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Preparing for horror

Post Virginia Tech:
NMSU officials key
on communications

By **JORDAN BOSTIC**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

On April 9, members of the New Mexico State University campus police were poised and ready to take action at various stations throughout campus, working together to handle a dangerous armed shooter situation. The officers were in constant contact with administration and were following the protocol on how to handle an on-campus shooter.

For NMSU, this was simply a "tabletop exercise," a planned drill where police and administrators practice extreme situations that might potentially happen. Just one week later, Virginia Polytechnic Institute was dealing with an armed shooter on their campus. Only in their case, it was not a drill.

The worst school shooting in history has caused every campus in the world to reevaluate their current emergency preparations, and NMSU is no different. Many have questioned Virginia Tech's response to the initial shooting, but NMSU Chief of Police Steve Lopez said the response would have been the same at any other university in the country.

"Prior to the Virginia Tech incident, their response was standard law enforcement practice," Lopez said. "It has rewritten the textbooks, and now we have to identify as a nation things that can be changed to improve our response in that situation."

NMSU began planning their armed shooter drill during the fall semester, so they are ahead of other universities that are now scrambling to develop an emergency response of their own.

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Main Street returns



Michael Johnson, the city's Public Works director, walks across the new Downtown Main Street with his 6-year-old daughter Sarina on Saturday, April 21.

Past memories
meet future hopes
in the Downtown's
re-opened center lane

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

Just as last Saturday's ceremony was about to begin for the reopening of Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces, Raymond Costales was telling his wife Mary Ann about the stores, bars, hotel and an ice cream parlor that once existed along the street.

Born in Rincon, Costales' family moved to Las Cruces in 1942, and he can recall the town when its eastern edge didn't even reach Solano Drive. He left Las Cruces in 1956 for a stint in the Air Force and returned a few years ago to retire to find the Main Street of his childhood long gone.

While some of the loss was inevitable in the march of time and Las Cruces growing into a city, the lack of an attractive old downtown is mostly blamed on a federal Urban Renewal project in the 1970s that closed off Main Street and replaced it with a walking outdoor pedestrian mall.

Costales and his wife said they liked what they saw of the new Downtown revitalization effort in which Main Street is reopened for slow, two-lane traffic with light fixtures and shade. The \$2 million first phase reopened Main Street from Las Cruces Avenue to Griggs Avenue, including improvements to utilities along with the older-looking light fixtures and Southwest-style shaded benches.

"I love it," Costales said. "We're doing what a lot of other places are doing — fixing up their old downtowns. I think it will revitalize the area."

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Las Cruces ranks as a boomtown

Inc. Magazine looked at job growth to evaluate cities nationwide

Inc. Magazine's Boomtowns 2007

Once again, Las Cruces has made a national list, this time for cities with job growth.

Inc. Magazine ranked the City of the Crosses as 15th among the nation's "Boomtowns."

According to the magazine, it evaluated cities based on statistics compiled by a Pepperdine University professor, but noted that the editors focused on job growth. In its article, the magazine wrote that "regions showing strong job creation are likely to be hotbeds of entrepreneurial activity."

In the magazine's rankings for 2006, Las Cruces was 49th, which was the magazine's first "Boomtowns" listing.

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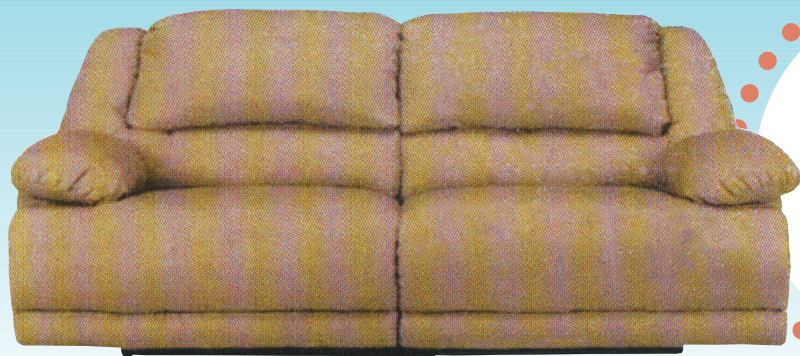
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Time to pray

Las Cruces will join America on May 3 to celebrate the National Day of Prayer

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

What wonderful timing for this year's National Day of Prayer. We have so many things around us for which we should be thankful. For example, the turmoil within our public schools has quieted; Las Cruces continues to be recognized nationally as a great place to live and do business; Main Street Las Cruces is beginning to come back to life with terrific potential as a commercial and cultural center; homebuilding and real estate sales are strong as we continue to welcome new residents to our community. Excitement abounds as we look to the future.



MCCOLLUM

On the other hand, our local leaders are challenged by disagreement as to how our community should be allowed to grow and develop. Also, the continuing conflicts in the Middle East weigh heavily on our minds every day, especially with our local National Guard troops heading back to Iraq.

With all these issues in mind, we have the opportunity to unite in prayer with fellow Americans on Thursday, May 3, designated as the 2007 National Day of Prayer.

The National Day of Prayer was established in 1952 by our United States Congress and was signed into law by President Truman. In 1998 the law was amended to designate the first Thursday of May as our country's official National Day of Prayer.

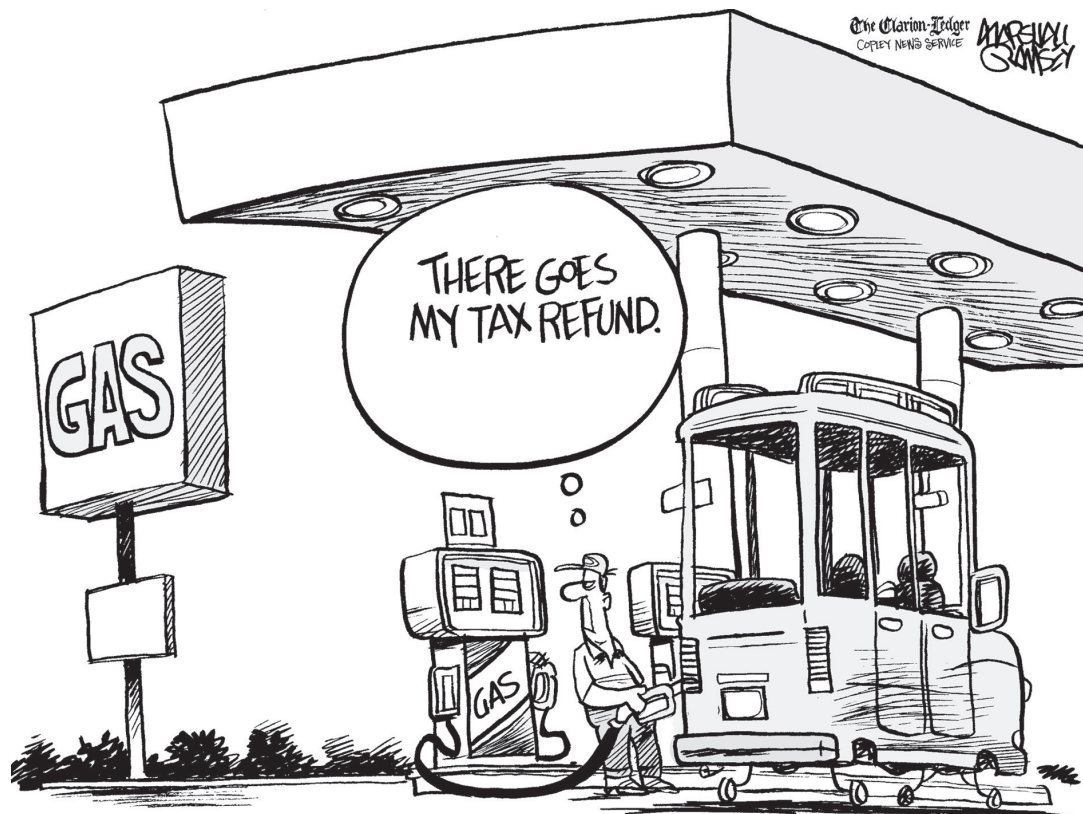
This year in Las Cruces, local organizers and churches have planned a variety of events that offer every Las Crucean the opportunity to participate. The day will begin at 6:45 a.m. with a prayer breakfast at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn conference center. The breakfast requires advance ticket purchase. You might want to buy your tickets right away, because in past years the breakfast has been sold out.

At noon, local residents are invited to gather for a brief prayer service in the Downtown area in front of Bank of the West across from City Hall. There will be a large tent to offer shade. Also, complimentary sandwiches and beverages will be provided.

Additionally, eight prayer tents throughout Las Cruces will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Locations and sponsors include:

- McDonald's, 4810 Mesa Grande Drive, East Mesa Baptist Church
- 2020 N. Valley Drive, Church Triumphant
- Downtown Mall, First Baptist Church
- 522 E. Idaho Ave., Heart for the World Vineyard Church
- Wal-Mart, 1550 S. Valley Drive, 1st Assembly of God
- 1555 E. University Ave., University Church of Christ
- 1800 S. Locust St., Calvary Baptist Church
- Wal-Mart 571 Walton Drive, Las Cruces Prayer Network
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With all the local and national issues confronting us, the Day of Prayer will be a good time for each of us to quietly reflect on how we each can better respect one another and how we can help make our community, our country and the world a better place. We urge each Las Crucean to dedicate a portion of the day on Thursday to participate in one or more of the prayer events.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flag display missed

Saturday's Main Street ceremony was very nice. But there was no excuse for there not having been an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance. There was not "one" American flag to be seen anywhere! The most common sight on any "Main Street" festivity across the country is the American flag displayed all along and on both sides of the street. A local high school ROTC color guard could have been there too. The Star Spangled Banner could have been played as well.

So much excitement and obsession of the downtown project has only caused us to overlook the true foundational principles that have only granted us our community and individual inspirations.

Let's get it right for next time – I know we all want to.

BILL KOLBIN

Development's up side?

Here are some reasons for city council and citizens to support the plan to double or triple the population of Las Cruces that has been cooked up by the deep pocket developers.

First, let's face it, despite our current explosive rate of growth, it's not enough to catch up with Phoenix, Las Vegas or Los Angeles. A bold plan is needed to have any chance of allowing Las Cruces to fulfill their dream of living in a burgeoning megalopolis.

Second, we need at minimum to double the amount of traffic on the roads to justify widening all our streets and putting in lots more antiquated stop lights to relieve any conceivable future congestion.

Third, we Las Cruces don't do nearly enough yet to contribute our fair share to global warming and air pollution via gas guzzling emissions

and pavement. Surely vast new outer suburbs, far from any revitalized downtown, are the best way to remedy this in the long term.

Finally, surely the big developers know what's best for our future; let's just hand it all over to them, and make life easy and great.

DAVID PENGELEY

TB treatment needed

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that predominantly affects lungs and can cause prolonged morbidity in the people infected with it. It has been well controlled in United States, but it has very high prevalence rate in developing countries.

Many students from these countries come to the U.S. for higher education, and when they start the school they are tested for TB with a mantoux test. When the test result comes out to be positive a chest X-ray is performed to look for active infection. Once it is confirmed that there is no active infection, these students are given an option of taking prophylactic drug Isoniazid for a period of six months. This prophylaxis is not mandatory, and therefore students opt out from prophylactic treatment due to the cost concerns.

These students have the infection in the dormant form and have a danger of developing an active disease when their immune status is compromised and can eventually spread the disease to other normal people around.

NMSU and UTEP attract more than 500 international students every year for their education. This is not a small population and departments of health of New Mexico and Texas need to take necessary steps to ensure that all the international students who are tested positive receive free prophylactic treatment for TB infection. This small measure can prove to be effective in the long run in preventing potential epidemics.

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Our nation has a long history of hostage negotiations

Altercations with Mexico are early examples

So easy a caveman could do it. But when it comes to freeing hostages, cavemen probably couldn't do it. Except for the Geico guys currently on TV. They seem more civilized than the average human.

Basic human instinct, however, seems directed toward meeting force with force, which is met with force, which is met with force, until one side is decimated, both sides get weary or everyone forgets what the fight is all about.

Somewhere along the way someone thought of negotiations instead of keeping hostages as slaves and having to defend against attacks aimed at getting them back.

But negotiation never has been popular with the folks back home. They equate it to capitulation. They want to see our tough guys beat up their tough guys in order to gain some revenge.

One of the early instances of the United States negotiating with a foreign country for the release of hostages involved prisoners taken right here in New Mexico.

In 1841, Texas decided it wanted its western border to be the Rio Grande. Enforcing its territorial claims to the north and east became too difficult because of the Plains Indians, so the Texans decided it would be much

easier to go west and "liberate" New Mexicanos from their country's government in Mexico City.

This also was an early instance of Americans learning the hard way that the people they thought they were about to liberate did not welcome them as benefactors. Instead, they were treated as an invading force, captured and marched to Mexico City in chains.

The Texans' treatment was harsh. When news of torture got back home, Texans appealed to the United States to send a force to Mexico City to recover the prisoners and exact revenge.

Instead, President John Tyler ordered the U.S. ambassador to Mexico to see what he could do to get the surviving prisoners freed. In what has been called a quiet masterpiece of give and take, the ambassador succeeded in getting all but one prisoner freed quickly. And war with Mexico was averted.

Two years later, the war-loving Texans decided to invade to the south. Once again, they all were captured and marched to Mexico City. And once again, U.S. diplomats managed to persuade Santa Anna that releasing the captives would preserve good relations with the United States. War with Mexico again was averted.

In 1845, James Polk replaced Tyler as president, and

we learned how easy it would have been to get into a war with Mexico on the two previous occasions.

Teddy Roosevelt was another president who managed to have international successes without going to war. The intent of his famous adage, "Speak softly and carry a big stick," has been twisted in years since to put the emphasis on bigger and bigger sticks instead of speaking softly.

Roosevelt knew that successful negotiations require the greater power to be the more diplomatic because it has the bigger stick. Bullying by the big power produces resentment by others, and sooner or later the big power looks around and realizes it no longer has many friends.

The truth is that we usually do negotiate, but we keep it very quiet because the public's first reaction is that it would like to see us go kick a little behind.

Our current administration has been accused of actually believing our longstanding policy of not negotiating for hostages and not realizing that we voice it only for public purposes while quietly talking it out with the other side to seek common ground.

Diplomats worried that British Prime Minister Tony Blair started off by talking far too tough when the seamen were captured and stalling the beginning of meaningful negotiations.

And maybe that is why the White House is working closely with Gov. Bill Richardson now. It realizes it can rattle its saber while someone we'd least expect schmoozes the enemy in private.

Inside the Capitol

By Jay Miller



GUEST COLUMN

Citizen input needed to evaluate judges

By FELIX BRIONES, JR.
For The Las Cruces Bulletin

Next year, we may set a record in the number of district court judges in New Mexico standing for retention. Judges who are standing for retention are those judges who have won at least one partisan election and served on the bench for a minimum of two years. They must then receive 57 percent voter approval the next time around to remain on the bench.

In 2008, we may see as many as 84 district court judges standing for retention throughout New Mexico, compared to 62 district judges in 2002. Voters will also decide whether to retain four appellate court judges (those justices and judges who serve on the New Mexico Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals).

The New Mexico Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission (JPEC) will make recommendations to voters on whether to retain judges based on an objective evaluation of their performance in several main areas: legal ability, fairness, communication skills, preparation, attentiveness, temperament and control over proceedings. These evaluations will be based, in part, on feedback we receive from individuals who have appeared before or who have had professional contacts with the judges throughout the state between April and September 2007.

In April, confidential surveys are being mailed by an independent

research firm to individuals who have had direct experience with district judges residing in several judicial districts. These districts encompass Chaves, Curry, De Baca, Doña Ana, Eddy, Grant, Harding, Hidalgo, Lea, Lincoln, Luna, Otero, McKinley, Quay, Roosevelt and San Juan counties.

Individuals who will receive these surveys include:

- Attorneys with direct experience
- Citizen review board volunteers
- Court-appointed special advocates
- Court staff
- Interpreters
- Jurors
- Law enforcement officers
- Law professors
- Probation officers (adult and juvenile)
- Psychologists
- Social workers

The surveys have from 12-20 questions, including both closed-ended and open-ended questions in which respondents have the opportunity to provide additional information. Anyone who has served on more than one jury or has appeared or testified before more than one district judge, may be asked to fill out more than one survey.

The responses to these surveys are very important. They assist us in helping a judge improve his or her performance on the bench. They can also give us the information we need to provide fair and accurate evaluations to the voting public

next year – before they go to the polls. This year we hope to improve the rate of response from every group surveyed. The JPEC will release its narratives (a summary of a judge's performance) with a recommendation on whether to retain that judge to the public at least 45 days before the 2008 general election.

If you receive a survey or surveys, please take a few moments to fill it/them out and return it/them within two weeks. Your responses will be confidential. Your comments will not be provided to the judges. All individual responses will be destroyed. The JPEC will receive only the aggregate results from an independent research firm. Most importantly, you will be doing us all a service. The more responses we receive from you – the more accurate we can make our evaluations.

Help us improve our courts by filling out a survey if you receive one.

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Bingaman, Reyes seek answers from USPS

In response to concerns raised by Las Cruces area residents, U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman called on the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) to answer serious questions about its mail processing operation in El Paso. The facility is responsible not only for processing mail in the El Paso area, but also for mail destined for the Las Cruces area.

Bingaman and Rep. Silvestre Reyes wrote to Postmaster John Potter, asking for a reevaluation of the decision to move the Las Cruces processing operations to El Paso and called on the USPS to take the steps needed to improve delivery.

"We urge you to conduct a study and determine whether transferring the Las Cruces processing operations to El Paso was an appropriate action to take. If USPS determines that the move was necessary, then it is clear that more personnel must be hired to ensure the efficient and timely operation of the El Paso facility."

"Our region will be experiencing significant growth as over 20,000 troops will be relocating to Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range under the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) decision and the Army's overseas rebasing initiative. It is critical that additional USPS resources be allocated to our region in order to meet the demands of this military expansion," the letter states.

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Not just people are flocking to the southern New Mexico desert

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Audubon New Mexico and New Mexico State Parks last weekend designated three state parks at Elephant Butte, Percha Dam and Caballo as Important Bird Areas.

From my bird-watching tours I have found the entire lower Rio Grande Valley is an important bird area with mountains, trees, thick bosques and mesas forming a natural migratory passage.

Bird watchers do not always agree on sightings.

Once I spotted a Wied's flycatcher, sometimes called a Mexican flycatcher, on Ted Turner's bison ranch. I had stopped on a ridge and saw the flycatcher land on a fence. Some doubted my report, but I had a clear view of the cinnamon color on its wings and tail and its erect crest.

The Turner ranch manager also gave me my only sighting of the harlequin quail on that trip. I do not remember his name, but I recall how at every well stop he would drop grass seed on the uncovered ground. Turner, he said, was interested in wildlife and soil conservation.

I also remember how he called up the harlequin quail for me. With its distinct curving black face designs, it made a soft chirping sound he said was a distress call. Sure enough, harlequin quail started popping up their heads from the weeds.

Birds can surprise you. I spotted a pigeon hawk, actually a falcon, from my backyard. Of course, a falcon can cross over Las Cruces with a couple flaps of its wings or by riding a thermal updraft while cruising the surrounding desert for prey.

When I was a member of the Junior Audubon Society, I read an article in its publication that fewer than 20 whooping cranes were spending the winter in the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge on the

Jenny Good shows students a Swainson's hawk at Percha Dam last Friday. The hawk was rescued after being injured by contact with a power line.

PHILIP VANVEEN
The Las Cruces Bulletin



Gulf of Mexico coast. The fear was that the whoopers were about to become extinct, and I thought that I would never see one, a white crane with a wing-span of seven feet.

The government had tried to reverse the trend by arranging to have whooping crane chicks hatched by sand hill cranes in Grey's Lake, Idaho. It seemed like a good idea because the sand hill migrates to New Mexico's Bosque del Apache Refuge. I spotted several whooping cranes that had migrated with the sand hill cranes during a refuge tour later courtesy of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society.

The whooping cranes did not breed, however, and it would be interesting to know what wildlife scientists learned from this well-intended experiment.

One of the concerns while the Aransas Refuge figures were declining was — where

does the whooper nest? According to wildlife specialists, flying whoopers were spotted by an aircraft pilot over the Wood Buffalo Park in Alberta, Canada.

The United States government worked out an agreement to take, I believe, two whooping cranes eggs a year and place them in sand hill crane nests in Idaho. The resulting whooping cranes migrated to Bosque del Apache each winter, and the sight of the tall, white cranes was encouraging. But they never produced any known offspring.

The Canadian government stopped the whooping crane egg exportation.

Not many people have ever sighted the water ouzel, also known as the dipper. Also, not many have been fortunate to work in the Idaho Clearwater National Park as I did one summer with the Forest Service.

Our cabin was on the North Fork of the Clearwater. One day I saw a grey-colored bird jump into the river. He seemed to walk

across the bottom, seeking insects, steady-ing himself with his wings. He jumped up on a rock and started dipping himself at the knees, which is one reason he was known the dipper.

Bird watching can be frustrating. You can spend a whole afternoon by the river or in the desert or mountains and not see anything new. But then you spot, almost by accident, a rare bird.

One day when I was walking along the irrigation ditch off Water Street, something moved in the trees. I looked up and saw a red cross-bill, a bird with crossed mandibles so it can pry seed out of pine ones, migrating along the ditch on its way to Canada.

I once interviewed a rancher on the Mimbres River who was showing me an irrigation gate patented by President William McKinley. A movement at the base of a tree caught my eye, and I spotted a white-breasted nuthatch searching under the bark for larvae and peeking around tree trunk.

Another time I was scanning trees along the river with my binoculars when I saw a bird flying directly into my view. It braked and landed on a branch, and I had my first sighting of a lazuli bunting, a turquoise blue bird with white wing bars.

A casual walk down a canyon rewarded me with my only sighting of a rock wren. I saw it disappear into a crevice, and, since I had read that it laid a path of small rocks leading to its nest, I had to check this out. And there it was, a little path of small rocks leading to the nesting crevice.

But there are many common birds that people are not aware of in this area, such as house finches, mocking birds, white-winged and ground doves, rufous hummingbirds, ravens and crows, great blue herons, rough-winged and barn swallows, Gambel's quail, meadow larks, red-winged black birds, nighthawks, burrowing owls, red-tailed hawks and half a dozen sparrow varieties.

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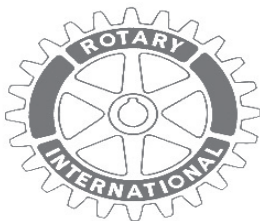
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What they are. Due to tax law restrictions and income limits, you may have been unable to take full advantage of certain losses, deductions, and credits on your 2006 return. In some cases, the unused portion of these items can be carried forward to future years.

What to look for. Examples of carryforwards include capital losses, business net operating losses, and suspended passive losses. Other common carryforwards: charitable contributions, excess home office deductions, and foreign tax credits.

How you can benefit. Use your carryforwards to reduce the impact of taxable transactions and lower your current year tax.

Illustration. When you rebalance your investment portfolio during 2007, establish a plan to apply a capital loss carryforward from 2006 to offset 2007 gains on sales of appreciated investments in taxable accounts.

Another suggestion: Increase your participation in passive activities such as rentals to utilize passive activity losses from prior years.

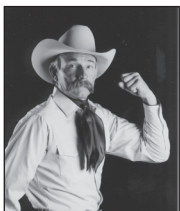
A caution. Some carryforwards expire more quickly than others, and the rules can be complex.

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Coon dog names

One of the hazards of marrying a redneck, an east Texas long-suffering wife told me, is the husband's habit of naming their children coon dog names: Buck, Jake, Sal, Missy, Hoot, Booger, Blue, Red, Blackie, Lady, Bubba, Sweetie, Smokey, Tank, Scooter, Jimbo, or Ring. I know people named Cratus, Cretia, Eulafern, Ysidro, Helmut and Orville, but I've never heard those names mentioned in hunting dog shows on the Outdoor Channel.

We're working on a website addition, a "Hall of Fame" with pictures of animals named Baxter. It includes many dogs, horses, cats and some steers, but also included are mules, swine, reptiles, ferrets, snakes, fish, birds and one beetle ... black, of course! In my case, I'm not sure if having a hamster named after you is a compliment, but naming your first-born after a dearly departed good hunting dog is surely meant to be an honor. "Eat your Gerber's, Badger, you want to grow up big and strong and be able to drool."

Naming after animals is an ancient traditional ritual. I had a Chinese virology teacher named Fu Ho Chow and a pharmacology teacher named Dr. Heron. There's a state in Mexico called Chihuahua, a country called Turkey, a river named Salmon, and of course, states christened Carolina and New Hampshire.

I've always been intrigued by the popularity of naming kids after towns in Wyoming: Cody, Douglas, Cheyenne, Kaycee, Sheridan, Jackson, Powell and Laramie. So far they've avoided Thermopolis, Chugwater and Baggs, but an unusual name can make a kid unique - Englebert, Dweezil, Pinky, Elvis, EJulio, Bunny or Babbette. Indians are perhaps the most ardent practitioners of naming after animals - Sitting Bull, Little Squirrel, Roan Horse, Buffalo Bill (sorry), Crow, Elkhorn, Deer Slayer, Eagle Feather, Big Foot.

So, regarding the east Texas lady's concern about her husband's choice of coon dog names for kids, it could be worse. She could have married an astronomer who insisted on naming his children after constellations, or a doctor naming his kids after surgical procedures, Mike Kroscope, Lipo Suction, and Angio Plasty.

Or a geologist who chose names from natural formations. "These are my children Alluvial, Tectonic, Strata and our new baby, Hemisphere."

Or a corn farmer - Hy and Stubbie.

Enough, enough! Stick with names that are named after a baseball cap and a ceremony - Bill and Mary.

Dr. Laura Thompson and Dr. Wenda Trevathan at NMSU are looking for interested first time moms with babies three months old or younger to participate in the Mother-Infant Study. The National Institutes of Health funded study is looking at mother-infant attachment and infant development. Participants are compensated \$170 and receive free baby toys!

Mother Infant study



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Richardson appoints ethics commission members

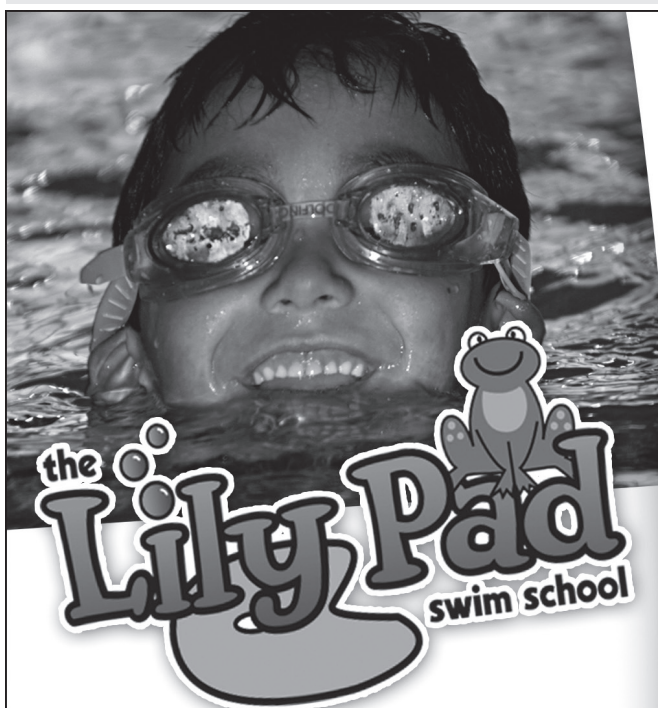
Gov. Bill Richardson has announced his appointees to the 23-member Governor's Task Force on Ethics Reform. The task force is charged with evaluating options for governmental ethics and campaign finance reform and reviewing the results of the 2007 regular and special legislative sessions. The task force will also advise the governor on the timing of any special session dedicated to ethics reform.

"I am pleased that so many members of the first task force have agreed to continue their service, and grateful to the new members who give a fresh perspective to the work of the group," said Richardson. "The work of this group is critical, and I expect the task force to meet quickly and begin their work as soon as possible."

The task force will be again co-chaired by former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, currently dean of the New Mexico State University College of Business, and Suellyn Scarnecchia, dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law.

Other members of the Governor's Task Force on Ethics Reform include: Former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, Gov. Charlie Dorame of Tesuque Pueblo, State Treasurer James Lewis, Chief Deputy Attorney General Stuart Bluestone, state Sens. Dede Feldman and John Ryan, House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, state Reps. Jeff Steinborn and Don Tripp, Doña Ana County Commissioner Bill McCamley, Executive Director Jim Noel of the Judicial Standards Commission, Doug Brown, Leonard Sanchez, Moss Adams, Norman Thayer, Tom Keesing, Geno Zamora, Fred Nathan, Matt Brix, and public members Claire Weiner and Maralyn Budke.

In 2007, Richardson proposed and the legislature passed amendments to the Governmental Conduct Act, which provides stricter standards of conduct for state employees and elected officials. The act also now includes judges.



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Downtown

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The next \$2.4 million phase will create a civic plaza along the southeast portion of the reopened Main Street. The northern and southern portions of the street will be reopened after the plaza.

"What you see here today is the physical realities of what will be a new Downtown," said Mike Beckett, president of the Las Cruces Downtown Association. His family owns COAS My Bookstore on the Downtown Mall's north end.

But the next step also requires getting businesses to locate in Downtown's vacant buildings now that they have an open street for passing traffic, said county commissioner Bill McCamley.

"Hopefully, this will be a catalyst for a lot of great things to come," said Patrick Gay, an architect with Sites Southwest, a firm hired that also shaped Albuquerque's downtown revitalization effort.

Local architect Steve Newby, who has championed Downtown revitalization, cited the need for the city to care for its "heart and soul" as the city grows at its edges.

City Manager Terrence Moore noted other projects coming to Downtown — a new city hall, a new federal courthouse and improved museums, which also will help preserve some of Downtown's remaining historical buildings.

Progress, said Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, must be balanced by remembering the city's past and preserving its older neighborhoods.

While government has a responsibility to grow economic opportunities for its citizens, officials also are trusted with the stewardship of local history, said county commissioner Kent Evans. "This reminds us of a simpler time," he said. "The town began here."

Maybe, revitalized Downtown could restore some of the friendliness city councillor Jose Fietze recalled from his youth.

State Engineer holds Open House

Staff, displays help make case for 'Active Water Resources Management Program'

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Office of the State Engineer laid it all out to explain its Active Water Resource Management program during its recent open house at Club Fusion.

The OSE had set up several displays around the dance area, staffed it with specialists and urged the visitors to discuss issues and to pick up information booklets.

State Engineer John D'Antonio made himself available to the public to personally discuss specific concerns. D'Antonio said he welcomed the opportunity to discuss vital water issues.

"We're having a lot of people from different interests," D'Antonio said. "They're all asking very good questions, and we're providing good answers. I think that we're making headway explaining our Active Water Resources Management Program."

"There has been water management in this state for 100 years, and we've only been in the Active Water Resources Program four years. But we've made a lot of progress in those four years."

"We're living in a desert, and people think that there's water for all and every use, and that's not the case. We need an Active Water Resources Management program."

An OSE brochure describes Active Water Resource Management (AWRM) as:

"A broad range of activities, which emphasize permitting transfers, monitoring and metering diversions and limited diversion of water to the amount authorized by existing water rights, all within the prior appropriation system."

The OSE helped visitors go into detail with the program

with several displays on topics, such as water rights, domestic wells, adjudication, economic development, interstate and United States issues, the Rio Grande Project, water quality and water conservation and metering.

Each display had posters, information sheets and a staff member to answer questions.

Esteban Lopez, Interstate Issues and Mexico, contended that the OSE needs AWRM authority to protect the state's water resources.

"We've got to demonstrate that we can manage our own water resources so that we won't be imposed on by the U.S. Supreme Court in interstate litigation," he said. "All over the West, downstream states are suing upstream states, claiming that they aren't getting their share of water that they have rights to. And, in most cases, the downstream state wins."

Dan Lucero, Rincon pecan and alfalfa grower, asked, "If they're going to limit water allotments, will they be below crop needs, like pecans?"

"I'm trying to find out how these water allocations will affect pueblos in respect to the paramount water rights of the Guadalupe-Hidalgo Treaty," said Kai-t Blue-Sky of the Cochiti Pueblo upstream from Albuquerque. "The King of Spain and Mexico recognized the pueblos as independent nations, and we want an equal voice about taking head waters from the reservations and any adverse effect of these decisions."

Buford Harris, a farmer who depends on water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, described the open house as "very informative."

RESERVOIR UPDATE

The Rio Grande flow at San Marcial dropped to 45 percent of average as warm weather and high winds decreased the mountains snow pack, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's El Paso Field Office reported.

The river flow was measured at 1,118 cubic-feet per second.

The reservoirs' storage figures are:

- Elephant Butte at 568,106 acre-feet, 29 percent of capacity, down 13,392 acre-feet from last week, 62 feet below the spillway.

- Caballo at 53,116 acre-feet, 23 percent of capacity, an increase of 11,048 acre-feet.

The bureau has granted the Elephant Butte Irrigation District a 2007 allocation of 192,224 acre-feet, 52 percent of a full supply.

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Jesse McAvoy works on controls for the blimp April 19 at the Pan American Center.

On Thursday, April 19, members of the New Mexico State University Autonomous Blimp Project gathered to test their air ship inside the Pan American Center on the NMSU campus. The objective of the blimp project is to develop a blimp that can fly from one location to another guided by a compass, remote control and GPS navigation.

Sources on the NMSU website list George Conrad, Bob Skaggs, Ou Ma and Stephen Stochaj as mentors for the program. Lindsay Gilbert is listed as project manager and Michael Marquez as technical leader. Boeing Co. is listed as a sponsor of the project.

According to an NMSU Mechanical Engineering

Engineering students and blimp project team members attempt to get the blimp to fly.

newsletter article authored by Bob Skaggs, the project began in 2005 with the original goal of flying the blimp around the Horseshoe

on the NMSU campus.

The blimp is 20 feet long, has a payload capacity of 5 kilograms and has a maximum speed of 10 mph.



NMSU Blimp Project members try to get their blimp off the Pan Am floor.



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Classes & Events

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Thursday • 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Bone Boosters! Osteoporosis Support Group at the MountainView Women's Resource Center. For more information contact Marge Peterson at 522-5106.

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Monday • 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Just Say Yes to Stress with Al Galves, Ph.D

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Tuesday • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

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

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Wednesday • 10:00 a.m.–11:00a.m.

Organizing Financial Records with Patricia Morris McMillan and Elaine McKinney of Wells Fargo Bank

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Friday • 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Getting Started with Estate Planning with Attorney Katherine Blackett

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Tuesday • 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Stretching Your Dollars with Alicia Alvarado of the YWCA Credit Counseling & Home Ownership Center

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Wednesday • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Destination Heart Healthy Eating with Christine Norris, RD, LD from MountainView Regional Medical Center

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Thursday • 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Build a Solid Financial Future... Protect Your Future with Financial Advisor Toby Rue

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

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Tuesday • 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Brain Boosters- The New Aerobics with Speech Pathologist Sara Laughlin-Medina from the MountainView Regional Medical Center Therapy Services Department

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Wednesday • 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

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

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Thursday • 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

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

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Saturday • 10:00–11:45 a.m.

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

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Tuesday • 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Getting Fit: Bringing Activity into Your Life with Carole Carson, Exercise Physiologist of the Cardiac

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Wednesday • 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Allergies & Asthma, More Serious Than You Know with Michael R. Rupp, MD from the Allergy & Asthma Clinic

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"We completed our drill prior to the Virginia Tech incident and identified issues we needed to improve," Lopez said. "We made fairly minor adjustments such as when the decision would be made to cancel class and how long it would be canceled."

After their drill, Lopez said they also decided that they needed to come up with various "mechanisms to get the word out as soon as possible," noting that they didn't want to rely on cell phone service alone.

"We already have a police radio in the university administration building, and we are checking into how we can back up that system," Lopez said. According to Lopez, they are also looking at products that have a private wireless system that cannot be overwhelmed by cell phones and are in the process of procuring bids for that system.

Communication in an emergency is a major point of concern among large universities where thousands of students arrive on campus each day from different locations. Currently, NMSU has several steps they would go through to communicate with students and staff if they were confronted with an emergency situation similar to Virginia Tech.

Lopez said the first officers on the scene would use public announcement systems, barricades and their own shouting voices to communicate to those in the immediate area. Then they would utilize university officials like residential assistants (RAs) to notify others.

"Next, we would use our First Call Emergency System, which we have had for four years now," Lopez said. "We can call all campus telephones at once to deliver a message. The city and county are currently in the process of adopting a system similar to ours."



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University student body President Ben Hardy sits in contemplation behind a candle lit for those killed at Virginia Tech during the annual Aggie Remembrance Day. The memorial is usually just dedicated to NMSU students who died during the prior year.

After those steps have been taken, the university would send out a mass email similar to the one Virginia Tech students and faculty received. An emergency message would also take over the front page of the university's official website.

NMSU also started a service in February called Mobile Campus that was designed to send text messages to all students alerting them of deals and discounts at local stores. "It was designed as a marketing tool, but since the Virginia Tech incident, the company itself has changed its focus to emergency service," Lopez said. Lopez said there has been a great

rush by other schools to obtain a similar text-messaging alert system, and NMSU is lucky to already have the service in place. However, only a small percentage of students are currently signed up for Mobile Campus, which would render the emergency alert service ineffective.

"Only about 900 people are members of the service out of the 28,000 people that come through campus everyday," Lopez said. The university is now planning to have all registering students sign up for the emergency service.

"It's a good idea because we all have our cell phones in class," Angelle Guerre, a 20-year old

finance major at NMSU, said. "But what about the professors that forbid cell phones in class? We won't get the message if we aren't allowed to look at our phones."

NMSU President Michael Martin has been working with the campus police and administration on improving emergency policies. "We are working on ways to communicate with all members of the faculty without compromising faculty standards and the environment of our classrooms and labs," Martin said.

Traditionally, NMSU does not have a violent history. The last murder occurred at NMSU seven years ago in the parking lot of the Pan American Center after a dance, and neither one of the victims was associated with the university, according to Lopez. "But just because we haven't had much doesn't mean we won't. The potential for copycat violence after Virginia Tech is very high," Lopez added.

NMSU works with the City Office of Emergency Management on all their emergency exercises, and Lopez said that partnership is now the reason NMSU is the only place in the state that has the Alternate Disaster Answering Point (ADAPT) system. The ADAPT system is a portable phone bank composed of a computer hookup and 10 phones in a black box. In the event of an emergency, the system can be hooked up to any computer on campus and immediately 10 new phone lines are available to communicate the emergency.

