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JOEL COURTNEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Volunteer Ariane Parkes reads requested chapters from previous Harry Potter books at the Barnes & Noble release party Friday, July 20, for the final Harry Potter book "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows." Listeners are Lachlan Boyd, dressed as Dobby; Hannah Quinones; and Mara Boyd, dressed as Professor Sprout. More than 150 children of all ages were lined up at the Barnes & Noble store in the Mesilla Valley Mall at midnight to get a copy of the new book.

Hermione Granger (known to muggles as 9-year-old Alyssa Gose) shows off her skill with her magic wand at the Hastings Books Music & Video Store's "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" midnight release party Friday, July 20.

J.M. CRAMER | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Senior Games are coming

More than 1,400 older NM athletes expected to compete

By JORDAN BOSTIC
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces will be hosting the 29th annual New Mexico Senior Summer Games from Aug. 1-5. More than 1,400 senior athletes will descend upon Las Cruces in search of competition, camaraderie and gold medals.

The games have been held in Albuquerque for the past two years and are returning to Las Cruces for a four-year run. The five-day event provides a competitive stage for every talent, from track and field to singing and dancing. Most of the events will take place at New Mexico State University.

The Summer Games will kick off with the Opening Ceremonies at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

"The Opening Ceremonies are the highlight of the games," New Mexico Senior

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**NEW MEXICO
SENIOR GAMES
AUG. 1-5**

Opening Ceremony
7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1
NMSU Activity Center

Health Fair Expo
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3
Corbett Center, Level II

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Health care study results
Forum reviews findings of insurance costs under proposed solutions



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Las Cruces rediscovers its first neighborhood

Mesquite Street improvements aim to restore historical charm

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If you haven't been in the Mesquite Street neighborhood lately, a stroll through Las Cruces' original townsite could prove surprising.

Many of the homes appear brighter and less rundown, while still keeping their Spanish-Mexican roots. And there are a number of properties undergoing renovations – restorations, really, with adobe walls and interior archways left intact, along with inset "nichos," framed windows and custom doors.

It's part of a long effort to make this historical section of town east of City Hall more attractive and welcoming as part of the Downtown revitalization effort – but without losing its neighborhood feel or succumbing to gentrification.

While the most critical city regulations were passed in 2005 with a zoning overlay, the city council took another important step Monday, July 23, by approving a design plan for the Mesquite district.

The design plan will provide architectural guidelines for restoration work to existing buildings and for new buildings as vacant lots are filled. It also helps

city officials make improvements, such as the plan's designs for antique-styled light poles.

Leading the charge in the effort has been the Las Esperanzas Neighborhood group. Jeanne Abkes, Las Esperanzas secretary, said the plan primarily recommends possibilities for the public spaces of the neighborhood. When Main Street is fully restored, Downtown revitalization plans envision people also visiting the two surrounding neighborhoods – Mesquite to the east and the Alameda Depot neighborhood to the west.

See **Mesquite** on PAGE A9



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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Shop Las Cruces

Texas has enticed many Las Cruces with a tax-free weekend. Now we can save more right here at home

BY DAVID E. McCOLLUM
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The state of Texas just announced Aug. 17-19 as their annual back-to-school tax-free shopping days for 2007. Here are five reasons why you should NOT be lured to make the drive south across the state line to spend your money.

1. New Mexico has its own tax-free shopping days planned for next weekend, Aug. 3-5, two weeks earlier than the Texas tax holiday.

2. The money you spend locally is re-circulated within our own local economy.

3. In Texas, the sales tax is exempted primarily from clothing and shoes. In New Mexico, the list of non-taxable items is much longer. Next weekend in New Mexico you will not pay tax on clothing and shoes priced less than \$100. Nor will you be taxed on school supplies under \$15. Another big difference is that in New Mexico during the tax-free days you can buy a computer priced less than \$1,000 and computer peripherals under \$500 with no tax.

4. Staying away from an out-of-state shopping spree will save you a lot more than any tax savings you might realize. Let's see, a 120-mile round trip to El Paso will expend about eight gallons of gas from your tank. At \$3 per gallon, that's a cost of \$24 just to drive to and from our sister city in Texas.

5. Our local Las Cruces merchants are much friendlier than those snooty Texans.

If you would like to have a comprehensive list of taxable and nontaxable items for New Mexico's "Gross Receipts Tax Holiday," you can check out the Taxation and Revenue Department's website at www.state.nm.us/tax. Just follow the appropriate links.

And have a pleasant time shopping – IN LAS CRUCES!

Update on Mary Gennrich

Bulletin readers have often asked about our former Arts & Lifestyles editor, Mary Gennrich. A couple of years ago she heeded her patriotic calling and joined the Army. (We think she was inspired to enlist following her participation in the Bataan Memorial Death March competition at the White Sands Missile Range.)

Mary was one of our most popular reporters who thoroughly enjoyed the variety of topics she chose to write about. She actively covered everything from 4-wheeling and horseback riding to formal events like the reopening of the Rio Grande Theatre.

We hated to lose Mary's bright personality and her creative "people-style" approach to writing. However, we wholeheartedly supported her decision to serve her country.

We heard from Mary this past week. She is no longer Mary Gennrich. She is now Mary Katzenberger. According to her email, she met a fellow soldier at their duty station and they were married a few months ago. They are now serving together in Iraq.

Before the wedding, Mary's mom sent her a copy of the Bulletin's Wedding Guide, which Mary described as "very helpful and well done." She said she also follows Las Cruces regularly through the Bulletin's searchable website, www.lascrucesbulletin.com.

Mary's newest venture is that she has accepted an offer to apply for Officer Candidate School. We wish her well in her endeavors as she prepares for future leadership responsibilities. We have invited her to occasionally share some of her experiences with our readers. We hope she can find the time to do so.



"Sending Bush the thank-you note wasn't nearly as cruel as putting that fake return address on it."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wilderness group extremist

At the pro-wilderness rally held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum July 18, New Mexico Wilderness Alliance's Jeff Steinborn said "deal with some of these myths that are being put out there." OK, here goes.

Myth 1: "Today's event is not tit for tat."

Fact: That's exactly what it is. And it's no accident that it is staged at the Farm and Ranch Museum. It is a deliberate effort to suppress ranchers' free speech while demanding his own right.

Myth 2: "Our coalition is the only one that represents such a broad cross-section of Doña Ana County."

Fact: True only to the extent that we don't have a formal coalition. A broad cross-section of people has come forward on their own initiative to oppose the Doña Ana County wilderness proposals. They include highly respected credentialed range ecologists, law enforcement officials, elected officials, recreationists, sportsmen, educators and more.

Myth 3: The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance supports ranching in Doña Ana County.

Fact: Your book, "The Enduring Wilderness" (by Doug Scott) lists as one of your challenges: "How do we deal with non-conforming uses (in wilderness) such as livestock grazing?" Some of your founders and current board members were active in the "Cattle Free by '93" movement on federal lands.

Myth 4: Livestock grazing is assured under the Wilderness Act of 1964.

Fact: Yes, but subject to administrative regulations under wilderness management plans, not multiple-use management. The Act specifically prohibits roads and motor vehicles in wilderness.

Myth 5: Congressional grazing guidelines will prevent administrative actions that unreasonably restrict grazing.

Fact: We hope so, but existing guidelines are suitable only for seasonal grazing with ample livestock water from natural resources, typical in Northwest-

ern states. Those allotments don't have roads and seldom need motor vehicles, which are allowed on an "occasional" basis.

In Doña Ana County, the proposed wilderness areas have yearlong allotments. They are sparsely stocked, cover huge areas with roads and need regular – frequently daily – use of pickups year-round for inspection and maintenance of wells, pipelines and earthen tanks, and for distribution of supplemental feeds from late winter to early summer.

Myth 6: Wilderness provides the highest level of protection for federal lands.

Fact: Yes, but that is only appropriate where there is real wilderness whose principal value is for "primitive" forms of regulation. There are many alternatives for protection of federal lands that will not limit access and use.

TOM MOBLEY
People for Preserving
Our Western Heritage

Enact safe and sane

Every year, the fireworks vendors promise the county commissioners that everything will be done to keep the firework situation from getting out of hand. This year was worse than last year everywhere in the county, especially in the southern part.

With ongoing drought conditions, increasing population density, tighter funding for law enforcement and firefighters, and the real possibility of a preventable tragedy, I ask that the county commission enact permanent "safe and sane" fireworks restrictions.

Enacting safe and sane fireworks regulations won't prevent all fireworks fires and won't eliminate all fireworks injuries.

Nevertheless, safe and sane regulations will reduce the number of needless fireworks fires and injuries to both emergency responders and the public. Isn't that reason enough to enact countywide safe and sane regulations?

WILLIAM KOLBIN

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College administrator's pay scale questioned

AG's opinion could change plans

Are we paying our college administrators too much or our cabinet secretaries too little?

The question arose when Gov. Bill Richardson found it necessary to supplement the salaries of the top two officials in the Higher Education Department by about \$100,000 apiece and the salary of the new head of the Health Department chief by \$60,000.

For most of us, a salary of \$100,000 would be real nice. We wouldn't complain at all. But this is on top of the regular salaries for those positions.

It means Higher Education Secretary Reed Dasenbrock will be paid a total of \$257,250 a year, the same amount he was making as provost at the University of New Mexico.

And Deputy Higher Education Secretary Bill Flores will be paid a total of \$220,000, the amount he was paid as provost at New Mexico State University.

No argument was made that these people are \$100,000 better than other cabinet secretaries. It was just that it takes that much to get a good person in higher education.

Silly me. Here I thought all levels of public education were struggling financially. And these aren't college presidents. They are assistants. They're getting paid almost as much as basketball coaches.

The only people who get paid more are corporate execs, and we know they aren't paid on competency. The ones who run their corporations into the ground still receive multi-million dollar bonuses. And if they do happen to get fired, their severance packages are enough for several families to live on all their lives.

We now are learning that corporate execs manage to jack up their salaries by serving on each other's boards and taking care of their buddies. College administrators don't do that, so maybe they convince

their boards that they are corporate execs working in the public sector.

The Health Department also got into the act, receiving \$60,000 from UNM to supplement the pay of its new secretary, Alfredo Vigil. All three retain ties to their former universities, and under very odd circumstances.

UNM first put Dasenbrock on a sabbatical but then decided it could do so only if he was first fired. Vigil becomes a member of the UNM Medical School faculty. And Flores' duties at NMSU involve dealing with the state Higher Education Department.

In the case of the higher education execs, that raises some questions of conflicts, since Dasenbrock and Flores will be overseeing their institutions.

Public Education Secretary Veronica Garcia, who handles "lower" education, didn't receive an extra boost in salary even though she had been superintendent of the Albuquerque Public Schools. Maybe that's because the Albuquerque schools couldn't afford the extra pay.

So how come our two top universities in the state can afford it? That's a question several state legislators want to ask next January when the college prexies come around begging for money.

Speaking of legislators, the Legislative Finance Committee has some concerns. On July 13, LFC Chairman John Arthur Smith, of Deming, wrote a letter to Attorney General Gary King questioning the legality and propriety of these "unorthodox arrangements."

King may throw a monkey wrench into this cozy relationship long before the Legislature has to address it next year. Public officials depending on the attorney general for guidance have been pleased with King's speedy response to their requests for opinions. He hasn't tried to dodge anything.

The whole question of private support of public education and public institutions is currently pushing the envelope. NMSU has a foundation, which receives anonymous private donations, part of which were used to supplement the salaries of President Michael Martin and former basketball coach Reggie Theus.

Then we see public bodies soliciting money by naming buildings after private donors. Maybe Richardson could convince some private donors to chip in to boost some of his other cabinet secretaries' salaries. That would present all kinds of interesting possibilities.



GUEST COLUMN

County's remote areas belong to all people

Wilderness designation offers best protection, proponents say

By DON PATTERSON, SANDY SCHEMNITZ AND GILL SORG
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As wilderness supporters, we also support rancher's ability to run cattle in wilderness areas. The Wilderness Act of 1964 clearly protects grazing, and ranchers are operating in wilderness all over the West. We aim to ensure appropriate guidelines are followed by public land managers for grazing in wilderness. We stand behind wilderness not only because it protects public land for the public – the vast majority of whom don't graze cattle – but because traditional uses of public land like hunting, horseback riding, and grazing are protected and will continue.

Why then did we see some ranchers and local off-road enthusiasts host a press conference, opposing wilderness protection for areas that already have temporary wilderness status? One speaker even called wilderness designation a "legal sledgehammer," adding "you don't need a sledgehammer to tune a piano."

It's an empty one-liner that avoids a big point – the lands to be protected don't belong to some farmer or rancher, but are public lands we all own. Not even one acre in question is being farmed. Local ranchers run cattle on some of these public lands, not as owners but as leaseholders. The federal government, including you and I, and all the rest of the people of the United States give our ranchers these leases at very favorable rates.

We think that that slinging around talk about sledgehammers dishonors the public discussion we are having about how best to protect our natural public lands. These lands should be shared for the benefit of all, not just ranchers. Doña Ana County has world class public lands, similar to those protected in other parts of New Mexico. Can you imagine any of New Mexico's natural gems, like the Gila Wilderness, Bandelier National Monument or Sandia Mountain Wilderness without strong protections and appropriate designations?

We all know our stunning public lands like the Organ Mountains and Broad Canyon also deserve the respect and highest protections afforded by U.S. law. Imagine the increased economic development we'll get by establishing the Organ Mountain National Conservation Area and world class wilderness areas in Doña Ana County. These economic benefits disappear if areas are unprotected or

simply "withdrawn" as suggested by some ranchers and off-road activists.

We stand behind wilderness protection because it is the strongest, surest protection available for natural areas. These places are part of the Doña Ana County heritage that we want our grandchildren to know we helped protect for them and for their grandchildren after them.

Wilderness protection is the right tool. It is not some experiment, but legal protection that has been fine-tuned and proven on the job. One aspect of the fine tuning was the Congressional Grazing Guidelines, which clearly address grazing access issues, like motorized maintenance of range improvements, specifically protected by law. Wilderness is the same protection that Congress has already applied to many areas in our state, beginning more than four decades ago. Why would anyone say that protection is too good or too strong for our public lands in Doña Ana County?

Some of the near-hysterical opposition to wilderness is hard to understand. People who will administer wilderness areas in Doña Ana County live here. They are the Bureau of Land Management, and their decisions must follow the law and management plans that we the public help write. Further, our congressional delegation is well represented on the committees involved in wilderness policy. A rancher with a problem will have immediate access to them.

What about the rest of us? What protects the interest of all those who value, and need, natural wild areas for hunting, hiking, horseback riding, or just picnicking on an afternoon filled with peace and quiet? Why should everyone else settle for less sure, less well-proven protection than President Bush signed into law in 2005 for the Ojito Wilderness near Albuquerque? Or the 300,000 acres of new BLM-administered wilderness areas signed into law just last year in eastern Nevada – supported by local ranchers?

Reasonable voices must insist that the fears of some of our local ranchers be sorted out. The best way for that to happen is not by settling for some alternate, less-than-the-best kind of experimental protection as called for by the ORV enthusiasts and some ranchers, but by having our members of Congress hold hearings on the broadly supported community proposal for real wilderness protection. Whatever real issues that come up can then be looked at, dealt with, and we can all move forward dealing with facts

and not fearful rhetoric.

Our precious heritage of wilderness, which is the rightful heritage of future generations, deserves nothing less.

Don Patterson is a member of the Lower Rio Grande Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen.

Sandy Schemnitz is a member of Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen.

Gill Sorg is a member of the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society.

Bulletin Poll

This month's question:

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

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

June 29 question:

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

Results:

69.2%	More
23.1%	Less
7.7%	About right

vote at www.lascrucesbulletin.com

Nimitz shipmates sought

The USS Nimitz (CVN-68), Association is looking for shipmates (ship's company, staff, squadrons, etc.) who served on board the nuclear attack aircraft carrier for a ship's reunion in Nashville, Tenn., June 19 to 22, 2008. The Nimitz is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. For more information contact Joe Brunner at waldoj@cox.net, or (619) 466-2132 or log onto www.ussnimitzassociation.org for membership.

Growth must work for the benefit of the people

Leadership needed to shape our city's growth

By **KEN MIYAGISHIMA**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

There has been considerable controversy recently over the pace and kind of growth currently occurring in our area. In the past year alone the City of Las Cruces has annexed almost 20 square miles of surrounding land, including over 4,000 acres in the Presidios project on the East Mesa.

The city of Las Cruces is going to grow. We have a good climate, friendly people, a beautiful landscape and a great university. We sit at the crossroads of two of New Mexico's major highways and within an hour of a major airport.

The larger question is whether we have the vision to make this growth work for the benefit of the people who live here, or whether out-of-control development will destroy the very things that have made Las Cruces such a special and enjoyable place to live.

Can we protect our relaxed lifestyle from the stresses of traffic jams and long drives across town? Can we protect our unique natural and agricultural areas from destruction by air pollution and leapfrog development? Can we improve our schools, provide quality affordable housing, and create the kinds of jobs that will allow our children to stay here if they choose after graduation?

The answer is clearly yes. We can do these things. But they will not happen if we continue our current developer-driven, no-questions-asked policy of growth



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at any cost. Achieving our goals requires that we learn from the successes and failures of other cities which have experienced the challenge of rapid growth, and to develop a shared plan and vision for the kind of city we want to have.

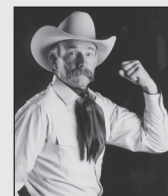
That vision should include the following elements:

- An active commitment to "smart growth" principles, including walkable neighborhoods, neighborhood parks and schools, and the inclusion of open space, bike paths, walkways and natural areas as integral parts of new development
- Cooperation among city, county and state entities to insure orderly development along a timeline that allows citizen, neighborhood and stakeholder participation in the process
- Modification of ordinances and zoning codes to reflect current best practices and requirements for new subdivisions, especially as developed by other communities who have successfully negotiated rapid growth
- Recognition that economic development and quality of life go hand-in-hand. Industries with high-paying jobs are attracted to livable communities
- We need to pay as much attention to the revitalization, health and livability of existing neighborhoods as to the building of new ones
- We need to protect our mountains, foothills and river corridor for our own enjoyment and as a precious resource to be passed on to future generations

Las Cruces is growing up fast, and we can no longer let the future just "happen" based on the preferences of a few developers and the cooperation of a compliant city council. The time has come for all of us – elected officials, city and county staff, and members of the public

– to work together in shaping our community. Exciting times lie ahead for Las Cruces, if we provide the leadership and will to direct our own future.

Ken Miyagishima represents District 6 in the Las Cruces City Council.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Hot old times

I took a trip back in time. Maybe a little like Moses visiting the Dead Sea 40 years later. It looks smaller, somehow ... not as deep as when Pharaoh and the Egyptian hordes were on his tail.

Forty years ago this summer I took a job in a feedlot in Thermal (as in hot!), Calif. Fifty-thousand cattle on feed. It was well managed and had a place for a student with an interest in cattle feeding.

I was in veterinary school. I knew my way around feedlots. This was not my first. They put me on the doctor crew, \$300 per month, Wednesday was my day off. The cowboys, feed-truck drivers and mill hands took me in. They questioned my sanity when I insisted on necropsying every dead beast, no matter how putrid, disgusting or swollen the carcass. I admit I probably exuded an aroma of rotting flesh which would have made me unwelcome in an elevator on its way to the 62nd floor.

Often Simon Urbina, who was the head doctor, would invite me home for lunch. His wife heated the delicate tortillas on the burner, and Simon and I chowed down on chile colorado using the tortillas as silverware.

We were on the job by 5 a.m. It hit 100 degrees by nine. By noon you could fry an egg on the vet shack's tin roof. We fed lots of straight braymers out of Florida and Texas. 200-pounders ... tough but fragile. I remember we had lots of time on our hands. I sharpened my knife a lot.

