorial East, at 8 a.m. Bring money for the entrance fee and food, water, sunblock and appropriate footwear and clothing. Call John at 526-7116 for more information.

Republicans to meet

The Republican Party of Doña Ana County will be having its monthly County Central Committee meeting on Saturday, July 14, at Furr's Buffet, 2340 E. Griggs Ave., beginning at 9 a.m. People wanting to join the group for breakfast should arrive between 8 and 8:30 a.m. The speaker will be Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace.

Rep. Steinborn meetings

State Rep. Jeff Steinborn will be conducting neighborhood meetings July 14-31 at the following times and locations:

- Saturday, July 14, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Village at Northrise, 2880 Roadrunner Parkway
- Thursday, July 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Radium Springs Community Center
- Saturday, July 28, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Elks Lodge, 3000 Elks Drive
- Monday, July 30, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Highland Elementary School, 4201 Emerald St.
- Tuesday, July 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m., American Legion Hall, 1185 E. Madrid Ave.

For more information call Nick Voges 496-4583.

Bike outing

The ROYALS (Riding Out Yonder at Leisurely Speeds) women's cycling group will have their monthly rides on Saturday, July 21. The long and intermediate riders will meet at the Mesilla Visitor's center, 2340 Avenida de Mesilla, parking lot at 7:30 a.m. The long ride is a fast course of over 30 miles and the intermediate ride is approximately 25 miles in length on a flat route. Short riders will meet at La Llorona Park at 8 a.m. for a ride of 10 miles. Helmets are required for all riders. Riders are invited to meet for an after-ride brunch at The Bean, 2011 Avenida de Mesilla at 10 a.m.

Stargazing at NMSU

New Mexico State University's Department of Astronomy will hold an open house at the on-campus Tombaugh Observatory starting at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 20.

Weather permitting, participants will observe the moon, the planets Jupiter, Saturn and Venus, and other wonders of the night sky. The event also will include a celebration of the 31st anniversary of the first successful American spacecraft landing on the surface of Mars.

The Tombaugh Observatory on the NMSU campus is located east of Williams Avenue, near the running track. Admission is free and children are welcome. Astronomy Department staff will be on-hand to provide assistance. For more information call 646-4438.

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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

City of Las Cruces Actively Involved In Preventative Maintenance Programs

To help maximize and improve the infrastructure within city limits utilized by the public, the City of Las Cruces is actively engaged in the following, numerous preventative maintenance programs.

ROADWAY MAINTENANCE

- The city maintains more than 475 linear miles of streets in Las Cruces.
- Two separate, three-person asphalt patch crews work daily to repair potholes and perform minor street maintenance.
- In a one month period, patch crews repaired approximately 300 potholes on public roadways.

SIDEWALK REPAIR

- The city presently maintains all sidewalks and curb and gutter in dedicated city rights-of-way.
- A four-person crew is available to repair and replace sidewalks.
- A contractor is available on an as needed basis to help expedite sidewalk repairs.
- Special attention is placed on ensuring that all new sidewalk construction and driveways conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- There are currently 105 traffic signals within the municipal boundaries of Las Cruces.
- All signals are routinely checked to ensure equipment is working properly and according to specifications.
- An estimated 30-miles of underground interconnect communication line blankets the city. These lines are maintained and repaired as needed in order to ensure proper communication between traffic signals and the Traffic Signal Lab.

STREET LIGHT REPAIR

- More than 5,000 street lights within the City of Las Cruces help keep roadways properly illuminated.
- City crews not only maintain them, but conduct the majority of new street light installations within new developments.
- Crews also respond to reported street light outages and the reinstallation of knocked down street lights.
- Crews repair more than 100 street lights per month.

STORM DRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

- The city ensures that all storm drain infrastructure is properly maintained and ready to handle heavy rains.
- Crews maintain all channels, ponding areas, drop inlets and French drains.
- In a one month period, approximately 70-drop inlets and 35-French drains were maintained, in addition to the completion of routine maintenance on storm drains, to ensure proper rain water flow.

ROADWAY STRIPING & PAVEMENT MARKINGS

- The city currently contracts with several different roadway striping contractors to stripe city streets.
- The striping of city streets has increased from two to three times per year.
- City crews are responsible for painting and maintaining all crosswalks, arrows and directional markings.
- The painting of roadway markings has increased from one to two times per year.
- Marking crews paint roadway markings throughout the city on an ongoing basis from February to November.

WEEDS AND LITTER

- In addition to current staff, the city has committed four temporary staff to weed and litter issues in rights of way (ROW) and at special events and park functions.
- The city contracted spray service. The contractor will implement pre-emergent weed control methods for the large, non-landscaped sections of ROW throughout the city and will assist staff with post emergent weed control in high traffic areas.

TURF AND LAWN

- New turf equipment; top dresser and aerator have been added.
- Implemented cooperative effort with the utilities dept. to utilize recycled green waste as a top dress additive, and introduce compost and bio-solids.
- Enhanced fertilization schedule with high iron fertilizer.
- Operate centralized/computerized irrigation system.
- Topical controls for invasive weeds and soil enhancement.
- Over-seeding operations.
- Reduced the number of vehicles that access the lawns in parks during special events and high use periods.

ATHLETIC FIELDS

- Began site and infrastructure, inventory identifying deficiency's and projecting current/future needs.
- Increased technical training opportunities for staff.
- Researched new materials and methods to handle the over use of the fields.
- Monitoring field use and establishing "load limits" on fields to make sure they stay in optimal condition, the assistance of the local leagues will be needed.
- Opened up dialogue with local leagues to prepare for current and future needs.
- City is purchasing a high lift truck which will enable staff to service the field lights more frequently. Lights are currently serviced on an annual basis by outside an contractor.

PARKS

- Established a seven-day per week operation that includes, litter, garbage, restroom and picnic shelter servicing on the weekends and holidays.
- Introduced new below-ground garbage containers that require less servicing and control wind-effect litter. The enclosed design does not allow litter to escape during periods of high winds.
- Started the master planning of park grounds to ensure plant materials and infrastructure are installed in the appropriate areas for long range planning.

UTILITIES – ADMINISTRATIVE/REGULATORY ENVIRONMENTAL

- Provide 24-hour, seven-day a week service to respond to customer needs.
- Compliance sampling for city water drinking supply systems.
- Remains up-to-date regarding regulatory requirements for utilities operations.
- Manages the Joint Superfund Project.
- Manages Vulnerability Assessment Projects.
- Pollution Prevention Programs, Industrial Pretreatment Program.
- Implements EPA-approved program and City Industrial Liquid Waste Ordinance.
- Pollution prevention/minimization – outreach to public sector and businesses.
- Compliance monitoring and testing for wastewater treatment –national pollutant discharge elimination system (EPA).
- Compliance monitoring and testing for West Mesa Industrial Park Discharge Plan (NMED)
- Process testing for wastewater treatment plant operations.

SOLID WASTE

- Provide weekly trash service for residential and as needed for commercial (6 days a week).
- Grappler service every other week for residential customers.
- Changed from twice a month Grappler service to every other week.
- Five recycling drop off centers for cardboard, newspaper, aluminum and tin.
- Plastics accepted at the main recycling center.
- Operate clean fill landfill – annual revenues of \$177,000.
- Provide brochures to residential customers annually explaining services.
- Provide solid waste services for city Codes and special events.
- New Programs or changes to meet customer needs.
- Completed phase 1 recycling center construction for easier and safer public access.
- Opened new drop off center for recycled goods including plastics on July 1, 2007.
- Additional drop off center scheduled to open January 1, 2008.
- Designing phase 2 & 3 construction for recycling center sorting line.
- Provided composted yard waste for use in city parks.
- Providing composted yard waste to a NM Dept. of Transportation project at a fee.

WATER

- Maintain an aggressive, proactive well maintenance program for city water wells.
- Increase security at all city water production and distribution infrastructure.
- Maintain an aggressive proactive maintenance program for the city water distribution system.

WASTEWATER

- Maintain an aggressive, proactive maintenance program for all city wastewater treatment and collection infrastructure.
- Minimize sewer odor complaints by maintaining an aggressive odor control program.
- Prevent or minimize the potential for sewer overflows through a proactive sewer line cleaning program.
- Proceed with modifications at the Jacob Hands Wastewater Treatment Facility.

WATER CONSERVATION

- Exceeded 1st official year annual goal of 1% per year.
- Coordinator presented at community science fairs, community organizations, radio talk shows, newspaper interviews, televised water symposium.
- March 2006 was the first Adopt-a-Tree giveaway – more than 400 trees adopted.
- Coordinator has established productive relations with NMSU, local and state agencies, and legislative offices.
- Continuous outreach and collaboration with public schools K-12.
- Received honorable mention – Municipal Water Conservation submission by Las Cruces at the US Mayors Conference 2006.

LUSH & LEAN OPPORTUNITIES

"Operation 4 Birds" – City lead by example/water conservation/safety.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Storm water drainage and sidewalk repair/ADA issues: 541-2595

Traffic signal lights: 541-2505 or after hours at 541-0500

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Street maintenance needs including pothole repairs: 541-2595

Roads needing striping or markings to be repainted: 541-2505

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Looking Back

This week in the history
* of the Mesilla Valley *

75
years ago
1932

• The Albuquerque Journal Publishing Co., while acquiring radio station KOB, agreed to pay New Mexico A&M \$5,000 for 10 years to recover losses that the university had incurred from 1929 to 1931. The losses totaled \$43,277 and the NMA&M Board of Directors had decided that continuing to operate the station at a loss would divert money from college operations and education. Advertising attempts had not worked out because the station reception was weak beyond a 40-mile range.

• The Doña Ana County Board of Education was not considering new teacher applications from married women.

• NMA&M president Dr. H.L. Kent spoke at the Elephant Butte Dairy League picnic and urged dairymen to build financial surpluses to avoid debt so that they could expand operations and maintain a high-quality product.

50
years ago
1957

• The \$664,800, two-lane Highway 70 over Augustine Pass was completed.

• The combined storage at



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Out of the Past

Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs was 300,000 acre-feet, 104,000 acre-feet more than the previous year. The allocation remained at 6.20 inches.

• Judge Edwin Mechem, the father of Gov. Edwin L. Mechem died. He came to Las Cruces in 1924 and had also served as district attorney and mayor.

• The Anthony Merchants defeated the Santa Rita Miners 8-1 to take first-place in the Interstate League. The leading Anthony hitters were Sal Gonzales with one homer and a single, Chalo Garcia with a triple and a single, and Larry Lopez, two singles.

• The U.S. House approved a \$16.5 million Armed Services Construction Bill for White Sands Proving Grounds.

• Eddie Gamboa smacked a 365-foot homer in a Pony League game, the first time a player had cleared the fence at Apodaca Park, as the Papen Cubs easily handled the P.R. Burn Club 12-3.

• NMA&M released a white grano onion that matured early and had a uniform shape. It had been developed by Dr J.V. Enzie.



The Loretto Academy as it looked in 1915. The academy was a girl's school that was run by Catholic nuns. Many cattlemen also sent their daughters to the academy because there were no schools near their remote ranch operations.

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1982

• The Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board approved a \$2.3 million budget for the fiscal year. Efficient management held the water charge to \$25.36 per acre-foot.

• New Mexico State University appointed Martha Anderson State 4-H Program leader.

10
years ago
1997

• The County Commission, by a 3-1 vote, named state Sen. Fernando Macias county manager.

• A broken-down water well and a delay in obtaining a new pump left many Butterfield Park residents with low or interrupted water pressure. Some homes had only two hours of service a day, at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

• The city named Fermin Rubio city attorney.

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■ **MARRIAGE SEMINAR**
First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., will host, "Swatting the Mosquitoes of Marriage," a marriage seminar that will teach couples to listen so others will talk, explain and not complain, what spouses really want and how to go the distance. The seminar leaders will be Bob and Yvonne Turnbull. The seminar will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. July 15-19. Cost for the seminar will be \$20 per couple or \$10 per person. A snack supper will be served each evening from 5:15 to 6 p.m. for \$1 per person. To register, call the church at 524-3691 or email firstbaptist@zianet.com.

■ **WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR**
How do women define their relationships with other women? Current literature encourages today's women to visualize how woman can be a powerful force through their unification via sisterhood. For that to happen women need to continue to define relationships with other women as sources of strength and wisdom. A free seminar will be given by psychotherapist Nancy Nolin and hosted by Unity Church of Mesilla Valley. This two-hour seminar will provide women the opportunity to explore these topics. The free community event will be held from 1 to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Unity Church, 125 Wyatt Drive. Registration is required due to limited space. Love offerings will be accepted to offset any expenses incurred by the church. Call 523-5592 to register.

■ **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**
Mission Lutheran Church, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway, will hold new summer worship hours Labor Day, with English Worship Service at 9 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School for everyone at 10:15 a.m. and Spanish Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call 522-0465.

■ **EXCITING DISCUSSIONS**
Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will host a discussion based on the book "The Law of Attraction" by Esther Hicks each Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 523-5592.

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

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524-3691
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Dr. Robin Taylor Pfaff, a licensed professional clinical counselor, announced the opening of Arbor Christian Counseling, which will provide individual, marriage and family counseling at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 518 N. Alameda Blvd.

Counseling services are provided to the community on a sliding fee scale, and appointments can be made by calling Pfaff at 526-0002.

Christian counseling supports people in finding meaning and purpose as they deal with stress and anxiety, overcome depression, move forward through grief and loss or work through a personal crisis.

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Pfaff has been a Christian professional counselor and family life educator for more than 15 years and provides counseling services of the highest quality drawing on the truth of biblical wisdom and the disciplines of Christian spiritual formation integrated with the practices of clinical mental health knowledge.

St. Paul's to feature Japanese handbell choir

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., and the New Mexico State University Department of Music will continue their exciting concert series, jointly sponsored by both institutions, with a special summer concert featuring the Glee Handbell Choir of Meiji Gakuin High School in Kyoto, Japan, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

The series, entitled "St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons," features concerts each month throughout the year. The concert will be in the sanctuary of St. Paul's. Admission is free to the public, although a love offering for the performers will be received. The Glee Choir is on a nationwide tour of the United States this summer, sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

The Glee Handbell Choir's roots go back to 1975 when the Glee Club of Meiji Gakuin Higashimurayama High School was active in the school's religious activities. The choir started to include handbells in its activities from 1978 and made its debut in the Japanese music world in 1980.

Carrying on the tradition of the biennial tour of the Glee Club for the school's home stay program, the handbell choir toured the United States for the first time in 1981, and was received very well.

In 1989, under the direction of Takanobu Onoda, the choir successfully performed in various churches throughout the United States. In 1995, during their biennial tour, they performed at Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, and at the Handbell Exploration '95 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Since 1999, Onoda and Kazuyoshi Inagaki have co-directed the choir.

In addition to numerous appearances in churches in the United States and Canada, the choir has been on television and radio in Japan and other countries, given many charity concerts and has also been active as a music volunteer group.

Children are owed an apology if they have been wronged

Music industry teaches violence and disrespect to kids

I recently scolded my daughter for something I found out later she hadn't done. Would you go so far as to apologize to a child if you felt you had been in the wrong?

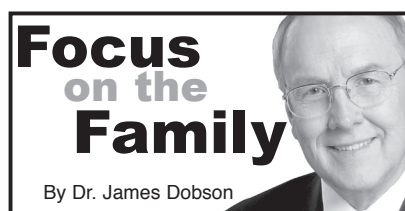
I certainly would – and indeed, I have. A number of years ago I was burdened with pressing responsibilities that fatigued me and made me irritable. One particular evening I was especially grouchy and short-tempered with my 10-year-old daughter. I knew I was not being fair, but was simply too tired to correct my manner. Through the course of the evening, I blamed Danae for things that were not her fault and upset her needlessly several times. After going to bed, I felt bad about the way I had behaved and I decided to apologize the next morning.

After a good night of sleep and a tasty breakfast, I felt much more optimistic about life. I approached my daughter before she left for school and said: "Danae, I'm sure you know that daddies are not perfect human beings. We get tired and irritable just like other people, and there are times when we are not proud of the way we behave. I know I wasn't fair with you last night. I was terribly grouchy, and I want you to forgive me."

Danae put her arms around me and shocked me down to my toes. She said, "I knew you were going to have to apologize, Daddy, and it's OK; I forgive you."

Can there be any doubt that children are often more aware of the struggles between generations than are their busy, harassed parents?

I was watching an old black-and-white movie on television



By Dr. James Dobson

the other night that was made in the late 1930s. What jumped out at me was the respectful way the teenagers related to their parents. These kids, who appeared to be 17 or 18 years old, were downright deferential and looked to their father to make final decisions regarding their own behavior. I know this was just fiction, but I got the impression that that's the way families functioned back then. Today, even "good kids" from strong families are often more independent and disrespectful to their parents. If I'm right about this change, why has it occurred and how do you see it?

The movie you saw is characteristic of others made during that era because children in most nations of the world responded that way to their parents. There were exceptions, of course. Rebellion has occurred throughout history – even in biblical times. Remember that King David's son Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar, and his other son Absalom tried to overthrow the reign of his father. While some of yesterday's families had to deal with upheavals, they have typically been the exception rather than the rule. But today, as you indicated, children and young people are taught to be

disrespectful and rebellious by the culture. One of the most effective teachers is the music industry and the excesses it embraces.

It is difficult to overestimate the negative impact contemporary music is having. Rock stars are the heroes, the idols that young people want to emulate. And when they are depicted in violent and sexual roles, many teenagers and preadolescents are pulled along in their wake.

What could possibly be wholesome about showing explicit sex scenes – especially those involving perversion – to 12- and 13-year-old kids? Yet videos come into the home via MTV and other channels that feature men and women in blatantly sexual situations, or even in depictions of sadism.

One study showed that more than half of all MTV videos featured violence or implied violence, and 35 percent revealed violence against women. A steady diet of this garbage will pollute the minds of even the healthiest of teenagers. I believe that this perpetual and pernicious exposure to rock music is responsible, at least in part, for many of the social problems now occurring among the young, including the high suicide rate, the reported willingness of young men to rape women if given an opportunity and the moral undermining of the next generation.

Dr. Dobson is founder and chairman of the board of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide" and "Bringing Up Boys," both published by Tyndale House.

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Bringing puppy love to patients in need

Therapaws volunteers offer more than canine companionship

BY MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Sometimes, it takes a touch of puppy love to bring a smile to the face of a patient in hospice care. A dog's calm, quiet presence as they sit beside a patient can often do wonders to lift spirits. At Mesilla Valley Hospice's La Posada residential care facility, a special team of Therapaws therapy dogs and their handlers strive to bring a bit of canine-styled comfort to residents each day.

"We try to make La Posada feel less like a medical facility and more like home and pet therapy helps us achieve that," said Elizabeth Vega, life review coordinator.

The concept of pet therapy is simple – enhance quality of life through visits with animals. Experts say that because dogs offer unconditional love through the occasional lick to the cheek, paw to the lap, or simply their stoic, silent companionship, the opportunity to interact with one on a daily or weekly basis can elevate a patient's mood.

For Nellie Nuñez, who has resided at La Posada for seven months, daily pooch visits brighten her days. She said she has always had animals and visiting with the dogs reminds her of a dachshund she once owned.

"I love dogs," she said. "I love all dogs and cats and used to have some. I like it when the dogs come to visit."

Vega said that when patients enter into a residential care facility, they deal with a wide range of emotions and issues including the fact that they may have had to part with their pets to live in a care facility.

"As well as dealing with their own mortality they're often dealing with

leaving things like pets behind," Vega said.

Throughout the week, a team of 15 Therapaws volunteers and their canine companions visit the residents at La Posada. They rotate days on which they visit so that pets are available seven days a week. Dogs visit in the morning and the afternoon so that residents may spend time with canines and still get their rest.

"We've found that often when we visit, many of the residents are asleep," said volunteer Roberta "Bobbie" Gilbert.

The dogs and their handlers wander from room to room and from patient to patient to visit with residents.

"Sometimes the patient wants to hold or pat the dog," said volunteer Charlene Curry. "Other times they want to see the dog do tricks. We never push the dog into doing something. We want this to be a good experience for them as well."

She said that often, the dogs are instinctively drawn to the patients who need a bit of extra attention.

"My first therapy dog was very empathetic to people – she seemed to understand where she was most needed," Curry said. "Other dogs might be a little bit slower."

Often, while the dogs are making the rounds, the patients have family members visiting as well.

"When the dogs come into a room it can offer the family a brief respite from their troubles," Gilbert said. "It helps the families as well as the patients."

Therapaws volunteers and dogs are busy. As well as visiting La Posada, they also have regularly scheduled visits at other facilities and schools.

Dogs of all shapes and sizes are involved in the program – from a lap-



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Promise, a six year-old pet therapy dog waits to provide a bit of canine comfort to residents at Mesilla Valley Hospice's La Posada residential care facility.



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Bijoux, a mini French bulldog, visits with Nellie Nuñez, a resident at La Posada.

sized French bulldog with cataracts named Bijoux to a 130-pound Great Pyrenees named Jonathan. Therapy dogs do not need to be full breed, traditionally beautiful or have special skills or training. What they do need is a good, outgoing personality, a calm and quiet temperament and the ability to remain under control while on a leash.

"The dogs don't have to have any formal training, but they do need to have the right temperament," said Sandra Movsesian, who volunteers several days a week with her dog Bijoux. "They need to enjoy being with people and get along well with other dogs. They should be comfortable in all situations."

In about 99 percent of the cases, the dog's handler is also their owner. Children may volunteer with their dogs, but an adult must be present with the child for all visits to nursing homes said Curry.

The dogs and their handlers are tested and registered through Therapy Dogs, Inc., which provides ongoing support and training for the volunteers.

Many of the handlers, like Curry, have several dogs that participate in the program. Along with Promise, a six-year old Rhodesian ridgeback, Curry also often visits La Posada with Promise's mother, Ellie.

"Ellie is especially good for visiting the schools," Curry said.

Gilbert has had 2-year old Jonathan since he was a puppy and she says he enjoys his visits to La Posada each week.

"He's very enthusiastic," Gilbert said. "When I put on my (Therapaws) shirt, he seems to know that we are coming here to visit. He becomes very animated and bounces around."

To learn more about the Therapaws, or to volunteer, contact Curry at 524-2026.



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■ DIABETES EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Educational Support Group meeting will be held on Monday, July 23, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education room, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The meeting is free and pre-registration is not required. The meeting is for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes, and all who are interested. For additional information, call The Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289.

■ DEPRESSION & BIPOLAR SUPPORT

Depression, Bipolar Support Group (DBSA) meets twice weekly, on Mondays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Southwest Counseling, 100 W. Griggs Ave., and again on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at St Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.

The meetings are open to the public and for anyone wanting to know more about depression and bipolar disorder. For more information, call 523-9096 or 522-0517.

■ TOPS MEETING

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

■ YOGA CLASS

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

■ NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

■ GIFT OF LIFE, MONTHLY

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

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

■ DISABILITY SUPPORT GROUP

The Ability Center will hold its disability support group meeting on the second Tuesday in July at the East Community Center (on the corner of Las Cruces and Tornillo streets).

The Ability Center provides services and support to people with disabilities. Some services include providing assistive devices such as wheelchairs and shower chairs, loans, referrals to other agencies, support groups and life skills training. Those who wish to donate an assistive device may call The Ability Center at 526-5016.

■ DOÑA ANA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LOCAL COLLABORATIVE

The Doña Ana County Behavioral Health Local Collaborative meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings are held at the Branigan Library in the downstairs meeting room. The meeting is open to the public and is anyone (consumers, family members, providers, agencies, organizations, churches, etc) who are involved in behavioral health in Doña Ana County. Behavioral health includes both mental illness and substance abuse problems. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting.

■ ATTACHMENT PARENTING INTERNATIONAL

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

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Classes & Events

July
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Getting Fit: Bringing Activity Into Your Life with Carole Carson, Exercise Physiologist of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program at MountainView Regional Medical Center
Tuesday, July 10, 1-2 p.m.

July
12

Getting Started With Estate Planning with Attorney Katherine Blackett
Thursday, July 12, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

July
17

Are you at risk for Diabetes? with Connie Feters of MountainView Diabetes Education Program
Tuesday, July 17, 1-2:30 p.m.

July
18

Keeping Your Sanity: Dealing With a Loved one with Dementia with Faith Lester of the Arbors of Del Rae
Wednesday, July 18, 1-2 p.m.

July
20

The Law of Attraction Workshop with Barbara Alpher of Alpher Wellness Plus
Friday, July 20, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

July
24

Get in Touch With the Part of Yourself you may not Know Very Well with Al Galves, Ph.D.
Tuesday, July 24, 10 - 11 a.m.

July
24

Diabetes Roundup Networking Group with the MountainView Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education Center in MountainView's NMSU Room, 3rd floor
Tuesday, July 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

July
26

Information and Assistance for the Primary Caregiver of a Loved One with Dementia with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care
Thursday, July 26, 11 a.m. - 12p.m.

July
28

Breast Cancer Support Group at the MountainView Regional Medical Center Community Education Room
Saturday, July 28, 10-11:45 a.m.

July
31

Brain Boosters Part II- The new Aerobics with Speech-Language Pathologist Sara Laughlin-Medina from Therapy Services at MountainView Regional Medical Center
Tuesday, July 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Classes are free to the public, but advanced registration is requested.



Classes are held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman, Suite 404, unless otherwise noted.
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ACLU to open new office

Nape to head border location

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico has made plans to open a border office in Las Cruces by the end of July.

The organization has already hired Maria Nape as director of the new office, which will focus on border-related issues.

"The office has a regional mission of addressing border rights," said ACLU-NM Executive Director Peter Simonson. "By that I mean confronting civil rights abuses that result from border laws or policies whether forced against immigrants or citizens."

According to a press release, Nape has a law degree and experience as an advocate for the rights of migrant farm workers.

"We really struck gold with Maria," Simonson said. "She just brings a number of skills to the job."

"I am thrilled to head up such an exciting and timely initiative for the ACLU," Nape said in a release. "The intensification of law enforcement on the border and growing reactionary attitudes toward immigrants around the country make the ACLU's new border rights office a vital effort. I look forward to learning from other border groups how we can complement their work and help create an effective civil rights presence throughout the border corridor."

Simonson said the ACLU is still in the process of finding an office space, but once that goal is reached, there are plans to hire an office manager and a program coordinator.

Until the office is open, those seeking assistance from the ACLU would contact the office in Albuquerque.

"We've always wanted to reach out to southern New Mexico in general and have a greater presence in southern New Mexico, but we also predicted about two years ago that the border was going to become the new frontier for civil liberties concerns," Simonson said. "We're very concerned about state and local law enforcement trying to enforce immigration law because they're not trained to do that, and they're not authorized to do that. It's almost impossible to enforce immigration law without violating their due process rights in their warrants against search and seizure."

Parkview to close plant

Juarez move will lay off 80 local employees

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Parkview Metal Products, a manufacturing plant in the West Mesa Industrial Park, has announced it will close its Las Cruces operations and move to Juarez, leaving 80 local employees behind.

City of Las Cruces Economic Development Administrator Christine Ochs said the plant has announced the closure to its employees and will actually close after finishing out its current contracts, which may be within a couple of months.

Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance President Steve Vierck said Parkview Metal administration estimated the 100,000-square-foot building would be vacant by Nov. 1.

The decision to shut down the Las Cruces plant was made after sales continued to decline from Juarez-based competition, said Nels Leutwiler, Parkview president and CEO, in an email to Ochs and Vierck.

"You look at that situation over the last several years, and they have been facing large and increasing cost pressures from less expensive operations in Mexico and even China," Vierck said. "It just got to be too much for



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Manufacturing plant Parkview Metal Products has announced it will close its operation in the West Mesa Industrial Park and will move to Juarez. Although the plant's 80 employees will lose their jobs, they are eligible for assistance through the Department of Workforce Solutions.

them."

The 80 displaced workers will be eligible for assistance through the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions.

"We don't know for sure whether this falls under the Trade Adjustment Act, but if it does, then (the displaced employees) will be eligible for unemployment and training for up to two years," said Richard Wagner, senior area director for the Department of Workforce Solutions. "If it doesn't fall under the TAA, then they are

eligible for six months of unemployment and training for two years." Wagner said the Las Cruces Workforce Connection will be part of a rapid response team that comes out of the state office to present all services available to the employees before the plant closes.

"We will go to them," he said. "Once the plant closes, they can come in the office, and we will help them as much as we can."

The Las Cruces Workforce Connections office will help these employees with their résumés, job

searches and other job seeking-related services.

These employees also may be able to find similar manufacturing jobs in the area or may have to shift to another segment in the economy, Vierck said.

"A positive is that the economy is strong, and the unemployment rate was only 4.1 percent in May," he said. "There's a lot of demand for workers, and that's a good sign."

Ochs said the city and MVEDA had been working with Parkview to help them keep going, but they are now shifting their focus to work with companies that may use the space.

"We're hoping, along with MVEDA and the City of Las Cruces, that there may be a possibility that we will get a similar facility," Wagner said. "We're hoping someone will take it, and we'll have a workforce ready to step in."

In October 2006, Parkview Metal closed its San Marcos, Texas, plant and consolidated its operations into the Las Cruces plant.

"I have to admit, I thought it was going to buy us two or three years," Vierck said.

But, according to Leutwiler's email, sales continued to decline "and intense competition from Juarez-based competitors have forced us to close the Las Cruces operation."

State agency shifts its focus

Department of Labor becomes Department of Workforce Solutions

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With a goal of ensuring that every New Mexican who wants a job has one, and every business that needs an employee will find one, the New Mexico Department of Labor on July 1 changed its name to the state Department of Workforce Solutions.

The modifications within the agency equate to more than a name change, said Richard Wagner, senior area director.

"We're becoming more employer driven," Wagner said. "Where we have focused our energies on job seekers in the past, now we are making more of an effort to meet the needs of area employers and not be as cumbersome."

Although the agency will remain a resource for those seeking jobs, it will also be a market-driven service designed to meet the needs of businesses. Each week Workforce Solutions staffers will venture into the community to meet with businesses throughout Doña Ana County and educate them about the agency and the services it can provide.

"We want them to use us as a staffing agency," Wagner said. "We are a free public service."

He added that a shift from an unemploy-



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Employment counselor Sandra Bueno (left) helps Jacqueline Amador with her résumé. Despite the statewide changes that took effect July 1, the Las Cruces Workforce Connections office will still offer resources for those seeking employment.

ment service to a market driven employment agency is necessary to meet the current and emerging needs of the growing business community. Adjusting the agency's focus helps to ensure that local companies are able to com-

pete in a global economy, he said.

"The business community is growing quickly," Wagner said. "We want to provide businesses with quality employees."

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New homes outselling existing homes

Lack of affordability hinders existing-home buyers

GARY SANDLER'S
Real Estate Connection



New-home sales in the Las Cruces area have been outpacing sales of existing homes, townhomes and condominiums by a 52 percent to 48 percent margin since the end of May, according to a June 30 report from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR). Beginning in October 2006 and continuing through May of this year, existing homes were outselling new homes by a 2-to-1 margin. Since that time, however, sales of existing homes have been on the decline. What's fueling this new-versus-used flip-flop?