"It was put in right before (the Western Athletic Conference Basketball Tournament) and has now become part of the regional response plan," Lopez said.

One of the first victims of the Virginia Tech shooting was an RA who was responding to the initial violence. NMSU campus housing director Julie Weber said she met with her RAs the day after the incident.

"I told them that we hired them because they have good sense and

good judgment that they would use in a situation like that," Weber said. "Our RAs are trained as best as anyone can be, but every situation is different so you can't train for all of them."

Some NMSU dormitories currently have a system in place where students must swipe their NMSU identification card to be let in, and Weber said she would like to see this system installed in all on-campus housing buildings.

"Another big problem is tailgating, which is where our students are so polite that they hold the door open for those behind them, so those people can get in without an ID card," Weber said. "We need to engage the students' efforts in keeping the building secure as well."

The Virginia Tech shootings have forced every university to reevaluate their security standards, but NMSU is pleased with their assessment. Schools officials feel fortunate that they had already prepared for active shooter situations with their table top exercises and are happy that NMSU is ahead of the curve with the text messaging alert system. That, coupled with the ADAPT system, has NMSU administrators and police officers feeling fairly positive about their emergency response systems in the wake of a tragic week for upper education.

"As a student, I have never felt unsafe here at NMSU," Guerre said. "But then again, it could happen anywhere. I'm sure the students at Virginia Tech felt safe when they went to school that day, too."

Though the administration is optimistic about security plans already in place at NMSU, they will continue to work on improvements.

"At NMSU, we are continually assessing, planning and reassessing so as to be prepared for events we hope will never occur," Martin said. "I'm confident we are as prepared as we can be today but will work to be still better tomorrow."

NMSU honors Virginia Tech with bells, colors, ribbons

Up to 300 students, faculty and staff at New Mexico State University gathered at Friday, April 20, at the Horseshoe as the bells from Goddard Hall rang in remembrance of the victims of the Virginia Tech shooting.

Vice President and Provost William Flores, Business Dean and former governor Garrey Carruthers, Senior Vice President for Planning, Resources and University Relations Ben Woods and Graduate School Dean Linda Lacey were among those who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with students and faculty to reflect in silence as the bells tolled the number of victims.

Among the crowd were individuals who wore orange and maroon to be in solidarity with the day of mourning at Virginia Tech. Brandon Schmidt, a senior graphics design student, wore an orange and maroon ribbon clasped by an NMSU pin that read: One University.

"I was living in Littleton, Colo., when Columbine happened," he said, remembering the 13 people killed at the high school. "I was just 15 minutes away. When this happened Monday, it reminded me of that. But this time it was a university, and I'm at a university, so it really hit home. It could happen anywhere."

The ceremony at NMSU was one of hundreds across New Mexico and more than a dozen other states that rang bells simultaneously at 10 a.m. Friday.

"This Friday, New Mexico stands with the Commonwealth of Virginia and its people," said Gov. Bill Richardson. "Virginia has declared April 20 a day of mourning and asked us to join them in a nationwide bell ringing ceremony at noon Eastern time (10 a.m. New Mexico time)."

Friday also was the day to wear orange and maroon on the NMSU campus – the Virginia Tech colors.

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East Mesa annexation decision postponed

Attorney General's opinion pushes city council action back to May 21

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The city council will wait until May 21 to decide the fate of a nearly 6,000-acre East Mesa development.

The Vistas at Presidio includes a request that the city annex 4,200 acres along with approval of a master plan and zoning for another 1,700 acres already inside city limits. The development's large scale has created a debate about the city's annexation process, the impact of Las Cruces growth on the quality of life and whether there are enough resources to sustain expansion.

In response to residents calling for more debate, local

lawmakers asked New Mexico Attorney General Gary King to issue an opinion about apparent flexibility in the state annexation law of a 30- to 60-day decision period. The city's legal department had previously advised the council to make its decision at the land use meeting on Monday, April 23, but the AG's office issued an opinion that the council couldn't approve it before May 16.

The next city council land use meeting after that date is May 29, the Tuesday after Memorial Day, but Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Connor suggested the earlier date so that it wouldn't come after a three-day holiday weekend. Also, councillors agreed to a later time, 5 p.m., because of

the intense public interest.

The developer, Philip Philippou, has bought one section of state trust land in the proposed annexation and has business planning leases on the other four sections. Employing concepts of "new urbanism" and "smart growth," Philippou wants to create nearly self-contained communities within the development where people can work, live, shop and enjoy parks, libraries and other facilities. His proposal would have underground utilities and roads put in before building an estimated 30,000 homes over the next 15 to 20 years in nine phases.

Philippou has agreed to reserve sites for a high school, three middle schools and nine elementary schools, as well as needed police substations and fire stations. Philippou has raised the possibility of building a regional training center for police and firefighters.

Steve Calderazzo, president of the local firefighter's union, said Philippou was the only developer he's known to make such a serious commitment to public safety.

Also, Philippou has agreed to preserve around 100 acres of open space for arroyos and parks and will conduct a master drainage study.

Responding to those concerned about whether city services and resources can keep up with the growth, Bruce Buchman noted that Las Cruces annexed more than 5,000 acres during the time he was on the city's planning and zoning board from 2002 to 2006.

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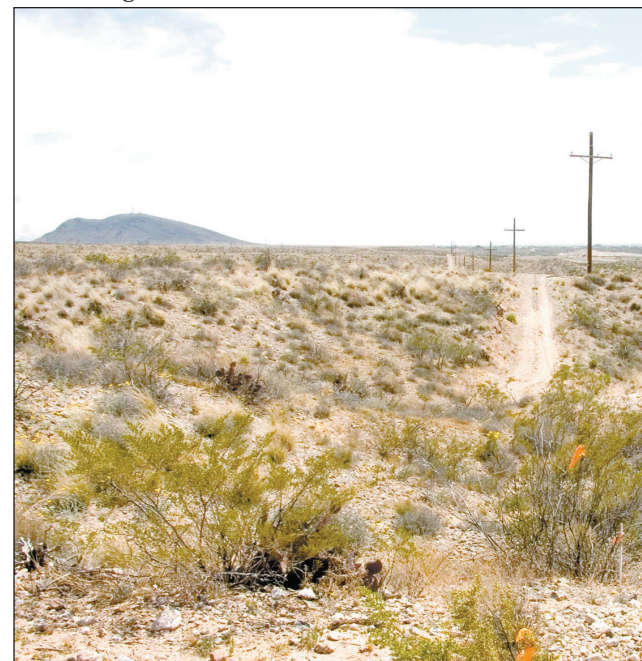
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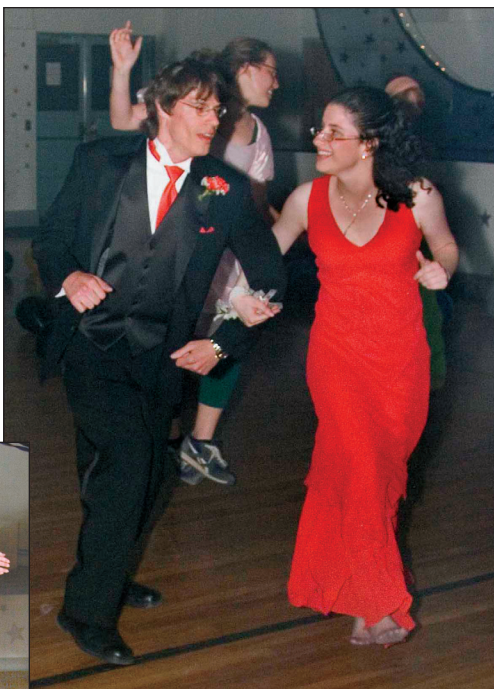
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At the Alma d'arte Prom

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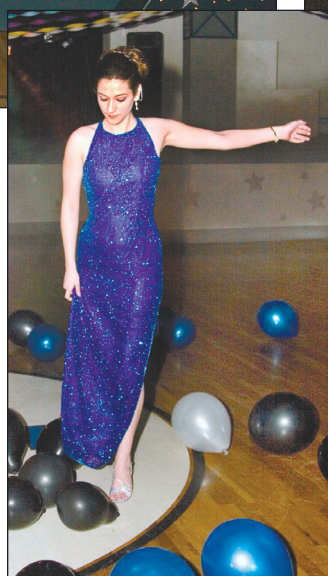
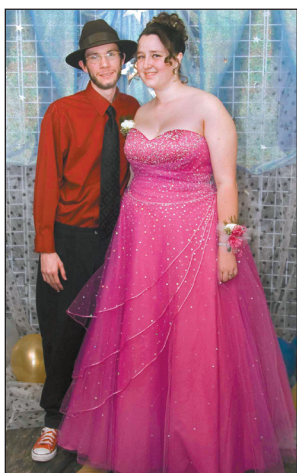


Sophomores Eric Tarin and Victoria Saenz



Alma d'arte senior Christina Brillante and New Mexico State University freshman Andrew McCann step lively to the "Cotton-eyed Joe" during charter school's first prom Friday, April 20, at the Court Youth Center.

Senior Paige Daugherty and NMSU freshman William George have their prom picture taken by photographer Ramon Vasquez.



Senior Sarah Williams



Armena Taylor, one of the school's founders; registrar Dee Dryer; and Herb T. D. Taylor.

Spaceport's 2nd launch on schedule

The ashes of a Star Trek actor and a pioneer astronaut are set to take a ride into suborbital space in a 20-foot rocket to be launched this weekend from Spaceport America.

Unless there are delays, UP Aerospace will attempt a second flight of its SpaceLoft XL launch vehicle from the New Mexico spaceport early in the morning Saturday, April 28. Its main payload will be the ashes of James Doohan, Star Trek's "Scotty," and Mercury 7 astronaut L. Gordon "Gordo" Cooper.

SpaceLoft's first launch Sept. 25, 2006, was delayed until the afternoon because of problems with the rocket's communication and tracking systems. The rocket never reached its intended 70-mile height after losing control at about seven miles. UP Aerospace has since redesigned the rocket's tailfins.

For those who wish to view the launch, Sierra County officials have designated a public viewing area off of state Highway 51, east of Elephant Butte near Engle. Once launched, SpaceLoft's white contrail should be visible from the viewing site.

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Coming Up

Event will honor NMSU women

The Milestone Committee of New Mexico State University will hold an event to honor the women of NMSU and to recognize their accomplishments of value, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at the NMSU Alumni and Visitors Center on the NMSU Campus. The Milestone Committee, which was recently formed by the NMSU Women's Studies Program, will be holding its third event of the spring semester. A sign-in sheet will be available for women attending to record their names and the accomplishments for which they would like to be recognized. For information call Lisa Bond-Maupin at 646-5386.

Museum of Natural History

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History in the Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., has announced its May schedule of activities and presentations.

Every Saturday and Sunday, play "Fetch!" with the museum staff and junior docents. Based on the PBS television program, "Fetch!" is a fun opportunity to try science activities and games from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The museum's "Chihuahuan Desert Expo" will be on display at the Downtown Mall from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday and Friday, May 3 and 4.

A Saturday science class for all elementary school children, a combination of fun and learning, will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 5. This is a hands-on class that goes beyond the textbooks. The topic for this class will be "electricity." Please call the museum to pre-register at 522-3120. There is no charge for the class.

As part of its "Descubra el Desierto" series, the museum will be hosting the free lecture "Heavy Metal Recovery Using Plants," presented by Jacob Urquidi, of NMSU, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8.

On May 12, the public may view the night sky with the museum during a "Sky Safari" at 8 p.m. at La Llorona Park. The museum will furnish telescopes and expert guidance from the NMSU astronomy department.

The museum is free and open to the public. If disability accommodations are needed, please contact the museum 48 hours before the event at 522-3120 or TTY at 541-2182.

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is open Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information call the museum at 522-3120 or TTY 541-2161.

State JROTC championships

The Oñate High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp (JROTC) will host a fund-raising pancake breakfast and the 2007 New Mexico State Championship JROTC Drill, Marksmanship and Fitness competition on Saturday, May 5, at Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive.

The pancake breakfast, which benefits the Oñate JROTC program, will be from 7 to 11 a.m. in the Oñate cafeteria and commons area. Tickets for the breakfast are \$4.

Up to 800 students from 30 area high school ROTC programs will gather at Oñate from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to compete in categories that include drill, color guard, air rifle and physical fitness. Oñate JROTC cadet staff and

instructors will serve as hosts for the overall event and will coordinate the drill, color guard and fitness competitions. The championship is free and open to the public. For more information contact Oñate ROTC instructor Robert Rodriguez at 527-9430 or email robrodriguez@lcp.s.k12.nm.us.

Republican women

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 27, at the Best Western Mission Inn, 1765 S. Main St. The group will hear an address by state Rep. Diane Hamilton of Silver City. Hamilton is serving her fifth term as a legislator in Santa Fe. To make reservations please call 526-2022.

X PRIZE meeting

The X PRIZE Foundation is inviting the public to join them on Friday, April 27, for a meeting at the Las Cruces City Chambers, 200 Church St., from noon to 1 p.m., to gain input on their new outreach and community involvement program.

This program will help build a stronger connection between the X PRIZE Foundation and the region's schools, organizations, businesses and individuals.

Refreshments will be served.

Alma d'arte open house

Alma d'arte Charter School will be having an open house on Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 p.m. The school is located at 402 W. Court Ave.

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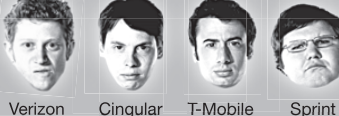


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On April 7, at 7:47 a.m., the Las Cruces Fire Department responded to an intentionally set fire at 2160 Tor Lane, which is a house under construction in a new subdivision near Mayfield High School. The fire caused damage to the interior of the structure, and fire damage is estimated at \$15,000.

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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- The State Corporation Commission supported the Doña Ana-Hill Farm Bureau request to keep the railway station open.

• Enquiries about opportunities in Mesilla following Radio KOB announcements about the town encouraged residents to form the Mesilla Chamber of Commerce. Officers were: Cruz Alvarez, president; Albert Fountain Jr., vice president; Martin Oliver, secretary; and Vuco-vitch, treasurer.

• The Union High School seniors named for coming graduation Elvie Rigney, valedictorian, and Tommy Loomis, salutatorian.

• The Federal Radio Commission announced plans to move KOB from New Mexico A&M to Albuquerque.

50
years ago

• The White Sands Proving Grounds mascot, a mongrel dog named Guns, died. He had been the mascot of the 1st Marine Division during World War II in the South Pacific, and the Marines

Looking This week in the history

brought him to the proving grounds in 1946. While hunting rabbits, he had been mauled by coyotes. And once he had been locked up in a post stray-dog roundup. But the post command granted him special "Sailor" ranking, allowed him to hunt rabbits, awarded him the Navy Badge No. 1 and allowed him to sleep in a barracks when he got too old to roam.

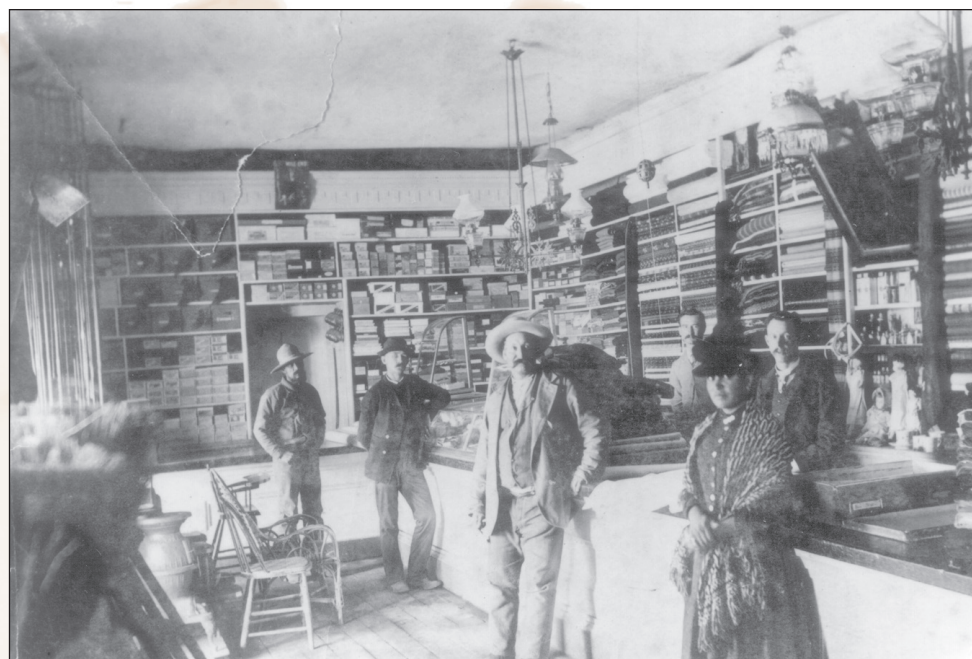
• The combined storage at Elephant Butte and Caballo lakes was 48,890 acre-feet compared with 172,000 acre-feet the previous year.

• Attorney Herbert B. Hall, who had been active as a legislator in water rights, cattle and mining issues, died. He came to Las Cruces in 1898 and studied law under Judge John R. McFie. In 1908, he formed a law partnership with William A. Sutherland.

25
years ago
1982

• New Mexico State University awarded Barbara Hubbard, Pan American Center special events director, its President's Award for Outstanding Service, for bringing entertaining events to the center.

• The Hatch Valley High School Chess Team won the state championship for the second straight year. Team members were Keith McConnell, Jeff Jankowski, Arturo Rodriguez, Daniel Trejo, Lee Barrett and



An interior shot of Numa Raymond's Store showing how merchandise was displayed.

Larry Snow. Daniel Rodriguez was the coach.

• Pianist and humorist Victor Borge entertained 2,000 at the Pan American Center.

• Mario Chaires sparked Mayfield's two baseball wins over Gadsden with six hits in eight at-bats, including a three-run homer. Mayfield's two winning scores were identical, 7-6.

10
years ago
1997

• The city approved the Parkview company purchase of 18 acres in the West Mesa Industrial Park for \$270,000. The company manufactured stamped metal parts for

industrial use.

• The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the construction of a 221 recreational vehicle park between Avenida de Mesilla and Boutz Road. In response to opposition, developer Larry Scheffield said that it had never been a "green zone."

• Marie Lackey hit a two-run double as the Las Cruces High School girls softball team edged Oñate 3-4.

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

Gus Macker is back on the court

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament will begin Saturday, April 28, in Las Cruces.

Gabe Ruiz, coordinator of the event, said that Gus Macker is the biggest basketball tournament west of the Mississippi River.

The tournament will be held at basketball courts set up on and next to Hadley Avenue, near the intersection with Hermosa Street.

Action begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, with opening

ceremonies at center court. Games will begin immediately afterwards, with a slam dunk contest beginning at noon.

Sunday, April 29, opens with a prayer service at 7:30 a.m., with regular games starting at 8 a.m. The men's and women's finals will begin at approximately 5 p.m.

The event, which drew a population of 25,000 people to support the 443 teams in 2006, is anticipated to pull in 32,000 friends and family members of the 481 competing teams in 2007.

"We want to thank the Hispano Chamber of Commerce for bringing the Gus Macker tournament to Las

Cruces. The event keeps getting bigger and bigger, and it brings a lot of revenue to the area," Ruiz said.

Free and open to the public, the Gus Macker tournament is a tobacco-free, alcohol-free environment that is family friendly, according to Ruiz.

There will be 17 vendors at the tournament offering food, refreshments and specialty souvenirs, such as customized team pictures and Gus Macker toys.

"It takes the efforts of so many different entities to make this tournament happen," Ruiz said. "The community really comes together as a whole to make this happen."

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Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace speaks at the prayer tent across from City Hall during the 2006 National Day of Prayer.

National Day of Prayer unites Las Cruces

Annual event brings city together in common faith

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The 56th annual National Day of Prayer (NDP), an event that unites Christians throughout the United States through the power of prayer, will be held in Las Cruces on Thursday, May 3.

The day will begin in the City of Crosses at 6:45 a.m. with a prayer breakfast at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, conference center.

Tickets for the prayer breakfast are \$15 and can be purchased at local churches, Chapter & Verse Bookstore, 1300 El Paseo Road, and Santa Maria Catholic Bookstore, 555 Utah Ave.

A noon prayer will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. at the flag pole across from City Hall. A shaded area will be provided, along with sandwiches, fruit and water. Admission to the noon prayer is free and open to the public.

Throughout the city, prayer tents will be located in prominent locations:

- McDonald's, 4810 Mesa Grande Drive
- Church Triumphant, 2020 N. Valley Drive
- Downtown Mall
- Heart for the World Vineyard Church, 522 E. Idaho Ave.
- Wal-Mart, 1550 S. Valley Drive
- University Church of Christ, 1555 E. University Ave.
- Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St.
- Wal-Mart, 571 Walton Drive
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The theme of this year's NDP is from II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

The meaning of this, as told by the NDP organizers, "America, Unite in Prayer."

Las Cruces will be uniting with 120 churches participating on some level, according to Maria Sutton, Las Cruces NDP coordinator.

"We have really seen the body of Christ participating more than ever before," she said. "We live in a very Christian community."

On a national level, the NDP will be lead by Honorary Chairman Dr. Charles Swindoll, chancellor of the Dallas Theological Seminary.

Swindoll, along with NDP Chairman Shirley Dobson and Focus on the Family founder Dr. James Dobson, will lead the United States in prayer from the steps on the White House from noon to 3 p.m. (Eastern Time).

For more information about the National Day of Prayer, visit www.ndptf.org.

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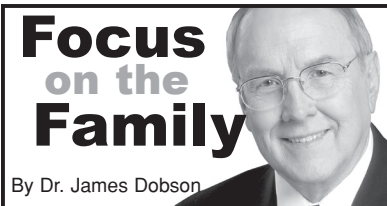
Is it possible to love someone and not feel it?

It certainly is – because love is more than a feeling. It is primarily a decision. Married couples who misunderstand this point will have serious problems when the feeling of love disappears for a time. Couples who genuinely love each other will experience times of closeness, times when they feel apathetic, and times when they are irritated and cranky. That's just the way emotions operate. What then will hold them steady as their feelings bounce all over the landscape? The source of constancy is a commitment of the will. You simply make up your mind not to be blown off the limb by fluctuating and unreliable emotions.

...

When it comes to raising teenagers, you have said that parents should pick and choose what is worth fighting for, and settle for something less than perfection on issues that don't really matter. I think I understand what you're recommending. You're not suggesting that my husband and I let our kid run wild. Instead, we should choose our battles carefully and not push her into further rebellion by trying to make her something she can't be right now.

That's it. The philosophy we applied with our teenagers (and you might try with yours) can be called "loosen and tighten." By this I mean we tried to loosen our grip on everything that had no lasting significance, and tighten down on everything that did. We said "yes" whenever we possibly could, to give support to the occasional "no." And



By Dr. James Dobson

most important, we tried never to get too far away from our kids emotionally.

It is simply not prudent to write off a son or daughter, no matter how foolish, irritating, selfish or insane a child may seem to be. You need to be there, not only while their canoe is bouncing precariously, but after the river runs smooth again. You have the remainder of your life to reconstruct the relationship that is now in jeopardy. Don't let anger fester for too long. Make the first move toward reconciliation. And try hard not to hassle your kids. They hate to be nagged. If you follow them around with one complaint after another, they are almost forced to protect themselves by appearing deaf.

And finally, continue to treat them with respect, even when punishment or restrictions are necessary. Then wait for the placid water in your relationship during their early 20s.

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When my husband and I were dating, we could talk for hours about anything and everything. Now that we're married, we go out to dinner and have nothing to say to each other. What has gone wrong? Richard just keeps his thoughts to himself.

Millions of couples experience that transformation. They talked

endlessly before marriage, but find themselves with little to say a few years after. When the courtship is over, some people find it very difficult to express their feelings openly and honestly.

As a general rule, this is more true of men than women. Research makes it clear that little girls are blessed with greater linguistic ability than little boys, and it remains a lifelong talent. Simply stated, she talks more than he. As an adult, she typically expresses her feelings and thoughts far better than her husband and is often irritated by his reticence. God may have given her 50,000 words per day and her husband only 25,000. He comes home from work with 24,975 used up and merely grunts his way through the evening. He may descend into Monday night football while his wife is dying to expend her remaining 25,000 words.

Every knowledgeable marriage counselor knows that the inability or unwillingness of husbands to reveal their inner thoughts to their wives is one of the common complaints of women. A wife wants to know what her husband is thinking and what happened at his office, and how he sees the children, and especially how he feels about her. The husband, by contrast, finds some things better left unsaid. It is a classic struggle.

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.

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry



Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, out of Richmond, Va., has been providing chaplains for America's jails and prisons for over 45 years. My name is David Beam, and I have been the Good News chaplain here at our own Doña Ana County Detention Center for 10 and a half years.

Our philosophy of ministry can be summed up in the phrase we often use, breaking the cycle of crime one life at a time. We firmly believe that for a genuine change to take place in an individual's life, there needs to be an inner spiritual transformation that can only come about by establishing a personal relationship to God through His Son, Jesus Christ.

In fact, Jesus himself was frequently criticized during his ministry for hanging out with the wrong crowd—those that were rejected, outcast and looked down upon by society. He responded on one occasion to this criticism saying, "Those that are well have no need for a physician, but those who are sick ... For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Matthew 9:12,13) Some might say, "Oh yeah, we know, everybody finds God in jail." Our ministry is not to

let the prisoners off the hook. But rather to show them how to be able to break the cycle of crime so that some day they can return to society a decent, law-abiding citizen.

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry is supported by gifts and donations from individuals, businesses and churches. It does not accept any tax dollars. Coming up next week on Tuesday, May 1, we will be celebrating our Eleventh Good News Banquet fundraiser at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. There will be a love offering at the end of the program.

All are cordially invited to attend an evening filled with special music, fine food, report on the ministry, testimonies and a challenge brought by Commander Ron Hager of the Cochise County Sheriffs Department in Bisbee, Ariz.

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Food Allergy Awareness Week starts May 13

Campaign focuses on keeping those with allergies healthy



Peanuts are one of the eight foods that account for 90 percent of all allergic reactions in the United States.

May 13 to 19 is Food Allergy Awareness Week and this year's campaign will focus on helping the 12 million Americans with food allergies learn how to avoid suffering a potentially fatal reaction. The slogan is "Learn how to be a PAL: Protect A Life from Food Allergies."

According to the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), which sponsors Food Allergy Awareness Week, food allergy is the leading cause of anaphylaxis (a severe and potentially fatal allergic reaction) outside the hospital setting, and results in more than 30,000 emergency room visits each year. The eight foods that account for 90 percent of all allergic reactions in the United States are:

- milk
- eggs
- peanuts
- tree nuts (walnuts, almonds, cashews, pistachios, pecans, etc.)
- wheat
- soy
- fish
- shellfish

"Over the last 10 years, we've seen a doubling of the incidence of food allergies in children," said Anne Muñoz-Furlong, FAAN CEO and founder. "Until there's a cure, it's critical that we all work together to protect these children."

Because most allergic reactions to food occur as a result of eating something that

was believed to be safe, it is especially important to learn how to "Be a PAL." The campaign recommends taking these steps:

- Never take food allergies lightly.
- Don't share food with friends who have food allergies.
- Wash hands after eating.
- Ask what your friends are allergic to, and help them avoid those foods.
- If a friend who has food allergies becomes ill, get help immediately.

"When it comes to food allergies, anyone can 'Be a PAL,'" said Muñoz-Furlong. "Food allergies impact every single American, and if we work together we can save lives."

Food Allergy Awareness Week comes on the heels of a mass visit to Washington, D.C., May 1-2, by more than 100 youths who have food allergies.

They will be traveling from across the nation, accompanied by their families, for the FAAN Kid's Congress on Capitol Hill, and will meet with legislators to get support for food allergy legislation, such as the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Act, which calls on the federal government to create national guidelines for managing students with food allergies. For more information about the FAAN Kid's Congress, Food Allergy Awareness Week, food allergy legislation, and food allergy in general by visiting FAAN's website at www.foodallergy.org.

About FAAN

Founded in 1991, the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN) is the world leader in information about food allergy, a potentially fatal condition that afflicts approximately 12 million Americans, or one out of every 25, and is rapidly increasing in prevalence. A nonprofit based in Fairfax, Va., FAAN has 30,000 members in the United States, Canada, and 62 other countries. The organization is dedicated to increasing public awareness of food allergy and its consequences, to educating people about the condition, and to advancing research on behalf of all those affected by it. FAAN provides information and educational resources about food allergy to patients, their families, schools, health professionals, pharmaceutical companies, the food industry, and government officials. The FAAN Medical Advisory Board, which reviews all of the organization's educational materials, is comprised of 14 of the leaders in food allergy science and medicine in the United States and Canada. In addition to its printed materials, FAAN also sponsors such awareness programs as Food Allergy Awareness Week, the Mariel C. Furlong Awards for Making a Difference, food allergy conferences, and fundraising walks. For more information, please visit FAAN at www.foodallergy.org, www.faankids.org, and www.faanteen.org.

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New name for care center

The Memory Care Center at the Village of Northrise has changed its name to The Alzheimer's Care Center at the Village of Northrise.

This name change is one of the many developmental program changes that are taking place within the center, according to a news release.

The Alzheimer's Care Center, which is implementing programs so that the residents will have a better quality of life, provides an alternative in residential health-

care for residents with Alzheimer's or similar conditions. With the development of these programs, every aspect of the center, from the décor to the meals to the quiet atmosphere, will create a soothing, homelike setting and lifestyle that promote dignity and allow memory-impaired residents to live life to the fullest.

For more information about the Alzheimer's Care Center, call Donna Ramzy, Alzheimer's program director, at 522-1110.

Cell phones and other factors distract drivers

Driver distraction leads to an estimated 1.2 million crashes nationwide annually

The following article is reprinted from the Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

When it comes to someone driving while distracted, cell phones seem to get all the bad press. And some of it is well deserved.

Distractions and inattention while driving are estimated to cause 1.2 million crashes – about 25 percent of all crashes – on roads nationwide. One estimate says cell phones contribute to about 60,000 auto accidents a year in the United States.

But according to the February issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter, other distractions are even more dangerous. Eating, looking at a map, reaching for something and watching something outside your car, such as an auto accident scene, are some of the more common distractions that are least as likely, or more likely – to lead to an auto accident.

What is the worst distraction? Reaching for a moving object inside the car, according to a study on driver distractions published last year. Researchers equipped 100 cars with a camera that filmed the driver and a sensor system that detected accidents or near accidents. The cars were driven a cumulative distance

of about 2 million miles by 241 different drivers. In that time, there were 82 crashes and 761 near crashes.

Researchers determined that reaching for a moving object inside the car increased the crash or near-crash risk eight times. Looking at something outside the car increased risk 3.7 times. Dialing a cell phone increased risk 2.8 times. Eating, reaching for an object or talking on a cell phone increased risk 1.5 times.

Eliminating every distraction may not be feasible, but drivers can minimize risk with these safe-driving tips.

- Cage, leash or harness a pet before traveling.
- If you must eat or drink, have a passenger hand you items or arrange them within easy reach.
- Take time before you drive to adjust the seat, mirrors, seat belt and radio.
- Pull over when you talk on the cell phone. If you must talk and drive, keep conversations brief and have a passenger dial. Use

a headset for added safety.

For more information about the Mayo Clinic Health Letter, visit <http://healthletter.mayoclinic.com>.



Around Town

Health events and support groups

■ CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT

The next meeting of the Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group will be held on Sunday, May 13.

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as one million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet, and surgery. The primary symptoms are: fatigue, painful intestinal cramping, and diarrhea. The support group focuses on sharing coping strategies and listening to each other. It is an opportunity to be with others who understand the nature of long-term illness. Friends and family members welcome. The Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meets the second Sunday of every month from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Community Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.

■ ANXIETY AND CANCER

Dr. Wynn Broms, clinical psychologist, will present "Anxiety & Cancer: The Circular Relationship" at the Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Saturday, April 28.

The meeting will be held in the Community Education Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Sign-in and coffee will be held from 9:30 to 10 a.m., and the meeting will start at 10 a.m.

These meetings are open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers and anyone wishing to learn more about breast cancer. For information, call 521-4794.

■ 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.

■ 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.

■ LA LECHE LEAGUE

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

■ YOGA CLASS

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

■ GIFT OF LIFE

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

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

■ DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR

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.

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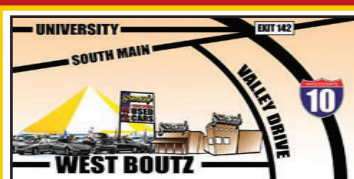


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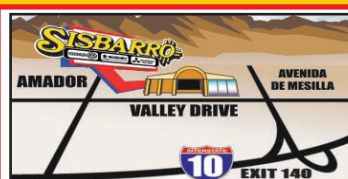


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Quality NM focuses on improving businesses

CEO encourages local involvement

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As an organization "committed to a state of excellence," Quality New Mexico president and CEO recently visited Las Cruces to encourage small businesses to achieve excellence.

During a presentation Monday, Julia Gabaldón introduced the organization to members of the Las Cruces community, which included Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance President Steve Vierck, Pioneer Bank Las Cruces Market President Kiel Hoffman and representatives from First National Bank, Wells Fargo and New Mexico State University.

Quality New Mexico, started in Las Cruces 1991 after planning from U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and Motorola Senior Executive Vice President Chris Galvin, has focused on improving New Mexico businesses by rewarding company excellence. The awards are modeled after the Malcolm Baldrige Award for Performance Excellence, named after the 1986 U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

"Quality New Mexico's mission is to improve New Mexico's economic competitiveness," Gabaldón said. "We use Malcolm Baldrige Award criteria as a model. It's the best model in the world."

Designing assessments around the Baldrige award, Quality New Mexico has three levels of excellence. Any organization – nonprofit, health care-related, educational and those in the private sector – with five employees or more can submit applications. Each assessment is carefully reviewed by examiners, which are members of the statewide business community who have gone through extensive three-day training, which Gabaldón called a "mini-MBA."

"The whole process is really a self-assessment," she said. "Examiners review them and provide feedback."

She said there are three levels of quality businesses can achieve through Quality New Mexico, and all levels are molded by Malcolm Baldrige Award criteria.

"This is the business model

See **Quality NM** on PAGE B4

Communities plan conservation

Snow pack runoff gradually diminishing

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

With limited water resources, lower Rio Grande communities are anticipating water problems rather than reacting when problems occur.

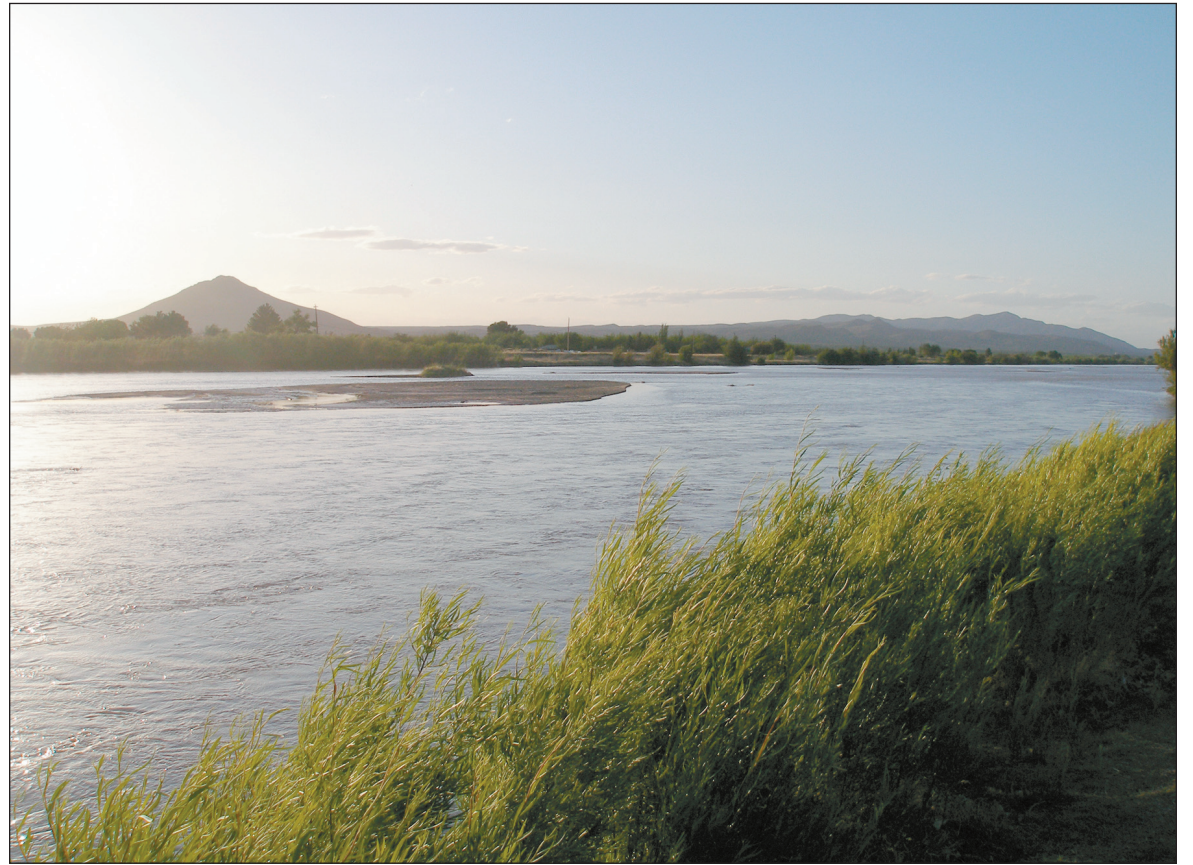
The Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization brings together the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, Elephant Butte Irrigation District, New Mexico State University, the town of Mesilla, the village of Hatch and all of the Mesilla Valley domestic water users associations, association president Carl Wood said.

"The reason for the organization's existence is to bring together all water providers in Doña Ana County to deal with water problems, quality and quantity, flooding, drought, reuse, waste water treatment and desalination," Wood said. "We monitor water policy laws, including the need for new ones, and how the existing ones affect us."

Wood also is the Water Resources and Research Institute director. The WRRI is located on the New Mexico State University campus.

One resource stabilizing possibility is the Aquifer and Recovery Sites (ASR) program, also called "water banking."

The City of Las Cruces and Lower Rio Grande Water User Organization commissioned John Shomaker and Associates in 2002 to make an aquifer storage



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Dispatchers at the Elephant Butte Irrigation District are busy taking irrigation orders as the Rio Grande flows toward diversion dams. The Board of Directors will consider the final 2007 allotment at its May meeting.

and recovery assessment for the Mesilla and Jornada Basins.