I had a room in the northwest corner of the first floor of the Thermal Hotel. No A/C. \$50/month. After work each day I would drive up the road to Ramon's Bar and Café in the nearby town of Coachella. I stayed there til dark eating greasy rolled tacos with hamburger meat, a dollar apiece, drinking beer (rehydrating) and shooting pool. It had a jukebox and a swamp cooler. It was my haven and my refuge from the heat, the empty hotel room and the pressure of tryin' to learn all I could about my chosen profession.

This summer I took time to make a pass through that corner of the world that for three months was home. I couldn't find where the feedlot was, the Thermal Hotel was gone, but there on the corner, little changed from my remembrance was Ramon's. Same sign, though now it said Las Flores Bar & Mexican Food. Same wrought iron windows and peelin' paint.

It was closed that Sunday morning, but I have no doubt it was open the previous Saturday night. It was enough for me to see it, to take a picture that means nothin' to anybody but me, and to say a few words. I don't often speak to inanimate objects but at the time it just seemed right.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wild comments

As is almost always the case for Las Cruces Bulletin articles dealing with the environment, the July 20 article headlined "Wilderness preservation debate heightens" by Todd G. Dickson was a biased, anti-conservation diatribe full of misinformation and downright falsehoods.

Falsehood No. 1: (Farm Bureau's Erik Ness) "...ranchers and farmers ... have taken good care of the land..."

Truth No. 1: Farmers aren't even part of the discussion and ranchers have, for the most part, not taken good care of the land. As an ecologist and the son of a real western cowboy, I know it is difficult for ranchers to avoid overgrazing the public lands – which belong to the public, not to the individual rancher – given the recurring droughts that we face. The lack of good grazing conditions in much of Doña Ana County is a direct result of overgrazing. In many areas of New Mexico, the damage from overgrazing is so massive that most wilderness enthusiasts actually avoid some areas. Although my parents left the ranch, I grew up "at home on the range" and am an avid wilderness enthusiast who has been in every wilderness area in New Mexico as well as in almost every wilderness study area and road-less area in the state, so I actually know from experience what I'm talking about.

Misinformation No. 1: (Ness): "You don't need a sledgehammer to tune a piano."

Information No. 1: We are talking about managing public lands, not "tuning pianos." This comment clearly shows that Mr. Ness has no clear argument so he is resorting to a non-argument.

Falsehood No. 2: "Those proposing wilderness designation don't have a property rights interest ... like ranchers..." (Ness)

Truth No. 2: Ranchers have no property rights in relation to the publicly owned lands. The banks who give out loans by considering grazing permits to ranchers are not doing so legally in the opinion of many since permits are not property and, yes, I am an owner of the public lands and I do have rights on these lands as well. I am concerned about how these lands are managed because much of our water comes from, or the case of Otero Mesa, in the future could come from the public lands.

Falsehood No. 3: "These areas already are well protected ..." (rancher Tom Mobley)

Truth No. 3: While it is true the wilderness designation is not the only tool for managing lands and may not be the best designation for all the lands in question, it is patently false to say that most of these lands are "well protected" since most of these so-called protections are administrative actions that can be reversed or changed at any time. Anti-conservationists simply don't believe that wilderness has any value or that he and his friends are the only Americans who have any rights to the public lands; however, most Americans do believe that wilderness is valuable and do

want permanent protections on some lands.

Falsehood No. 4: (J.T. "Skip" Pritchard) "... horses are no longer allowed at A.B. Cox Ranch ... and said he is skeptical about whether horse-riding ... would be allowed in the proposed wilderness areas."

Truth No. 4: A. B. Cox Ranch is a BLM Day Use Recreation Area; it is not part of a wilderness and probably would never be part of the wilderness area so that fact that horses aren't allowed has nothing to do with any wilderness designation. Horse-riding is allowed in every wilderness area I've ever been in.

Misinformation No. 2: "... road closures in large areas would make hunting more difficult ... and that the water resources provided by ranchers also help protect wildlife habitat."

Information No. 2: Yes, I agree, road closures do make access more difficult, but not impossible. But the quality of the hunting experience as well as the health of the game populations often improve – if you're like me and actually know how to track and stalk game and orientate yourself in a road-less area. The water resources provided by ranchers, while they do nothing to protect wildlife habitat, would not automatically be removed since ranching would still continue inside these wilderness areas. I know because I've been in at least 50 different wilderness areas in New Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona.

Falsehood No. 5: (off-roader Fred Huff) "... there is too much state land to meet the federal requirement of 5,000 acres ..."

Truth No. 5: The presence of state land is not a legal impediment to designating wilderness. In fact, in northern New Mexico, the BLM and State Land Office have done a lot of land trading to make overall land management easier to both agencies for all types of management activities, not just to manage wilderness.

Falsehood No. 6: (Huff) "... maintained roads ... earthen tanks ... wells ... fence lines"

Truth No. 6: This actually borders on the truth and the road issue is by the far the thorniest. I want to point out the off-road enthusiasts are also all philosophically opposed to conservation, in both word and deed. Second, I've been in wilderness areas all over the western U.S. and most have earthen tanks, wells and fences lines since most are still being grazed. It is true that sometimes grazing allotments are retired and wilderness management does allow for the removal of some structures, including roads.

In conclusion, the vast majority of both Americans as well as New Mexicans – the owners of the public lands – support wilderness designations. It's about time our representatives in Washington actually represented we, the people, on this issue.

JONATHAN E. DAVIS

Editor's Note: While the A.B. Cox Ranch is currently a BLM recreation area, it is within the National Conservation Area that is part of the Citizen's Wilderness Proposal.

X PRIZE Cup seeks school bus sponsors

Schools need support to pay for bussing students to Holloman AFB in October

By TODD G. DICKSON

The Las Cruces Bulletin

Because this year's Wirefly X PRIZE Cup will be held on the Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo, event organizers are calling on businesses to sponsor sending students.

While the X PRIZE Foundation's primary goal is to promote private space enterprises, it is also a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a serious educational mission, said Josh Neubert, New Mexico foundation manager.

Last year's event at the Las Cruces airport started off with an education day in which thousands of area school children were bused in to see the exhibits and meet Space Shuttle astronauts. The Holloman location this year makes it more costly to bus the students.

The X PRIZE Cup will be from Oct. 26 to 28 and is being billed as an air and space expo, combining elements of a traditional air show with future space vehicle contests to mark the 50th anniversary of spaceflight and the 60th anniversary of the Air Force.

Besides flight sounding rocket exhibitions, eight teams will be competing for a \$2 million prize sponsored by Northrup Grumman and NASA to select a new lunar vehicle.

At a recent reception to solicit the business donations, local officials emphasized how the X PRIZE Cup excites students about science and math education. Manuel Sosa, a Gadsden student, told how he was originally headed for the military before his exposure to the space industry through X PRIZE. Instead, Sosa is going to study aerospace engineering.

Reaching young people today will put them on the right track of studies so when they graduate with an aerospace degree a job here will potentially be waiting for them, said County Commissioner Bill McCamley.

New Mexico State University President Michael Martin said this region could become the space industry's equivalent to the computer industry's Silicon Valley. He noted that he recently saw an article about the X PRIZE and southern New Mexico in the Economist, a respected London-based business magazine.

The different levels of school sponsorships and benefits include:

- \$2,500 – One bus sponsored and recognized by a half-page ad in the event's "edutainment" guide and acknowledgment on the X PRIZE website, at the event and in teacher information packets.
- \$5,000 – Three buses sponsored with the above listed recognition, along with a logo placement in the Holloman Air and Space Expo advertisements and a mention on the event's public address system and a banner at the event.
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100-year-old credits gardening, walking to his longevity

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

As a boy growing up on his family's 160-acre homestead in North Dakota, John Gohrick and his siblings used to recite memorized classic poetry as they worked on the crops and cared for the cattle.

It was long before the days of even portable radios, so they entertained each other with the literary recitations. This foundation of hard work and education would come to serve Gohrick his whole life.

Surrounded by his children and their spouses, he celebrated his 100th birthday last Friday, July 20, at the Cottonbloom Adult Living center just north of Las Cruces.

Gohrick was one of nine children raised on that homestead near the small town of Tioga in the northwest corner of North Dakota. The terrain, he recalled, was "a lot of prairie" and the chores a lot of work with sod to be planted for the cattle and crops to be grown, including wheat to be sold.

"We all worked very hard," Gohrick recalled.

But he and his siblings also had a lot of fun with baseball games in the summer and skiing and skating in the winter. "We had our entertainment," he said.

Besides hard work, his family valued education and it would become his career. After earning a master's degree in education, the teacher would mature into a strict-but-admired high school principal and eventually superintendent of the school district.

As a high school principal, Gohrick would push his students to go on to college. Gohrick said he emphasized higher education for his students because of the economics of having to depend on the income from crops, especially during the Depression.

Though some initially resented his hard line,

many came back later to thank him, said his son, Jerry, who lives in Las Cruces as does his brother John. Another brother, Jim, lives in Tacoma, Wash., and sister Jeanne Magnuson lives in Dickinson, N.D. Gohrick's youngest daughter Julie Haffman lives in Albuquerque, but was too ill to attend the birthday celebration.

One could say that education also brought Gohrick his family life. He met his wife Mary when she was a young teacher at his country school he attended while he was still working on the family farm before heading off to college. She passed away two years ago.

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Don't try to
be someone else.

JOHN GOHRICK's
advice to the young



TODD DICKSON | The Las Cruces Bulletin

John Gohrick laughs as he celebrates his 100th birthday July 20 at the Cottonbloom Adult Living center on North Valley Drive.

Gohrick retired as an educator in 1970, but he was hardly the retiring type.

His son in Tacoma asked Gohrick to help manage some apartments he owned, which Gohrick did for the next 20 years. In Tacoma, Gohrick became well known for walking all over town at always a brisk pace.

But the often dreary weather of the Northwest prompted Gohrick to live in

New Mexico where the climate is much warmer and where three of his children live.

All Gohrick could think of to attribute his century of good health was his love of gardening and his enthusiasm for walking.

When asked if he had any advice or words of wisdom, Gohrick said: "Just be yourself. Don't try to be someone else."

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Senior Games

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Olympics Executive Director Ceci Acosta said. They will feature a torch run and a parade of athletes, and spectators are welcome to attend, Acosta said.

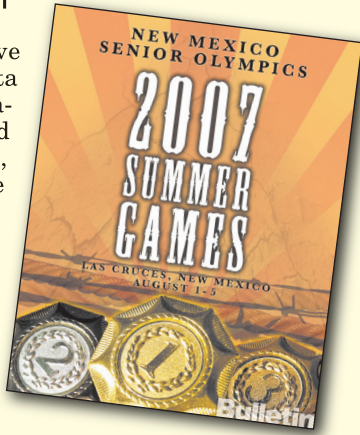
The 2007 Golden Athletes and the 2007 Courage Award winner will also be honored at the ceremony, and the Spirit Award winner will be announced. The Golden Athlete award is given to one male and one female athlete from New Mexico in recognition of their contributions to their fellow seniors and personal accomplishments in their communities. This year's Golden Athletes are Laverne Jones from Waterflow and Vernon Dyer of Roswell.

The Courage Award was established to recognize and honor a senior athlete who competes in spite of his/her irreversible medical condition. This year's Courage Award recipient is Margaret Gold of Las Cruces. Gold plays eight-ball pool, shuffleboard and bowls despite being tethered to an oxygen tank because of her emphysema.

The athletes will compete all week in various events including swimming, race walking, racquetball, table tennis and golf. Also included in the schedule is a Health Expo at the NMSU Corbett Center Level II from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 3 and a banquet at the Corbett Center Level III at 6 p.m. on Aug. 4.

At the conclusion of the games, there will be a Final Ball at the Corbett Center Level III from 8 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Aug. 5.

"I'm very excited to have the games be hosted here in Las Cruces," Las Cruces senior athlete Amelia Davis said. "It's a lot of work, and we volunteer a lot, but we enjoy it."



Mesquite

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The plan calls for improved landscaping and repairs to Klein Park, which is in many ways the central gathering space for the neighborhood's residents. Although the park has on occasion had bands and other performances, Las Esperanzas would like to see that become more regular, Abkes said, but within the neighborhood's cultural sensibilities.

The plan includes designs for street lighting, signage, community gateways and bus stops. The neighborhood already has one such gateway – the Jardin de Mesquite park at the intersection of Mesquite Street and Spruce Avenue.

While the public spaces are being funded by city and state government, tax breaks stemming from the neighborhood's historical designation has helped many of the residents make improvements to their homes.

Altogether, Abkes said she hopes that the improvements also will serve to dispel the neighborhood's bad



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A church group works with children on the stage at Klein Park in the Mesquite Historic Neighborhood district on Wednesday, July 27.

Take Five Fitness and Dance opens

Take Five Fitness and Dance, 705 N. Main St., is set to open Wednesday, Aug. 1. Take Five owner Sherry White said the business will offer senior ballroom classes in the mornings; afternoon children's classes, including mother and toddler classes and dance fitness for kindergarten through seventh grade children; and evening ballroom classes and belly-dancing for working adults. Take Five Fitness and Dance will host monthly ballroom dances with music by the Bob Burns Orchestra beginning Saturday, Aug. 25. The studio already has one ROM (range of motion) cross-trainer workout machine. White said the studio will have four machines soon. For more information, call White at 541-4962.

JOEL COURTNEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin



reputation. Her original real estate agent wouldn't even show Abkes homes in the Mesquite area, but she didn't let the characterization of the neighborhood as being plagued with crime and drugs scare her. She now lives within walking distance of the park and said she hasn't experienced any of these problems. The experience has been the opposite, she said, with friendly people and caring neighbors who watch out for each other. She also credits the Safe Haven on Tornillo Street for helping residents feel safe and getting local youths involved in the neighborhood.

"This neighborhood is definitely on the upswing," Abkes said.

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At the Hispano Chamber of Commerce Mix & Mingle

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The Hotel Encanto's new chef, Chris Lopez, and Beverage Manager James Wilson greeted guests at the Hispano Chamber Mix & Mingle at the Hotel Encanto Wednesday.



Hispano Chamber President Raul Garcia stands with Greater Las Cruces Chamber Chair Bill Connor.



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In the News

Sens. support Weems

U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici on Wednesday, July 25, welcomed Kerry Weems to the Senate Finance Committee, where the New Mexico native discussed his pending confirmation to head the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare.

President Bush nominated Weems, a Las Cruces native, to the position in May. Bingaman and Domenici introduced Weems at the hearing, which is the first step toward Senate confirmation.

"Kerry Weems has spent more than two decades in government helping administer federal health care programs," said Bingaman, a member of the Senate Finance Committee. "New Mexicans rely very heavily on Medicaid and Medicare, and we need a highly competent leader at the top running these two programs."



WEEMS

"Kerry Weems' experience developing and executing Health and Human Service policy and strategy makes him immanently qualified to administer and oversee these important health care programs. Kerry has dedicated his career to good public service," said Domenici said., the former Budget Committee chairman.

Weems earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of New Mexico, and bachelor's degrees in both business administration and philosophy from New Mexico State University.

Weems joined the Department of Health and Human Services in 1983 as a junior analyst. Since then, he has served in a variety of senior leadership positions, including acting assistant HHS secretary for budget, technology and finance, and chief financial officer. He currently serves as the deputy chief of staff to HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt.

NMSU requests funds

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents on Monday approved more than \$14 million in legislative requests for fiscal year 2008-09.

Of that, \$13.4 million is for programs on the Las Cruces campus and \$712,500 for the two-year campuses around the state.

The big-ticket items include requests of \$1 million for the Cooperative Extension Service/Agricultural Experiment Station to recover increased operating costs. These two programs provide research and extension programs to all 33 counties in New Mexico involving more than 400 faculty and staff in 53 offices. An additional \$1.08 million for Cooperative Extension is earmarked for NMSU's tribal extension program, range improvement task force and Rural Economic Development Through Tourism (REDTT).

The College of Health and Social Services is requesting \$1.9 million to expand nursing education. In fact, education across disciplines looms large in the budget requests.

The College Assistance Migrant Program, a statewide program to prepare education leaders, a success center for the STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) disciplines and funding for an initiative to address the shortage of speech-language pathologists in the state all are itemized in the requests.

The requests were prepared by the university budget committee, approved by President Michael Martin and presented to the regents by Senior Vice President for Business, Finance and Human Relations Jennifer Taylor and Assistant Vice President for Research and Planning Ricardo Rel.

Now that they have been approved by the board, they will be presented to the Higher Education Department for consideration for the 2008 legislative session in Santa Fe.

The regents' next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 7 in Albuquerque followed by a joint meeting with the University of New Mexico board on Sept. 8. The joint meeting is in advance of the Aggie-Lobo football game in Albuquerque Saturday, Sept. 8.

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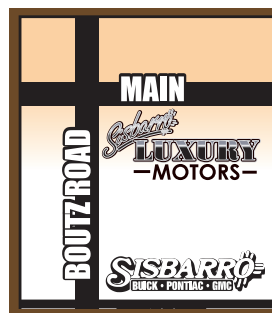
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Coming Up

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Mesilla Valley Mall, Radio Las Cruces and the Salvation Army are sponsoring The Caring Bus, a program to purchase much-needed school clothes and supplies for local disadvantaged children, allowing them to go back to school with the same pride and self-esteem as their school mates.

The Salvation Army has provided pencil name tags identifying these children's sizes and back-to-school needs. The pencil name tags are attached to The Caring Bus located near Hibbett Sports in Mesilla Valley Mall.

Mall customers are invited to pick a pencil tag from the bus, purchase school clothes and supplies for that child and then return the items (with the pencil tag attached) to the mall customer service booth located in front of Dillard's.

All items purchased need to be turned in by Aug. 8, which will give the Salvation Army time to distribute the items to local children before the first day of school.

Cadet graduation July 27

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department will graduate six cadets from its law-enforcement certification program at 2 p.m., on Friday, July 27.

From an original class size of 10, the six graduating cadets are Jacob Ballard, Jeff Flora, Jason Ray Gleason, Tony Liu, Davie Lucero and Ismael Porras. They completed 25 weeks of intensive training in defensive tactics, emergency-vehicle operations, firearms, use of force, constitutional law and procedures, arrest procedures, search and seizure, criminal law, first aid and CPR, as well as issues involving domestic violence and criminal investigations.

The graduation ceremony will be held in the first floor Doña Ana County Government Center Conference Suite.

A reception with refreshments will follow at the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Department Training Room.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Kids Expo Saturday

"Kids Expo 2007" will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell. The Expo will present information on extracurricular activities and services that are available for youths in the Las Cruces area. Kids and parents of all ages are welcome at this free event. Local businesses and groups will have information on their services and will be taking registrations. Other agencies will also be on hand. Food, music, and games will be provided.

For more information, please contact the Mesilla Park Recreation Center at 541-2454 or 541-2455. The TTY number is 541-2661.

HSSNM meeting scheduled

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico invites the community to learn about their membership-based organization at one of these three meetings: Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m.; or Sunday, Aug. 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Creative Arts Room of Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Applications will be available for positions on the board and committees as well as membership registrations.

Centennial committee meets

The Statehood Centennial Committee of the Mesilla Valley will meet on Aug. 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the Radium Springs Community Center.

At the meeting, the committee will explore how to celebrate and commemorate the centennial of New Mexico's statehood in 2012. There will also be a short presentation about the history of the northern part of the Mesilla Valley by Garland Courts, of the Branigan Cultural Center.

For more information, call Jon Hunner at 646-2490.

Crime Stoppers: Nature park vandalized

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of those involved in a string of vandalisms.