According to its annual "State of the Nation's Housing report for 2007,"

Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies cites housing affordability as one of the major culprits influencing the switch. The study indicates that the rising lack of affordability across the country is due to escalating home prices, higher interest rates and tougher lending guidelines. Together, these forces have combined to make qualifying for mortgages more difficult for first-time and entry-level buyers, who typically buy the majority of the existing homes sold. The study is available on the web at http://www.jchs.harvard.edu/publications/markets/son2006/son2006_executive_summary.pdf.

In a separate report, the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) says that the nation's over-55 market is fueling the sale of new homes. The NAHB notes that when older buyers get into the market, they come in with higher incomes, deeper equity and are already living in a

home that has gone up in value over the years. As a result, these "active adults" usually don't experience the same pressures encountered by their younger peers and have a much easier time replacing their existing home with a new model.

In addition, many in the over-55 crowd (shall we refer to them as geezers?) are opting to downsize. According to the NAHB, the average square footage of new homes has hovered at 2,400 after climbing for two decades. Today's new active adult housing ranges between 1,700 and 1,900 square feet, according to Hanley Wood Market Intelligence.

What does the future hold for new and existing-home sales? The National Association of Realtors (NAR) says that "the market is stabilizing" and that "we have not yet reached that much anticipated bottom." The folks at Harvard think that the housing markets will "remain soft for

a couple of more years," and the National Association of Homebuilders "expects home-sales to stabilize before the end of the year, followed by a multi-year recovery beginning in 2008."

While these prognosticators seem to express their thoughts in different ways, they all seem to agree that we're not yet out of the woods. Will Las Cruces area sales follow the national trend? Tune in next week for the answer. Until then, I hope to ...

See you at closing!

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Las Cruces student interns in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman welcomed a student from Las Cruces to his Washington, D.C., office for his summer intern program. Gregory Gonzales was selected by Bingaman to intern in his office from May 29-June 29.

The five-week program involves the students with pressing legislative issues and provides insight into the legislative process. Bingaman regards his interns as an integral part of his office and hopes the internship program offers students a valuable experience to learn about public service. In addition to working on special projects, interns attended meetings and events on Capitol Hill and sat on the Senate floor during a debate.

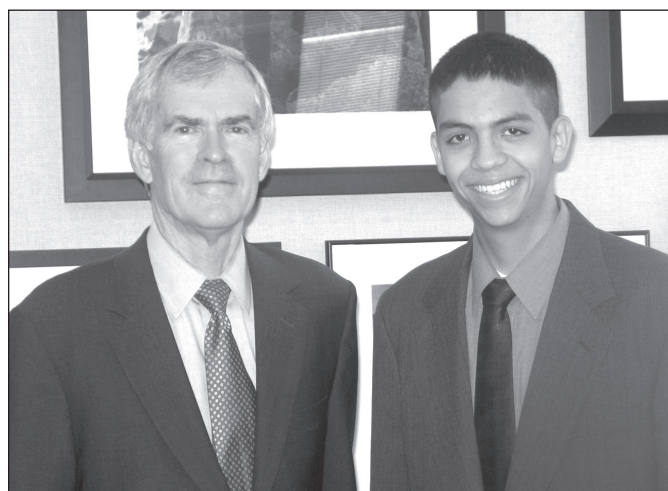
Gonzales worked with Bingaman's

legislative assistant on energy and defense issues by conducting research.

"I was pleased to welcome Gregory to Washington," Bingaman said. "He was very helpful to me and my staff, and I appreciated all of his efforts."

Gonzales is a government and Latin American studies major at New Mexico State University. He is a member of the NMSU PRIDE marching band and the Student Association of Latin American Studies. Gonzales graduated from Santa Fe High School in 2006.

"Interning with Senator Bingaman's office has been an incredible experience," Gonzalez said. "It has been great to experience the legislative process firsthand."



U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Gregory Gonzales

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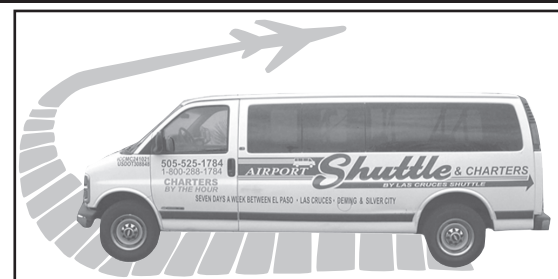
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PROFILE

Kevin McGrath:

Supporting the community that supported him

Burger Time owner contributes to Las Cruces' high school athletics

BY NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When it comes to stepping up for the community, everyone knows "It's Burger Time."

Coming from humble beginnings, Kevin McGrath, owner of the successful fast food restaurant chain, knows what it means to be part of a community and how important it is to give back when able.

Although he contributes to various organizations throughout the year, McGrath is best known for his sponsorship of the Sandra B. McGrath All High School Activities Golf Tournament, which is a three-day fund-raiser for high school activities. Not only does McGrath contribute to the program, he's brought out the philanthropist in many of the community.

Starting from scratch

Originally from Long Island, N.Y., McGrath moved to Las Cruces in 1962 at the age of 8. His father was transferred from New York as part of a team to start the NASA program in southern New Mexico.

As a teen, McGrath worked as a baker for the Aggie Donut Shop, better known today as the Burger Time location at 2320 Locust St. In 1972, he met Marvin Lloyd, who had started the Burger Time chain in 1968 in

Alamogordo. At that time, there were locations throughout New Mexico, including Roswell and Carlsbad.

Lloyd was expanding the chain into Las Cruces, and he bought the Aggie Donut Shop. McGrath stayed on board and was promoted to manage a location on El Paseo Road six months later. The chain continued to grow and soon expanded from serving only lunch and dinner to offering doughnuts and breakfast burritos in the morning.

Later, a menu featuring Mexican food with the "hottest chile in town" was included at the restaurant.

McGrath said he and Lloyd, who was McGrath's mentor, worked together for 12 years until Lloyd's death from cancer in 1984.

"That was the greatest teaching I ever got in my life," McGrath said. "I still miss him."



Because Lloyd's family was not interested in maintaining the restaurant chain, McGrath took ownership of Burger Time in 1984.

The fast food restaurant is still a success, and there are now five locations in Las Cruces – 2032 Locust St., 3231 N. Main St., 760 Avenida de Mesilla, 1190 Solano Drive and 5600 Bataan Memorial East. A Silver City location has remained open since 1971, and he opened a Deming location in 1991.

McGrath's family has also lent a hand in the restaurant's success.

His brother Pete is the general manager, and his sister Kathy took over as administrative assistant after his mother retired.

"My mom was with me for 18 years," McGrath said.

Working with family may prove to be difficult for some, but not for McGrath.

"It's a nice little adventure. It's very easy for me. I haven't had any conflicts," McGrath said. "I'm not like a dictator, and there's a mutual respect for each other."

He spends his free time with his 15-year-old daughter, Mandy, who is a sophomore at Las Cruces High School.

"She's the greatest joy of my life," he said. "She's what keeps me going."

Contributing to the community

Noting how important it is to give back to the community that contributed to the success of his business, McGrath has sponsored one of the largest fund-raisers in the area for the past 14 years.

Originally known as the Burger Time High School Football Golf Tournament, the 14th annual Sandra B. McGrath All High School Activities Golf Tournament began Thursday at the Las Cruces Country Club golf course.

The tournament is now named after McGrath's wife, who died of cancer in 2003.

"She was such a driving force behind the tournament," he said.

It has become a hugely successful event, drawing at least 700 golfers each year since it began in 1993.

"It sells itself," McGrath said. "The community support is outstanding. And it's humbling to me because they support it so well – not for Burger Time, but for the kids. We're keeping kids out of prison; if they weren't on the football field, they'd be doing something else."

The tournament's concept was designed after the Tony Llama golf tournament fund-raiser to benefit New Mexico State University's women's golf team.

The tournament ended when head coach Paul Brilliant retired in 1992. McGrath picked up the format the following year, but

this time to benefit high school football.

"The state was cutting funding for athletes (in high school)," McGrath said. "The northern part of the state was much further ahead. They just couldn't compete, so we stepped up to the plate to help."

McGrath started with football because

he said it is the one sport that impacts the most people in the area. He said at least 600 high school student-athletes participate in high school football programs each year.

The tournament

is now such a success that the football program has been "fully funded," McGrath said.

Coaches now have enough monetary support to provide each team with adequate tools and equipment. Since the tournament was started, he said a Las Cruces high school team has won nine of 13 state football championships.

Now that the football teams are fully supported, McGrath has his sights set on the rest of high school activities. This year, the tournament will support all high school entities, including cheerleading and band, McGrath said.

In response to those who suggest he supports academics, McGrath said the fund-raiser does support academic performance.

"In order to succeed with this and stay in school, (student-athletes) have to be successful in the classroom. People ask why I don't support academics – I do. Students have to have a certain GPA to play sports."

A local celebrity

While the golf tournament is a large event, McGrath and Burger Time also take the time to contribute to other organizations.

"We've supported everything," he said.

Because of his contributions, McGrath has been named one of 20 people in the Las Cruces-El Paso area to receive a humanitarian award from the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"To be recognized has made me very humble," he said. "I've been working with them for over 20 years."

McGrath said Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace and El Paso Mayor John Cook are among the honorees.

"It's quite humbling to be honored with them," he said.

McGrath is easily recognized in the community, and he's usually spotted at major local events. If McGrath isn't there, he is usually represented by the bright orange Burger Time logo.

"You're so visible in what you do. It comes with the territory," he said. "It's not that you want it. You just come to expect it. But it's a nice feeling that people appreciate it and it's recognized."

Kevin McGrath

Burger Time Owner

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- Daughter Mandy, 15, sophomore at Las Cruces High School

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Now is an excellent time to make, review an estate plan

Several items need specific attention



TOBY S. RUE
Financial Advisor

An unplanned estate or an outdated estate plan can be costly. If you don't have an estate plan, state law will dictate how your assets are to be distributed upon your death. Not surprisingly, there won't be many tax-saving or wealth preservation opportunities. Even if you have an estate plan, if it hasn't been updated in several years to address changing circumstances, your family could still incur unnecessary costs.

Many factors can affect an estate plan, but the following items should receive specific attention when you review or prepare your estate plan:

- **Growing Net Worth.** Securities and other investments, retirement plan assets, your home, your business and your life insurance policies generally are all counted as part of your estate. Investment gains and increasing real estate values may have helped move your estate into federal estate tax territory. Also, individual states may levy estate taxes of their own – check the laws of your state and consult your tax advisor for additional information.
- **Estate Taxes.** You can leave up to \$2,000,000 to your descendants free of federal estate tax for the years 2006 through 2008. This amount will increase to \$3,500,000 in 2009. In 2010, federal estate taxes are scheduled to be repealed. However, unless additional legislation is passed, federal estate taxes will return in 2011 for estates valued at \$1,000,000 or more. The uncertainty of the current estate tax system makes planning your estate more important than ever.
- **New Address.** If you've moved to a different state or acquired a second home or other property in a different state, your legal domicile may be uncertain. Without clearly establishing your domicile in a single state, more than one jurisdiction may successfully tax your estate. A revised estate plan can help protect your assets against this possible double taxation.
- **Life Changing Events.** Changes within your family – marriage, remarriage, divorce, birth, death, etc. – often necessitate changes to your estate plan. Any such changes to your family members should be reflected in your estate plan.
- **Health Needs.** Special health needs

may have arisen within your family since your last estate plan review. These may require additional provisions to your will or the establishment of a trust.

- **Disability Protection.** Disability doesn't only happen to other people. A personal trust can be drafted to help prevent a temporary or permanent disability from disrupting your financial affairs.
- **Business Changes.** Reviewing your estate plan can help alert you to potential disruptions to or tax implications involving your family business. However your business is structured (i.e., as a sole proprietorship, partnership, closely-held corporation, etc.), planning your estate and succession planning for your business should be closely linked.
- **Philanthropic Intentions.** A growing personal estate may encourage you to give more to charity. There are various philanthropic alternatives available to you, including ones that maximize your control over your charitable gifts while still potentially providing you with significant tax savings and other financial benefits.

You've probably spent years building up an estate for your family. Having in place an estate plan which helps protect and safeguard your assets makes perfect

sense. Adding estate planning to your list of priorities can add to your peace of mind and help spare your family from future estate tax problems.

For more information:

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WIA expert leads NM labor Sparrow-Doris heads new department

By TERI HOPE
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The low ground grumblings of change in Santa Fe means greater progress for the Southwestern region, particularly for those working to build up the local workforce. As the New Mexico Department of Labor (NMDOL) and the Governor's Office of Workforce Training and Development (OWTD) integrate and combine their services as of July 1, the appointment of an expert on the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is one of the best ways to keep workforce development in Southwestern New Mexico right on track.

Initially tapped to serve as executive director of OWTD, Betty Sparrow-Doris was promoted in December to serve as New Mexico's secretary of labor. With the integration of OWTD and NMDOL – now a single department renamed the Department of Workforce Solutions – Doris' "impressive background and direct experience in workforce development made her an obvious choice to take on the challenge of leading the Labor Department," said Gov. Bill Richardson.

Doris worked for six years at the Denver Division of Workforce Development, where she developed her ongoing personal and professional premise, which is to live to "help others help themselves," according to NMDOL. "Described as a 'servant-leader' by colleagues who have watched her prevail against apparently insurmountable challenges, Ms. Doris is quick to underscore the guiding principles of respect, trust, and truth as she solves problems and works with others to get the job done," NMDOL said.

"Ms. Doris began her tenure in the workforce development area during the era of nationally directed employment and training programs," NMDOL said.

"As Director of Youth and Categorical Programs, she managed programs designed to keep at-risk Denver youth in school through on-the-job training, mentoring, job shadowing, and internship opportunities. These tailored interventions," similar to youth programs offered throughout southwestern New Mexico's seven-county region, "connected at-risk students with school-and work-based learning venues through community and business involvement."

Managing all of Denver's public workforce system programs and services, Doris "developed a decentralized workforce system that enhanced access to the city's workforce services for job seekers and businesses," NMDOL went on to say. Her experience in launching a comprehensive monitoring and contracts management system, which "significantly improved" program accountability and performance, will assist in streamlining New Mexico's WIA organizational structure.

Doris "also served on a task force, jointly commissioned by (Colorado) Gov. Roy Romer and (Denver) Mayor Wellington Webb," NMDOL said of the mother of two and grandmother of three. "The Task Force was charged with moving state-level labor exchange programs and staff to local government, and for integrating existing state and local workforce development services into a single agency, the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development."

Teri Hope is the SAWDB's outreach technical specialist. She can be reached at (505) 744-4857, or by visiting www.swjobconnect.org. Visit your local office of Workforce Solutions – NMDOL – for information on adult and youth WIA programs in the counties of Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra and Socorro.

DACC film training program reaches out

Student production office creating local film directory

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

For many, "Transformers" is the ultimate summer blockbuster, chock full of action, suspense and other ingredients that cook up a box office success.

But for the Doña Ana Community College Film Technician Training Program, it's much more than that.

Parts of the movie were filmed at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo, and DACC provided several graduates to work on the film crew.

DACC students have also worked on "Indiana Jones 4" while it was being filmed in Deming several weeks ago and "Afterwards," starring John Cusack, which was recently filmed in White Sands.

"We really are cooking with gas," said creative media technology instructor Lamaia Vaughn. "Our ultimate goal is for students to get invited into the union."

To work on most big-budget films, all employees are required to be part of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees (IATSE). Without membership in the union, work may be difficult.

To achieve this goal, the Creative Media Technology Program and its Film Technician Training Program has implemented the student production office and hired Amy Upshaw as FTTP student liaison.

Within the student production office, Upshaw, who is studying digital graphic design and media technology, is preparing a database of all locations, actors, lodging, resources, expertise and crewmembers available in the area to any picture coming into the community.

"We came up with the idea because we wanted to get work for our graduates at FTTP," Vaughn said. "Our career placement office at DACC will also be a component of the production office. We'll work with them, but the film industry is such a peculiar animal, and job posting and availability is so time sensitive."

"There really is no transition from student to getting into the industry or

the union," Upshaw added. "There's no in-between. As a student, I want to know more information and that we're not going to be exploited. We're either going to be compensated with either money or experience for the union. I want to make sure our skills are utilized in the best way possible."

The program, which was initially started in 2005, is part of Gov. Bill Richardson's initiative to make New Mexico a target location for filmmaking. The two-semester program provides students with a basic knowledge of skills used while making a film — craft services, set medics, grips, electrics, gaffers, script supervisors, boom operators, special effects, makeup, wardrobe and others.

"In the first semester, they receive training in each area," said Digital Imaging and Design Department Chair Rebecca Kongs. "By the end of the semester, they decide where they felt their skills were strong and declare a craft."

The students then receive specialized training in their craft during the second semester. Students receive hands-on training, preferably from working on a union project.

"The idea is to get a mentor in the union, so that it's not a surprise when they try to apply for the union," Upshaw said.

However, opportunities to work on union projects in southern New Mexico are not yet in abundance, Vaughn added, so students should also take on non-union projects.

"Because there are fewer union pictures in the area, we have this other route that we have to take," she said. "The New Mexico Film Office has suggested our area grow our own projects to boost economic development and create more opportunities for our students."

"That's where collaboration comes into play," Upshaw added. "That's where this office ties into networking with the community. It's not feasible for some of us to move (out of the city upon graduation), so it's important to get the community involved so we don't have to uproot our students. This is where I want to be."

"Students would like to stay," Vaughn added. "Before they had to go to wherever the jobs were.

Now we can get our foot in the door and start here. That's why we have a film liaison position. We need to network our half of the state so we have all media networking opportunities."

Although the program is young, there

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AMY UPSHAW,
DACC Film Tech Training
Program student liaison



Devon Stinson and Neil Solberg work as gaffers on the set of the movie "Mrs. Biggs."

are big plans ready for the near future.

A new space for in-house video production will be available for students at the DACC East Mesa Campus in the fall.

Vaughn said they are also working on using the Internet as a distribution vehicle for all work completed in the program.

"The Internet is the future, people are going to stop going to theaters," she said.

Vaughn said the Creative Media Institute has also submitted a proposal to the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County to create a position for a film liaison.

"We want to work with that liaison," she said.

"So far (hearing about film projects) has been word of mouth," Upshaw added. "There's no central location. We're still the last city in southern New Mexico to have a liaison, and we want to know who's ready to help."

The 18-credit program is currently accepting students for the fall semester, and Vaughn said there are no pre-requisites to join the program, and it is open to the community.



Amy Upshaw, DACC Film Technician Training Program liaison, and the student production office are working to create local opportunities for DACC film technician graduates.

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Providing a home's foundation

Zia Drafting and Design specializes in quick turnaround

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Before a home – or any building for that matter – becomes an architectural masterpiece, all of its intricate detail is laid out on a piece of paper.

Whether it's a tiled or carpeted floor, a brick or stucco home, Steve Calderazzo, owner of Zia Drafting and Design, can draw it.

With 14 years of drafting experience, Calderazzo uses AutoCAD 2007, a computer-aided drafting software program, to create the plan. He learned the program and other drafting skills after taking several classes at Doña Ana Community College.

"I was just looking for something practical for my artistic side," he said.



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Steve Calderazzo opened Zia Drafting and Design in September 2005 at 125 1/2 W. Mountain Ave. in a Downtown home-turned-office.

He opened the business in September 2005. He said anyone can become a draftsman, but with limited knowledge of the construction process, that person won't get very far.

"It's one thing to draw it, but it's another thing to build it," he said. "It's important for people to understand how the home is being built. It's absolutely necessary that draftsmen understand the construction. While you're drawing it, you need to be able to take the floor plan and visualize the actual house."

Calderazzo is able to visualize the house from a preliminary sketch provided by a homebuilder or contractor.

"They usually bring something drawn up, and I go to town on it," he said.

He said he is willing to meet with a person as long as it takes to get a preliminary floor plan completed. "With a preliminary floor plan, we can still make changes, and then we discuss what to do on the outside."

Calderazzo will create a full set of plans – including the floor plan, electrical plan, foundation, elevations, a roof plan and a site plan – within three business days. However, he said, the plans are usually finished earlier.

"I typically have it back in a day or two," he said. "The more difficult, more complicated and more square footage will obviously change the deadline."

Calderazzo's speed and price for a full set of plans has set him apart from other drafting businesses, he said.

"I can finish a full set of drawings in a half- to a full-day's work," he said.

He also charges 30 cents per heated square foot, "which is the contractor's rate."

When drawing a plan, Calderazzo said it's important to pay attention to detail, especially when creating a full set.

"If the dimensions are off between two plans, you're going to have a mess," he said. "When the overlays aren't correct, you have some major problems. I've never had major problems. I make sure the exterior walls and the foundation all line up. But you're always going to have mistakes. If you can keep mistakes miniscule – like mis-



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Steve Calderazzo is owner of Zia Drafting and Design, which provides drafting services for general contractors and homebuilders.

spellings – then you're doing great."

So far, Calderazzo hasn't had to advertise his business, since most of it comes from referrals from happy clients.

"Las Cruces is great for business," said Calderazzo, who attended Las Cruces High School.

In the future, Calderazzo plans to expand the services offered by Zia Drafting and Design. He said he recently purchased a wide-format copy machine to provide copies of plans for customers who request them.

He is also working on getting his bachelor's degree in architecture so he can take on larger commercial projects. He still would like to keep his current residential customers satisfied, and he said he would hire more drafters to handle that business. He has already hired Remington Thomas, who is working on a degree in architecture. To keep track of his growing business, Calderazzo has also hired administrative assistant Laurann Sandoval.

Calderazzo said that aside from continuing to keep his clients satisfied, one of the best parts of his job is the simple pleasure of coming to work every day: "My A/C works really well."



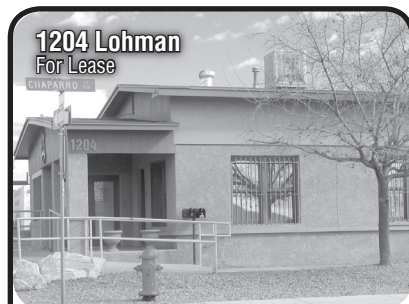
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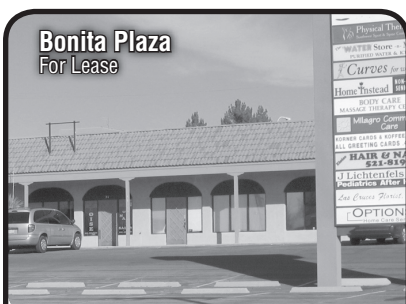
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Q & A: Talking business with owner Steve Calderazzo

What inspired you to go into business?

I've always been motivated to work for myself, and owning my own business is a challenge and puts success and failure on my shoulders.

What is unique about your business?

It's the fastest drafting company in town, and I challenge anyone to that.

Who are your customers?

My customers are general contractors and individuals wanting to build a home.

How would you define success in the short term?

Return customers and a steady flow of business.

Where do you see the business in five years?

In five years, I plan to hire a couple of full-time draftsmen, administrative assistants and expand to a larger office.

What is the best part of your job?

Customer satisfaction.

What is your business philosophy?

Go the extra mile and go out of your way for customers.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

Continuing my education, keeping software up to date and seeking out additional services to make a customer's building experience easier.

How are you marketing the business?

I have a small ad in the Yellow Pages, but most of my business comes from word of mouth.

What do you look for in an employee?

Draftsmen need to have good customer service skills. They also need to have a good basic knowledge of homebuilding construction and the ability to work under pressure.

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

Making myself available after hours for customers who cannot make it during regular business hours.



Zia Drafting and Design staff from left: draftsman Remington Thomas, administrative assistant Laurann Sandoval and owner Steve Calderazzo.

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What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

We just purchased a wide-format copying machine so we can provide copies of plans for individuals who request them for a nominal fee.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Managing another drafting business in the early to mid-'90s.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

You better know your business inside and out, anticipate problems and setbacks and be prepared to go above and beyond what is normally expected of you.

What items do you offer and what are their price ranges?

I offer residential and light commercial drafting services, plan-related copying services and construction consultations for individuals.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

It's an excellent place to do business because it's a growing community.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

I haven't really faced any obstacles, business is steady. There's competition, but there's plenty of business for everyone. Competition is a good thing – it makes you work harder.

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

How fast I operate the CAD system.

What are your business goals?

My business goals are to complete a degree in architecture, which would allow me to take on larger commercial projects in the area. I will continue to provide drafting services for contractors while keeping prices competitive.

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The agency will have a one-year transition period while staffers, businesses and job seekers become accustomed to the changes.

“Business will be pretty much the same for about a year, but as we become more of a reference for employers, we hope to grow and add staff,” Wagner said.

Within the next few months, he said the Las Cruces Workforce Connections building will be repainted and the New Mexico Department of Labor sign will be removed. The building also will be expanded to provide a larger lobby and resource area, Wagner said.

Among the services the agency provides for employers are:

- Workforce training
- Employer forms such as the I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification form, W-4s and the ES-802
- State and federal mandated posters, advising employers of their rights
- Unemployment insurance tax information

For job seekers, the agency will continue to provide assistance with referrals to employment openings, job fairs and unemployment insurance benefits.

The agency’s website has also changed to www.dws.state.nm.us. The website provides information for employers and job seekers.

Building Las Cruces DACC



Doña Ana Community College’s Workforce Development Center, 2345 E. Nevada Ave., will receive several renovations by the start of the spring semester. An additional 6,000 square feet added to the building will house DACC’s Bridge program, which is the dual-credit high school enrollment program. The addition and newly renovated space will also be used to include space for construction trades and manufacturing technology programs.

The existing 26,000 square feet, which houses the Continuing Education Division, customized training, small business development and the truck driving academy, also will be renovated.

Funding for the project has come from the career technical center funds as well as state and local funds. The total cost for the project is almost \$4 million, said Andy Burke, DACC campus financial officer.

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Bankers learn more about the business at NM State

University hosts week-long banking session

Bankers from around the Southwest spent a week in Las Cruces, taking part in classes as New Mexico State University hosted the Western States School of Banking.

More than 70 students from New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and California attended WSSB’s 8-day summer banking course, held this year inside Corbett Center Student Union. WSSB’s students are professionals already in the banking industry. Most work for smaller community banks. The program is designed to help them advance their careers.

“They learn more about the banking industry than they ever thought possible,” said Jerry Walker, a WSSB board member. “The banking industry is highly regulated. Our school is designed to give students a better understanding of how everything works.”

This was the first year for WSSB to partner with NMSU. For the previous 32 years, classes were located at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

Garrey Carruthers, business dean and vice president for economic development, said NMSU’s College of Business is working to strengthen its ties to the banking community. “The banking industry needs more people, especially in community banks. This partnership between

NMSU and the Western States School of Banking is an excellent opportunity for our students and faculty to meet and interact with leaders in the banking industry.”

Walker said independently owned community banks often have trouble finding good, qualified people. They also do not have the resources of national banks to provide in-house training. WSSB gives smaller banks a chance to increase their workers’ skills and knowledge as much as possible.

“It’s a very intense week with a lot of things going on. They learn a lot from the school,” said Mark Fidel, WSSB’s new executive director.

Classes focus on a wide range of topics including commercial credit, legal issues, marketing and human resources. There are also banking simulations and team building exercises where students call the shots and see how their decisions impact others.

“Many of our teachers and speakers are nationally recognized in the banking industry,” said Fidel.

The school consists of two summer sessions. This year’s class contained 36 first-year students and 35 returning students. Walker believes the school can double those numbers in the coming years. In the future the school also hopes to expand some of its programs, making classes more available to students.

“The banking industry needs more people ...”

GARREY CARRUTHERS,
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Students listen and take notes during a Western States School of Banking class held at New Mexico State University.

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BRIEFS

NMSU institute expands worldwide

The NMSU Institute of Tectonic Studies (ITS) is one of the most subscribed petroleum industry consortia worldwide, with a current membership of 18 major petroleum corporations. Financial support is derived from the most prominent companies in the business, including Anadarko, BP, Chevron, Exxon-Mobil, Hess, Hydro, Samson, Shell, Statoil, Marathon, and Total.

ITS Director Katherine Giles first forged the petroleum industry contacts necessary to implement the ITS when working for Exxon Production Research Co. in Houston, Texas, as a senior research scientist in the early 1990s.

Following her arrival at NMSU in 1993, Giles and her research peers have successfully maintained a close working relationship over the years through the collaboration of the ITS and private industry. As ITS director, Giles supervises all aspects of the program. Unparalleled research in the field of salt tectonics and petroleum reservoirs are performed by an international research team comprising faculty and students from NMSU, the University of Nevada Las Vegas, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, in collaboration with private consulting companies. Successful applicants to the Geosciences Program at NMSU who have qualified for educational support from the ITS will be working through the upcoming summer months on projects worldwide, including La Popa Basin in Coahuila, Mexico, and the Flinders Range in Southeast Australia. More than 50 percent of Giles' former master's students from NMSU are currently employed within the oil and gas industry.

ACI announces new chairman

The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico (ACI) has selected Rick Wadley as chairman of the Board of Directors for 2007-2008. Wadley's appointment was confirmed by the ACI Board of Directors at its annual retreat June 7-8 in Cloudcroft. Wadley's term officially began July 1.

ACI is the statewide business advocate and the New Mexico affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and

the National Association of Manufacturers.

Wadley has been an active member of ACI for the past six years and has served various terms on ACI's executive, health care, government affairs and economic development committees.

President and chief executive officer of ACI, Beverlee McClure said, "Rick has lived in a rural area of New Mexico and now runs a bank that serves the entire state. He understands and appreciates the diversity of NM and the need for ACI to embrace our statewide mission. He is a well-respected and excellent leader whom I look forward to working with."

Wadley is president of Bank of America, headquartered in Albuquerque. Bank of America brings the power of our human and financial capital to transform communities into vibrant, desirable places for people to live, work and raise families.

Wadley began his banking career in 1969 with Bank of New Mexico, Albuquerque. In 1974 he was hired by Bank of America, NA (formerly Nations Bank, Sunwest Bank and Albuquerque National Bank).

Wadley also serves as President of the New Mexico Banker's Association, and as a board member for the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque Economic Development, Kirtland Partnership, and ACCION New Mexico.

Wadley attended Brigham Young University and the University of New Mexico, New Mexico School of Banking.

NMSU faculty member selected as USDA fellow

New Mexico State University faculty member Martha Desmond was recognized today as an E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellow in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program (HSINP). Desmond is one of 20 faculty from Hispanic-serving educational institutions honored.

The USDA fellows program was established in 1998 as part of the USDA-Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Leadership Group, a national body appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture and the President of HACU, a San Antonio, Texas-based association founded in 1986. The goal of the program is to

advance USDA's relationship with participating HSIs and enhance fellows' professional growth, while fostering workforce diversity and strengthening the nation's capacity to provide high quality education and increased opportunities for Hispanic-Americans.

Fellows, who were selected by the USDA through a competitive process, work collaboratively with USDA scientists and managers in Washington, D.C., to learn more about research and management issues and to collaborate with the USDA on food security, biotechnology, landscape horticulture and agribusiness. Fellows are provided travel and per diem expenses (for lodging, meals, and incidentals), and daily commuting costs during the program, which lasts from two to six weeks, depending on the project.

In June, fellows met with HACU representatives to learn about collegiate programs offered by the association and legislative issues affecting Hispanic higher education.