The Shomaker study showed that there is possibility for ASR sites in the two basins, according to the consultant report shared

by the Las Cruces Utilities Department.

Mesilla Basin:
Western portion – Township 25 South, Range 1 East (sur-

veyor terms). Site is west of Mesquite, relatively far from the Rio Grande, reducing the chance for injected water to be lost to the shallow ground-water systems. A

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Unique partnership benefits border region

Las Cruces hosts bi-national conference

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, the New Mexico Community Foundation and The Synergos Institute hosted a conference April 18-20 to raise awareness to philanthropy issues that are unique to the border region.

The conference, which brought approximately 100 people to Las Cruces, had a theme of "Nearing a New Beginning: Border Community Foundations in Action Together," and focused on issues such as community health, community development and child abuse.

"Between 2001 and 2005, seven children died as a result of child abuse," said Stephanie Johnson-Burick, executive director of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico. "It has been identified as a critical issue in the community."

The three groups are partners of the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership, which focuses on improving the quality of low-income border families and communities by strengthening the region's community

foundations.

Throughout the region – along the U.S.-Mexico border from California to Texas – there are 21 community foundations in the partnership, which has generated more than \$15 million with funding from 12 national, regional and international supporters from the United States and Mexico, according to a press release.

"The partnership is critical for addressing these issues. National community foundations have come together to improve the quality of life," said New Mexico Community Foundation Executive Director Bob Stark. "We've invested \$4 million in the last five years, and we plan to invest \$5 million more in the next four years."

One of the goals of the Border Philanthropy Partnership conference was to create permanent funds for each community foundation on both sides of the border. Claudia Basurto of the Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad (International Community Foundation), headquartered in Tijuana, Baja California, said there were only 30 community foundations in Mexico, and the United States is 200 years ahead. She said health care is



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State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia was a special guest who took part in the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership's learning conference, held April 18-20 in Las Cruces. The conference focused on addressing philanthropy issues unique to the border region.

a "transcultural" issue, and the border is a transcultural region – another reason a collaboration like this was important.

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New neighbors Computer Career Center

Computer Career Center welcomed the public to visit its new Las Cruces branch with an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, April 18. President Lee Chayes cut the ribbon among Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Jim Berry (far left), GLCCC Conquistadores, Amber Borrego (holding the proclamation), Computer Career Center Advisory Board member Charles Berry, Las Cruces Branch Director Steven Wheeler and Admission Specialist Gracie Reyes. The new branch is located at 850 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite G.

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ON THE AGENDA

Business on the Border Forum

The May meeting of the MVEDA Business on the Border Forum will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn Columbus Conference Center. The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by an update from MVEDA staff. Steve Newby and Heather Pollard from Las Cruces Main Street Downtown will present updates on the progress of the downtown revitalization project. Luncheon cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. The meeting is open to the public and reservations are not required.

Date: Tuesday, May 1
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn
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MVEDA Regional Economic Development Forum

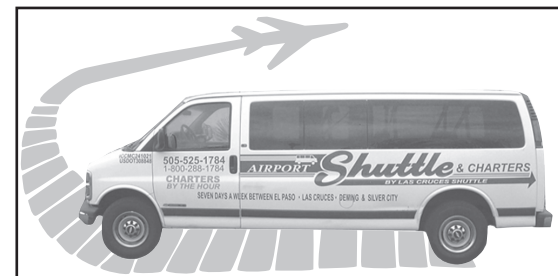
The Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) is hosting its second annual Regional Economic Development Forum on Friday, May 4 at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces. The forum will include reports from MVEDA regarding its current activities and initiatives; a panel of national site selection consultants and local employers discussing the area's advantages and obstacles to continued economic growth; and a report on an exciting new workforce development initiative. Thomas Berard, director of White Sands Missile Range, will be the luncheon speaker. He will give an update on some of the exciting new opportunities at the range, including Future Combat Systems initiatives.

Registration for the event is \$25 per person and due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. The last day to register is Friday, April 27. Registration information is available from the MVEDA office.

Date: Friday, May 4
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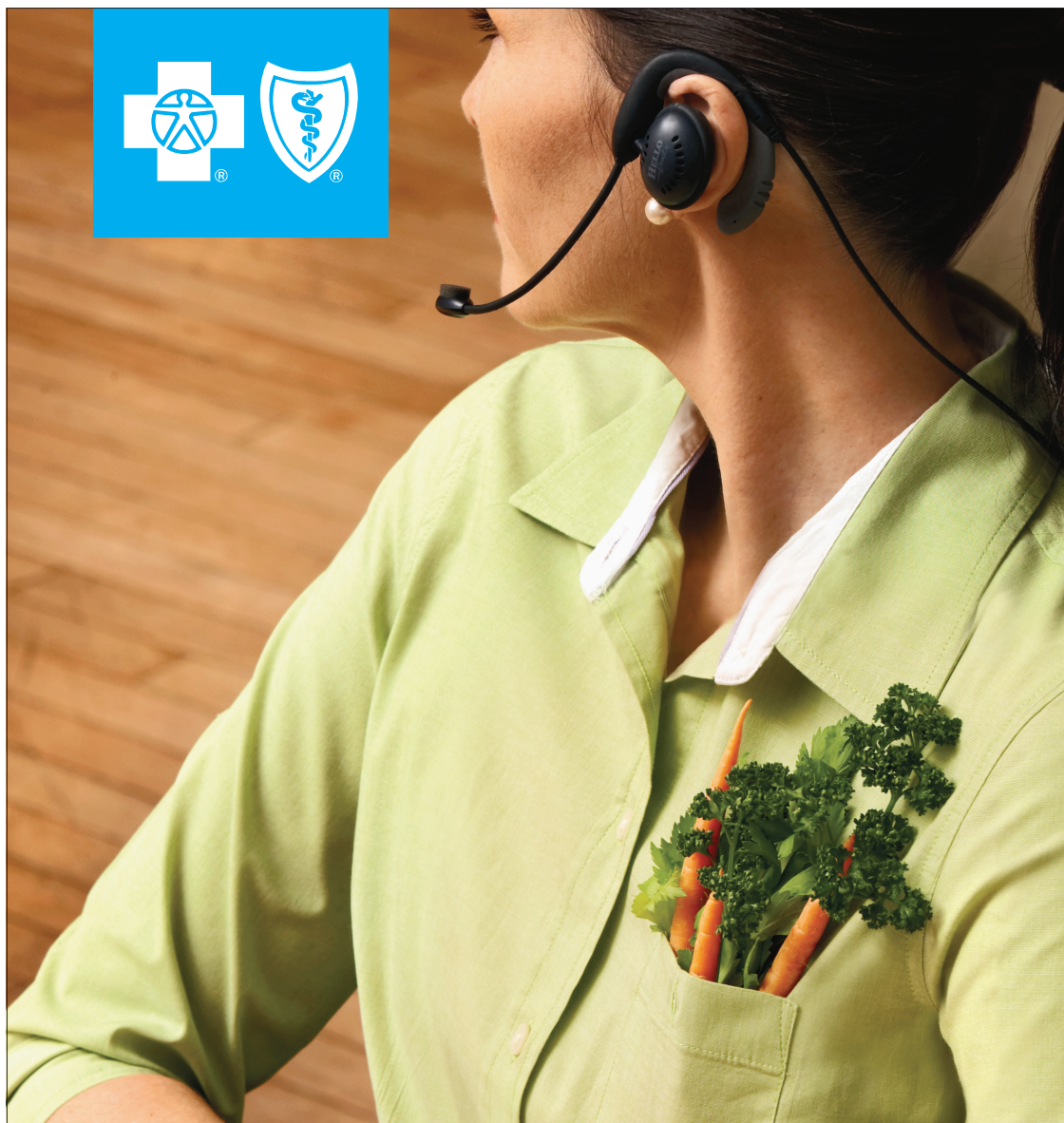


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Every industry has its areas of specialization, and real estate is no exception. At last count, an estimated 2.6 million individuals currently hold real estate licenses issued by one of America's 50 individual states, possessions or territories. Approximately 1.3 million of those licensees are members of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and are authorized to carry the Realtor designation.

As members of the NAR, Realtors may choose to take advantage of additional training in general real estate practice or in particular areas of specialization. The NAR has nine affiliated institutes, societies and councils that provide a wide-ranging menu of programs and services that assist members in increasing skills, productivity and knowledge. To the surprise of the general public and some Realtors, there is an official NAR designation for practically every specialty area in the real estate industry.

How many areas of real estate specialization are recognized by the Realtor organization? In all, 20 individual designations are currently available to Realtor members, with a couple more slated for introduction in the near future. What are these areas of specialization? Let's take an alphabetical tour through the list.



Accredited Buyer Representative or ABR. is first on the list. The Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council (REBAC) is the largest association within NAR with over 40,000 members. Agents with this designation have completed classes on buyer needs and have passed a test and provided documentation of experience representing buyers.



Accredited Buyer Representative Manager or ABRM. Office owners, brokers, and managers earn this designation by completing educational courses and providing documentation of past buyer agent management experience.



Accredited Land Consultant or ALC. Agents with this designation are the recognized experts in five types of land brokerage: (1) farms & ranches; (2) undeveloped tracts of land; (3) transitional and development land; (4) subdivision and wholesaling of lots; and (5) site selection and assemblage of land parcels. They obtain the designation through educational classes.



Certified Commercial Investment Member or CCIM. The approximately 7,500 agents who carry this designation are the recognized experts in commercial real estate brokerage, leasing, and valuation and investment analysis principally in North America, but also in Asia and Europe. Another 7,500 agents are cur-

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Realtor designations enhance skills, knowledge and income

rently candidates for the designation, which is backed by a respected education program and superior technology.



Certified International Property Specialist or CIPS. The CIPS network is comprised of 1,500 real estate professionals from 50 countries who deal in all types of real estate, but with a focus on the "international" market. Some agents travel abroad, while others assist foreign investors or help local buyers abroad. CIPS may also serve immigrants in their local communities.



Certified Property Manager or CPM. This designation helps property managers acquire valuable management skills that give them the competitive edge in every area of real estate management. They acquire the designation through educational offerings from the Institute of Real Estate Management.



Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager or CRB. The Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers makes available this designation, which is awarded to Realtors who have completed the Council's advanced educational and professional requirements. CRB designation holders consistently increase their level of industry knowledge, advance their rearing and career potential and increase their firm's profitability.



Certified Residential Specialist or CRS. Just over 35,000 Realtors currently carry the CRS designation, which is awarded to experienced agents who complete advanced training in listing and selling, and meet rigorous home-sale production requirements. The designation, first awarded in 1977, is a product of NAR's Council of Residential Specialists.



Counselor of Real Estate or CRE. Only about 1,100 practitioners throughout the world currently carry the CRE designation. Members of this elite group of internationally recognized professionals provide objective advice on real property and land related matters.



General Accredited Appraiser or GAA. This designation is awarded to general appraisers whose education and experience exceed state appraisal certification requirements. It is a product of the National Association of Realtors.



Graduate Realtors Institute or GRI. Realtors holding this designation are involved in residential real estate and are in pursuit of a solid base of information for their practices.



Performance Management Network or PMN. This new designation brings real-world skills that keep them on top of their respective markets. Skills required for this award include: negotiating strategies and tactics, networking and referrals, business planning & systems, personal performance management and cultural differences in buying and selling. This designation is awarded by the Women's Council or Realtors.



Realtors Association Certified Executive or RCE. Realtor associations from coast to coast are administered by folks who we refer to as Association Executives. Only those AE's that are interested in demonstrating commitment to the field of Realtor Association Management pursue this designation.



Residential Accredited Appraiser or RAA. Similar to the GAA designation, this award is obtained by appraisers whose education and experience exceed state appraisal certification requirements.



Senior Real Estate Specialist or SRES. This designation is awarded to Realtors who seek to specialize in the needs of those of us who are age 50 and over. Modules include how to ethically and profitably serve the needs of our older clients and customers.



Society of Industrial and Office Realtors or SIOR. Individuals certified with this designation are top producers in industrial and office real estate brokerage. The 2,800 members of this organization operate in 480 cities in 20 countries on six continents. The Society's mandatory recertification requirement assures clients that his or her agent excels in the field.



At Home With Diversity Certification or AHWD. This certification puts the public on notice that those certified have been professionally trained and are sensitive to a wide range of cultural issues inviting a wider volume of business from a greater variety of cultures.



Electronic Professional or E-PRO. Realtors holding this designation have been trained and certified as Internet Professionals. In addition to understanding internet technology, this certification also addresses internet communication and client services.



Real Estate Professional Assistant or REPA. This comprehensive course provides an in-depth introduction to the real estate business and specific ways support staff can become valuable assets to their employers.



Resort and Second-Home Markets Certification or RSPS. Looking for a specialist to handle your second home or vacation home needs? This designation assures clients that agents are up-to-date on the state of second-home markets and the intricacies of the tax-deferred exchanging of properties.



Transnational Referral Certification or TRC. The goal of this designation is to train agents to make and receive compensated international referrals using the Transnational Referral system developed by NAR and the International Consortium of Real Estate Associations. Awardees pledge to follow a code of conduct in business dealings.

In addition to adding a few letters at the end of one's name on a business card, statistics show that Realtors who carry at least one designation also have higher incomes than do agents who don't pursue a designation. According to the 2005 National Association of Realtors Member Profile survey, Realtors with a designation earned a median income of \$82,900 while members without a designation had a median income of \$40,900. If that's not enough to inspire you to read the letters at the end of your agent's name, I don't know what will.

See you at closing!

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Water resource

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series of volcanic-rock intrusions are present along a fault line, providing a low hydraulic-conductivity barriers that could help contain injected water.

East of city well field – T23 south, R2 east. Draw-downs caused by city water pumping have created a cone of depression that can be used to store injected water. Pumping is in place to recover injected water. Some wells could be used for dual purposes, injecting or recovering ASR water. An ASR project at this site would provide control of ground-water contamination.

Central portion – T24 south, R1 and 2 east, south of Mesilla. A saturated thickness to allow ASR injected water deep in the aquifer, reducing loss of injected water to shallow ground water or surface water systems.

Jornada Basin:

Southern portion – Township 22 south, Range 2 and 3 east. East of Doña Ana where cones of depression have developed by pumping along Interstate 70. Cones of depression are expected to expand and would provide good storage for water. An existing well field will recover injected water and the possibility of using some wells as dual-purpose wells. Existing infrastructure for distributing recovered water.

East portion, T21 south, Range 2 and 3 east, east of Radium Springs and Highway 70. Few wells in this basin that would provide the opportunity for new wells that are specifically designed for ASR service.

The El Paso Public Service Office also is demonstrating what can be accomplished in water conservation with a water bank system that is modified from the traditional operation. In the traditional system the communities inject water into the ground and pull water out of the same well without mingling it with native ground-water, Water Resources Manager Bill Hutchinson said.

“What we do is take water from the Fred Harvey Water Reclamation Plant that has been treated to drinking water standards, and it goes to three places,” Hutchinson said.

The Newman Power Plant for cooling; the Painted Dunes Golf Course for irrigation, and a small series of injection wells are, “more of a ground water recharging project,” Hutchinson said.

EBID engineer consultant Phil King was been monitoring ASR programs, and he noted:

“ASR is taking access water, whatever, affluent, runoff and water that otherwise is not used and injecting it into an aquifer for future use.”

The New Mexico Office of the State Engineer is currently conducting an adjudication process on water rights ownership. The adjudication will establish:

Where the water is being used; source of the water, and number of acres that are being irrigated.

Many farmers are concerned about the OSE mandate that requires them to install meters on their irrigation wells to measure and record water pumping. The OSE responded to the concerns in a public hearing meeting a few months ago by noting in its information sheet:

“The OSE is putting the tools in place that will enable New Mexicans to control their water future by protecting and fully using our water resources. Metering is the first step because we cannot manage a finite resource or protect water rights if we do not know how much water is being used.”

The OSE also contends that New Mexico needs the information to provide evidence that will stand up in court to protect water rights owners in possible suits. El Paso has won a legal complaint that it had filed against New Mexico’s Pecos Valley, charging that the district was not providing the amount of water to Texas as mandated by law, the OSE reminded.

And Mesilla Valley farmers do not need to be reminded that precipitation and water supplies here are erratic.

As of this week, there have been only traces of rain in the area. The scant April precipitation that has been reported by volunteers with the New Mexico Climate Center ranged from .0 to .07 of an inch. The center is located at New Mexico State University, but it has more than 50

volunteers monitoring precipitation gauges throughout the county.

The Las Cruces area has received .21 of an-inch of rain this year, and the normal precipitation through April is 1.25 inches, according to the National Agricultural Statistical Service.

The long-range precipitation outlook is not encouraging, according to the National Weather Service in Albuquerque. New Mexico has been influenced by the El Niño and La Niña weather patterns that are formed in the South Pacific.

“El Niño allowed snow in the northern New Mexico mountains, and then it pulled out in February and March,” forecaster Ed Polasko reported. “But now, it looks like La

Niña is headed here that would argue for a below normal precipitation for spring. La Niña is not correlated with summer rainfall. It doesn’t look very good for the Lower Rio Grande Basin, especially in the spring and fall.”

Those kind of predictions make the Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board of Directors conservative in setting farmer irrigation quotas. The present allocation is 18 inches. The board will consider setting the final 2007 quota at its May meeting.

“We’re hoping to have two feet, but it’s too hard to predict now,” EBID Manager Gary Esslinger said. “Right now, we’re kind of between waves. The farmers have their cotton and corn in and irrigated. Later, there’ll be another

big irrigation.

“A good monsoon season would help because we wouldn’t have to call on the storage in the reservoirs.”

The snow runoff from earlier storms continues to flow, and the Rio Grande flow at San Marcial had increased to 1,323 cubic-feet per second, 54 percent of normal flow for this time of year. Last week, the storage at Elephant Butte was 581,498 acre-feet, 29 percent of capacity, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Division.

(An acre-foot of water covers one acre of land a foot deep and contains 325,900 gallons.)

The Rio Grande Basin snow pack is 59 percent of average compared with 37 percent last year.

A good monsoon season would help...

GARY ESSLINGER,
EBID Manager

Border

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“We have a lot to learn and a lot to teach, because we belong to the border,” Basurto said. “We’re going to be together for a long time to come.”

Kristine Sandrick, board member of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, said it was important for people to truly understand what mission a community foundation serves.

“The community foundation concept is difficult to understand. It’s an abstract concept,” she said. “But it works well for donors and nonprofit organizations.”

She said a community foundation is a nonprofit organization that serves a public charity with a long-term goal of providing permanent funds for community organizations. Funded by local, state and federal grants as well as support from private donors, the community foundation – with a board of directors comprised of local citizens – serves the community as a whole, evaluating and coordinating its needs and services.

By investing in a community foundation, donors can contribute toward a cause

the foundation supports by setting up endowments, or “savings accounts,” with funds only to be invested in programs that fall under that category.

“Donors can give to the community foundation and let the community foundation manage the endowment and distribution to agencies,” she said.

Sandrick said the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico funds 30 nonprofit organizations in the area, including ChildSafe/NiñosSeguros and specific programs in the Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico. Sandrick said the Border Philanthropy Partnership was important to give each community foundation the opportunity to work together.

“One community foundation cannot meet all the needs of the communities on our border,” she said.

Having a partnership also opens the doors for other donors.

“BPP is a unique opportunity for Ford to join national and international donors that span the entire U.S.-Mexico border region,” said Linetta Gilbert, senior program officer for the Ford Foundation. “This particular collaboration gives a chance to partner with local foundations to improve quality of life.”



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About 100 civic and nonprofit leaders attended the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership’s learning conference April 18-20 in Las Cruces. The conference focused on addressing social issues unique to the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Quality NM

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to determine high-performing organizations,” she said. “We provide the questions, and businesses answer them. Examiners list strengths and opportunities for improvement under each category.”

The Piñon Assessment addresses the processes and systems that the organizations has to achieve excellence. Questions addressing critical decisions, strategic planning and customer satisfaction are on the application. Examiners can provide an on-site evaluation or provide a written feedback report for the company.

The Roadrunner Assessment addresses the same issues as the Piñon, but uses more detailed information from the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence to evaluate the organization further.

The Zia Assessment – the highest level of achievement – focuses on customer satisfaction, effective strategic planning and improvement sustainability, among other detailed criteria.

Businesses that have achieved any one of those levels will receive an award during an annual banquet, which features speakers who represent organizations who have received Baldrige awards or awards given by Quality New

Mexico.

Gabaldón said it’s not just the award that matters.

“It’s getting the team together to answer these questions,” she said. “It’s really about improving your business. The award is just icing on the cake.”

Gabaldón said she’d like to see more Las Cruces businesses achieve a status of excellence. New Mexico State University’s Master of Business Administration program received Piñon recognition last year.

She encouraged local businesses to apply for national recognition as well.

“Can you imagine businesses in Las Cruces achieving excellence and maintaining excellence?” she asked. “Because we want to leave a legacy, right?”

She said becoming an examiner will help recognize the qualities in businesses that create excellence, and last year, out of approximately 230 examiners, four were from Las Cruces.

“The opportunity is tremendous for businesses and organizations in your community,” she said. “Examiners come back to their business, and they become internal consultants. People across the state are really buying into this.”

“You get more knowledge with business,” added Jim Easley of Wells Fargo Bank in Las Cruces and Quality New Mexico board member. “(The business community) can participate in many ways.”

The opportunity is tremendous for businesses in your community.

JULIA GABALDÓN,
Quality New Mexico CEO

At the Las Cruces Association of Realtors awards banquet

Local realtors honored for contributions

Local realtors took some time off to celebrate their industry on April 17. Some 160 realtors and their affiliates spent an elegant evening at Las Cruces Association of Realtors' annual awards banquet at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn. Perhaps in keeping with all those contracts in black and white, the theme was a "Back to Basics" black-and-white ball, and the room was indeed full of black-and-white fashion from black tuxes to white lace.

Lively entertainment was provided by the talented NMSU DanceSport Company, which included Jesus Cisneros, Angel Favela, Jennie Giron and Alicia Padilla.

The highlight of the occasion was the announcement of this year's award winners. The Realtor's Choice award went to Shelly Sanders (assistant vice president of mortgage loans with First National Bank); it was presented by Mark Stuve, last year's Affiliate's Choice Award recipient. The Affiliate's Choice Award went to Marcie Palmer (with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate) and was presented by Lola Cunningham, last year's Realtors Choice Recipient. The Citizen of the Year award went to Amy Hummer and was presented by Mike Julian. The Realtor of the Year award went to Michelle Martin (with Steinborn GMAC Real Estate) and was presented by Connie Hettinga, last year's recipient and current president of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors. The winners of the prestigious awards were congratulated by family and colleagues.

Michelle Martin was the Affiliate's Choice Award recipient in 2005 and is a second-generation realtor and is well into her second decade representing the real estate market. She has been exceptionally active in the real estate community. A member of the board of directors and chair of the Education Committee of Las Cruces Association of Realtors, she was an appointee to the New Mexico Real Estate Commission's Education Task Force in Albuquerque, and she is also a 2007 State Director for the Realtors Association of New Mexico. A former president of the Women's Council of Realtors in Las Cruces, she serves on a National Committee of the WCR and has been awarded the Performance Management Network designation by the national WCR.

The awards banquet was an opportunity to recognize the contributions of our local real estate professionals as well as mix and mingle with colleagues in the industry. The event and others have been greatly assisted by 2007 LCAR sponsors who include Platinum Sponsors Emerick Real Estate, Inc., Exit Horizons Realty, Steinborn GMAC Real Estate, Gold Sponsor Citizens Bank, and Silver Sponsors Century 21 All Stars, Cunningham Services, LLC, Doña Ana Title Company, First New Mexico Bank, Karin Davidson, and Mountain States Escrow.



The Las Cruces Association of Realtors awards banquet was held Tuesday, April 17, at the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn. Award winners from left are: Shelly Sanders of First National Bank, Realtor's Choice Award; Marcie Palmer of Steinborn Inc. Realtors, Affiliate's Choice Award; Amy Hummer of Steinborn Inc. Realtors, Citizen of the Year Award; and Michelle Martin of Steinborn Inc. Realtors, Realtor of the Year.



Roger Holt, Kelly Coffeen of Emerick Realty and Aaron Perez



Above: Muriel Vandenoever, Jeanette Harris and LCAR President Connie Hettinga



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Brenda Parish, John Mitchener, Lester Frank and Renee Frank



Entertainment was provided by New Mexico State University DanceSport Company. From left to right: Jesus Cisneros, Jennie Giron, Alicia Padilla and Angel Favela.

Left: Brandy Furr and Cathy Jaramillo

IN GOOD COMPANY: NAI 1ST VALLEY REALTY

Working hand-in-hand on each project

NAI 1st Valley Realty specializes in commercial real estate

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's a little-known fact that NAI 1st Valley Realty is one of the only real estate companies that specializes exclusively in commercial real estate, or that the company has successfully thrived for almost 30 years under the leadership of third-generation Las Cruces Randy McMillan.

Upon graduating from Las Cruces High School, McMillan headed straight to the New Mexico Real Estate Institute and became a real estate broker at the age of 18.

"At that time, I was the youngest broker in New Mexico," he said.

He started his career in Albuquerque selling houses, but he found he wasn't very successful.

"I sold one house in six months," he said. "I realized that was not my forte."

He came back to Las Cruces, where he was born and raised. His father, Arnold, owned Drum Appliance on El Paseo Road across the street from the current movie theater, which was once a drive-in theater. His mother, Jodi, was also well known in the community.

McMillan continued his career in real estate, but instead of listing a home on the market, he listed a duplex with his grandfather.

"I enjoyed working on that," McMillan said. "Based on the numbers, I started seeking other income properties."

He worked for other real estate firms as a commercial real estate broker for about a year before he started 1st Valley Realty in 1979.

From there, McMillan said he went from

duplexes to fourplexes, and from 50-unit apartments to a portfolio with 2,000 apartments. The fact that his family was well known in Las Cruces lent to the company's early success.

"My biggest asset has been the reputation my father left me," he said. "I would make cold calls at night, and I would rarely get past three calls. Everyone would say, 'Are you Arnold's boy?' or 'Is Jodi your mom?' and it would immediately open the door. My dad still gets me in the door."

The booming Las Cruces economy and specializing only in commercial real estate also helps, and McMillan has also opened a property management company that employs 15.

"I'm in the right place at the right time," McMillan said. "I've only done commercial real estate since 1978, and that sets us apart. We're so exclusive. Investors want specialists."

Although he is qualified to sell residential real estate, McMillan said he even hired a residential broker when he bought his own house. He is working with Emerick Real Estate to serve as residential brokers for a condominium development handled by 1st Valley.

Dealing with just commercial real estate has also led to an open door to be part of the NAI Global network, the world's only managed network of commercial real estate firms. The firm has a network of 350 offices in 45 countries and generates more than \$40 billion in business each year.

"It really is a managed network. There are 70 people that want to support (the network) full time," McMillan said. "I can communicate with 5,000 brokers at NAI with the push of a button, and all they do is commercial real estate."

1st Valley Realty has been a member of NAI for a year, and the company's employees went through



David Blanchard, executive vice president of NAI Global, made a special visit to Las Cruces to give a two-day training session hosted by NAI 1st Valley Realty President Randy McMillan (right).

extensive NAI training last week. David Blanchard, NAI executive vice president, visited Las Cruces, where McMillan hosted a two-day training event that included brokers from NAI Mexico in Juarez and NAI The Vaughan Company in Albuquerque.

"NAI Global is excited to have offices in Las Cruces," Blanchard said. "We are so pleased to have NAI 1st Valley as our new partner. Their client-driven approach to customer service fits the profile of NAI companies around the world. Local clients win big with this kind of connectivity."

1st Valley Realty also specializes in market research, and McMillan said there is one employee dedicated to market research full time.

"The demographics are important," he said. "It shows how the economy is doing, and how long people stay in retail, office, multi-family residential property, mobile home parks, even residential developments. We've spent a great deal of time, money and effort on market research. We've done it for 25 years."

Long-term success from market research and commercial real estate listings has led to growth in the 1st Valley Realty company. In addition to its established seven brokers and six support staff – who specialize in their own category of commercial real estate – the business recently added several more positions.

Chief Operating Officer Annette Hicks joined the team six months ago from ProLogis in El Paso, Texas, which is the largest real estate investment trust in the world. She brings more than 25 years of experience in commercial real estate and property management, and she was project manager of all commercial property during the development of The Woodlands, Texas.

"We all work hand in hand on every project," Hicks said. "If we have a need outside of business, Randy will always support that. He is always teaching us, and that makes us so comfortable with what we do."

The company also added a brokerage marketing specialist position because of the amount of listings it now has. Rozilynn Mitchell has taken that position and handles much of the graphic design and website support needed in the company.

McMillan also will be adding two broker positions – Luke Ikard, who will be joining the team from Austin, Texas, and Steve Scott, who was at one time the top seller in the Phoenix, Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., areas.

"I made a decision to join the brokerage staff at NAI 1st Valley after careful, long-term consideration," Scott said. "I have known the owner for two-and-a-half years, and his personal faith-based philosophies carry over to the business practices in his office. There is a strong team feeling among the brokers and support staff, and I'm happy to be a part of the high-energy environment."

McMillan's faith-based philosophy stems from his strong involvement in the University Presbyterian Church, where he serves as deacon, sings in a quartet, is a member of the Foundation Committee and is involved in mission work.

"That's where most of my time outside of work goes," he said.

Doing mission work, McMillan has traveled twice to Uganda, and he will make his third trip May 20.

"The people are beautiful, inside and out," he said.

He has opened a 17,000-square-foot corn mill in Uganda, not to make money, but to give 15 people an employment opportunity.

"If it does profit, I will just reinvest the money there," he said.

McMillan also contributes to the Special Olympics, in which his daughter Jenna participates, MADD, the American Cancer Society, the New Mexico State University track team, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and several local ministries.

Although McMillan is adding new members to his team, his business philosophy has kept many of his employees around for several years, including broker David Ikard.

"Being born and raised in Las Cruces, I hope I have added to local knowledge and personal service that 1st Valley is known for and that I am proud to be a part of," Ikard said.

That philosophy has also worked for the newcomers, including Hicks.

"We don't compete. We share, and we work together," she said. "Randy makes us all part of his family."

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This week's featured properties

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Bonita Plaza: For Lease

Spaces still available ranging from 1000 SF to 1500 SF. Floor plans available for this complex close to Telshor and off Missouri. Plenty of parking available. Priced at \$10.50 per SF. Great value!

IN GOOD COMPANY: NAI 1ST VALLEY REALTY

Q & A: Talking business with President Randy McMillan

What inspired you to go into business?

I grew up working in a family business. My grandfather started Drum Appliance and my father owned and operated the company for many years. My father helped me start an ice company when I was 12 years old. He sold me the ice, the bag, and the tie for about ten cents. I had to bag the ice and then deliver it. I delivered ice on my bike after school throughout the neighborhood. Within a few years we were selling 400 bags a day to grocery stores and convenience stores and no, I did not deliver all of that ice on my bike.

What is unique about your business?

It is a family atmosphere, just like my dad's business was.

Who are your customers?

Local developers, banks, institutions and investors from all over the country.

How would you define success in the short term?

Meeting the needs of my clients, my employees and my family.

Where do you see the business in five years?

Like Las Cruces, I expect big things and I have positioned myself with NAI, the largest managed network of commercial brokers in the world, in order to meet the challenges ahead.

What is your business philosophy?

If the needs of my clients are met, then my needs will be met automatically.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

I am a member of many different commercial real estate organizations and I attend their events and educational offerings regularly. I also spend a great deal of time and money researching the market in an effort to provide my clients with the very best market information.

We have research on the multi-family market, retail market, and office market dating back 20 years.

What is the best part of your job?

I love finding creative ways to bring a buyer and seller together for a win – win transaction. I also really enjoy analyzing different investments or leases and helping my clients make good decisions based on the best information.

How are you marketing the company?

We have been a very quiet company, and since many of our assignments are confidential, much of what we do is not known nor will it ever be. Word of mouth from our clients to their friends and associates has kept us very busy. My participation in many professional organizations, and most importantly, our association with the NAI network has also brought business to our company.

What do you look for in an employee?

I try to hire people to do jobs that they enjoy doing and then pay them a wage that is more than fair. I have been blessed with the very best people around me. I do not view the people around me as employees. We work together and not for anyone, except for our clients.

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

Associating with NAI has given us the tools and the strength to compete with anyone. We truly do have "Global Reach and Local Knowledge" to meet the needs of our clients.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

I recently brought in Annette Hicks as chief operating officer. She has an extensive background in commercial real estate administration, and is the catalyst behind the systems and processes that are so important to the NAI organization.



Almost 30 people are employed at NAI 1st Valley Realty and NAI 1st Valley Management Group. Both companies are owned by third-generation Las Cruces Randy McMillan.

This has allowed me to refocus my time and energy to the commercial real estate sales and leasing.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

Find a need and be the very best at meeting that need.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

Las Cruces is poised to grow and expand greatly over the next 20 years. The efforts of Steve Vierck and Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance, along with the cooperative attitude of our city/county government and staff will ensure strong and well thought out growth for

the future. My hope and belief is that many of our local college graduates will not have to leave Las Cruces in order to find good jobs.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

Watching my father conduct business – he was the perfect mentor. He taught me about having a good work ethic and that putting the client first is the key to success.

What are your business goals?

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PROFILE

Tony Hernandez:

Helping patients get back on their feet

Rehab hospital CEO played integral role in starting local facility

BY NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 2004, Tony Hernandez, CEO of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, has played an important part in setting the groundwork for a much-needed facility in Las Cruces.

As founding CEO, his position is a unique one at the hospital, which welcomed its first patient in January 2005.

"I was actually part of the building project, the hiring and the initial direction of the hospital," Hernandez said.

As chief executive officer, Hernandez has the overall responsibility of the entire operation of the hospital. He oversees nine departments and 180 employees that work together to run the 40-bed facility.

"We have a great, patient-focused staff," Hernandez said. "Our food is good; it's part of the healing process. Our rehab specialists are out working with acute-care hospitals all over southern New Mexico. They do a great job in getting patients access to care."

Hernandez is the ultimate authority, so to speak, but according to hospital

employees, he does not manage that way.

"He keeps an open-door policy," said Phillip Leon, director of marketing. "He tries to transfer the success to his employees. That's important, and customer satisfaction is up."

"He fosters and cultivates an environment where employees can rise to their fullest potential," added Chief Financial Officer Jared Udall. "It's not hierarchical. We're all in it together."

"Respect is earned, not given based on the job we have," Hernandez said. "I'm not a soapbox guy. We're just trying to do good stuff here."

He said during the summer, employees participate in barbecues on paydays for an opportunity to "enjoy each other as much as we can."

The company also operates on nine principles, which contribute to the organization's success.

"We operate by those so we can remain passionate, patient caregivers," he said. "We post them throughout the hospital."

Hernandez brought his management style to Las Cruces after serving as CEO for a rehabilitation hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. He started his career in health care

in 1989 when he worked in a laboratory in an acute-care setting.

"I was always drawn to the ability to help people," Hernandez said.

He said Ernest Health Care, the hospital's parent organization, recognized the need for a rehabilitation hospital in Las Cruces, and the company now recognizes the need for a long-term, acute-care hospital for those who have suffered brain injuries or strokes.

"People want to recover close to home," he said. "And most patients are going to El Paso or Albuquerque."

As a result, the long-term, acute-care facility, Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico, will accept its first patient in July, Hernandez said.

Suzanne Quillen is CEO of the facility, and though both facilities are under Ernest Healthcare, Hernandez said they are "two separate, distinct hospitals."

As the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico continues to succeed under Hernandez's leadership, the community is beginning to recognize its contributions.

During the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces' annual awards banquet, the hospital was recognized as "Large Business of the Year."

The facility has housed more than 1,000 patients since it opened its doors, and the award came as a surprise to Hernandez.

"We try to keep things simple," he said. "It's about doing the right thing by our patients."

Though he is relatively new to Las Cruces, Hernandez has still made the effort to become an active member of the community since he moved here with his wife Becky, a dental hygienist, and their two daughters – Summer, 13, a student at Camino

Real Middle School; and Savannah, 11, a student at Desert Hills Elementary School. The couple is expecting their first son in late August or early September.

"Las Cruces is a growing community and a good place to raise a family," he said. "We love it, and I love green chile."

Hernandez serves on the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico and Mesilla Valley Hospice, and he said he also is actively involved with the Salvation Army of Doña Ana County.

Watching his patients go through the healing process is just as valuable as his community service.

"It's great seeing the impact we have on people's lives. Patients come in one way, and they go home able to do things they weren't able to do before," he said. "That's pretty rewarding."



Tony Hernandez

CEO

Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico

Family

- Wife, Becky, dental hygienist
- Daughter Summer, 13, student at Camino Real Middle School
- Daughter Savannah, 11, student at Desert Hills Elementary School
- Expecting their first son in late August/early September

Education

- Bachelor's degree in business administration, Newman University (Wichita, Kansas)

Organizations

- Board member, Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico
- Board member, Mesilla Valley Hospice
- Volunteer, Salvation Army of Doña Ana County

Awards

- Accepted "Large Business of the Year Award" on behalf of hospital, Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces

GAS WATCH:

Prices continue to climb

Travel Gas Watch Areas	Price	Change from last week	Record Price
Las Cruces	\$2.907	+\$0.055	\$3.062 (08/07/06)
Albuquerque	\$2.875	+\$0.079	\$3.060 (09/06/05)
Santa Fe area	\$2.918	+\$0.119	\$3.183 (09/06/05)
El Paso	\$2.852	+\$0.082	\$3.002 (08/05/06)
Denver	\$2.777	+\$0.039	\$3.024 (09/09/05)
Las Vegas, Nev.	\$3.046	+\$0.073	\$3.176 (05/17/06)

The current New Mexico statewide average of \$2.908 per gallon of regular, unleaded gasoline is 6.8 cents more than last week and 7.1 cents more than a year ago. The national average of \$2.863 is 4.4 cents more than last week and 3.8 cents more than last year.

NMSU research recognized for helping small business

New Mexico State University research aimed at improving the manufacturing process for an environmentally friendly cleaning solution is gaining recognition.

NMSU chemical engineering professor David Rockstraw worked with Sound Earth, a New York-based company, to develop a technique for keeping one of its cleansers uniform.

The work was part of SATOP, the Space Alliance Technology Outreach program,

created by NASA. The program makes up to 40 hours of technical research and other assistance available to small businesses free of charge. NMSU is one of a number of SATOP partners including private corporations, universities and NASA centers.