Since Feb. 14, and as recently as July 9, the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park located off of Jornada Road has been the target of several acts of vandalism. The vandalisms have included: 60 feet of rock wall being knocked over, shade structures and bathrooms being set on fire and completely destroyed, bathroom doors, visitors sign-in box and entrance signs shot with different caliber firearms and damages to plant life and other park property. The damage to the park has been estimated at several thousand dollars.

Members of the park's executive board are in the process of raising money to supplement the Crime Stoppers reward to assist in the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the vandalisms.

If you have any information regarding this crime or any other crimes, you can call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 526-8000 or outside the Las Cruces area at 1 (800) 897-2746. The Crime Stoppers number is operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.



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Coming Up

Top 50 Teens banquet in Oct.

Tickets are now on sale for the first-ever Las Cruces Mayor's Top 50 Teens banquet, which will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14, at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Tickets are \$25 each. They will remain on sale until Sept. 28. Sponsorships for the dinner and the program will be available through Aug. 10.

The banquet, hosted by Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace, honors students from Las Cruces, Mayfield, Oñate, San Andres and Alma d'arte high schools who have overcome a significant obstacle in their lives, performed community service, demonstrated scholastic achievement and/or set a good example and been a positive role model for others, Top 50 Teens Program Honorary Chariman Jack Barclay said.

The students, who will be sophomores, juniors and seniors during the 2007-08 school year, were nominated for the program by teachers, counselors, friends, clergy or family members. Parents were not allowed to nominate their children.

Mariachi Espuelas de Plata, musicians in residence at the Court Youth Center in Las Cruces, will entertain during the banquet reception.

For more information and to purchase tickets to the banquet, contact Patsy Duran at 644-2734 or Ty Murphy at 649-8689. To order tickets by mail, send a check made out to CFSNM Mayor's Top Teens and send it to CFSNM Mayor's Top Teens, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

White Sands schedule

White Sands National Monument has released their schedule of activities for July 27-Aug. 4.

- Each evening at 7 p.m., there will be a Sunset Stroll Nature Walk.
- At 8:30 p.m., July 27 and Aug. 3, there will be

evening programs on "Thirteen Special Places: New Mexico's National Park Areas."

- At 8:30 p.m., July 28 and Aug. 4 the programs will be "The Yellowstone Legacy: Discovering America's National Parks."

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

Buffalo soldiers featured

White Sands National Monument continues its Full Moon Night program series on Sunday, July 29.

Guest speaker George L. Williams will present a program entitled "Buffalo Soldiers – Military Heroes of the Southwest." Buffalo soldiers were regiments of freed slaves who joined the army after the Civil War and were sent west to fight in the Indian wars. Williams, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and past president of the Buffalo Soldiers Society of New Mexico, will portray a 19th-century buffalo soldier and discuss the important role they played in the history of New Mexico and the Southwest.

The program begins at 8:30 p.m. at the amphitheater at the end of the Dunes Drive.

The evening's activities begin at 7 p.m. with a ranger-guided Sunset Stroll Nature Walk. Visitors may enter the Dunes Drive until 10 p.m. on July 29 and must exit the park by 11 p.m. The park entrance fee is \$3 per person (16 and over) and is valid for seven days. Children and holders of Golden Eagle, Golden Age, Golden Access, or White Sands Annual passports are admitted free. For more information, call (505) 479-6124 or (505) 679-2599 ext. 230.



WILLIAMS

United Way launches local referral service

The United Way of Southwest New Mexico is in the process of developing and sharing a comprehensive information and referral database of social and community services for Doña Ana County. The database is accessible either via the Internet or by calling the United Way office at 524-7561. This is a service offered by the United Way, and there is no charge for listing or using the information.

There will be a press conference at 10 a.m. Monday, July 30, at the Community Action Agency, 320 E. Wyatt Drive, to demonstrate this product. Las Cruces Mayor William "Bill" Mattiace will be on hand to support the public launch.

To access the database on the web, visit the United Way website (www.unitedwayswnm.org) and click on "Information and Referral." The first choice on the next menu is "Give Help." Volunteers will be able to enter the kinds of services that they would like to provide (office, web design, fundraising, mentor, etc.) and be given a detailed list of agencies that need the assistance. The second choice is "Get Help." If someone needs help, they can search for needed services (food, shelter, education, case management, youth, etc.) under "Get Help." Anyone can further examine the information on the web site by clicking "Opportunities, Programs, and Agencies" under "Local Statistics."

The United Way intends to make this service as inclusive as possible. All nonprofit organizations are automatically eligible to be included. Governmental agencies that provide direct client assistance and for-profit organizations that supply critical services are invited to participate. Support groups and civic organizations can also appropriately find a place in the database. It is designed to be used by both social service providers and the general public.

To find out how to get your organization included, please contact Christina Little at the United Way.

Welcome Dr. Zagler

Axel Zagler, M.D., board-certified in Internal Medicine, Echocardiography, Cardiovascular Medicine and Interventional Cardiology, has joined Dr. Craig Cannon and Dr. Guillermo Nava in private practice at New Mexico Cardiac Care.

Dr. Zagler received his medical degree with honors from Universidad Anahuac School of Medicine in Mexico City. After concluding his Internal Medicine internship and residency at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, he completed fellowships at Mount Sinai-Miami Heart Institute in cardiovascular medicine and interventional cardiology. He also attended the Summer Program of Clinical Effectiveness at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Dr. Zagler is now accepting new patient referrals at New Mexico Cardiac Care, PC. Please call 521-3270 for an appointment.



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Religious Services

for the week of July 29, 2007

CHURCH NEWS

■ CHURCH TRIUMPHANT SPANISH SERVICE

Church Triumphant has officially begun Spanish services at 2 p.m. Sundays with Pastor Nelson Diaz. All are welcome to come enjoy a lively Spanish worship service with family and friends. Church Triumphant is located at 2020 N. Valley Drive. For more information, call 528-5683.

■ WOMEN'S RELATIONSHIP SEMINAR

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

■ SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

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

■ ATTRACTION DISCUSSIONS

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

■ HAND BELL PLAYERS

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

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Wednesday:

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Bible

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JOEL COURTNEY | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Recently retired Rabbi Gerald Kane shows off pottery he created for his home.

Local rabbi prepares for new teaching role

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Rabbi Gerald Kane, although retired from service to Temple Beth El, will still be spending his life in service to the betterment of the Las Cruces community.

"When I made the decision to retire, I only retired from the 24-7 aspect of the rabbinate," he said. "I've spent 37 years on the job, and now I'm able to move to a different level of service."

Perhaps Kane's greatest contribution to the area was his work toward strengthening the interfaith community in Las Cruces.

His friendship with Bishop Ricardo Ramírez and numerous other spiritual leaders throughout the Mesilla Valley have "raised awareness about the synagogue and inside the synagogue."

Kane said he is also proud of the accomplishments that have been made by the congregation during his tenure as spiritual leader for Temple Beth El.

In addition to winning awards for the programs such as Taste of Judaism, which gave those interested a first-hand learning experience about Judaism, the congregation was also recognized nationally as exemplars of adult learning for 2005-07.

"This was an opportunity to do things in the community that I couldn't normally do in a bigger community," Kane said.

Since moving to the area, Kane has worked with New Mexico State University to share his unique knowledge, such as working with the Department of Agriculture to teach a course on kosher slaughtering, working with the choral program on Hebrew diction and acting as an advisor for the Doña Ana Lyric Opera's production of "Fiddler on the Roof."

"(Now that I'm retired) I hope to do some teaching or creative bridgework between the university and city and deepen that sense of community," he said.

Kane, who has served as rabbi educator in larger communities such as Portland, Ore., and Kansas City, Kansas, said he has always felt teaching has been a strength of his.

Most importantly, Kane stressed his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his wife Cyrille and visit their four children and nine grandchildren.

Kane has served the synagogue and the city since he moved to Las Cruces with his wife in December 1998.

'Love at first sight' is not real love, merely self-gratification

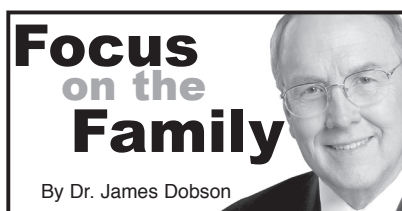
Letting children go is a vital step in their development

Do you believe love at first sight occurs between some people?

Though some readers will disagree with me, "love at first sight" is a physical and emotional impossibility. Why? Because love is much more than a romantic feeling. It is more than a sexual attraction or the thrill of the chase or a desire to marry someone. These are responses that can occur "at first sight," and they might even lead to the genuine thing over time. But those feelings are usually very temporary, and they do not mean the person who experiences them is "in love." I wish everyone understood that fact!

The primary difference between infatuation and real love is where the emphasis lies. Temporary romantic attractions tend to be very selfish in nature. A person may say, "I can't believe what is happening to me. This is the most fantastic thing I've ever experienced! I must be in love." Notice that she's not talking about the other person. She's excited about her own gratification. Such an individual hasn't fallen in love with someone else; she has fallen in love with love!

Genuine love, by contrast, is an expression of the deepest appreciation for another human being. It is an intense awareness of his or her needs, strengths and character. It shares the longings, hopes and dreams of that other person. It is unselfish, giving and caring. And believe me, these are not attitudes one "falls" into at first sight, as though he were tumbling into a ditch.



I have developed a lifelong love for my wife, but it was not something I fell into. I grew into it, and that process took time. I had to know her before I could appreciate the depth and stability of her character – to become acquainted with the nuances of her personality, which I now cherish. The familiarity from which love has blossomed simply could not be generated on "some enchanted evening, across a crowded room." One cannot love an unknown object, regardless of how attractive or sexy or nubile it is!

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Why do you think so many parents are reluctant to let their kids go after they are grown?

One reason is that parents fear their children aren't ready to stand on their own and worry about what will happen to them. They want to protect them as long as they can. But more important, they hate to see childhood come to an end.

I'm convinced that mothers and fathers in North America are among the very best in the world. We care passionately about our kids and would do anything to meet their needs. But we are among the worst when it comes to letting go of our grown sons and daughters. In fact, those two characteristics are linked.

The same commitment that leads us to do so well when the children are small (dedication, love, concern, involvement), also causes us to hold too tightly when they are growing up.

I will admit to my own difficulties in this area. I understood the importance of turning loose before our kids were born. I wrote extensively on the subject when they were still young. I prepared a film series in which all the right principles were expressed. But when it came time to open my hand and let the birds fly, I struggled mightily! I had loved the experience of fatherhood and I was not ready to give it up.

Now, however, I relate to my grown children as adults and find this an exciting and rewarding era too. "There is a time for everything," Solomon wrote. There is also a time for everything to end.

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

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By K. Joy Sandiford

Living out Christ in our communities is paramount to change in any community. But in order to see the evidence of Him we must take Him to the streets. It is in the streets that the relevancy of Christ becomes apparent and real. Christ Himself was our example. He took His ministry to the highways and byways, to towns and cities, crossing over the Sea of Galilee, to preaching on hills, mountains and in the market places and sea shore. Christ lived out loudly the will of His Father.

There should be no question as to whether a community believes in God or not. Take for example the issue of gang activities. A community living out Christ would be most effective in sponsoring activities for gang members. Instead of building new churches they can invest in mentoring and apprenticeship programs. Such programs give worth and value to a youth's life.


The church door would be open, not just two days a week, but so that kids who are not involved in gang activities can go for instruction, recreation, and involvement in viable ministries like helping out with clothing closets, soup kitchens, and in counseling other peers. Demonstrating the love they are lacking will insulate many children from gang membership. Taking the love of Christ to houses and then teaching the family members how to make that house a home will cost much less than a new building.

Kids join gangs because they have no sense of family, structure, or expectancies for their lives. Christianity is about renewed life and

abundant life. It is about hope, forgiveness, purpose, and a good end. Christ is the hope, we are His instruments of forgiveness, we are to provide instructions so that purpose can be realized and a good end will be apprehended.

Taking Christ to the streets is where we harvest the souls that we can sow life into. It is where we see, feel, and touch the reality of those kids that are hurting. If we do not engage the lost, gang members, with the word of God, if we do not go to them they will continue to perceive gang membership as the family of the future. It is because we have not gone even though we are commanded to go that many communities around church buildings are deplorably in ruin, destitute, and morally, spiritual, physically, and financially stagnant.

Living out Christ in our communities can have a marked effect on gang activities if we make ourselves accessible to children who are lost, lonely, products of godless houses, and in need of belonging. Take it to the streets! Let Christ be evident, adopt a gang member, offer activities for your neighborhood youths, knock on the doors in your church's community, don't build a new building, build a new life. Make a house a home and that home will become a place of worship and so the evidence of Christ in a community is that every home will become a church. This is the most cost effective way to build a church. This is how gang members can become viable individuals with hope, love, and purpose. It can only happen if we take Christ to the streets and put our faith on the line.



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Looking Back

This week in the history
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75
years ago
1932

- The 18-piece Mesilla Tipica Band was playing at the Canos Rebote and on the Fox Rio Grande stage.

- The Las Cruces Baseball Team out-hit Hot Springs 19-8 to win the game 14-0.

50
years ago
1957

- The longest mountain snow pack runoff – which normally stops by July – in 15 years was adding about 5,400 acre-feet of water daily to the Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs, bringing total storage up to 335,000 acre-feet. The earlier Elephant Butte Irrigation District farmer irrigation allotment was 4.70 inches, but the increased runoff allowed the district to increase it to 10.25 inches. But manager John Gregg cautioned against expecting more water. Rio Grande Project manager W.F. Reach reminded that the average storage at this time of year was more than 1 million acre-feet. Rainwater also was running out of the arroyos, and the Rio Grande was so high that gates were opened at Mesilla Dam to prevent flooding. The Rio Grande Project also was diverting excess river water into farmers' fields, but it was not charging the diversion against their allotments.

- St. James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park was giving recognition



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of the 45 years of ministry of the late Rev. Hunter Lewis. The church was started as a mission in 1875 in Mesilla and was moved to Mesilla Park in 1911.

- Buddy Foster and Jesse Garcia of Las Cruces won FFA State Farmer Degrees, and Anthony youths, Raul Telles won the FFA Foundation Award and Enrique Garcia earned the FFA Service Award.

- A rain storm flooded about 20 acres of cotton between Hatch and Rincon.

- In Pony League action, Danny Gonzales pitched a one-hitter and cracked a triple as Mesilla blanked Turrentine 10-0.

- A .57 of-an-inch rain flooded north Main and Espina streets.

25
years ago
1982

- Rocky Galassini organized a Mothers Against Drunk Drivers chapter.

- Fred Mobley was elected president of the New Mexico 4-H Council during a convention at New Mexico State University.

- The County Commission voted 3-0 to deny a permit to allow cockfighting in a Chaparral barn, although 25 residents had signed a petition to allow the exhibit.



The former Branigan Memorial Library in the 1930s that had been designed to look like a pueblo village.

- Mayfield High School's Jose "Rafa" Mendez and Gadsden High School's Dasti Singh were named to the North-South All-Star Basketball Team.

- Mesilla named Joseph James Jr. village marshal.

- The JC Penney store opened in the Mesilla Valley Mall.

10
years ago
1997

- The Doña Ana County Extension Service moved to the former Extension Cottage on Alameda Boulevard at Lucero Avenue that had been built in 1938 as an educational center.

The extension service had to move from its quarters at 150 W. Lohman Ave. to make room for the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority.

- Target opened an outlet in the Foothills Plaza.

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



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NMSU addresses nursing shortage

New doctoral nursing program at school aims to reduce shortage of nurses and nursing faculty

Classified sections in newspapers, magazines or online frequently lure nurses with promises of good salaries and benefits tied into a prestigious career. While the nursing shortage is an ongoing challenge, the shortage of faculty to teach nurses compounds the challenge.

New Mexico State University is addressing the nursing faculty shortage with a new doctoral program in nursing. The university's School of Nursing welcomed the initial class of eight doctoral students July 9.

Three of the students – Donna Bateman, Milledge Boyce and Mary Wofford – come from Las Cruces and another, Sherry Mendela, is from El Paso. The other four students are Margie Hair of Minot, N.D.; Jene Hurlbut of Henderson, Nev.; Debra Martinez of West Covina, Calif.; and Beverly Patchell of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The students will be taking classes through distance education. NMSU Interim Provost and Executive Vice President Robert Moulton cautioned them that "the distance delivery mode may be more convenient, but it's just as rigorous (as traditional classroom settings)." Calling the reward upon completion of the doctorate "great," Moulton advised the students to budget their time well and not to procrastinate in their academic duties.

"It's vital to keep folks like you in your communities," added Jeffrey Brandon, dean of the NMSU College of Health and Social Services. "It's important for us to recognize the nursing shortage and, even more so, the nursing faculty shortage."

Brandon said that even though NMSU is competing for students against larger universities with deeper financial pockets and whose doctoral programs have been established for a while, he is confident the doctoral program will boost enrollment in the College of Health and Social Services and New Mexico State University.

Esperanza Villanueva-Joyce, the associate dean for nursing education and director of the School of Nursing, told the students that the impact of having a doctorate is "far greater than you think." She advised the students to look at themselves and to find ways to increase their value to their peers and to the nursing profession.

The new doctoral program in nursing is part of the university's outreach efforts to help improve the lives of New Mexico citizens.



DARREN PHILLIPS | NMSU

Dr. Esperanza Villanueva-Joyce, director of NMSU's School of Nursing, welcomes the school's new nursing doctoral students.

Do you have a sleep disorder?

Problematic conditions are sometimes undiagnosed

Editor's note: This article was provided to the Bulletin from the Mesilla Valley Sleep Lab.

Did you know sleep disorders adversely affect people's lives, resulting in reduced productivity and reduced quality of life?

Sleep is not a simple process. It is an active state essential for physical and mental restoration. Some 84 disorders of sleeping and waking harm personal health and quality of life and endanger public safety by contributing to traffic and industrial accidents. Some sleep disorders are potentially fatal. These disorders

include:

- Problems falling or staying asleep or adhering to a consistent sleep/wake schedule.
- Problems staying awake or adhering to a consistent sleep/wake schedule.
- Sleepwalking, bedwetting, nightmares and other problems that interfere with sleep.
- Apnea (periods of no breathing while sleeping).

Many people have problems with abnormal breathing during sleep such as obstructive sleep apnea. However, many patients and their families are

unaware of the problems. Clues that there may be a problem include:

- Snoring loud enough to disturb others.
- Gasping or loud noises during sleep.
- Waking up with a dry mouth.
- Feeling tired after a full night's sleep.
- Dozing during activities such as watching TV, reading, or riding in the car.

If you or a family member has any of these symptoms, contact your doctor.

Back-to-School vaccination clinics planned

Immunizations provided free of charge to all school children

The New Mexico Department of Health's Las Cruces Public Health Office will hold back-to-school immunization clinics in July and August. Immunizations are free and parents should bring a copy of their child's immunization record.

Immunizations will be offered at the following locations:

- Saturday, July 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano Drive
- Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Mayfield High School, 1955 N. Valley Drive
- Thursday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Camino Real Middle School, 2961 Roadrunner Parkway
- Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Las Cruces Public School Administration Building, 505 S. Main St.
- Tuesday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Community Action Agency, 320 E. Wyatt Drive

Eugene Marciniak, regional health officer for the Department of Health in Las Cruces, said immunizations are the most effective way of protecting a child from diseases like measles, polio and whooping cough.

"People can be hospitalized or die from all these diseases we are immunizing against," Marciniak said. "When you immunize your children from these diseases you are protecting them and potentially saving their lives."

For children entering school for the first time, they must have the following immunizations: measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); polio; hepatitis B; and varicella or a history of

chicken pox.

Every teenager who is due for a tetanus booster will get a new vaccination called Tdap, which includes a booster for pertussis. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most reported cases of whooping cough among adolescents and adults occur because of the decline in protective immunity over time. Immunity against whooping cough wanes five to 10 years after the last childhood vaccination, which is usually given when a child is four years old. The new vaccination will increase the number of adolescents who are immunized, which will in turn reduce the number of cases that are spread to babies.