"We are pleased and proud to partner with the USDA, and we are excited about this 10th annual class of fellows," said Antonio Flores, president of HACU. "A program such as this gives the USDA an advantage over other federal agencies, since it creates long-term mutually beneficial relationships between the USDA and HSIs and ensures that Hispanics are incorporated into the agency's long-term strategic needs."

The E. (Kika) de la Garza Fellowship, named for the Texas Congressman who chaired the House Agriculture Committee from 1981-1994, is divided into four categories, each tailored to meet the interests of fellows and provide them with an enriching experience over the course of several weeks. Desmond, associate professor of the Fishery and Wildlife Sciences at NMSU-Main Campus, was selected as one of 15 education fellows from Hispanic-Serving Institutions, accredited degree-granting institutions of higher education with a Hispanic student enrollment of 25 percent or more. One of the honorees is a High School Fellow, representing secondary education. The education and high school fellows learn about the education policymaking process by meeting with officials in various federal agencies, including the Department of Education, Housing and Urban Development, the Department of State, as well as USDA.

Southwestern décor shop opens on Mesilla plaza

Anazazi Traders features Southwest art

Anazazi Traders, which features high-quality Southwest-style art, ceramics and rugs, will be opening soon at 2329 Calle de Guadalupe on the Mesilla Plaza (upstairs from Stahmann's).

The store is the brainchild of owner and El Paso native John Terrell, who took his love for Southwest art to Ecuador, where he discovered artists who could reproduce his favorite ancient Native American

designs on items that are both useful and decorative.

"We took Native American designs and had them reproduced by hand in pure wool by South American Indians who have a tradition of weaving going back hundreds of years," Terrell said. "An authentic hand-made rug can visually integrate and balance different elements in any décor or can reenergize your room."

The rugs range from small saddle-blanket size to more than eight feet long. "We can have them made in any size," Terrell said.

Although the correct spelling is Anasazi, Terrell originally planned to name his business Anasazi Traders. After discovering another business in New Mexico with the same name, he changed the name to Anazazi Traders.

Terrell's signature product is his black-and-white tableware that features ancient Anazazi and Mimbres pottery patterns. There are currently four patterns from which to choose; more will be available in the coming months.

The store also carries many wooden carvings, from busts to life-size pieces.

Anazazi Traders will be open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Randall Lund is the store manager. John and Marita Terrell are the owners. They currently live in Ecuador and split their time between there and their ranch in Pie Town, N.M.

The owners decided to open the store on the Mesilla Plaza for its cultural reputation,



Native American and South American Indian designs are reproduced in many of the items sold at Anazazi Traders.

according to Lund.

"John Terrell really loves the Mesilla Plaza; loves the ambience, history and art that the plaza has become known for and wants his store to be a part of that," he said. "Eventually he hopes to branch out and possibly have a showroom on Avenida de Mesilla."



Anazazi Traders, a new business on the Mesilla Plaza, features Southwest-style art.



BENJAMIN A. LIECHTI
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Life is full of surprises – both positive and negative. When couples pledge to be married to one another, particularly at a young age, the thought of being widowed is the last thing on their minds. While the loss of a spouse is one of life’s most devastating experiences, striving to live through it, especially financially, can be challenging and overwhelming. That’s why proactive planning can make a world of difference when a spouse is faced with the death of his or her partner.

Women, in particular, would be wise to plan ahead financially. Consider the following statistics:

- Women typically outlive men by an average of 5.3 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control.
- The U.S. Census Bureau reports one-third of women between the ages of 65 and 74 are classified as widows.
- The percentage of women classified as widows over age 75 nearly doubles to 61 percent.

What’s more is that women are more at risk to be at a financial disadvantage on several fronts when their spouses die. Statistically, they earn 76 cents on the dollar compared to men and the gap widens with age, according to a U.S. Census Bureau income report. Plus, women are more likely to work part-time, have shorter work tenure due to raising children or caring for aging parents. The result, says the Women’s Institute for a Secure Retirement, is smaller Social Security payouts and pension accumulation.

Planning ahead

Early preparation can help a couple – and the entire family – have greater peace of mind now and down the road. Here are strategies to jumpstart the process:

- **Start the conversation** - The first step is to begin a dialogue with one’s spouse and family – as difficult as that conversation may be. It may help to schedule a consultation with a financial professional, a family or estate attorney. Their expertise can help you ask the right questions, identify your needs, define goals and make key decisions.
- **Focus the discussion** - The following are some questions to ask yourself and your partner: Does your financial outlook consider the possibility of the death

Taking care of a spouse’s finances

Strategies for planning ahead and moving forward

of a spouse? Is there a will? How are your financial documents, wills and/or trusts organized? Where are key forms, policies and legal paperwork located? Is there a living will? What are the short- and long-term wishes of each spouse?

- **Develop a will** – Putting together a will can help couples think through and solidify financial and personal matters. Certainly, this can be a daunting task when all is well and life is good, which is perhaps why 55 percent of Americans don’t have a will. Again, consider working with both a financial professional and an attorney to help the process.
- **Know what you have** – Familiarize yourself with all of your – and your spouse’s – assets, even if your spouse is the “financial decision maker” in the family. Learn about all bank accounts, retirement accounts, tax returns, insurance coverage, life insurance policies, etc.
- **Keep an orderly and easy-to-access system** - Store important documents and paperwork in a safe deposit box, locked file cabinet or other secure place that is easy to access. Be sure you and your spouse regularly update these materials.

Moving forward

Whether or not a couple has planned for a spouse’s death, some practical strategies to help a widowed spouse gradually work through finances should be considered. In most cases, widows will face three transition periods:

1. Attending to immediate practical concerns – will take one to two weeks;
2. Handling financial and legal concerns – may take from one week to several months;
3. Settling tax concerns – which can take one to two years to resolve.

The following are some considerations for navigating these phases:

- **Take care of immediate needs.** During this period, a widow should try to focus on gathering, organizing and making an inventory of all assets and liabilities. Now is the time to take control of the household bills,

funeral bills, medical bills, etc. Also organize your spouse’s financial and personal effects, such as bank accounts, vehicle titles, life insurance, Social Security benefits, credit cards, retirement accounts, etc.

- **Meet with your team of legal and financial professionals.** These individuals can assist you with immediate liquidity needs, make additional professional referrals and help you with details that either must be attended to immediately or should be addressed promptly (bill paying and debt service, tax and estate returns, beneficiary designations on your insurance policies and retirement accounts). It’s a good idea to involve children and other family members in this process so you have a team of close individuals who can help the process. Also, don’t hesitate to ask questions.
- **Notify institutions.** Transfer such things as credit cards, licenses, titles, bank and retirement accounts into your name. This is also a good time to update (or develop) your will and life insurance beneficiaries.
- **Re-evaluate your financial goals.** Talk with financial professionals about your financial needs and continue the conversation as life changes.

In general, it’s wise for couples to manage pre-and post-retirement finances very carefully, with short- and long- term goals and resources in mind. Adjusting to a spouse’s death is never easy. However, early planning and working with experienced financial professionals can help a widow move a little easier through such an extraordinary transition.

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Monica says that doing business in Las Cruces is amazing. "We have a wonderful clientele. I can't tell you how nice it is to open up each day to such great people. Our greatest compliment from a client is the referral of a friend. That means you are trusted, and that means a lot."

Gecko Tans is located in the Telshor Tower Plaza, at 755 S. Telshor Ste D. near Hotel Encanto. The salon offers three levels of tanning beds as well as the 60-second sunless Mystic Tan. The three types of tanning beds include the 20-minute Circe, 15-minute Ellipse, and the eight-minute Giant Sun.

"There are many different types of tanners with many different needs. By having equipment and products that can meet all of your clients' needs, you become a better place to tan," says Monica.

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"For the tanner it means a lot," says Monica. "Each of our staff members takes a certification course that educates them on different types of skin and how each type tans. This allows us to care for each individual tanner by meeting the needs of their specific skin type. The training course also includes education on the rays of the sun and how they affect the skin and how to achieve the smart-



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my whole business."

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Kick Up Your Heels for the Rio Grande Theatre



Mark Ploss' landscapes on page C12



At the Fountain Theatre: "The Valet" See review on page C4

A foot-stomping good time for a great cause

Shoes get the royal treatment for Rio Grande Theatre

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Do you love shoes? How about art? If only there was a way of combining the two into one glorious evening that helps a good cause. Well, prepare to "Kick Up Your Heels" Las Cruces.

White Raven Studios and Wild & Beautiful boutique will host a unique fashion show and fund-raiser for the Rio Grande Theatre endowment fund from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19, at White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave.

Cati Waterman, program coordinator for events at the Doña Ana Arts Council, said Minerva Diaz, owner of Wild & Beautiful, originally contacted the DAAC about putting together a fund-raiser/fashion show. Even though the staff at DAAC loved the idea, they needed a way to tie the whole event back to art.

"We wanted them to work with a 'kick off for the Rio Grande Theatre endowment' that had a tie into fashion, and it just turned into 'Kick Up Your Heels,'" said Amy Johnson Bassford, executive director of DAAC.

Waterman said the event will feature 20 one-of-a-kind works of "shoe art" designed by DAAC staff and artists from the community. The artwork will be sold in live auction during the event.

Displaying the art for attendees will be six models who will also be wearing shoes from Wild & Beautiful. Bassford added that the evening will be "a little different than what people expect from a fashion show."

The evening will also feature food and refreshments donated by Toucan Market, live music from 101 Gold and shoe-related door prizes for both men and women.

"It should be a really fun evening of cocktails, food and art," Waterman said.

"We're trying to make it an evening that's enjoyable for men and women," Bassford added.

In addition to fun, the DAAC staff will be on hand with information about the Rio Grande Theatre endowment to encourage people to become supporters of the events held at the theater and provide for future opportunities.

"We finished renovating the building, and now we need to secure our future," Bassford said.

The Rio Grande Theatre endowment is an investment that would create funding for the theater in perpetuity. According to Bassford, the goal for the endowment is \$800,000.

Although the event will serve to raise funds for the endowment, Bassford said the true purpose was to begin letting the community know about the fund.

"It's more about spreading the word about the endowment and getting people to have a fun time while learning about a



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Kick Up Your Heels will have around 20 unique pieces of "shoe art" for auction, like this Wizard-of-Oz-themed piece.

community treasure," she said.

According to Bassford, the Kick Up Your Heels event is the first fund-raiser held specifically for the Rio Grande Theatre endowment. Prior to Kick Up Your Heels, the DAAC has met privately with individuals about becoming "seat sponsors," or major endowment contributors.

DAAC operates the historic Rio Grande Theatre, which was built as a movie theater in 1926 and operated until 1997.

The theater was renovated by the DAAC for \$2.2 million over eight years into a 422-seat performing arts center for the community.

Bassford said the DAAC recently celebrated their second anniversary in their new offices located above the Rio Grande Theatre.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door as well as before the event at: the Doña Ana Arts Council, 211 N. Downtown Mall; White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave., and Wild & Beautiful, 2001 E. Lohman Ave. and in La Posta.

For more information about the Kick Up Your Heels event or the Rio Grande Theatre endowment, call 523-6403.

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At the Downtown Ramble

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Denise Anstine enjoys "Juarez Mother" by Mary Beagle at the Branigan Cultural Center's Friday Painters exhibit during the First Friday Ramble at the Downtown Mall last Friday.



Brad Cook takes in "Enjoying Sun Through a Window" by Eric K. Wallis at M. Phillips Gallery.

Amanda Olson is held up by her father Kevin next to a sculpture of her head made by Brian Fallstead at the Branigan Cultural Center.



Larry Candelaria ponders "Labyrinth" by Becky Holtzman at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.



Blue Gate Gallery owner Flo Hosa Dougherty talks with Becca Jones next to "Corn to Popcorn" by Dougherty.

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'Painting Madame X' returns to stage

Diven to perform at Trails West Senior Community

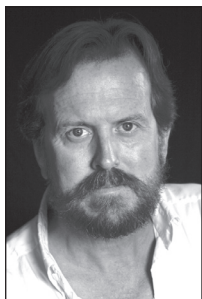
Local artist and actor Bob Diven will perform the original one-man show "Painting Madame X" at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Trails West Senior Community, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla.

The story brings to life the scandal of John Singer Sargent, famous for his "Portrait of Madame X," which currently is on display in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

The 40-minute drama will be followed by a discussion led by Diven, who also wrote the play.

The performance will be held in the Trails West ballroom. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for a suggested donation of \$3. For more information, call 524-9495 or 527-9283.



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No Strings Theatre Company announces eighth season

Season tickets now available for six upcoming 2007-08 Black Box performances

As No Strings Theatre Company prepares for its eighth regular season, they will now offer the opportunity for season tickets for the first time to theater patrons.

Although NSTC is entering its eighth season, this is the first time it has offered a season ticket. Named the Preferred Patron Packet (PPP), subscribers will get six tickets for the price of five compared to single ticket prices of \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday PPP theatergoers will receive the seat of their choice for the same performance day of each NSTC Regular Season production, the ability to exchange tickets for another performance date in the run of a show if they cannot come to their regular performance and the ability to transfer the ticket to someone else if they cannot attend.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday PPP tickets are \$50 for regular patrons and are \$45 for seniors (over age 65) and students. Thursday PPP tickets are \$35 and provide automatic Thursday reservations but no assigned seats and no transfers to a different day.

Before beginning the new season, No Strings Theatre Company will offer their final summer production, "The Bald Soprano," an absurd play by French playwright Eugene Ionesco, directed by Bobbi Masters, which will run Aug. 3-19 at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. The play is a hilarious and unique satire in which people talk to each other at cross purposes.

No Strings Theatre Company's 2007-2008 season will kick off with a production of "Vincent," by Leonard Nimoy, directed by Ceil Herman. Patrick Payne stars as Theo Van Gogh in a moving portrait of the life of his brother, the great artist Vincent Van Gogh. Performances are Sept. 28 through Oct. 14.

Opening Nov. 30 and running through Dec. 16 will be "Almost, Maine," by John Cariani, directed by Larry Chandler. This romantic comedy is about the residents of a small northern town who are falling in and out of love at an alarming rate.

"Always, Patsy Cline," the musical about the life and songs of Patsy Cline, by Ted Swindley, will be directed by Dale Pawley. Janet Mazdra portrays Patsy Cline, and Rachel Space plays her friend Louise Seger.

Performances are Jan. 18 through Feb. 10.

"Baby With the Bathwater," by Christopher Durang, directed by Ceil Herman, will run Feb. 29 through March 16. It is a biting satiric black comedy by one of the Black Box Theatre's most provocative and inventive writers.

"The Complete History of Las Cruces (Abridged)" is a hilarious new play written and directed by Tom Smith. The play details the history of the fair city of Las Cruces from the Paleozoic trackways through Oñate, to the laying out of Downtown and finally to modern day and runs April 4-20.

"The Last Five Years," by Jason Robert Brown, directed by Tom Smith and starring Carrie Oliver and Luis Orozco, is a contemporary musical which shows a relationship in two directions: beginning to end from the husband's perspective and end to beginning from the wife's. Performances are May 23 through June 8.

In addition to the six plays that are part of the NSTC 2007-2008 season, No Strings Theatre Company presents other special performances and events at the Black Box Theatre. These include the NSTC High School Development Program, Oct. 19-21, and "Five Stony Pieces," a mixed-media performance featuring choreography by Debra Knapp, original music composed and performed by Ed Pias, Randy Granger and Xavier Madrid with original poetry by Joe Somoza, Wayne Crawford, Dick Thomas, Nena Villamil and Sara Cooper based on and inspired by the sculpture of Dan Tapper, for one weekend only, Nov. 2-4.

Other NSTC events include the fifth annual "A Child's Christmas In Wales," by Dylan Thomas, with David Edwards as Dylan Thomas. Performances are Dec. 8 and 9.

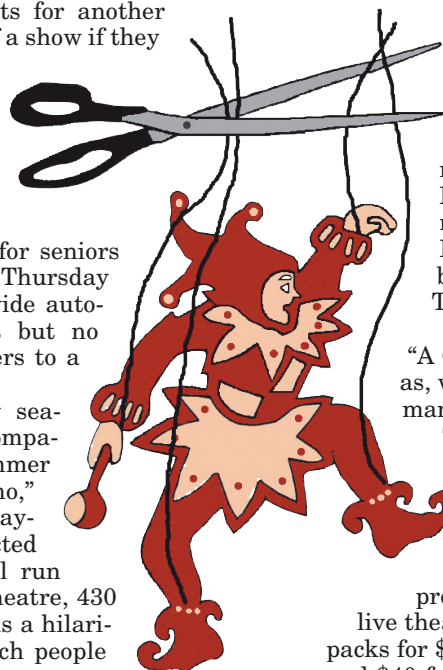
The eighth annual Valentines' Day "Love Letters," by A.R. Gurney, featuring a different couple each year, stars Toni Marie and Mike Cook with performances at 5 and 8 p.m., Feb. 14.

No Strings Theatre Company strives to provide its patrons with bargain ways to see live theater. NSTC patrons may still purchase coupon packs for \$45 for a pack of five regular admission tickets and \$40 for senior (over 65) and student tickets with no expiration date.

The Thursday ticket price is \$7 for all seats, and high school students can buy a \$7 ticket to any NSTC performance 10 minutes before curtain if there are seats available by showing their student ID.

No Strings Theatre Company is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization, and all contributions to the theatre are tax deductible as allowed under the tax codes. In addition to actors, NSTC always welcomes volunteers to work backstage as well as front-of-house help.

Information about all the NSTC productions, purchasing season tickets or coupon packs, donating to the theatre and volunteering can be obtained by contacting Black Box Theatre Artistic Director Ceil Herman at 523-1223 or nstcbt@zianet.com or by visiting www.no-strings.org.



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FILM



Elena (Alice Taglioni) spends some quality time with François Pignon (Gad Elmaleh) in the French romantic comedy "The Valet," which opens at the Fountain Theatre Friday, July 13.

'The Valet' is sacré blah

French romantic comedy is cute but without substance

By JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The premise of the little French comedy, "The Valet," is that Pierre, a rich industrialist, has been caught by a passing paparazzi "in flagrante delicto" with, of course, a super model. (Note to wealthy philanderers – if you ever want to have an affair and keep it out of the news, choose a philanthropist who is svelte enough for you to hide behind in case the press happens to be about as to not draw suspicion)

In the photo also happens to be François, a mere parking valet who has just been rejected by his long-time girlfriend, who he thought of as a lover while she viewed him as a big-brother-type friend.

Of course, the photo makes it into the French tabloids, where Mr. Wealthy Adulterer's (Mr. WA) snippy wife happens to see it one day at breakfast.

Challenged by her to explain just what he is doing with Ms. Super Model (Ms. SM) (who, by the way, has just rejected him, after two years of promised divorce), Mr. WA explains that the other guy in the picture, François, is whom she was with.

Oh.
And then the chase is on. Mr. WA's aides and lawyer easily find François, even in the city of Paris, with its 9 million or so residents. He is offered any amount of Euros (he chooses the sum of about 34,000 so that he can offer it to his now ex-girlfriend so she can pay off the debt on her tiny bookstore) to shack up with Ms. SM, (who does so for the tidy sum of

200 million Euros (greedy or smarter- you decide ...), and she agrees to move into François's tiny apartment.

François gives the boot to his real roommate, the stereotypical man-child, so that Mrs. WA will believe that François and Ms. SM are a couple. This occurs, and all too soon, the paparazzi, Mr. WA's spies, and Mrs. WA's spies are watching the new couple as they attempt to unravel this silly hoax.

Hijinx ensue, which include François and Ms. SM becoming friends, not lovers, thus showing their human sides and not their bare backsides, Mr. WA continues to lie to any and all about what is really going on and Emilie, François's cute pert pseudo-ex, finds out she really does loves him (this is shown not by displays of Tantic-oriented sexual trysts, but rather by her jealousy when François kisses Ms. SM).

The story continues in this direction, much like a cheesy American romantic comedy, which this will soon be, since it is being remade by the Farrelly Bros., whose cinematic epics include the high-brow "Dumb and Dumber." Indeed.

Guess they couldn't read the subtitles.

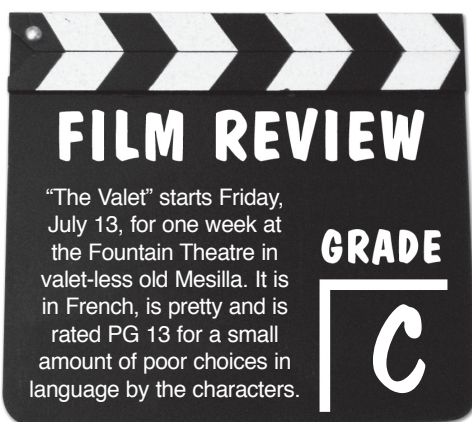
Not to make too many digs at this farcical little

French piffle, "The Valet" is a decent way to pass 85 minutes on a hot summer night. You won't remember it the next day, but I guess we all need a break from reality now and then.

Oh, and continuity watchers will have a field day.

"The Valet" 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.

Harrison Ford – are you still in Deming shooting your new flick? If so, contact my people at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com so we can have you as a special guest at the Fountain Theatre.



Always learning from the past 'Lone Star' examines border town living

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, July 14, will be "Lone Star" (1996, 134 minutes, rated R).

Reminiscent of a fine novel with its depth and complexity, writer-director John Sayles' acclaimed drama uses the investigation of a 25-year-old murder as the framework for a detailed exploration of life in a Texas border town.

The center of the film is Sheriff Sam Deeds (Chris Cooper), the chief law officer of the town of Frontera.

The low-key Sam is also the son of the late Buddy Deeds (played in flashbacks by Matthew McConaughey), who also served as town sheriff and still maintains a legendary status for ousting the vicious, corrupt Charlie Wade (a memorably vicious Kris Kristofferson).

The discovery of Wade's decades-old skeleton, however, calls this legend into question, and forces Sam to begin an investigation. During this search for the truth, Sam must come to terms with his own troubled emotions about his father and his still-lingering romantic feelings for Pilar (Elizabeth Peña), a Hispanic woman that Buddy had prevented him from seeing as a young man.

The scope of "Lone Star" encompasses not only this story, but the whole town, addressing Pilar's difficulties as a schoolteacher and the conflict between incoming immigrants and border patrol officers.

Sayles expertly moves between past and present, weaving his stories together to illustrate how the seemingly disparate parts of a community are in fact intimately interconnected.

Raising issues of race, politics and identity, "Lone Star" focuses most of its attention on its complex, believable characters, well performed by an excellent ensemble cast.

"Lone Star" received an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay.

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

"new" West, the Old West, the historical West or anything in between.

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

The Fountain Theatre also will host a special Sunday Matinee of "Maquilapolis" (2006, 70 minutes) at 11:30 a.m. July 15.

Examining the lives of women who work in maquiladoras across the border in Mexico, this fearless documentary reminds viewers of the power of old-fashioned activist filmmaking that knows how to stay on point; every one of its

criticisms is explicit except for the sly insinuation that corporate profiteering, like the exportation of manual labor to Asia from Mexico, might explain part of the current U.S. immigration crisis.

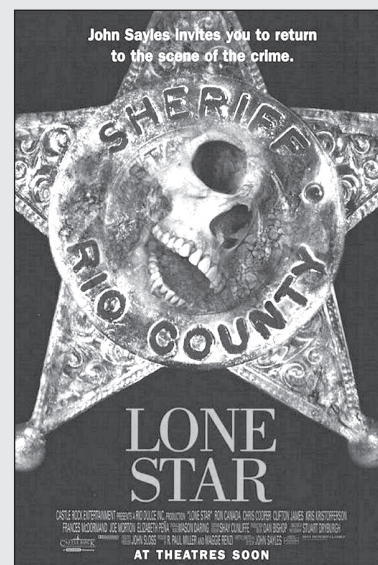
In Mexico, including Juarez, factories stand on hills like white towers – totems of corporate greed that spew pollutants into the skies above and rivers below, littering towns and diseasing their people.

It's a familiar story of shameless governments and big businesses complicit in the abject exploitation of people for cheap labor. Here, the victims are women, treated like commodities because of their small, agile hands.

Filmmakers Vicky Funari and Sergio de la Torre understand the defeat of these women such that they empower them with cameras, allowing them to tell their stories from their own points of view.

A series of "experimental" cutaways – tableaux of women dancing out their workingwomen's crises – stress their feminist and social outrage somewhat redundantly, but there's undeniable power in having the women play themselves.

Several of the people involved in the production of this film will be on hand to introduce it and answer questions afterward. Since this is not a CineMatinee film, Mesilla Valley Film Society members will be asked to pay the \$4 admission to this special road show screening.



The Fountain Theatre weekend activities

Friday, July 13, 9:45 p.m. – A free screening of "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" will be shown as part of the Almost Midnight Film Series.

Saturday, July 14, 10 p.m. to midnight – There will be an audio-visual show featuring live local music and short films by local filmmakers. Admission is \$7, or \$5 for Mesilla Valley Film Society members. Contact Tucker at 635-1136 for details.

Sunday, July 15, 11:30 a.m. – Screening of "maquilapolis," a documentary about the workers who work in these factories located along the border. Nearly 300 such places exist in Juarez. Present will be co-director Vicki Funari. Admission is \$4. Light refreshments will be served.

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FRIDAY, JULY 13



to create decorative art panels on the construction fence surrounding the new City Hall. Noted local artist Tony Pennock will be available to answer questions regarding the project. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, July 13, at the Lundeen Inn of the Arts, 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Parking is available across the street. Light refreshments will be served.

■ DOÑA ANA CAMERA CLUB

The Doña Ana Camera Club will have its regular monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. The program will be a workshop by Richard Larsen of Larsen's Studio on Photoshop for photographers. For more information, call Mary Lou or Pat 523-9664.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the electric mix of La Cella Bella on Friday, July 13, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CLUB PARTY

Branigan Library Children's Reading Club will celebrate the last day of their Summer Reading Program with a party at 11 a.m. Friday, July 13, in the library's Dresp Room. Storydancer Terry Alvarez will entertain young readers with stories, rhythms songs and magic, followed by prizes and refreshments. Branigan Memorial Library is located at 200 E. Picacho Ave. For more information, call the Branigan Library at 528-4000.

■ CITY OF ARTISTS BARRICADE MEETING

The City of Artists Promotional Association is extending an invitation to community members who may be interested in learning more about the "Barricades Beautification Project"

SATURDAY, JULY 14

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the vocals and guitar of Bryan Perdue on Saturday, July 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The half hour program will consist of a story or part of a story read by a local "celebrity" — a public figure from around Las Cruces.

Upcoming Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

Whole Enchilada Fiesta
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Young Park

The celebrity reader might be a local government official, sports figure, educational administrator, church leader, business leader or someone from the arts field. The stories will be aimed at a second to fifth grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. They might be a particular favorite of the reader or selected from age-appropriate lists. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, please contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

■ HAND KNITTING GUILD

The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild holds monthly meetings the second Saturday of the month. Guests are welcome — both new and experienced — and bring your knitting. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, in the Shannon room. The Unravelers Hand Knitting Guild is associated with The Knitting Guild of America and

their dues are \$12 per year. For more information, contact Judy Hilbert at 521-3711 or drjudyhilbert@yahoo.com.

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite Street, Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a \$6 cover charge. Billy Ray King provides this week's music. 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. Sarah Addison "Juba" and Sharlene Wittern will be the featured storytellers at the Main Street Downtown store location. The COAS Solano store will only present storytelling on the first Saturday of each month through the summer. All children who attend receive a free book. Call 524-8471 for more information.

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■ KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

The Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Water St., offers a Saturday Studio for Kids program each Saturday morning. Children ages 5 through 12 only can attend a studio art class from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The \$5 fee per student includes class materials. Sign up at the museum information desk on the day of the class. There is no pre-registration, and each class is limited to 10 students. For information, call 541-2137.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

■ JAZZ CONCERT

The dynamic duo of Barbara Logan on keyboard and Mike Norris on drums returns at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 15, to Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive. Last year's concert had the audience clapping, tapping their feet and wildly cheering the incredible music. Logan and Norris each have many years of professional experience and together raise their music to a higher level of enjoyment. Las Cruces is blessed by the opportunity to see and hear "Jazz as you like it" by their own dynamic duo. Come early for choice seating; prepared to be entertained royally. Free admission, offering will be taken. For more information visit www.UnityofLasCruces.org or call 523-5592

■ FOLK & BLUEGRASS JAM

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will sponsor a folk and bluegrass jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15, at the Doña Ana Community College, room 129. All players are welcome. For more information, call Janet at 526-5174.

■ SIERRA CLUB HIKE

The Sierra Club will have a moderate seven-mile hike on Sunday, July 15, on the Pine Tree trail in the Organ Mountains, with some off-trail hiking. Participants should meet at the Kmart parking lot, 1900 Bataan Memorial East, at 8 a.m. and money for the entrance fee and food, water, sunblock. Non-members welcome. For hike confirmation and details, call John at 526-7116.

MONDAY, JULY 16

■ FREE SUMMER MOVIE

Allen Theatres will be offering free showings for the community every Monday throughout the summer at the Video 4, 1005 S. El Paseo Drive. The free showing for July 16 is "Over the Hedge" (PG), which will be shown at 9 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 1:40 p.m. and 4 p.m. For more information, call 523-6900.

TUESDAY, JULY 17



■ EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

The Rio Grande Theatre will host cowboy songs and poetry by Eddy Harrison at the July 17 Every Other Tuesday event. Harrison said he knew he wanted to sing since the age of 5 when he used to listen to his mother sing gospel songs as he followed her down the rows of New Mexico cotton fields. He took up the guitar at the age of 14 and soon was entertaining at family gatherings, church and school functions. He has been a singer and songwriter for more than 50 years. He has written hundreds of songs

and has had several published and recorded by nationally known artists. After playing in country bands and solo throughout the Southwest, Eddy returned to his hometown of Las Cruces. Discovering Cowboy poetry gatherings inspired him to venture into that art form as well as infusing his songwriting with a new energy. He continues to play at every opportunity as well as make custom guitars. Every Other Tuesday performances always begin at 5:30 p.m. and are free to the public. For more information, contact Doña Ana Arts Council at 523-6403.

■ PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 17, at the Quilting Dragon, 201 S. Solano Drive, to assemble quilt tops. Project Linus makes blankets for children who are sick or otherwise in need. Bring your own project or work on supplies provided. Call the Quilting Dragon at 647-4022 or Dayle Sillerud, chapter coordinator, at 532-4602 for more information.

■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. We have had folks join us who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop, 300 N. Downtown Mall. 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, JULY 18

■ 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, JULY 19

■ BIG BAND DANCE CLUB

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

■ ARTS ASSOCIATION PORTRAIT CLASS

The Las Cruces Arts Association Portrait Class meets only once more this summer, Thursday, July 19, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts and Culture, 490 N. Water St. Alice Dressler, a New York-trained portrait artist and LCAA member, started the classes last fall for the fun of helping others gain experience with portraiture. A \$2 modeling fee is required. For additional information, contact Carol Kennedy at 541-9565.