Rockstraw said the makers of the all-natural cleaning mixture, called “Velvet Hammer,” had trouble preventing the solution from separating.

“I helped them develop a process to

suspend the solid in the liquid,” said Rockstraw.

In an email, SATOP Deputy Program Director A.J. Lucas said the company implemented Rockstraw’s suggestions and was pleased with the solution he provided. The project will be included in SATOP-NY’s upcoming newsletter.

Rockstraw said he has done about 20 SATOP-related projects in the last few years. He said the research is vital to

many small businesses.

“There’s no doubt this work helps other people,” Rockstraw said. “Some of these businesses would not have survived without it.”

SATOP is just one of many NMSU outreach efforts aimed both at educating and improving the lives of those in New Mexico and across the country.

More information on SATOP is available at www.spacetechsolutions.com.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report April 19, 2007

Las Cruces Home Builders Association							
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value	Permit \$
07-OTC-3834	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	4585 Azure Hills	Sonoma Ranch East 2 Ph 7	\$187,920	\$3,339
07-OTC-4046	GL Green & Associates	Greg Green	Res/New	959 Flora Vista	Corazon Del Valle	\$151,560	\$3,337
07OTC-3896	Roadrunner Construction	Lori & Anthony Walke	Res/Add/Alt	2330 Mars Drive	N/A	\$12,000	\$98
07-OTC-3921	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4587 Hatchet Court	Parkhill Estates	\$160,020	\$3,356
07-OTC-4213	Homeowner	Tommy Montoya	Res/New	1700 Winton	Corazon Del Valle	\$136,440	\$3,301
07-OTC-4077	Twilight Homes	Twilight Homes	Res/New	4127 Bella Sierra	Mission Espanda	\$142,620	\$3,316
07-OTC-4021	From The Ground Up Developers	Jeannine Evans	Add/Res	5175 Picuris	N/A	\$35,000	\$214
07-OTC-3845	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2506 Tierra Grande Court	Sonoma Ranch East 2 Ph 7	\$133,020	\$3,211
07-CBI-2450	Everhart Properties Inc.	Chisholm's LLC	Comm/Alt	2301 S. Main	N/A	\$5,000	\$57
07-OTC-3923	Thurston Equity Corp	TEC	Res/New	4972 Kenmore Road	Rincon Mesa	\$120,480	\$3,348
07-OTC-4061	AAM Construction	Murray & Evelyn Bru	Res/New	4270 Salvia Loop	White Sage	\$189,960	\$3,510
07-OTC-4040	Mesa View Homes, LLC	Mesa View Homes, LLC	Res/New	2885 San Miguel	Legends West North Ph 1	\$92,100	\$1,434
07-OTC-3839	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	2512 Tierra Grande Court	Sonoma Ranch East 2 Ph 7	\$108,240	\$3,154
07-RBI-3473	Dela Construction	Lorenzo Gomez	Res/New	5559 Kalahari Lane	Desert Breeze	\$123,240	\$1,856
07-CBI-3116	McGinley Construction	Glenn & Sally Cutter	Comm/Alt	2640 El Paseo Road	N/A	\$28,491	\$183
07-CBI-3111	McGinley Construction	Glenn & Sally Cutter	Comm/Alt	2600 El Paseo Road	N/A	\$28,105	\$178
07-OTC-2108	Casco Builders	Donna & John Finch	Res/Add	2850 Fountain Ave.	N/A	\$5,700	\$63
07-CBI-23325	Baker Enterprises, AC	Master of Hair Salon	Comm/Alt	115 Roadrunner #5	N/A	\$35,000	\$214
07-OTC-3925	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4959 Ortega Road	Rincon Mesa	\$95,040	\$3,289
07-OTC-4212	Homeowner	Kevin Lauturner	Res/New	4401 Galisteo Loop	Sonoma Ranch East 2	\$175,980	\$3,478
07-OTC-4315	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	1220 Gunsight Peak	Sandhill Center Heights	\$193,440	\$3,518
07-OTC-4301	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes	Res/New	5362 Isabella Court	Las Colinas #8	\$102,240	\$3,306
07-RBI-3763	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4999 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	\$173,940	\$3,473
07-RBI-3955	Cushing Construction	Thomas & Mary Test	Res/New	3440 Valverde Loop	Los Contentos	\$119,400	\$3,346
07-OTC-4304	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes	Res/New	4234 Calle De Estrella	Dos Suenos	\$137,880	\$3,145
07-RBI-3755	Westbrook	Westbrook Homes, LLC	Res/New	4990 Bosworth Road	Rincon Mesa	\$122,040	\$3,352
07-OTC-4359	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4721 Diamante Court	Los Enamorados	\$127,020	\$3,279
07-OTC-4342	Homeowner	Dennis & Linda Choate	Res/Add	6125 San Augustin Drive	N/A	\$22,000	\$157
07-OTC-4452	Desert Springs Construction	Ryan Fancher	Res/New	4258 Russian Sage	White Sage	\$209,700	\$3,556

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Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	\$ Value
32064	Self	Patrick & Teri Tingen	Res/New	1495 Silver Creek Court	Silver Creek Estates	\$623
32065	Self	Alejandra Martinez	Res/Add	6810 Flourite Road	Amber Mesa	\$55
32067	Copper Ridge Builders	Tim/Susan Coltharp	Res/New	131 Crested Peak	Sunny Ridge	\$946
32073	Self	Jose Ortega Jr.	Res/New	649 E. Lisa	Chararral Subd #2	\$339
32074	Self	Daniel Balizan	Res/New	873 Harris Road	Harris Farms Estates	\$564
32079	GL Green	GL Green & Associates	Res/New	2935 Alfalfa Road	Mesilla Acres Estates	\$827
32083	Self	Arturo Ruiz	Res/New	9080 Silvermoon Court	Woodburn Subd. #7	\$1,201
32087	High Desert Homes	High Desert Homes	Res/New	9493 Soledad Canyon Road	Soledad Canyon	\$741
32084	JLM Homes	JLM Homes	Res/Add	1224 Sonnet Court	Coronado Ridge Ph2	\$714
32092	Heitt Construction	Wayne Baize	Add/Res	165 Hallas	N/A	\$490
32099	Caliper Const.	Fred Franzoy & Sons	Comm/Add	4220 Highway 187	N/A	\$640
32100	Nu Tech Gen. Cont. LLC	Maria Lopez	Res/New	3501 Paroquia St.	Guadalupe Tortugas	\$271
32101	Arrieta Const.	Victor Arrieta	Res/New	4296 Taurus Drive	N/A	\$502
32103	Self	Omar Florez	Res/New	6532 Topaz Road	Amber Mesa	\$413

BRIEFS

NMSU honors tourism industry leader Cerletti

Michael Cerletti was named recipient of the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Industry Leadership Award by the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at New Mexico State University.

He was appointed by then-New Mexico Gov. Bruce King in 1991 to serve as the first Cabinet Secretary of the newly created Department of Tourism and reappointed to the same position in 2004 by Gov. Bill Richardson. Cerletti served as the academic department head of the HRTM department at NMSU from 2000 to 2002.

Cerletti is a graduate of San Jose State University. He was also granted the degree of certified hotel administrator by the Educational Institute of the American Hotel and Motel Association in 1994.

Since he resumed his position at the New Mexico Tourism Department, the tourism industry has continued to blossom as the state's second-largest, private-sector industry, contributing more than \$5 billion annually to the state's economy; and its largest private-sector employer with more than 80,000 employees.

Prior to his appointment as general manager of Expo New Mexico by Richardson in 2003, Cerletti was recruited to take over the HRTM department at NMSU in April 2000. He has had extensive experience in the hotel industry in New Mexico, was a co-founder of the Tourism Association of New Mexico and was inducted into the New Mexico Tourism Hall of Fame in 1998.

REDTT looks to further develop rural tourism in New Mexico

REDTT, a New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension project, is looking to help rural communities in New Mexico strengthen their economies through tourism during REDTT's 2007 Conference.

This year the conference will be held in Eddy County, April 26 and 27, at the Pecos River Village Conference Center in Carlsbad. The event, hosted annually by the REDTT Project, is expected to attract more than 180 conference attendees.

REDTT stands for Rural Economic Development Through Tourism. Agritourism and nature tourism, as an alternative business for farmers and ranchers will highlight the conference schedule. Star gazing, downtown revitalization, cultural tourism and how to market rural tourism resources are a few of the workshops set for those attending the conference.

Dora Dominguez, REDTT project director, said she is excited about the number of people participating in this

year's event. She has 120 registrations and with several weeks still to go before the conference raises the expectation the event will reach the target cap of 200.

"The amount of conference sponsor support is very reflective of the support tourism, the REDTT Project and NMSU Extension have in the southeastern part of the state," Dominguez said.

The two-day conference will include tours of Eddy County, including a cruise on the Pecos River, a unique oilfield tour unavailable to the general public, visits of historic buildings, wine tasting, art galleries and south-eastern New Mexico's only microbrewery.

"We are very pleased authors and agriculture extension agents Holly George and Ellie Rilla, national experts on agritourism, will present an overview of their publication, 'Agritourism and Nature Tourism in California,'" Dominguez said.

This event is part of NMSU's continuing outreach efforts to help educate and improve the lives of those throughout New Mexico.

For more information call the REDTT project at 646-5994, toll free (866) 648-5017 or visit www.redtt.org.

High school students gain career development at NMSU

More than 1,300 high school students from 73 schools across the state converged in Las Cruces at the end of March to compete in the New Mexico FFA State Career Development Events.

The students were members of the National FFA Organization, which seeks to develop students in leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

"Students who participated in the state career development events last week developed judging and critical thinking skills. They had a chance to apply what they've learned in the classroom in a real-life setting," said Kim O'Byrne, assistant state supervisor of agricultural education and FFA.

There are 23 different career development events, or CDEs, which include entomology, farm business management, junior high quiz bowl, livestock, floriculture and poultry, to name a few.

The events took place primarily on the New Mexico State University campus, and many were held in the Pan American Center.

The State FFA Office, located on the NMSU main campus, has been preparing for the event all year, O'Byrne said.

The Las Cruces FFA chapter placed tenth in the production sweepstakes.

Loan Fund announces officers

The Loan Fund, a state-wide alternative lending group, is pleased to announce new board officers. President is David Hicks, First Community Bank; Vice President, Jim Byrd, Community Bank; Secretary, Pat Navarette, Bank of Albuquerque; and Treasurer, Brian Bone, 1st National Bank of Roswell.

David Hicks, a 40-year resident of New Mexico, notes, "I am grateful to be part of such a dynamic organization which has helped so many people in my adopted home state. I look forward to continuing the mission of the Loan Fund, supporting entrepreneurs and non-profits with financial and consulting services throughout New Mexico and the Navajo Nation."

Founded in 1989, The Loan Fund is a private, tax-exempt organization that provides loans, training and consulting services to business owners as well as nonprofits throughout the state. Its services support the efforts of entrepreneurs and their communities to achieve self-reliance and control over their economic destinies. To date, the Loan Fund has provided loans in excess of \$22.4 million, creating or preserving over 6,600 jobs in New Mexico. For more information, visit www.loanford.org or call 866-873-6746.

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FastSigns, 3961 E. Lohman Ave. #22 in the Mountain Vista Plaza, is now available for creating banners, architectural signage, displays, labels, decals, illuminated signs, vehicle graphics and more. The graphic design company held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, April 18. From left are: co-owner Jon Barnes (holding the proclamation), Joyce Barnes (cutting the ribbon), customer service specialist Amberleigh Heaton and graphic designer Catherine Gabaldon.

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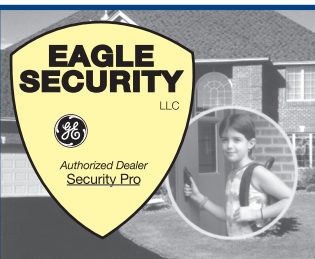
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British Car Days

2007



See story on page C2

British Car Days 2007 comes with a 'Twist'

Area pastime adds a new venue, renowned special guest speaker

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's time again. Starting Friday, April 27, a sea of foreign cars will descend on Las Cruces, drawing interested stares of adults and the "ohs" and "ahs" of children throughout the city.

The British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico will be holding their 16th annual British Car Days over the weekend of April 27-29, and the event draws British car enthusiasts from around the country.

In addition to the scored driving and judged show events that the car days offer each year, this year's event will also offer seminars and a rolling workshop from John Twist, British car mechanic and owner of University Motors in Ada, Mich., who is well-known throughout the Midwest and East Coast.

During his "rolling technical seminars," Twist will casually examine and diagnose the vehicles of those participating in the event, according to Bob Hammel, coordinator of the British Car Days. Although only participants will be able to take part in Twist's seminars, the public is invited to attend each seminar.

Twist will perform his seminars from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the Mesilla Valley Mall parking lot and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Town of Mesilla Plaza.

Twist will also be allotted time from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the actual showing of the cars on the

Mesilla Plaza. Hammel said Twist may use the time to perform seminars on more individual cars or hold a broad range workshop for British cars.

In addition, the club will be selling original photographs of John Twist coming over the Organ Mountains by local photographer Jack Pumphrey. There will be only 25 copies of the photograph, which will be signed by both Pumphrey and Twist and will be sold for \$35. The proceeds from the photograph sales will be contributed to La Posada.

The main event will include 70 to 80 cars on the Mesilla Plaza and give the public a chance to ask questions and get up close to the vehicles, according to Hammel.

Although several events of the British Car Days are not open to the public, it is a great opportunity for car enthusiasts of every level to learn and see a bit of history.

"There is no restrictions to the public other than respect the car and the owner," Hammel said.

Attendees are encouraged to bring proper protection from the sun, including sunscreen, umbrellas and hats, as well as folding chairs for either event.

For those interested in joining the British Motorcar Club, the group meets every second Wednesday, and applications are always available on the groups website, www.zianet.com/bmcsnm.

For more information about the British Car Days or becoming a member of the British Motorcar Club of Southern New Mexico, contact Bob Hammel at 647-0122 or George Duckworth at 526-2318.



KEN STINNETT | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Triumph, above, will be one of 70 to 80 British cars on display in the Mesilla Plaza Saturday, April 28.

British Car Days 2007

Friday, April 27th

at Mesilla Valley Mall

John Twist (Rolling Technical Seminar)
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

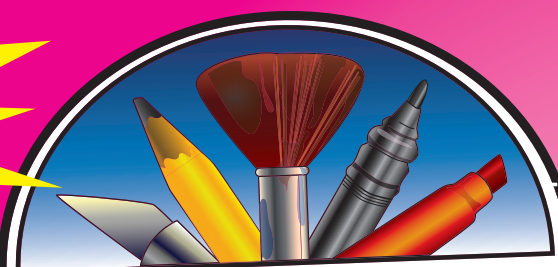
Saturday, April 28th

at Mesilla Town Plaza

Car Show with John Twist Demos
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LCCT brings night of suspense and murder

'And Then There Were None' brings new life to classic mystery

REVIEW BY JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Community Theatre opened its production of "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie, previously known as "Ten Little Indians," last weekend with a plethora of talent onstage.

The cast of 10 includes Doug Roby, Marilyn Artuso, Heather Pfeiffer, Charity Berg, Cory J. Blask, Jeff Peckham, Tony Cordova, Gordon Hill, Caryl Kotulac, P.J. Waggaman and Joe Pfeiffer, who vary from newcomers to the Las Cruces area to staples of the local theater scene. Directing this crowd is Larry Chandler.

Unfortunately, not everyone gets the same amount of stage time, because a mysterious killer is taking out the 10 guests of the equally mysterious island home one by one.

All the guests know is that they are each accused of murder by an anonymous voice early in the first evening. As their numbers thin, speculation about the killer turns inward and accusations begin to fly from one houseguest to another.

Christie's work will keep many audience members guessing to the very end. Although it has a very interesting twist at the end, the final scene is rather anticlimactic. I suppose it would be easier to wrap up a murder mystery in a book, where lengthy scene descriptions and inner dialogue can diffuse the big finale over several pages that may only cover one or two minutes

In an effort to keep the secret of "And Then There Were None," I will only say that the actor or actress that is the killer shocked me with their ability to play a psychotic.

By the time the murderer is revealed, the killer's face contorts with pain through each sentence and his or her voice fluctuates wildly.

There were a few line snafus on opening night, which I assume is due in part to the quick pace and large amounts of complicated dialogue throughout the play. Overall, I was impressed with the pace the cast was able to keep, switching easily from the comedy of the beginning to the suspense and fear of the ending.

The audience was leaping at every death and several younger audience members were holding each other by the final scene, and it was refreshing to know that bloody horror flicks are not required to put a good scare into an audience.

Although the play may not be suitable for some viewers, more mature audience members should take the opportunity to see a mainstay of the mystery genre.

"And Then There Were None" plays at the LCCT, 313 N. Downtown Mall, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through May 6. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., and Sunday shows begin at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost \$8 for regular admission, \$7 for students and seniors and \$5 for children age 6 and under. Reservations can be made by calling the theater at 523-1200 or visiting www.lcctnm.org.

NMSU takes on Virginia Woolf

Albee's tale tells of ageless relationship problems

New Mexico State University's Department of Theatre Arts and the American Southwest Theatre Company will present Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" April 27 through May 6 at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus.

It is the final production of the 2006-2007 NMSU Theatre Arts/ASTC Season.

A classic American drama, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" tells the tale of two different couples. George, a history professor, and his wife Martha invite newly hired biology professor Nick and his wife Honey over for drinks. The play begins at 2 a.m. and ends at dawn – in those unpredictable hours, each character learns painful truths about love, loss, illusion and the rationalizations we create when we can't stand to face the truth.

Veteran director and NMSU faculty member Mike Wise will direct the piece. Wise leads an experienced production staff of NMSU faculty including Jim Billings (scenic and lighting designer), Deb Brunson (costume designer), David Herford (props designer) and M. David Sage (sound designer). NMSU students Heather Carrasco (stage manager), Rose Linnell (assistant stage manager) and Lea Flores (assistant director) round out the production staff.

Wise said he sees the play as a microcosm of society.

"The play is about the accommodations you are willing to make in a young relationship and what accommodations you are willing to live with after you've been in a relationship for a very long time," Wise said.

He noted that the play is both comic and brutal because the "language is vicious and wickedly funny. The characters take each other apart with surgical precision and laser-like accuracy. Imagine spending an evening with Simon Cowell and some tone deaf singers ... only three times worse!"

He added that the play "is a great challenge to the four actors who play

the parts. George and Martha are played by seasoned acting faculty members (Timothy Dayne and Ruth Cantrell, respectively) while the two younger roles are played by NMSU students Sean Darragh (Nick) and Joby Lee Strachan (Honey)."

Wise is "very excited to be working on this play" because it has been one of his favorites since reading it as a student. He said "the fact that we are doing it on a university campus should make it doubly illuminating and exciting!"

Ticket prices vary from \$10 to \$15 depending on performance dates. Call the ASTC box office at 646-4515 or 1-800-646-ASTC (2782) for details.

The characters take each other apart with surgical precision and laser-like accuracy.

MIKE WISE,
Director

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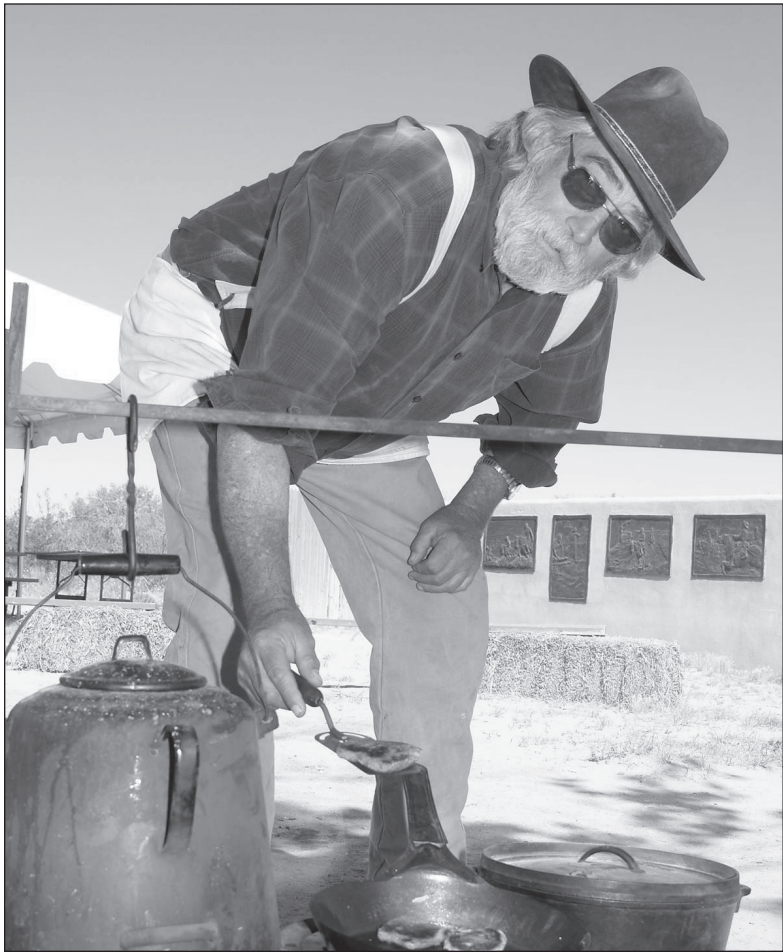
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At Fort Selden's Frontier Days

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Dave Harkness makes Johnnycakes and campfire coffee for visitors at Fort Selden's Frontier Days last Saturday and Sunday.



Period clothing was on display during Frontier Days at Fort Selden on Sunday. Left to right: Marilyn Weaver, Audrey Bunker and Debra Hartley show their vintage clothing.

During its heyday over a century ago, visitors might have seen people dressed something like this multi-generation group. Top row: Bridget Herring, Cindy Steinback and Heidi Wilden. Bottom row: Ireland Herring, Nathan Herring, Dunkin Peterman and Bayden Peterman.





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FILM

A blending of old and new

'Ghost Dog' brings samurai Bushido to the mean streets

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, April 28, is "Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai" (1999, 116 minutes, rated R).

Forest Whitaker, winner of the 2007 Oscar for his performance in "The Last King of Scotland," stars in this surreal crime drama told as only director Jim Jarmusch could.

In "Ghost Dog," Whitaker stars as the title character, a hit man living in an unidentified but run-down city in what license plates call "The Industrialized State."

Known for his gift of being able to come and go without people noticing him, Ghost Dog is a self-taught samurai who is obsessed with order and his strict personal moral code, drawn from the philosophies of the Japanese warriors.

As every samurai needs a leader to whom he swears loyalty, Ghost Dog has devoted himself to the service of Louie, a low-level crime boss who once saved his life.

When Louie's superiors decide he must be executed, Ghost Dog leaps into action, methodically wiping out his many enemies.

Along with a dizzying series of stylized shoot-outs, "Ghost Dog" also features carrier pigeons, characters who read Rashomon, a French-speaking ice cream man and a score by RZA from the top-selling hip-hop group Wu-Tang Clan, not to mention an abundance of dry visual humor.

"Ghost Dog" was screened in competition at the 1999 Cannes Film Festival.

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, with occasional visits into lesser-known genres of film.

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

Love in the time of cholera

'The Painted Veil' shows hope in a hopeless time

By JEFF BERG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Although it has an extraordinary amount of opportunity to turn into a sappy, maudlin melodrama, I am very pleased to report that this week's Fountain feature, "The Painted Veil" does not. Well, maybe just a little.

Based on a novel by M. Somerset Maugham, "The Painted Veil" takes place in 1925.

Naomi Watts plays Kitty, the daughter of stuffy, sniffy English parents who are tapping their feet indignantly, waiting for her to wed.

Not one to rush into such matters without first being in love (imagine!), Kitty resists their pushiness until she can stand it no longer.

Walter Fane (Edward Norton) is a bacteriologist, home briefly from his life's work in Shanghai, China. He is instantly smitten with Kitty as he watches her descend the stairs of her palatial home during a dinner party and gathers up his courage to approach her.

Gently rebuffed, he continues to pursue her with the unseen support of her parents, who have wedding bells in their heads, knowing that a man of letters and manners such as Walter would make a grand husband.

Indeed, the wedding bells chime, and Kitty returns with Walter to provincial but civilized Shanghai shortly thereafter. Bored to tears, Kitty soon takes up with another English dandy, the husband of an acquaintance, and soon they are found under carnal knowledge.

The good doctor, upon finding out about this cuckoldry, immediately makes arrangements to whisk his lovely bride to a village in a rural, but stunningly beautiful, part of the country — one that is suffering through an outbreak of cholera. Although not a physician, the suddenly altruistic Walter feels that it would be a good place for him to research the disease and the cause of the outbreak. Stunned, Kitty has little choice but to accompany her husband. He starts by making the journey as difficult as possible, taking her via a long circuitous route to her new home.

Wretched poverty also engulfs this sad village, where many of the other Anglo tenants (British medical aides and colonial government officials) have already passed on via the disease.

But somewhat surprisingly, it is here where the Fanes begin to discover their own humanity.

Kitty, who has absolutely no work skills, soon finds herself teaching music at an orphanage run by some weary nuns. Walter throws himself into his work — challenging not only the disease, but the healthy people of the village who want all of the foreign devils out — including the only other Englishman, played by Toby Jones, the Truman Capote look-alike.

John Curran, who directs this eye-pleasing piece, uses all of his actors well, not allowing them to bluster into any kind of phoniness and even tosses in dashes of humor and several believable action sequences.

Gorgeously shot and beautifully detailed, I found it easy to get swept up into the somewhat standard plot.

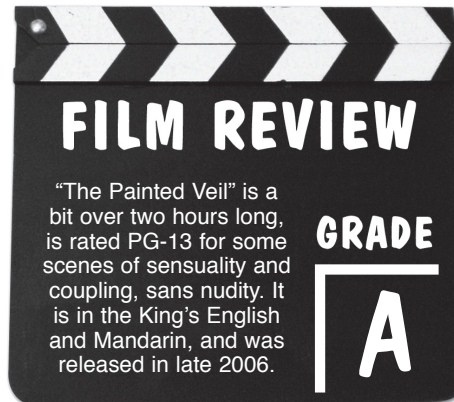
Since I am not usually a fan of this type of story, I was very pleased to note that my early assessment was wrong. I found myself rooting for Kitty, Walter and the other strong characters in the film to overcome the contami-

nation of the village and for the good people to return to a normal lifestyle. They all deserve a second chance.

I think you will feel that way, too.

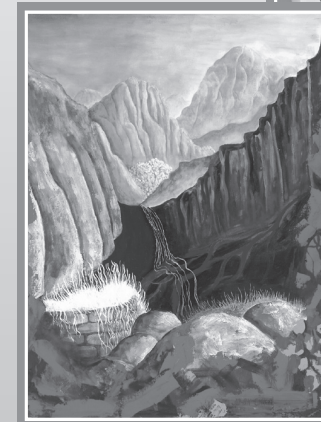
"The Painted Veil" is screened nightly at 7:30 p.m., with a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. only. The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla.

Jeff Berg is not contagious, so you can write him at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com without fear and ask him why he uses so many commas.



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EIGHT DAYS A WEEK

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

■ CONTRA DANCE

The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society (SNMMDS) will host a Contra Dance on Friday, April 27, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. Lewis Land will teach and call all contra dances to live acoustic old-time music by the SNMMDS House Band. Beginner dance lessons start at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$5. For more information, call 522-2421.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the Western sounds of James Michael on Friday, April 27, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ NMSU CHOIR CONCERT

NMSU Choirs presents Beethoven's choral masterpiece, "Missa Solemnis in D," as their final work of the 2006-07 choral season. Directed by Dr. Jerry Ann Alt, there will be more than 50 singers, five nationally known soloists and an orchestra assembled by El Paso's Stephanie Schweigart. Concerts will be on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in the Music Center Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. Tickets are \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$3 for students (no children under age 7) and are available at the Pan Am Ticket Office at 646-1420. For information, call 646-2607 or visit <http://choirs.nmsu.edu>.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

■ MESILLA VALLEY WRITERS BOOKSIGNING

The Mesilla Valley Writers will host a book-signing event at the Branigan Cultural Center, 500 N. Downtown Mall, on Saturday, April 28. Participating in the book-signing will be eight members who have realized their dream: Mel Barlow turned his real estate expertise into a book on "Winning the Home Buying Game," and a column on home buying for the Las Cruces Bulletin; Shirley Fouts has published a writers plan book, in addition to poetry, articles, short stories and non-fiction; L.C. Hayden, award-winning author of mysteries, her latest: "Why Casey Had to Die;" Janice Meissner, whose book, "Oh, Rachel," has been described by one reviewer as "a love affair to remember;" Donna Munch, honored by the Texas House of Representatives for strengthening El Paso's awareness of the art and craft of writing, has written a children's novel "Dark Tales of the Tower;" Bob Sanchez, former writer of technical papers has turned to fiction with "When Pigs Fly;" Vesta Siemers, for whom writing has been her passion, wrote monthly articles for numerous newspapers and magazines over many years, and has published "The Historic Walking Tour Guide (of Old Mesilla);" Margeaux van Dijk used her knowledge of criminology to write "Let Us Prey," and is working on a sequel. Also available at the book-signing will be the Mesilla Valley Writers chapbook, "Crossroads," published annually, featuring non-fiction, fiction, poems and essays written by its members. All proceeds from the sale of the chapbook (cost \$6) are donated to the Fathers As Readers Program (sponsored by Church Women United of the Mesilla Valley) in which inmates at the Southern New Mexico Correctional Facility read books to their children and record it on tape. The books and audio tapes are sent to their families, and help establish and maintain communication between fathers and their children. This venture promotes literacy among inmates and is endorsed by the institution. Additional information can be found on Mesilla Valley Writers new website, www.mvwriters.org, in progress.

■ BENEFIT CONCERT

Seven local bands will hit the stage this Saturday, April 28, at El Patio, 2171 Calle de Parian in Mesilla, to benefit a small rural clinic thousands of miles away in the rural hills of Guatemala. The show starts at 8 p.m. The Raggies, The Hubcap Diamond Star Halos, Thieves in the Orchard, Codeword Zefferina, The Rawdogs, Ten Seconds to Liftoff and Green Lions will play. Severe hurricanes in 2005, and the deadly mudslides that followed, destroyed the Hospitalito Atitlan in Guatemala, just months after the hospital had reopened after years of civil and political strife. Since then, hospital officials erected a temporary clinic near the hospital, and that clinic has continued to provide a variety of 24-hour-a-day services to a large area community. In addition to the music, Café Don Felix, which sits just across from El Patio on the Mesilla Plaza, will offer burritos. For more information about the clinic go to www.puebloapueblo.org.

■ MORNING STAR ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE

Morning Star United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Roadrunner Parkway and Morning Star Drive, invites the community to their second annual Spring Arts & Crafts Faire. The event will take place Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be arts and crafts vendors, and other vendors with unique products to showcase and sell, food, activities for the children and live entertainment throughout the day. The event is free, however donations of non-perishable food items or gently used clothing for the Lighthouse Food and Clothing Pantry are always welcome. For more information, call the church office at 521-3770 or email Dawn Starostka at Dawn@HelpingHandsEvents.com.

■ INDIAN DANCE PROGRAM

The NMSU Dance Program will present "Samarpanam," a classical Indian dance performance featuring Bharathnatyam and Kathak dance forms. The Las Cruces community will have the opportunity to see Nirmala Madhava, the principal choreographer at the Prabhat Academy for Music and Performing Arts in San Francisco, Calif. Madhava has been recognized as a master solo-performer in the San Francisco ethnic dance festival, which is acclaimed as one of the most significant festivals of its type in North America. Madhava is also a visiting faculty member at De Anza College's creative arts department. On Saturday, April 28, Madhava and her students will perform at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. This performance is a tribute to Madhava's dance teacher, Guru Narmadha who passed away on March 30, 2007 in India. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the show. For more information call the NMSU dance office at 646-2070.

■ LA VIÑA WINE FESTIVAL

Grab a glass a wine and enjoy some jazz music at this year's La Viña Blues and Jazz Festival Saturday, April 28, and Sunday, April 29, at La Viña Winery, located at 4201 S. Highway 28. Admission is \$10 for anyone 21 and older. This admission price includes a complimentary wine glass and up to six tastes of wine or the choice of one glass of wine. Admission for ages 12 to 20 is \$5 and those under 12 years old are free. The celebration will include food vendors, arts and crafts and some of La Viña's newest wines. "This is when a lot of our new wines get released for the first time," said Ken Stark, owner of La Viña Winery. "It will be nice to introduce the new wines to people." Stark said this will be the first major festival of the year and it usually coincides with the Blues

Upcoming Events



UPCOMING EVENTS

British Car Days
Cinco de Mayo Fiesta
La Fiesta de San Ysidro
SNM Wine Festival
Mayor's Jazz Fest

START DATE

Fri., Apr. 27 – Sun., Apr. 29
Sat., May 5 – Sun., May 6
Sat., May 19
Sat., May 26–Mon., May 28
Sun., May 27

LOCATION

Mesilla Plaza
Mesilla Plaza
NM Farm & Ranch Museum
SNM Fairgrounds
Apodaca Park

and Heritage Festival in New Orleans. "We love jazz, it's nice to have a day where we can sit out on the grass and have a glass of wine and listen," Stark said. And people won't have to worry about parking. Stark said there would be nine acres of parking available to the large crowd he is expecting. "Every year we can have between 5,000 to 10,000 people. This year we expect about 9,000," said Stark. For more information, contact La Viña at (505) 882-7632 or stark@lavinawinery.com.

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

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

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the musical variety of Lauren and Marc on Saturday, April 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

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

■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

Loni Todoroki, StoryTellers of Las Cruces President, will be the "celebrity" storyteller at the Rio Grande Theatre's Magic Carpet StoryTime on Saturday April 28. She will present "Pancho and the Power" by local photographer and author Frank Parrish. "Pancho and the Power," illustrated with photographs by the author, tells the story of a young boy growing up in the Southwest and his spiritual quest for a mysterious coyote. During his journey, Pancho encounters other desert creatures and learns about their habits. Magic Carpet StoryTime, presented by the Doña Ana Arts Council, is free and open to the public. It takes place every Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre. For more information contact the RGT at 523-6403 or Las Cruces Downtown at 541-2288.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

■ DENTON STUDIO OPEN HOUSE

Award-winning artist Gabriella Denton is hosting a studio open house on Sunday,

April 29, from 2 to 5 p.m. Her paintings are represented in Santa Fe by Coady Contemporary Gallery and in Taos by Taos Fine Art. Her prints and cards are available at the Folk Art and Fine Art Museums in Santa Fe, in select shops throughout the country and Saturdays at the Farmers and Crafts Market in the Downtown Mall. Color is her passion. Whimsy is her vehicle. For more information, call 541-1180.

■ DAY OF DANCE

The Branigan Cultural Center will again celebrate the International Day of Dance on Sunday, April 29, with dance demonstrations from 2 to 5 p.m. The event is free, and guests are welcome to come and go throughout the program. The Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Downtown Mall, has parking accessible from Water and Hadley streets. The purpose of the event is to introduce the variety of dance forms found in Las Cruces and Mesilla Valley to new audiences. "I am continually impressed by the diversity and skills of local residents. The Day of Dance will feature a wide variety of dance styles and will provide information for individuals to become active in dance" said Garland Courts, manager. The program will begin with the flourish of the flamenco, performed by Lucy de Geus and Paco Antonio. Ballet Folklorico de Tierra del Encanto, under direction of Jose Tena, will demonstrate several different dances. Curtis and Monina Graham are scheduled to perform both tango and waltz. The program also includes Salsa performed by Bobby Hernandez and Ciffany Holman from the NMSU DanceSport Team. Ellen Young brings liturgical dance to the stage demonstrating how sacred or religious themes are expressed through dance. Ginette Novello is performing a Middle East dance in a folkloric tradition. Native American dancers round out the program. For information, call 541-2219.

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NMSU

The New Mexico State University combined choirs will present "Missa Solemnis in D" by Beethoven at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27 and 28.

NMSU choirs to present Beethoven masterpiece

'Missa Solemnis in D' opens Friday, April 27

The New Mexico State University combined choirs will perform the choral masterpiece, "Missa Solemnis in D," by Beethoven, at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

Both concerts will be performed in the Music Center Recital Hall on the NMSU campus.

Conducted by Dr. Jerry Ann Alt, director of choirs and professor of choral conducting at NMSU, the mass is described as Beethoven's supreme achievement and is a significant challenge for choruses, soloists and orchestras.

The orchestra has been assembled under the leadership of Stephanie Schweigart, violinist and faculty member at University of Texas at El Paso.

The concert will feature nationally and internationally known soloists, all with opera experience, including Andrea Matthews, soprano, voice faculty at Wellesley College, Mass.; Arikka Gregory, mezzo-soprano (Friday night), a member of the music faculty at Texas A&M at Kingsville, Texas; Kirstin Chavez, mezzo-soprano (Saturday night), a graduate of NMSU, who recently sang the title role of "Carmen" in Graz, Austria; Andrew Zimmerman, tenor, voice faculty at NMSU since 2006 with extensive European opera experience; and Roberto Mancusi, bass, faculty

member at Eastern New Mexico University, who has performed many opera roles and solo recitals across the country.

On special one-night appearances will be soloists Arikka Gregory and Kirstin Chavez. Gregory, a mezzo-soprano and member of the music faculty at Texas A&M at Kingsville, Texas, will perform on Friday night. Chavez also is mezzo-soprano and recently sang the title role of "Carmen" in Graz, Austria. Chavez will perform on Saturday night with the choirs.

The Missa Solemnis in D was felt by Beethoven to have been his finest work. It was completed toward the end of Beethoven's life, a difficult time, when he also produced the 9th Symphony and the final string quartets. Like most masses the Missa Solemnis is in five movements, but is more akin to a symphony with choral accompaniment than a "traditional" choral mass. It is a study in inventive contrasts between one section and another.

Tickets for this masterwork are available at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office, NMSU, at \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$3 for students. Children over the age of 7 are welcome. Call 505-646-1420 for reservations. Further information about the concerts at NMSU's choral office: 505-646-2067, and on their website choirs.nmsu.edu

Spring fashion



Ivy Turner wears an outfit from Charlotte's Fashions at the General Federation of Women's Clubs Progress Club's Black and White Affaire Luncheon and Fashion Show on April 21 at the Mesilla Valley Inn Best Western. Turner was one of two students awarded an NMSU scholarship by the Progress Club.

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At the Border Book Festival

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Giant puppets, created last year by members of the Even Start Family Literacy Program of the Las Cruces Public Schools were among the favorite entries in the Border Book Festival parade.