Marciniak said the new immunizations are important for teenagers because babies are not fully immunized against whooping cough until they are 12 months old. If teenagers get the pertussis booster, they will help prevent the spread of the disease and protect those most at risk.

"Babies who get whooping cough do not have a very high survival rate," Marciniak said. "By getting this simple vaccination, teenagers can become lifesavers to their younger siblings and any child they may have contact with."

Parents must bring their child's immunization record to the clinic, and teenagers younger than 18 years old are required to have a parent with them to receive the vaccination. Immunizations are provided at no cost for every child.

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Classes & Events

- Aug 7** **How Sound Affects Body, Mind and Emotions, with AwRa Bolling**
Tuesday, August 7, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug 9** **What You Need to Know About Decisions at the End of Life, with Attorney Katherine Blackett & Terra Van Dyke of Mesilla Valley Hospice**
Thursday, August 9, 10-11 a.m.
- Aug 14** **Alzheimer's Disease: Do you Know Enough? With Mary Lacy of the Alzheimer Association**
Tuesday, August 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Aug 15** **What is Probate? With Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido and Attorney Katherine Blackett**
Wednesday, August 15, 10-11 a.m.
- Aug 17** **The Law of Attraction Workshop, with Barbara Alpher of Alpher Wellness Plus**
Friday, August 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Aug 20** **Grief 101, with Yvonne Jasso, M.S., Bereavement Services Coordinator, Mesilla Valley Hospice**
Monday, August 20, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Aug 22** **Stress and Your Immune System, with Michael R. Rupp, MD from the Allergy & Asthma Clinic**
Wednesday, August 22, 12-1 p.m.
- Aug 23** **How To Get Along With Others Without Giving Up Too Much of Yourself, with Al Galves, Ph.D**
Thursday, August 23, 10-11 a.m.
- Aug 24** **MountainView Regional Medical Center Birthday Celebration, south side of the hospital, 4311 E. Lohman, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Cake ice cream, free screenings, giveaways, games and more.**
Friday, August 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Aug 25** **Breast Cancer Support Group held at the MVRMC Community Education Room, first floor of hospital**
Saturday, August 25, 10-11:45 a.m.
- Aug 28** **Are You at Risk for Diabetes? With Connie Feters of MountainView Diabetes Education Program**
Tuesday, August 28, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Aug 29** **Safety Tip #3: Maximizing Your Independence at Home, with Maria Lourdes Lopez, MountainView Regional Medical Center Registered Occupational Therapist**
Thursday, August 29, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- Aug 30** **Diabetes Roundup Networking Group, with the MountainView Regional Medical Center Diabetes Education Center, held in the NMSU Room, 3rd floor of the hospital.**
Tuesday, August 30, 1-2:30 p.m.
- Aug 30** **Information and Assistance for the Primary Caregiver of a Loved One With Dementia, with Jan Wimsatt of Home Instead Senior Care**
Thursday, August 30, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

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

Classes are held at the Women's Resource Center, 4351 E. Lohman, Suite 404, unless otherwise noted. To register or for more information, call (505) 556-6890

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FAMILY BACK 2 SCHOOL FAIR

It's back to school time and a "Family Back 2 School Fair" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on July 28 at Families and Youth Inc., 1320 S. Solano Drive.

Families and Youth Inc., along with several community partners will provide health information during the event. The first 400 participants will also receive a free backpack. The child and parent/guardian must be present to receive a backpack. New Mexico Department of Health will be providing free child immunizations. The parent or guardian must be present and show their child's current immunization card. United Blood Services will be onsite for blood drive. New Mexico Health Insurance information will also be available.

The Family Back to School Fair is sponsored in part by Con Alma Health Foundation Inc., Lovelace Health Plan, Psychiatric Solutions, New Mexico Office of Border Health and Families and Youth Inc.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The breast cancer support group will meet at the MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education Room on Saturday, July 28, from 10 to 11:45 a.m. The support group for women provides emotional support for all those touched by breast cancer. The topic will be "Relaxation" with B.J. Burlingame. These meetings are open to breast cancer survivors, caretakers, and anyone wishing to learn more about breast cancer. To register, or to learn more, call 556-6890.

BRAIN BOOSTERS PART II - THE NEW AEROBICS

Speech-Language Pathologist Sara Laughlin-Medina from Therapy Services at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., will lead this presentation on Tuesday, July 31, 10 a.m. to noon. The class learned in Brain Boosters Part I that everyone experiences times of forgetfulness, but that we may be able to minimize the impact of memory and cognitive decline through good brain health. In Part II, the class will explore the basic components of memory and strategies to boost our brain's power. They'll also engage in some fun activities that will get their brains moving. Even if you missed Part I, you can join as they continue to exercise their brains. The class is free and open to the public. The class will be held at the Women's Resource Center at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., suite 404. To register, or to learn more, call 556-6890.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group will meet from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 12, in the Community Room at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave.

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar.

They are marked by an 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 other who understand the nature of long-term illness. Friends and family members are welcome. The Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Support Group meets the second Sunday of every month. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). For more information, contact Jo Tice Bloom 382-0722.

DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR

Depression, Bipolar Support Group (DBSA) meets twice weekly, 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.

NEW MEXICO YOUNG FATHERS PROJECT

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

TOPS MEETING, CHAPTER 381

TOPs (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter 381 is welcoming new members of all ages to their Thursday morning meetings. The meeting features weigh-ins from 10 to 10:30 a.m., followed by discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group takes time to enjoy each other's way of losing pounds and to discuss discoveries in books, the Internet and from other sources. The group meets at Trails West Senior complex, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

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HEALTH NEWS

A new technique for replacing old knees

Computer-assisted surgery means a faster recovery time from knee and hip replacement

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

A new computer-guided surgery technique at MountainView Regional Medical Center promises less pain, a smaller scar and a faster recovery for patients who undergo knee and hip replacement. The hospital, which began performing knee replacements with the new equipment last week, is the first in the state to have the new technology.

"There are other systems in the area, but they are not at the same level of sophistication as this," said Dr. Edward Sweetser of the Orthopedic and Neurosurgical Institute in Las Cruces.

Sweetser is the only physician statewide to use the new Computer-Assisted Surgery system, and so far has used it to perform about a dozen procedures. He expects to eventually do about 150 knee or hip replacements annually using CAS technology.

Knee replacement is one of the most common orthopedic procedures for people older than 65, and nationwide about 350,000 surgeries are performed annually, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Among the reasons for performing the procedure are relieving pain, improving joint stability, improving alignment and correct bone deformity, maximizing quality of life and optimizing activities of daily living.

For Lydia Gallegos of Las Cruces, who at the age of 55 had the procedure performed on both of her knees last week, the pain of recovery is minimal compared to the pain she faced before surgery, when a progressive disorder caused painful deterioration of her kneecaps.

"Life was very calculated," Gallegos said. "Getting in and out of the car was difficult, sitting down – every thing I did I had to calculate my steps because I didn't want to misstep. I walked like an old person."

She said that the pain in her knees forced her to miss activities, like watching her 9-year-old granddaughter play soccer.

"Even walking across the soccer field to sit down was painful," she said.

Now, not even two weeks following the surgery, she is walking and climbing stairs with less pain.

"There is some pain from the incisions, but it is nothing like the pain I was in before the surgery," Gallegos said.

She said that she expects to be driving her granddaughter to and from school by the time classes resumes Aug. 14, and she's looking forward to watching many soccer games this season.

Sweetser said that computer-assisted surgery results in a quicker recovery – about two weeks rather than the six weeks expected with traditional knee replacement surgery.

"I've seen people walking, without crutches within two weeks," Sweetser said.

He added that the new technology represents a whole new way of performing joint replacements that is easier on the surrounding tissue, which in turn speeds recovery.

At the heart of the new system is an infrared camera system that, during surgery, tracks the precise location of bones and enables the surgeons to make computer-guided cuts to within one millimeter and one degree of perfect alignment – a rarity in knee replacement surgery.

"The human eye can't see images that small," said Daryl Kirby, CAS technical assistant.

Real time images of the instruments and the knee implant are superimposed over the patient's bones on the computer screen, which allows surgeons to determine the fit and alignment of the new implants before making the first cut. In addition to improving the longevity of the implants, it also allows for a much less invasive procedure, which has many benefits for the patient, Sweetser said.

The procedure generally takes anywhere from one to two hours.

Sweetser said that with the old procedure, patients faced an incision of about four inches. With the new procedure, the incision is only about two inches.

"A less invasive procedure adds safety for the patient. It causes less trauma to soft tissue, lessens pain after surgery and allows for faster return to physical activity after the surgery," he said.

Because of the greater precision involved with the new procedure, he said, the risk of having to replace the replacement years

down the road is greatly reduced.

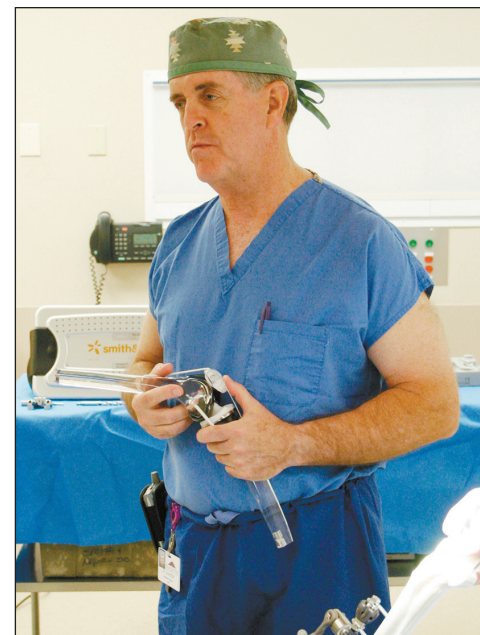
"Longevity is a key factor," he said.

Sweetser said that the minimally invasive technique results in other benefits including:

- Precise alignment without inserting a rod into the canal of the femur. This alone reduces the risk of fat embolism (which can lead to stroke) and takes the guesswork out of joint alignment.
- Opportunity for a surgeon to view the implant to determine if it will fit prior to shaving the ends of the bones. This allows the surgeon to determine the correct fit more effectively.
- Quantitative measurement of joint flexibility during surgery. Traditionally, surgeons determine the flexibility of the knee's ligaments by "feel" and estimate how much correction is necessary to achieve joint balance. Using the quantitative measurements offered by the computer system, surgeons can make very precise adjustments to the tension of the ligaments.

Kirby said that the computer-assisted surgery is still evolving and eventually the new technology could be combined with robotic-assisted surgery equipment.

"Pretty soon this will become the standard," Kirby said. "It's pretty exciting to see what the future holds for patient care."



Dr. Edward Sweetser of the Orthopedic and Neurosurgical Institute of Las Cruces is the first physician statewide to begin using a new computer-assisted, minimally invasive surgery technique for knee and hip replacements.

How the new knee replacement technology works

Using the new computer-guided surgery equipment at MountainView Regional Medical Center, a knee replacement procedure takes anywhere from one to two hours.

Here's a rundown of the steps performed during surgery as described by a patient's guide provided by Dr. Edward Sweetser of the Orthopedic and Neurosurgical Institute in Las Cruces.

1. An incision is made extending from the thigh, past the inside edge of the kneecap and down to the shinbone.

2. The end of the femur is shaped in preparation for sizing the femoral trial component.

3. The top of the tibia is shaped for proper sizing of the tibial trial component.

4. The trial units are put in place and

the appropriate implant size is selected.

5. The knee is assessed for alignment, stability and range of motion.

6. The underside of the kneecap is prepared and the patella trial is selected.

7. The trial units are removed and the final femoral, tibial and patella components are implanted.

8. The incision is closed, a drain is inserted and the post-op bandages are put in place.

While the surgeon performs the procedure, the computer puts together all of the information coming in from the patient and the instruments and tells the surgeon where the precise cut should be made. As the knee geometry of each patient is different, the patient-specific, computer-guided accuracy assists with precision and ensures better outcomes.



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C4CR expands its focus

Cancer education, screening added to list of goals

By MARVIN TESSNEER
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Cowboys for Cancer Research are fulfilling their goals, a C4CR committee member said at the last Prime Timers luncheon. The goals include plans to:

- Raise money to donate to the University of New Mexico Cancer Research and Treatment Center.
- Create an awareness of the disease.
- Provide a quality team-roping event that offers wholesome family fun.

The Prime Timers speaker was Denny Calhoun who told his audience that C4CR is the largest, most consistent contributor to the UNM cancer research fund in New Mexico. And all of the money remains in New Mexico.

The C4CR has set another goal, Calhoun said, to develop cancer education, screening, therapy, referrals and prevention programs to all New Mexicans by working with small communities and American Indian pueblos and nations.

The official fund title is the Alma Cohorn Memorial Endowment, named after Alma Cohorn who died of breast cancer in 1981. The first roping fund-raiser was held on 1982 at the Calhoun Arena north of Las Cruces.

Rawley Jackson, one of the first fund-raisers with the Sunshine Club of QWEST Pioneers, recalled that the ropers raised about \$700 with that first event.

The roping fund-raiser continued to grow. Six years ago, the committee did a "turn-around," enlarged the committee and started to set fund goals.

And it has been working. Last year, the C4CR team-

roping and dinner-dance events raised \$140,000.

And since C4CR started raising funds, they have donated \$600,000 to the UNM Cancer Research and Treatment Center. Only half of the accrued interest is spent on research, and the C4CR can direct how it is spent, Calhoun said.

And the results have been encouraging.

"Our money has been like seed money," Calhoun said.

Part of the C4CR funds are directed to the New Mexico State University Chemistry Department for research on a protein that is associated with cancers.

"This discovery will have a dramatic impact on our understanding of how women get breast cancer and other female cancers," Calhoun said. "It's a discovery that no one knew about before."

The protein has been identified as GPR-30. The NMSU chemist, Jeff Aterburn, who is directing the research, and his team have received about \$10 million in federal grants for continued research, Calhoun said.

C4CR money also made it possible for the UNM Cancer Research Center to open a branch in Las Cruces on the Memorial Medical Center campus, Cheryl L. Willman, director and CEO, told the C4CR committee.

"Now people in our committee can get cancer screening and therapy close to home instead of going all the way to Albuquerque," Calhoun said.

In July 2006, U.S. News & World Report listed the UNM Center as one of the best cancers in the United States. The UNM Center had received National Cancer Institution designation, one of 60 in the United States that have earned that recognition, Calhoun told the Prime Timers.

Now people in our committee can get cancer screening and therapy close to home....

DENNY CALHOUN,
Prime Timers



DAVID MCCOLLUM | The Las Cruces Bulletin

Denny Calhoun spoke at the last Prime Timers luncheon and outlined several goals for Cowboys for Cancer Research.

This year's team roping will be its 25th, its Silver Anniversary. The contests will be conducted Oct. 13 and 14 at the Calhoun Arena, a change from the previous spring schedule. Last spring, the windy season, the gusts kicked up so much dust and were so strong that the headers and heelers had trouble throwing their loops over the steers horns or rear legs.

The C4CR dinner-dance will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Dickerson's Events Center with music by the local Delk Band. The event also will include a silent auction.

The C4CR lost one of its committee members recently with the death of Betty Sue MacKenzie. The remaining members are:

Kathy Achen, Mike Black, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun, Tracey and Tashy Carrillo, Kevin and Stacy Davis, Russ Eddings, Scott Eschenbrenner, Gaye Faubion, Eddie Ferguson, Herb Hardin, Jerry and Angela Ledesma, Christy Lewis, Anthony and Jennifer Parra, Skip Prichard and Erik Ness.

El Oso Sanador reflects goals

Everyone is familiar with the UNM Cancer Center logo bear with the jagged line along the side. But do they know with it means? Calhoun informed the Prime Timers that the logo stands for El Oso Sanador, the healing bear.

A UNM center information

sheet reads:

"The University of New Mexico Cancer Center has chosen the healing bear as our Seal, as El Oso Sanador reflects our desire to serve those whose lives have been touched by cancer with strength, courage, grace and great ability."



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Marshalls, mall feature footwear



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That's all about to change.

Thursday featured the grand opening of the Marshalls Shoe MegaShop, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. It's not an entirely different store than Marshalls, but it's a "store within a store," according to the press release. It's actually an expansion of the store's footwear department, and it will now feature 5,000 square feet of shoes for the entire family.

Before, shoppers would browse the Marshalls shoe department by size, hoping a style they liked would catch their eye. Now customers will search by style and will find their size in the boxes below the display shoe.

"At Marshalls, you'll find the same great trends found in department and specialty stores at a fraction of the price," said Marshalls spokeswoman Amy Cafazzo in a press release. "This includes first-quality, brand-name fashion for the whole family and home accents for every room in the house."

The store will still offer clothes, accessories and home décor in addition to the shoe megastore. New Mexico residents will be celebrating the back-to-school tax holiday Aug. 3-5, and that's as good a time as any to take advantage of that selection of shoes.

Wait, there's more – the Mesilla Valley Mall has also announced the Shoe Pavilion is expected to open by mid-August. The store, which will be located near JCPenney, will offer about 1,400 square feet of footwear. Similar to Marshalls, the store features name-brand shoes for men, women and children at lower-than-retail prices.

F&A to expand for partner office

Six acres next to cheese factory will house dairy operations

By TODD G. DICKSON
The Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the West Mesa Industrial Park's earliest customers has the city council's approval to acquire an adjacent 6.2 acres for a partner company to open offices.

The Wisconsin F&A Dairy opened its Las Cruces plant on the West Mesa in 1995 as a state-of-the-art plant processing 1.7 million pounds of milk into mozzarella, provolone and whey products. It expanded by 25,600 square feet in 2000 to shred, dice and grate cheese.

With the council's approval Monday, July 23, F&A will be buying another 6.2 acres of industrial park land for \$36,000 an acre for its Wisconsin associate, D.R. Tech, to open offices.

D.R. Tech is headquartered in Grantsburg, Wis., and services the food and dairy industry with primarily process flow systems and stainless steel fabrication. According to the company's website, D.R. Tech has divisions to set up and service sanitary processing, ammonia refrigeration, stainless steel fabrication, automated equipment and controls. It also distributes pumps, valves, fittings and tubing.

F&A Cheese Company was founded nearly 50 years ago in Grand Rapids, Mich., by



NATISHA HALES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

City council approved the sale of 6.2 acres in the West Mesa Industrial Park to cheese processing plant F&A Dairy Products. The business will use the acreage for a partner office.

brothers Frank and Angelo Terranova to distribute cheese and pizza supplies. In 1965 they purchased the Belle Cheese manufacturing plant in Amery, Wis.

When they bought Indianhead Dairy in Dresser, Wis., they renamed their company to

F&A Dairy Products. Belle Cheese eventually merged with F&A. After ramping up capacity in Wisconsin, the company opened the Las Cruces plant to process milk from the local region.

Las Cruces still a growing market

Despite thriving economy, businesses struggle

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces economy continues to thrive, and recent reports have shown the local unemployment rate at its lowest ever. Despite a thriving economy, some businesses still struggle and even fail.

Sometimes it's because of the local market, and sometimes, it has nothing to do with

the area at all, said Steve Vierck, president of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance.

"The economy has obviously done quite well here in recent years," Vierck said. "I think the unemployment rate is as low as it's ever been, a pretty good indication that it is a healthy economy. A majority of businesses do not succeed in the first three years. It's getting through that three or four years that's

pretty tough, and that's true of really the entire country."

MVEDA primarily works with larger, industry-based businesses and Vierck said he's seen a trend that has nothing to do with the local market.

"The manufacturing sector, particularly, is facing intense foreign competition," he said.