■ KICK UP YOUR HEELS

White Raven Studios and Wild & Beautiful, Shooz Too! will present "Kick Up Your Heels for the Rio Grande Theatre" – a kick-off to the fund-raising efforts for the Rio Grande Theatre Endowment Fund from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 19. Attendees are invited to join in a casual happy hour event that will feature a live auction of one-of-a-kind shoe art by various artists, refreshments, music and a shoe fashion show. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Doña Ana Arts Council, 211 N. Downtown Mall, White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs St., and Wild & Beautiful Shooz Too!, 2001 E. Lohman Ave.

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At the Ballet Folklórico Congress



Master teacher and director of the 34th annual Asociación Nacional de Grupos Folklóricos (ANGF) conference, Jose Tena teaches students in one of his classes a dance that originated in New Mexico's colonial era. His was one of a number of classes being taught by master Mexican dance teachers from several Mexican states and Las Cruces during the ANGF congress, which lasted from Sunday, July 1, through Saturday, July 7. Hosted by NMSU and held at Corbett Center and the Activities Center on the NMSU campus, it was the first time in more than 20 years that the conference had been held in Las Cruces.

Seven-year-olds Promesa Gonzales and Nikalaus Rocha make it look easy as they practice a dance they are learning from master teacher Sergio Sartiaguin of Nayarit, Mexico.



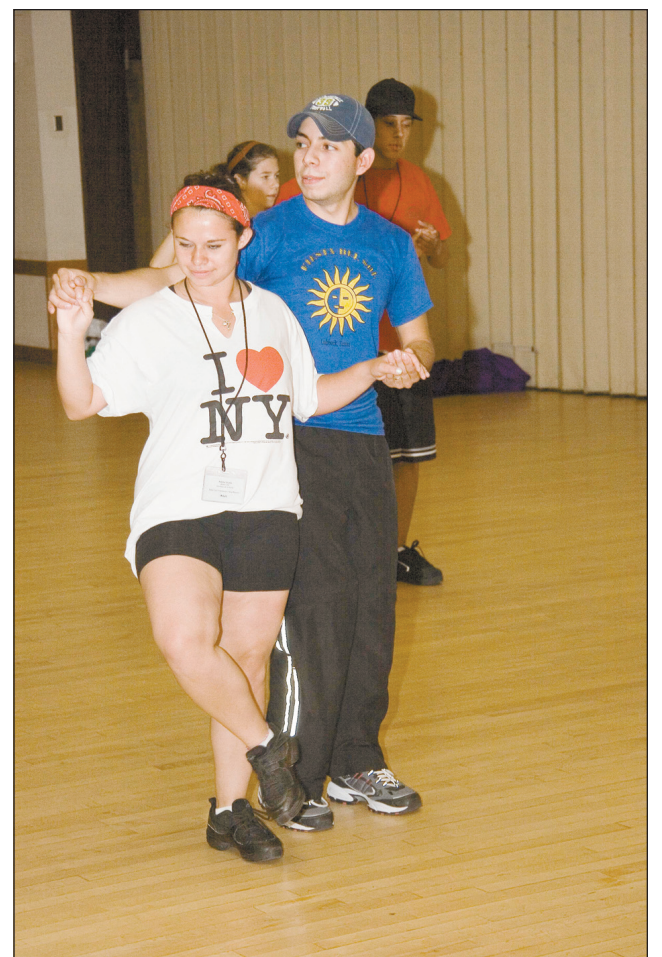
Hamming it up for the camera during their lunch break are, from left: front row – Rocio Tena, 9; Liliana Jacobson, 11; Elias Martin, 11; Isabel Staub, 9; and Fiona McWhorter, 12. Back row – Madeline Peña, 11; Sofia Kromis, 11; Gabriella Rocha, 10, and Selena Ruiz, 9, during the 34th annual Asociación Nacional de Grupos Folklóricos congress.



Practicing El Baile de Los Paños, during the 34th annual Asociación Nacional de Grupos Folklóricos (ANGF) conference, Thursday, July 5, are, from left, Leslie Landeros, Megan García, and Jose Montejano.

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Students from La Joya, Texas, from left, Rebekah Quintero, Claudia Canales, David Morales, and Iris Flores practice a difficult step while learning to dance El Rebelde in Juan Gil Martinez Tadeo's class.



Nikita Lara, of Alamosa, Colo., and Amador Padilla, of Lubbock, Texas, learn to dance La Varsoviana.

The Comcast Street Fest

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Colored lights from the back of the stage highlight the hair of Duane Betts as he plays guitar during the Dickey Betts (of the former Allman Brothers Band) and Great Southern concert Wednesday evening, July 4, at Paz and Harty Fields.



Racheal Mullins excitedly takes pictures of the Dickey Betts and Great Southern band.



Fans line up against the barricade to get closer to and cheer for the Dickey Betts and Great Southern band.



Kirk "Eli" Fletcher plays guitar during the Fabulous Thunderbird's concert.

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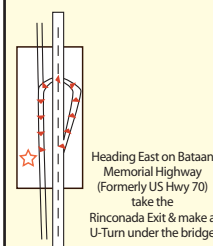
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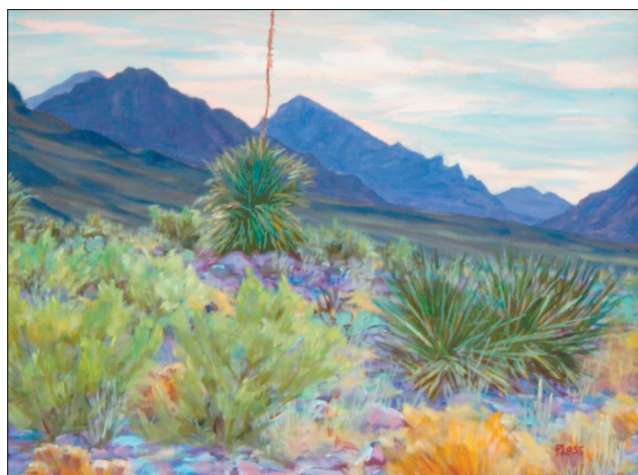
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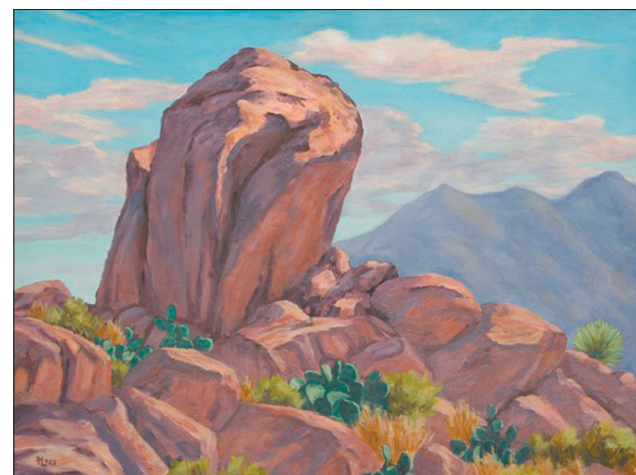
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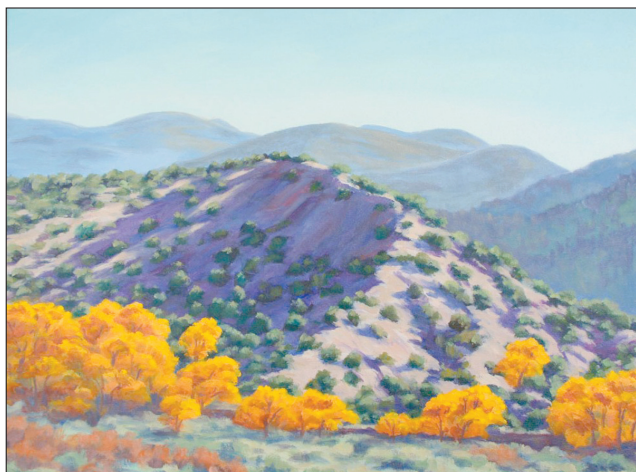
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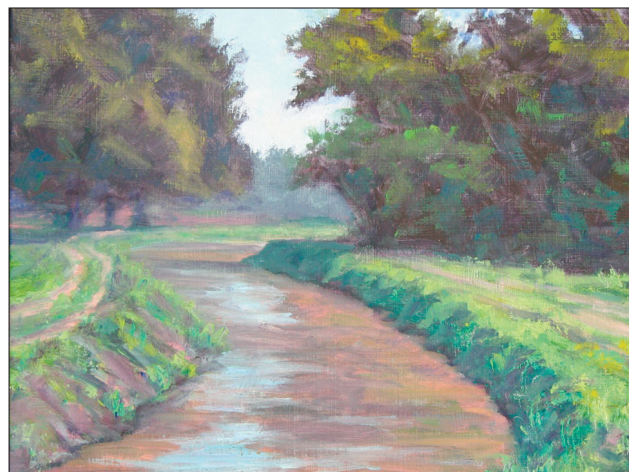
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MARK PLOSS,
Artist

Opening up the world to others

Mark Ploss' landscape images share lifelong love of nature

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Mark Ploss has always enjoyed the great outdoors, but he has been sharing his visions of nature for the last 20 years through painting.

"I've always had an inclination for the outdoors," he said. "(My family) likes camping and hiking when we can."

Having grown up in the El Paso area, Ploss said he is acutely aware of the beauty of his desert surroundings.

"I think that's a great thing about being an artist, you get to open up the world to people. You see things other people don't, and they appreciate what you see," he said.

The majority of Ploss' gallery work is landscapes, he said, and almost all of his landscapes are local scenes.

Ploss said he is mostly self-taught. Though he has taken several painting workshops throughout the Southwest, most of his training comes from visiting various galleries and looking through books to see the art of other painters and what

works for them.

Although he has been painting professionally for the last 20 years, Ploss has a career as a firefighter in Las Cruces, which he said helps give him the time he needs to paint.

"We work one day (24 hours) on and get two days off. It lends itself perfectly to painting," he said.

Originally an acrylic painter, Ploss explained that he switched to using oil paints about eight years ago, because the colors of oil paints don't change after they are applied to canvas. He added that oil paints allow for a nice blend of colors for his work.

Ploss said that many of his display pieces are smaller because they are created "en plein air," or outdoors.

"In the last four years, my plein air work has gotten a lot better. When you paint outdoors, you have about two hours before the light begins to change, so you learn to paint fast," he said. "If I really like the painting I will do a bigger version."

Although Ploss will be eligible for retirement

from the Las Cruces Fire Department within the next two weeks, he said he plans to wait before pursuing an art career solely.

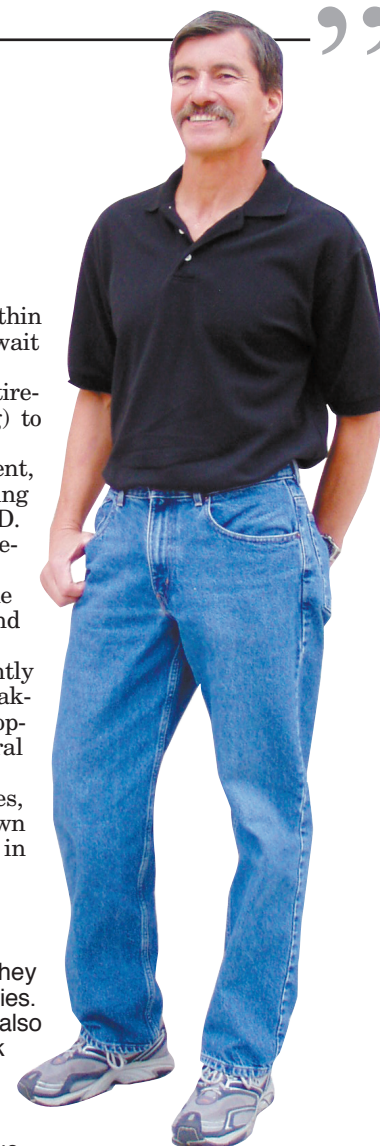
"I hope to set myself up for my retirement ... to transcend (from firefighting) to artwork," he said.

After retiring from the fire department, Ploss said he doesn't see his life changing too drastically after leaving the LCFD. Mostly, he looks forward to having the freedom to travel more.

"I would like to go to Gila and do some work. I lived in the area for a while and would love to go back," he said.

In addition to painting, Ploss has recently learned wax modeling techniques for making jewelry and plans to continue developing his modeling skills over the next several months.

To see more of Mark Ploss' landscapes, visit the Main St. Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, or Studio W, 1311 Mechem Drive, in Ruidoso.



CALL TO ARTISTS

■ CALL FOR ART INSTRUCTORS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is seeking art instructors in a variety of disciplines for the 2007-2008 instructor pool. Disciplines include drawing, painting, ceramics, digital photography, weaving and other media. Interested artists must be proficient in their chosen discipline. All positions are contingent upon funding and successful completion of background check and drug screening. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, Aug. 1. Applicants should submit samples of work in any image format, resume and references to: Education Department, Las Cruces Museum of Art, PO Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

■ 5,000 FLOWERS AND MORE

GFWC Progress Club invites all artists to once again commemorate Sept. 11 by participating in the annual 5,000 Flowers and More art exhibition, which will be displayed at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Dresp Room September 11-16. The exhibit has been expanded to include subjects other than flowers this year. The Progress Club will host a reception for all participating artists from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, at the Branigan Library. Entry forms will be available at local galleries. For further information, call 523-5959 or 526-3708 or email nwertz@zianet.com.

■ NEW GALLERY

Artist Dennis Lujan announces the opening of the In Effect Gallery, 514 W. Griggs. In Effect Gallery's mission is to give seasoned artists an exciting environment to show the best of the media they work in. Great music and appreciation is a natural occurrence. Artists selected for representation will benefit with 80 percent of the sales of their work. In Effect Gallery is a cutting edge gallery that is never the same and never boring. Expect the unexpected. In Effect Gallery is an adult-oriented gallery in its entirety and not recommended for families with minors. Themed art shows will be an on going phenomenon. Ideas can give energy to

artists when they have no boundaries. In Effect Gallery also shows artwork by the artist/owner Dennis Lujan. The artist has been producing art for over 35 years. Lujan has mastered most media's and has an incredible eye for showing the best of your work. He has had galleries in Colorado, the Southeast and in Las Cruces. If these parameters sound good, then you and the work you create as a great artist will be In Effect. For more information, email Lujan at infinitebands@gmail.com.

Television Listings

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FRIDAY EVENING													JULY 13, 2007
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00 11:30
KRWG (2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		Minding	Wash Wk	Group	NOW (N)	Foreign	Bill Moyers Journal		Minding	News	Charlie Rose (N)
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Jericho		Jericho		NUMB3RS		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	NOW (N)	Group	State	Bill Moyers Journal		Business	Charlie Rose (N)	(Off Air)
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Lopez	Lopez	Greek "Pilot"		20/20 (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones		Standoff (N)		News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	1 vs. 100		Las Vegas		Law Order: CI		News (N)	Tonight Show	Late
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Duelo de Pasiones		Destilando Amor		Premios Juventud		Noticias	Noticiero	Timbir Risa
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Madre Luna		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora Rojo Vivo
KTFN (13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		Boxeo Francisco Lorenzo vs. Se Anun		Así Es la Vida		Contacto		** "Mentes Maestras"		
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife		Scrubs	King-Hill		WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly Date
WGN (15)	Home Videos		* "Deep Rising" (1998)	Treat Williams.		WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos		
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr	NFL Live	Softball: World Cup -- China vs. U.S.		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter		
USA (31)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Monk "Biggest Fan"	Psych		House		Monk "Biggest Fan"	Psych			
TNT (32)	Charmed		*** "Minority Report" (2002)	Tom Cruise. Premiere.			*** "The Matrix Reloaded" (2003)	Keanu Reeves.					Vertical
TBS (33)	Raymond	MLB Baseball	Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves. (Live)		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		*** "Air Force One" (1997)	(PA)	
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn	** "The Siege" (1998, Action)	Denzel Washington.		Most		Most		Most		Game Wild
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"The Obsession" (2006)	Daphne Zuniga.	Housewives		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden	
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		Intervention "Sylvia"		Intervention		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		
HIST (44)	World Trade Center		Ice Road Truckers		Dogfights "Kamikazes"		Brotherhood		Ice Road Truckers		Dogfights		
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		A Model Life		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		A Model Life
DISC (47)	Survivorman		Crab Fishing		Man vs. Wild (N)		Man vs. Wild		Deadliest Catch		Crab Fishing		Man vs. Wild
FAM (51)	Grounde	Grounde	"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006)		Greek "Pilot"		The 700 Club		Smallville "Blank"		Paid	Paid	
DISN (52)	Life De	Life De	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Cory	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Suite Life
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	Videos	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose
AMC (57)	"There's-Mary"		*** "Dave" (1993)	Kevin Kline. Premiere.			"Friday the 13th Part VII"	(:15) *	"Friday the 13th Part 3" (1982)				
SCIFI (58)	Kindred-Embrc		Wolf Lake		Doctor Who (N)		Painkiller Jane (N)		Doctor Who		Painkiller Jane		Special Unit 2
CNN (62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Cooper 360		
HBO (306)	Coma	(:45) ***	"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005)		Assume		*** "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006)		Entou		Entou		
MAX (322)	Just Like	(:40) **	"The Cowboy Way" (1994)		* "The Wicker Man" (2006)		(:15) **	"The Lake House" (2006)		"Superman Ret."			
SHOW (343)	(:05) "Dear Francis"	(:15) ***	"An Inconvenient Truth" (2006)		*** "Capote" (2005)	ITV. (In Stereo)	Meadowlands (ITV)		* "In the Mix"				

SATURDAY MORNING													JULY 14, 2007
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Painting	Fine Art	Sews	Creative	Cultivating	Americas	Mexico	Barbecue	
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Saturday Early Show (N)	(In Stereo)			Madeline	Sabrina	Trollz (EI)	Horseland	Cake	Revolution	
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Big World	Clifford	Curious	Dragon	This Old Hous		Real	Uncorked	
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Business	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		Emperor	Replace	So Raven	So Raven	
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Winx Club	Viva Pinata	Viva Pinata	Turtles	Turtles	Chaotic	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	
NBC (9) 9	(4:05) "Double Take"		Today (N)	(In Stereo)			Babar (EI)	Dragon	3 2 1 Pen	Veggie	Jane	Jacob	
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin		Pinky		Carmen	Bill	Lente Loco	Trato	Mochila Azul		
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Dragón	Penguins	Veggie	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Tu Hogar	
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel		Tu Pulso	Tu Pulso	Betty	Betty	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Escuadrón	Escuadrón	Pepsi Música		
KVIA (14)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Krypto	Krypto	Loonatics	Tom Jerry	Shaggy	Johnny T	Legion	Batman	
WGN (15)	Enterprise	Adelante	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	HomeTeam "Dallas"		
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter (Live)				Arena Football		
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Riches	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	Psych "American Duos"		Psych "American Duos"		Psych "American Duos"		Psych "American Duos"		
TNT (32)	Crow	* "Dracula 2000" (2000)	Christopher Plummer.		** "The Devil's Advocate" (1997)	Keanu Reeves, Al Pacino.					6th Sense		
TBS (33)	Harvey	** "Analyze That" (2002)	Robert De Niro.		*** "While You Were Sleeping" (1995)	Sandra Bullock.					Erin Brock		
SPIKE (34)	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Riches	Reality Racing		** "Youngblood" (1986)	Drama	Rob Lowe.		Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	
LIFE (39)	Postal	Married	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"The Wives He Forgot" (2006)	Molly Ringwald.			
A&E (43)	Biography		Biography "Will Smith"		Flip This House		Sell House	Sell House	Spender	Design	Design		
HIST (44)	Heavy Metal		UFO Files	H.G. Wells.	Wild West Tech		American Eats		The Plague				
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep		Home Made Simple		Moving Up		Trading Spaces		
DISC (47)	Get Thin	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Get Ripped	Extreme Engineering		Build It Bigger		Build It Bigger		MythBusters		
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina	
DISN (52)	Maggie	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	DoodleBob	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey	
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	El Tigre	Avatar	Avatar	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	
AMC (57)	(4:30) ***	"North to Alaska" (1960)			*** "The Bravados" (1958)	Gregory Peck.		** "Stagecoach" (1966)	Western	Ann-Margret.			
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Work	Work	* "Blood Surf" (2000)	Archie Adamos.		* "Crocodile" (2000)	Mark McLaughlin.				
CNN (62)	CNN Saturday Morning		House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Live Saturday			
HBO (306)	Final 3	Trans.	(:05) ***	"95 Miles to Go" (2004)		** "Problem Child 2" (1991)		*** "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006)					
MAX (322)	"Superman Returns"	(:05) **	"The Golden Child" (2006)		(:40) ****	"All the President's Men" (1976)		"40-Year-Old Vir"					
SHOW (343)	(4:05) "Scream 2" (2001)	(:05) **	"Convoy" (1978)	Kris Kristofferson.	(:05) **	"Madison" (2001)	James Caviezel.	(9:50) "Educating Rita"					

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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	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Mental	Decisions	Fly Tying	Desert	
CBS (4) 4	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	A Sailor's Story		PGA Golf John Deere Classic -- Third Round. (Live)						Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
KCOS (5) 13	Recipes	Americas	Food	Lidia's Italy	Mexico	Garden	Sewing	Sews	Texas	Hometime	Workshop	Old House	
ABC (7) 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Countdown		NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- USG Durock 300. (Live)						Paid Prog.	Ebert	
KFOX (8) 14	Baseball	Paid Prog.	Outdrsmn.	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	MLB Baseball	Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco Giants. (In Stereo Live)						
NBC (9) 9	Animal R.	Old House	Paid Prog.	World of Adventure Sports (N)		Golf: American Century Championship					Paid Prog.	Reporter	
KINT (10) 26	Mochila Azul		Premios Juventud		Casate y Veras		La Parodia	Martha Figueroa; Shanik Berman.			Primer Impacto		
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido		Descontrol		*** "Cliffhanger" (1993)	Sylvester Stallone.		** "Nicotina" (2003, Comedia)	Diego Luna.				
KTFN (13) 65	** "Luchador Callejero" (1975)	Sonny Chiba.			Copa Mundial Sub-20 Cuartos de Final. (En Vivo)			Copa América Final. (En Vivo)					
KVIA (14)	Xiaolin	Johnny T	Kids Club	Wild Amer	Beakman's "Beakman's"	Animal	Animal	Exploration	NASCAR		*** "Mad Max"		
WGN (15)	Lizzie	Even	Soul Train		* "Pokémon: The First Movie"		Funnier	Funnier	Home Videos		American Idol Rewind		
ESPN (16)	Arena Football: Conference Final		Football		Arena Football Conference Final -- Teams TBA. (Live)			SportsCenter (Live)					
USA (31)	*** "The Breakfast Club" (1985)				** "Barbershop" (2002)	Ice Cube.		Monk "Biggest Fan"		Psych "American Duos"			
TNT (32)	(10:30) ***	"The Sixth Sense" (1999)			** "Paycheck" (2003)	Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart.		*** "Mission: Impossible 2"					
TBS (33)	(10:20) ***	"Erin Brockovich" (2000)			(:05) **	"A Walk to Remember" (2002)	(PA) Shane West.			*** "Something's Gotta Give"			
SPIKE (34)	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!	Prisoners-Ctrl		** "Days of Thunder" (1990)	Tom Cruise.		** "Road House" (1989)	Patrick Swayze.				
LIFE (39)	"Cradle of Lies" (2006)	Shannon Sturges.			"Christie's Revenge" (2007)	Danielle Kind.		"How I Married My High School Crush" (2007)					
A&E (43)	Sell House	Sell House	Harry Potter-Secrets		*** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001)			Match	Match	Match	Match		
HIST (44)	Ship of Gold		Boneyard "Railroads"		Boneyard Large aircraft.		Dogfights: The Greatest Air Battles						
TLC (45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		A Model Life		Property Ladder		Property Ladder		Property Ladder		
DISC (47)	Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild		Man vs. Wild "Iceland"		Man vs. Wild	"Mexico"		Man vs. Wild			
FAM (51)	Sabrina	Sabrina	** "View From the Top" (2003, Comedy)		"Bring It On: All or Nothing" (2006, Comedy)						"The Parent Trap" (2006)		
DISN (52)	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	K. Possible	Replace	"Kim Possible: So the Drama" (2006)		Dragon		Suite Life	Montana	
NICK (54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent	
AMC (57)	Stgecoach	*** "Bandolero!" (1968)	James Stewart.		(:45) ***	"Guns for San Sebastian" (1968)	Anthony Quinn.	*** "Easy Rider"					
SCIFI (58)	* "Crocodile 2: Death Roll" (2001, Horror)				** "Creature" (1998)	Craig T. Nelson.	An amphibious monster threatens a scientist and his family.						
CNN (62)	In the Money		CNN Live Saturday		Special Investigations	CNN Live Saturday		CNN Live Saturday		Lou Dobbs This Week			
HBO (306)	Brooklyn Dodgers: The Ghosts of Flatbush		** "The Sentinel" (2006)		Addiction		(:15) ***	"King Kong" (2005)	Naomi Watts.				
MAX (322)	"40-Year-Old Vir"		* "Contaminated Man" (2000)		(:45) **	"Meteorites!" (1998)		(:15) **	"X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006)				
SHOW (343)	Educating	(:45) **	"Mind the Gap" (2004)	Alan King. ITV. (In Stereo)	(:05) ***	"The Spanish Prisoner" (1998)		** "Encino Man"					



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CBS (4) 4	News	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	The Unit (cc)	Without a Trace	48 Hours Mystery	News (N)	CSI: Miami (cc)	Paid						
KCOS (5) 13	Ask This	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow	Anne-Green	Home Videos	Austin City Limits	(Off Air)								
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	*** "Freaky Friday" (2003)	(In Stereo)	Home Videos	News (N)	News	Mad TV (cc)	(:35) Cheaters (cc)	Access				
KFOX (8) 14	Star Trek: Ent.	Smallville	"Stray"	Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted	News (N)	News	Mad TV (cc)	Talkshow	King					
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Singing	America's Got Talent (cc)	America-Talent	News (N)	(:34) Saturday Night Live (cc)							
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia	Sábado Gigante				Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo						
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Noticie	** "¿Quién Soy Yo?" (1998, Acción)			*** "Shanghai Kid en Londres" (2003)	Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador							
KTFN (13) 65	Se Anunciará	** "El Regalo Prometido" (1996)				* "Leyendas Urbanas 2: Corte Final"	Contacto	"Ninja Americano 2"								
KVIA (14)	(4:00) "Mad Max"	Writer's	CinemAtt	Cold Squad (cc)	Stone Undercover	Scrubs	My Wife	Comics	Comics	Eye Eye	Eye Eye					
WGN (15)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Baltimore Orioles	WGN News at Nine	Sex &	24 (In Stereo) (cc)	24 (In Stereo) (cc)	Meet Joe										
ESPN (16)	SportsCtr	IndyCar Racing	Firestone IndyCar 200.	Baseball Tonight (Live)	SportsCenter (cc)	Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter (cc)									
USA (31)	Burn Notice (cc)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI	*** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business"										
TNT (32)	"Mission: Imp. 2"	*** "Minority Report" (2002)	Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell	*** "Paycheck" (2003)	Ben Affleck. (cc)	Dreamct										
TBS (33)	"Something's"	"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"	(:10) *** "Spanglish" (2004)	Adam Sandler. (cc)	(:40) "A Walk to Remember"											
SPIKE (34)	*** "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense)	Samuel L. Jackson.	UFC Unleashed	TNA Wrestling	TNA	Disorderly Con.	DaysThn									
LIFE (39)	"Trophy Wife" (2006)	Brooke Burns. (cc)	"Girl, Positive" (2007)	Andrea Bowen.	Army Wives (cc)	Medium (cc)	Frasier	Frasier								
A&E (43)	Sell	Sell	Flip This House	Flip This House (N)	Match	Match	American Justice	Flip This House	Flip This House							
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld	Underworld							
TLC (45)	Property Ladder	Property Ladder (N)	Flip	Flip	Real Estate	Property Ladder	Flip	Flip	Real Estate							
DISC (47)	Man vs. Wild (cc)	2057 "The Body"	2057 "The City"	2057 "The World"	Man vs. Wild	2057 "The Body"	2057 "The City"									
FAM (51)	(4:00) *** "The Parent Trap" (1998)	*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy)	Lindsay Lohan. (cc)	Kyle XY (cc)	Greek "Pilot" (cc)											
DISN (52)	So Raven	Phil	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Cory	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana	Montana				
NICK (54)	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Videos	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose	Rose			
AMC (57)	(4:00) "Easy Rider"	**** "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975)	**** "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975, Drama)	Slap Shot												
SCIFI (58)	"King of the Lost World" (2005) (cc)	"Supergator" (2007)	Brad Johnson. (cc)	"Chupacabra: Dark Seas" (2005) (cc)	"Supergator" (2007)											
CNN (62)	This Week at War	Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night	Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night									
HBO (306)	(3:15) *** "King Kong" (cc)	Hairspray	Boxing Arturo Gatti vs. Alfonso Gomez. (In Stereo Live) (cc)	Count	** "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"											
MAX (322)	*** "The Black Dahlia" (2006) (cc)	*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005)	*** "X-Men: The Last Stand"	MAX Set	** "Beerfest"											
SHOW (343)	Encino	** "Meatballs" (1979) (cc)	(:15) ** "The Pink Panther" (2006) (cc)	Meadowlands (ITV)	Meadowlands (ITV)	Meadowlands (ITV)										

SUNDAY MORNING													JULY 15, 2007			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30				
KRWG (2) 22	(Off Air)				Boohbah	Curious	Signing	Zoboo	Raven Tls	NOW	Religion	Minding				
CBS (4) 4	Homeown.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Nation	Open	Paid Prog.	LatINation	Paid Prog.					
KCOS (5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Nova (DVS)		Session	Travel				
ABC (7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America	News (N)			This Week With George	Montana	Suite Life					
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday		Paid Prog.	Homebuil	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
NBC (9) 9	Reel Talk	Hispanics	Today (N) (C)		Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Matthews	Paid Prog.				
KINT (10) 26	Control	Caliente	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin		Pinky	Carmen	Bill		Qué Locura		Festival del Humor					
KTDO (11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos				
KTFN (13) 65	Carita de Angel		Azul		Pequeño	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	"Terror en Hong Kong"					
KVIA (14)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Adventure	WHADDYA				
WGN (15)	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Feed	Paid Prog.	Lizzie	Even	"Pokémon-First"					
ESPN (16)	SportsCenter (C)		SportsCenter (C)		SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live) (C)				Baseball				
USA (31)	Paid Prog.	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	** "Honey" (2003, Drama)	Jessica Alba. (C)		** "Barbershop" (2002)	Ice Cube. (C)							
TNT (32)	(4:30) ** "The Devil's Advocate" (1997)	Keanu Reeves.			*** "The Sixth Sense" (1999, Suspense)	Bruce Willis. (C)		*** "Mission: Impossible 2" (1999, Suspense)	Bruce Willis. (C)							
TBS (33)	(4:00) "Something's Gotta Give"		** "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2001)		*** "Spanglish" (2004)	Adam Sandler, Téa Leoni. (C)										
SPIKE (34)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	Hrsepower	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4	Trucks!				
LIFE (39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price		Hour of Power (C)		Get Thin	Health	Army Wives (C)		** "Jersey Girl" (2004)	Ben Affleck. (C)						
A&E (43)	Bio.: Townshend		Bio.: Osbourne		Biog.: Simmons		Serial Killer		The Yosemite Killer		The BTK Killer Speaks					
HIST (44)	Heaven	HistoryCTR	Business	Generatn	The States (C)		The States (C)		The States Jamestown.		The States (C)					
TLC (45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Thin	In a Fix "Par Le Floor"		While You Were Out		Trading Spaces (C)		Trading Spaces (C)					
DISC (47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Polar Bear Battlefield		Lion Battlefield (C)		Wolf Battlefield (C)		Giant Squid: Caught					
FAM (51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Summer				
DISN (52)	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey				
NICK (54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	OddParent	School	Drake	Nicktoon	Nicktoon				
AMC (57)	"Butch Cassidy"		*** "Brubaker" (1980, Drama)	Robert Redford, Yaphet Kotto.					Shootout	Mad Men	*** "Easy Rider" (1969)					
SCIFI (58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	"Bloodsuckers" (2005)	Joe Lando, A.J. Cook.			"Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula" (2000)							
CNN (62)	CNN Sunday Morning			House Call	CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources (C)			Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer (C)							
HBO (306)	(:10) ** "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" (2006) (C)				** "Kicking & Screaming" (2005)	(:45) ** "Fantastic Four" (2005)	loan Gruffudd.					Countdown				
MAX (322)	(4:50) ** "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) (C)			** "Baby Geniuses" (1999) (C)		On Set	(8:50) ** "Highlander" (1986) (C)					Idlewild				
SHOW (343)	Comedians	(:45) ** "Fanny" (1961, Drama)	Leslie Caron. iTV Premiere.		(:05) * "Air Bud: Golden Receiver" (1997)	(:45) *** "Manito" (2002) (C)										