Mark Buettner of Mesilla and his duck Quack march in the Border Book Festival parade Saturday, April 21, during the first day of the two-day event which was held in and around the Mesilla Plaza. The judges named Buettner and his duck the wackiest entry.



Percussionists, from left, Dolores Dordado of Vado, Nancy Greek of El Paso, and Maria Ramos of Anthony provided the beat for marchers parading around the Mesilla Plaza last Saturday.

Jeannette Monsivais of El Paso reads a children's book about lizards to Haile Villa, 3, of Las Cruces, while they wait for Haile's mother to finish some book shopping last Saturday.



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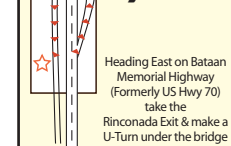
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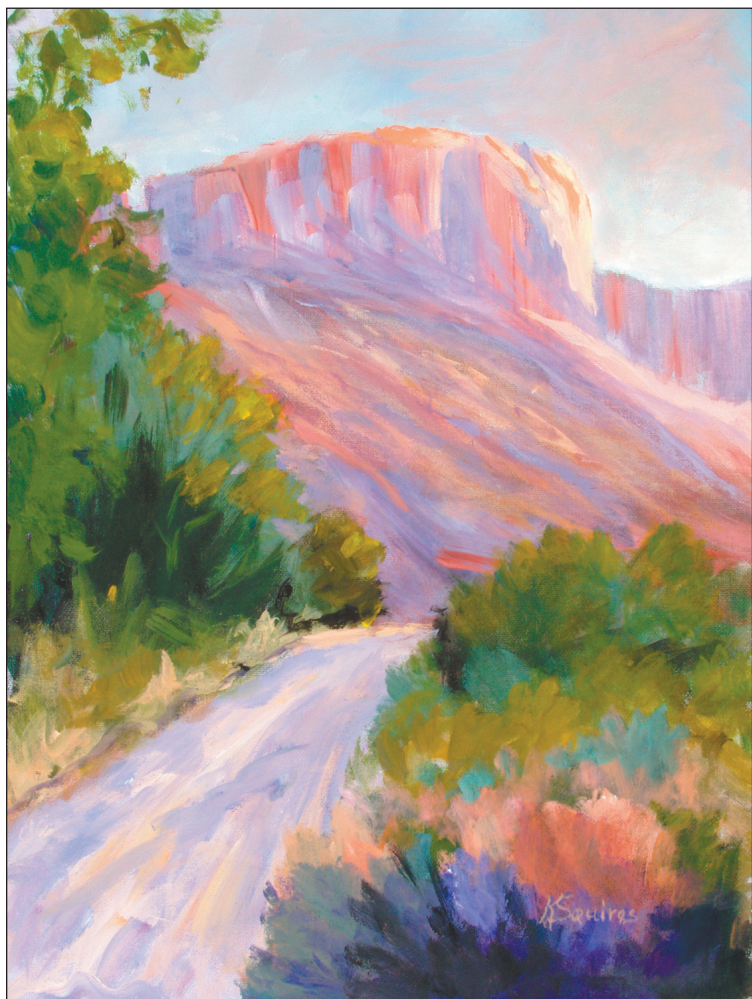
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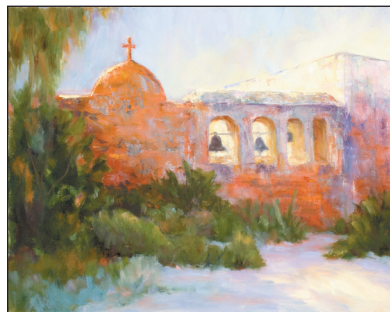
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A lifelong love of learning

Squires' oils show life in a simple way

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Kathleen Squires is a newcomer, not only to Las Cruces, but to the art world. However she brings a level of talent and enthusiasm that shows she is finally "home" in the world of art.

Having lived in El Paso since the early '60s, Squires is

no stranger to the Southwest. She moved to Las Cruces in 2003, finding a new home in the early development of the Sonoma Ranch area.

An avid golfer, Squires never planned to become an artist, much less a professional in the field. In 1997, she attended a class at the University of Texas El Paso with a friend who didn't feel comfortable going alone. The friend has since given up painting, and Squires now hangs in three galleries in the Southwest.

"Now my golf game has given me up," she said.

With no formal training, she has pieced her work together with a combination of raw talent, the critiques of other artists and attending workshops and classes to learn more about the craft.

To learn as a group, Squires was a member of a group known as The Five Painters, which met on Wednesday mornings at the Sonoma Ranch clubhouse to paint as a group and displayed as a group in galleries throughout New Mexico.

Although she began with watercolors, Squires' first teacher only worked with acrylics. She said she didn't like working with the acrylics, because they dry so quickly in the arid Southwest, so she moved to oils to use the techniques she learned.

Although she has a preferred medium, Squires doesn't have a single subject she paints. Her collection contains florals, landscapes and even the occasional portrait.

Squires said she prefers painting in an impressionist style as a direct contradiction to how she acts outside the studio.

"I have a tendency towards realism, so I try to avoid it in my painting. It's more fun that way," she said.

According to Squires, the impressionist style gives her work a simpler and more direct meaning that doesn't leave the viewer guessing at her intentions. To avoid going into too much detail in her work, Squires said she often takes her glasses off and stands farther away from a painting so



"Tacos al Pastor"

she isn't tempted to add detail.

Her latest trend in her art is to work en plein air, or outdoors. She admitted that plein air is hit or miss depending on the weather, but the Las Cruces area provides several opportunities to work outside.

Squires' plein air work is currently on display with the El Paso plein air group at the Chamizal National Memorial.

To improve her plein air skills, Squires is looking to have famous colorist and plein air painter David Schwindt from Tucson, Ariz., visit Las Cruces to offer a workshop.

To see more work by Kathleen Squires, visit the Alegre Gallery, 1701 Calle de Mercado in Mesilla, or visit www.kathleensquiresart.com. She also hangs in the Greasewood Gallery in Marfa, Texas, and the Magic Pan in El Paso.



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TNT	(32)	** "My Fellow Americans" (1996) Premiere.				** "Grumpy Old Men" (1993) Jack Lemmon.				** "Grumpier Old Men" (1995) Jack Lemmon.						
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SCIFI	(58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Riches	Dalbey	* "Blood Surf" (2000, Horror) Archie Adamos.			* "Dinocroc" (2004) Costas Mandylor.							
CNN	(62)	CNN Saturday Morning			House Call	Saturday	House	CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Saturday Morning		CNN Live Saturday				
HBO	(306)	"Dominion: Prequel to Exorcist"			(.25) *** "On the Edge" (2001)		Wait Til Next Year		*** "Ever After" (1998)		Drew Barrymore. [cc]					
MAX	(322)	Am. Ninja	** "Fantastic Four" (2005) Ioan Gruffudd. [cc]			(.20) *** "Cry Freedom" (1987) Kevin Line. (In Stereo)		"40-Year-Old Vir"								
SHOW	(343)	(4:45) ** "Harvard Man" (2001)			** "Into the Blue" (2005) Paul Walker. [cc]			** "Bad News Bears" (2005) iTV. (In Stereo)			Running					

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KRWG	(2) 22	Aggie News	America News	Farmers News	News	Lawrence Welk		Keep Up With Summer		Fields	Red	MontyP	My Fam	Baxter B.	Road		
CBS	(4) 4	News	News	Jeopardy	Fortune	CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		48 Hours Mystery		News	CSI: Miami	"Recoil"	Paid		
KCOS	(5) 13	Ask This	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk		Antiques Roadshow		The Civil War	The Cause: 1861"			Austin City Limits	(Off Air)				
ABC	(7) 7	News	ABC	News	Insider	** "Pearl Harbor"	(2001) (PA) Ben Affleck.	(In Stereo)				News	(:35) Cheaters (N)	Access			
KFOX	(8) 14	Star Trek: Ent.		Smallville "Cyborg"		Cops (N)	Cops (N)	Most Wanted		News	Seinfeld	Mad TV (N)		Talkshow	King		
NBC	(9) 9	News	NBC	News	Raymond	Dateline NBC		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		News	(:34) Saturday Night Live				
KINT	(10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia		Sábado Gigante						Noticias	Noticiero	Otro Rollo			
KTDO	(11) 48	Pagado	Noticie	"Picardía Mexicana"	(1978, Comedia)			El Reventon Billboard: VIP				Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador			
KTFFN	(13) 65	"Focas Marinas"		Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				** "Fly II" (1989) Eric Stoltz.				Contacto	Pepsi Música	Juegos			
KTLLA	(14)	"Homeward Bound: Incredible Journey"		My Wife	Jim			Raymond	Raymond	Idol Rewind		LA Times Educ.		KTLLA Prime News			
WGN	(15)	MLB Baseball: Angels at White Sox						WGN News at Nine	Sex &	24 (In Stereo)		24 (In Stereo)		Dirty			
ESPN	(16)	2007 NFL Draft		NBA Basketball: First Round -- Spurs at Nuggets				NBA Basketball: First Round -- Rockets at Jazz						SportsCenter			
USA	(31)	(4:00) ** "Kiss the Girls"		*** "The Bourne Identity"	(2002) Matt Damon.			House				** "The Saint"	(1997) Val Kilmer.				
TNT	(32)	NBA Basketball		*** "The School of Rock"	(2003) Jack Black.			** "A Knight's Tale"	(2001) Heath Ledger.					**** "Rocky"			
TBS	(33)	"Shanghai Knights"		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies. (Live)				*** "Sleepy Hollow"	(1999) (PA)					** "First Knight"			
SPIKE	(34)	*** "Fight Club"	(1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton.		The Ultimate Fighter			TNA Wrestling		Amazing Video				Disorderly Con.			
LIFE	(39)	"The Staircase Murders"	(2007)		"A Life Interrupted"	(2007)		Medium				"Wicked Minds"	(2002) Angie Everhart.				
A&E	(43)	Sell	Sell	Flip This House	Flip This House (N)	The First 48		American Justice		Flip This House		Flip This House					
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels	Sherman's March	Civil War Gen. Sherman.		The States (N)		Wild West Tech		Sherman's March	Civil War Gen. Sherman.						
TLC	(45)	Little	Little	Little People		Frst	Frst	Little People		The Real Deal		Frst	Frst				
DISC	(47)	MythBusters		Mt. St. Helens	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Mt. St. Helens	Deadliest Catch				
FAM	(51)	(4:00) "Sleepover"		** "Uptown Girls"	(2003, Comedy)	"Lovewrecked"	(2006) Amanda Bynes.			** "Better Off Dead"	(1985)						
DISN	(52)	Emperor	Emperor	Replace	Replace	So Raven	So Raven	Kim	Dragon	"Kronk's New Groove"	(2005)	Replace					
NICK	(54)	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
AMC	(57)	"Dances-Wolves"		*** "Open Range"	(2003) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner.			*** "North to Alaska"	(1960) John Wayne.					Glory			
SCIFI	(58)	** "Jeepers Creepers 2"	(2003, Horror)	"Lake Placid 2"	(2007) John Schneider.	"Frankenfish"	(2004, Horror) Tory Kittles.	"Lake Placid 2"									
CNN	(62)	This Week at War	Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night			Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night							
HBO	(306)	Fracture	*** "War of the Worlds"	(2005)		** "The Man"	(2005)			** "The Hills Have Eyes"	(2006)			Boxing			
MAX	(322)	Striking	(:20) ** "Stripes"	(1981)		(:10) ** "The Sentinel"	(2006)			*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005)			** "Phat Girlz"			
SHOW	(343)	** "Bad News Bears"	(2005)			*** "The Client"	(1994) iTV. (In Stereo)			The Tudors (iTV)	Joe Rogan: Live			** "Edmond"	iTV.		

SUNDAY MORNING														APRIL 29, 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 Tis	NOW	Religion	Minding				
CBS	(4) 4	Homeown.	Paid Prog.	Believers	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		Nation	Open	Paid Prog.		Motorcycle Racing					
KCOS	(5) 13	(Off Air)				Plaza Sésa	Curious	Clifford	Dragon	Nova	(DVS)	Session	Transform				
ABC	(7) 7	Overdrive	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America		News (N)		This Week With George		Paid Prog.	NBA				
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	Matthews	Hispanics	Today (N)		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)		Heads-Poker					
KINT	(10) 26	Control	Caliante	Tu Desayuno Alegre: Fin		Pinky	Carmen	Bill		República Deportiva							
KTDO	(11) 48	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Pagado	Babar	Jane	Jacob	Pagado	La Santa Misa		Pagado	Tus Manos				
KTFFN	(13) 65	Carita de Angel	Azul			Pequeño	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	Pepsi Música					
KTLLA	(14)	The Shield	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ron H.	Pacesetter	Success	Amazing	Believers	Feed	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Changing				
WGN	(15)	Changing	Paid Prog.	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Morris Cerullo Helpline		Feed	Paid Prog.	"MXP: Most Xtreme Primate"	(2003) (In Stereo)						
ESPN	(16)	SportsCtr.	SportsCenter		NBA	SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCtr.	2007 NFL Draft From New York. (Live)							
USA	(31)	Fitness	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	Monk		** "The Jackal"	(1997, Suspense) Bruce Willis.	(DVS)		Kiss Girls					
TNT	(32)	Chases	** "Dead Presidents"	(1995) Larenz Tate.		*** "Ali"	(2001, Biography) Will Smith, Jamie Foxx.			** "The Art of War"							
TBS	(33)	(4:35) ** "Mars Attacks!"	(1996) (PA)			(6:50) *** "Signs"	(2002) Mel Gibson.			(:05) ** "Jurassic Park III"	(2001) Sam Neill.						
SPIKE	(34)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Trucks!	Trucks!	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	Hrsepwer	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4 Trucks!					
LIFE	(39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power			Paid Prog.	Health	"Love in Another Town"	(1997) Victoria Principal.			"Caught in the Act"					
A&E	(43)	Ask This	Ask This	Breakfast With the Arts	(N)			Inked	Inked	Inked	Inked	Sons	Sons				
HIST	(44)	Secrets	HistoryCTR	Historys	Murders	Mega Movers		Mega Movers		Mega Movers		Mega Movers					
TLC	(45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	Clean Sweep		Clean Sweep		Trading Spaces		Trading Spaces					
DISC	(47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Time Machine (N)		Stinkers! Ten Smelliest		Snakes-Squeez.		Mt. St. Helens					
FAM	(51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina				
DISN	(52)	Barbarian	Whiskers	Lilo Stitch	Maggie	Bear	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey				
NICK	(54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	OddParent	Avatar	Mr. Meaty	Nicktoon	Nicktoon				
AMC	(57)	**** "Dances With Wolves"	(1990) Kevin Costner.	A Union officer befriends the Lakota.				Shootout		*** "Papillon"	(1973, Suspense)						
SCIFI	(58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Triangle (In Stereo) (Part 1 of 3)				The Triangle (In Stereo) (Part 2 of 3)							
CNN	(62)	CNN Sunday Morning		House Call	CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer									
HBO	(306)	** "The Hills Have Eyes"	(2006) (In Stereo)			Tourette's	(:45) ** "The X-Files"	(1998) David Duchovny. (In Stereo)				Real Sports					
MAX	(322)	(4:20) *** "Fatal Attraction"		(:20) ** "Phat Girlz"	(2006)			*** "Out of Africa"	(1985) Meryl Streep. (In Stereo)			Firewall					
SHOW	(343)	(4:30) * "Direct Hit"		Patriot Act: Jeffrey Ross		(:25) ** "Encino Man"	(1992)		(8:55) **** "Annie Hall"	(1977)		Sophies					

SUNDAY AFTERNOON														APRIL 29, 2007			
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
KRWG	(2) 22	Santa Fe	Business	Aggie Alm	Second	Healthy	Antiques Roadshow	Great Performances "Barenboim on Beethoven"				Seasoned					
CBS	(4) 4	Auto Racing	American Le Mans Series. (Taped)			PGA Golf EDS Byron Nelson Championship -- Final Round. (Live)					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
KCOS	(5) 13	Europe	Travels	Villa de Albuquerque	Texas	Business	Healthy	Mature	Great Performances at the Met (In Stereo)								
ABC	(7) 7	NBA Basketball: First Round -- Bulls at Heat				NBA Basketball: First Round -- Suns at Lakers				Entertainment Tonight							
KFOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog. NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Aaron's 499. From Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala.								Sunland Star							
NBC	(9) 9	Heads-Poker			NHL Hockey Conference Semifinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA.	Barbaro				Paid Prog. [3 Wide Life							
KINT	(10) 26	Fútbol de la Liga Mexicana				Qué Locura	Festival del Humor				Primer Impacto						
KTDO	(11) 48	Fútbol (En Vivo)				Nitido	Titulares	Ritmo	Urgente		WWE Raw						
KTFFN	(13) 65	"Cadena de Mando" (1993) Michael Dudikoff.				Fútbol MLS: Revolution en Dallas				Objetivo Fama		*** "Exterminador"					
KTLLA	(14)	Shook	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Littles	Strawberry	Wild Am.	** "Operation Condor" (1991) Jackie Chan.		** "Metro" (1997)							
WGN	(15)	"Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey"				** "King Ralph" (1991) John Goodman.				Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos					
ESPN	(16)	(9:00) 2007 NFL Draft From New York. (Live)								SportsCenter							
USA	(31)	(10:30) ** "Kiss the Girls" (1997)				*** "Primal Fear" (1996, Drama) Richard Gere, Laura Linney.				"The Bourne Identity"							
TNT	(32)	(10:00) ** "The Art of War" (2000)				* "Bait" (2000, Action) Jamie Foxx, David Morse.	*** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.										
TBS	(33)	*** "Shanghai Knights" (2003) Jackie Chan.				MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies. (Subject to Blackout)				"Sleepy Hollow" (1999)							
SPIKE	(34)	Trucks!		*** "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" (1985) Mel Gibson.				*** "Fight Club" (1999, Suspense) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton.									
LIFE	(39)	"Caught in the Act"		"A Life Interrupted" (2007) Lea Thompson.				"Judicial Indiscretion" (2007) Anne Archer.				*** "Mystic Pizza"					
A&E	(43)	Sons	Sons	Sons	Sons	City Confidential	American Justice		Cold Case Files		Cold Case Files						
HIST	(44)	Titanic's Final Moments: Missing Pieces				World Trade Center: Rise and Fall		The Boneyard									
TLC	(45)	Home Made Simple (N)		Flip That House		Flip That House		Flip House Homes		Flip That House		Flip That House					
DISC	(47)	Survivorman		Survivorman		Survivorman		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch					
FAM	(51)	Sabrina		Sabrina		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls					
DISN	(52)	Sprites		Handy		Doodlebop		Charlie		Lilo Stitch		Replace					
NICK	(54)	Nicktoon		Nicktoon		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Neutron		Phantom					
AMC	(57)	(9:30) *** "Papillon" (1973)		**** "Glory" (1989, Historical Drama)		Matthew Broderick.		*** "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall.									
SCIFI	(58)	The Triangle (In Stereo) (Part 3 of 3)				** "Creature" (1998) Craig T. Nelson. An amphibious monster threatens a scientist and his family.											
CNN	(62)	This Week at War			Special Investigations		In the Money		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week				
HBO	306	*** "Madagascar" (2005)			Making		Real Time		** "Kindergarten Cop" (1990) (In Stereo)		"Tokyo Drift"						
MAX	322	(10:45) ** "Firewall" (2006)		*** "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington.		(4:40) *** "Mystic River" (2003) Sean Penn. (In Stereo)											
SHOW	343	(10:30) *** "Sophie's Choice" (1982) iTV.				** "Elizabethtown" (2005) Orlando Bloom.				(1:15) ** "Americano" (2005)		Man Mask					

TUESDAY EVENING													MAY 1, 2007			
			5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG	(2)	22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova (DVS)		The Mormons (N) (DVS)				News	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(4)	4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "In the Dark"		The Unit "Freefall"		CSI: NY (DVS)		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOS	(5)	13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Nova (DVS)		The Mormons (N) (DVS)				Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC	(7)	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Lopez	Lopez	Dancing-Stars		(:01) Boston Legal		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	(8)	14	Dr. Phil (DVS)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	American Idol (DVS)		House "Family" (N)		News (DVS)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends	
NBC	(9)	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Dateline NBC (DVS)		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT	(10)	26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fe Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Nuestra Belleza		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO	(11)	48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		Sin Vergüenza		Noticiero	12 Corazones		Rojo Vivo
KTFN	(13)	65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice	*** "Spider-Man" (2002, Acción)	Tobey Maguire.		Así Es la Vida				Contacto	*** "Blade Runner" (1982)		
KTLA	(14)		Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Gilmore Girls (N)		Veronica Mars (N)		KTLA Prime News	
WGN	(15)		Home Videos		Funnyest	Funnyest	Funnyest	Funnyest	WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs		Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	(16)		SportsCtr	NFL Live	SportsCenter		Contender		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter (DVS)		Fast	Baseball	SportsCenter (DVS)	
USA	(31)		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU	*** "Patch Adams" (1999)			Law Order: CI				Law & Order: SVU		The Dead Zone	
TNT	(32)		Law & Order		NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams TBA. (DVS)				NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams TBA. (DVS)				*** "Murder at 1600" (1997) (PA) (DVS)		Inside the NBA	
TBS	(33)		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Sex & Sex	Friends	Friends	Friends	Sex & Sex		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
SPIKE	(34)		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		UFC Unleashed		Bullrun (N)		The Ultimate Fighter		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE	(39)		Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Nora Roberts' Angels Fall" (2007) (DVS)		Will	Will	Will		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E	(43)		Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami (DVS)		Dog	Dog	Driving	Driving			CSI: Miami (DVS)		Dog	Dog
HIST	(44)		Modern Marvels		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries		Man-Machine		Mega Movers (DVS)		Ancient Discoveries		Ancient Discoveries	
TLC	(45)		Motorcycle Mania 3:		Jesse James Rides		The Real Deal		Miami Ink (N)		Miami Ink (DVS)		The Real Deal		Motorcycle Mania	
DISC	(47)		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Man vs. Wild (DVS)		MythBusters Ninjas.		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
FAM	(51)		Smallville "Phoenix"		*** "Bicentennial Man" (1999) Robin Williams. Premiere. (DVS)				The 700 Club (DVS)				Falcon Beach (DVS)		His Sight	
DISN	(52)		Suite Life	Suite Life	Life De	Life De	Phil	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	"Up, Up and Away" (2000)		So Raven		Life De	Phil
NICK	(54)		OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Funnyest	Home Videos	Rose		Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	GroPains	Cosby
AMC	(57)		"The Last Samurai"		**** "Dances With Wolves" (1990, Western) Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell.								*** "No Way Out" (1987, Suspense)			
SCIFI	(58)		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		ECW (Live)		Painkiller Jane		Dark Angel (DVS)		Twilight	Twilight
CNN	(62)		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (DVS)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO	(306)		*** "Empire Falls" (2005) Ed Harris.		*** "Matchstick Men" (2003) (DVS)		*** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (2005) Brad Pitt.								The Sopranos (DVS)	
MAX	(322)		"Harry Potter-Goblet of Fire" (4:45) *** "8MM" (1999) Nicolas Cage.		(:45) *** "Inside Man" (2006) Denzel Washington.										"Monster-in-Law"	
SHOW	(343)		(:15) *** "Coach Carter" (2005) iTV. (In Stereo)		(:45) *** "In the Line of Fire" (1993) (DVS)								The Tudors (iTV)		Am. Life	Penn



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THURSDAY EVENING													MAY 3, 2007		
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KRWG	(2) 22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Globe Trekker		Sierra Center Stage		Austin City Limits		News	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Survivor: Fiji (N)		CSI: Crime Scn		Shark		News (N)	Late Show		Late Late
KCOOS	(5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Live From Lincoln Center (N)		Peanuts		Ballroom Chail		Business	Charlie Rose (N)		(Off Air)
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty (N)		Grey's Anatomy (N)	(In Stereo)			News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX	(8) 14	Dr. Phil		Simpsons	Seinfeld	You Smarter?		Trading Spouses	News			Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex & Friends	
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Name	(:35) The Office (N)	Scrubs	(8:53) ER "I Don't"			News (N)	Tonight Show		Late
KINT	(10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Duelo de Pasiones		La Fea Más Bella		Destilando Amor		Aquí y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO	(11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate (N)		Marina (N)		Zorro - Espada		Sin Verguenza		Noticiero	Titulares	Cora	Rojo Vivo
KTFN	(13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi		Qué Dice la Gente		*** "Crimson Tide" (1995, Suspense)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	*** "Casada con la Mafia"		
KTLA	(14) 14	Reba	Reba	My Wife	Jim	Jim	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Smallville "Noir" (N)		Supernatural (N)		KTLA Prime News	
WGN	(15) 15	Home Videos		** "Metro" (1997)	Eddie Murphy.			WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs		Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	(16) 16	SportsCtr	NFL Live	Contender		Contender		Baseball Tonight		SportsCenter		Baseball	NFL Live	SportsCenter	
USA	(31) 31	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Psych	
TNT	(32) 32	Without a Trace		NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams TBA.		NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams TBA.		NBA Basketball First Round -- Teams TBA.						Inside the NBA	
TBS	(33) 33	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Deep Impact" (1998) Robert Duvall.				(:40) *	"Chill Factor" (1999)		
SPIKE	(34) 34	CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		TNA Wrestling		The Ultimate Fighter		UFC Unleashed		Wild	Sports	Most	Real TV
LIFE	(39) 39	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	*** "The Accused" (1988)				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Strong
A&E	(43) 43	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami		The First 48		Virginia Tech		Detroit SWAT		CSI: Miami		The First 48	
HIST	(44) 44	Modern Marvels		Spider-Man Tech		Mega Movers		Mega Movers "Moving the Impossible"				Spider-Man Tech		Mega Movers	
TLC	(45) 45	Overhaulin' Bling		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper		American Chopper	
DISC	(47) 47	Survivorman		Human Prey		Killer Squid		Killer Jellyfish		Cash	Cash	Human Prey		Killer Squid	
FAM	(51) 51	Smallville "Slumber"		** "Raise Your Voice" (2004) Hilary Duff.				Whose?		The 700 Club		Videos	Videos	Paid	Paid
DISN	(52) 52	Phil	Phil	Sister	Sister	Suite Life	So Raven	Montana	Suite Life	** "Model Behavior" (2000) (In Stereo)				Life De	Phil
NICK	(54) 54	OddPar	Neutron	Sponge	Drake	Videos	Videos	Rose	Rose	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Cosby	GroPains	Rose
AMC	(57) 57	"Quicker-Dead"		** "Death Hunt" (1981, Adventure)				*** "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972) Robert Redford.						"Butch Cassidy"	
SCIFI	(58) 58	"Komodo vs. Cobra" (2005) Michael Paré.		"Lake Placid 2" (2007) John Schneider.				** "Deadly Swarm" (2003)						Twilight	Twilight
CNN	(62) 62	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO	(306) 306	Dunston	** "The Golden Child" (1999)			*** "Lackawanna Blues" (1999)		Sopranos	** "Rebound" (2005)			24 7		Big Love "Eviction"	
MAX	(322) 322	(3:50) "Die Hard"		** "Cruel Intentions" (1999)		(:45) *** "Just Like Heaven" (2005)				** "Thank You for Smoking" (2005)				"Batman Begins"	
SHOW	(343) 343	Mickey	(:45) * "The Keeper" (2004)			*** "The Terminator" (1984)				** "Strangers With Candy"				Penn	Penn

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

BEGINNER

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

Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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

Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

2		1	9		6		
			8				
		3	4		2		
8		2			1		
6							4
4			6			5	
				1		9	6
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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's
solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

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.

ANIMAL DOCTOR

<u>ENGLISH</u>	<u>SPANISH</u>
BIRDS	PAJAROS
CATS	GATOS
DOGS	PERROS
MAMMALS	MAMÍFEROS
MEDICINE	MEDICINA
PRESCRIPTION	RECETA
REPTILE	REPTIL
SICK	ENFERMO
TO CURE	CURAR
TO EXAMINE	EXAMINAR
TO RECOVER	CURARSE
VETERINARIAN	VETERINARIO

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N	O	I	T	P	I	R	C	S	E	R	P	L	U	S
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A	M	E	N	F	E	R	M	O	J	R	Ì	G	U	S
N	M	H	R	E	Y	S	E	T	A	E	L	O	S	M
I	A	B	E	R	S	N	D	U	R	V	G	T	Ì	E
R	L	A	P	U	I	Y	I	C	O	O	A	T	S	N
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N	I	P	À	J	A	R	E	N	I	M	A	X	H	T

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.

- 1 That girl
- 4 Dixie soldier
- 7 Tango team
- 10 Newman movie
- 11 Alfonso's queen
- 12 Bern's river
- 13 Fluky
- 14 Twice DLXXV
- 15 Yes to Yves
- 16 B&O and others
- 17 Singer Bonnie
- 19 Hrs. in Seattle
- 22 Cry noisily
- 24 WWII arena
- 25 Banks or Pyle
- 26 Orch. section
- 27 Even one
- 28 Coffee vessel
- 29 Psychoanalyst Erich
- 30 Sundial numeral
- 31 Tampa sch.
- 32 Genetic letters
- 33 Hindu title
- 34 Rationers of WWII
- 36 African antelope
- 38 Puppeteer Baird
- 40 German article
- 41 So-so grade
- 42 AARP part
- 43 Hour div.
- 44 Zeta follower
- 45 Ship's record
- 46 Dr. Tim's drug
- 47 Approx.
- 48 Org. of Federer
- 49 Fighting Tigers' sch.
- 50 Assyrian capital
- 52 Old Europeans
- 54 Transplanter's conce
- 57 Verse opener?
- 58 Exist
- 59 Soviet collective
- 60 Wife of Saturn
- 61 Org. of Flames
- 62 Forum honcho
- 64 Rome's river
- 65 Actress Weld
- 67 Part of GPA
- 68 ___-fi
- 70 End of pay?
- 71 Ref. set member
- 72 Austral. state
- 73 Foil material
- 74 Dawn goddess
- 75 Celtic Neptune
- 76 Old-time high note
- 77 Eng. inst. letters
- 78 Wide shoe width
- 79 Italian pronoun
- 80 Ati. summer hrs.
- 81 Capek play

82 Settle a debt
83 Pres. advisors
85 Snitch
87 Disgrace
89 Showery mo.
90 Assent signal
91 H.S. part
92 Singer K.T. ____
93 Tiny portion
94 Part of R.S.A.
95 Language suffix
96 French school
97 ____ and outs
98 Acquired
100 Sailors' admin.
101 Ulan-____, Russia
102 Tumor: suff.
103 Brit. quartermaster
104 DDE's adversary
105 Mil. honor
106 Very long period
107 Hwys.

- 1 Of the near future
- 2 Hugh or Rock
- 3 Byrnes or Roush
- 4 No longer an ex
- 5 California city
- 6 Cal Ripken, e.g.
- 7 Lao Tzu's religion
- 8 Wisconsin city
- 9 Notable three stars
in a row
- 16 Barrymore movie
- 17 Nostalgic class?
- 18 Cosby kid
- 19 Greek letter
- 20 Mark of infamy
- 21 TNT
- 23 Intermittently
- 32 Outline with precision
- 33 Hardening of body parts
- 35 Cushing movie
- 37 Out of favor
- 39 Scoff at
- 50 Greek letters
- 51 Dyeing vessel
- 52 Mobster's rod
- 53 Camera letters
- 55 Sugary suffix
- 56 TV Tarzan Ron
- 63 Jane Fonda film
- 66 Sharp-tongued attitude
- 69 Newton and Asimov
- 71 Bright red
- 84 Computer discs
- 86 Definite article
- 88 "The Tempest" king
- 89 Put up with
- 99 Tic-___toe
- 101 Eat-Svr. once

- 1 Pocket change
- 6 Kindergarten recitation
- 10 Puts in stitches
- 14 Whippersnapper
- 19 CPA's task
- 20 Goods for a fence
- 21 Almost horizontal
entrance to a mine
- 22 Els with tees
- 23 Act part
- 24 Wild swine
- 25 Discover alternative
- 26 Prudential competition
- 27 Start of a quip
- 31 Hostile forces
- 32 This can't be good
- 33 Like Christmas presents
- 37 Josh of "How I Met
Your Mother"
- 40 Bygone Russian ruler
- 41 Hibernation location
- 42 Colonial black cuckoo
- 43 Thundering group
- 44 Kitchen gadget
- 46 Kind of blanket or
mackerel
- 47 Indy stop
- 48 Part 2 of quip
- 53 Long or Peeples
- 54 "Bad, Bad ___ Brown"
(Jim Croce hit)
- 55 Woe is me!
- 56 Identical
- 57 No great shakes
- 59 Pen of old
- 61 Two-dimensional
- 63 Somewhat indelicate
- 64 Prize money
- 65 Vulture's tool
- 66 Community connection
- 69 Brief flash of bright
light
- 70 Sign of stickiness?
- 74 Tylenol's target
- 75 Easy gait
- 76 Yankee wordsmith?
- 77 Olympic runner
Sebastian
- 78 Part 3 of quip
- 84 AAA suggestion
- 85 Semitic people
- 86 Lena or Marilyn
- 87 Pesky flier
- 88 Culbertson of bridge
- 89 Shape of a dunce cap
- 90 Largest of the Marianas

91 Like Santa's belly
93 Intensifies
95 Gentlemen's
agreement
96 Inn group
98 End of quip
104 Dogie catcher
107 Distinctive his-
toric periods
108 Bushy do
109 Condon's digs
110 To one side
111 Evening in ads
112 Type of plum
113 Candied, like fruit
114 Shadow
115 Small fry
116 Past spouses
117 Silky smooth

1	Dramatis personae	74
2	That tharts!	78
3	— fixe (obsession)	84
4	Wii maker	88
5	Chafing-dish heat	90
6	Collector's book	
7	Word before hatch or prize	
8	Anthracite, e.g.	
9	Coffeecake top-ping	10
10	Rescuer	
11	Mrs. Bunker	11
12	Birthday gift?	
13	Loyalists	11
14	Mariner	
15	Barely move	
16	Wee crawler	
17	Hour div.	
18	Shooter pellet	
28	Opposite of 'neath	
29	Pier	
30	Kind of linen	
34	New Guinea language	
35	Perplexing puzzle	
36	Confused state	
37	Tanklike animal	
38	Noose gods	
39	Wood nymph	
40	Server's aid	
41	Faithful	
44	Matthew of "Friends"	

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45 Sailor's call
46 Berry of "Gothika"
49 Radii neighbors
50 Give feedback
51 Bodice
52 Honshu port
58 Dunne or Ryan
59 Ecuadorian capital
60 Large vase
61 ___ dish
62 Bolivian capital
64 Tactics
65 Uncle Miltie
66 Like many steeples
67 Spill the beans

68 Well-marbled roast
69 Diving bird
70 Disengage from a habit
71 Cake coverage
72 Dorsal
73 Easily irritated
75 Temporary guest
76 Shoulder of the road
79 Confront resolutely
80 University of Maine
 locale
81 Robert Ruark book
82 Fury on the freeway
83 Off-white shade
90 Spurs on

91 Peter Pan rival
92 Conference pin-ons
94 Procession of matadors
95 Earp brother
96 Become one
97 Natural emollients
99 Threesome
100 Tunisian port
101 "Dies ___" (day of
wrath)
102 Congenial
103 Social misfit
104 Vegas lead-in
105 Cleo's bane
106 Shade of blue

A	S	T	A	E	S	I	D	N	A	H	C	R	E	M	
C	A	L	C	S	Y	R	O	S	S	E	C	C	A	O	
E	S	O	E	A	I	C	A	N	A	T	I	V	E	O	
N	O	N	S	C	T	V	T	A	M	E	T	D	M		
O	N	D	O	A	P	O	R	O	O	C	A	N			
I	A	R	O	E	S	D	S	E	S	Q	X	N			
C	L	I	N	T	R	I	N	H	O	P	H	I			
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TOUCH	MARC	FEAST	ARGO
ONTH	MONEY	OFFTHE	MARK
AURORA	ONCE	SERENAD	
ISE	WIRETAPS	BOIRON	
INFINE	FORM	AUTOHES	SHAPE
NOON	NICE	FRESNO	AMEN
MISC	STUMBLE	ARF	END
ASSET	CLIEU	BAITED	
NEAR	ATHAND	FARRICE	MOVED
SAIL	ARM	COATING	ARE
TRIS	OOMPAH	ARAT	SLOE
UNDER	WRAPS	ABOVE	BOARD
BOOTH	SPEAR	EGAN	
REACH	SPACE	LAB	SYD
GREAT	HOPE	UCLA	NOSHOW
ACME	BYTES	NILE	NOVEL
REED	EXERT	ERISE	SPEEL

SR EXXW TDLZMDFW RBHLBA YDZB EXXW

HBSEOTXFA, GODC WX YDHM EXXW

HBSEOTXFA YDZB? DHAGBF: EDCBA.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"While walking in the park, we happened upon a young couple playing hopscotch with their daughters."

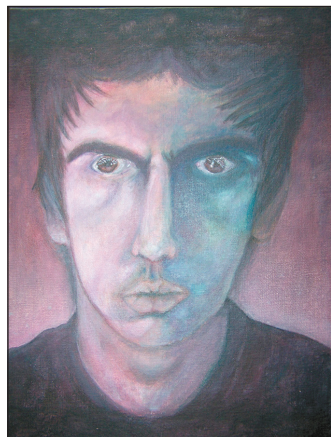
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GALLERIES & OPENINGS



"Untitled" by Rachel Mills at Las Cruces Museum of Art



"Self Portrait" by Andrew Martinez at Las Cruces Museum of Art



"Jenni" by Kurt Van Wagner at Tombaugh Gallery.



"Irrigation Ditch Gate" by Carolyn Bunch at Patio Art Gallery

OPENING THIS WEEK

■ FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

Three new 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 manufacturing 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.

■ TOMBAUGH GALLERY

A solo exhibition of original digital prints by Las Cruces artist Kurt Van Wagner will be featured in May at the Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The exhibit, entitled "Timeless: A Journey Within," will run from May 2 through May 30, and an artist's reception will be held Sunday, May 13, from noon to 3 p.m. Each artwork is a limited edition print using archival Epson inks and paper, which Epson states will last and not fade for over 75 years if mounted underneath glass. The canvas giclée prints will last for over 50 years. His recent works with the human figure are his interpretation of man's purpose and meaningful existence in our world; The beauty that is in each and every one of us starting with our physical presence to our souls. "In order for the journey to be within and realistic, I have created these artworks in a very personal way. Both my wife Jenni and I are the uninhibited models for all the works displayed," Van Wagner explains. His digital art merges figure, place and thought to create unique images that explore the beauty tasteful nudes and sacred landscapes. They reflect a divinity attained through a life journey — a path where everything has purpose, happiness and peace. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. For more information, call 522-7281.