Parkview Metal Products, which announced last week its decision to close its Las Cruces operation, will open a smaller operation in Juarez. Vierck also mentions Taylor Metro, now Taylor Precision, moved to China, and Excell Agent Services, which closed in 2003, had operations in the Philippines.

Border Foods, a chile processing plant, closed its operations last year, for a couple of reasons, Vierck said.

"They were able to get processed chile cheaper from Peru, even in the back yard of the largest-producing chile region of the world," he said. "And lower labor rates made it difficult for them to staff their second shifts."

For Las Cruces, the close proximity to the Mexican border presents challenges.

"Being on the border, sometimes we're more exposed to those types of pressures," Vierck said. "When you can move an hour south, and if your manufacturer can move an hour south and pay your employees \$2 to \$3 an hour, if your operation doesn't require reliable infrastructure or skilled people, you're under a lot of pressure to move where the labor rates are cheaper."

Foreign competition is something Las Cruces, and the rest of the country, cannot control. However, Vierck said there is an opportunity to bring more business to the area despite the competition.

"That's why it is absolutely critical that



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Although Las Cruces's economy continues to grow at a steady pace, businesses – such as Twisters, pictured above – still close unexpectedly for a variety of reasons.

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Building Las Cruces Cervantes Enterprises



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Cervantes Enterprises is constructing a 28,000-square-foot business strip at 905 University Ave. on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street. The center is expected to be open for business by the fall.

Chile buyer presents Hatch recovery team with check

Retailer wants to maintain good chile supply

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Hatch's reputation of growing superior-quality chile and a community of people who pull together has earned it an \$8,000 donation for its Hatch Area Recovery Team to repair damages caused by the August 2006 Placitas Arroyo flood.

The donation came from Central Market of Texas that orders tons of Hatch Valley chile every year for its stores.

Marcia Nordyke, the Hatch Area Recovery Team (HART) said:

"At our last recovery team meeting we had to report that we were running low on funds. And when Central Market got in contact with us by email and said that it was presenting us with the money, it was absolutely wonderful."

"The flood's been a long time ago, but we still have a lot of folks who need help to rebuild or repair their homes that were destroyed by the flood. We have about a year and-a-half or two years' of work ahead of us."

The flood poured through the Village of Hatch on Aug. 15, 2006, out of the Placitas Arroyo after three days of rain.

The donation money came from Central Market customers, who have learned where the good chile comes from, and Central Market matching funds, Christie Connelly, the company's news media director, said.

Central Market's attachment to Hatch started with its purchases of the famous chile for its customers in its eight Texas retail stores and the annual Hatch Chile Festival held on Labor Day Weekend. The Central Market stores include four in Dallas, two in Austin and one each in San Antonio and Houston, Connelly said.

"We wanted to make sure that we helped them, that they could continue their tradition of growing the best chile in the world," Connelly said.

Central Market visitors toured chile fields and plants. Some picked a few pods to use when baking corn bread, Southwest style, when they return to Texas, Connelly said.

Central Market has been buying about 250,000 tons of Hatch Valley chile annually for the past 12 years. The market company holds its own "Hatch Chile Festival" when it has Hatch chile specials.



TOM McCONNELL

Central Market representative presents a check to the Hatch Area Recovery Team. Left to right: Marcia Nordyke, HART director; Lupe Castillo, HART chairwoman; Mayor Judd Nordyke, Lee Crenshaw, Central Market perishable procurement director, and Donna Daniels, company advertising director.

"People stand in line to buy Hatch chile at our eight stores when we have the special sale," Connelly said.

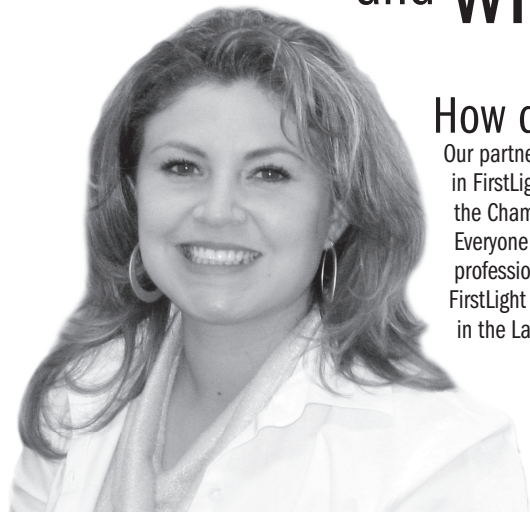
T.J. Runyan, Skyline Product sales manager, arranged the Hatch chile sales with Central Market.

This year, Central Market will hold its Hatch Chile Festival, featuring recipes, from Aug. 18-26 in its eight stores.

"We'll probably need 50,000 tons more of Hatch chile for this festival," Connelly said.

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District, Doña Ana County Highway Department, State Highway Department and International Boundary and Water Commission are working together to clear the arroyo to prevent a build-up of water and sudden flooding, Mayor Judd Nordyke reported.

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Agriculture industry forced to diversify crops

Women are the strength behind modern farms

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

United States agriculture is in trouble, but farm women are ready to straighten out the industry, according to two speakers at the recent "Voices of American Farm Women" program.

The speakers were Emma Jean Cervantes of Cervantes Enterprises in Vado, and Lacy Simpson, wife of Tom Simpson who farms near Fairacres, who spoke at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum.

"I feel very fortunate to live and farm in the Southwest," Cervantes said. "But one of our challenges is to educate the public about farming. Consumers are aware of good quality produce, and that's what we grow here, and they're willing to pay the price."

American farmers have to compete with cheaper foreign labor. Younger people are less willing to take field work, and it is difficult to find enough workers, she said.

In order for American farmers to survive they need to diversify, to find more alternate crops. Here in the Southwest they need to manage and conserve irrigation water. For example, Cervantes Enterprises has installed drip irrigation.

"Efficiency is the name of the game," she said.

The Cervantes crop diversity includes:

Chile, cotton, pecans, corn silage and alfalfa.

Cervantes Enterprises is known mostly for chile. One success has been with cayenne, a pungent, curled pod that is used in sauces. The company started out with cayenne in 1990 with 500 pounds of mashed chile.

Now Cervantes produces 50 million pounds of cayenne

and has a mashed-chile storage capacity of 300 tanks. The company both grows and imports cayenne chile from Mexico, Cervantes said.

Cervantes understands farming from the crop fields to the office. Her grandfather Andres Apodaca started farming in the Mesilla area in the 1930s.

In the 1940s, her parents, Joe and Gen Apodaca, acquired 500 acres of undeveloped land south of La Mesa, and in a year and a half they had developed a producing farm. Now, Cervantes Enterprises owns 1,000 acres.

"My parents were role models," Cervantes said.

She and her sister, Mary Helen Garcia also worked on the farm, picking cotton and chile and helping with the bookkeeping.

"One of my most traumatic experiences I've ever had was when we had about a 100 acres of beautiful lettuce, a good price, and then it hailed and we lost the whole crop," she recalled. That is part of farming, too.

"I was very fortunate to be one of the founders of this Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum," she said.

Cervantes has also received other recognition, including Leyendecker Agriculturist Award and the Chile Pepper Institute's Distinguished Public Service Award.

Lacy Simpson grew up in Lovington where her father, E.S. Moore, worked in the oil fields. But she has been involved in farming for 44 years as the wife of a farmer Tommy Simpson.

"Women's roles in agriculture are expanding, challenging men," she said. "They're becoming editors of farm magazines, executives of agricultural agencies and running their own farm in increasing numbers."

"Women don't always run the farms, but they run the

farmers who run the farms. Farm women do what needs to be done when they need to do it. Farm women are full-time partners with farmers."

The Simpsons have been married for 44 years. Lacy Simpson taught at the high school and junior high levels for 26 years, "to support Tommy's habit of farming."

The Mesilla Valley is known for its high quality crops, she said.

"The Mesilla Valley could be called the garden spot of New Mexico," she continued. "We can grow anything in the Mesilla Valley. Mesilla Valley offers quality resources. We have good water, good land and good weather for quality crop production."

"We can grow beautiful crops, but if you have bad prices for onions and lettuce, if it would cost more to harvest them than you could sell them for, you have to plow them under."

Many valley residents are concerned that housing developments and water shortages are causing a decrease in farm acreage.

"They want to preserve farm land without paying the prices that make farm land profitable," she said.

Most Mesilla Valley farms are family owned, the base for a sound local economy.

And farmers have to contend with problems that are cutting profits, unstable markets, "farmers are price takers not price makers," labor shortages and competition with cheaper foreign labor costs.

"Farm women are getting the message out," Simpson said. "Consumers should support agriculture instead of complaining. If farming went away, everyone would suffer. Everyone is involved in agriculture of what they eat, wear clothing, smoke or drink."

Simpson also is diversified and grows lettuce, onions, pecans, corn silage, cotton, alfalfa and cabbage.

Grand Opening Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore



The Mesilla Valley Habitat For Humanity celebrated the opening of its ReStore Saturday, July 14, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Cutting the ribbon are board member Collins Reynolds, Mayor Pro Tem Dolores Connor, ReStore Manager Homer Brown and Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Tom Chagolla. Holding the proclamation is board member Allen Lindley.

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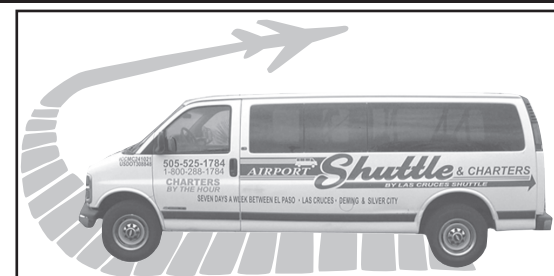
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PROFILE

J.E. Wells:

Giving students a Christian world view

MVCS superintendent maintains high expectations

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

He's starting his second month as superintendent of Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, but J.E. Wells says he has a solid Christian background to prepare him for what lies ahead.

"This is a God-given opportunity," Wells said.

A native of Mountainaire, N.M., Wells came to Las Cruces in 1968. He taught math at Gadsden Junior High and earned a master's degree in education administration from New Mexico State University.

"I always thought I wanted to be an administrator," he said.

After 10 years of teaching math, opportunities arose in the "business world," and Wells took a position with Morton Bros., which became Big Chief Stone and later became Santa Fe Mining Co. The company mined, processed and marketed volcanic rock, or lava rock.

"It changed over 29 years, and I was the common thread," Wells said.

The company closed in May, and Wells was left without a job. He said he had several business opportunities, but he was contacted by MVCS about the superintendent position.

"They knew I had a degree and teaching experience," he said. "The only thing I was lacking was experience in a Christian school."

He may not have much experience in the Christian school environment, but for at least 40 years, Wells has been a member of the First Assembly of God church and has served on its board for 25 years.

The position has helped Wells stay close to his home in Mesilla Park, and it also provides him with the opportunity to focus on his Christian beliefs and heritage.

"A Christian seeks to promote Christ in everything," Wells said. "I want the students to be educated with a Christian world view."

As MVCS superintendent, Wells is ultimately responsible for managing the entire school with the policy set by its Board of Directors.

"As a college prep school, academics is our top goal, along with the Christian world view," he said. "It doesn't have to be one or the other; they can coexist."

Wells has joined MVCS just in time to see its expansion. In June, Las Cruces City Council approved a land annexation so MVCS can build a separate high school. The current facility will be used for elementary and middle school.

From kindergarten through 12th grade, Wells said they are expecting 500 students at MVCS. Even with the schools' growth, the high expectations remain the same.

"People may have read this past year about Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' accomplishments," Wells said. "We won the state basketball 2A championship, and we were runner-up in baseball. We have high expectations athletically as well as academically. One hundred percent of last year's graduates have been accepted to college, and a high percentage received scholarships."

As the students continue to excel at MVCS, Wells said he will use his first year to "get used to the water. I wanted to maintain what's here at the moment. There's a great staff here, I can tell. They're super people, and they're dedicated."

When he's not maintaining his role as superintendent, Wells pursues his other passion of officiating high school and college football and basketball games, something he's done for 40 years.

For 16 years, Wells has been an officer of the New Mexico Officials Association, and he is the current vice president.

In the past, Wells has officiated high school state championship games and tournaments, and for 16 years, he has officiated college football games. During football season, he works in the replay booth at New Mexico State University.

"There's more pressure in the booth than on the field," he said.

In 1999, Wells was a referee for the Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn., which hosted Kentucky and Syracuse. He officiated the University of Texas-Oregon game at the 2002 Holiday Bowl in San Diego, Calif.

Wells has also had the opportunity to ref two professional football games in

2001, while NFL officials were on strike. He officiated a pre-season game between the Denver Broncos and the San Francisco 49ers and had the opportunity to ref a game between the Tennessee Titans and the Miami Dolphins.

"That was a neat experience," he said.

Wells also takes on an informal referee position when he and his wife Elaine host Divorce Care sessions at their home. Wells and his wife were both divorced before they married 12 years ago. The 13-week session is sponsored through First Assembly of God.

"It's a terrible experience, and we understand it," Wells said. "We want to help others because we know what they're going through."

Although it is sponsored by Wells' church, he said people are reluctant to attend sessions at a church, so they offer it at their home. With Bible-based guidance, Wells said

the sessions help people going through a divorce as well as single and married people.

The next session will begin after Labor Day.

"We're not counselors, and we don't push our church on them," he said. "We want them to be healed and we want to give them a venue."

"This is a God-given opportunity."

J.E. Wells

Superintendent

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

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Kerri Carrasco of Albuquerque
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Lachelle Nettles of Dripping Springs, Texas
Letitia Limpin of Las Cruces
- Eleven grandchildren

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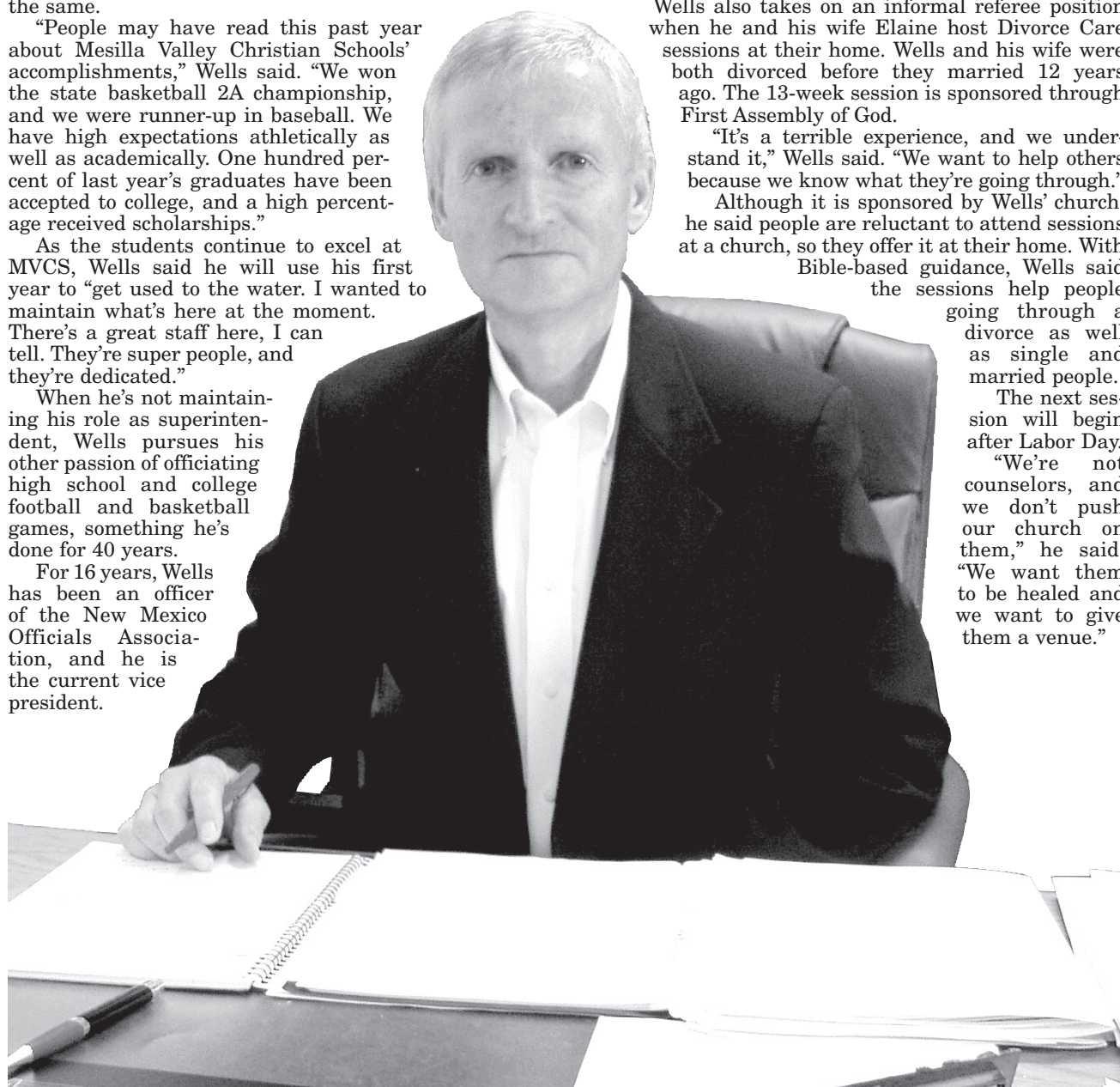
- Bachelor's degree in education, Eastern New Mexico University
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- Vice President, New Mexico Officials Association
- Board member, First Assembly of God

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- Regional Official of the Year, National Federation of High School Athletics, 1996



Onion prices slipping

By **MARVIN TESSNEER**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Market prices for southern New Mexico's yellow grano onions started slipping late last week, the New Mexico Department's Marketing and Development Division reported.

Fifty-pound sacks of yellow granos were bringing, \$16 super colossals, \$11 to \$12 colossals, \$9 jumbos and mediums \$10 to \$11.

A week earlier the prices per 50-pound sacks were, super colossals \$20, colossals

\$14 to \$16, jumbos \$12 and mediums \$12 to \$14, according to the report.

The latest prices for other varieties per 50-pound sacks were:

Whites, jumbos \$15 to \$16 and mediums \$12.

Red globe, jumbos \$12 and mediums \$10.

Shipments of southern New Mexico fresh market onions late last week totaled 3,662 tractor-trailer loads compared with 4,344 the same time last year. Shipments last year totaled 6,387 loads, according to the report.

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we do what we can as a community to elevate the education skill levels of the people that live here, because that's how we have to compete," Vierck said. "It's difficult to compete for the other types of jobs, especially with global markets being what they are."

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee has announced the start of a workforce development task force to create a highly skilled workforce in the area.

"Several good efforts are being made," Vierck said. "That's the key to our ability to successfully compete — having smarter and more productive people."

As for other businesses, especially chain restaurants and retail outlets, being in a smaller market like Las Cruces may put them at a disadvantage, even if the businesses are doing well.

The local Toys 'R' Us store may have suffered the same fate, said Bruce Huhmann, a marketing professor at New Mexico University who specializes in retail.

"When you look at a national retail chain like Toys 'R' Us, it closed because they were no longer the leading toy retailer," Huhmann said. "They had to pull back and focus their limited money on places where they are going to make the most profit."

He said despite Las Cruces' growth, the average household income is fairly low compared to other markets, but if potential Las Cruces retailers base their decision on that information alone, they might be misled.

"Some retail stores won't even consider the Las Cruces area, or would be more likely to close the Las Cruces store just because they think it is a smaller market," Huhmann said. "What they overlook a lot of times is that Las

Cruces is a big draw for southwestern New Mexico. We actually pull in a lot more retail dollars than just what is in our demographics according to the (U.S.) Census (Bureau)."

Mesilla Valley Mall Marketing Director Susan Palmer agreed and said in 15 years of working in shopping centers, the Las Cruces market is unique in that the Mesilla Valley Mall attracts customers from Silver City, Truth or Consequences and Ruidoso.