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	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30			
KRWG (2) 22	Santa Fe	Business	Colores	Second	Healthy	Warplane (In Stereo)	History Detectives (N)		Antiques Roadshow		Seasoned				
CBS (4) 4	Motorcycles	Cycling Tour de France.		PGA Golf John Deere Classic -- Final Round. (Live) (cc)				Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.					
KCOS (5) 13	Europe	Travels	Globe Trekker (cc)	Texas	Business	Healthy	Mature	Great Performances at the Met "Il Trittico"							
ABC (7) 7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	British Open Preview	WNBA Basketball All-Star Game. (Live) (cc)				Entertainment Tonight						
KFOX (8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	** "Fire Down Below" (1997) Steven Seagal.		*** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) Lela Rochon								
NBC (9) 9	Homes	Paid Prog.	Triathlon: U.S. Triathlon	Golf American Century Championship -- Final Round. (In Stereo Live) (cc)				The Bean	NBC News						
KINT (10) 26	República Deportiva	Primer Impacto		Locura	Noticiero	República Deportiva	Copa América Final. (En Vivo)								
KTDO (11) 48	Nitido	Titulares	WWE Raw		Ritmo		Just Laugh	** "Mundo Acuatico" (1995) Kevin Costner.							
KTFN (13) 65	"Terror en Hong Kong"		Copa Mundial Sub-20 Cuartos de Final. (En Vivo)		Pepsi Música		** "No Escape" (1994) Ray Liotta.								
KVIA (14) 15	Health	Woman	Movie		Designers		CinemAtt	Latino	Urban	All of Us	Girlfriends				
WGN (15) 14	Pokemon	FUN! Cubs	MLB Baseball Houston Astros at Chicago Cubs. (In Stereo Live) (cc)				Inning	Real TV		Funniest Home Videos					
ESPN (16) 15	Softball: World Cup -- Canada vs. U.S.				Bowling	Bowling	Bowling	Bowling	Baseball Tonight (Live)		MLB Baseball				
USA (31) 31	*** "Barbershop 2: Back in Business" (2004)				** "Happy Gilmore" (1996) Adam Sandler.				** "Along Came Polly" (2004) Ben Stiller. (cc)						
TNT (32) 32	(10:00) "Mission: Impossible 2" (cc)				NASCAR on TNT Live! Green		NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- USG Sheetrock 400. (Live) (cc)								
TBS (33) 33	MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at Atlanta Braves. (Subject to Blackout)				** "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" (1994) (cc)				"Austin Powers-Spy"						
SPIKE (34) 34	*** "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe.				** "Road House" (1989) Patrick Swayze.				CSI: Crime Scn						
LIFE (39) 39	*** "Mystic Pizza" (1988) Julia Roberts. (cc)				*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere. Premiere. (cc)				*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) (cc)						
A&E (43) 43	*** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001) (cc)				Harry Potter-Secrets		Angel	Angel	Criss Angel Mindfreak	Angel	Angel				
HIST (44) 44	The States (cc)		Modern Marvels "Engineering Disasters" (cc)			Mega Disasters (cc)		Mega Disasters (cc)		Mega Disasters (cc)					
TLC (45) 45	Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World		Little People, Big World				
DISC (47) 47	Alaskan Crab Fishing		Man vs. Wild "Ecuador"		Lost Parahoa		Sphinx Unmasked		Nefertiti Resurrected (cc)						
FAM (51) 51	(10:30) ** "Summer Catch" (2001)		** "Never Been Kissed" (1999) Drew Barrymore. (cc)		** "Beautiful Girl" (2003) Fran Drescher (cc)										
DISN (52) 52	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	K. Possible	Replace	"Read It and Weep" (2006) (cc)		K. Possible	Suite Life	Montana				
NICK (54) 54	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Amanda	School	Naked			
AMC (57) 57	(10:00) "Easy Rider" **** "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) Jack Nicholson.				** "U.S. Marshals" (1998) Tommy Lee Jones.										
SCIFI (58) 58	"John Carpenter Presents Vampires"				* "Village of the Damned" (1995) (cc)		"Mortuary" (2005, Horror) Dan Byrd. (cc)								
CNN (62) 62	This Week at War		Special Investigations		In the Money (cc)		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week				
HBO (306) 306	Trans.		*** "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006) (cc)		** "Doctor Dolittle" (1998) (cc)		** "The Adventures of Pluto Nash" (cc)		"Monster in						
MAX (322) 322	(10:45) *** "Idlewild" (2006) André Benjamin. (12:50) ** "Accepted" (2006) (cc)				** "The In Crowd" (2000) (cc)		(1:15) * "Just My Luck" (cc)								
SHOW (343) 343	(:05) "Bullets Over Broadway" iTV. (:45) ** "No Looking Back" (1998, Drama)				** "Texasville" (1990) Jeff Bridges. iTV.		In Pot								

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KRWG	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Ferrets: Pursuit		American Masters		Vision	Brief History		News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	King	King	Criminal Minds		CSI: NY		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS	(5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Ferrets: Pursuit		Standard-Perf		American Masters		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Next Best Thing		American Inventor		Traveler		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil		Simpsons	Seinfeld	So You Think You Can Dance	Lyrics			News (N)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Outrageous		Last Comic		Dateline NBC		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT	(10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Límites		Destilando Amor		Don Francisco		Noticias	Noticiero	Timbir	Risa
KTDO	(11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Madre Luna		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Fútbol Telemundo		
KTFN	(13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		** "Terreno Peligroso" (1997, Acción)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	* "Cachorros Exploradores"		
KVIA	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Next Top Model		Next Top Model		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN	(15)	Home Videos	Home Im	Home Im	Becker	Becker		WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs		Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	(16)	MLB Baseball Teams	to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout)					Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter	
USA	(31)	Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Psych		The 4400	
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Heartland		Las Vegas		Law & Order	
TBS	(33)	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Payne	Payne	Family	Family	Friends	Friends	* "Scary Movie 2" (2001) (PA)			InArmy
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		** "The Siege" (1998, Action) Denzel Washington.				CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager		Star Trek	
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	State of Mind		"A Trick of the Mind" (2006)				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos		Kansas City SWAT		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami	
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels (N)		Lost Worlds		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels	
TLC	(45)	Killing the Kids		Boy New Head		Tallest Woman		Mystery Diagnosis		Boy New Head		Tallest Woman		Mystery Diagnosis	
DISC	(47)	How	How	Really Big Things		MythBusters		Cash		MythBusters		Really Big Things		MythBusters	
FAM	(51)	Grounde	Grounde	*** "The Mask of Zorro" (1998) Antonio Banderas.						The 700 Club		Smallville "Forever"		Fighting for Life	
DISN	(52)	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	"Halloweentown High" (2004)		Life De		So Raven	Life De
NICK	(54)	OddPar	Neutron	Drake	Sponge	Videos	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Full Hse.
AMC	(57)	"Godfather III"		*** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.				*** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.		*** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.		*** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.		*** "The Untouchables" (1987) Kevin Costner.	
SCI FI	(58)	Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Destination Truth		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		Twilight	Twilight
CNN	(62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Cooper 360	
HBO	(306)	*** "Back to the Future" (1985)				*** "A Prairie Home Companion" (1997)				Assume	Count	Con	Entou	Big Love	
MAX	(322)	Scarface	(:20) **	"Beerfest" (2006)		(:15) **	"The Family Stone" (2005)			** "Lady in the Water" (2006)		** "Lady in the Water" (2006)		** "Beerfest" (2006)	
SHOW	(343)	Truth		"Everyone Stares: Police"		(:05) **	"The Longest Yard" (2005)			Meadowlands (ITV)		"When Stand"		(:15) "Waiting ..."	

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KRWG	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Globe Trekker		Warplane "Jet Age"		Austin City Limits		Colores!	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Big Brother 8	CS	CSI: Crime Scn		Shark "Russo"		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS	(5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Windsor Castle		This Old Hous		Soundstage (N)		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty	CS	Grey's Anatomy		(:01) Men in Trees		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil	CS	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Smarter	Lyrics	You Can Dance		News (N)	CS	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Name	30 Rock	Office	Scrubs	(:01) ER	CS	News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT	(10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Noche de Estrellas		Premios Juventud 2007				Noticias		Noticiero	Noticiero	Timbir	Risa
KTDO	(11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Madre Luna		Zorro - Espada		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Titulares	Fútbol Telemundo	
KTFN	(13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		"La Propuesta" (2000) Nick Moran.				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	"El Juego de la Muerte" (1992)		
KVIA	(14)	My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Smallville	CS	Supernatural	CS	Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN	(15)	Home Videos		** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001)	CS			WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs		Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	(16)	SportsCtr	NFL Live	Bronx-Burning		Ult. NASCAR		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter	CS	Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter	CS
USA	(31)	Gangs	** "Mission: Impossible" (1996)			Tom Cruise.	CS	Burn Notice (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Psych	CS	Burn Notice	CS
TNT	(32)	Law & Order		Law & Order		"Librarian: Return to King"				"The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (1998)		** "Salem's Lot" (1998)			
TBS	(33)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Mighty Joe Young" (1998)		** "Cradle 2 the Grave" (2003) Jet Li.					
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA Wrestling		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Sports	Sports	Raising	Dude
LIFE	(39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	** "Shall We Dance?" (2004) Richard Gere.	CS		Side Order of Life		Side Order of Life		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	(43)	CSI: Miami	CS	CSI: Miami		The First 48 (N)		Detroit SWAT (N)		Dallas SWAT	CS	CSI: Miami	CS	The First 48	CS
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		Boneyard (N)	CS	Ancient Discoveries		The Universe		Modern Marvels		Boneyard	CS
TLC	(45)	Monster Garage		American Hot Rod		American Chopper		Hard Shine (N)		American Chopper		Hard Shine		American Hot Rod	
DISC	(47)	Build It Bigger		Dirty Jobs		Deadliest Catch		Man vs. Wild		Dirty Jobs	CS	Dirty Jobs	CS	Deadliest Catch	
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CNN	(62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360	CS	Larry King Live		Cooper 360			
HBO	(306)	"Back to the Future Part II"				Count	** "The Transporter 2" (2005)		CS	Hairspray	John-Cincin.	John-Cincin.	John-Cincin.		
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THE LAS CRUCES

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Solution, tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

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

5	6	3	4					8
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Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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THE LAS CRUCES

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BRAIN
GAMES

WORD SALSA

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

METAL	
ENGLISH	SPANISH
ALLOY	ALEACIÓN
ALUMINUM	ALUMINIO
BRONZE	BRONCE
COPPER	CALDERO
FOUNDRY	FUNDICIÓN
MERCURY	MERCURIO
NICKEL	NÍQUEL
PEWTER	PELTRE
PLATINUM	PLATINO
SILVER	PLATA
SOLDER	SOLDADURA
STEEL	ACERO

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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

Author of "Psycho"

6

Achieve success

9

Ten to the fifteenth power

12

Soft palate

15

Most distinct

18

Dickinson of "Police Woman"

19

Truck compartment

22

Satellite, e.g.

23

"Final Analysis" star

24

Potpourris

26

Weighty weight

27

Lofing tennis shot

29

Marksman

30

1929 Bebe Daniels movie

32

Arizona observatory

34

Invites

35

Shady tree

36

Beach acquisition

37

Eaves hangings

39

Various functions

40

Clap

42

Satisfied

43

"__ Galahad"

44

Degrading

45

Geekish

46

Read quickly

47

Kangaroo feature

50

Buck mates

51

Boarded

53

Trails

55

Do a tailor's work

58

Coetzer and Plummer

61

Place for curios

62

Molten rock

63

Scannable price tag

64

Little yelp

65

Evergreen

66

Hale or King

67

East African republic

68

Foes

70

Defamatory remarks

71

Slump

72

Freudian self

74

Works for

75

Create

76

Destructive

79

Shoshone

80

Lessing or Day

81

Island in the Mediterranean

83

Century units

84

Refuges

88

Having no equipment

89

Forays
- DOWN

1

Actress Benaderet

2

Inc. in Islington

3

Galley implement

4

Fashionable

5

Phone greeting

6

Bubble stuff

7

Heads-up

8

Wicked

9

Can. province

10

River of Venezuela

11

Final profit

12

Like some sweaters

13

Escape hatch

14

Abandon the truth

16

Chosen ones

17

Some fishermen

18

Andre of tennis

19

Walks heavily

20

Broadcast

21

Olympic skater Brian

24

Bottom of a crankcase

25

FL city

28

Mixture

30

Leave stranded again

31

Also

33

Grain separators

34

Puffin cousin

38

Pigpen

41

Impudent talk

44

Highest peak in the Western Hemisphere

46

George Lucas film

48

Pierre's hat

49

Crone

50

Flat-bottomed boats

51

Chitchat

52

Sharif and Bradley

54

Pin down

55

Arabian hounds

56

Gets around

57

Unnaturally pale

59

Book supplements

60

Made for ocean voyages

61

Hurricane's heart

62

"Ecstasy" star Hedy

69

A-Team member

73

Piece of a pound

75

Large, extinct bird

77

4/15 group

78

Ravi Shankar's instrument

80

__ Moines

82

Pervasive glow

83

Ballot option

85

Ring legend

86

Garnet's color

87

NASA outpost

B-PLUS

- ACROSS

1

Poet Angelou

5

Discharge

10

Persian monarch

14

Universal soul

19

Qatar resident

20

High clouds

21

Heat up

22

Backspace over

23

Spanish painter Joan

24

President Garfield's middle name

25

Sea fliers

26

Salary boost

27

Fightin' words?

29

Likely to say, "The devil made me do it"

32

States forcefully

33

Tunes for two

34

Markets for goods and services

35

Grow mellow

36

Hungarian wine

37

Gullible saps

38

Cellist Casals

41

Typefaces

42

Right-triangle ratios

43

3-letter sandwich

46

Quiet period

47

Ireland, so to speak?

49

Toward shelter

50

Colombian gold

51

Doesn't make it

52

Theater award

53

Mary of "Newhart"

54

Advertising slogans

56

In one piece

58

Artillery piece

59

Bottle stoppers

60

Recumbent

61

Kept for later

62

Takes off

64

Hirsute

65

Asa Yoelson's stage name

68

Implant

69

Gels

70

Miller's product

71

Clean air grp.

72

In the thick of

73

Serpent, for one

76

Cut with scissors

77

Give zero stars to

78

Like a rough road

79

Acts of worship

80

Gives up
- 81

Copley and Hatcher
- 82

Type of beer
- 83

Govt. agcy. (1934-65)
- 84

Becomes visible
- 87

Whale of a constellation
- 88

Part of TCM
- 92

Inebriated new millionaire?
- 94

Investment in accumulated soup?
- 95

"The Divine Comedy" poet
- 96

Collar type
- 97

Relative by marriage
- 99

Stench
- 100

Say out loud
- 101

External: pref.
- 102

Nary a person
- 103

Tear
- 104

Hideaways
- 105

Every now and __
- 106

Flowed out
- 107

Ice cream brand

DOWN

- 1

Venomous African snake
- 2

Diva's performances
- 3

Play areas
- 4

Eminently
- 5

Card game for two
- 6

Joe or Marla
- 7

Makes mistakes
- 8

Mexicali Mme.
- 9

Destination in Mali
- 10

Wet with perspiration
- 11

Damages
- 12

English composer Thomas
- 13

Capt. Bligh's boat
- 14

Adds bubbles
- 15

Hiking paths
- 16

Single syllable state
- 17

Portfolio holding
- 18

Prerequisites
- 28

Therefore: Lat.
- 30

Car contract
- 31

Indian currency
- 33

Bell sounds
- 36

Instruments
- 37

Lane of Hollywood

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Scheme
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Ambiance
- 40

Lincoln's online diary?
- 41

You want __ with that?
- 42

Pilfered
- 43

Introduction of chic?
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Host after Carson
- 45

Neighbor of Ark.
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River edges
- 48

Hardhearted
- 49

Synthetic fiber
- 51

Discharged
- 53

Be partial to
- 55

Was gaga over
- 56

Carpus, commonly
- 57

Vert. counterpart

- 58

Louisiana cuisine
- 60

Singer Cline
- 61

Blackthorns
- 62

Bound
- 63

Austen novel
- 64

Piles
- 65

Rot-resistant wood
- 66

Sheriff Andy Taylor's kid
- 67

Catches forty winks
- 69

Chocolate designation
- 70

Celebrations
- 73

Pack animal
- 74

Speak from a soapbox
- 75

Statuette
- 76

Coast
- 78

Grouse rousers

- 80

Idle talk
- 81

Eczema
- 82

Ono's husband
- 83

Coursed
- 84

"Rush, Rush" singer Paula
- 85

Rio de la __
- 86

Sophia Loren's Carlo
- 87

Twenty fins?
- 88

Stick one's neck out
- 89

Was partisan
- 90

Twist of fate
- 91

Hallmark product
- 93

Seven-year malady?
- 94

Soft, globular mass
- 98

San Francisco hill

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
"Grandpa's functional old roll-top desk has more nooks and crannies than an English muffin."

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GALLERIES & OPENINGS



"Young Hopi Wuuti" by Brian Fallstead at the Branigan Cultural Center



"Home Sweet Home" at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum



"Sacred Datura II" by Judy Licht at the Terrace Gallery

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will exhibit the works of three artists during the month of July – Molly Gamboa Barth, Susan Connelly and Mark Hohnstreiter. These are impressionistic artists who paint mountains, cactus, valleys, buildings and landscapes. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 524-4300.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

The Patio Art Gallery, University Avenue and El Paseo Road, welcomes fiber and mixed-media artist John Garrett as July's guest artist. In Garrett's "On and Off the Wall," the artist weaves his fascination with basketry and fiber arts into abstract pieces combining brushed and painted aluminum, a variety of other metals, plastics, found objects, jewels, beads, buttons and cloth. His creations have garnered national and international interest for the past 25 years, twice earning him fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, the most recent in 1995. Because he is equally comfortable with two-dimensional and three-dimensional work, the Patio Art Gallery is highlighting both styles as do museums throughout the world, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Albuquerque Museum. Garrett is a native of Las Cruces and attended schools here. Known in the arts community for his ability to inspire creativity in others, he has

taught in colleges and universities, mostly in California, and given workshops nationwide in his craft. While Garrett has lived in many parts of the world, his home and studio currently are in Albuquerque. "On and Off the Wall" runs at the Patio Art Gallery through Saturday, July 21. Work by the gallery's resident artists will also be displayed. For more information, call 541-7401.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Paintings by the members of the Friday Painters group will be on display at the Branigan Cultural Center through Saturday, July 28. Exhibits and receptions are accessible and free of charge. The Friday Painters group has met for 20 years. Presently a group of 25 members, they meet on Friday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Recreational Center. Their painting sessions are followed by lunch. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Groves for more information at cjgroves@gmail.com. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits and programs, call 541-2155.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Take a journey with artist Becky Holtzman through her exhibit, "Dwelling," which runs through Aug. 25, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Downtown Mall. Upon entering the gallery, guests will encounter Holtzman's "Salt Labyrinth" – a full-size walking labyrinth, laid out with salt-rimmed stones that dissolve into a curving line of salt at the center. The labyrinth is the focus of "Dwelling," and the works that ripple around its stones represent Holtzman's exploration of ancient memory: cultural, familial and genetic.

Concepts of home and origin figure prominently throughout the exhibit, with the natural world and repetition providing the framework for the pieces. Beyond the labyrinth, suspended from the ceiling, sways "Cradle," a 10-foot long cocoon of sandstones that nestle into one another. "Stretching Solace," a floor-based sculpture, is a long line of reedy horsetails that reach up out of paper pods, as if they were plucked directly from beside the Rio Grande and set down in the gallery. In the photo-based work "Departure," a woman has turned her back to the viewer, her spine a straight line of mysterious symbols; in the companion piece, "Arrival," she turns toward the viewer, arms full of sunflowers, a starry sky framing her figure. Holtzman's works suggest that all journeys eventually lead back home, whether to a physical abode or to an origin myth. Her references to the natural world encourage us to imagine the landscape, the body and the mind as home: as comforting and comfortable as any house we might inhabit. For more information, call 541-2159.

■ TERRACE GALLERY

"Anything Goes," the Las Cruces Arts Association summer show at the Terrace Gallery, runs through August with a reception to welcome visitors and meet artists from 4 to 5:45 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The Terrace Gallery is on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Both stairs and an elevator are available. As part of the Las Cruces Arts Association's mission to offer affordable original art work to the community, art work is for sale for \$200 or less.

■ FUNKY KARMA

Funky Karma Tea and Incense Shop, 207 Avenida de Mesilla, will host Funky Fractal Artists with their unique and interesting art for the home and office. For more information, call 635-2275.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

It's a colorful, nostalgic "slice of life" illuminating the Main Gallery of the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. The new addition to the gallery is called "Home Sweet Home," a component of the exhibit: "Farm Life in New Mexico: Then & Now." "Home Sweet Home" is a cozy, two-room floor plan that includes a kitchen and a parlor created to look like the inside of a rural New Mexico home in the 1920-30s. The exhibit includes a walkway between the rooms so Museum visitors can get close to the objects and enjoy the feel of actually walking through the home. The museum's staff researched the subject – including studying old photographs – and designed and built the two-room exhibit. Among the many interesting artifacts in the exhibit are a 1927

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POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



The back of this postcard reads: Fort Selden Ruins, north of Las Cruces. These massive unroofed adobe walls are all that is left of Ft. Selden. This important post was established in 1865 as a means of protection against the raids by Gila Apache Indians and to protect post road. Abandoned in 1879, it was reoccupied in 1881 during Apache uprising. Finally abandoned in 1892. Unfounded rumors of buried treasure soon led to its virtual demolition.



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GALLERIES & OPENINGS

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General Electric Monitor-Top refrigerating machine, a 1923 Brunswick Model 101 portable phonograph, a wood-burning stove and mission-style furniture, along with numerous kitchen gadgets, canning jars, crockery and personal items that give a glimpse into life on a New Mexico farm in the early 20th century. "Home Sweet Home" is one of the four major components of the "Farm Life in New Mexico" exhibit. The other three are "Moving Around," which focuses on transportation and includes wagons, maps and a façade of a railroad depot; "On the Farm," which includes a tool shed and various farm implements; and "Going to Town," which focuses on community life and will include an expanded mercantile that also has a walk-through environment and features a post office display. The train depot and mercantile components are still being developed. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

"The conscious pursuit of beauty" in both realistic and abstract forms is the inspiration for the art works of native Las Cruces Tracy Jamison. "I am constantly working in both directions," she said. "Both are sincere expressions for me." As a realistic painter, Jamison "carefully observes the natural world" and attempts to faithfully reproduce it. Her abstract paintings and sculptures are combinations of "beautiful concepts and interesting form." Both galleries at the Rio Grande Theatre, the El Paso Electric Gallery and the Carolene de Mesilla Gallery and Information Center, will feature Jamison's paintings and sculpture through the month of July. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun is hosting an exhibition of new works by Jesse Reinhard. This is Reinhard's first exhibition since receiving a master's degree in printmaking from New Mexico State University in May. The exhibition will feature new etchings and paintings as well as some collaborative work with NMSU artist Eric McKinley. The exhibition will run through July 31. For more information, call 523-1890.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Brian Fallstead's "Faces in a Crowd," works in sculpture and multi-media, will be on exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center through Saturday, July 28. Exhibits and receptions are accessible and free of charge. Fallstead's sculptures are all figurative. He works in a variety of media including fiberglass, steel and French paper mâché. While his inspiration is primarily classical and art nouveau sculpture, metal works in the exhibit are very contemporary. The large metal figures of dancers, including ballet folklorico, jazz, ballet and Native American, are suitable for outdoor exhibition. His French paper mâché pieces are wall hangings and are his most recent works. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits and programs, call 541-2155.

■ CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

The exhibit "Open Spaces Matter" shows at the Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St., through July. Margaret Bernstein's watercolor art suggests the significance of solitude and inspiration offered to Las Cruces by the natural beauty of nearby open spaces. Two of the pieces are complemented by poetry. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ MAIN STREET GALLERY

The Main Street Gallery is launching its guest artist program featuring the wild and energetic southern New Mexico scenes of Britt Coalson. In addition, the Main Street Gallery collaborative continues including: Penny Duncklee, Daphne Wirthlin, Ruth Drayer, Mark Ploss, Lois Wilson and Lynn Unangst. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery is located at 311 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 647-0508.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the most popular symbols of the Americas, especially in Mexico, where she is the best known and most loved of all saints. "Morena Moderna: La Virgen de Guadalupe," a photo essay by Diana Molina,

is sponsored in part by the Frame & Art Center.

Like so many elements of Mexican culture, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is found throughout the Southwest. Finding the presence of La Virgen throughout her travels in Mexico and the United States, photographer Diana Molina began to document the modern-day phenomenon of "La Morena Moderna." Her depictions of the symbol reveal the occurrence and historical evolution of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe within contemporary society, politics and media. Through photography, Molina shows portrayals of La Virgen in a variety of locations ranging from the Basilica in Mexico City to Washington, D.C., as well as close to home at Tortugas and in El Paso.

Photographer, filmmaker and writer Diana Molina is a native of El Paso and currently resides in New Mexico, on the Texas and Mexico border. She began photography while abroad in Europe, where she lived for 10 years. Focusing on cultural, political and environmental issues, Molina has published feature articles for numerous international magazines, including Elle, Esquire, GEO, GQ, Marie Claire, National Geographic Traveler and Vogue. Exhibits of her photography have been shown at venues including the Art Museum of the Americas in Washington, D.C., the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio, and the Albuquerque Museum of Natural History and Science. Most recently her documentary photography was part of a three-artist exhibit, "North & South of the Border," at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

"Morena Moderna: La Virgen de Guadalupe" exhibit runs through Saturday, Aug. 25. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the northern end of the downtown mall, at 501 N. Downtown Mall. The center is free and accessible. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 541-2255 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

■ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART

Artwork by some very talented Las Cruces Public Schools elementary school students will hang through September in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Center, Suite 249. Media includes crayon, pen and ink, felt, watercolor, charcoal and paper. For more information, contact LCPS Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Bonnie Hosie at 527-5888 or [bhosi@lcps.k12.nm.us](mailto:bhosie@lcps.k12.nm.us).

■ NMSU MUSEUM

Photographs detailing the history of the Chiricahua Apache from 1872 to the present will be housed in the New Mexico State University Museum lobby through Aug. 28. The historical photographs feature Cochise and Naiche family descendants. The museum is free and open to the public. Hours of operation are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 646-3739.

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Three legendary saddle makers are featured in the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's ongoing exhibit, "Legends in Leather: Saddle Makers of the Southwest." For the next year, the historic saddle makers section of the extensive exhibit features three men who played a big part in the booming saddle-making industry in Pueblo, Colo., during the late-1800s and early-1900s. The Museum is displaying the leather work of Samuel Caldwell Gallup, Robert Thompson Frazier and Tom Flynn. While several saddle makers operated shops in Pueblo during this time, Gallup, Frazier and Flynn are most associated and well-known with this community and the Pueblo Saddle. The three men were key figures in the origination and manufacture of the Pueblo Saddle style. All three saddleries made virtually identical saddles, differing only in the custom leather carving decoration and the reputation behind the name stamped on the cantle. All three companies reached their business peak in the 1910s and saw a decline in the 1920s. Ultimately, only Frazier's company survived the Great Depression. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. For more information, call 522-4100.

■ THETHEATREGALLERY

Inspired by pictographs and scenic landscapes throughout the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, Margaret Bernstein tries to capture the joy of a moment in paint and color. She loves to work with theater because of its tradition and spontaneity both relevant to a painter's perspective. This exhibit, "Under Glass," includes new and recent work in watercolor and acrylic media of landscapes, flowers and abstracts. Thetheatregallery is located in the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 523-1223.

Downtown area gets nurtured by renewed gallery

Main St. Gallery is a gem



I watched an interview (PBS Newshour) with Richard Rogers, renowned British architect who had just received the Pritzker Prize for his achievements, which include the Pompidou Center in Paris and currently, the tower building at the World Trade Center memorial. Rogers spoke of revitalizing cities and bringing life and vibrancy back into them. "The success of a city is whether people want to live there rather than to escape from it ... you can tell that because people begin to move back."

Our fair city has certainly suffered the consequences of poor design and limited, if not blind, architectural vision and yet we now have begun to see signs of life and new hope with our recent opening of one single block of Main Street. Like a young tree with its first set of new leaves, we gaze on it and see its mass of shaded comfort, its yield of abundant fruit and its flowering every spring. Our imaginings have to do with vitality and health for our culture and for our citizens who need and dream of a living breathing city center.

I happened into a small jewel of a gallery just north of the Rio Grande Theatre Downtown, and felt that sense of hoped-for "nurturing" of the culture by its presence. The Main Street Gallery, owned by Jim Turrentine and his wife Kerstin, has recently been polished up like a shiny red apple. Britt Coalson has a captivating group of paintings showing there. This artist is remarkably talented, his canvases seem to want to get up and dance around the room, full of graceful and even tempestuous movement and brilliant unexpected color. He attacks desert foliage and sends it flying into swirling, undulating skylines of brilliant colors. Ocotillos become weaving dancers doing an apparent rumba with lots of cactus supplying the rhythm. Bravo! Or shall I say: "Ole!"

Among the five artists in Turrentine's stable, I was most struck by Ruth Drayer's fearless generosity of paint on her canvases, which evoke spatial depth and an otherworldly atmospheric quality which holds the viewer's gaze and creates a dialogue of meditative contemplation. An obvious colorist, Drayer's "Spirit of the Mists" seems to summarize her efforts auspiciously.