■ PATIO ART GALLERY

"Water in the Desert," a Patio Art Gallery Invitational exhibit featuring established and emerging artists, runs May 1 through June 16, with an opening reception Saturday, May 5, from 1 to 4 p.m. Carolyn Bunch, Winfrey Hearst, Annetta J. Hoover, Judy Licht, Joyce T. Macrorie, Julie Ford Oliver and Dan Tapper of the Patio Art Gallery, with guest artists Mary Beatle, Jo Ledbetter, Bonnie Mandoe, Lynn Leland, Joan Shepack, Lucia Wilcox and Daphne Wirthlin, will present this timely show. The artists are from Las Cruces and El Paso. "The use of water in the desert often takes on political and social meaning," said Carolyn Bunch, gallery co-owner, "but through art, we can also consider the historic and artistic influences of water." The Patio Art Gallery, which does have a fountain, reflects the beauty and value of water in its show, "Water in the Desert." The Patio Art Gallery is located at the corner of University Avenue and El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays with art classes offered on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 541-7401.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun is pleased to announce that Teresa Fernandez is the gallery's Artist of the Month for May.

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●●LAST CHANCE●●

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

Works of art by seniors from the Las Cruces city high schools will be on display in the galleries of the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St., through Saturday, April 28. The high school seniors' work covers the gamut of artistic media, including ceramics, sculpture, printmaking, drawing and painting, photography and mixed media. The event will be catered by senior students in high school culinary arts programs, who will also receive awards for their presentations. "Against the Grain," an exhibition of woodcuts by Anthony Lazorko, will be on display in the Las Cruces Museum of Art's director's gallery. Spanning a 50-year career of printmaking, the exhibit depicts the American experience and focuses on beauty found in the ordinary. The show also will run through Saturday, April 28. Anthony Lazorko resides and shares a studio in Mesilla with his artist wife, Marguerite Biddle. For more information, contact Joy Miller at 541-2221.

■ LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

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

■ ALEGRE GALLERY

Kathleen Squires is the featured artist for the month of April. Squires is one of "The Five Painters" and paints with fresh color and loose brushstrokes. For this show there will be some new work, and she gets better every time she paints. The gallery is located at 1701 Calle de Mercado No. 1 in Mesilla near Lorenzo's

de Mesilla and Sol Imports. Regular gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. For more information, contact 523-2311 or alegregistry@qwest.net.

■ CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

"On Silk and Paper" shows at the Las Cruces Convention & Visitors Bureau in April as fiber artist Joan Jensen and watercolorist Margaret Bernstein, both of Las Cruces, partner for this month's exhibit. Jensen's wall hangings are painted on Chinese silk and layered some with Cambodian silk. Three focus on rivers and a fourth on clouds. Bernstein's three pieces consider Southwestern themes. The Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau, 211 N. Water St., is opened from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

The Branigan Cultural Center will exhibit over 40 works by members of the Black Range Artists during their Spring Exhibition through Saturday, April 28. Black Range Artists, Inc. was established in 1962 to promote and encourage art in the southwest by providing quality exhibitions, information and beneficial programs to artists and their communities. Also "Coins of Antiquity," a collection of coins of the ancient Mediterranean, will be on display through April 28. Included in the exhibit are coins of Julius Caesar and the House of Constantine, as well as coins mentioned in the Bible. The private collection on loan to the museum also displays coins from Greek city states, Alexander the Great and Ptolemaic Egypt from the 32nd Dynasty. In addition to their token value, the coins are miniature works of art fashioned with gold, silver, bronze, ceramics and glass. As with fine art, there are counterfeit coins made, and a few of these are in the exhibit. The exhibiting Black Range Artists represent southern New Mexico and west Texas. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at the north end

of the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Parking is available at the intersection of Water and Hadley streets. The gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information about the exhibition, contact 541-2154 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery, 2640 El Paseo Road, will host a new art exhibit highlighting the work of Jo-an Smith and Suzanne Kane. Their show, entitled "Bold Statements in Gold, Paint and Clay," will combine the colorful echoes of ancient voices of New Mexico in Jo-an Smith's paintings and her unique touch to designs in hammered gold and exquisite enamel. Suzanne Kane's ceramics bring together objects to stand in for thought, feeling, memory, imagination, compulsion or obsession. Together their show will showcase familiar favorites as well as new directions while they both continue to grow and experiment. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 524-4300.

■ MAIN STREET GALLERY

After three years in business, The Main Street Gallery, 311 N. Downtown Mall, has undergone an exciting renovation — inside and out — featuring the stimulating new fine arts collaborative of five of Las Cruces' celebrated artists. This distinctive collaborative includes: Penny Dunclee, whose Southwest realist watercolor studies beautifully interplay color, light and composition; the daringly colorful and capricious designs of Daphne Wirthlin's desert dwellers; the non-objective, deeply textured, colorful dreamscapes of Ruth Drayer that calm the mind and expand the soul; the soft and sublime southern New Mexico scenes of Mark Ploss and the exquisitely sculpted spirit minders of Lynn

Unangst, adorned with natural materials, textiles and intricate beadwork. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 647-0508.

■ TERRACE GALLERY

"Flowers!" a must-see exhibit for April, is on display at the Terrace Gallery in the Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Sponsored by the Las Cruces Arts Association, "Flowers!" features the work of some 20 member artists and is part of the Downtown Ramble. The organization offers original art pieces for under \$200 each as part of its arts-awareness mission. The exhibit is on the second floor of the library and is open during all regular library hours. For more information, call 528-4000.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

Love, friendship, compassion, conversation, laughter, water, food (especially chocolate) and painting ... all the good things in life. These are the "essentials" shared by a group of artists, Sally Quillin's art students, who not only share an art teacher but also share a common philosophy regarding the elements they consider to be essential for a good and satisfying life. This group's exhibit "Windows, Doors and Gates" will be on display at the Rio Grande Theatre galleries through April. Members of the Essentialists are Beegee Brandhorst, Alan Carrington, Kaye Faircloth, Arleigh Hilstrom, Melanie Jack, Nita Larsen, Gail Makowsky, Regina Nelson, Elsie Pipirings, Sally Quillin, Judy Rossow, Donna A. Wood and Joyce Yearly. 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.

—GALLERIES & OPENINGS—

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Fernandez is a teacher as well as an artist and teaches Art History and Art Appreciation. But it is her art that is her first love and one glance will tell the viewer this is where her heart lies. Fernandez will be exhibiting her small story boxes as well as a number of her powerful paintings. Her story boxes are a recent addition to her work. Using many layers of vibrant color and diverse textures she creates fascinating shapes to produce narratives. Each one presents its story to the viewer on a personal level. Fernandez has exhibited in El Paso and Juarez and had a painting included in the Branigan Cultural Center's Consulate's Exhibit. The opening reception will be held May 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Laughing at the Sun in the Old Tortilla Factory, 1910 Calle de Parian in Mesilla. The exhibit will continue through May 31.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ THETHEATREGALLERY

Inspired by pictographs and scenic landscapes throughout the Southwest, especially in New Mexico, Margaret Bernstein tries to capture the joy of a moment in paint and color. She loves to work with theatre because of its tradition and spontaneity both relevant to a painter's perspective. This exhibit, "Under Glass," includes new and recent work in watercolor and acrylic media of landscapes, flowers and abstracts. Thetheatregallery is located in the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Downtown Mall. For more information, call 523-1223.

■ WHITE RAVEN STUDIOS

White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave., will present "Time for Two Women." The exhibit runs through May 5. Tuana Cole will present a new body of works on paper and paintings in her well-known evocative and mysterious style, her expressions commenting on the larger issues of life, time and its various meanings. The wood sculptures and installation of Connie Mississippi also reflect her ideas about time. "The passage of time suggests a circle. Time's cyclic nature is seen in the waxing and waning of the moon, the turning of the earth on its axis and the faces of clocks, which bear the circular motion of hands which return at regular intervals. The simple shape of the circle is symbolically and spiritually rich in temporal meaning. Mortal life is a circular progression," Mississippi said. For more information, call 525-9543.

■ BLACK GOLD FROM THE SUN

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

The 'arte' of gourmet cooking

Alma d'arte's culinary arts program picks up steam

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It looked like a professional kitchen as the cooks throughout the day prepped, baked, sautéed and grilled food, which was put into large, stand-up warmers for the banquet later.

But for all practical purposes, the kitchen at Alma d'arte charter school was a professional kitchen on Thursday, April 19, as the students prepared and cooked 120 meals for a conference of community foundations meeting in Las Cruces on border philanthropy.

It was to be a long, full day for the group of students that began with prep work in the morning, cooking into the afternoon and serving in the evening. Everything from the appetizers to dessert was student-made and tasty.

For Marla Larkin, the day was also a taste of her future profession. The graduating senior will be attending a culinary school in Arizona and she planned the meal under the director of her teacher at Alma, Roanna St. Clair.

The meal she planned included soup and salad, an entrée and dessert with a Southwestern flare. "They all have a kick to it," Larkin said.

Larkin originally went to the arts-based charter school because she was interested in dance. But she found a new form of expression in the kitchen. "I love working with food," she said.

When Alma first opened in 2004, the Court Youth Center's kitchen wasn't ready for prime time, so the school mainly focused on its other more traditional fine arts, theater, dance and writing. But culinary arts was always one of the areas that Alma also wanted to provide students because the school's focus is to show how artistic interests translate into real world work.

And preparing a banquet for 120 is about as real world as it gets, although Alma Executive Producer Irene Oliver-Lewis is quick to point out that the students also prepare hot meals for about 130 of the school's 165 students. Although the students are free to eat off campus for lunch, most stay to see what the kitchen crew has whipped up for the day.

"That's a very high ratio for students eating cafeteria food," Oliver-Lewis said. "And there is very little waste."

But what comes out of Alma's kitchen isn't your standard school cafeteria fare either. The lunches serve as an opportunity for students to explore different styles of cooking, often linking cultural foods to seasonal events and holidays. One day it may be Asian around the time of the Chinese New Year, another day it may be Irish on the eve of St. Patrick's Day.

"We started off as this being a sampler operation, but now



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Alma d'arte culinary arts teacher Roanna St. Clair puts the finishing touches on a plate before it is served at the border philanthropy conference.

this is a full production kitchen," Oliver-Lewis said.

Teaching the students about everything from planning and food safety to proper brazing and glazing is St. Clair, who worked her way up from the ranks of restaurant work to some of the best restaurants in Mesilla before coming to Alma.

It's been an enjoyable transition for St. Clair because of the enthusiasm of the charter school's students. "The kids are awesome," she said.

Of the school's first graduating class of five seniors, two now intend to pursue cuisine careers, Oliver-Lewis said.

Like a certain famous chef who's always "kicking it up notch," Alma is working with New Mexico State University Doña Ana Community College to have the culinary arts students take part in the ProStart program that will give them college credit along with more demanding studies. Also on the horizon are more visits by working chefs and more intern experiences for students to go out and work in professional kitchens.

For some students, who get a taste of every kind of art at the charter school, it can make a big difference. Samantha Armendariz, who came to Alma because she didn't like "regular school," has found she really likes working with food in the kitchen. The sophomore, whose previous school career was marked by her regular absence, now looks forward to coming to school each day. Just look for her in the kitchen.



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Members of New Mexico State's rodeo team drive a herd of 19 bucking horses down Hill Street to the Aggie rodeo arena in preparation for this weekend's event.

At the Aggie Rodeo, pink is in, pardner

Seven teams to rope and ride at New Mexico State rodeo arena

JOHN KEITH
Sports Editor



It ain't the color cowboys and cowgirls wear that makes 'em tough, right? Not around here anyhow.

How does pink sound? That's the color to be worn by the New Mexico State men's and women's rodeo teams when they host the school's annual collegiate rodeo Friday and Saturday.

"Yep," says Jim Dewey Brown, NMSU's coach, "it's a salute to our

nation's fight against breast cancer."

Part of the proceeds from the \$5 admission for adults and \$3 for children 5 and under will be donated to breast cancer.

Competition begins at 5 p.m. both days at the NMSU Rodeo Arena south of Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Seven teams will ride, rope and thank Leon Coffee, nationally known rodeo clown, for being here. Coffee has lured many a bull and bucking bronc away from would-be riders laying on the ground after getting tossed. The Harry Vold Rodeo Co. will supply the stock.

There's also a kid's rodeo at noon Saturday. A tailgate party accompanied by a battle of the bands will begin at 2 p.m.

At 11 a.m. Sunday, the Alumni Rodeo, highlighted by the Frank DuBois Invitational Calf Roping contest, is scheduled.

The NMSU women's team will try to live up to its No. 1 national ranking against tough opposition. The field includes Arizona, Central Arizona, New Mexico Highlands, Navajo Tech (Crown Point, N.M.), Dine College (Tsaile, Ariz.) and Cochise College (Douglas, Ariz.).

The Aggie men's team, ranked No. 4 nationally, is paced by the nation's top team roping combination of Matt Garza and Chance Means. Means is in the running for national All-Around Cowboy honors as well.

NMSU's Bailey Gow holds top honors in all-around competition and barrel racing. Dean Daly in saddle bronc events and Megan Corey in goat tying hold honors as well.

The rodeo has been aptly named "The 2007 Tuf Enuf to Wear Pink Collegiate Rodeo."

Credit coach Brown, the guy who dreamed it up.



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Matt Parsons will start at quarterback at the Aggie Crimson and White intrasquad game at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Parsons thrust into starting role

Ags end spring drills with Crimson-White game Saturday

By **JORDAN BOSTIC**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces is a long way from Orlando's lush palm trees and tropical weather, but Floridian Matt Parsons is learning to love the mountains and dry air of southern New Mexico.

Parsons, one of the quarterbacks on the New Mexico State football team, will lead the offense in the Crimson and White game Saturday, the finale to spring practice. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. in Aggie Memorial Stadium.

"It's a lot different, but I've adjusted," Parsons said about being the starter. His journey from high school to NMSU was an unusual one. After a prep career in Orlando, Parsons chose to attend a one-year military academy in Fork Union, Va., where he played on the football team.

The school is a place for high school athletes to get an extra year to develop their skills and then get recruited to a college team without losing a year of eligibility.

NFL stars Eddie George and

Vinny Testaverde played at Fork Union, as did Parsons' NMSU teammates Brandon Perez and Chuck Taylor.

For Parsons, Fork Union was a chance to put pounds on his lanky frame. He finished high school at 6-foot-6 and 175 pounds.

"I'm up to 205 now," Parsons said. "I've been working on it. I was actually up to 212, but then I lost some weight when spring practice started."

Parsons joined the Aggies in fall 2006 and spent the season running the scout team. As a result, he became an expert at running the offenses of many other teams the Aggies faced but did not spend much time studying his own team's system. With starting quarterback Chase Holbrook being held out of contact in spring drills, Parsons has been able to absorb the Air Raid offense and practice running it at game speed against the first team defense.

Prior to last Saturday's scrimmage in Artesia, Parsons had been splitting time at quarterback with fellow freshman Alex Gibson. When Gibson

suffered a knee injury, Parsons took command full time. For Saturday's intrasquad game, Parsons and red-shirt freshman Baer Phillipbar will both get snaps.

"I've done better than I did in the fall," Parsons said. "But I still have improving to do. I just have to get comfortable with the system and get in there and make plays."

After spending his redshirt season running other offenses, Parsons said he loves piloting the pass-happy Aggie playbook.

"There is so much freedom," Parsons said. "You don't feel one-dimensional."

"Matt is a tall kid with a strong arm," said Aggie head coach Hal Mumme. "With Gibson getting injured, Matt will get a lot of work this week. He'll be treated like the starter."

Is Parsons nervous? "Nah," he said.

"Pressure doesn't bother me too much."

"I think as long as we don't turn

See **Parsons** on PAGE D5

High School Events Schedule

Las Cruces High School

Varsity Baseball	Sat., Apr. 28	Alamogordo	11 a.m.
Varsity Tennis	Sat., Apr. 28	at District	9 a.m.
Varsity Softball	Sat., Apr. 28	Gadsden	11 a.m.
Varsity Golf	Mon., Apr. 30	District	9 a.m.

Oñate High School

Varsity Baseball	Sat., Apr. 28	Mayfield	11 a.m.
Varsity Tennis	Sat., Apr. 28	at District	9 a.m.
Varsity Softball	Tue., May. 1	at Mayfield	5 p.m.
Varsity Golf	Mon., Apr. 30	District	9 a.m.

Mayfield High School

Varsity Tennis	Sat., Apr. 28	District	9 a.m.
Varsity Softball	Sat., Apr. 28	Alamogordo	11 a.m.
Varsity Golf	Mon., Apr. 30	District	9 a.m.



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Aggie women's golf coach Paul Brilliant, right, watches his team tee off in the 2007 WAC Golf Tournament hosted by New Mexico State at the University Golf Course. Standing next to him is Suteera Chanachai.

Ags finish 6th in WAC golf tourney

Wise fires 73 in final round

Senior Lehua Wise finished strong as the New Mexico State women's golf team finished in sixth place at the Western Athletic Conference Women's Golf Championships at the NMSU Golf Course on Wednesday.

Wise (Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii) fired a 1-over-par 73 and finished in 20th with an 18-over-par 234. She shot three birdies in what could be her final tournament as an Aggie. Wise was named to the first-team all-conference team.

"Lehua (Wise) is a great player, and I believe that she can take her golf career to the next level," head coach Paul Brilliant said. "She has been a leader for us all year long, and I wish I could have worked with her for one more year."

The University of Idaho started the day with the lead and finished that way, shooting a 42-over-par 906, which was three strokes better than San Jose State, which finished second. This is Idaho's first women's golf championship in the WAC.

San Jose State's Erica Moston continued her great play, carding a 2-under-par 70 in the final round of the tournament to take home the WAC individual medal.

She shot seven birdies in the tournament to bring in a 1-over-par 217. Tied for second were Fresno State's Laura Luethke and Idaho's Renee Skidmore with scores of 8-over-par 224. Moston and Luethke were the only players to score under par in the tournament. Luethke shot a 2-under-par 70 in round one.

Senior Inah Park (Richmond, B.C.), who was named to the second-team all-conference team, was the top-finisher for the Aggies as she fired a 14-over-par 230 in the three rounds of championships. Park had a total of four birdies in the three days, while senior Kelli Dalpes (Alamogordo) ended the tournament in a tie for 21st with a 19-over-par 235. Dalpes fired three birdies on the final day of play with a total of six birds in the tournament.

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Golfing your way to success

Good decisions made on the golf course translate well to the world of business

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD

Golf Doctor



In previous columns I've considered strategies about how you can apply the lessons you learn from playing golf to your success in leadership and in business. For example, when we stay patient during a competitive round of golf, we tend to avoid making unforced mistakes. So too in management, where patience with others usually helps things go better. Today we're looking at the flip side. How can we apply some of the behaviors and mentality that has made us successful in business to our golf game?

When I coach business people to perform better as leaders and managers, the first place I start is what the person wants to happen. This prevents getting stuck in the complaints about wanting other people to change. These complaints sound like, "Well, I work for a jerk, and he just needs to respect my work and my effort more." You can't change the other person. Nor can you change the golf course. Note that two of the three original rules of golf (settled on by the Scots hundreds of years ago) were: "Play the course as you find it; and play the ball as it lies." Incidentally the third rule was "do what's fair." That's an interesting business premise, isn't it? Now, since you can't change your boss (or your peers), I guess you must change yourself for things to improve. Which is what coaching helps you do. How do you get better? Don't look at the golf course. Don't count on your opponents collapsing. Don't think a new driver is the answer. Improve yourself. Get coaching. Take lessons. Read. Practice. Raise the bar. Isn't that how you've made it in business?

Let's talk about behavior on the golf course. For some reason grown men think the standards of civility go out the window once they get out of the office and on the golf course. Oh, contraire. Golf is a sport for gentlemen and ladies. Our actions should reflect that with how conscientiously we play, how we treat others, how we care for the golf course and how we approach the game. These should all reflect a deep appreciation of the traditions and values of golf.

To some this may be a minor thing, but how we dress says a lot about our

character. If you're a physician or an attorney or a salesperson or a banker, you probably dress appropriately according to your professional role. (For more about roles consult Irving Goffman's book "Presentation of Self in Everyday Life.") When we set foot on the golf course we should wear golf attire: neat, appropriate apparel that is befitting a round of golf. I like what PGA Tour veteran Tom Lehman said about how he dressed: "I dress nice. When I dress nice, I feel good. When I feel good I play good. When I play good I make lots of money." It's "dress for success" applied to golf.

Bill is one of my personal coaching clients and a serious golfer. One day I asked Bill about how his skill and success at work has helped him play better golf. Without hesitating he replied, "What comes to mind first is that to do well in this arena (investments) you have to work hard with a lot of effort and do a lot of careful planning before making a move." Bill's golf game does reflect some of that because he takes a lot into account before any given golf shot. Paying close attention to many, many details pays off in both business and in golf. Listening to Bill also reminded me that our work, in just about any field – sales, teaching, medicine, building, you name it – demands that we see both the big picture and the smaller picture in what we do. Players in the U.S. Open know that they can't usually win the tournament (big) with one shot (small), but they can lose it with one very bad play resulting in a big number.

In general, I've noticed that people who are successful in business and in life do well largely because they consistently make good decisions. In golf, when we stay calm and keep our composure we also tend to think clearly and make good decisions – what club, what shot, how much risk and lots more. Good decisions, good play and good results all go together.

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.

A strong finish for the Aggies in the WAC Golf Tournament



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Inah Park, one of New Mexico States' leading players, follows her tee shot at the 2007 WAC Golf Tournament hosted by NMSU. Park finished Wednesday with a 14-over-par 230, the best Aggie score in the three-round tournament.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Mia Herrera Mayfield High School



Mia Herrera is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mayfield High School. She runs track and cross country, and this season, her best time for the 3200-meter run was 12:18 and 5:45 for the 1600-meter run. Her goal is to qualify for state in the 1600 and 3200-meter runs.

Herrera is hardworking and always supportive of the team. She maintains a GPA of 3.7. When she's not on the field she enjoys spending time with her family.

Chris Porter Mayfield High School

Chris Porter is a 16-year-old sophomore at Mayfield High School and is on the soccer and track teams. This season, his best time running 800 meters is 2:04 and 52 seconds running the 400-meter dash. He qualified for the medley event and hopes to qualify for state in the 800 open and 4 x 400-meter relay.

Porter is not only dedicated to his sports, but also to academics, maintaining a 3.8 GPA. His interests outside of sports are girls, family, friends and God.



AGGIE INSIDER

Coach Ball prepares tennis team for WAC tournament

No. 40 Boise State to host event



PETE

Pete's Ponderings

While the Aggie women's golf team put the wraps on the WAC Championship it hosted, Don Ball has his women's tennis team ready to challenge for the WAC title this week-end.

The nationally ranked Boise State Broncos are hosting the event. The Lady Broncos are the No. 40 women's team in the nation and did win an abbreviated match over the Aggies at the end of the year. It was the only conference loss the Aggies suffered, and they are playing their best tennis when needed.

It has been as hard to beat junior French native Anne Fagegaltier as it is to pronounce her last name. She picked up the only point in the singles portion of the match versus Boise State, but the squad wants an opportunity to show what it can do in Boise. The double portions of that dual didn't come to be but the league championships will have it all. Others who are playing well are Nicole Fintell, Estelle Guillaumont and Zelika Juricek.

Coach Ball, who Ole Pete feels, has the best name a coach could have, other than maybe a hockey coach, has been a regular around the

Aggie campfire for the longest time. His steady hand has helped keep his squads in the thick of things even in strong tennis conferences like the Sun Belt and Big West. Ball is an El Paso, Texas native who played his college tennis in the frozen tundra of Pocatello, Idaho and has the patience that a veteran

learns through the years. Now in his 21st year, the team has shown it can hold its own with the nationally-ranked teams it has faced and defeat most of the rest.

Oddly, Ball says it is easier to get good players here from Europe than it has

been to recruit daughters of the Red, White and Blue. He has said that there is a feeling that top U.S. players will only consider certain universities that are on the coasts or that have had a "name" in NCAA ranks. He has been able to stock his squad with the likes of Judy Kirk, Elke Blodau and the Mingot sisters in building respect among competitive teams in the past. Tennis is not something that is normally at the top of the fold when fans look for Aggie headlines, but that may be a changing after the weekend's tourney in Boise.

PETE

Ag football rises again

Air Raid now has second team that NMSU has long needed



JACK NIXON

Jack's Corner

When the Air Raid starts its spring game Saturday, April 28, it will signal a first in the modern era of Aggie football.

Let's call it the era of depth. You won't see Chase or Chris or Nick or A.J. on the field; the coaches don't need to.

This is the first spring where the Aggies have the luxury of being able to give first team players a rest from the drills to let them heal and let their backups gain some experience and polish.

For the first time in forever, the Aggies have legitimate second team lineman on both offense and defense that can spell the starters without much drop off in skill level.

Through the last 30 years, the mantra in the coaches' offices has been, "if we only had two more blockers, if we only could find one more linebacker," etc. Well, Mumme and his staff had been able to build a squad the way you need to in order to make a serious run at a conference title or a bowl game.

Credit the fact that Mumme has been a head coach at a Division I school before; it makes a difference. Others have moved in from smaller-level programs or as coordinators with top 10 teams.

I maintain that in football, you need to have been in

charge at the top to see the big picture. It also helps that Mumme has had the bankroll and assurance from the top that he has a fair amount of time to do it his way.

No other Aggie football boss since Warren Woodson has had that option.

Guess what, no coach since Woodson has won with any consistency either. This depth is there even with the loss of David Niumatalolo and Mavea Heumuli to their missionary assignments that will take them away from the team.

The defensive cupboard is still stocked well enough for Woody and company to feel good about the coming year.

Redshirting freshmen, not rushing players to the field because there was no one else and not second guessing himself appear to have paid off.

Alex Gibson has profited from a full spring of "reps," which have helped his passing mechanics and, I am guessing, his confidence.

The continued improved weight and measures in the strength program show better stamina, and if the starters don't have to play their entire game, that will be a major plus as well in the fourth quarter.

It still has to be proven in the win column, but the Air Raid has taken two years to set the table properly so it should be a feast of victories in late August.

This Week In Aggie Athletics

Friday, April 27

Baseball
Hawaii
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Men's Tennis
WAC Championships
Boise, Idaho
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Women's Tennis
WAC Championships
Boise, Idaho
TBA

Saturday, April 28

Baseball
Hawaii
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Men's Tennis
WAC Championships
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Women's Tennis
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Boise, Idaho
TBA

Sunday, April 29

Baseball
Hawaii
Las Cruces
Noon

Men's Tennis
WAC Championships
Boise, Idaho
TBA

Women's Tennis
WAC Championships
Boise, Idaho
TBA

Monday, April 30

Men's Golf
WAC Championship
Reno, Nev.
All Day

Tuesday, May 1

Men's Golf
WAC Championship
Reno, Nev.
All Day

Softball
Western New Mexico
Las Cruces
1 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2

Men's Golf
WAC Championship
Reno, Nev.
All Day



Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Anne Gagilardi,
Senior,
Track and Field

Senior distance runner Anne Gagilardi brought home gold in the 5,000-meter run at the Triton Invitational in La Jolla, Calif., April 21. The Murrysville, Pa., native set a lifetime best in the event with a time of 17:26.35. Gagilardi also finished 11th in the 1,500-meter run.



Travis Reid,
Sophomore,
Men's Golf

Sophomore Travis Reid led the Aggie men's golf team at the Ping Golf Cougar Classic, April 20-21, in Provo, Utah. Reid fired a career low 6-under-par 66 in the first round of the tournament. He followed with a 1-over-par 73 and 3-over-par 76 in the final two rounds, respectively. Reid finished the tournament with a 1-under-par 215, which tied him for 20th-place.



Matt Van Deelen,
Junior,
Baseball

In the second game of a doubleheader at Fresno State, April 21, junior right-handed pitcher Matt Van Deelen took over for starter Brian Gausman and pitched the final five innings of the game, giving up just three runs on five hits while striking out a career-best four batters. Van Deelen's five innings of work were also a career high.

You can't beat experience

Trojans' Duran is the veteran voice for Mayfield High School's tennis team

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

He really doesn't look like an elder statesman. A mentor maybe; a big brother for sure.

Craig Duran is the only senior on the Mayfield High School tennis team. Surrounded by underclassmen, he gladly serves as sort of an unofficial assistant coach when he's not busy defeating just about everyone he plays.

First-year coach Alice Tutor says Duran's leadership has been invaluable this season, especially because of the youth and inexperience on the team.

"He's easy to work with and never complains," she said. "If anyone gets off track, he puts them back on. He's a good role model and has a good attitude with the other players."

Duran, the oldest of three children, enjoys his role with the squad even though he's earning volunteer pay.

"It comes naturally to me," he said. "I have two younger sisters."

"I've been around tennis longer than anyone else on the team, maybe all of them combined," he said. "I see some things that might work and tell them what they're doing well during the matches."

His teammates would do well to listen. Duran teamed with Johnny Thompson last year to win the state championship in doubles. This year as a singles

player, he has only one loss out of close to 30 matches and is clearly the top player in the district, according to his coach.

"He's very quick, and he hits all the strokes," said Tutor. "He doesn't make many mistakes."

Duran has played competitive tennis since age 9, spending much of his time playing club tennis at Picacho Hills Country Club. He's been a fixture on the Mayfield tennis team since starting a year early as an eighth grader.

He said he enjoys playing doubles and singles equally.

"In doubles, I like the fact that you're part of a team," he said. "In singles, you just rely on yourself. You're out there on the court, just you playing your game."

After winning a doubles title last year, Duran hopes to match it with a singles state championship next month. He said his biggest competition will come from two-time state champion Cody Hall of La Cueva.

"I've probably known him since I was 10," Duran said. "He plays in a lot of those USTA tournaments."

After this spring, Duran will take his tennis skills to New Mexico State University where he earned a scholarship. Not only will he be the youngster again, adjusting to the role of learning from older players, but there will be other adjustments as well.

"It will really be an experience," he said. "They have a lot of foreign players. Me and a guy from Silver City will be the only Americans on the team."

"I've been around tennis longer than anyone else on the team, maybe all of them combined."

CRAIG DURAN
MHS tennis player



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Craig Duran is the oldest member of the Mayfield tennis team and one of the state's best players.

Parsons

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the field, we'll be fine."

Saturday's game will be a chance for Parsons to play in front of his parents and two younger brothers who will be making the trip from Orlando.

"(My parents) love it here," Parsons said. "They're excited. And I'm settled in here. I like it a lot."

Parsons and his teammates will take the field on Saturday looking to end a productive spring season on a good note. "I think we are going to surprise

a lot of people next year," Parsons said confidently. "We are going to be a lot better."

Mumme is pleased with the progress the team made this spring and said he will be watching the second-team offensive line closely this Saturday. "They are making big improvements," Mumme noted. "And on defense, we'll be watching the back-up linebackers very closely to see who stands out."

He may not be nervous, but Parsons knows the spring game is important.

Mumme knows it, too. "This is a big week in the life of Matt Parsons."

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Theus adds Carter to 2007 recruiting class

All-American Luster to join five other new recruits for Reggie Nation

New Mexico State men's basketball head coach Reggie Theus announced Wednesday, April 25, that junior college star Paris Carter has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend school and play basketball for the Aggies starting next season.

Carter, a 6-foot-4, 225-pound guard from Baltimore, Md., will enroll at NMSU next fall and have two years of eligibility remaining.

Carter, a second team NJCAA Division II All-American, played his sophomore season at Cecil Community College in Maryland. Carter, who played in all 36 games last season, helped the Seahawks to a 33-3 overall record, tying for the most wins in school history, and a fifth place finish at the NJCAA Division II National Tournament.

"We are very happy to have Paris coming to NMSU next year," head coach Reggie Theus said. "I was looking for a multi-purpose guy, and Paris fills that role very well for us. He has great size at 6-foot-4 and 225 pounds and he is also a very good 3-pointer shooter. I was told by several coaches that he was arguably the best player in his league, and I think he is going to add a lot of toughness to our team as well."

Behind Carter's 15.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game, Cecil claimed its third straight Maryland JUCO Conference regular season title and fourth straight Maryland JUCO Conference Tournament crown while finishing ranked No. 1 in the final NJCAA Division II national poll. Carter ended the season shooting 40.3 percent from the field, 31.1 percent from 3-point range and a team-best 76 percent from the free-throw line.

Prior to attending Cecil, Carter played his freshman season at Hartford University and was named to the America East All-Rookie Team. In 27 games, Carter ranked third on the team in scoring, averaging 7.8 points

and 3.6 rebounds per game, being named the America East Rookie of the Week four times.

Carter, who helped the Hawks to a 13-15 overall record and a 9-7 mark in the America East Conference, scored in doubles figures eight times, including back-to-back 20-point-plus games at Stony Brook (24) and versus Boston University (21) to end the regular season.

Before joining the Hartford men's basketball team, Carter played high school ball at Lake Clifton High School in Baltimore. As a senior, Carter earned all-metro, all-city and all-state honors after averaging 23.8 points and 12.1 rebounds per game. He was a four-time Baltimore Sun Player of the Week and was the MVP of the Las Vegas Hoops Classic. Carter also attended the Nike All-America Camp as a junior and senior.

Earlier this month, NMSU landed San Diego and Hoover High School standout JayDee Luster to a National Letter of Intent. Luster, a 5-foot-9, 165-pound point guard, is graduating from Hoover High School this spring and is expected to enroll at NMSU and join the team this fall as a freshman. Luster is San Diego's all-time leader in career assists and career steals with 857 and 559 respectively. Luster's 559 career steals

also rank him third all-time nationally and second in the state of California.

"JayDee is a very accomplished point guard," Theus said. "He is going to have to fill some pretty big shoes with Elijah (Ingram) leaving, but I am very comfortable with having him as our point guard. One reason I am comfortable with it is that our team has so many veterans and JayDee is a very good point guard who can get the ball to the other guys on the team."

"JayDee is a true point guard," Theus said. "He is a very good passer, he will pick up full court, he is very quick and he can get the ball to the open guy as good as

anyone. At the same time, he has the ability to knock down the shot when he is left open."

Luster, who entered his senior season looking to join NBA superstar Jason Kidd as the only two high school players in history to have 2,000 points, 1,000 assists and 500 steals in a high school career, played just 11 games for Hoover High before a car accident sidelined him for the remainder of the year. Luster ended his career with 1,890 points to go along with his assist and steal totals.

"JayDee is a big-time winner," Hoover High School head coach Ollie Goulston said. "He is one of those rare individuals that makes everyone around him better. His intangibles are off the chart, and he is a great leader. He has a tremendous work ethic, and he has a very high basketball IQ."

The Aggies have now signed six new players for next year. In November, NMSU signed heralded forward Herb Pope and Las Cruces native Aaron "Gordo" Castillo, along with guards Jahmar Young and DeAngelo Jones.

Pope, who was named a fourth team Parade All-American this month, averaged 19 points and 11 rebounds as a senior while leading Aliquippa High School to the Class AA PIAA state championship game. Castillo, a two-time Gatorade Player of the Year, is the only player to ever win the award twice in the state of New Mexico. Castillo averaged 25 points, seven rebounds and six assists as a senior.

Jones, who played his senior season at Rainier Beach High School in Seattle, Wash., helped the Vikings to a 20-9 overall record and a 13-3 mark in the southern division of the Metro League. Jones averaged a team-best 16.2 points per game this season while scoring 20 or more points 11 times. Young, who has been one of the nation's top young shooters for several years, is rated as the 26th best prep recruit this year by hoopscooponline.com.

The Aggies finished their second year under coach Theus with a 25-9 overall record and the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 1999. NMSU is the most improved team in Division I over the last two seasons and has four of five starters returning next year.

“He (Luster) is one of those rare individuals that makes everyone around him better.”

OLLIE GOULSTON,
Hoover High School head coach

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Athlete
OF THE WEEK

Ashley Frisby,
Softball, Junior



Ashley Frisby

Junior Ashley Frisby hit .556 with a 5-for-9 performance at the plate in NMSU's series victory over Nevada April 20-21. She drove in a team-high five runs for the Aggies in their series and had a three-run home run in NMSU's 14-4 loss, April 21.

In the first game of the series, Frisby went 2-3 with a double and two RBI in the Aggies 13-0 route of the Wolf Pack. The Fullerton, Calif., native had a .889 slugging percentage during the week and did not strikeout. Recently, Frisby has caught fire hitting .421 in her last nine games with two doubles, two home runs and seven RBI.



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Sierra del Rio set to open in July

Elephant Butte golf course expected to draw large crowds

By **JOHN KEITH**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

ELEPHANT BUTTE—Right now the wildlife has sole possession.

By mid-July, however, they'll have to share The Sierra del Rio golf course with the rest of us. That is when this newly designed 18-hole facility is scheduled to open.

The golf course is only part of this deal.

It sits in the middle of the Turtleback Mountain Resort, a housing community that features 1,200 lots, priced from \$47,500 to \$200,000 each.

Most of the homes will surround the course, a classy, 7,300-yard layout waiting peacefully for the invasion that is sure to come.

When the golf course opens for business, the coyotes, deer and quail that roam its fairways and greens will still have a voice.

"We've made sure the course is wildlife friendly," said Victor Torres, host pro. "We have feeding areas in several locations. Lots of bird feeders. We even hired a wildlife biologist when we built the course to keep it wildlife friendly."

The operation of Sierra del Rio will be in solid hands. Besides Torres and an experienced staff, Guy Wimberly, long-time golf course manager and teaching professional from Albuquerque, will be the director of golf.

"Guy will teach and oversee the show," Torres said. "We're lucky he's on board."

Mickey Clute, Las Cruces contractor, is building the

new clubhouse and adjoining golf shop. The clubhouse will feature a 4,200-square-foot covered patio that overlooks the No. 1 and No. 10 tees and the ninth and 18th-hole greens.

The Sierra del Rio course has national aspirations. On Sept. 24, four golfers from the LPGA tour will play an 18-hole match for a \$36,000 purse. They are Nancy Lopez, Rosie Jones, Kristy Albers and Natalie Gulbis.

Kathy Whitworth will be there to give a clinic.

"We're in position to host any kind of tournament that comes our way," Torres said. "You can't beat what we have to offer – warm weather, a great golf course and all of the facilities you need."

Interested parties can telephone Torres at (505) 744-5135 or email victories54@pga.com.



The entrance to the Sierra del Rio golf course that sits inside Turtleback Mountain Resort.



There are numerous water hazards inside this 7,300-yard layout that features five tee boxes on each hole.