Small businesses make up most of the local economy, Huhmann said, and independent retailers make up 75 to 85 percent of the nation's retailers. The Las Cruces market, however, is lower.

"Even nationwide, most of the retail sales are done in large chains," Huhmann said. "I would agree that we have more chain stores than independent retailers. To open a retail business, it takes quite a bit of money, and we have a fairly small middle class."

For smaller, independent retailers — like Bountiful Bakery and Twisters, which have closed recently — there are a variety of reasons for closure, he said.

"It could be competitive, and the store just isn't making as much money as they'd like," he said. "Even within Las Cruces, they may just pick something else, or it could be a time to get out of Las Cruces or retailing entirely."

Vierck agreed and said there is no way to know exactly why certain businesses close, and the main goal is to make sure each business that closes is replaced with a new one.

"We've got to constantly work intelligently and vigorously to try to attract new employers and to help existing employer expand," Vierck said. "Give the dynamics of the economy, you're always going to have businesses going out of business. You've just got to replace them. This area should continue to do very well economically. It's actually, for a small metropolitan economy, fairly well diversified."

The next Miss New Mexico?



Mr. Espina Street, Ace Perez of Dick's Café, strums a tune during the talent competition of the Ugly Buddy Contest Saturday, July 21. Perez and seven other local men strutted their stuff in talent, swimsuit and evening gown competitions to benefit the Worker's Compensation Association of Southern New Mexico Scholarship Fund. The event was sponsored by Rehabilitation and Occupational Medicine and 1st Care Clinic.

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Incense, tea shop offers stress-free environment

By NATISHA HALES
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Janet Skaggs opened the Funky Karma Incense and Tea Shop last August, she thought 10 types of tea were enough.

"It took me two days to realize that wasn't enough," Skaggs said.

Today, the Funky Karma Incense and Tea Shop offers much more than it did when it first opened. In addition to 200 types of teas, the cozy shop offers 3,000 kinds of incense as well as incense holders, gifts, spices and herbs.

It's not just a store, however. It's an entire experience.

"I've finally been able to walk in a place, and I just knew," said customer Allison Bills. "The whole presence of the place is just – I love it."

"That's the Funky Karma experience," Skaggs said with a smile. "And that's why I'm in business. Part of it is retail, but the rest is about peace of mind, relieving tension, healing and enlightenment. People come, and they find like-minded people."

Skaggs, a native of Massachusetts who has lived in Las Cruces for "a long time," said she decided to open Funky Karma because she thought selling incense could be developed into a bigger concept.

She said Las Cruces was a good place to open her business.

"Las Cruces is a very healing place," she said. "I see that people are drawn here from everywhere for healing – spiritual, physical or emotional."

She found the perfect venue for her business at 207 Avenida de Mesilla in the Mesilla Pointe complex, which also houses Bobolink.

"I think it's the best location," she said. "Locals, tourists, everybody travels down this street."

Walking in the building and noticing the amount of natural light in the front room, she also decided she wanted to open a tea shop.

Her first year was a great success.

"I knew there was a market (for my business), but I did not realize the demand was as large as it has turned out to be," Skaggs said.

Not only is there a demand for different types of teas and incense, but there has also been a demand for herbs and spices from around the world, Skaggs said.

She expanded in May to include a selection of herbs and spices and has also added a space for a small classroom. Skaggs said classes are offered by various instructors at different times throughout the week and include topics such as protection from negativity, tarot, how to communicate with spirit guides, Feng Shui classes and how to make greeting cards.

In a monthly newsletter, Skaggs gives meeting times and information on upcoming classes.

The expansion also made room for an "exotic gypsy tent" that is used to give henna applications and tarot card readings.

She also offers incense in every form – sticks, cones, resins and powders – from every country that produces the product. She said she even sells the best-selling incense in the world, Nagchampa, which is made in India.

Along with incense, Funky Karma also offers oils, perfumes and bath and beauty products.

Customers can enjoy a cup of tea and light pastries in the tea shop, and just about every tea produced in the world can be purchased by the ounce at Funky Karma.

"There's some advantage when you buy bulk tea leaves," she said. "It's fresher and better, and it's very close to the manufacturer. It hasn't been sitting in a warehouse."



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Funky Karma, 207 Avenida de Mesilla, is located in the newly renovated Mesilla Pointe complex, which owner Janet Skaggs says is an ideal location.

Skaggs also has included revolving art exhibits at her shop. Work of the Funky Fractal Artists will be on display through the end of August.

"Fractals are geometry equations in color," Skaggs said. "It reveals the oneness of everything. We are all one and the same, and we're held together by something very common."

She also includes art exhibition information in her newsletter available at her store.

With the first year's success, Skaggs said she has more plans for Funky Karma. With new types of incense, teas and spices coming in each month, the store will just get bigger.

"I see the concept to be better able to meet the needs of the community," she said. "Perhaps in the future we will have outreach programs where we'll go in the community and offer different things. Here's a place where you can come and be accepted no matter what your belief system. This is an inclusive group of people that welcomes everyone."

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What is your business philosophy?

To provide the very best quality tea, incense, art and gifts at the very best prices.

What is the best part of your job?

Meeting all of the wonderful customers who shop at Funky Karma!

How are you marketing the store?

Word of mouth is the very best advertising. My customers are constantly bringing others in to see my store. They give guided tours to friends and relatives. Also, I do a newsletter every month, listing upcoming classes, new teas, art shows and other special events during that month. I also give a coupon every month offering half off the price for one ounce of tea.

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

The first best decision was to open this store. The second best decision was to

expand, get more floor space and carry more products. The third best decision was to listen to my customers and order what they want.

What adjustments or improvements have you made so far?

When I first opened, I had 10 kinds of tea and thought that was great. By the second day open, I realized that wasn't enough, and I have been expanding the tea selection ever since. Now we are up to 200 kinds with more planned.

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

Three thousand kinds of incense from every country in the world that offers it – Nepal, India, China, Tibet, Korea and more. Two hundred kinds of tea from India, Japan, China, Brazil, Kenya and other countries. Prices range from 10 cents to \$500.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

The Las Cruces business climate is warm and inviting. My store has been very well received, by others businesses and by customers.

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

Funky Karma opens new doors for people, gives a sense of community and allows people to experience new opportunities with tea, incense, new age products and classes.



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Owner Janet Skaggs opened Funky Karma Incense and Tea Shop in 2006.

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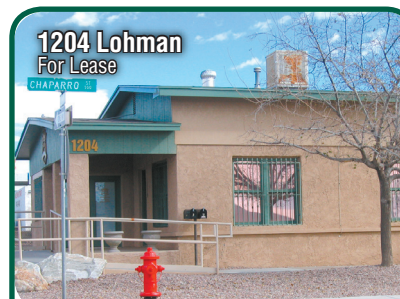
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What do you do when you have to sell but can't?

Changing market makes homebuying difficult

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During the past couple of months, our Las Cruces real estate market has experienced a distinct change. It was during that period that pending new-home sales began to outpace pending existing-home sales by roughly a 52 percent to 48 percent margin. Prior to that time, existing homes were closing at twice the rate of newly built homes. Why the switch?

One reason for the flip-flop is the fallout from the subprime lending mess, which prompted lenders to tighten credit standards. That fact, along with upward-creeping mortgage rates and ever-appreciating home prices, combined to make qualifying more difficult for entry-level and first-time buyers. And those are the buyers who, for the most part, purchase the majority of existing homes.

To overcome this shortage of qualified buyers, we've seen builders, as well as sellers of existing homes, offering more incentives than ever in an effort to "move the merchandise." In some cases, incentives are just what the doctor ordered and result in a sale. More often than not, however, incentives fail to get the job done.

So what happens to the person who employs every inducement in the book and still can't sell his or her home?

In the past, homeowners who found themselves behind the eight ball also found that their lenders acted more like adversaries than proponents when it came to helping them dig themselves out of trouble. Now, however, the private sector and the government have devised new strategies to help borrowers who may be facing financial difficulties.

First and foremost, the new strategies are designed to help homeowners avoid foreclosure – which cost both borrowers and lenders dearly. Servicing a healthy loan only costs lenders about \$50 a year, according to Banc of America Securities, while servicing a delinquent or foreclosed loan cost about \$1,000 to \$2,000 respectively. The Joint Economic Committee of Congress says that when the cost to homeowners and the local communities is added in, the average cost of each foreclosure rises to \$78,000!

While Congress wrestles with new credit guidelines designed to protect buyers from purchasing homes they can't afford, the private sector is assisting those who are in trouble or feel that there's trouble ahead. How? Through a marketing blitz aimed at homeowners who are "in denial, missing mortgage payments, and dodging calls from their

New and Existing Homes Sold

January - June	2006	2007	% Change
New Homes	418	337	-81 (-19.4%)
Existing Homes	712	646	-66 (-9.3%)
Total Homes Sold	1,130	983	-147 (-13.0%)

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lenders." The \$5 million, three-year campaign is funded heavily by the mortgage industry and is designed to educate the public about mortgages and what to do when financial trouble strikes.

One of the nonprofits working on the problem is NeighborWorksAmerica. They, along with the Ad Council, have produced public service announcements that will be distributed to about 30,000 media outlets nationwide. The announcements will encourage financially strapped borrowers to contact their lenders or a federally approved housing counselor "at the first sign of trouble."

An example of a qualified homeownership counselor is the Homeownership Preservation Foundation (888-995-HOPE). Their 24-hour hotline provides free counseling, which would usually cost about \$100. Counseling can also be obtained through one of the numerous Las Cruces area centers, including the YWCA on Don Roser Drive.

Counseling covers more than just house payments. It also addresses expenses such as utilities, childcare, taxes, and much more. Sometimes, all that's needed is a good budget analysis. Other times, it becomes obvious that making ends meet could be as illusive as Casper the Ghost. In the case of the former, borrowers can be out of the woods in a few months. In the case of the lat-

ter, giving up one's home to eliminate the mortgage may be the only remedy available. Either way, the lender should be in the loop.

Lenders have the ability to reduce monthly payments or forego one or more payments temporarily in order to help borrowers span their financially difficult period. If that doesn't help, they can also help borrowers avoid foreclosure by accepting a lower payoff than they are actually owed. Lenders may be motivated to accept one of these so-called "short sales" if the amount they receive at closing exceeds the amount they'd receive following a foreclosure.

OK, you've employed the incentives, worked with the lender, and you're still headed for foreclosure. Now what? Tune in next week for the answer. Until then, I hope to ...

See you at closing!

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Ribbon Cutting The Right Step



The Right Step Director of New Mexico Operations Sean Murphy cuts the ribbon Monday, July 23, for the Las Cruces office of the outpatient substance abuse facility at 125 Wyatt Drive, Suite B. Holding the Chamber of Commerce Conquistadore proclamation is Administrative Assistant Deb Maskell and next to her is Sue Hutchins, program director and therapist.

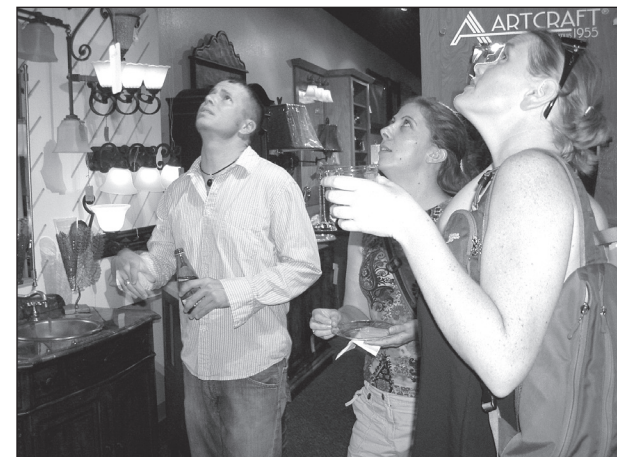
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The Las Cruces Bulletin

Kitchen Kraft now offers spa products, home fragrances

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Alexandra South gives Luisa Miller a hand treatment.



From left, Michael Kershaw, Lauren Bates and Andrea Ruthren take a break from the demonstrations to check out Kitchen Kraft's other inventory.

Michelle Barragan, left, and Tomasina Huie consider purchasing Archipelago Botanicals spa products, which are now available at Kitchen Kraft, 980 N. Telshor Blvd. The store held an event Thursday, July 19, introducing its new line of Archipelago Botanicals spa products and home fragrances.

College kids and money

By BENJAMIN A. LIECHTI
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Fifty-one percent of college-age adults agree with this statement: "I have experienced repeated, unsuccessful, attempts to control, cut back, or stop excessive money use." The statement comes from the 2002 Money Abuse survey by Myvesta, a nonprofit consumer education organization that helps people rid themselves of debt. By year's end of 2003, Myvesta reported that college-age adults had increased credit card debt by 42 percent in a single year.

Here are more disturbing statistics from Young Americans Center for Financial Education, a nonprofit organization that furthers the economic education of young people. In The State of Financial Literacy in America, covering 2001-2003, the Center reports:

- 45 percent of college students are in credit card debt, the average being \$3,066.
- Only 21 percent of students between the ages of 16 and 22 have taken a personal finance course in high school.
- Only 26 percent of 13-21 year olds report their parents actively taught them how to manage money.

Myvesta's survey also found that college-age students show more signs of money abuse than any other age group. Is it any wonder? College students are flooded with credit card offers. Our culture likes to tell us to "shop 'til we drop" and then invites us to "charge it," often deferring payments for months on end. Certainly, advertisers are doing their best to show young people a world of "cool" consumption, as are magazines, movies, and TV shows.

Some parents of youthful spenders may say, "Cut up those charge cards and we'll solve the problem." That's the wrong approach, and by then it's too late anyway — taking scissors to plastic doesn't improve judgment. What's more, each week brings students yet another credit card offer with tantalizing incentives.

The better solution lies in altering the last fact in the list above: only 26 percent of our youth say their parents taught them how to handle money. Parents need to spend more time talking to their children — to prevent the spending habit from forming in the first place. Yet ironically, Northwestern Mutual's 2003 Perfectcents Kids & Money Survey finds that parents shy away from the "M" word, in part, because 44 percent feel that they do not set a good financial example themselves.

That may well be true: Myvesta reports that half of the country is "struggling" to control excessive spending and debt. College kids may indeed be mirroring their parents' buying patterns. Perhaps in guiding our children to adopt better financial habits, we may improve our own.

Where to start? Northwestern Mutual has taken a keen interest in teaching youth about managing money — both before and during those impressionable teen years. The Northwestern Mutual Foundation, charitable arm of Northwestern Mutual, has developed a website, www.themint.org as a resource for families.

The website features games, interactive challenges, and fun tips to teach money management. Older children can explore the site on their own, and families can investigate the site together. Learn about "value" and explore salaries for different occupations. Take The Credit Card Challenge, an activity that leads players through 16 weeks of spending decisions. Help your child make "virtual" mistakes with money before he or she arrives on campus. It will set him or her on the path to becoming a financially healthy adult.

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Unemployment rates high among NM's minority groups

By TERI HOPE
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

President George W. Bush calls it a success; the "nearly 4.5 million new jobs" created in the last few years "in spite of the fact that we had hurricanes and high gasoline prices." Pointing to the unemployment rate, which now stands below 5 percent nationwide, Bush said "that's lower than the average for the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s."

However, the situation in the seven-county southwestern region of New Mexico — including Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Luna, Sierra, and Socorro — is compounded by language barriers that many people face, a barrier that keeps them from finding better-paying jobs. In addition, others look at the rate of unemployment among minority groups — which reaches 10.6 percent for African Americans and a staggering 44 percent for those with disabilities — and call it evidence of a widening gap in educational and employment opportunities, although the Society for Human Resource Management released a study that says a diverse workforce actually reduces costs and improves profits.

With nearly 25 percent of the population in southwestern New Mexico who are either of Hispanic or African descent — according to the U.S. Census Bureau of 2000 — and a statewide unemployment rate already higher than the national average, the Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board (SAWDB) seeks opportunities to support the development of a well-trained workforce in accordance with the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

KRWG's Bianca Villani reported recently on segregation found at Gadsden High School in Anthony, which includes controversy over the use of Spanish in the classroom. Gadsden's ROTC instructor told Villani that "we live in the United States, this is a United States Navy program and when they're in here I want them speaking English." And while Villani notes that the State Constitution recognizes both English and Spanish equally, the reality for jobseekers anywhere in the state

— or the country for that matter — is that employers require English in the workplace. Some English-speakers, however, have also faced various forms of discrimination in the opposite direction. One job-seeker said he was told by a job services employee that he was having a difficult time finding a job in the southwestern region because he didn't speak Spanish.

Meanwhile, unemployment for anyone "makes it impossible to have access to health care, widens the opportunity gap in education and makes it impossible for individuals to achieve their full potential," according to Rep. Mel Watt from North Carolina, chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was speaking in response to the unemployment rates revealed for minority groups, particularly African-Americans, who make up 12.5 percent of the population in the southwestern region of New Mexico.

The SAWDB is taking steps to remedy these obstacles to employment for the entire workforce, working through the local offices of the Department of Workforce Solutions — known as the Department of Labor until the end of June. With 44 percent of those with disabilities face unemployment nationwide, the SAWDB invested \$20,000 from the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to bring all One-Stop Career Centers into full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

According to recent studies, diversity in itself provides benefits to the employer. "The majority of U.S. employers and job seekers alike believe that diversity engenders two important qualities necessary to maintain a competitive edge: innovation and creativity," said Edie Fraser, Founder of Diversity Best Practices. "It is imperative that a company dedicate resources to help promote a culture of inclusion, and to ensure it presents a clear, consistent message of future employees about its commitment to diversity in order to recruit and retain the best talent."

Teri Hope is the outreach technical specialist for the SAWDB and can be reached at (505) 744-4857 or by visiting www.swjobconnect.org. Visit your local office of Workforce Solutions for information on Workforce Investment Opportunities.

BRIEFS

Silva joins Bank of the West

Jeffrey Silva has joined Bank of the West as manager of the Commercial Banking Office in Las Cruces. Under Silva’s leadership, the office continues its focus on the booming Las Cruces and El Paso markets and has recently completed several large land development loans to developers and other commercial builders. In addition to the commercial office, there are 30 Bank of the West branch locations in New Mexico and five in the Las Cruces area.

Silva has more than 13 years of banking experience and previously served as vice president business banking for Ironstone Bank as well as community bank president for Wells Fargo Gallup and Grants, N.M. A resident of Las Cruces, he is a 1985 graduate of The University of Colorado at Boulder with a bachelor’s degree in political science.

Silva is the past president of Bernalillo Chamber of Commerce, a rotarian, active in credit counseling for Money Management International, and volunteers serving lunch at the Noon Day Ministry.

CVB releases user-friendly visitors guide

The Las Cruces Convention and Visitors Bureau recently released the Official 2007-08 Las Cruces Visitors Guide, a 64-page magazine highlighting area attractions, history, shopping and accommodations as well as other things to do in the area.

Every year the CVB releases a new edition of the Visitors Guide, and this year’s edition featured an increase in

size from a smaller 6-by-9-inch pocket guide to an 8.5-by-11-inch magazine as well as a design that reflected the bureau’s print advertising campaign. The guide also features a calendar of events, information about attraction, accommodations, dining, recreation and area day trips.

“It has been a goal of ours to take the visitors guide to the next level and increase the size, this year we were able to do it,” said Chris Faivre, media publications manager for the CVB. “The larger format should make it a more user friendly piece and the expanded content will give visitors a wonderful head start on all the great things to see and do in the area.”

The cover of the guide reflects the culture of Las Cruces. A vibrant photo of folklorico dancers participating in a Mesilla festival was taken by local photographer Ron Cooper. More than 100,000 copies of the guide will help showcase Cooper’s talent.