Mark Ploss' landscapes gave me pause in their tender realism, the desert as he sees it, the ditches, the granite peaks. I felt his smaller plein-air paintings were most successful in their immediacy but some of the larger pieces lost their freshness in studied tenuousness.

As much as artists pay for framing and agonize over choices, Ploss would be better off to "gallery wrap" his canvases as does Coalson and save his money. The work should be able to stand on its own. And if we must package it with a frame, let it be one that speaks in a fresh, modern voice.

O'Keeffe had great angst over her frames for some time and finally came to several solutions which she designed herself. As much as I encourage you to see her work, to see as much work as possible, with every museum and gallery you can find time for ... next time put a little curiosity into the frames themselves.

"Modernism is difficult" Rogers says. And each artist must battle that difficulty with sincere effort, work to overcome the classic tendencies of tried and done- before renditions of every image he or she attempts to express, finding a unique voice.

Kudos to the Main Street Gallery (647-0508) and its contribution of energetic good purpose. Supporting our artists and enjoying what they bring to our lives makes us all immeasurably richer. I hope to see you under that shade tree on Main Street very soon.

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A tourney of awful strokes

Burger Time raises record \$220,000

JOHN KEITH
Sports
Editor



The second round of the best excuse for missing work teed off at 7 a.m. today at the Las Cruces Country Club.

We used to call it the Burger Time High School Football Golf Tournament.

Period.

Lots can happen in 14 years of existence, however. Enough that Kevin McGrath, who is guilty of organizing this golfing tragedy, has lengthened its name and purpose. Sandra McGrath, Kevin's wife, died of cancer on Jan. 4, 2003. Her name was deservedly added to the tournament title.

This year, football will not be the sole beneficiary of proceeds. Other sports and activities at Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate High Schools will profit as well.

Hence the 14th annual Sandra B. McGrath All High School Activities Golf Tournament, which began its three-day run Thursday.

The field continues to grow as well. By McGrath's count, 720 players will have destroyed the country club's 18-hole course by Saturday evening. Last year, he remembers approximately 600 players abusing the premises and raising \$195,999 for high school football in the process. McGrath expects to distribute more than \$200,000 this year.

The quality of golf at the Burger Time tournament remains steadfastly poor. Expect plenty of lost balls, whiffed tee shots, 40-foot gimme putts and untrustworthy scorecards.

We are reminded it's not golf but the tournament's cause that counts. The City of Las Cruces puts its best foot forward for this one. Local businesses pay good money for sponsorships. Nine city restaurants will bring food. Volunteers brave the fairways, carting beverages to the players.

The roster of 720 is fraught with local businessmen and women. Golfers from several states are expected. Former NFL greats will play Saturday's two rounds.

So will coaches and athletic administrators at New Mexico

See **Keith** on PAGE D5

Pope calls Las Cruces home



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Herb Pope takes a break during a pick-up game at NMSU.

Aggies' star recruit says he's satisfied with city, school

By **JOHN KEITH**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It was Monday afternoon and 18-year old Herb Pope had finished the first day of summer school.

"I'm taking two classes," he said. "History and Theater Arts."

Theater Arts?

"Yeah. I'll have to think that one over. I'm not sure about it yet."

Pope is dead certain about two things: he will play basketball at New Mexico State and he's already sold on Las Cruces, despite his arrival only two weeks ago. "The people here seem genuine," he said. "Thoughtful. I plan to live here. Get my degree and go into business here someday."

Basketball, of course, will precede all. Pope, 6-foot-9 center-forward-guard (he often led the fast break at Aliquippa, Pa. High School), is, many believe, destined for the NBA eventually.

He most certainly is long on confidence. "I'll play wherever they want me to here," he said. "I'm capable of playing any of the five positions. That's why I wear No. 15. One through five."

Scout.com ranked Pope as the class of 2007's 34th best high school player and ninth best power forward.

Dave Telep, the web site's national recruiting analyst, was quoted as saying that with Pope's talent he should have been a top 10 player. That he can score inside with his back to the basket as well as from the perimeter. That he was a deft passer and steady dribbler and likes to slash at the hoop. Pope, Telep said, can single-handedly start and finish fast breaks. He presents a matchup problem.

"I'm not even sure what position Herb Pope really is," Telep said, "because he can do so many different, unique things."

The Aggies, however, probably want their star recruit playing inside. Pope, who averaged 19.7 points, 11 rebounds and 3.0 assists in high school last season, likes his teammates at NMSU. They compete against each other in pickup games on weekday afternoons. "We can be a good team this year," Pope said, "if we play unselfishly. That's the key."

"Me, I like to pass the ball. I can knock it down inside and outside and I can lead the break if I have to."

He's probably lucky to be walking, let alone leading fast breaks.

See **Pope** on PAGE D6

Nine holes of laughs

Nothing serious about these golfers

By **CRAIG MASSEY**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

They gather about the same time every day during the week to play the sport they love.

Competition isn't the driving force behind the daily gathering, it's the camaraderie. Sometimes you just want to spend time with your buddies and knock a ball around a little.

This daily ritual is in the tradition of the old sandlot days when kids would convene at a local field and play baseball all day, making up their own rules, settling their own disputes and rarely keeping score.

Perhaps this is what former sandlot players become. After about 50 years, the baseball bats are replaced by golf clubs, and the dusty vacant lot becomes a lush, green golf course.

For the past several years, a group of men who call themselves "Los Amigos" have met each weekday morning at University Golf Course. Golf takes a backseat to the good-natured insults and relentless commentary that bounces back and forth as they

make their way through nine holes.

The group includes eight regulars, five of whom are retired NMSU employees. They range in age from 69 to 86.

"Out of the eight of us, there's about six that I actually like," said member Eddie Groth. If Los Amigos were the Harlem Globetrotters, then Groth would be the Meadowlark Lemon of the group.

His seemingly endless dialogue is delivered with the comedic skill of Milton Berle.

"We all give it back and forth, but Eddie is the one who really keeps us going," said Alex Keatts.

Aside from Groth and Keatts, Los Amigos features the deteriorating golf skills of Rick Oleson, Neil Stueven, Jerry Hill, Dave Dryden, Lowell Long and Lyn Ames. Two others — Paul Comeau and Rene Casillas — join the group for an outing every four or five weeks. Sometimes, a friend or a visiting relative will be invited to tag along.

"We've all had our kids or grandkids with us at one time or another," said Keatts. "It's a great



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The five Los Amigos members who call themselves golfers prepare for their daily nine-hole round at University Golf Course. They are, from left, Jerry Hill, Alex Keatts, Rick Oleson, Neil Stueven and Eddie Groth.

group of guys. The camaraderie between us is what we enjoy."

No one is exactly sure when the group was formed, but it has evolved through the years. Some have quit or moved on, age has limited others and "two or three" have passed away, including one who collapsed and died on one of the greens at the course.

For the most part, the men play at the NMSU course because as former NMSU employees, the green fees are included in their retirement plan. They all walk

the nine holes except for Groth, who rides a cart because of multiple knee surgeries. He's looking forward to one more procedure in the coming months — knee replacement.

Keatts, a retired real estate agent from Houston, has no ties to NMSU and admits a longtime alliance with the University of Texas Longhorns. But on this day, he's wearing an Aggie shirt like Groth.

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Two more Aggie sport programs ready for 'breakthrough' years

Football and women's basketball are due



PETE
*Pete's
Ponderings*

With the announcement that Stevi Adams was returning to the Aggie corral came the recollection to this old saddle tramp about those years that she played so well for NMSU. Now it ain't like it was that long ago, but that period in Aggie volleyball will be looked back upon as the "breakthrough" years for the program. It wasn't just Adams who was responsible, but everyone on those teams; Trinia Cuseo, Megan Arner, Morgan Reader, Jackie Godber and some others broke the barrier between being good and being at the top.

Sometimes in sports there is an unseen shield, probably a mental one that keeps a team or a program from advancing to a level of excellence. The volleyball team took that step in 2003 when they made it into the NAAs, and now it is a tradition. It was the same with Neil McCarthy's 1990 hoops team. They beat Tark's UNLV Rebels, and that proved they deserved to be among the elite programs of the time.

Reggie revived that idea last year and Coach Menzies should be able to tote the torch down the road. After the invisible shield was broken, so to speak, playing at the next level became a foregone conclusion. Now it still took talent and discipline and work, but the idea that the reward of NCAA glory was a reality not part of the "what if" list of wishes and dreams that schools have.

With that in mind, the two Aggie programs that are due for a "breakthrough

year" are football and women's hoops. How will you know when it happens? I would say two or more major upsets in the same year. Then you realize they aren't upsets. Football fans point to the win over Arizona State in 1999 as a hallmark in football history. It was one great moment, but the team crashed back to earth the next week at UTEP. It was a one-time capturing of lightning in a bottle, not the start of a glorious decade. A winning year for Hal Mumme's squad is within its grasp this coming season.

It will take work, luck and preparation. Showing the rest of the WAC that NMSU has truly turned a page to a new era requires wins over teams they have never beaten, Boise State, Hawaii or Fresno State. The Aggies have beaten Nevada once in football but it wouldn't hurt if the

Wolf Pack was one of the victims. A sweep of the rivals will be necessary for a winning year, but the breakthrough to a bowl and real excellence will require all of those things.

Women's basketball has been knocking on the door in each of the last two conference tournaments but has been unable to find the combination to that title lock. They did come closer this

year than last, but remained a bridesmaid when the horn sounded. The foundation is there in football, Darin Spence has been tryin' his best to do likewise. Some day there won't be any breakthrough years, there will be the idea that winning is what we are here at NMSU.

PETE

The little school that could

NMSU athletics department keeps chugging along with more staffers



JACK NIXON
Jack's Corner

For as long as I have been here, NMSU's athletics department has borne a similarity to the steam engine in the children's fable about the "Little Train that Could." In case

that is too dated a reference, the engine keeps going against tough odds by chanting "I think I can, I think I can." In the book, the steam engine does, but in the harder world of college athletics, it seldom happens that way. You have to be set up to succeed, like every other prosperous business venture.

Just now is the NMSU athletics program close to having the number of staff on hand to succeed and the right attitude to do the same. For many years, the program had plenty of "chiefs" but not enough others to help carry out the plan. The marketing department now has a director who has positive experience at the top level and eight or so staff members to deal with the broadcasting, game day promotions and other items that have to be addressed for there to be a success. Likewise the corporate sales arm has two full-time sales reps and a couple of local "diggers" to maximize the corporate sales end that has to generate needed money. Sports Information has grown to four full-timers from one and Athletic

Training now has enough people to keep everyone patched up or close to it without running the head A.T. completely ragged.

Fans everywhere have the attitude of "don't tell me about the pain, show me the baby." In other words, results, wins, NCAA berths, etc., not job descriptions. Fair enough, but those baubles don't come without the human infrastructure to support the entire process. My bar-

ber, who always has an opinion on these things, was quizzing me about why the department is always hiring people. Since he rarely takes the time to actually listen to the answer, I have to keep repeating that for so many years, the department was trying to make it all happen with a fraction of the staff it takes. Kind of like cutting hair with rounded scissors and dippy doo to put it in his frame of reference.

The corporate sales provides a portion of the money to pay for staff salaries, the marketing staff provides a better game day experience with on-field promotions, people to run the jumbo scoreboard, put Aggie Vision on the air and provide a game atmosphere that makes fans want to come back. Fans returning means more revenue. NMSU athletics used to be like a big department store that could sell you everything to make you happy but had only one check out aisle. You weren't going to waste your time because of the chaos contained therein. The Aggie store has been improving the way they have been doing business in the past two years, and the plan calls for it to get better than ever.

“... the department was trying to make it all happen with a fraction of the staff it takes.”

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Aggie baseball camps slated

NMSU plans to have three summer sessions

New Mexico State baseball coach Rocky Ward and his staff are set for their 2007 summer camps. The Aggies are hosting three camps and the first camp begins today.

Both the first camp, July 13-15, and the second camp, July 16-18, are open to children nine years and older while the third camp, July 19-21, is designed for those 14 and older. The camps cost \$150 and begin at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m. except for the final day that concludes at 11:30 a.m.

Ward is teaching the top offensive hitting system in the country while Tom Rosati is educating campers on the pitching mechanics of the professionals. Campers should wear appropriate hot weather practice clothing with cleats, gloves and bats. Sunscreen is also suggested.

Applications are available online at NMStateSports.com. For more information contact Ward at 505-646-5813.

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On the green

Golf statistics can mislead

Fewer golfers come from a family tradition

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor



Over the past 30 years statistics have shown that the average golfer has really not improved much at all. Mean handicaps are about the same today as they were three decades ago. The average weekend recreational player still does not break 100. Only a very small fraction of the golfing public ever officially breaks 80. This is in spite of incredible advances in equipment, information and training technology. It's a mystery. My question is: How can this be?

My research has taken me from the USGA to the PGA and I have come up with some possible theories. The first has to do with statistics and averages. Take money, for example. The average American doesn't put away any more money in savings that he did 30 or 40 years ago. A typical wage earner still is financially behind, despite success information and computers. Contrary to what we would expect with the miracles of modern medicine, coupled with governmental initiatives on exercise and nutrition, Americans are still sedentary, still eat badly and are more overweight than ever. And take more pills. Maybe some things never change.

Let's take equipment. Golf legend Gary Player admits that he hits the ball farther today, in his 70s, than he did in his prime, using balata balls and persimmon drivers. He doesn't think that's necessarily a good thing, though. Experts in clubfitting suggest that the best technology helps the best players the most. One club expert told me, yeah, with a \$600 titanium 460 high MOI frequency matched driver the 18 handicapper

just hits it a lot further into the desert. Word on Tour is that if a player is not using equipment that has come out within the last year, he or she is giving up 8 to 10 yards of distance to the field. That translates to a lot of money. Our experience in many years of golf schools reminds us that high priced or high tech clubs won't help the beginner much until he develops a basically sound swing.

Another possible factor is the golf course itself. I've been playing golf for over 50 years, and I've found a vast difference in golf courses we play today compared to the golf courses we played decades ago. For one thing modern designers like Pete Dye, Ken Dye, Arthur Hills, Tom Fazio and Jack Nicklaus lay out their golf courses with great respect to the land, but also great respect for par, and subsequently incorporate insidious hazards, bunkers and visual illusions to disturb and unnerve the golfer. The greens are tougher, there are more treacherous bunkers, intimidating water hazards and more gimmicks to contend with. Someone once said the most important technological breakthrough in golf is the power lawnmower, and I believe it. Greens are much faster and trickier today than ever before. Hence, it's a tougher game. On the other hand, courses are maintained better by and large.

I looked at how the stats might be swayed by population. Cindy Cooper of the USGA's handicap section provided some updated numbers. She reported that the average handicap nationally for men has actually improved slightly (7 percent) in the past 10 years – since the advent of the modern driver. For women the index is now better by only 5 percent. Still, that's not much. (The USGA did not have data going back to 1977 at press time.) Cooper attributed the virtual stagnation to the transition of golfers. By this, she means new players are

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coming in and others are out of the (handicap) system. As I'm hearing this I'm still wondering why newer golfers aren't coming in better equipped for golf.

Although I didn't approach the average golfer dilemma with the surgical fervor of a detailed research dissertation, I have arrived at some considered speculation. I think the mischief begins with how folks take up the game of golf to begin with. In my case, I learned golf from my father and my grandfather. They were always tinkering with swing ideas. I still have a shoe box full of golf tips my grandfathers had clipped out of newspapers. We played "munis" that would be considered dog tracks by today's standards. I caddied at one of the plush country clubs, and I knew how a golf course should look and how a golf swing shouldn't look and at age 13 I learned about how different classes of people get treated by snooty rich people.

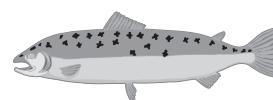
Fewer and fewer folks who take up golf start out learning the game from an elder or a mentor. Again, our golf schools provide a glimpse at the makeup of adult beginners. Some are gifted a new set of clubs by a well-meaning partner, hoping she will decide to play. Others dabble with Tiger Woods video golf. One PGA teaching professional made this observation: Hardly any recreational golfers start out learning golf from the ground up, around the putting green.

Hardly any set up a personal improvement program that involves goals, practice, lessons and structure. Perhaps it has to do with the difference between those who see golf as a sport and those who view it as a game. Should we strive for mastery? Or just giggle and have fun?

After doing my research, I really have concluded that the statistics are misleading. Articles that report everyday golfers doing no better than golfers of 30, 40 and a lifetime ago are basing their ideas on surveys and consumer input that, at best, I feel provide shaky evidence. These are data coming from resorts and venues frequented by John Q. Public who maybe plays golf once every spring equinox. Data similar to what the National Golf Foundation says it collects about the golf marketplace. The only thing that really matters is whether you and I are getting better. Or whether we feel we are better, regardless of the numbers.

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.

Fishing report



July 11, 2007:

Southwest Area

Bear Canyon: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Bill Evans Lake: Fishing was fair using worms for bluegill. Fishing was slow-to-fair using worms and dough bait for catfish. There were no reports on other species.

Burn Lake: Fishing was fair using worms and liver for catfish.

Caballo Lake: Fishing was reported as fair for white bass but slow for all other species. Anglers did best trolling white and fire tiger crank baits in 8-to-15 feet for the white bass. A few catfish were taken by anglers using liver and night crawlers. There were no reports on other species.

Elephant Butte: Fishing was fair using crank bait, grubs and jig and minnow combinations for walleye. The best reports we received were from anglers fishing near Kettle Top and McCrae Canyon. Fishing was fair using top water lures, grubs and crank baits for white bass. Fishing was fair using live bait, jigs and top water lures for striped bass. The best time for the top water lures was during the late evening hours. Fishing was slow-to-fair using top water lures, spinner baits, senkos, salt craws, brush hogs and crank baits for largemouth and smallmouth bass. Fishing was fair using liver, shrimp and night crawlers over baited holes for catfish.

Glenwood Pond: There were no reports from anglers this week. If you're in the area, check this pond out. It is stocked on a regular basis with keeper size rainbow trout.

Escondida Lake: Fishing was fair using liver, worms, hot

dogs and dough baits for catfish.

Gila River: Water flow near Gila on Monday was 78cfs. Fishing on the forks was slow but a few trout were taken by anglers using stimulators, pheasant tail nymphs and worms.

Lake Roberts: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Percha Dam: Fishing was fair-to-good using crank baits, grubs and minnows for walleye and a few white bass. There were no reports on other species.

Quemado Lake: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Rio Grande: Water flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday was 2,400cfs. Fishing on this stretch of water was slow. Fishing below Caballo was slow-to-fair using liver, cut bait and night crawlers for catfish. A few walleye were taken on minnows and grubs.

Southeast Area

Bataan Lake: Fishing was fair using worms and liver for catfish. There were no reports on other species.

Bonito Lake: Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using salmon eggs, corn, power bait and spinners. Fishing was fair using corn for carp.

Bosque Redondo: Fishing was fair using night crawlers, stink bait and liver for catfish. There were no reports on other species.

Brantley Lake: Anglers are to practice catch and release for all fish here as high levels of DDT were found in several fish. There were no reports from anglers this week.

Carlsbad Municipal Lake: There were no reports from

anglers this week.

Grindstone Reservoir: There were no reports from anglers this week. Rainbow trout stocking has been temporarily suspended while the Village of Ruidoso treats the lake to control algae blooms.

Jal Lake: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Lake Van: Fishing was slow-to-fair using night crawlers, worms and liver for catfish. There were no reports on other species.

Oasis Park Lake: The State Park will be draining the lake for maintenance and renovation. Work is expected to be complete around the end of summer. For more information contact the park office at 505-356-5331.

Pecos River: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 1,450cfs. This area will be closed to fishing during the high release.

Rio Bonito: There were no reports from anglers this week.

Ruidoso River: Water flow at Ruidoso as of Monday was 2.8cfs. There were no reports from anglers this week.

Santa Rosa Lake: Fishing was slow for some and fair for other anglers using top water lures, tubes, senkos, jerk baits and spinner baits for largemouth bass. Those who did best were targeting brush abuzz with dragon fly activity. Fishing was slow-to-fair using senkos and tubes in rocky areas for smallmouth bass. Fishing was slow-to-fair using tubes, crank baits, grubs and jig and minnow combinations for walleye and a few big crappie. Anglers using crank baits also caught a few walleye and crappie. There were no reports on other species. Fishing with bait from the bank was slow for all species.

Holiday baseball tourney draws 42 Southwest teams

Las Cruces Beavers win championship game

A field of 42 teams played in the three-day Fourth of July Big Blast baseball tournament at Paz, Harty and Maag Parks last week.

Competition was held by age groups ranging for players 8 and under to 16 years and older.

The Las Cruces Beavers won the championship last Saturday with an 11-3 victory over the Las Cruces Padres.

The tournament, which drew teams from New Mexico and Texas, is played in Las Cruces annually during the Fourth of July holiday.



Andrew Anthony pitched for the Las Cruces Padres who advanced to the tournament finals Saturday where they lost to the Las Cruces Beavers 11-3 in the championship game.



The Las Cruces Padres players take a breather.



Brandon Rue, who plays for the Bombers, is batting at the Fourth of July Big Blast Baseball Tournament last weekend. A total of 42 teams from Texas and New Mexico participated.

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State University. Included are football coach Hal Mumme and basketball coach Marvin Menzies.

Mike Martin, NMSU's president, will try and keep his shots from drifting. So will athletic director McKinley Boston.

All three high school football coaches, Jim Miller of Las Cruces, Michael Bradley of

Mayfield and Oñate's Kelly McKee, will compete and address the golfers at tonight's tournament banquet.

If we are unlucky, Jim Bradley, Mayfield's retired icon of football, will also be asked to speak.

If Bradley stays on his usual course, he will talk long enough to hold us until next July when the 2008 tournament tees off.

Food will be donated by nine local restaurants. The 19th hole, McGrath says, will be well stocked.

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A volunteer for life

Dee Harris gives 65 years straight of hard work

By **JORDAN BOSTIC**

The Las Cruces Bulletin

For Las Cruces resident Dee Harris, 85, helping people has become a way of life. For the past 65 years, Harris has been an active volunteer in whatever community she had lived, from Arkansas to Indiana. When Harris moved to Las Cruces in 1983, she immediately found volunteer work with the organization that has become her passion: the Senior Olympics.

Harris has had many roles in the Doña Ana County Senior Olympics since she became involved in 1984, she has been active in many aspects. "I guess you could consider me the historian," Harris said, spreading detailed scrapbooks chronicling the DACSO's recent years on the table. "I'm on the county Senior Olympics board, and I am the representative for Doña Ana County to the state Senior Olympics board."

For the past 20 years, Harris has helped with marketing the Senior Olympics, primarily utilizing her charming personality to solicit door prizes for fundraising. Add to that practicing for her athletic events and volunteering at First Baptist Church, and Harris has a very busy life.

"I just love to give back," Harris said.

A lifelong athlete, Harris was named to the All-State basketball team in Arkansas for two years when she was in high school. After high school, Harris married and moved with her husband to Valparaiso, Ind., where she started a volleyball league. By the time she moved from Valparaiso, the league had grown to include 25 teams.

Harris and her husband retired and decided to tour the country in search of the best place to live. Harris credits a trip-ending car crash en route to a Mexico vacation for bringing them to settle in Las Cruces. "We just felt God was telling us that this was where we needed to

be," Harris remembered.

When Harris started competing in Senior Olympics, she participated in long distance cycling, volleyball, table tennis, badminton, javelin, shot put, discus and eight-ball pool. However, four knee surgeries have forced Harris to focus on events that are upper body-based. She now competes in eight-ball pool, horseshoes, huachas, air gun, air rifle and shuffleboard.

When speaking with Harris, it becomes clear that she loves life and lives it to the fullest. "I first love the Lord Jesus Christ," Harris said. "I love sports, and I love people – all people."

"I love Las Cruces, and I love the Senior Olympics!" Harris smiled.

Ernesto Ramos, the founder of the senior games in New Mexico, had a profound influence on Harris' involvement in the games over the years. "If there is anyone who loves Senior Olympics as much as I do, it's him," Harris said.

In 2003, the DASCO created an annual award in honor of Harris. The Dee Harris award is given to one male and one female athlete in Las Cruces in honor of their outstanding contribution to the senior games. The winners of the Dee Harris Award are then eligible for the state Golden Athlete Award. The winners of the Golden Athlete are announced at the opening ceremonies of the state games.

Harris said having the award named for her has been one of the three major honors in her life. The second was when she was given the Circle of Excellence by the Area Agency of Aging in the early '90s and the third was when she was voted the Woman of Distinction in Porter County, Ind., in 1954.

For a lifetime volunteer, it seems only natural that Harris will continue to serve the Las Cruces community. When and if she decides to slow down, it will be a much-deserved break for a woman who has spent her life helping others.

Golfers

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"I like this golf course because it's the most mature course with the trees," he said. "It's challenging and beautiful. They keep it in great shape."

The members of the group take turns each month scheduling the tee times, which are done on a weekly basis each Thursday. It was Oleson's turn this month and he showed up at the club house at 6:20 a.m. last Thursday to make sure Los Amigos got their slots.

Scorekeeping is a constant source of amusement for the group. Groth admits to occasionally trying to keep score, but says it never lasts.

"The garbage cans here are full of half-filled-out score cards," said Groth. "We usually don't keep score. They don't care. Nobody asks to see it. There's an NMSU senior group who puts their scores on the computer, but our group never does that."

While his final score never makes it to a completed score card, Groth usually keeps track of it. He knows his best nine-hole round is a 42 and he averages a 48.

"If we break 50 over nine holes, we're doing pretty good," said Keatts.

Oleson, whom Groth reluctantly admits is the strongest player of the group, once shot a 39.

"But that was right around World War II," Groth says.

Golf skills are optional, but a sense of humor and some thick skin are required when playing with Los Amigos.

"We're really great at offering encouragement," Groth said sarcastically, igniting another round of laughter. "And we have mental access to every excuse known to man."

He enthusiastically tells a story of how Keatts once took 17 swings at a ball lodged in a sand trap.

"He lost his composure," Groth says, smiling broadly.

Keatts laughs at the memory, but doesn't deny the story. Groth then relays another anecdote.

"Alex hits a ball into the shade, then picks it up and takes it out into the sunlight to make sure it's his ball," Groth said. "Then he just drops it and hits it from there."

"In this group, nobody gets away with anything," said Keatts.

Occasionally, members of the group have entered tournaments. Groth and Keatts teamed up with Ames and Comeau to play in a Rotary Club event, calling themselves, "The All-Stars." They finished "dead last" two years in a row.

Groth said the key to doing well in a tournament is to, "get one of the PGM (Professional Golf Management) kids to be on your team. But we're not that bright," he said.



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Eddie Groth of the Los Amigos tees off Friday at the University Golf Course during a nine-hole round.

Golf has a way of humbling a person, and if the game doesn't do it, then – in the case of Los Amigos – there are several "friends" nearby to make sure no one gets too confident or too serious.

Groth occasionally goes to former NMSU men's golf coach Herb Wimberly for instruction, but "after a couple of months, I usually go back to my bad habits."

"Sometimes I come off the ninth hole and swear I'll never play this game again," he said. "Then right after that, I'll ask what time we play tomorrow."

Pope

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Pope has made a remarkable recovery from four gunshot wounds he suffered at a late night party in Pittsburgh, Pa. three months ago. He looks good physically.

Despite four surgeries, 11 days in the hospital and the loss of 37 pounds, Pope says he's almost back to his playing weight.

"I was lucky that none of the bullets hit any significant part of my body that would interfere with basketball," he said. "I'm back to 217 pounds now. I'd like to play at about 225."

Pope says the Aggies' aggressive schedule next season was an attractive lure. NMSU will play non-conference games at Louisville and Duke. There's talk they'll compete in a tournament that will include Texas and

West Virginia.

"We're a mid-major team kind of like Memphis," Pope said. "I think we're good enough to go out there and play with the major teams. We're going out to put the WAC on the map."

Pope said he almost left Las Cruces when Reggie Theus bolted to coach the Sacramento Kings. "I had my bags packed," Pope said. "I thought he'd stay another year at least."

"But I thought it over and decided to stay here. New Mexico State stood by me. I want to stay and honor my commitment."

During the search for Theus' replacement, Pope said he was secretly pulling for Marvin Menzies, who was chosen over five finalists. "I knew him before," Pope said about Menzies. "He recruited me for Louisville when I was in high school. All the way through the 11th grade."

"He's a standup guy. A genuine guy."



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Hanson new equestrian coach

Bruemmer stepping down to spend more time with family

New Mexico State Athletic Director Dr. McKinley Boston announced that assistant coach Andrea Hanson will take over the reins of the Aggie Equestrian Program after the departure of Pamela Bruemmer.

Hanson's contract is a three-year agreement.

"I am very excited for Pamela and honored that she and the athletic staff have placed such confidence in my abilities," Hanson said. "This is going to be a very exciting year for the team, and I have great expectations!"

"Andrea was highly recommended by Coach Bruemmer and Andrea has done a great job with the team in the past year and is ready to step up into her new position," Boston said.

"I believed Andrea's promotion will give the program the best chance to build on Pam's outstanding coaching and leadership and building the program from the ground up."

Bruemmer decided to step down and devote more time to her family. She will continue to be a part of the Aggie program, helping the equestrian team with fundraising efforts. Bruemmer will remain in the area training horses.

"As I am sad to be leaving the Aggies on a fulltime basis, this is an exciting time for Nick and I as we are looking forward to our new adventure as parents," Bruemmer said. "I have all the confidence in the world in Andrea that she will do an excellent job as the new head coach. I also look forward to helping the team in their future fundraising efforts."

I would like to thank everyone for their support of myself and the team during my tenure with the Aggies."

Hanson, a 2004 graduate of Texas A&M, has extensive experience not only with coaching equestrian athletes, but also in caring for the horses that are vital to the program.



HANSON

During her first season with the Aggies, Hanson helped guide the Aggie Hunter Seat team to a successful 2006-07 season, including a spot at the National Equestrian Championships.

Hanson came to New Mexico State after spending two years as a student assistant/volunteer coach at Texas

A&M following a distinguished collegiate career that saw her qualify for the National Championships twice, once in 2001 with Fresno State and again in 2003 with Texas A&M.

Hanson traveled to the Zone Championships all four years of her eligibility.

She also won the 2004 Open Division Regional Championship while riding for A&M. Hanson also took the Over-all Championship title at the Tournament of Champions in 2000 at North Carolina and in 2001 at California. She was a member of the 2002 Champion Varsity Team for

Texas A&M in Florida with a second place finish, and a third place finish in Georgia during the 2004 Varsity Championships.

Hanson successfully rode on the Texas Hunter and Jumper Association circuit prior to her collegiate career. Her trainer was Joan Waterman out of New Caney. Hanson spent many years training horses and catch riding in the South.

Hanson, who graduated in December 2004 with a degree in Biomedical Science, has had several valuable experiences in the field. Most recently, she worked as an Associate Quality Assurance Specialist at Lexicon Genetics Inc., a research firm in The Woodlands, Texas. There, she performed animal health monitoring and advised scientists on proper animal care.

During her time in school, Hanson served as a research assistant in the Texas A&M Animal Science Department. She provided assistance and data collection to graduate students researching equine nutrition as well as sample collection for laboratory analysis. Prior to attending college, Hanson spent three years as a veterinary technician at Fayette County Veterinary Hospital (La Grange, Texas) from 1998-2000, where she conducted diagnostic procedures on sick and injured animals and assisted in surgical procedures.