There is plenty of water for the wildlife who roam Sierra del Rio's greens and fairways.



The golf course features luxurious bent grass greens along with 89 bunkers.

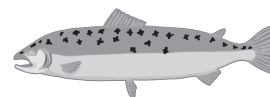
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Standing on the 16th tee, the desert view is awesome.



Victor Torres, host pro, shows off the 16th fairway.

Fishing report



Taken April 24, 2007:

SOUTHWEST AREA

BEAR CANYON: There were no reports from anglers this week.

BILL EVANS LAKE: Trout fishing was fair for anglers using power bait, cheese, corn, worms, spinners and salmon eggs. Fishing for largemouth bass was fair using swim baits, senkos and tubes. There were no report on other species.

BURN LAKE: Fishing was fair for anglers using power bait and salmon eggs for trout. There were no reports on other species.

CABALLO LAKE: Walleye and crappie fishing picked up this past week as anglers did well using white grubs and crank baits for the walleye and minnows for crappie. There were no reports on other species.

ELEPHANT BUTTE: Fishing for white bass was fair for anglers trolling crank baits at depths of eight to 12 feet. Our best reports came from anglers fishing near the Black Bluffs, in the Kettle Top area and near Old Hot Springs Landing. Anglers using sassy shad and curly tail grubs also reported catching a few white bass. Anglers fishing for white bass also picked up a few walleye and smallmouth bass. Fishing for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass was fair for anglers using jerk baits, spinner baits, tubes and jig and craw combinations. Fishing for catfish was fair for anglers fishing from boats and using liver, shrimp and dough bait over baited holes. There were no reports on other species.

GLENWOOD POND: There were no reports from anglers again this week, but trout fishing should be good as the pond is stocked on a regular basis.

ESCONDIDA LAKE : There were no reports from anglers this week.

GILARIVER: Water flow near Gila on Monday was 128cfs. Fishing on the Forks was fair to good for anglers using small bead head nymphs, egg patterns and salmon eggs.

LAKE ROBERTS: There were no reports from anglers this week.

PERCHA DAM: Fishing was good using shad raps and white curly tail grubs for walleye and white bass. Most of the walleye caught were in the two to four pound class.

QUEMADO LAKE: There were no reports from anglers this week.

RIO GRANDE: Water flow below Elephant Butte as of Monday was 1,870cfs. Fishing was fair using grubs and spinners for white bass and walleye. Anglers using spinners also picked up a few trout. On the river below Caballo Lake, fishing was good using green, chartreuse and white curly tail grubs for walleye. There were no reports on other species.

SOUTHEAST AREA

BATAAN LAKE: There were no reports from anglers this week.

BONITO LAKE: Trout fishing was good for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs, corn, prop flies under a bubble, spinners and small spoons. A few carp were taken by anglers using corn.

BOSQUE REDONDO: Fishing was slow to fair for anglers

using salmon eggs, corn, worms and spinners for trout. There were no reports on other species.

BOTTOMLESS LAKES: There were no reports from anglers this week.

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 : Trout fishing was slow to fair for anglers using power bait. Fishing was fair using grubs, Rooster Tails and Road Runners for small bass. There were no reports on other species.

GRINDSTONE RESERVOIR: Trout fishing was rated as slow to fair by most anglers. Best baits were power bait and salmon eggs. A few fish were also taken on prop flies under a bubble and spinners.

JAL LAKE: There were no reports from anglers this week.

LAKE VAN: Trout fishing was fair using spinners, power bait, corn and salmon eggs. A few catfish were taken by anglers using worms.

PECOS RIVER: Water flow on Monday below Sumner Lake was 98cfs. Fishing was slow.

Check out the river in the Carlsbad area for black bass and white bass this time of year. Try using smaller in line spinners, Road Runners, tubes and jerk baits.

PERCH LAKE: Fishing was slow.

RUIDOSO RIVER: Water flow at Ruidoso as of Monday was 13cfs. Trout fishing was slow to fair for anglers using worms, salmon eggs and olive and black wooly buggers.

SANTA ROSA LAKE: Bass fishing was fair for anglers using jerk baits, tubes, crank baits and senkos. Most of the bass caught were and were taken in four to 12 feet of water. Fishing was slow to fair using jigs and crank baits for crappie. Fishing for walleye was slow but a few were taken by anglers using sassy shad and curly tail grubs on the flats. There were no reports on other species.

SUMNER LAKE: Fishing was fair using grubs, minnows and crank baits for walleye. Fishing was fair for anglers using crank baits, spinner baits, jerk baits and grubs for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass. Anglers reported catching bass from the bank as well as from boats.

NORTHEAST AREA

CHARETTE LAKES: Trout fishing was reported as slow to fair this past week. Anglers did best using power bait and worms for 9-to-13 inch fish.

CIMARRON RIVER: Trout fishing in the lower canyon area has been good for anglers using bead head San Juan worms, copper john barrs and prince nymphs. Water in the upper canyon was still very low.

CLAYTON LAKE: Trout fishing continued to be excellent this past week as a good number of anglers caught their limits. They were using glitter power bait, small spoons and small crank baits. Most of the trout caught were in the 12-to-15-inch range. There were no reports on other species.

COCHITI LAKE: Fishing was fair for anglers fishing the lower end of the lake and using drop shot rigs with robo worms. They were catching smallmouth bass, walleye and small northern pike. There were no other reports.

CONCHAS LAKE: Fishing this past week was rated as slow for bass and fair for walleye with very windy conditions. Bass anglers picked up a few smallmouth bass and a few largemouth bass using jerk baits, crank baits, spinner baits and tubes. Anglers fishing for walleye did best using bottom bouncer/minnow rigs, bottom bouncer/crawler rigs and crank baits. Our best walleye reports came from anglers fishing at depths of 12 to 20 feet on the north side of the lake. Anglers fishing with minnows at the north dock area reported catching several crappie, bluegill and largemouth bass.

COYOTE CREEK: Trout fishing was very good for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs, corn and spinners.

EAGLE NEST LAKE: Bank fishing for trout and perch continued to be quite good for most anglers this past week. They did well using roe sacs, jigs, power bait, worms and salmon eggs for trout. Anglers fishing for perch did best using worms. Fishing from anchored boats was good for anglers using power bait.

LAKE MALOYA/LAKE ALICE: Trout fishing was reported as fair for anglers using orange and fluorescent green power baits, salmon eggs and black wooly buggers. Most of the fish caught were in the 6 to 10-inch size.

MAXWELL LAKES: Trout fishing was fair-to-good for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. There were no reports on other species.

MCALLISTER LAKE: There were no reports from anglers this week.

MONASTERY LAKE: Trout fishing was slow to fair for anglers using corn, power bait and salmon eggs.

MORPHY LAKE : Trout fishing was very good for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs, spinners, corn and worms.

PECOS RIVER: As of Monday, water flow near Pecos was 140cfs. Trout fishing was rated as fair for anglers using night crawlers and black wooly buggers.

RED RIVER: Water flow below the hatchery on Monday morning was 83cfs and the water was off color. Trout fishing was rated as slow to fair this past week by anglers using wooly buggers, night crawlers and spinners.

RIO GRANDE: The water flow Monday morning at the Taos Junction Bridge was 595cfs. Trout fishing was good this past week as there were good caddis hatches coming off in the evening hours. Anglers did well using elk hair caddis, Goddard caddis and bead head caddis nymphs. There were no reports on other species.

NORTHWEST AREA

ABIQUIU LAKE: Fishing was slow for all species.

BLUEWATER LAKE: Trout fishing was slow to fair again this past week for anglers using power bait, salmon eggs and spinners. There were no reports on other species.

CHAMA RIVER: Water flow below El Vado Lake on Monday morning was raised to 400cfs. Prior to this increase, fishing was good using wooly buggers, night crawlers and salmon eggs for rainbow and brown trout. We heard of one big brown (26 inches) caught on this stretch, but were unable to get the anglers name or lure used. Above El Vado, fishing was fair-to-good using spinners, wooly buggers and night crawlers for trout. There were no reports from below Abiquiu.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-07-533 (Robles)

BELEN J. MADRID, individually and as Personal Representative of the estate of Juan B. Madrid, deceased, Plaintiffs,

vs

RALPH S. MADRID and **RUTH MADRID**, husband and wife; **JIMMY MADRID** and **OLGA MADRID**, husband and wife; **RAYMOND MADRID** and **ALMA MADRID**, husband and wife; **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JUAN B. MADRID DECEASED**; and **ALL UNKNOWN**

PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY LIEN INTEREST OR TITLE ADVERSE TO THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE PREMISES, ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS IF DECEASED, and THE COUNTY TREASURER OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO; Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CIVIL ACTION TO QUIET TITLE AND FOR ADVERSE POSSESSION

FROM THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

NOTICE is given that in the above-styled cause, Plaintiffs have filed suit against you, the general object of which is to quiet title in fee simple in and to the real property described in the Complaint in said cause, which lands are more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate within the corporate limits of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the NE 1/4 of Section 7, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys being part of the Victoriano Sarabia Tract north of the Country Club Mesa Addition filed October 29, 1953 in Book 7 Page 46 of the Doña Ana County Records and south of Lot 8 of the Bishop's Tract filed November 15, 1946 in Book 7 Page 46 of the Doña Ana County Records and east of Willow Street and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set at the south line of Lot 8, Bishop's Tract for the northeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the original southeast corner of Lot 8, Bishop's Tract bears N.63°00'E., a distance of 91.90 feet; THENCE from the point of beginning S.27°01'24"E., 170.65 feet to an iron pipe at the north line of Country Club Mesa Addition and the south line of the Victoriano Sarabia Tract for the southeast corner of this tract; THENCE along the north line of Country Club Mesa Addition S.63°02'42"W., 198.74 feet to an iron rod found at the easterly line of Willow Street for the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE N.25°32'42"W., 170.54 feet to an iron rod set at the south line of Lot 8, Bishop's Tract for the northwest corner of this tract; THENCE along the south line of the mentioned Lot 8, Bishop's Tract N.63°00'E., 194.34 feet to the place or beginning, containing 0.7696 acre of land more or less.

Unless you enter your appearance herein on or before May 21, 2007, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A. Attorney at Law, P. O. Box 366, 220 S. Water Street, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366 (524-0833), is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on this 28th day of March, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT CLERK
ORALIA B. FRIETZE
by Deputy

Pub# 6332
Dates 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200602234

CITIFINANCIAL, INC., A MARYLAND CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR BY

MERGER TO BLAZER FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., A NEW MEXICO CORPORATION, NOW DOING BUSINESS AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL FINANCE, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTONIO SANTIAGO; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ANTONIO SANTIAGO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 9, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: A tract of land situate in the town of Anthony, being the East side of Block 5, Lopez Addition filed July 25, 1911, in Book 7, Page 40, Doña Ana County records in Section 35, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof: This instrument also secures a GREA 444 14x70 Mobile Home, ID# GDBBAR45806015 mobile home attached to described land. SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A" MOY SURVEYING, INC. 414 N. DOWNTOWN MALL, LAS CRUCES, N.M. 88001 PHONE: (505) 525-9683 - FAX (505) 524-3238 EXHIBIT "A" MARCH 26, 1999 DESCRIPTION OF A 0.242 ACRE TRACT A tract of land situate in the Town of Anthony, being the East side of Block 5, Lopez Addition filed, July 25, 1911, in Book 7, Page 40, Doña Ana County records in Section 35, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a 5/8" iron rod found on the West line of a 15 foot wide alley for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the Southeast corner of Block 5, Lopez Addition, filed July 25, 1911, in Book 7, Page 40, Doña Ana County records bears the following two courses and distances, S. 00 degrees 23'00"E., 125.00 feet; Thence S.89 degrees 55'00"E., 230.00 feet; Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the West line of said 15 foot wide alley, N.89 degrees 55'00"W., 57.43 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the East line of U.S. Highway 80 (a.k.a. New Mexico State Road 460) for the Southwest corner of this tract; Thence along the East line of said U.S. Highway 80, N.04 degrees 09'59"W., 167.31 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the South line of Madero Street for Northwest corner of this tract; Thence along the South line of Madero Street, N.89 degrees 06'02"R., 68.47 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on East line of a 15 foot wide alley for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence along the East line of said 15 foot wide alley, S00 degrees 23'00"E., 168.03 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.242 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record. Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed November 25, 1968, in Book 201, Page 95, Doña Ana County records. Filed notes by MOY SURVEYING, INC.,

License #5939. EXHIBIT A And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1981, Grea, 70 X 14, VIN No. GDBBAR45806015, Plate No. 6446MHR

The address of the real property is 118 Madero St., Anthony, NM 88021. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 21, 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 \$23,508.33, plus interest from February 9, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 12.98% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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Dated: March 30, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200500966

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS REALTY CORP., Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL H. BRAY; KAY

E. BRAY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 16, 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 21, 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 4031 Calle Estados, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on March 6, 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 \$96,278.63, plus interest from February 28, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.35% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

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: April 4, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

MARIA LUISA MCCLURE, Petitioner,

vs.

FRANCISCO RODRIGUEZ JR., Respondent.

No: DM-06-1202
Judge: Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner requesting a Divorce.

You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Maria Luisa McClure
c/o Camufiez Law Firm, P.C.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(505) 532-8270
Mike Murphy

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 14th day of November 2006.

**NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
BY: s/ Diedra E. Redford
DEPUTY**

Pub #6340
Dates 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 2007

IN THE DISTRICT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

MICHAEL ATKINS, Petitioner,

vs.

ANNA MARIA SUTRISNOWATI, Respondent.

No: DM-2007-287
Judge: Mike Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/ Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property and debts.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 20 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Michael Atkins, 5799 S. Hwy 28, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005, Pro Se

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 22nd day of March, 2007.

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CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY:/s/ Sylvia O. Evans
DEPUTY

Pub #6342
Dates 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4,
2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2006, Keith and Allison Deputy of 6263 Westside Dr., El Paso, TX 79932, filed application numbered LRG-3414-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County. Well LRG-3414, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 5, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, is to be abandoned and a new (replacement) well is to be drilled 250 feet deep for an 4-inch casing in the SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said Section 5 on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater on land owned by the applicant located within the SW1/4 of said Section 5, and described within Subtitle Order No. LRS-28-015-0044. The proposed replacement well site is located approximately 1/2-mile North of Haase Road and West of State Route 28. Old well LRG-3414 is to be capped or 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: (I) 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 #6345
Dates 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2006-1365

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

vs.

BETTE CARVER, aka BETTE N. CARVER; MARK CARVER; MARLENE SUE CARVER; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 9, 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 3200 Harrelson St, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Tract 1
Lots 103, Block 8, MESILLA PARK TOWNSITE OF RIO GRANDE LAND COMPANY, 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. 34 on 8/25/1887 in Book 2 Page 31 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 3, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$64,564.67 and the same bears interest at 8.65% per annum from March 1, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,071.00. 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 # 6347
Dates 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4,
2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200601546

BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-11, Plaintiff,

vs.

ALMA L. SALAZAR; JUAN M. SALAZAR; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ALMA L. SALAZAR, IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JUAN M. SALAZAR, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on May 16, 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 4, Block C, COLLEGE PLACE SUBDIVISION NO. TWO, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 467, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on October 24, 1957, and recorded in Book 1, Page 34, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 2125 Hixon Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3304. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 11, 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 \$106,332.54, plus interest from December 15, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.25% 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.

Pub # 6348
Dates 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4,
2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AUDIE F. SANDERS, Deceased.

No. PB 2007-23
Judge Robles

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months

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: April 9, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868
06-2843/Salazar, Alma L.
and Juan M.; P286017

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 Co-Personal Representatives or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/Richard Cody Sanders
RICHARD CODY SANDERS
Co-Personal Representative
1437 N. Mesquite
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(505) 642-7286

/s/Thomas Wade Sanders
THOMAS WADE SANDERS
Co-Personal Representative
1417 N. Mesquite
Las Cruces, NM 88001

RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 6790
Las Cruces, NM 88006
(505) 523-7411
By:/s/Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6351
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Emily Jane Rhodes, Petitioner

vs.

James Mitchell Rhodes Respondent.

NO. Dm 2007244
JUDGE Mike Murphy

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce 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.
Emily Jane Rhodes, 805, N. 17th St #178, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

WITNESS the Honorable Mike Murphy, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the state of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 8th day of March, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

BY: ELSA GOMEZ
DEPUTY

Pub #6352
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2004-126

BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

vs.

DANNY MONTOYA, aka DANNY R. MONTOYA; NANCY MONTOYA, aka NANCY R. GANDARA; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO.; BEATRIZ V. FERREIRA; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; FORD HOUSING FIN SERV; and JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, (true names unknown), tenants, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 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 2739 W. Hadley, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate West of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 14, T. 23S., R 3E., N.M.P.M., U. S. R. S., Surveys and is a portion of U. S. R. S. Tract 9C-92A and is more particularly described as follows, to wit: BEGINNING at a 1/2 inch iron rod set at the intersection of the South toe of the Longwell Lateral and the East line of old New Mexico State Road 292 for the Southwest Corner of this tract whence a 1/2 inch iron rod marking the Northeast Corner of U. S. R. S. Tract 9C-98 bears S 27E 59' 44" E 1411.44 feet and whence from the point of beginning a 1/2 inch iron rod marking the intersection of the North line of the Gardner Lateral and the East line of old New Mexico State Road 292 bears S 29E 49' 07" E 1620.66 feet;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING along the East line of old New Mexico State Road 292 and crossing the Longwell Lateral N 10E 20' 32" W 84.00 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set on the North toe of said Lateral; THENCE continuing along said road N 16E 13' W 263.15 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for the Northwest Corner of this tract, a point on the edge of pavement of the South line of West Hadley Ave.; THENCE along said line N 47E 52' 12" E 20.59 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set on the edge of the pavement of West Hadley Avenue for the most Northerly Corner of this tract; THENCE along the South line of West Hadley Avenue and a barb-wire fence line S 57E 36' 51" E at 20.00 feet the beginning of said fence and at 317.38 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set for the Northeast Corner of this tract; THENCE leaving West Hadley Avenue and fence line S 16E 13' E at 247.19 feet a 1/2 inch iron rod set on the North toe of the Longwell Lateral and crossing said Lateral at 324.01 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod set on the South toe of the Longwell Lateral for the Southeast Corner of this tract; THENCE along the South toe of the Longwell Lateral N 66E 45' 31" W 206.11 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.292 acres of land,

more or less, of which 0.292 acre of land being within the Longwell Lateral, leaving 1.00 acre net of land, more or less.

Saving and excepting Lateral described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southwest Corner of the aforescribed tract said corner being the Southwest Corner of this easement; THENCE N 10E 20' 32" W 84.00 feet along the East line of old State Road 292 to the Northwest corner of this easement; THENCE Leaving said road S 65E 40' 55" E 213.00 feet along the North toe of said Lateral to the Northeast corner of this easement; Including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1998 Fleetwood 28 x 52 DW, Title No. 971630F16001279, Vehicle Identification No. TXFLV86AB30340WC12, License Plate No. 1333 MHN.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on April 9, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$98,395.39 and the same bears interest at 11.88% per annum from March 1, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,466.31. 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

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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 # 6353
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. D0307CV200700109

**COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS, INC., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES,
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 SUIT STATE
OF NEW MEXICO** to the
above-named Defendant: The
Unknown Heirs, Devisees,
or Legatees of Catherine
M. Tierney, deceased.
GREETINGS: You are hereby
notified that the above-named
Plaintiff has filed a

civil action against you in
the above-entitled Court and
cause, the general object
thereof being to foreclose a
mortgage on property located
at 1056 Briarwood Loop, Las
Cruces, NM 88005, Doña
Ana County, New Mexico,
said property being more
particularly described as:
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 designat-
ed 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. Unless you
serve a pleading or motion in
response to the complaint in
said cause on or before June
4, 2007, judgment by default
will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE MEINHOLD &
STAWIARSKI
By: Sharon Hankla Sharon
Hankla Karen Howden
Weaver
13725 Struthers Road, Suit
201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800-286-0013;
(719) 634-4868
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable
ROBERT E. ROBLES,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District
Of New Mexico Judicial
District Court, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, this
5th day of April, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By: Melissa A. Lundien
Deputy 06-3451/Tierney,
Catherine M.; P287522

Pub # 6354
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ADRIENNE
M. CLINE, DECEASED.**

No. 07-46

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I, MELISSA J. REEVES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,** am
the attorney of record for
Keith Cline, the Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Adrienne M. Cline.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that all persons
having claims against this
estate are required to pre-
sent their claims within two
(2) months after the date
of first publication of this
notice, or the claims will be
forever barred. Claims must
be presented either to the
undersigned counsel for the
Personal Representative at
the address listed below, or
filed with the Probate Court
of Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, located at 845 N.
Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM
88007.

DATED THIS 20th DAY OF
APRIL, 2007.

/s/Melissa J. Reeves
MELISSA J. REEVES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW
910 Lake Tahoe Court
Las Cruces, NM 88007
505-522-5009
505-522-5031 Fax

Pub #6355
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD OF JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

Case No. Civ. 2007-727
Judge Robles

**In re: Ruben Gaytan,
Amanda Gaytan, and
Noemi Gaytan, Benjamin
Gaytan, Petitioners.**

The Petitioners have filed
a Petition to reform a Deed
and Quiet Title by remov-
ing minor children, Noemi
Gaytan and Benjamin
Gaytan, from the chain of
title. The Deed to be reformed
was filed by the Clerk of Doña
Ana County on January 17,
2007. The property located
at 306 Gonzales Road, San
Miguel, New Mexico, and is
further described as a tract
of land situate Southeast

of San Miguel, Doña Ana
County, New Mexico, locat-
ed in Section 10, T.25S,
R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the
U.S.R.S. Surveys, as part of
the U.S.R.S. Tract 18-58A.
The Court has appointed a
Guardian Ad Litem for the
minors. Any questions should
be directed to Rita Nuñez
Neumann at 1850 North
Solano Drive, Las Cruces,
N.M. 88001. Ph. (505) 647-
3778.

Pub # 6356
Dates 4/20, 4/27, 2007

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on April 3, 2007,
Jesse and Marylee Martinez,
1300 Doolittle Road, Las
Cruces, NM 88005, filed applica-
tion numbered LRG-14124-
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 existing well LRG-
14124-POD 1 located within
the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 of
Section 2, Township 23 South,
Range 1 East, NMPM, on land
owned by the applicant and
drilling replacement well no.
LRG14124-POD 2 at a depth
of 120 feet with a 4-inch casing
located within the SE 1/4 NW
1/4 SE 1/4 of said Section 2, on
the land owned by the applic-
ant for the continued diversion
of 3 acre-feet of groundwater
as claimed under adjudicated
file LRG-14124-1 for domestic
use. Proposed well LRG-14124-
POD 2 is to be near the inter-
section of Doolittle Road and
Janet Ann Lane located north
of the City of Las Cruces. Old
well LRG-14124-POD 1 shall
be plugged.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. PB 2007- 4fi
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned
has been appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Lana Ladawn Swartz,
deceased, and all persons
having claims against said
Estate are required to pres-
ent their claims within two
[2] months after the date of
the first publication of this
Notice or the claims will be
forever barred. Claims must
be presented either to the
undersigned at the address
below or c/o Kenneth L.
Beal, Attorney at Law, P.
O. Box 725, Las Cruces,
NM 88004, or filed with the
Clerk of the above entitled
Court of Doña Ana County,
New Mexico.

/s/Richard Henry Swartz
Richard Henry Swartz
1500 Mariposa Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Pub #6358
Dates 4/20, 4/27

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. Protest can
be faxed to 505524-6160. If
no valid protest is filed, the
State Engineer will evaluate
the application in accordance
with NMSA 1978 Sections
72-2-16, 72-12-3.

Pub #6357
Dates, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF LANA
LADAWN SWARTZ,
DECEASED.**

No. PB 2007- 4fi
Judge Valentine

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned
has been appointed Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Lana Ladawn Swartz,
deceased, and all persons
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Beal, Attorney at Law, P.
O. Box 725, Las Cruces,
NM 88004, or filed with the
Clerk of the above entitled
Court of Doña Ana County,
New Mexico.

/s/Richard Henry Swartz
Richard Henry Swartz
1500 Mariposa Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Pub #6358
Dates 4/20, 4/27

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on March 19,
2007, Jay P. O'Neill, 275
Blue Sky Lane, Mesilla,
NM 88047 filed application
numbered LRG-4255-POD2
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-4255 located within the
NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 of pro-
jected Section 4, Township 24
South, Range 2 East, NMPM,
and by continuing the diversion
of amount of water to be
determined by the courts
supplemental to the surface
rights on record with the
Elephant Butte Irrigation
District (EBID) from a
replacement well drilled to
a depth of 120 feet and fitted
with 8 inch casing and located
in the NW1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 of
said projected Section 4, on
land owned by the applicant
for the continued irrigation
of 1.5 acre(s) all of which is
located within the Pt. SE1/4
SW1/4 NW1/4, Pt. NE1/4
NW1/4 SW1/4 and Pt. NW1/4
NE1/4 SW1/4, of said project-
ed Section 4 located on map
LRS-2 per the Subfile Order
No. LRS-280020130.

Proposed change location of
well LRG-4255-POD2 can be
found at 275 Blue Sky Lane,
Mesilla, NM 88047. The old
well will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corpora-
tion or other entity having
standing to file objections or
protests shall do so in writing
(legible, signed and include
the 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 conserva-
tion of water within the state
of New Mexico, you must
show you will be substantially
effected. The written protest
must be filed, in triplicate,
with the State Engineer, 1680
Hickory Loop Suite J, Las
Cruces, 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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Dates 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE
COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY**

No. 07-62

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MARIA L.
BERNAL, DECEASED.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed has been appointed
personal representative of
this estate. All persons hav-
ing claims against this estate
are required to present their
claims within two (2) months
after the date of the first pub-
lication of this notice, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented
either to the undersigned
personal representatives at
the address listed below, or
file with the Probate Court
of Doña Ana, County, New
Mexico, located at the follow-
ing address: 845 N. Motel
Blvd., Rm I-200, Las Cruces,
NM 88007.

Dated: April 17, 2007.

/s/ Jose A. Bernal
Jose A. Bernal
43094 Hunters Green Sq.
Ashburn, VA 20148
(703) 726-1269

Pub# 6360
Dates 4/27, 5/4, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ARTHUR
GREENBLATT, Deceased.**

No. PB-07- 50 (Robles)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed has been appointed
Person Representative of
this estate. All persons hav-
ing claims against this estate
are required to present their
claims within two months
after the date of the first pub-
lication of this Notice, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Claims must be presented
either to the undersigned
Personal Representative, in
care of the Bates Law Firm,
PO Box 305, Las Cruces, NM
88004-0305, or filed with the
Thrid Judicial District Court,
201 W. Picacho Avenue, Suite
A, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED: April 18, 2007.

/s/Heidi Lovan
Heidi Lovan
Personal Representative
of the Estate of Arthur
Greenblatt, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY: BATES LAW FIRM
PO Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(505) 524-8585
(505) 524-1895 (Telefax)
/s/Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #6361
Dates 4/27, 5/4, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

**COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV07-183

**DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, as Trustee
for Long Beach Mortgage
Loan Trust 2006-1,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CARRIE E. ROSALES;
RICHARD E. ROSALES;
FRANK X. BENAVIDEZ;
LAURA E. BENAVIDEZ;
JOHN DOE and JANE
DOE, (true names
unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION**

Defendants Carrie E. Rosales
and Richard R. Rosales are
hereby notified that Plaintiff
has filed a civil suit against
Defendants Carrie E. Rosales
and Richard E. Rosales in
the above-entitled cause of
action. Defendants Carrie
E. Rosales and Richard E.
Rosales 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 Carrie
E. Rosales and Richard E.
Rosales fail to file a timely
Answer or Motion, a default
judgment may be entered
against Defendants Carrie
E. Rosales and Richard E.
Rosales for the relief demand-
ed in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little &
Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road
NE, Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM
87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

April 3, 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 18th day of April, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Peggy R. Brock
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 6362
Dates 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D0307CV200601431

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, AS
TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT
SUISSE FIRST BOSTON
CSFB 2005-7, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SYLVIA ARIAS; FIRST
SECURITY BANK
OF NEW MEXICO,
N.A.; MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC. (SOLELY
AS NOMINEE FOR
LENDER AND LENDER'S
SUCCESSORS AND
ASSIGNS); UNKNOWN
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE**

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TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SYLVIA ARIAS, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the under-signed Special Master will on May 30, 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 18, Block 7, 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 Pages 39-40 of Plat Records. The address of the real property is 7318 Calico Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 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 \$120,484.11, plus interest from March 23, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.375% 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: April 23, 2007
Pamela Carmody
Special Master c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiariski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
(800) 286-0013
(719) 634-4868 06-2803/
Arias, Sylvia; P288315

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5/18, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-06-1088
Judge Valentine

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
ex rel., LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**NANCY CAMPANELLI,
VICTOR GALLEGOS,
DAVID R. RAMOS, AND
1991 CHEVROLET S-10
PICKUP, Silver; VIN:
1GCCS14R4M8236034;
New Mexico License
Plate No. 626 NXA,
Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Victor Gallegos and David R. Ramos, the above named Respondents.

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 1991 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup, Silver; VIN: 1GCCS14R4M8236034; New Mexico License Plate No. 626 NXA.

2. You are named Respondents for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
Las Cruces, NM 88004
May 11, 2007
505-541-2128
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub # 6364
Dates 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 2007

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. CV-06-612
Judge Valentine

**CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
ex rel., LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**REYMUNDO GARCIA,
PAUL SOTO, and 1978
Ford Thunderbird,
Yellow; VIN: 8G87H295456
New Mexico License
Plate No. DCR 060,
Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Paul Soto, an 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: 1978 Ford Thunderbird, Yellow; VIN: 8G87H295456; New Mexico License Plate No. DCR 060.

2. You are a named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
Deputy City Attorney
PO Box 20000
Las Cruces, NM 88004
505-541-2128

Attorney for Petitioner

Pub #6365
Dates 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands with the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by Richard H Manasco, who requests that the Board suspend .25 acres of water rights from land located in Section 11 Twp. 23S, Range 1E, NMPM., and also known as USRS Map 9B-1A2 and transfer them to land owned by Beatrice Perea Alvarez located in Section 1 Twp. 24S, Range 1E, NMPM, and also known as USRS Map 12-18A3 LT 4. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM, and the date of the hearing is May 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of

Pub #6366
Dates 4/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands with the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by Richard H Manasco, who requests that the Board suspend .25 acres of water rights from land located in Section 11 Twp. 23S, Range 1E, NMPM., and also known as USRS Map 9B-1A2 and transfer them to land owned by Robert G Alvarez located in Section 1 Twp. 24S, Range 1E, NMPM, and also known as USRS Map 12-18A3 LT 9. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM, and the date of the hearing is May 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

Pub #6367
Dates 4/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands with the District which are not suitable for

irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgement the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by Modesta Sanchez, who requests that the Board suspend .75 acres of water rights from land located in Section 15 Twp. 26S, Range 3E, NMPM., and also known as USRS Map 25-67Q and transfer them to land owned by Jim Lee and Petra Sanchez-Lee located in Section 15 Twp. 26S, Range 3E, NMPM, and also known as USRS Map 25-63B3 67K. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM, and the date of the hearing is May 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of

the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

Pub #6368
Dates 4/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 73-13-4 NMSA, the Board of Directors of Elephant Butte Irrigation District (District) will consider a Resolution to transfer water rights appurtenant to lands with the District which are not suitable for irrigation or capable of being properly irrigated to other lands within the District, if in the Board's judgment the land may be profitably irrigated and advantageously irrigated. The request is made by The Construction Company, LLC, who requests that the Board suspend 24.52 acres of water rights from land located in Section 22 Twp. 22S, Range 1E, NMPM., and also known as USRS Map 4-65B,66 LOT 2 and transfer

them to land owned by Bud & Bobby Hettinga located in Section 17 Twp. 23S, Range 1E, NMPM, and also known as USRS Map 8-2D LT 1. The place of the hearing is the offices of the District located at 530 S. Melendres, Las Cruces, NM, and the date of the hearing is May 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Protest or protests from any person or persons interested may be heard at the hearing. At the end of the hearing, the Board of Directors shall take formal action upon the Resolution. Any protestant or protestants may appeal the decision of the Board directly to District Court within 10 days of the adoption or rejection of the Resolution.

Pub #6369
Dates 4/27, 2007

**SECOND JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
CHILDREN'S COURT
DIVISION COUNTY OF
BERNALILLO
STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. SA 2007-0195

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF R.K.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Adrian (last name unknown), father of a male child conceived in Las Cruces, New Mexico on December 31, 2005 and born on October 4, 2006 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Adoption has been filed in the above-captioned case, in which said Petitioner prays for a decree allowing her to adopt the adoptee, born on October 4, 2006, in Las Cruces, N.M..

And you are further notified that unless you respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days from the last day of publication, on or before the 13th day of June, 2007,

the Petition will be granted by default and your parental rights regarding the adoptee will be terminated.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Lauren M. Baldwin
P.O. Box 10032
Albuquerque, N.M. 87184
(505) 247-9262

WITNESS the Honorable Monica Zamora, District Judge of the Second Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County, of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of BERNALILLO County, this 25th day of April, 2007.

JUANITA M. DURAN
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT


Court Seal
By: Cheryl Mora
Deputy

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Dates 4/24, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18,
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The long road home

This home on Driftwood Circle
combines a family-friendly design
with elegant details



See feature home on page E2

A sweet and sad goodbye

For the Shwetzter family, moving means selling their one-of-a-kind home

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When the Shwetzter family moved from Hawaii to Las Cruces in 2004, the relocation was made a bit easier with the knowledge that they would be going to their new, custom-built home overlooking Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.

From their home in Hawaii, the Shwetzters had created the perfect house for themselves through emails and conversations with the builder, Desert Sage Building and Development, Inc. The result, 2210 Driftwood Circle, was designed with more than 3,500 square feet, five bedrooms – one for each of the family's three children and one to be used as an office for Robin Shwetzter, who works from home. With a pool, oversized back yard and front courtyard, the family was eager to begin their new life in the Southwest.

"A house like this would be \$3 million to \$7 million in Hawaii," Robin said. "In Las Cruces, you really do get a good value for your money. We looked at houses in other places, like Denver, and for the price of a tract home there, we could have a custom-built, one-of-a-kind home in Las Cruces."

Now that the family is moving back to Hawaii – Robin's husband, Louis has been transferred – the Shwetzters are leaving the home they love.

Real estate agent Emily Coss remembers helping the Shwetzter family find their new Southwestern home several years ago.

"Robin and Lou contacted me via the Internet," Coss said. "We communicated

for months before I met them in person."

As the Shwetzter family was having trouble finding their dream home, Coss videotaped several homes and mailed the tapes to Hawaii.

"They were not able to find a suitable five bedroom home, so they decided to build one," Coss said.

Robin said that she knew she wanted to live in Sonoma Ranch.

"We liked the area and the schools," she said.

When the perfect lot became available – a peninsula-shaped lot on a cul-de-sac, overlooking the golf course – the couple purchased it, hired Desert Sage and set about to have their dream house built.

"I wish I could pack this house up and take it back to Hawaii with me," Robin said. "This is the perfect house for us – we had it built exactly the way we wanted it."

But, as homes can't be shipped across the Pacific, the family is putting their beloved, one-of-a-kind home on the market.

Size and amenities are only part of what make the home special Robin said. The home's family-friendly floor plan and cozy, cabin-like feel and special touches make it a rare find.

The details that make 2210 Driftwood special begin with the exterior. Situated on a large, uniquely shaped lot at the end of a cul-de-sac, the home features views of the city lights, Organ Mountains and the second and fourth holes of the



J.M. CRAMER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Shwetzter family, seated from left, Hanna, 3, Andrew, 12, Justin, 8, Louis and Robin are sad to leave their home in Las Cruces, but they are looking forward to the adventures that moving back to Hawaii will bring. See more feature home photos on pages E6-7.

Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. It is angled to maximize views and to provide ultimate privacy.

"On the Fourth of July, we have a perfect view of the fireworks," Robin said. "Even from the kitchen, we can see the fireworks."

A 500-square-foot front entry courtyard – one of Robin's favorite features of the home – is a focal point of the house and many of the interior rooms are designed around it.

"We've had coffee (gatherings) out here," Robin said. "And it's also a good place for

the kids to play – it's enclosed and you don't get any of the blowing dust."

For easy access to the courtyard from the inside, several sets of French double doors lead from the inside out.

The courtyard features a fireplace, fountain, built-in table with seating, niches, bancos and trees and plants.

Beyond the courtyard is the home's front door – a nine-foot wooden door with a Southwestern theme. To add character and uniqueness to the entry, the Shwetzters added custom stained glass sidelights, which frame the door.

"I love it when the sun comes in through the stained glass," Robin said. "We get a vibrant rainbow."

See Feature home on PAGE E7

Featured Home: 2210 Driftwood Circle

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Laura Bush and new Tarin house share taste in chandeliers

The search for home décor can be an adventure all its own



MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

The Las Cruces 2007 Showcase of Homes is April 27-29 and May 4-6. What do the 2007 Showcase of Homes and first lady Laura Bush have in common? The answer is an ornamental, iron, hand-crafted chandelier.

Several months ago President Bush and the first lady were visiting Phoenix, Ariz. During her time in Phoenix she visited a store and bought a chandelier for the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas. A designer's dream is finding a special piece that has history and value along with the special memory of finding something unique.

So as the story unfolds, I just happened to be at the right place at the right time. In my travels

I was visiting one of my custom ornamental iron shops, and I saw a chandelier in the back room. In talking with the owner of the store, he told me first lady Laura Bush was buying his chandelier – a one-of-a-kind work of art that he had sold to a store in Phoenix. The chandelier that was in his back room was the prototype that was used to create the chandelier that Laura Bush bought. Since the first lady bought his one-of-a-kind custom work,

he would no longer make that particular chandelier. I asked if I could buy the prototype. He agreed, and the chandelier was transported to Las Cruces. During the Showcase of Homes, you can view the chandelier in the home of Tarin Construction in the entry rotunda at 2117 Sedona Hills Parkway in Somona Ranch.

In the past, most homeowners were uptight when they were decorating or too nervous to make any decisions. They could be in the right place at the right time, but not see the unique products. Now there are a large number of home-decorating magazines, television shows and web sites which have resulted in a heightened awareness of design. So the hunt is not just for designers or architects anymore. Not only do homeowners want to find that unique piece, something special that adds a memory or a tall tale, a homeowner wants the fun of the hunt too, and demands originality.

We all have a little adventure in us.