Copies of the 2007-2008 Visitors Guide are available at the Las Cruces CVB, located at 211 N. Water St. Visitors can also request a guide online at www.lascrucescvb.org or by calling 541-2444.

Brent Lambert joins Morgan Stanley’s Las Cruces and El Paso offices

Morgan Stanley announced that Certified Financial Planner Brent Lambert has joined as a financial adviser for the firm’s Global Wealth Management Group (GWMG) office in Las Cruces/El Paso offices, 3050 Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B.

Formerly with A.G. Edwards for six years, Lambert

has a lived in Las Cruces for 15 years. He holds two bachelor’s degrees from New Mexico State University. Lambert is active in the community, coaching youth basketball and serving as statistician for the New Mexico State University men’s basketball and football teams. He has been the voice of “KOBE Money to the Minute” report on AM 1450 since 2003. Lambert and his wife Alana are proud parents of two children. The Lamberts are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Back-to-school tax holiday is Aug. 3-5

New Mexico residents will be able to take advantage of the state’s thirds annual tax holiday Aug. 3-5, the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department announced.

NMTRD estimates a family can save up to \$42 in taxes if they spend \$600 on school clothes, and there are additional savings for computer purchases and school supplies.

Non-taxable items during the back-to-school tax holiday include clothing and footwear, \$100 or less per item; school supplies such as pens and paper that are typically used in a classroom setting, \$15 or less per item; computers, \$1,000 or less per item; and assorted computer equipment, \$500 or less per item. The price limits are for each item, not the total amount spent for all purchases. For example a family could purchase three computers tax free as long as each computer did not exceed the \$1,000 limit.

Details on the tax holiday, including which items are excluded from gross receipts tax, can be found on the NMTRD website, www.state.nm.us/tax.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report July 19, 2007							
Las Cruces Home Builders Association							
Permit #	Permitee	Owner	Project	Address	Subdivision	Value	Permit
07-OTC-7240	DRH Southwest Construction	DRH	Res/New	5052 Kenner Way	Rincon Mesa	\$89,460	\$3,276
07-CB1-6283	SWC Construction	Fedex/Kinko's	Comm/Alt	2200 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 5	N/A	\$92,603	\$447
07-OTC-7267	Farrell Thurston Construction	Farrell Thurston	Res/New	4810 Camino Dos Vidas	Dos Suenos	\$121,740	\$3,107
07-OTC-7385	Thurston Equity Corp.	TEC	Res/New	4952 Kenmore Road	Rincon Mesa	\$116,280	\$3,338
07-OTC-7505	F. Frank & Sons	Frank and Sons	Res/New	297 Wall Ave.	University Mesa	\$196,140	\$3,359
07-OTC-7455	Binns Construction Inc.	Binns Construction	Res/New	2108 Whitstone Drive	Stone Gate Subdivision	\$148,620	\$3,414
07-OTC-7496	Charlos Homes LLC	James O'Marr	Res/New	5856 Century Lane	Mesa Village	\$151,860	\$1,822
07-OTC-7460	Above and Beyond	Fred Diaz	Res/Add	6128 High Desert	N/A	\$2,000	\$40
07-RB1-6807	Saratoga Homes of New Mexico	Saratoga Homes	Res/New	3714 Piedras Negras	Hight Desert	\$157,800	\$3,351
07-OTC-7488	Medallion Homes L.T.D.	Medallion Homes	Res/New	4426 La Cienega	Sonoma Ranch East II Ph 2	\$166,440	\$3,455
07-OTC-7541	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Res/New	5350 Isabella Court	Las Colinas	\$99,000	\$3,298
07-OTC-7454	Binns Construction Inc.	Binns Construction	Res/New	2112 Whitstone Drive	Stone Gate Subdivision	\$116,160	\$3,338
07-OTC-7246	Homeowner	La Veme Griffiths	Res/Alt	1994 Cresent	N/A	\$9,000	\$81
07-OTC-7631	Valley View	Luis Armendariz	Res/New	4574 Rimrock	Parkhill Estates	\$169,440	\$3,378
07-RB1-7464	Sonrisa Builders	Coronado Development	Res/New	5849 Jalapeño	Las Lomitas	\$94,800	\$1,661

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report July 19, 2007						
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32494	Self	William B. Smith	Res/Rem	115 Hanks Drive	Beasley Subd.	\$140
32498	Specialized Steel Contractors	Bruce Beatty	Res/New	1090 #1 Hwy 28	N/A	\$502
32501	Self	John Hadley	Res/New	5029 Modoc Trail	Talavera	\$719
32502	Self	Michelle Auzenne	Res/Alt	4185 Sotol Drive	Las Alturas Estates	\$140
32503	Self	Esther Bpnja	Res/New	1180 Tierra Huichol	Tierra Encantada Ph 1	\$400
32505	Self	Guadalupe & Laura Ortega	Res/New	159 Country Road B-041	Paseo Del Sol Estates	\$196
32511	RJG Enterprises	Kurt Wurm	Res/Add	1502 Tierra Del Sol Drive	Valle Del Sol	\$290
32517	Medinas Constr.	Charles Wilken	Res/Add MH	1302 Salem St.	N/A	\$190
32522	Self	Elnora & Harry Wiley Trust	Res/Rem	6157-6159 N. Valley Drive Bldg A	N/A	\$140
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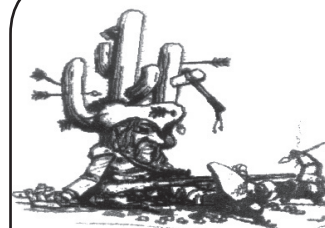
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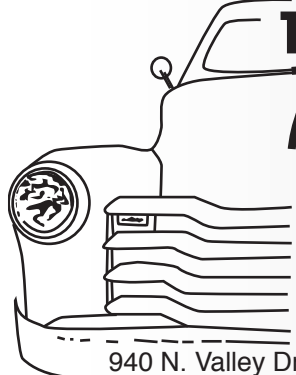
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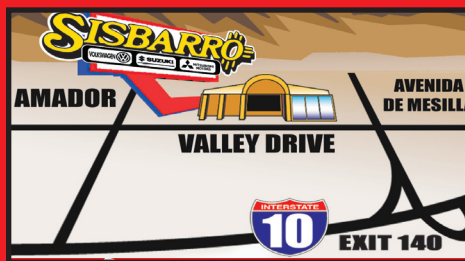
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UPCOMING EVENTS

LAS CRUCES FRIENDS OF CHAMBER MUSIC

- **Friday, September 7** – Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music will provide music for the opening of the exhibit at Las Cruces Museum of Art, entitled "Dali Illustrates Dante's Divine Comedy."
- **Sunday, October 14** – In partnership with the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums, a concert of 20th century music. The concert's title, "Una GALA para Gala" pays tribute to Dali's muse, his beloved wife, Helena Ivanova Diakonova ("Gala"). More details available soon. Tickets on sale no later than September 1.
- **Monday, November 19, and Tuesday, November 20** – In conjunction with Border Book Festival, Inc., Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music present La Catrina Quartet, www.lacatrinaquartet.com. On Monday, they will make bilingual musical presentations to local school children. They will appear in concert Tuesday at San Albino's Catholic Church on the square in Mesilla. The evening's performance will be built around the repertoire of Mexican composers.
- **Friday, November 30** – "Friday Night with Friends," introducing Bill Kuyper, horn, recently retired from the New York Philharmonic. The performance will feature Vaughn Williams' Quintet for horn, cello, clarinet, piano, and violin. 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.
- **Friday, December 21** – "Friday Night with Friends" at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. "Songs of the Season/Canciones Navideñas."
- **Saturdays, September 29, October 27, and November 24** – Saturday lecture series, illustrating musical aspects of the cultural environment which surrounded Dali's work. Except for admission to the exhibit, there is no additional charge for attending the lectures. 2 to 4 p.m.
- **Occasional Tuesdays** – "Every Other Tuesday at the Rio Grande." 5:30 p.m. No charge for admittance.

Additional info as it becomes available about all events, as well as other details related to the organization: www.lascrucesfriendsofchambermusic.org

'Friends' instrumental in providing chamber outlet

Musicians plan art-accompanied concerts and community outreach for remainder of 2007

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Just over one year ago, the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music took on a monumental goal of spreading a sorely underrepresented art form to the residents of the Mesilla Valley.

In May 2006, the group organized their first concert for the Rio Grande Theatre as part of the Every Other Tuesday free presentations for the community, and since then, founding members Joseph Sylvan, Barbara Toth and John Pleasant have been working to spread their love of chamber music to everyone they can.

"A lot of things have started to fall into place, and it tells us that this is all meant to be," Toth said.

In the first year of existence, the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music organized 14 concerts that were performed in the area, and according to Pleasant, there are already more than that amount scheduled for the remainder of 2007.

Additionally, more than 45 musicians, ranging from local residents to the world-renowned St. Petersburg Quartet, have been able to share the unique experience of chamber music with Las Cruces.

Sylvan said that chamber music provides a level of intimacy and passion between the musicians that can only occur in a small ensemble. Originally, chamber music was written for small ensembles that could be played in a palace chamber of royalty and dignitaries.

"There's some appeal in that intimacy that makes the music more accessible," Toth said. "The unique and intimate setting chamber music was written for diffuses the intimidation."

"With performers like the St. Petersburg Quartet, the intimacy communicates so directly that the audience is much more a part of the experience," Pleasant said.

According to Pleasant, that level of intimacy comes with dedication and hour upon hour of practicing as a unit. He added that although chamber music can be very time-intensive on a musician, it is also one of the most rewarding experiences they can have.

"All musicians want the opportunity to do chamber music, but it's difficult to find the time," he said. "You really evolve as a musician any time you play chamber music."

"(Chamber music) is a very demanding venue, everyone's a soloist and requires excellence in playing," Toth added.

Although the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music work to provide a venue for local performers, the group also works to bring in more high-caliber performers like

the St. Petersburg Quartet. In November, they will work together with the Border Book Festival to sponsor La Catrina String Quartet in an evening concert plus an educational outreach to local schools.

"There are many people in the community that would appreciate this music and could learn more about what we're doing through this concert," Toth said. "This is a great example of the way two organizations can work together for the benefit of the community."

All of the founding members stressed the importance of chamber music and how it can benefit every member of the community.

"Those people that have had exposure to chamber music usually have become acquainted with a dimension of their emotions that is hidden from their daily activities," Sylvan said.

"In addition to establishing more programs like (the St. Petersburg Quartet), we hope to form an annual festival of our own people performing chamber music," Sylvan said. During the interview with the Bulletin, Sylvan also proposed organizing ticketed violin and piano concerts at the Branigan Cultural Center, with the profits from the concerts being split between the performers and the two organizations.

Part of keeping the momentum of growth going in the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music is striving towards new ideas. The other half of the growth momentum is planning events farther in advance, which allows for more opportunities for performers and audiences.

The event that each of the friends said they are looking forward to is "Una Gala para Gala," a concert of 20th century music to be played alongside the upcoming Salvador Dali exhibit at the Las Cruces

Museum of Art. The concert pays tribute to Dali's muse, his beloved wife, Helena Ivanova Diakonova ("Gala").

"The Museum Foundation jumped at the chance to add greater impetus and excitement to the exhibition," Toth said.

"This will be a big event for the City of Las Cruces," Pleasant added.

In spite of the torrential amount of work done so far to further the spread of chamber music, their work is far from done. Being a friend of chamber music is more of a juggling act than a serenade, as each founder also teaches and performs with several organizations in addition to dedication to the organization.

"It's really a tyranny of the urgent," Toth said.

"I'm just practicing like crazy," Pleasant said as he counts the number of upcoming performances for which he must prepare.

Although there lives are certainly more hectic, the friends all shared that the response from the musicians and music lovers in the community helps keep them motivated for the future and working towards even more great concerts.

"One of the things that is very exciting about all of this is that musicians are just jumping at the opportunity to participate," Toth said.

With so many events under their belt and a strong schedule already lined up for the future, the Las Cruces Friends of Chamber Music are set to fill the gap between music lovers and music makers in the City of the Crosses.

"The three of us ended up together, but we have found that we bring different strengths and points of view and in every way benefit the organization and what we can do for the community," Toth said.

“A lot of things have started to fall into place, and it tells us that this is all meant to be.”

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FEATURED ARTIST

Breathing life into art

Becky Holtzman's sculptures show growth

By JOEL COURTNEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

While some sculptors strive to mesh the technological or mechanical with art through their creation, Becky Holtzman, who is currently displaying her work at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, has taken a different direction.

Holtzman said she tries to relay a connection with and understanding of the earth and its creations into her work.

"I draw my inspiration from the natural world and the repetition found there. That's what's fascinating to me," she said.

Holtzman, who incorporates change into many of her pieces is used to adapting and changing. Her father worked as a hospital administrator, which required her family to move often. Though she has lived in Virginia, Texas, Colorado and other states, New Mexico has been her home longer than anywhere else.

"I came here on a road trip when I was still in college and fell in love with the place," Holtzman said.

She received a bachelor's degree from Indiana University Bloomington with a specialization in printmaking, which combines elements of sculpture with elements of painting.

She said she's never been daunted by the more tactile crafts, in fact, she regularly sews and makes her own frames for her work. She also remodeled her garage into a studio.

In March 2006, Holtzman found herself without any kind of inspiration and nothing she worked on was really "gelling." She went to the library to do some research, and when she left, found herself carrying an inordinate amount of books on sculpture.

Holtzman said she has always "dabbled" in sculpture, but has really began to concentrate on the new medium over the last 18 months.

"I just wanted something more physical," she said.

The opening reception for her exhibit was held July 6, and Holtzman said it was one of the best and most fun receptions she has been a part of.

"The reception here was wonderful. I've never had so many questions," she said. "It seems like a community that's very interested in the arts."

Not everyone in attendance pulled Holtzman's intentions from her work, but she said she still enjoyed their comments.

"A couple of people commented to me at the opening reception that my work seems obsessive, but to me it's very meditative," she said.

Several other guests of the reception commented on the similarities between some of Holtzman's sculptures and Native American artwork. She said she didn't draw upon that style for her influence, but Holtzman admitted she understands why people draw those conclusions.

"Native Americans are very



Sheltering Eve

connected to the earth, and so am I," she said. For the future, Holtzman said she would continue focusing on sculptures and public installations, preferably those that are interactive, such as the maze sculpture "Labyrinth" on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

"People liked to interact with the pieces," she said.

Holtzman added she would like to create some outdoor sculptures that would be on permanent display.

"I gave myself this show to work my way into a more permanent medium," she said.

As for printmaking, Holtzman said at the core she will remain the same.

"I think I'll always be a printmaker. It's a very indirect art form," she said. "I just need access to the equipment."

To see more of Becky Holtzman's work, visit www.beckytomato.com. Her sculptures are featured in the exhibit "Dwelling" at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 490 N. Downtown Mall, through Aug. 25. The museum's hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The museum is free, open to the public and accessible to everyone.



Becky Holtzman stands next to her painting, "Arrival."

DAVID ONDRIK
For the Las Cruces Bulletin



Stretching Solace

City announces space-themed mural

The City of Las Cruces, in conjunction with the Federation of Galaxy Explorers (FOGE), announced the expansion of their continued partnership with the painting of a "Space Mural." The mural will be painted by the Galaxy Explorers program participants beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Funding for the project is provided by Nicolas Eftimiades, FOGE founder and chairman of the board. FOGE is a nonprofit organization established to inspire and educate kids in space-related science and engineering. Galaxy Explorers was created to prepare children for the future – a future that advances a space-faring civilization.

The artist for this project is Phil Smith. He is currently an assistant director for the Secure World Foundation, a Colorado-based organization dedicated to ensuring the peaceful use of outer space. Previous to that, he worked as both a space industry analyst and a defense policy analyst for companies like Futron and SAIC.

Smith graduated from the University of Nebraska with a degree in political science and obtained a graduate degree in space studies from the University of North Dakota. He is also a freelance artist specializing in subjects related to human activity in space.

For more information, contact the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563.

FILM

Searching for freedom in America

‘Journey from the Fall’ details plight of Vietnamese in post-war world.

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

Special note – don’t confuse this flick with the lesser Brad Pitt opus of a few years ago, “Legends of the Fall.”

Not much has made it into the mainstream media about life in Vietnam after American soldiers became part of the cease-fire in January 1973.

Certainly, history buffs are aware of the chaos and blunders that took place when Saigon fell in the spring of 1975, but for many people in this country, that symbolized the end of the “war.”

Of course, it has never really ended, not for many of the American participants, and certainly not for many of the people of Vietnam and surrounding countries.

Although the United States now has “friendly” relations with Vietnam, few of the stories of the people who were left behind have been told.

I wasn’t fully aware of what happened during the years following the conflict myself until I hired a work-study student, “Thomas” Nguyen, when I worked at University of California-Santa Cruz, where I was employed prior to moving to Las Cruces.

Thomas’s parents were “boat people.” During slow times at the office and at occasional coffee breaks, he told me the story of how a number of his family members became “boat people” after the United States withdrew and Saigon fell. The stories were harrowing, and I came to feel that Thomas’s presence was indeed a miracle.

“Journey from the Fall” attempts to show us the ordeal of one Vietnamese family and how they dealt with it.

The film opens in 1975, as North Vietnamese troops are crashing into Saigon. Long, the family patriarch, does not want to give up his hope that Communism can be stopped at his doorstep. However, in a gripping scene, he cries out to his wife that leaflets cannot stop bullets.

He is soon interred in a “re-education” camp, where he can become a “productive” member of society. Attempts to make him and other prisoners “productive” include physical and psychological



Thanh (Jayvee Mai The Hiep) and Long (Long Nguyen) try to escape Vietnamese re-education camp in “Journey from the Fall,” which screens at the Fountain Theatre starting Friday, July 27.

abuses of all sorts.

Long’s family, however, is able to plan an escape. They are smuggled aboard a small boat and head for imagined safety in the waters off the coast of their homeland.

In spite of the degradations suffered by Long, he is unwilling to break completely. Not his former voice of protest, but rather his inner voice, keeps him alive with hope of escape and reuniting with his family.

His family’s journey is perilous and fraught with difficulty. A bad motor, pirates and rough seas all take their toll, with little hope of respite or relief.

These two stories parallel through the first 80 minutes or so of the film. It is sometimes awkward to try and follow them both, as the timeline is flashed on the screen every so often, noting dates

from 1975-81. One may be better off ignoring these dates, and just understand that it is a long transition for Long and his family.

The last 40 minutes or so take place in southern California, which has, in the story, become a bastion for Vietnam refugees. Director Ham Tran does a noble job at giving brief glimpses into life in the United States for these brave people – touching on all manner of U.S. resettlement. It is convincing and thought-provoking. Issues such as language, food, learning to live with other immigrant populations and education all come into play.

The flaw of this picture is its tone. Very often it has the mood and feel of a made for cable television production. The story line is strong, but at times seems a bit repetitious. The acting and cinematography are quite good.

Final analysis of the flick would show that it is indeed a heavy drama, but filled with hope and life. If you enjoyed the terrific 1980s flick “El Norte,” then you will also appreciate this movie.

“Journey from the Fall” 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. There will be a drawing prior to the screening on Monday, July 30, for several T-shirts provided by the films distribution company.

Jeff Berg hates war. Ask him why at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.

A dying wish ‘Rocket Gibraltar’ keeps ritual alive

The CineMatinee film at the Fountain Theatre for Saturday, July 28, will be “Rocket Gibraltar” (1988, 98 minutes, PG).

Psychologist Rollo May has stated: “For human beings, the question is not to avoid death but through it creatively to go beyond the boundary of death, transmitting something that lives.”

Many Americans have a deep craving for meaningful ritual — for both private and public occasions, which draw people together, give meaning to the different seasons of life and evoke a sense of wonder about the mysteries of the human adventure.

Levi (Burt Lancaster) is a widowed poet and philosopher who lives in a giant house in the Hamptons. His three daughters and son arrive with their families to celebrate his 77th birthday.