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Adams returns as volleyball assistant

Baker to be director of operations

New Mexico State volleyball coach Mike Jordan announced that Stevi Adams has joined the Aggie staff as an assistant coach.

Adams replaces Debby Baker, who accepted the newly created director of operations position. Baker was an assistant with the Aggies for five seasons before stepping down to spend more time with her family.

"We're excited to have Stevi back," Jordan said. "She is a fantastic person and has a lot of energy and enthusiasm for her work. She was the best leader we ever had as a player. I know she'll work well with the players."

Adams graduated in 2005 and was an outside hitter for the Aggies from 2001-04. She is the Aggies all-time leader in kills (1,559). In 2004, she was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American honorable mention list.

"I'm really excited to be here," Adams said. "It's a great honor that Mike asked me to be a part of the staff. I'm looking forward to the challenges that coaching is going to bring."

Adams is a fixture in the NMSU record books as she ranks second in career total attacks (4,288), third in career digs (1,281), career service aces (145) and fourth in career kills per game (3.53). She was a two-time first team All-Sun Belt and two-time Sun Belt All-Tournament Team selection.

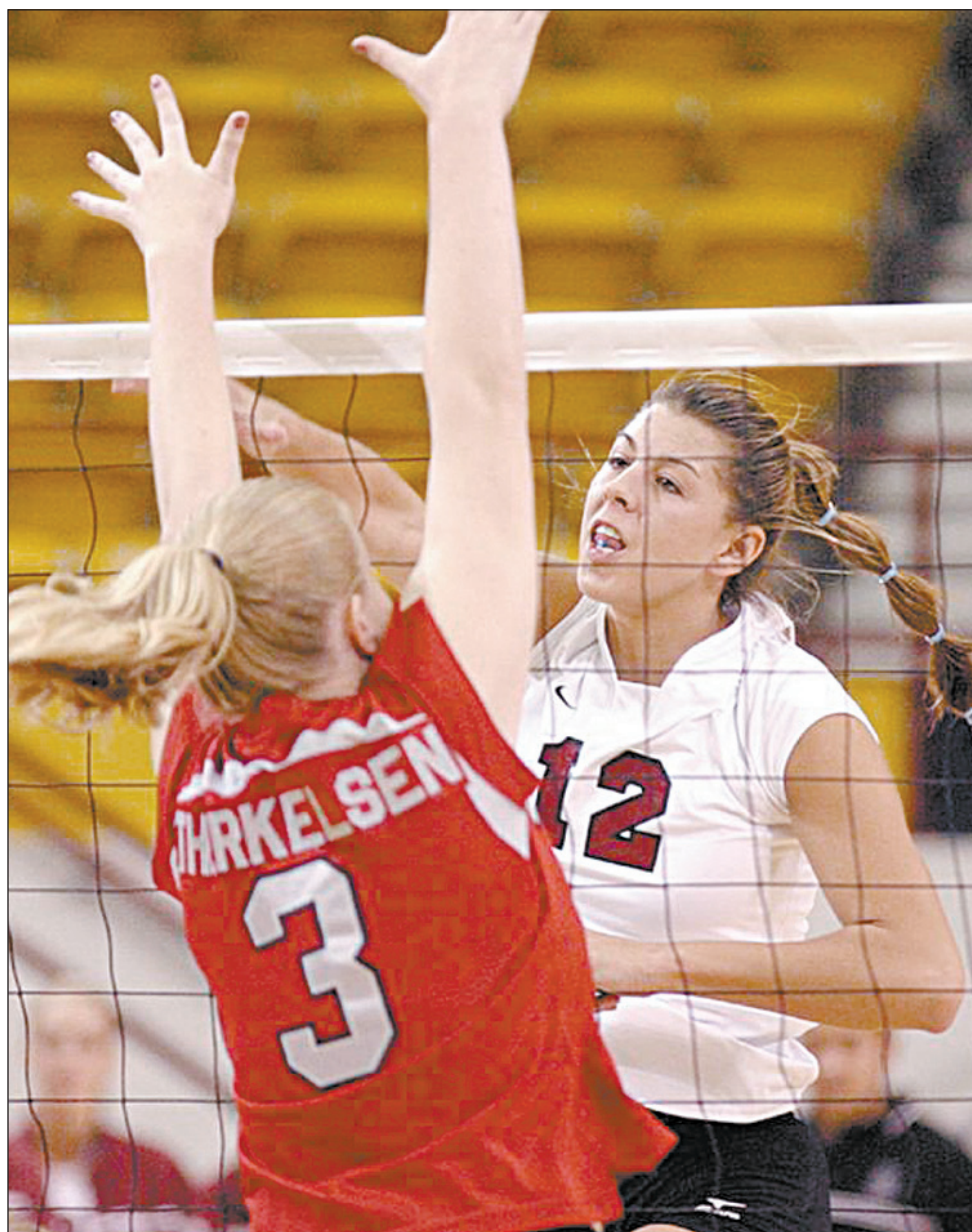
In her final season with the Aggies in 2004, she became just the third player in

school history with 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. Adams also led the Aggies in kills (436) and service aces (46) as a senior. She was named the Sun Belt Tournament Most Valuable Player and a first team All-Sun Belt honoree.

As a junior, Adams earned first team all-conference and all-tournament team honors while leading the Aggies in kills (442) and total attacks (1,184). She was second in digs (341) and fifth in total blocks (57) and service aces (29) while recording a .258 hitting percentage. In addition, Adams recorded 26 double-digit kill totals, 18 double-digit dig totals and 16 double-doubles. She earned Sun Belt Player of the Week honors for her play during the first week of October.

In her sophomore season, Adams garnered second team all-conference honors while finishing second on the team in kills (380), kills per game (3.62), digs (304) and digs per game (2.90). She was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week (Sept. 1-7) after guiding the Aggies to a 4-0 record at the Wisconsin-Green Bay Tournament and earning tournament MVP honors. Adams opened the season with four straight double-figure kill matches and finished the season with 24 double-digit kill match totals. As a freshman, Adams finishing third on the team in kills (301) and kills per game (2.87) in 2001.

A Houston, Texas, native, Adams graduated from Memorial High School in 2001.



Stevi Adams, a former volleyball star for the Aggies, has joined Mike Jordan's staff as an assistant coach at NMSU.



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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑAANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-649

CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC, successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. CROWLEY, Deceased; ANTHONY J. CROWLEY, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of James L. Crowley, Deceased; PAUL M. SMITH; AIR DEFENCE CENTER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE OF NEW MEXICO; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 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 6910 Fox Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

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THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2000, RELATED TO METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-B, Plaintiff,

vs.

LORETTA M. BRAVO, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERTO M. BRAVO, DECEASED; ELIZABETH ORTIZ AKA LIZ ORTIZ; DAN ORTIZ; MARY ORTIZ; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LORETTA M. BRAVO, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ELIZABETH ORTIZ AKA LIZ ORTIZ, IF ANY,

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:30 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 10, Block 15, DALE BELLAMAH ANNEX, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 429, thereof filed of record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on June 29, 1954, recorded in Book 7, Page 56, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 1421 Diana Maura, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 15, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$24,239.85, plus interest from June 30, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: June 22, 2007.

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06-1874/Ortiz, Dan & Mary;
P301283

Pub # 6449
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20,
2007

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that application has been made to the Comptroller of the

Currency, Western District, 1225 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202 for consent to merge

Mesilla Valley Bank
230 S. Alameda Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005

into

First National
Bank of Nevada
6275 Neil Road
Reno, Nevada 89511

It is contemplated that the main offices and branch offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate without change.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this application by July 29, 2007 to: Director of District Licensing, 1225 17th Street, Suite 300, Denver, CO 80202 or www.occ.treas.gov.

The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

June 26, 2007

First National
Bank of Nevada
6275 Neil Road
Reno, NV 89511

Mesilla Valley Bank
230 S. Alameda Avenue
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Pub # 6450
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 25, 2007, Oscar D. Concha, P.O. Box 93, Chamberino, NM 88027, filed application numbered LRG-14179-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14179-POD 1 located within the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and drilling a new well 160 feet deep for 6-inch casing to be located in the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 18 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes at the applicants residence located within the SE 1/4 of said Section 18.

The proposed replacement well site is located southeast of Chamberino, NM and may be found approximately 1700 feet northeast of the intersection of NM 28 and Lara Road. Old well LRG-14179-POD 1 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 you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimile's will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest is

filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6451
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200501661

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THAT CERTAIN POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2000, RELATED TO METROPOLITAN MORTGAGE FUNDING, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-A, Plaintiff,

vs.

LESLIE Q. FLORES; THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE; FORD HOUSING FINANCE SERVICES; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LESLIE Q. FLORES, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:15 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: June 25, 2007.

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05-0914/Flores, Leslie Q.;
P301069

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2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700109

COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVICES, OR LEGATEES OF CATHERINE M. TIERNEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF CATHERINE M. TIERNEY, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey

to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 2 in Block 3, UNIT 3 OF CAMELOT GARDENS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat NO. 1016 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on December 7, 1979, and recorded Book 12, Page 304, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1056 Briarwood Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$98,897.66, plus interest from June 4, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 8% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

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06-3451/Tierney, Catherine M.; P301072

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2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700664

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., FKA NORWEST MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

BRUCE L. BECKHAM;

THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRUCE L. BECKHAM, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:10 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 11, BLOCK 10A OF DALE BELLAMAH MANOR PLAT NO. 2, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JULY 22, 1957 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGE 1, PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 1501 Stull Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 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 \$58,250.97, plus interest from May 10, 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 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: June 25, 2007.

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07-0286/Beckham, Bruce;
P301076

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

LEGALNOTICES

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COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700491
MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.
RAYMOND J. MARTINEZ; CITY OF LAS CRUCES, A NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RAYMOND J. MARTINEZ, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:25 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 22, MI TIERRA SUBDIVISION, REPLAT NO. 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2002, IN BOOK 20 PAGE 126 OF PLAT RECORDS. The address of the real property is 4027 Calle Estados, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$106,522.50, plus interest from April 30, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.84% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

Pamela Carmody

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07-0299/Martinez, Raymond J; P301077

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Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700551

MATRIX FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

vs.

STORMY GUZMAN; CITY OF LAS CRUCES, A NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES; NEW MEXICO LAND TITLE TRUST FUND; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF STORMY GUZMAN, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 1, 2007, at 10:05 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 42, Block 25, Unit No. 10 Loma Heights South, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 28, 1976, recorded in Book 12, Pages 53-54, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The address of the real property is 1324 Eugene Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 14, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$61,072.80, plus interest from May 1, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.71% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder

for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

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Guzman, Stormy; P301078

Pub #6456
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 15, 2007, Sally Williams and William A. Perry Jr., P.O. Box 1417, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-1605-H with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-1605 on land owned by Salvador Nunez located within the NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of projected Section 26, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM, and transferring the diversion of shallow groundwater in an amount to be determined by the Lower Rio Grande Basin Adjudication which is claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) into existing domestic well LRG-12917 located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 26, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 5.01 acres owned by the applicant and located within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of said projected Section 26. Well LRG-12917 is located west of Mesilla, NM and may be found approximately 350 feet west of the intersection of Calle del Norte and Paisano Road. Old well LRG-1605 is located approximately 900 feet northwest of the intersection of Calle del Norte and Paisano Road and will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimile's will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest is filed, any State Engineer will evaluate

the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6458
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-06-2138

RESIDENTIAL FUNDING COMPANY, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

HILDA LEON and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; LONG BEACH MORTGAGE COMPANY; OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), Tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 25, 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 100 Tierra Vista Drive, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows: LOT 33, BLOCK 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 1, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 3772 ON JUNE 11, 2003, IN BOOK 20 PAGE(S) 351 AND 352 OF PLAT RECORDS AND CORRECTION FILED JUNE 26, 2003 IN BOOK 435, PAGE 904 THROUGH 908 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY CLERK RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 19, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$119,814.62 and the same bears interest at 7.55% per annum from June 23, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$817.74. 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 #6459
Dates 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Flora Gonzalez,
Petitioner,

vs.

Jesus Jose Navarro,
Respondent.

NO. 1172
JUDGE James T. Martin

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/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

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.

Flora Gonzalez, 404 Oasis Sp 2, Chaparral, NM, 88081.

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, 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 7 day of May, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez
Clerk of the District Court

By:/s/ Jodie Castillo
Deputy

Pub #6460
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN DEWYNE, Deceased,

No. PB 06-07
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION

FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
John Scott DeWyne, Personal Representative of the estate of John DeWyne, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:
John Scott DeWyne
13000 M. L. King Jr. Way,
So. #28
Seattle, WA 98178

Richard Bryan DeWyne
812 Home Ave.
Silt, CO 81652

Denny Rae
2044 Lackey Creek Rd.
Franklin, NC 28734

2. John Scott DeWyne, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of John DeWyne, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Jonn Scott DeWyne has been set for July 26, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho. Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine.

/s/John Scott DeWyne
John Scott DeWyne
Personal Representative
13000 M. L. King Jr. Way,
So. #28
Seattle, WA 98178

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-526-5511

/s/Kenneth L. Beal
Kenneth L. Beal
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub #6461
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULA GARCIA, DECEASED.

No. 07-98

LETTERS
TESTAMENTARY
(WILL) 1

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is now given that Lorenzo Garcia has been appointed to serve as the personal representative of the estate of Paula Garcia, and has qualified as the decedent's personal representative by filing with the court a statement of acceptance of the duties of that office.

The personal representative has all of the powers and authorities provided by law and specifically, by Section 45-3-715 NMSA 1978.

Issued this 25th day of June, 2007.

/s/Lydia N. Chaparro
Clerk of the Probate Court (Seal)

Pub #6462
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EUNICE V. DAVIDSON, Deceased.

Cause No. 07-80
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578,

or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2007.

WELLS FARGO
BANK, N.A., Personal Representative

/s/Elaine McKinney
Elaine McKinney,
Vice President/Regional Trust Manager

THE DARDEN
LAW FIRM, PA.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(505) 541-6655 (telephone)
(505) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #6463
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA IN THE PROBATE COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BESSIE JANE BARNES, Deceased.

Cause No. 07-81
Judge Alice M. Salcido

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2007.

/s/John R. Barnes
John R. Barnes, Applicant

THE DARDEN
LAW FIRM, P.A.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
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(505) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub #6464
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-457
Judge: VALENTINE

CITY OF LAS CRUCES, ex rel., LAS CRUCES POLICE DEPARTMENT, Petitioner,

vs.

CHRISTINA MONTES, RUBEN MONTES, and 1986 MERCURY COUGAR, Gray; VIN: 1MEBP92F3GH727332; New Mexico License Plate No. HHM 634, Respondents.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Ruben Montes, the above named Respondent.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1986 Mercury Cougar, Gray, VIN: 1MEBP92F3GH727332, New Mexico License Plate No.

HHM 634.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By:Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6465
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-1180

BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc., Asset-backed Certificates, Series 2005-17, Plaintiff,

vs.

LUIS C. MOJICA; HOUSEHOLD REALTY CORPORATION; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) Luis C. Mojica

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 9565 Longhorn Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

A tract of land situate northeast of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being part of Lot 2, Block F of Cattle Land Estates as filed August 4, 1977 in Plat Record 12, Pages 117 and 118 and located in Section 9, T.22S., 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 an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the northeast corner of Lot 2, Block F of Cattle Land Estates beats S.89°37'E., a distance of 110.00 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning, S.0°00'15"W., 330.00 feet to an iron rod set on the north line of Longhorn Drive for the southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the southeast corner of Lot 2, Block F of Cattle Land Estates bears S.89°37'E., a distance of 110.00 feet;

THENCE along the north line of Longhorn Drive, N.89°37'W., 110.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE N.0°00'15"E., 330.00 feet to an iron rod set for the northwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE, S.89°37'E., 110.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.8333 acre of land, more or less. Said tract subject to a drainage and utility easement located in the northern portion of this tract as shown on the plat.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30

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days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, P.O. Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, (505) 254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 27th day of June, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/Maggie O. Madrid
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub #6468
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. DM-2007-739 Judge:
Mike Murphy

**ARTHUR JONES
McPHERSON, Petitioner,**

vs.

**YONG CHA McPHERSON,
Respondent.**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF PROCEEDING
IN THE NAME OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**TO: YONG CHA
McPHERSON**

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-2007-739, wherein you are identified as Respondent, and wherein Petitioner seeks to obtain constructive service of process upon you. The general object of said action is to dissolve the marriage of the parties. Unless you file a responsive pleading or motion within twenty (20) days from the third publication of this notice, judgment or other appropriate relief will be rendered against you by default.

The name and address of the attorney for Petitioner is: Samuel I. Kane, P.A., 1018 E. Amador, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Telephone (505) 526-5263.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico this 29th day of June, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ,
Clerk

By: Rosie Stewart
Deputy

Pub #6483
Dates 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
PROBATE COURT**

No.: 07-109

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF PRISCILLA
MARIE SMEED,
Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Vivian K. Remington was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Priscilla Marie Smeed, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Priscilla Marie Smeed, 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 26th day of June 2007.

Vivian K. Remington,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Post Office Box 2132
253 W. Hadley Avenue,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(505) 526-3312 telephone
(505) 526-6590 facsimile

Pub #6471
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
PROBATE COURT**

No.: 07-110

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF LILIAN D.
PIANOWSKI, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

John Robert Pearsall was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Lilian D. Pianowski, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Lilian D. Pianowski, 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 4th day of July 2007.

John Robert Pearsall,
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal
Representative
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Pub #6472
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

**IN RE PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
BY MARK ANTHONY
HOLGUIN**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that Mark Anthony Holguin, 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 Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Mark Anthony Holguin to Mark Anthony Villegas, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge, on the 14th day of August at the hour of 8:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cain, Mohler & Associates
By: /s/Elliott A. Mohler
Elliott A. Mohler, Esq.
Attorney for Petitioner
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(505) 541-6110
(505) 541-6111 FAX

Pub #6473
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF A
PETITION FOR CHANGE
OF NAME OF Shirley
May Hostetlar**

Case No.: CV-2007-1468

**NOTICE OF CHANGE OF
NAME**

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner Shirley May Hostetlar will apply to the Honorable Jerald A. Valentine, District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Doña Ana County Courthouse at Las Cruces, New Mexico at 8:30 a.m. on the 14th day of August, 2007 for an ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME from Shirley May Hostetlar to Shirley annie-May Valentine

District Court Clerk
By: Nadine Sachez

Submitted by:
/s/Shirley May Hostetlar
Petitioner, Pro Se

Pub #6474
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200700944

**PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION AKA
PHH MORTGAGE
SERVICES, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JACOB E. AMAN; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
JACOB E. AMAN, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:10 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Block 5, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 6, 1976, in Book 12 Page(s) 39-40 of Plat Records The address of the real property is 5632 Boxwood Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 27, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to fore-

close a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$170,168.05, plus interest from June 13, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: July 6, 2007

Pamela Carmody
Special Master c/o Castle
Meinhold & Stawierski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868
07-0536/Aman, Jacob E.;
P303836

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Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/03,
2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200700709

**DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
UNDER THE POOLING
AND SERVICING
AGREEMENT SERIES
2004-B, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MELANIE MCKINNEY;
BENEFICIAL NEW
MEXICO, INC.; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MELANIE MCKINNEY,
IF ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 7 in Block A of Edgewood

North Subdivision Number One, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 18, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Pages 95, Plat Records. More correctly known as: Lot 7 in Block A of Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 8, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Pages 95, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1060 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 27, 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 \$114,612.77, plus interest from May 17, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.5% 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.

**SHANE A. SOMMERS;
KIMBERLY A. SOMMERS;
AMERICA'S WHOLESALE
LENDER, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:05 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 3544 Cave Creek Manor, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4016. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 25, 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 first lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$222,128.32, plus interest from December 29, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.95% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: July 6, 2007

Pamela Carmody
Special Master c/o Castle
Meinhold & Stawierski
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07-0397/McKinney, Melanie;
P303835

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Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/03,
2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200601985

BANK OF NEW YORK

**AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS
OF CWABS 2005-AB1,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SHANE A. SOMMERS;
KIMBERLY A. SOMMERS;
AMERICA'S WHOLESALE
LENDER, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:05 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 3544 Cave Creek Manor, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4016. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 25, 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 first lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$222,128.32, plus interest from December 29, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.95% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-

ments 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: July 6, 2007

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13725 Struthers Road,
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Colorado Springs, CO 80921
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(719) 634-4868
06-3084/Sommers, Shane A.
& Kimberly A.; P303834

Pub #6477
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/03,
2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-2007-1040

**NATIONSTAR
MORTGAGE, LLC fka
Centex Home Equity
Company, LLC fka
Centex Home Equity
Corporation, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MERLINDA MONTOKA
and, if married, JOHN
DOE A. (True Name
Unknown), her spouse;
JESUS MONTOKA, if
living; If deceased, THE
ESTATE OF JESUS
MONTOKA, Deceased;
THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVEISEES OR
LEGATEES OF JESUS
MONTOKA, Deceased;
ALVINA MONTOKA; SUN
CITY FINANCE; JOHN
DOE and JANE DOE,
(true names unknown),
Tenants, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
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Associates, P.A.
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Albuquerque, NM
87190-3509
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June 20, 2007
Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JERALD A. VALENTINE, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 3 day of July, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Joe M. Martinez
Deputy
(SEAL)

Pub #6478
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on March 15, 2007, Angie B. Betancourt, 308 Chimuri, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-14109-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-12298 located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion 54.8 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a well LRG-141 09-POD 1 to be drilled to a depth of 160 feet and fitted with 10 inch casing and located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said projected Section 13, for the continued irrigation of 10.96 acres owned by the applicant all of which is located within the Pt. SW1/4, of said projected Section 13 located on map LRS-9 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS-280090038.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14109-POD 1 can be found approximately 2000 feet east of the intersection of Morning Star Road and Lister Road on the Betancourt property. The old well LRG-12298 will be retained for other water right holders.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524- 6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑAANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

No. CV-07-1191

BEATRIZ V. FERREIRA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MELVIN C. HIGGINS,
CLARA T. HIGGINS,
husband and wife;
and **ALL UNKNOWN**
PERSONS WHO CLAIM
ANY LIEN INTEREST
OR TITLE ADVERSE
TO THE PLAINTIFF IN
THE REAL PROPERTY,
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF THE UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS,
IF DECEASED, and THE
COUNTY TREASURER OF
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

To the above Defendants. GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the abovenamed Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to quiet title to the following described property: PC 03-11044 MC 4-015-128-201-467 F 8050, BK 233 PG 189 BK 220 PG929 9-22S-3E, BUTTERFIELD PARK SUB BLK.R LT 4 19250.00 VAC LOTS, located at 9624 Paetz Lane, Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to declare the fee simple title of Plaintiff to said land. Unless

you enter your appearance in said cause on or before August 27, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you. The name and address of the Plaintiff Pro Se is Beatriz V. Ferreira, 1018 South Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 505/524-1140. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of July, 2007.

Pub #6480
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New

Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at The Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on August 6, 2007:

1. Council Bill No. 08-003: Ordinance No. 2394: An Ordinance Repealing LCMC 1997, Sections 12-121 Through 12-139, as Amended, and Enacting a New Clean Indoor Air Act.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 10th day of July 2007.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub #6481
Dates 7/13, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 1, 2007, Stanley and Belia Root, P.O. Box 379, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-12058 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14187-POD 1 on land owned by Louis Llanez located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 26

South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and transferring the diversion of 26 acre-feet/annum of shallow groundwater claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) into existing domestic well LRG-12058 located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 17, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 3.22 acres owned by the applicant and located within the NE1/4 of said projected Section 17. Well LRG-12058 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 800 feet southwest of the intersection of Dos Amigos Road and Three Saints Road. Old well

LRG-14187-POD 1 is located approximately 850 feet northwest of the intersection of Dos Amigos Road and Three Saints Road and will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest

must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimile's will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with NMSA 1978 Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

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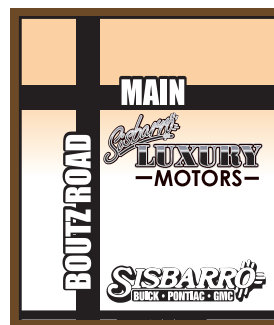
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The patio
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This house by Robinson
Homes brings a little
bit of romance
back to the kitchen

See feature home on pages E2-3

Builder Byron Robinson believes that one's home should offer a retreat from the world. Earth-hued tile, stacked stone and wooden beams combine with plenty of sunlight to bring a relaxing, peaceful feel to the home.

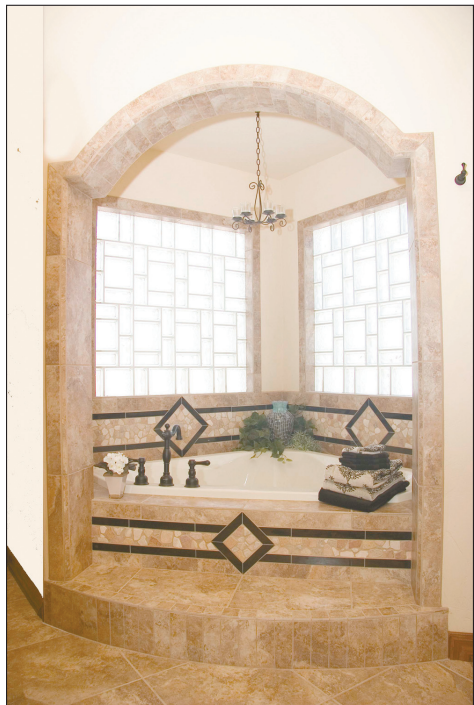


Featured Home: 5158 Picuris



Left: Set among desert hued tile work and sunny windows, the spa-styled tub in the master bathroom invites one to relax and unwind.

A trip to Palm Springs, Calif. inspired this kitchen, which tied for best kitchen in the mid-range priced homes category during the Las Cruces Homebuilder's Spring Showcase of Homes.



Above: The charm of this home at 5158 Picuris begins outside.

Right: A granite-topped countertop between the kitchen and the living room is the perfect spot to enjoy an early morning cup of coffee.





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FEATURE HOME
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Creating a winning home

Colonial Mexican details combined with a romantic ambiance sets this home apart

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Flowing fountains, a colorful array of blooming flowers and cozy courtyards for enjoying an early morning cup of coffee or late evening sunset viewing are just a few of the finer things that go into making 5158 Picuris a special home.

"We take trips to the interior of Mexico for the inspiration for our homes," said Elena Robinson, who along with her builder husband Byron Robinson design and build houses in Las Cruces. One of their recent projects, 5158 Picuris, in the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch subdivision, earned top honors for best kitchen in the Las Cruces Home Builders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes in March.

"We like to build in the colonial Mexican look – lots of arches and tile and beautiful details," Robinson said. "This style fits in with the historic architectural style of Las Cruces."

The inspiration for their award-winning kitchen came from Palm Springs, Calif.

"I had gone to a party in Palm Springs, and I loved the dramatic kitchen," Robinson said. "It had a hand-painted design, and I knew I wanted something similar for this house with great views, warm colors and that Spanish style. The kitchen is where people gather – it has to be fun and inviting."

The Robinsons love to include courtyards and patios in their homes – 5158 Picuris has four courtyards – for a relaxing and luxurious feel. They brought that love for the courtyard to the kitchen – designed to feel like a romantic Spanish-styled patio.

"We wanted this room to be romantic, with a warm, rustic feel, but still modern and convenient," Robinson said.

The charm of the kitchen begins with its warm earth-tone colors – soft, muted yellow walls and sunset-hued floor tile. A floral mural is featured on the far wall of the kitchen. A chiseled edge granite countertop, which blends grays and tan colors, adds to the rustic ambiance. Double French doors lead from the kitchen to the interior courtyard while a tiled, arched open window unites the kitchen with the living room.



Elena and Byron Robinson of Robinson Homes strive to put as many fine details as possible into their homes, including 5158 Picuris.

“The kitchen is where people gather – it has to be fun and inviting.”

ELENA ROBINSON,
Builder

But homes built by Robinson Homes are not all about beauty – they are about livable designs, quality workmanship and modern features. In the kitchen, the Old World style is given a modern edge with top-notch appliances and a flat-screen television.

"I love to cook and I could cook in this kitchen," said Elsie Bonfantini, a real estate agent with Steinborn GMAC. "It's a fun kitchen."

Careful thought was also given to the home's floor plan with three main living areas – living room, kitchen and dining room – adjacent to one another at the front of the house. The three bedrooms are placed at the back of the home.

The living room features a stacked stone fireplace, vaulted Venetian-beamed ceilings and wrought iron accents on the windows.

"The house turned out with a lot of character," Elena said.

Robinson Homes was built around the motto "Building Beautiful Homes in Beautiful Las Cruces," and Elena and Byron strive to bring a spa-styled feel to each home. They use rich, desert-inspired colors, wooden beams, wrought iron and stacked stone

accents, fountains and wall-to-wall detail in each home they build.

"The home should feel like a place where you can escape the stress of the outside world," Elena said. "Great landscaping, fountains and courtyards help to give a home that feel. Our uniquely designed patios offer a quiet, outdoor spot for personal reflection or entertaining friends and family."

Graceful views are a part of the spa-style theme in each home, and if they are building in an area where a view is not available, they create one using courtyards, fountains and flowers.

In the few years that they've been building, homes built by Robinson Homes have come to be known for their style and versatility.

"We have a unique touch to the details that go into our homes, we're fearless," Elena said.



Creating a spa style feel for the home was important to builder Byron Robinson and his wife Elena. To create the feeling of luxury, several fountains are found throughout the house, including this one in the entry courtyard.

Details

Location

5158 Picuris, in the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch subdivision

Builder

Robinson Homes LLC

Square Feet

2,364

Number of bedrooms

Three

Other Rooms

Living room, formal dining room and award-winning kitchen

Special features

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Of special note

An open house will be held at this home, along with several others in the neighborhood, on Sunday, July 15, from 1-5 p.m.

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Floating to the drive-in theater

The experience of watching a movie under the stars can be in the back yard



MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

Remember the drive-in movies – those times when the whole family piled into the station wagon and drove to a dirt parking lot? Each car would hang a speaker on the car window; the kids would jump out of the car and play in the dirt or run back and forth to the concession stand. Those were the times.

We have come a long way with technology, and now outdoor fun such as watching the latest special sporting event, playing games or viewing a blockbuster movie can still be done under the stars, but the experience is in your own back yard. Imagine a giant, inflatable outdoor widescreen theater system measuring 10 feet wide and 12 feet high set up on the pool deck. It inflates in five minutes with just the turn of a dial. What is unique is that the kids are not playing in the dirt but floating in the swimming pool. The DVD player, a high-output DLP

projector and dual 15-inch speakers start the beginning of an evening of watching movies from your back yard relaxing in your pool.

What is this new backyard drive-in movie theater experience with a giant inflatable screen? It's called The Epson Movie Mate 25 with an all-in-one projector system. The outdoor theater system includes a state-of-the-art inflatable, high definition white vinyl screen that quickly inflates with an electric air pump and deflates quickly for storage. Made of commercial-grade mesh reinforced PVC; including ground sheet, stabilizing nylon rope tie downs, ground stakes, 30 feet of audio cables, and duffel storage bag.