My secret of the hunt is keeping an open mind, and having plenty of sleep for a fresh mind. I find things when I am relaxed and not looking for anything special. With a lot of practice being out there looking, you will acquire a knack for spotting potential finds in junk shops, back warehouses, antique shops, flea markets or even the Internet. But you don't necessarily have to have an eye or knowledge to collect something you like. Designers are always on the hunt, and because that is their constant pursuit, they know it when they see it.

I have found things in the most unusual places, from warehouses to Hollywood stage sets. In Mexico, I found a light fixture in the back of the shop that was tarnished and black in color. But what caught my eye was the shape, and I needed a fixture for a powder bath. It looked pretty ugly. But I started looking at the lines and realized under the black

tarnish was solid brass. The size was perfect and would make a great presence in that powder bath. Sometimes the hard work polishing and shipping items to Las Cruces will cost more in the end. But the hunt makes it all worth while, and the story connected with the purchase makes my day!

Here is a hint for bargain hunters for antiques. According to the New York Times, people are selling their antiques for more practical modern pieces. The older generation is

realizing that the home is more about ease and function. The incredibly beautiful antique pieces are going for almost nothing, according to Robert Couturier, an interior designer and architect in New York. So for designers and adventurous homeowners, the hunt is on. But not a whole house full; only that special piece that satisfies the soul and reeks of uniqueness.

The prevailing attitude right now is if it's been seen somewhere else, they don't want it. Now everyone is looking for individuality, but they want functionality too. Concerned with comfort and ergonomics, it's a buyer's market now. If you like the hunt, now is the time to start and add a unique piece that satisfies the soul.

Mariann Novack is the design coordinator for Tarin Construction & Design Showroom located at 2141 Hammerand Ct. The showroom features unique special pieces, Arizona tile and open to the public. Mariann welcomes your comments and can be reached at mariann@lascrucesbulletin.com or 524-2831.



This chandelier, which hangs in a Tarin Construction built home at 2117 Sedona Hills, is the prototype of a chandelier purchased by first lady Laura Bush.

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Riata Builders constructed this home at 5529 Red Fox. It is one of the 67 houses entered in the Las Cruces Homebuilders Spring Showcase of Homes.



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This home built by Emerick Real Estate Construction is located at 1995 Tapestry.

Let the show begin

LCHBA's annual Spring Showcase of Homes starts this weekend

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Builders throughout the community are putting the finishing touches on their showcase homes as the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes gets under way this weekend.

More than 50 builders are registered to show a record-breaking 67 homes in this year's showcase. With prices ranging from \$100,000 to more than \$1 million, the homes in the showcase represent Las Cruces homebuilding at its finest.

"The Showcase of Homes gives Las Cruces area builders a chance to put their best foot forward," said Barbara Denton of Plaza Con-

struction, who has been building homes in the area for 12 years and has participated in the annual showcase three other times.

Plaza Construction's entry into this year's showcase is a set of townhouses in the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch.

"Visitors to the Pueblos at Alameda Ranch townhomes will see a stunning example of semi-urban living. This is a new concept in Las Cruces that combines innovative floor plans with traditional Southwest architecture," she said.

The Spring Showcase of Homes is a self-guided tour of newly constructed homes in the area. Of this year's 67 entries, six are priced at \$1 million or more. And while many visitors to the event (an estimated 8,000 people attend each year) may be in the

market for a high-end home, some visit the homes for ideas that can be incorporated into a smaller-scale home. Others attend because they are building a new home or because they simply enjoy looking at new homes.

"There are a variety of reasons why people attend the showcase," said Richard Hummell, events and marketing administrator for the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association. "Some people even plan their vacations around the showcase and come from other parts of the country to look at homes here."

Denton said that many who are thinking of building or buying a home aren't sure what style they want until they see it at an event like the Showcase of Homes.

"The showcase brings people out that

may have only been thinking of buying a new home until they walk through the front door of 'the one' they have been looking for," she said.

Visitors to the showcase this year will see many Mediterranean- and European-inspired details combined with the traditional Las Cruces style of homebuilding that emphasizes easy indoor/outdoor living. Bold colors, easy-living floor plans, smart-wiring and built-in accommodations for large-screen televisions are also current trends which many homebuilders incorporate into their building styles.

Some new ideas will also be unveiled.

Mariann Novack, the Bulletin's design diva and design coordinator for Tarin Construction, said that Tarin's entry into the

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This home built by Salas Homes is located at 6016 Lazo del Norte.

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showcase, a home on Sedona Hills, features a lot of new ideas.

"This home was built to showcase all the new ideas on the market," Novack said. "Things like smoked glass are coming back in style, and the traditional living room is becoming passé, while the smaller sitting room and larger family room are becoming more desirable."

Denton said she expects Plaza Construction's new floor plan to be a hit with showcase visitors.

"We have an open, sleek floor plan, which begs to be host to any engagement from a cozy dinner for two to a cocktail party for 12," Denton said. "Our bold use of color puts a unique stamp on our townhomes that is not found anywhere else in town."

The Spring Showcase of Homes spans two weekends and is set for the last weekend in April and the first

weekend in May. Homes will be open to the public:

- Fridays, April 27 and May 4, 4 to 7 p.m.
- Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sundays, April 29 and May 6, noon to 5 p.m.

There is no cost to visit the homes. As in past years, this year's Showcase of Homes will be posted on the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association's website (www.lchba.com) so that those who

are unable to physically attend the tour may do so virtually. The homes will remain on the website for one year.

Those who attend the Spring Showcase of Homes have an average income of \$76,135, according to the LCHBA. Showcase goers tend to be middle-aged or seniors, and 72 percent of attendees live in Las Cruces.

"The Showcase of Homes is a big deal for the community," Hummell said.

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This Dream Works home is located at 4475 Nambe Arc.



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Jeter Construction has entered this home, 8030 Constitution Road, in the showcase. It features an Old World feel with modern conveniences.

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Watching golfers play along the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course is an easy pasttime in this home. A safety net set up in the backyard keeps stray golf balls out of the pool while not obstructing the view.



With vast views of the golf course, city lights and distant Organs, the kitchen and dining nook are among the favorite spots in the home. Custom cabinetry, granite countertops, upgraded appliances and convenient location next to the living room add to the kitchen's appeal.



To keep the spirit of Hawaii alive in their Southwestern home, the Shwetzter family decorated this bathroom with island inspiration. It features custom-made sink with hand painted flowers, matching wall tiles and shower curtain with the same floral motif.



The spacious master suite has a fireplace and a tongue-in-groove, wood paneled ceiling for an earthy, cabin-like feel. The room features its own entrance to the back yard, a large walk-in closet and a stylish bathroom with a shower, tub and his and her sinks.

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Feature home

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The Shwetzers have three children ages 12, 8 and 3, so a family-friendly floor plan with careful consideration to the placement of bedrooms and the office were important when designing the home. While Louis works at White Sands Missile Range, Robin works from home, writing about and researching national security issues. She also teaches an intelligence analysis course at NMSU – so location of the office was an important factor. The room had to offer privacy while still allowing Robin to be near the children.

To achieve this goal, the home was designed with a split floor plan. The core of the home – kitchen, dining room and family room are located in the center of the home while the bedrooms and office are on each side.

To allow the family's two older children privacy, their bedrooms were placed on one side of the home, while the master suite, Robin's office and the youngest child's bedroom are on the opposite end.

To add to the family-friendly design and give the home a softer feel, all the corners of the home were rounded. Built-in bookshelves and niches were added in the hallways. Combined with knotty alder cabinets throughout the house and pine beams, posts and vigas, the home has a cabin-like, yet elegant feel.

Floors throughout the home are tile except for the bedrooms, which are carpeted, and the study, which

is wood.

The home's large back yard features a pool with a spa and waterfall that is solar and gas heated, automatic cleaner, chlorinator, fiber optic color lights and a safety fence.

A covered patio area is the perfect spot for entertaining with a built-in grill and fireplace.

Robin said that among the family's favorite spots in the house, the family room, with its built-in entertainment center and floor-to-ceiling windows, is the place family members tend to gravitate towards.

"The sunsets are amazing in here," Robin said.

Adjacent to and overlooking the living room is the kitchen, which features granite countertops, knotty alder cabinets, a large island with a vegetable sink and a granite-topped eating counter.

Allowing in as much natural light as possible was another important consideration. Along with a vast army of floor-to-ceiling windows, the home also features eight skylights, strategically placed to take advantage of the abundant Southwestern sun.

After several years of living in their perfect house, the Shwetzers family has mixed emotions about leaving.

"One of my sons is excited about going back – he misses Hawaii, but I'd be happy to stay here," Robin said. "I've always wanted to live in the Southwest and I love Las Cruces."

She said that she knows their new home

in Hawaii will be smaller and built with fewer custom details.

"We'll definitely have to downsize when we move to Hawaii," Robin said. "I'll be sorry to leave my beautiful custom-built house."



A back yard made for leisure was a priority for the Shwetzers family when designing their new home. The back yard features a pool, spa and covered patio with a built-in grill and fireplace.



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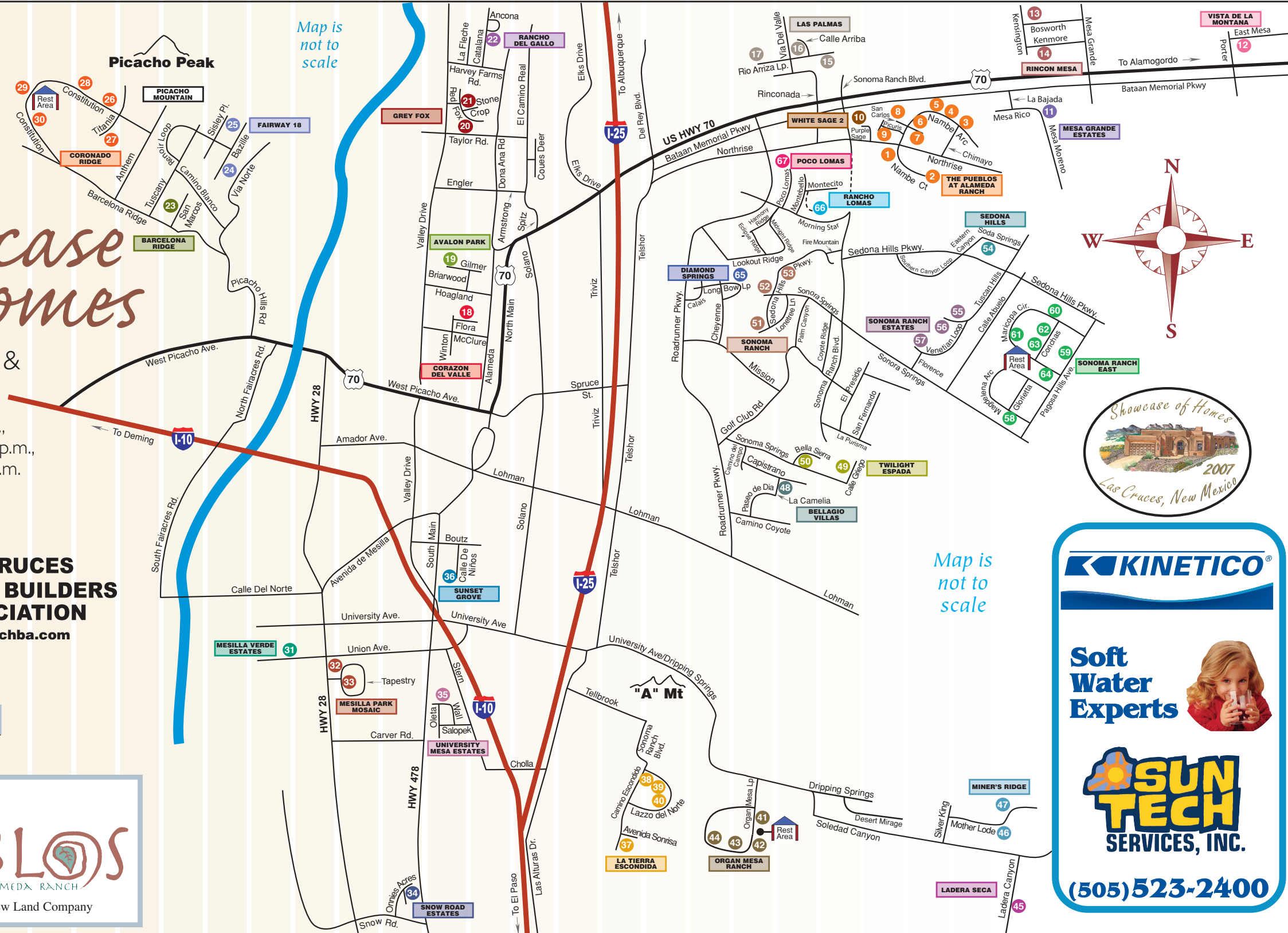
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LCHS plant sale begins April 28

The Las Cruces High School Horticulture Program will begin its annual spring plant sales on Saturday, April 28 said LCHS horticulture teacher Saundra Castillo.

The plant sales will be held at LCHS from 8 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, April 28 and May 5, 12 and 19.

"We have many beautiful student-grown plants," said Castillo. Plants for sale include:

- Six-pack bedding plants, \$1.50: tomatoes, chile, snapdragons, herbs and zinnias
- Hanging baskets, \$6.00: Swedish ivy, mint ivy, wax plant
- Three-gallon floor plants, \$12: Benjamin "weeping" fig, schefflera, octopus tree
- Two-gallon fan palms, \$15
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By Gary Guzman

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If you still have dead twigs from last year's lantana and or red bird of paradise, you should remove it. Cut it back all the way to the ground. If you do not see any signs of new growth it could be that the soil is still too cool. Remove any mulch, or layer of rocks, around the immediate area so the sun can warm up the soil. Once you see new growth you can replace with fresh mulch again. If these plants do not emerge by the end of April, they are probably gone. Either the cold got to them or they did not receive enough water during the winter months, or a combination of the two. Try finding a warmer sunnier spot, such as against a west or south wall. Avoid shade especially for the red bird of paradise. It may develop powdery mildew and not bloom well.

Most articles and magazines will tell you that you do not need to fertilize these plants. My experience has been if you feed them well they will perform much better. You don't want to feed them excessively, however, doing so may contribute to poor blooming performance and possible insect infestation. Overfeeding will lead to too much lush soft tissue growth which aphids love. Try to use a fertilizer with a high middle number, which is phosphorus. This nutrient will help stimulate flowers on just about any blooming plant or tree.

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By **BARRY MURRAY**
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They swarm in spring and fall, anytime environmental conditions are right. These hidden destroyers cause more damage nationwide than storms, fires and floods combined. The National Pest Control Association estimates that termites are responsible for \$2.5 to \$3 billion in damage every year.

Termite damage is insidious because you usually do not see the pests or the damage they cause until it's too late. They are known for their industriousness, and they can find a way into your home, whether it is made of wood or concrete.

Additionally, immigrant termites from Africa and Asia invade each year, chewing through homes, office buildings and even historic sites. These termites are stowaways in plants, pallets and other materials shipped internationally. Often, they simply infest a vessel, swarm and come to land.

The United States is home to many species of termites. The most common are the subterranean and drywood termites.

- Subterranean termites tunnel in the soil. The ability to tunnel allows them to find and feed on many pieces of wood. This mobility also allows them to create much bigger colonies than those of wood-inhabiting species. A subterranean termite colony can have hundreds of thousands to several million members.
- Drywood termites can cause serious damage to houses and furniture. These termites are easier to spot because they produce fecal pellets. If you have drywood termites in your house you are likely to see the coarse, sand-like pellets long before you discover the termites themselves. The drywood termite not only eats the wood structure, but lives inside the wood structure. These insects will construct a virtual city within the wood, complete with galleries or tunnels to get around. They can enter the home by flying in or being carried on previously infested wood, such as furniture or construction materials.

Preventing termites is as important as exterminating them. A termite prevention program should include the following elements:

- A professional inspection done at least once a year because the potential damage is too great to rely on "do-it-yourself" methods.
- An ongoing preventive system including the newest

sodium borate-based materials, which can be painted, sprayed or spread onto the wood or injected into hollow spaces inside the walls of the home.

- Having your pest control professional establish an "early warning system" that detects termites in the soil before they reach the home itself. The newest systems establish bait stations around the perimeter of the home to detect the approach of termites while they are still several feet away.
 - Anytime termites are found within five feet of a structure, begin more aggressive control treatments.
- By taking the necessary precautions, you can help prevent your home from becoming a termite's best friend.

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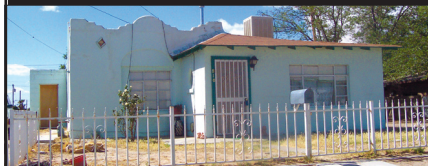
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When destiny calls

This real estate agent learned a few life lessons on the road to opening her own business

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Emily Coss of Coss Real Estate believes that selling real estate through her own company in the town she loves was her destiny, but as is often the case with destiny, the journey to get there was half the fun.

"I have been a manager for a furniture store, managed a retail store in the mall. I prepared taxes for a few years. I was once Mily the Clown and even performed with the circus," said Coss. "I was a stay-at-home mom and ran an in-home daycare while I raised my children."

When the furniture store she managed closed its doors, Coss said she decided to give real estate a try.

"I had been buying and selling properties as a hobby for a long time so I decided to try it out full time as a profession," she said.

She earned her real estate license in 1999 and went to work for Steinborn Real Estate. While at Steinborn, she excelled earning recognition through the Rookie of the Year award and the Shining Star award, but she yearned for her own company.

She opened Coss Real Estate in 2004 and

moved her company offices to the downtown area about a year later.

"Running your own company is definitely a lot of hard work and I don't believe in luck," she said. "It's a lot different from working for a larger company – all the overhead, bookkeeping and advertising falls on me. I don't have the large staff I'd have working at a larger agency."

She said that keeping her company name visible is one way she stays competitive.

"To stay visible in this market, as a small company I have to make sure that the Coss name is seen by everyone," she said. "In this day and age of large, mega real estate firms, I think that a small boutique type company like Coss Real Estate has its place. A lot of consumers are wanting more of the one-on-one service that a small company can provide."

She said that running her own small company allows her to focus on what she feels is important in the real estate field – providing the best possible customer service.

"Because the real estate industry is becoming more sophisticated and challenging every day, people need a professional who understands the industry and is positioned



Emily Coss has a passion for real estate and a love for Las Cruces. Running her own agency is a challenge, she said, but one she enjoys.

Featured Real Estate Agent: Emily Coss, Coss Real Estate

to stay ahead of the game," she said. "I go the extra mile to help my customers achieve their goals. Customer satisfaction is my goal. That's why I constantly research the market and property values so that (a seller's) home is priced effectively from day one."

She said that she feels the local real estate market remains strong, despite some slow down.

"The opportunities are endless for people who want to invest in real estate, especially right now with the large home inventory available," she said. "Lots of good deals (are available) – if you have the right agent who is willing to be patient and has the time to help you find the deal."

Coss attended high school in El Paso and graduated at the age of 16. She married soon after and began a family.

"Instead of going to college I ended up getting married and started to have my kids at a very young age, but I have the best education for me – life," she said.

She has also taken real estate classes at Doña Ana Community College.

As if running her own company weren't enough, Coss also enjoys the challenge and excitement of auditioning for reality television shows.

"I've always had a thing for T.V.," she said.

Several years ago, she auditioned for the TLC channel show Property Ladder – a show about house flipping – and came close to being selected.

"They flew me out to Los Angeles and I was one of four finalists for the show," she said.

Details

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Although she didn't get picked for the program, she said the experience was fun – so much so that she also applied for the NBC show, The Apprentice, in which contestants vie for a job with Donald Trump.

Again, she came close, becoming a finalist and was selected for an interview and audition, but didn't make the final cut.

"Millions of people try out for that show," she said.

She said she hopes to continue applying for television shows that she finds interesting.

Of all her endeavors, Coss, the single mother of three now-grown children, said motherhood is the job of which she is proudest.

"Having raised three bright, smart, well-mannered kids is my biggest accomplishment," she said.

Coss's children are Michael, 21, and Michelle, 19, who both attend George Washington University in Washington D.C., and Andrew, 16, who attends Mayfield High School.

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Stringing along, around the home

Dental floss can replace string for most household chores

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

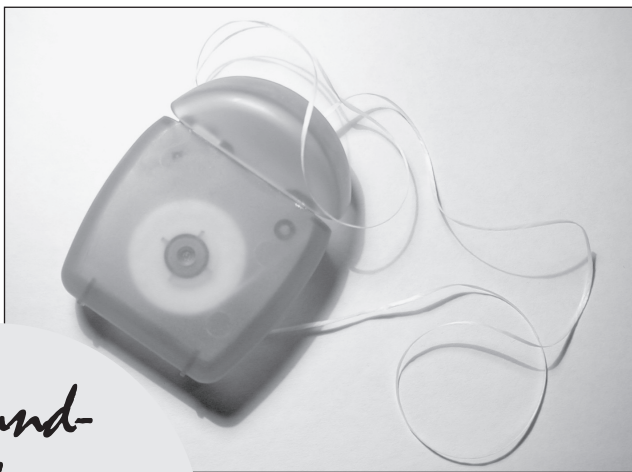
Super strong, smooth and designed to glide between your teeth (where it removes tiny bits of debris) without shredding, dental floss revolutionized oral health when it was introduced to the American public in the 1800s. Although it is believed that many prehistoric cultures may have devised different ways of flossing their teeth, it wasn't until 1819 when New Orleans dentist Levi S. Parmle wrote a book advocating the daily use of silk thread for teeth cleaning that the concept of flossing became a recommended standard step in daily dental hygiene.

Johnson & Johnson was the first company to receive a patent for dental floss, which they began selling in 1896. Early dental floss was made of silk – the same material Johnson & Johnson used to make the company's original product line, sutures. In 1908, the American Dental Association began advocating brushing and flossing as essential steps to maintaining a healthy set of teeth.

The history of floss took a turn during World War II when silk was in demand for parachute production. Floss manufacturers responded by replacing silk thread with nylon. The switch in materials revolutionized floss as nylon was cheaper, allowing the company to produce large quantities and also stronger, resisting shredding and tearing. Modern dental floss is still often made of nylon, although most is covered in a flavored or unflavored wax coating.

The super-strong, shred-resistant design of dental floss makes it an item that can be used in many ways. Because most people floss their teeth several times a day, having extra dental floss on hand usually isn't a

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Designed to be strong and resist shredding, there are many uses for dental floss from flying a kite to cutting a cake.

problem. Try these unconventional uses for dental floss. For most of these uses, unflavored floss is best.

1. Cut a cake. Avoid those messy gobs of frosting that cling to a cutting knife when cutting cakes. Use a piece of floss about twice as long as the cake is wide, wrap each end around one finger on each hand and, keeping the floss taut, firmly press down through the cake. This method also works when slicing refrigerated cookie and bread dough, cheese, tortes and other foods.

2. Decorate a gift. Use floss as ribbon when decorating a wrapped gift.

3. Fly a kite. Use dental floss instead of string on a kite.

4. Clean a crevice. Dental floss is great for cleaning hard-to-reach cracks and crevices.

5. Replace your thread. Use dental floss rather than thread to sew a button onto pants, shirts, dresses, coats and other bits of clothing. Dental floss also works great in place of thread for stitching tears in things like wetsuits, backpacks, ballet slippers, bathing suits and other items.

6. Tie a shoe. Shoe laces have a tendency to break at awkward moments and often a spare isn't available. Use dental floss as a temporary lace until you find a permanent replacement.

7. Place a picture. Use dental floss rather than wire or string to hang pictures or light mirrors. It is super strong and won't scratch the paint on the wall.

8. Substitute string. Replace ordinary string with dental floss in such tasks as bundling newspapers or tying a box – just about any use you can think of that uses string can also use floss.

9. Mend a net. Use dental floss to repair a fishing or butterfly net or a sports net.

10. Unstick a stuck cookie. Cookies stuck to the pan? Slide a piece of dental floss between the cookie and the pan to loosen.

11. String beads. Use in place of string to make beaded jewelry. Also use to string popcorn and cranberries for Christmas decoration.

12. Truss a turkey. Use unflavored, unwaxed dental floss to tie a stuffed turkey or chicken.

F.Y.I.

Proper flossing technique. Break off a piece of floss between 18 and 20 inches in length and wind most of it around your middle finger. Wind the other end around the middle finger on your other hand. Holding each end of the floss tightly between your thumbs and forefingers, gently glide between teeth. As floss becomes dirty, unroll a clean section from your first hand. A floss threader or holder can make this task much easier.

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F.Y.I. To maintain the freshness and flavor of the nut, store shelled pecans in an airtight container in the refrigerator until ready to use.

Traditional Pecan Pie

Bertha Tangonan's first-place prize-winning pie

1 1/4 cups pecans
2 eggs
1/4 cup dark syrup
1/4 cup light syrup
2 tablespoons flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 9-inch pie shell

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spread pecans in an unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Mix remaining ingredients and pour over pecans. Use extra pecan halves for decoration. Bake at 375 degrees for one hour.

Chocolate Pecan Torte

Cherish Marquez

For an eight-inch cake:
7 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
10 tablespoons sweet butter, cut into pieces
4 eggs
1/2 cup superfine sugar

2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup of toasted and cooled pecans, finely chopped
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
24 toasted pecan halves (optional)

For the chocolate honey glaze:
4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped
1/4 cup sweet butter, cut into pieces
2 tablespoons honey
Pinch of cinnamon

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 8-inch spring form pan and line with wax paper. Grease the paper and surround the pan with foil.

Melt the chocolate and butter over low heat, stirring until smooth. Set aside. Beat the eggs, sugar and vanilla until frothy. Stir in the melted chocolate and butter, ground nuts and cinnamon. Pour into the pan. Place in a large roasting pan and pour boiling water into the roasting pan about 3/4 inch up the side of the spring form pan. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until the edge of the cake is set, but the center is soft. Remove foil and set on a wire rack.

For the glaze, melt the chocolate, butter, honey and cinnamon, stirring until smooth. Remove from the heat. If using pecans, dip each pecan halfway into the glaze and place on wax paper to set. Remove the cake from its pan and invert onto a wire rack. Remove the paper. Pour the glaze over cake, tilting the rack to spread

it. Use a metal spatula to smooth the sides. Arrange pecan halves on top.

Orange Cappuccino Bread

Virginia Lee

1/3 cup pecans
1 cup water
1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
2 tablespoons butter, softened
1 teaspoon orange peel
3 cups bread flour
2 tablespoons dry milk
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoon quick active dry yeast

Measure carefully, placing all ingredients in a bread machine pan in the order recommended by the manufacturer. Bake according to the machine's directions.

Hot Bacon Pecan Cheese Spread

Lee Ann Hudak

1 loaf round bread
1/2 cup chopped pecans
12 slices center cut bacon, crisply cooked and crumbled
1 clove minced garlic
1 cup mayonnaise
1 small onion, finely chopped
8 ounces Colby Jack cheese, grated
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cut a lengthwise slice from the top of the bread. Remove the cen-



These are just a few of the wonderful concoctions you can create using pecans.

ter leaving a one-inch thick shell. Mix remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Spoon into hollowed bread shell. Cover the shell with the top of the bread and place on a cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Serve with the bread pieces.

Rich and Chewy Pecan Pralines

Keith Narramore

2 cups sugar
2 cups light corn syrup
1 pound butter
2 cups whipping cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
7 cups chopped pecans

Cook sugar and corn syrup together until candy thermometer reaches 245 degrees. Remove from heat and add butter. Stir until

dissolved. Add two cups whipping cream slowly. Return to heat and cook until candy thermometer again reaches 245 degrees, stirring constantly (this takes a while). Add vanilla and pecans. Drop on foil that has been buttered. When cool, wrap in plastic. Makes about 80 pralines.

Pecan Crusted Chile Rellenos

Kyle Locke

3 cups pecans
4 large green chiles, roasted and peeled
1/2 cup flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon cornstarch
3 egg whites
6 ounces cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon garlic salt

Take the roasted chiles and make a small T-shaped cut just beneath the stem of the vegetable. Pull out the seed stem inside the chile to remove the seeds. Wash the rest of the chile under a faucet if needed. Cut a slice of cheese about one quarter inch thick and trim it to the shape of the chile. Slide the cheese piece into the chile through the cut. Combine the flour, salt and pepper. Lightly beat the egg whites. Coarsely chop the pecans in a food processor with the cornstarch. Dip the cheese filled chiles in the flour, then the into the egg whites and then in the chopped pecans. Place the chiles on a cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees until the pecans are lightly toasted and the cheese is melted. Serve warm.

Strawberry Pecan Dip

Bernice Ramirez

6 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 cup strawberries, chopped
1/4 cup chopped pecans
2 tablespoons honey
1/8 tablespoon ginger

In a bowl, beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Add the remaining ingredients and blend well. Refrigerate several hours to blend flavors. Serve with fresh fruit. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

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Trip to Asia is a tastebud diversion

Thai chili powder delivers a surprisingly sassy jolt of heat

Last month, Rebecca Dukes and her husband Howard took a mere (yawn) 22-hour flight to Hong Kong. Rebecca, vice president of University Advancement at NMSU, had been invited to participate in a panel discussion. The couple took advantage of the trip by visiting other Asian countries to sightsee, relax and sample local fare. "I'll try anything that looks reasonably dead," she laughed, including a deep-fried fish she sampled on a floating seafood market – "It had teeth – lots of teeth and it was mushy."

The fear of contracting avian flu discouraged the couple from tasting dishes prepared with poultry. (During late 2003 and early 2004, outbreaks of avian flu in poultry occurred in eight Asian countries. There was a brief lull, but since late June 2004, new outbreaks have been reported in several Asian countries, the most recent on April 14 in Cambodia, where the Dukes spent three days.)

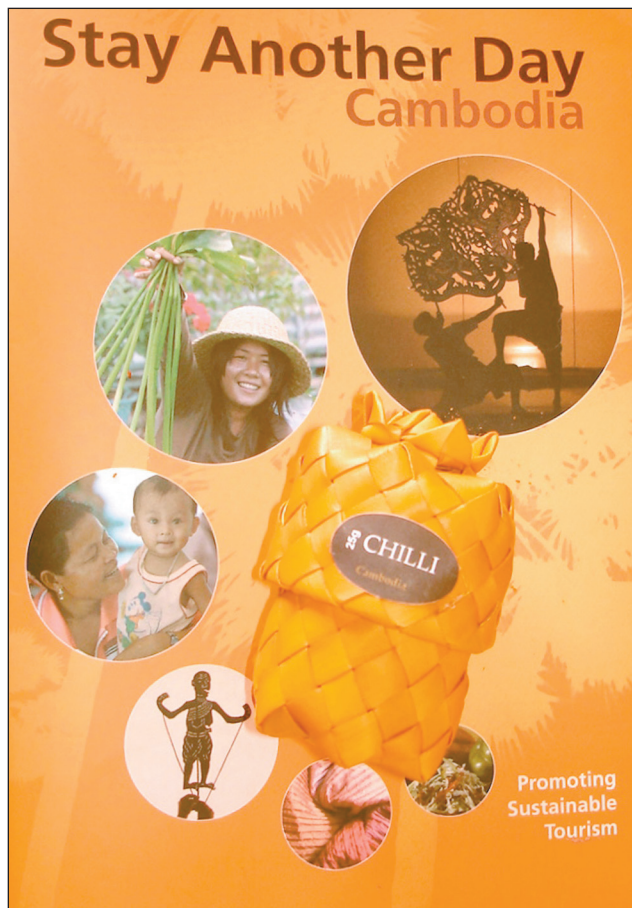
While in Hong Kong, the couple feasted on Peking duck, Chinese tacos rolled in hot "sauced" wontons, a jellyfish salad prepared with fish tentacles, Chinese spareribs and dim sum. Dim sum (literally meaning "to touch the heart") is a snack or appetizer. The Dukes savored har qau (pork and shrimp dumplings) served with a dipping sauce, red and green Thai-hot chiles in oil and char siu bao (baked BBQ pork buns) among other local specialties.

The hotel where they stayed offered buffets three times a day and included a variety of Asian dishes and pitaya, or dragon fruit, which Rebecca described as having a hot pink shell, and a snow-white rind or a pink flesh "with black seeds the size of sesame seeds and tasted similar to kiwi fruit. The food was down-to-earth, unpretentious but very good," she said. Also on the menu was fish stew prepared with shrimp, water buffalo and poultry. "The fish," she said, "was the best." Meals were always served with Jasmine tea, "which I got a little sick of," she admitted.

Much of Cambodia's cuisine is similar to Thai, but not as spicy, although the "chilli" powder which Rebecca brought home as gifts to friends delivered a surprising taste-bud jolt. Packaged in miniature handmade woven baskets, the powder's heat was similar to what one would expect from habañero, but without the tropical influence.

Cambodia is one of the world's poorest countries. "Beggars kids sold tree ornaments on the streets, and elephants are still used for work (transportation, logging and village work)," Rebecca said. (Agriculture employs about three-fourths of the workforce.) Motorbikes are the transportation norm.

Despite Cambodia's poverty, it is rich in culture, nature ("monkeys were hanging around the monuments," laughed Rebecca), history and tradition. Upscale resorts are emerging "to draw the spa crowd. There must be between 16 and 20," she said, which displeases an organization that is working in Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos to promote the development of sustainable or "destination-friendly" tourism. Rebecca shared the organization's booklet: Stay Another Day – Cambodia (www.stay-another-day.org). I quote: "Although tourism has grown dramatically in recent years ... its increasing numbers of visitors can also have negative environmental and social and cultural



"Promoting sustainable tourism is commercially viable, but at the same time creates broader benefits for society and supports conservation of the natural, historic and cultural resources on which tourism depends," from the booklet *Stay Another Day: Cambodia*

consequences and typically these impact the poorest of people." The group encourages tourists to visit the country's famous monuments but "to stay a little longer and buy local products" such as the miniature baskets stuffed with spicy-hot "chilli."

As you ponder your next vacation – perhaps to Cambodia, enjoy these sassy recipes.

Szechwan Guacamole

- 1 large ripe avocado, pitted and peeled
- 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
- 1/2 teaspoon minced ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon five-spice powder
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon Sichuan hot bean sauce or Oriental chili paste
- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

- 2 tablespoon chopped cilantro
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds, toasted
- Salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoon diced tomato or red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoon finely chopped red onion

Place peeled avocado on a rimmed plate with garlic, ginger, five-spice powder, hot bean sauce, sesame oil, soy sauce, lemon juice and cilantro. Coarsely mash avocado with a fork or potato masher, incorporating seasonings. Yields about 1 cup.

Chinese Tacos with Dip

(adapted from cooks.com)

- 1 pound minced cooked pork, beef or chicken
- 1/2 cup minced celery
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 tablespoon Oriental mushrooms, minced, soaked and dried
- Dash of white pepper
- 1 tablespoon light soy sauce
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon mild to hot chile powder
- 3/4 pound won ton wrappers

Oil for deep frying

Combine pork, celery, onion, mushrooms, white pepper, soy sauce, curry and chile powders; mix well. Place 1 teaspoon filling just off center of each won ton wrapper. Fold wrapper over filling, forming a rectangle. Pleat open edges and press to seal. Fry in a deep wok heated to 375 degrees until golden brown. Makes 50.

Dip:

- 1 part Chinese sesame oil, 2 parts soy sauce, and hot pepper flakes if desired.

Spicy Hot Pineapple Sauce with Peanut

(adapted from geocities.com/mylinhnakryd)

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 stalk green onion, minced
- 1 cup chopped fresh pineapple or canned pineapple
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted roasted peanut
- 1 teaspoon favorite chile pepper paste or to your taste (optional)

Heat a small saucepan over a stove burner. When hot, add vegetable oil and sauté green onion. Add pineapple, water, kumquat juice, sugar and salt. Stir and simmer until boiled. Remove from stove and set aside to cool. Put peanuts, pepper paste and pineapple sauce in a blender and blend well. Serve with fresh vegetables, chips or meat.

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Serve up a plate of comfort

Making this German-style pasta is easy with the right tool

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A homemade, dumpling-like pasta, spaetzle is a comfort food loved by many. It is native to the Swabia region of Germany. Spaetzle recipes vary from region to region and from country to country. Several versions of the dumpling are found in various European cuisines. Spaetzle is made by forcing a pancake-like dough through a spaetzle-maker device, which shapes the mixture into noodles or mini dumplings, depending on preference. The dough is boiled for about six minutes, removed from the water then served, usually with a meat and sauce. Although spaetzle is traditionally boiled, it can also be fried in a bit of olive oil for a richer flavor.

Making spaetzle can be a messy and time-consuming labor of love, but having the right tool on hand can make the job easier.

What is it?

A kitchen device specifically designed for making spaetzle, the spaetzle maker



falls into two categories:

- **Universal style**, which is a plate-like version generally sold with a scraper. The plate is placed over the pot of boiling water like a lid. As the dough is scraped across the plate, it is forced through the holes and falls into the water. This model, which is the more traditional of the two, is considered safer by many experts as the chance of being splashed with boiling water is reduced.
- **Grater style**, a rectangular device that is usually about 13 inches long and is placed across a pan of boiling water. This style generally features a sliding basket, which holds about a half a cup of batter at a time. As the basket is moved back and forth along the grater, dough is forced through the holes and into the water. This version is more space efficient.



Spaetzle is traditionally served boiled, but try frying it in olive oil or butter for an extra-rich treat.

Where can I find one?

Most specialty kitchen stores sell spaetzle makers. They are also easy to find online.

How much do they cost?

A grater-style spaetzle maker can cost anywhere from \$6 to \$15 depending on quality. The plate-style models generally sell for \$15 and up.

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No spaetzle maker on hand? In a pinch, a potato ricer, colander or a large-hole cheese grater can double nicely as a spaetzle maker.



Basic Spaetzle

6 whole eggs, beaten until frothy
3 cups of sifted flour
1 cup of milk
3 tablespoons of butter
1/4 teaspoon of nutmeg
Salt to taste
Boiling salt water

With electric mixer, beat flour a little at a time into the egg mixture. Add salt and nutmeg. Nutmeg can be left out and sprinkled on after mixture is cooled. Beat in milk a little at a time until well blended, about five minutes. Place batter into spaetzle maker or colander and drop into boiling water. Cook and stir about five minutes.

Serve with a meat-and-sauce dish like beef burgundy or chicken and gravy. Add caramelized onions for a special touch.

Children like spaetzle with apple-sauce or fruit or simply buttered with a bit of Parmesan cheese.

What to look for:

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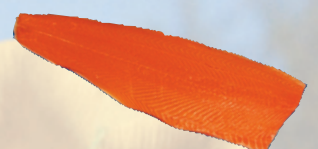
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