The outdoor wide-screen comes in an 8-foot or 12-foot size. The kit includes an 8-inch 80-watt speaker. The JVC progressive-scan DVD/CD player and JVC sound system with subwoofer deliver great audio. The system is HDTV compatible with adjustable tripod for convenient set up anywhere is ready to host the big-screen sporting events, home videos, and favorite movies for under \$2,500.

If you're still wondering if the outdoor room concept is really a trend, wonder no

“Go look at your back patio and yard and start thinking of ways to enhance that area into an outdoor room.”



Outdoor rooms are becoming more popular choices for homeowners who love both fresh air and entertainment. An outdoor theater system completes the patio.

more. As our world becomes increasingly complex with high tech, high touch, we will start to turn to those things that are soothing, and provide comfort and safety. The idea of creating living spaces outside the house began showing up about six years ago, focusing on homes in climates with good weather. The outdoor room is now being featured on design shows on TV, and house and garden magazines that are reshaping the home back yards into the latest, and perhaps the most exciting room in the house. Now the added technology of the outdoor wide-screen movie theater system completes the back yard with the swimming pool.

What makes an outdoor room? Most homes have a back patio – so you don't have to build a room – it is already there. It's an area that is created with your

favorite ways to relax. So, go look at your back patio and yard and start thinking of ways to enhance that area into an outdoor room. The best news is that you don't have to have a million-dollar home or an endless budget to enjoy an outdoor retreat. The beauty is the outdoor room can be built in stages, tackling one project after another as your budget allows. Before you know it, you'll think you're vacationing in paradise and floating to the theater. For more information on outdoor widescreen theater systems visit www.frontgate.com.

Mariann Novack is the design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Ct. The showroom features Arizona Tile and is open to the public. Mariann welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann@lascrucisbulletin.com or 524-2831.

Five simple summer spruce ups for outdoors

Create a special spot for relaxation during the lazy days of summer

Summer is finally here, and you plan to spend every spare minute wearing a permanent indentation in the cushion of the patio chaise. But before you kick back and enjoy the lazy days of summer, you know you need to do something to spruce up the outside of your home.

First, decide how much time and money you want to invest. Some outdoor improvements offer big bang for not much buck; others may cost more but can still be accomplished with a relatively modest investment of time. Here are five simple summer spruce ups that can add

up to greater outdoor enjoyment without emptying your wallet.

1. Get fresh with your patio or deck. If your deck is looking drab and your patio pallid, it may be time for a power wash and a coat of paint or stain. Simply removing winter dirt and debris will make your outdoor living space look newer and more appealing. Putting a new finish on your existing deck or adding color to your patio with a concrete stain can make your environment feel fresh and updated.

2. Water, water everywhere. Adding a water feature is a great way to introduce motion and emotion to your outdoor environment. Want to add some fun to an outdoor party? Consider a mirthful fountain, the kind you can buy at many home improvement stores that you simply add water to and plug in. For a more peaceful effect, place a shallow birdbath in your back yard. For the ambitious (and adventurous), do-it-yourself fishpond, waterfall and even streambed kits are available online and from many home improvement stores.

3. Mount a mural. A flat exterior wall, architectural niche or sliding glass door - you can place a mural on virtually any smooth outdoor surface. Not only will the decoration spice up your outdoor décor, a mural can act as a conversation



piece for all fresco gatherings and create continuity between your interior and exterior design. Wallpaper mural leader Environmental Graphics offers a variety of wallpaper murals, many of which are durable for outdoor use, at www.mural-syourway.com. The murals, which range in theme from city skylines to tropical

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beaches and underwater scenes, are as easy to install as wallpaper. Sizes can be customized and the company provides detailed instructions on how to install the murals in virtually any setting.

4. Rock on. When it comes to outdoor design, rock may be considered the ultimate homage to Mother Earth. Landscapers use rock to create decorative effects. On the practical side, adding stone or rock to certain areas can aid in drainage. Also, it's a great way to avoid mowing a troublesome spot in the lawn. If you're feeling ambitious, try creating your own rock garden. If your aspirations and needs are a bit more modest, consider adding some colorful stone touches – such as a glass fishbowl filled with polished river stones – around your patio or deck.

5. Refurbish outdoor furniture. Bright, fresh cushions and finishes on patio furniture elevate the impact of your outdoor decor. If a new patio set isn't in the budget right now, it's easy to breathe new life into an old set. Clean cushions with a good quality upholstery cleaner, or, if they're stained and worn beyond hope, visit your local home goods store to pick up some replacements. Refresh finishes with a coat of spray paint. Many manufacturers now offer paints that will mimic finishes popular in outdoor furnishings today.

A few simple spruce ups can go a long way towards improving the appearance – and your enjoyment – of your outdoor living environment. And get you into that chaise lounge that much sooner.

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4. Stay safe. Don't add cooking spray or other flam-

mables while the grill is lit and keep the grill away from the side of the house, lawn chairs, fences, etc.

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From dirt to home

An emphasis on environmentally friendly construction keeps Soledad Canyon Earth Builders booked solid

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Pat and Mario Bellestri of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders build a different kind of house. Using a centuries-old rammed earth construction technique, the Bellestis build homes that are beautifully Southwestern yet environmentally friendly.

"We were building green when everyone else was brown," Mario said.

The concept of the rammed-earth house sounds simple – set up forms and fill them with dirt – and the ancient technique has existed for centuries. It is used throughout the world and became popular in the United States during the late 1700s and early 1800s. As new construction techniques were developed, the rammed-earth style of building became less widely used.

Rammed-earth walls are built by tamping a mixture of soil – 3 percent Portland cement along with 6 to 10 percent moisture content. With a skid loader the soil is dumped into the forms, put in lifts of seven to eight inches, then tamped down to four to five inches with pneumatic tampers.

The forms can be stripped right away. For each day that passes, the walls become stronger, Mario said.

"It's a less labor intensive building method," Mario said.

The homes have thick walls – usually about 18 inches thick. Combined with energy-efficient doors and windows, the homes block out more outside noise than most homes.

"I like to show these houses on a bad weather day, when it's windy and raining outside, so that you can get a sense for how quiet these homes are," Mario said. "It's hard to describe how quiet these houses really are."

Building a solid, quiet house with thick walls is one thing – making it beautiful is another and that's where Pat steps in.

"I take the house to paint, and then turn it over to Pat," Mario said.

To make a home beautiful, Pat says she stays true to the Southwestern style. She said that the style of home the company builds makes decorating easier.

"With this style and the thick walls, we get unique curves that flow," Pat said.

Soledad Canyon Earth Build-

ers also maintains a crew to work on each building project.

"While the trend in home-building has become not to have a crew on staff to keep cost low, we have our own crew so we do our own trim and finish," Mario said.

When Barbara and Irv Ross decided to relocate to Las Cruces from Nebraska several years ago, they researched several area builders to have a new home built. They settled on Soledad Canyon Earth Builders.

"I knew when we met Mario and Pat that they would build a quality house for us," Barbara said. "When having a home built long distance, it's important to be comfortable with the builder – you have to have that trust. With Mario and Pat, we were very comfortable."

"They have integrity – they care about their customers and they put out a qualitative home," Irv added. "I like their approach to building a home that is comfortable and also integrates in with the environment."

Because of their approach to customer service, along with their honesty and integrity, Mario and Pat often befriend the clients for whom they build homes.

"We have a busy social schedule with our clients," Pat said. "We stay in touch with them."

The couple started building rammed-earth homes in 1983, when Mario built a new home for his family. He had attended a course at the University of Arizona where he learned the technique and began building soon after. When he finished his own house, he was asked to build a similar one for a friend, and a new business was born.

Soledad Canyon Earth Builders now constructs six custom homes a year, and Mario said that business is good. So good in fact that he has a waiting list and expects business to stay steady for years to come.

As technology improves and building environmentally-friendly homes gains popularity, Mario



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Pat and Mario Bellestri of Soledad Canyon Earth Builders have been designing and building earth-friendly homes in Las Cruces since 1983.



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Creating homes that suit the needs of their clients, while still remaining earth friendly is a priority for Soledad Canyon Earth Builders. This kitchen in a home on Silver King features an efficient design, chiseled edge granite counter tops and top notch appliances.

Details

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Special note
Next week's featured home will be 5025 Silver King, a rammed earth home built by Soledad Canyon Earth Builders

said, Soledad Canyon Earth Builders expects to stay on the cutting edge providing energy efficiency at its best.

The builders have won several awards for their innovative designs and adherence to the environmentally friendly building. In 1997, Soledad Canyon Earth Builders received the "Builder Member of the Year Award" issued by the Las Cruces Homebuilder's Association and in 2001, they earned a Las Casitas award for New Mexico's Best Green Custom Home. Last year the builder was issued an award by the Doña Ana County Historical Society for creating homes that "adhere to regional architecture."

Mario is also involved in the community having served as president of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association as well as on several committees. He has also served as the president of the New Mexico Home Builders Association.

But for Mario, building homes is more than simply construction.

"It's rewarding taking a client's dream for a home and turning it into reality," Mario said. "That's the important thing."



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Around-the-home item: Nail Polish

Fingernail polish dates back more than 3,000 years. Aside from being a fashion accessory, it has many handy uses around the house.



More than a fashion statement

Discover the varied and versatile uses for fingernail polish

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's human nature to want to look one's best and throughout history many cultures have devised countless tricks for enhancing beauty.

Fingernail polish, in one form or another, dates back about 3,000 years although it is unclear who invented it. The early Chinese used beeswax, pigmentation from flowers and other ingredients to create a shiny look for the fingernails while in early Egypt men and women used henna. In early Egyptian society, the color of a person's fingernails was a telling sign of their social cast. Women of royalty painted their nails red while lower-ranking

women could only use pale colors. The early Japanese also had techniques for painting their nails.

Throughout the 19th and early 20th centuries, western women tended to polish or buff their nails rather than add color to them. Today's modern nail polish – generally a chemical mixture of nitrocellulose (a film-forming agent also used in the production of fireworks), resins, solvents and color – was developed in the 1920s, and formulas have not changed too much over the past 70 years.

The chemical composition of nail polish is very similar to that of car paint, and legend has it that the production of the first shiny automobiles inspired and led to the development of fingernail polish.

1. Eliminate warts. Cover a wart with clear nail polish once a day, every day until the wart disappears.

2. Save your buttons. Buttons keep popping off your pants? Prevent them from falling off of your shirts or pants by painting over the buttonholes and thread with clear nail polish after sewing the button to the item of clothing. Bring extra shine to a button by repainting it in nail polish.

3. Prevent fraying. A coating of clear nail polish will keep shoelaces and other materials from fraying at the ends.

4. Trim. Because the chemical composition of nail polish is similar to that of car paint, it can be used as paint to add a touch of shiny, lasting color to nuts and bolts or to add a decorative edge to a homemade photo frame or flower pot.

5. Go glow. Use glow-in-the dark fingernail polish to trim light switches.

6. Renew. If colored earrings, barrettes and hairclips are looking a bit dull, jazz them up a bit with a colorful coat of nail polish.

7. Restore. Bring old, gummy nail polish back to life with a drop or two of rubbing alcohol. Never use nail polish remover to thin out nail polish. Nail polish is alcohol-based and nail polish remover will have the opposite effect.

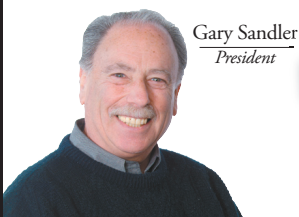
8. Host a polish party. Have a fingernail polish-themed birthday party that centers around do-it-yourself manicures and pedicures. This is an inexpensive and fun party for pre-teen or teenage girls.

F.Y.I. Storing nail polish in the refrigerator will preserve the color and prevent drying. Keep in mind that most nail polishes are flammable. They should never be used near heaters or open flames.

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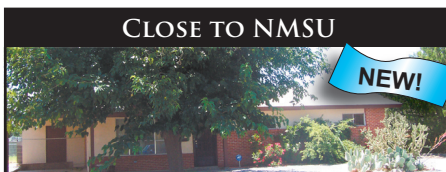


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Scrub-a-dub-dub

Properly washing fruits and veggies keeps germs at bay

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Nothing makes the hot days of summer more enjoyable than the bounty of fresh fruits and veggies that are abundant throughout the season. Whether you purchase your fruits and vegetables locally, grow them yourself or pick them up at the grocery store, germs, dust, fungi, pesticide residue and other unsavory contaminants have a nasty habit of hitching a ride on the exterior and finding their way into your kitchen. Ensuring that produce is clean before it makes its way to your mouth goes a long way in protecting you and your family from potentially harmful germs that sometimes lead to disease.

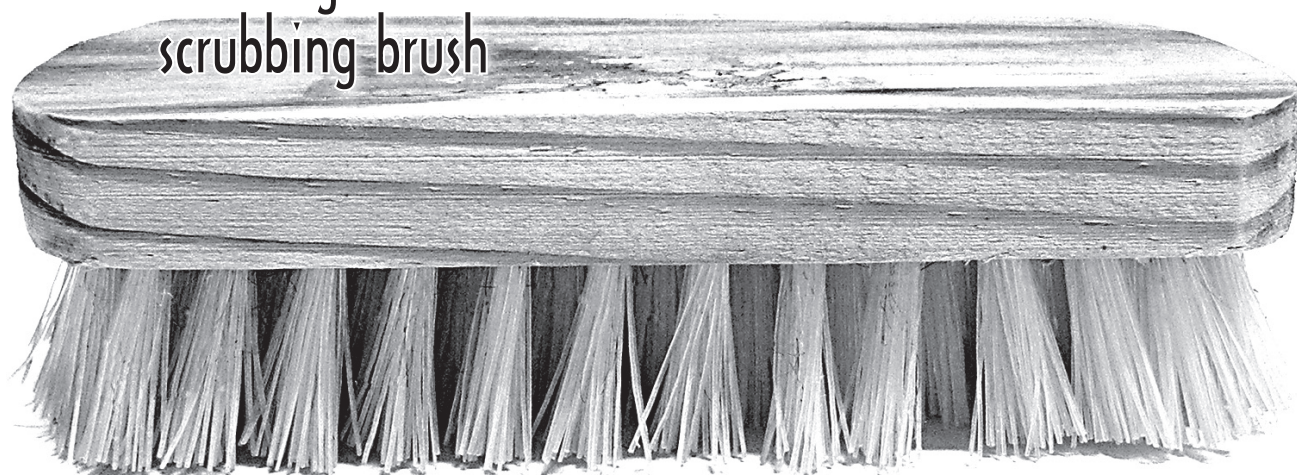
The Partnership for Food Safety – an organization that unites representatives from industry associations, professional societies in food science, nutrition and health consumer groups, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Food and Drug Administration – says that the numbers of food-borne illness associated with fresh fruits and vegetables has increased over the last several years, making it more important to establish good food safety habits.

Although a number of commercial fruit and vegetable washes are on the market, the The Partnership for Food Safety recommends that produce be washed with cold or warm running tap water and a vegetable scrub brush. For leafy vegetables, like cabbage and lettuce, the outer leaves should be thrown away.

What is it:

Rinsing isn't enough to get vegetables clean. Designed

Featured Kitchen gadget:
The vegetable scrubbing brush



Using a vegetable scrubbing brush to thoroughly clean produce is one way to ensure that harmful germs don't find their way to the dinner table.

to scrub dirt, germs and other impurities off of fruits and vegetables, the vegetable brush is a handheld tool that is a staple in most kitchens. The brush features a handle, which varies in size from several inches long to palm-sized versions that are gripped.

The vegetable brush falls into two categories, based on its bristle type – natural and synthetic (usually made of nylon).

What to look for when buying one:

Look for a rugged and durable design that can easily withstand vigorous scrubbing. Bristles should be soft enough to not damage thin-skinned fruits and veggies, like tomatoes or pears, while still being strong enough to cleanse a potato, which may require tougher scrubbing.

A cushioned, non-slip handle that won't slip even when wet is a plus, and a loop or ring for hanging the tool is an added bonus.

Many nylon bristle brushes are dishwasher safe, which makes keeping the tool clean quick and easy.

How much does it cost?

Expect to pay anywhere from \$3 to \$15 for a good-quality brush. Often, vegetable brushes are sold in sets with a softer-bristle brush for thin-skinned fruits and veggies and a tougher bristle brush for thicker-skinned produce, but there are many multi-purpose brushes on the market that can easily handle the majority of fruits and vegetables.

Care of your brush

Although you'll be tempted, never use your vegetable brush for other purposes like washing dishes or countertops. After each use, give it a thorough cleansing and dry it as best as you can so that germs are not tempted to lurk within the soft, damp forest of bristles.

Six Steps to Safer Fruits and Vegetables

1. Check.

- Be sure to purchase fruits and vegetables that are not bruised or damaged.
- Check that fresh cut fruits and vegetables like packaged salads and pre-cut melons are refrigerated at the store before buying. Do not buy fresh cut items that are not refrigerated.

2. Clean

- Wash hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds before and after handling fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Clean all surfaces and utensils with hot water and soap, including cutting boards, counter tops, peelers and knives that will touch fresh fruits or vegetables before and after food preparation.
- Rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under running tap water, including those with skins and rinds that are not eaten. Packaged fruits and vegetables labeled "ready-to-eat," "washed" or "triple washed" need not be washed.
- Rub firm-skin fruits and vegetables under running tap water or scrub with a clean vegetable brush while rinsing with running tap water.
- Dry fruits and vegetables with a clean cloth towel or paper towel.
- Never use detergent or bleach to wash fresh fruits or vegetables. These products are not intended for consumption.

3. Separate

- When shopping, be sure fresh fruits and vegetables are separated from household chemicals and raw foods such as meat, poultry and seafood in your cart and in bags at checkout.
- Keep fresh fruits and vegetables separate from raw meat, poultry or seafood in your refrigerator.
- Separate fresh fruits and vegetables from raw meat, poultry and seafood. Do not use the same cutting board without cleaning with hot water and soap before and after preparing fresh fruits and vegetables.

4. Cook

- Cook or throw away fruits or vegetables that have touched raw meat, poultry, seafood or their juices.

5. Chill

- Refrigerate all cut, peeled or cooked fresh fruits and vegetables within two hours.

6. Throw Away

- Throw away fresh fruits and vegetables that have not been refrigerated within two hours of cutting, peeling or cooking.
- Remove and throw away bruised or damaged portions of fruits and vegetables when preparing to cook them or before eating them raw.
- Throw away any fruit or vegetable that will not be cooked if it has touched raw meat, poultry or seafood.

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Adding potatoes to your summertime grilling

Following the three Ps of potato cooking helps bring out the flavor of the vegetable

From the Wisconsin Potato & Vegetable Growers Association

Grilling is synonymous with summertime, when the joy of being outside tempts us to fire up the grill. Grilling is an ideal way to savor the flavors and textures of versatile potatoes. With a wide selection of potato varieties available year-round, there's a potato that's right for your menu.

There are three basic techniques for grilling potatoes that take advantage of the delicious taste of potatoes, so make your choice based on the time you have available and your own preference. It's easy to remember easy potato grilling styles as the three 'Ps.'

1. **Place** directly on the grill – you cook the potatoes from “raw to ready.”
2. **Par-cook** (boil or microwave) – you partially cook the potatoes before grilling them. This can be done in advance, and reduces the cooking time on the grill.
3. **Packet cook** – in effect, you create an aluminum foil “oven” on the grill.

All three techniques are easy, but each requires some basic know-how to ensure that you grill the potatoes to take full advantage of their great taste and texture. And be sure to cut the potatoes in slices, quarters, wedges or chunks – the larger the size, the longer it takes to grill.

Small potatoes, such as round Wisconsin red-skinned potatoes and fingerlings, can be left whole. Here's a quick description of what you should know about each grilling technique.

Place directly on the grill: For complete, even cooking, use a combination of direct heat and indirect heat – keep the coals banked, so that one side of the grill is cooler and one side is hotter. With a gas grill, keep the heat on one side higher than the heat on the opposite side. You may want to cover the grill for a while, to ensure the potatoes cook all the way through. Coat the potatoes with a little oil and herbs to add flavor and seal the moisture inside. An advantage of this method is that, although it takes a little more cooking time, it is super easy.

Par cook: To partially cook the potatoes, simmer them in water and drain well. Or microwave them. The key is to pre-cook potatoes until they are just tender. If you pre-cook them too long they'll fall apart or overcook on the grill. You can pre-cook the potatoes in advance and refrigerate them until you're ready to grill. Coat the potatoes with a little olive oil and herbs to add flavor and seal the moisture inside as they cook on the grill. The big advantage of this method: Since you only need to finish the potatoes on the grill, you can add them as you finish grilling meat, fish or other dishes.

Packet cook: Simple foil packets

actually create a steam oven that cooks the potatoes up moist yet firm. For extra flavor, add herbs, spices or oils, as well as other ingredients, such as onions or peppers, to the packets. Before sealing the potatoes in foil, spread them out so that the pile is an even thickness for even cooking. The advantages of this technique are that it's easy, clean-up is a snap, and when the potatoes are cooked, they can be held off the grill, unopened, for up to 15 minutes, while you finish up the other dishes you're grilling.

Sample different varieties of Wisconsin potatoes to learn which you like best with the meats, poultry, fish and other vegetables that you grill. There are myriad choices in size, texture, flavor, skin color and flesh color. For example: Wisconsin red-skinned potatoes have creamy-smooth flesh, while Wisconsin blue potatoes have distinctive purple/blue skin and flesh. The always-popular, buff-colored Wisconsin Russet potatoes are great for grilling, and you'll get raves when you serve buttery-smooth yellow Wisconsin Yukon gold potatoes.

Wisconsin Potato Grower's Favorite Grilling Recipes

Compliments of Chef Jerry Garcia, Coast – A Zili Restaurant, Milwaukee, WI

Twice-Baked Potato Bombs

- 4 large Yukon gold potatoes
- 1 cup chopped bacon
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter

Start by baking the potatoes until cooked through. Cool and set aside. Cut the top off each potato and scoop out the insides with a spoon. Take the scooped mixture and add the bacon bits, cheese and butter. Mix until smooth and stuff the potatoes. Add the potato top back on and wrap with foil. Heat on the grill for 15-20 minutes under indirect heat.

Grilled Potato Salad

- 8 medium red potatoes
- 2 large red onions
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper

Microwave the potatoes until they are half cooked. Remove and cut into halves or quarters if they are large. Cut the onions into 1-inch slices, using wooden skewers or large toothpicks to hold them together. Grill both the onions and potatoes over medium heat until they are fork tender and browned. To prepare the dressing, mix the oil, mustard, vinegar, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Chop the onions and potatoes into bite-sized pieces, and place in a serving bowl. Add enough dressing to coat well, and mix thoroughly. Save the extra dressing for another purpose. Add the fresh chopped parsley and mix again. Serve warm.

Grilled Potato Steak & Vegetable Sandwich

- 4 medium Japanese eggplants (or small regular eggplants), sliced lengthwise 1/2-inch thick
- 1 medium zucchini, sliced lengthwise 1/4-inch thick
- 1 medium yellow summer squash, sliced lengthwise 1/4-inch thick
- 1 medium sweet red or orange pepper, seeded and quartered
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 small onion, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- To taste salt, black pepper
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup bottled vinaigrette salad dressing
- Grilled Wisconsin potato “steaks”
- 4 tablespoons grated gruyere, aged gouda, homestead-style cheese or shredded fontina, optional

Brush eggplant, zucchini, squash and sweet peppers with some of the olive oil. Skewer onion slices through the sides onto a long metal skewer; brush with some olive oil. Season vegetables with salt and pepper. On uncovered grill, grill vegetables over medium coals for 6 to 7 minutes. Turn; cook another 4 to 5 minutes. [If some of vegetables cook faster than others, move to a cooler corner of the grill while completing the recipe.] Place prepared Grilled Wisconsin Potato Steaks on grill; cook “steaks” and vegetables for 2 to 2-1/2 minutes or until all are tender. Drizzle the eight largest Grilled Wisconsin Potato Steaks with vinaigrette; top with the grilled vegetables. If desired, top each with 1/2 Tbsp. of the grated cheese. Serve two open-faced sandwiches per person, using smaller “steaks” on the side. Or, serve one open-faced sandwich as a side to grilled meat or poultry. Yield: 4 open-faced sandwiches or 8 side dish servings.

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How do you spell relief? C-H-I-L-E

Beyond adding intense flavor to dishes, chile is also used in painkillers and as antibiotic

For at least a millennia people have inoculated foods with spices. We believed spices bolstered the flavor of bland or spoiled cuisine, or provided nourishment, or helped us remain cool in heated climates by causing us to perspire.

But according to a Washington Post article posted online in 1998, two researchers, Cornell University behavioral ecologist Paul Sherman and his student, Jennifer Billing, have suggested another, and perhaps more important, benefit. The spice snoopers concluded that the seasoning of food evolved as a way to eradicate disease-causing bacteria and fungi.

After a two-year study of 4,500 plus recipes common in nearly 40 countries, the duo discovered that "as average temperatures increased, the percentage of recipes that contained spices also increased, as did the number of spices per recipe, the total number of spices used, and the antibiotic potency of the spices used."

A normal cooking dose of spice, they said, destroys germs. A sliced tomato stowed in a jar is given as an example. The vegetable would decay within a couple of days, but when used to make salsa its lifetime is doubled, or even tripled.

In laboratory tests, Sherman and Billing classified 43 spices by their capability to kill 30 distinct bacterial species. Powerful spices like onion and garlic, which are found in most dishes, stamped out all 30. Less ubiquitous are cardamom and ginger, which killed 15 or fewer species.

The sleuths also concluded that more spices were used in hotter climates and the "stench cover-up" rationale is ludicrous in that people won't knowingly eat spoiled food no matter how laden with spice. Furthermore, there is no proof that a "chili (sic) pepper sweat" significantly reduces body heat.

But other scientists take issue. Cultural geographer Frederick Simoons said spices, although once rare, were used because "they made food taste good. They were in demand, and it was probably just a matter of conspicuous consumption." And University of Pennsylvania psychologist Paul Rozin asserts that spices have always been used liberally in the tropics because simply "that's where they grow."

Sherman stands behind his theory, nevertheless and cites some compelling evidence. If you order relatively spicy foods when dining out, you do so for a good, albeit sub-conscious reason he says. People believe that they are at a higher risk for food poisoning when they dine out and ordering spicy foods helps reduce that risk. So, chile aficionados, why do you ask for chile spiced cuisine at restaurants? Is it because that chile makes food taste good or does it cool you off when the temperature soars to 100; or perhaps sub-consciously you know that chile laced foods help prevent food poisoning.

Other Chile-Hot Tidbits

Injections of the active ingredient (capsaicin) found in red-hot chile peppers may produce lasting pain relief in people with knee osteoarthritis, according to a 2005 webmd.com article. Called ALGRX 4975, the "drug," according to my cyberspace research, is still undergoing clinical trials and has yet to be FDA approved.

Have a sore throat? Gargle with chile pepper (yes, chile pepper!) Capsaicin, the ingredient in chile pepper that makes them hot, also numbs the throat. Mix 1/2 tsp. dried chile or cayenne pepper in a few ounces of water and gargle. (From Suite101.com)

Snyder Seed, a New York-based company, developed a



This plate of chile is good for anything from bringing spicy heat to your favorite foods or soothing a sore throat.

line of wild birdseed coated with chile pepper oil, which they call Hot Pepper Treat. Squirrels and other rodents won't eat the food. I couldn't find the product online but will keep searching. (From www.research.vt.edu)

A Mexican student at Virginia Tech says that people in his country believe that hot foods and spices provide protection from disease. (www.research.vt.edu)

Check it out! Whole Foods website (whfoods.org) has a laundry list on the health benefits of eating chiles: Fights inflammation, is a natural pain reliever, helps your cardiovascular system, clears congestion, boosts immunity, helps stop the spread of prostate cancer, prevents stomach ulcers, is a weight loss agent, and helps lowers the risk of Type 2 diabetes. The site also includes "A few quick (chile pepper) serving ideas."

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Bees, bedbugs, mosquitoes and roaches among summer's classic pests

Major League Baseball's 2007 All-Star game was yet another classic for baseball fans. Similar to baseball, the All-Star list of summer pests reads like a who's who of insects that can make a homeowner's life that much more difficult.

Leading off with quite a buzz are bees, because they are not comfortable around people or animals, and any disturbance near their hives puts them on immediate alert. They will set up nesting sites in cracks in buildings, trees, underneath mobile homes, flower pots, old tires, playground equipment, woodpiles, and even at baseball games. In fact, in 2005, a spring training baseball game in Arizona had to be stopped in the fifth inning when a swarm of Africanized honey bees attacked pitcher Darren Oliver, who was fortunate to escape without injury.

Next in the classic lineup are fleas, which are equally pests toward humans and animals. They prefer dark places like sand, cracks, crevices and bedding and prey on blood. Fleas are responsible for spreading disease such as Murine Typhus and were the cause of the 14th Century Black Plague that killed more than 100 million people.

Like the other classic pests, bed bugs can be quite a nuisance. Using humans as their preferred host, they are blood feeders that greatly enlarge after completing a meal. They are tough to control because they normally prey on their victims while they sleep. They are also not shy about moving from room to room in search of their next meal.

The American roach often makes itself known by flying into a home through an open front door. Also known as Palmetto or flying water bugs, they are the largest type of roach and are attracted to sweets, grains, hair and soap. They are normally found in home foundations, under wood and near pools.

Because they often carry illnesses such as West Nile virus and encephalitis, mosquitoes may be the most feared of all classic pests. Mosquitoes breed in standing, stagnant water, and females need a blood meal to

lay their eggs. Despite a very short life cycle, mosquitoes wreak a tremendous amount of havoc during that time.

In terms of prevention, the exterior of the home is a pest's natural environment. Eliminating mulch and decaying vegetation from around the home can help limit their access inside.

Additional ant prevention program steps should include the following elements:

- Seal windows, doors and stress cracks to prevent easy access to a home's interior.
- Store and secure foods properly.
- Properly seal attics and crawl spaces.

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Pasta with Tuna, Arugula and Hot Pepper

1 pound dried fettuccini, spaghetti or linguine
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
2 large garlic cloves, or more to taste, finely minced
1 or 2 dried chile de arbol or dried Thai peppers
(or substitute red pepper flakes to taste)
2 (6-ounce cans) tuna packed in olive oil, drained
Kosher salt
1/2 to 3/4 pound baby arugula

Bring a large pot of well-salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and boil until al dente.

While pasta cooks, heat olive oil in a large skillet on medium-low heat. Add the garlic and hot pepper flakes and cook until garlic is fragrant and sizzling. Add tuna and shred it into fine flakes with a fork. Season with salt. Keep warm over low heat.

Just before the pasta is ready, set aside 1 cup of boiling water. Drain pasta and return it to the warm pot set over moderate heat. Depending on the size of your pot and skillet, either add the arugula and the tuna mixture to the pasta in the pasta pot, or add the drained pasta to the skillet with the tuna mixture and add the arugula. Toss vigorously with tongs, moistening with some of the reserved pasta water. The arugula will wilt in the heat of the pasta. Divide among warm bowls and serve immediately. (Adapted from a recipe that appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle.)

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