One day on the beach, Levi tells his eight grandchildren that when he dies, he wants to be buried at sea. He describes an ancient Viking ritual in which the body of the deceased was placed in a boat, covered with straw and pushed out to sea. Then the boat was set on fire with a flaming arrow shot by relatives on the beach.

Family and friends watched as the pyre “vanished like a dream.” If the color of the sky matched the color of the burning ship, it meant the person had had a good life.

The grandchildren decide to fix up an old boat as a birthday present to Levi in hopes that he will use it for his burial at sea when the time comes.

One of Lancaster’s last films, his fine performance in this gently portrayed comedy/drama is boosted by that of the supporting cast which includes Suzy Amis, Kevin Spacey and Patricia Clarkson.

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

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



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FRIDAY, JULY 27

■ "THE GUARDIANS" WORLD PREMIERE

Ana Castillo, renowned Latina writer, will read from her new book "The Guardians" at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27, at the Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. This is the world premiere of the book, which will be released by Random House on July 31. Sponsored by the Border Book Festival, the event is free and will feature music, a reading and book signing by Castillo as well as a reception. Castillo's books will be available for sale to the public.

In addition, she has donated a painting to be raffled that night. The painting is in homage to the missing women of Juárez, and tickets are \$10. They can be purchased ahead of time at the Cultural Center de Mesilla, 2231 Calle de Parian, a block and a half from the plaza next to the Post Office.

Castillo is the author of "Peel My Love Like an Onion," "So Far From God" (a New York Times Notable Book), "Sapogonia" and "The Mixquiahuala Letters" (winner of the American Book Award), as well as the short story collection "Loverboys." Her books of poetry include "My Father Was a Toltec," "I Ask the Impossible" and "Watercolor Women Opaque Men" (a novel in verse).

For more information, contact the Border Book Festival at 523-3988 or bbf@zianet.com or visit www.borderbookfestival.org.

■ TRES AMIGOS LOUNGE

The Best Western Mission Inn Tres Amigos Lounge, 1765 S. Main St., will feature the country and oldies music of Todd Howell each Friday from 8 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 524-8591.

■ THE RAIN FOREST

The Rain Forest in the Best Western Mission Inn, 1765 S. Main St., will feature the tejano, rock and country sound of the Ekiz Band on Friday, July 27. For more information, call 524-8591.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the acoustic originals and steel drum of Laura Humphreys and Border Town Fools on Friday, July 27, from 5 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

■ TRES AMIGOS LOUNGE

The Best Western Mission Inn Tres Amigos Lounge, 1765 S. Main St., will feature the folk easy-listening music of Nicole Martinez every other Saturday from 8 to 10 p.m. For more information, call 524-8591.

■ ORGAN MOUNTAIN CAFÉ

The Organ Mountain Café, 16151 E. Bataan Memorial Highway, will feature the

jazz music of the Helen Sachs Quartet on Saturday, July 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 373-3000.

■ MAGIC CARPET STORYTIME

As part of its commitment to present free programming to the citizens of Doña Ana County, the Doña Ana Arts Council will hold the "Magic Carpet StoryTime" program on Saturday mornings from 11:30 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre in the Downtown Mall. Each child will have their own "magic carpet" to sit on during the story. The half hour program will consist of a story or part of a story read by a local "celebrity" – a public figure from around Las Cruces. The celebrity reader might be a local government official, sports figure, educational administrator, church leader, business leader or someone from the arts field. The stories will be aimed at a second to fifth grade level, with titles varying from children's fiction to biography. They might be a particular favorite of the reader or selected from age-appropriate lists. Participants' names will be entered into a drawing for a signed copy of the book read that Saturday. If you are interested in more information about this program or are a "celebrity" willing to be a reader, please contact the DAAC office at 523-6403.

■ SWINGING SENIORS DANCE

Couples and singles 50 and older are invited to dance with the Swinging Seniors at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite Street, Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. Doors open at 7:30, and there is a \$6 cover charge. Mark Coker provides this week's music. Call 528-3000 for more information.

■ STORYTELLERS OF LAS CRUCES

COAS Bookstores present family storytelling by Storytellers of Las Cruces every Saturday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Louise O'Donnell will be the featured storyteller at the Main Street Downtown store location. The COAS Solano store will only present storytelling on the first Saturday of each month through the summer. All children who attend receive a free book. Call 524-8471 for more information.

■ KIDS' OPEN STUDIO

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

MONDAY, JULY 30

■ FREE SUMMER MOVIE

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S. El Paseo Drive. The free showing for July 30 is "Happy Feet" (PG), which will be shown at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 523-6900.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

■ STITCH'N VISIT

Visit with other people doing portable fiber arts. We have had folks join us who knit, crochet, bead, cross stitch and embroider. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Unravel Yarn Shop, 300 N. Downtown Mall. All meetings are free and open to the public. For more information please call LeeAnn Meadows at 525-1625 or email meadows@zianet.com.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

■ TRES AMIGOS LOUNGE

The Best Western Mission Inn Tres Amigos Lounge, 1765 S. Main St., will feature the folk guitar of Danny Graves each Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 524-8591.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

■ ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave., and the NMSU Department of Music continue their exciting concert

series, jointly sponsored by both institutions, with a special summer concert featuring the Glee Handbell Choir of Meiji Gakuin High School in Kyoto, Japan, at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 2. The series, entitled "St. Paul's Sunday Afternoons," features concerts each month throughout the year. The concert will be in the sanctuary of St. Paul's. Admission is free to the public, although a love offering for the performers will be received. The Glee Choir is on a nationwide tour of the United States this summer, sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

■ TRES AMIGOS LOUNGE

The Best Western Mission Inn Tres Amigos Lounge, 1765 S. Main St., will feature the folk, country and oldies music of the Rawdogs Band each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 524-8591.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

■ FRIENDS OF LIBRARY BOOKSALE

Cookbooks and CDs will be featured at the Friends of Branigan Library Booksale held in the Dresp Rooms of the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Puzzles, audiobooks, videos, records and books for all ages and interests will be available. Donations are always welcome. For information, call Arlene Dohr at 521-4845.

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'Theatre of the Absurd' tackles problems with communication

'The Bald Soprano' stars newcomers and veterans

Eugene Ionesco's "The Bald Soprano," a classic and entertaining absurd play about difficulties in communication, directed by Bobbi Masters, opens Friday, Aug. 3, and runs through Sunday, Aug. 19.

Romanian born, French raised Eugene Ionesco was only trying to learn English when he wrote "The Bald Soprano." In a book he purchased, he discovered many characters proclaiming the obvious, such as, "the floor is below and

the ceiling is above" and "there are seven days in a week." These statements were often interspersed with mundane clichés. Ionesco was saddened by these characters and thought that the disintegration of communication and language was tragic, yet inevitable. He wrote the play, originally titled, "English Made Easy" and showed it to friends who thought it very funny and demanded it get produced.

During the rehearsal process, the actor portraying the Fire Chief incorrectly delivered his line about the blonde soprano and Ionesco renamed the play, "La Cantatrice Chauve." The play and the playwright have garnered many successes. For more than 50 years the play has been running uninterrupted at the Theatre de la Huchette in Paris.

El Paso Director Bobbi Master previously worked in New York where she directed "Painting it Matisse" for Milk Can Theater Company and in Dallas where she directed "Happy Days," "Juniper Tree" and many staged readings. Regionally, she has also worked in various capacities for Junior Players, CC Players, McKinney Avenue Contemporary, ArtSpirit, Undermain Theater, Hip Pocket Theatre, Fort Worth/Dallas Ballet, Ekstasis Dance Co/CDFW, Our Endeavors Theatre, Shakespeare in the Park, Ground Zero Theater Company, Actor's Theatre of Louisville and Santa Fe Opera.

Scenic and lighting designer, Eric Cope who currently serves as a visiting assistant professor of lighting and sound design at the University of Texas at El Paso, is originally from the Dallas/Fort Worth area where he earned his master's degree from Southern Methodist University in stage design. He recently relocated from Sarasota, Fla., where he was resident designer at the Florida State University/Asolo Conservatory. His New York credits include: "Coole Lady" and "Ordet" for Handcart Ensemble; "Titus X: The Musical" for Chashama; and "Escaping Juarez" for New Heritage Theatre Group. Regionally, Cope's work has been seen at Actor's Theatre of Louisville, Creede Repertory Theatre in Colorado and Kitchen Dog Theatre in Dallas.

The cast features veterans and actors new to the Las Cruces theatre scene.

Tony Cordova (Mr. Martin) is a drama teacher at Gadsden High School who was recently seen at Las Cruces Community Theatre in "And Then There Were None." He has also been seen at the Black Box Theatre in "Getting



The Fire Chief (Cory Dlack), center, gets kisses from Mrs. Marting (Avra Elliott) and Mrs. Smith (Kathi-Jane) in "The Bald Soprano," which opens Aug. 3 at the Black Box Theatre.

the PLAYBILL

LAS CRUCES THEATER LISTINGS

Upcoming Performances

The Bald Soprano

Black Box Theatre
430 N. Downtown Mall • 523-1223
Tickets: \$7-\$10 • Opens Aug. 3

On Golden Pond

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Out" and "Epic Proportions."

Corey Dlack (Fire Chief) was last seen in LCCT's "And Then There Were None" as Captain Lombard.

Avra Elliott (Mrs. Martin) was most recently seen in LCCT's production of "Anything Goes."

Kathi-Jane (Mrs. Smith) was seen at the Black Box Theatre in "Children! Children!" "Under the Sycamore Tree" and "Little Girl Who Lives Down The Lane."

Bob Singer (Mr. Smith) has been seen in NSTC's "Under the Sycamore Tree" and "The Walkers." He has done extra work in "The Rise and Fall of their American Life" and "Boom" with Mark Medoff.

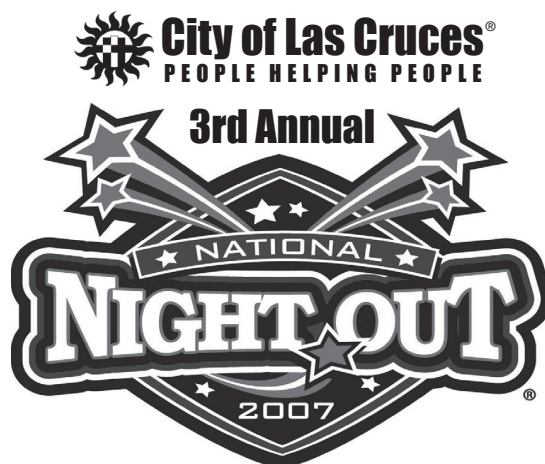
Denise Nunez (Mary, the Maid) is from El Paso where she has recently been seen in one-act plays at UTEP.

The stage manager is Heather Pfeiffer, and James and Maggie Herndon are light board operator and backstage crew.

Performance times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays, Aug. 12 and 19, at 2:30 p.m. and a Thursday performance on Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Thursday evening tickets are \$7. High school students presenting an ID card will be able to purchase student rush tickets for \$7 at 10 minutes before all performances if seats are available.

Reservations are strongly suggested and can be made by calling 523-1223 or visiting www.no-strings.org. Season tickets for the 2007-08 season can be ordered at the box office or by phone.



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The Doña Ana Arts Council held the Kick Up Your Heels for the Rio Grande Theatre benefit Thursday, July 19, at the White Raven Studios.

In addition to displaying "shoe" and "non-shoe" art at the gallery the models of Wild & Beautiful showed off the latest in shoe fashions.

The event also featured a live auction of shoe art, as well as drawings for door prizes.

The main purpose of the event was to raise awareness about the Rio Grande Theatre Endowment, which will provide permanent funding for the historic landmark through the endowment's funds.



Courtney McNiel, Maren Tarro, Lisa Gonzalez and Kimberly Bianchi enjoy the artwork on display at White Raven Studios.



Judy Finch and Sheila Duffy

Lizzy Podruchny served as one of the evening's "shoe models" for the fashion show from Wild & Beautiful and toured the shoe art that would be auctioned throughout the event. "Working Soles" by Tauna Cole, shown here, sold for \$200.



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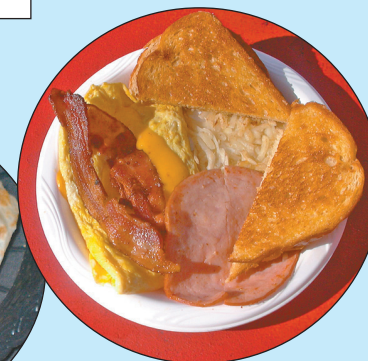
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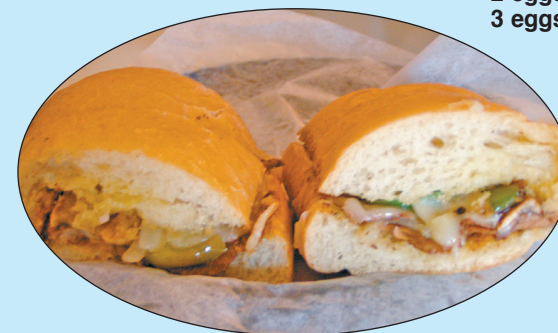
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KRWG	(2) 22	Garden	Garden	Old House	Hometime	Workshop	Wdwright	MotorWeek	Ask This	Mental	Decisions	Planet H2O	Desert
CBS	(4) 4	LatINation	Paid Prog.	The JB Awards (N)		PGA Golf Canadian Open -- Third Round. (Live) [66]					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
KCOS	(5) 13	Recipes	Americas	Food	Lidia's Italy	Mexico	Garden	Sewing	Sews	Texas	Hometime	Workshop	Old House
ABC	(7) 7	NBA Acc	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Golf: Senior	British Open		Horse Racing: Whitney Handicap			Paid Prog.	Ebert	
KFOX	(8) 14	Baseball	Paid Prog.	Outdrsmn.	Girls-Badly	Girls-Badly	MLB Baseball	San Diego Padres at Houston Astros. (In Stereo Live) [66]					
NBC	(9) 9	Animal R.	Old House	Paid Prog.	Homes	Adv. Sports		ATP Tennis: Indianapolis Championships			Get Thin	Reporter	
KINT	(10) 26	Mochila Azul		Bajo el Mismo Techo		Casate y Veras		La Parodia Isabel Madow; Celedonio.			Primer Impacto		
KTDO	(11) 48	Nitido		Descontrol		★★ "The Blue Lagoon" (1980) Brooke Shields.			★★ "Tiempo Limite" (2003) Denzel Washington.				
KTFN	(13) 65	Mega Match		★★★ "Bull Durham" (1988) Kevin Costner.			★ "La Bomba de Tiempo Humana" (1995)			★★★ "El Rio Salvaje"			
KVIA	(14)	XiaoIn	Johnny T	Kids Club	Wild Am.	Beakman's	Beakman's	Animal	Animal	Exploration [NASCAR		"Larger Than Life"	
WGN	(15)	Freedom Music		Soul Train [66]		★★ "Mumford" (1999) Loren Dean. (In Stereo)			Funniest Home Videos		American Idol Rewind		
ESPN	(16)	The Bronx Is Burning		The Bronx Is Burning		Bull Riding		Bull Riding		Pan American Games Men's Basketball. (Taped)			
USA	(31)	(10:00) ★★ "For Love of the Game" (1999) [66]				★ "Sgt. Bilko" (1996) Steve Martin. [66]			Monk [66]		Psych "Psy vs. Psy"		
TNT	(32)	Anaconda "Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid"				★★ "Reign of Fire" (2002) Christian Bale. [66]			★★★ "The Fifth Element" (1997)				
TBS	(33)	(10:30) ★★ "EDtv" (1999, Comedy) [66] (DVS)				(1:05) ★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) (PA) Sandra Bullock.			King		King	Raymond	
SPIKE	(34)	Xtreme 4x4 Trucks!		★★★ "Clear and Present Danger" (1994) Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe.					CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		
LIFE	(39)	"Alone With a Stranger" (2000, Suspense) [66]				"What Matters Most" (2001) Chad Allen. [66]			"I Know What I Saw" (2007) Beverly Mitchell.				
A&E	(43)	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Airline	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels [66]		Modern Marvels [66]		Modern Marvels [66]		Modern Marvels [66]		Modern Marvels [66]		Modern Marvels [66]	
TLC	(45)	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		A Model Life		Moving Up [66]		The Real Estate Pros		Property Ladder	
DISC	(47)	Deadliest Catch [66]		Deadliest Catch [66]		Deadliest Catch [66]		Deadliest Catch [66]		Deadliest Catch [66]		Deadliest Catch [66]	
FAM	(51)	(10:30) "Look Who's Talking Now"				★★ "One Fine Day" (1996) Michelle Pfeiffer.			★★★ "Meet the Parents" (2000) Robert De Niro. [66]				
DISN	(52)	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	K. Possible	Replace	"The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl"			Suite Life	Montana	
NICK	(54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Drake	School	OddParent
AMC	(57)	(8:30) ★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974)				Mad Men [66]			★★★ "The Godfather, Part III" (1990) Al Pacino, Diane Keaton. [66]				
SCIFI	(58)	"Minotaur" (2005) Tom Hardy, Tony Todd. [66]				"Larva" (2005) Vincent Ventresca, Rachel Hunter.			★ "Sabretooth" (2002) David Keith. [66]				
CNN	(62)	In the Money [66]		CNN Live Saturday		Special Investigations		CNN Live Saturday		CNN Live Saturday		Lou Dobbs This Week	
HBO	(306)	Assume	Costas Now [66]	★★ "The Transporter 2" (2005)		★★ "American Dreamz" (2006)		[(4:5) ★★ "Aquamarine" (2006) [66]					
MAX	(322)	Lady	(2:20) ★★ "O" (2001) Mekhi Phifer.	★★ "She's the Man" (2006) [66]		[(4:45) ★★ "Red Planet" (2000) Val Kilmer. [66]		Strictly					
SHOW	(343)	"Inconvenient Truth"		(1:15) ★★ "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006) [66]			(1:15) ★★ "No Looking Back" (1998, Drama)			"Kiss the Bride" (2002)			

SATURDAY EVENING										JULY 28, 2007					
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KRWG	(2) 22	Colores!	America	Farmers	News	Lawrence Welk	Keep Up	Summer	Fields	Red	MontyP	My Fam	Sierra Center Stage		
CBS	(4) 4	News	News (N)	Jeopardy	Fortune	The Unit	Without a Trace		48 Hours	Mystery	News (N)	CSI: Miami	Paid		
KCOS	(5) 13	Ask This	Kitchen	Lawrence Welk		Antiques Roadshow	Anne of Green Gables				Austin City Limits	(Off Air)			
ABC	(7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"	Home Videos				News	(35) Cheaters	Access		
KFOX	(8) 14	Star Trek: Ent.	Smallville		Cops (N)	Cops	Most Wanted		News (N)	Seinfeld	Mad TV		Talkshow King		
NBC	(9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Singing	America's Got Talent		Medium		News (N)	(34) Saturday Night Live			
KINT	(10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Casos-Familia		Sábado Gigante					Noticias	Noticiero	Incognito		
KTDO	(11) 48	Pagado	Noticie	*** "Amores Perros" (2000, Suspense) Emilio Echevarría.					Zorro Espada		Titulares	Pagado	Conquistador		
KTFN	(13) 65	"El Río Salvaje"	Fútbol Superliga: FC Dallas vs. Pachuca.		Fútbol				Contacto	Pepsi Música	Su Santid				
KVIA	(14)	"Larger Than Life"	Writer's	CinemAtt	Cold Squad		Stone Undercover	Scrubs	My Wife	Comics	Comics	Eye Eye	Eye Eye		
WGN	(15)	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox.			WGN News at Nine		Sex &	24 (In Stereo)		24 (In Stereo)		Double			
ESPN	(16)	SportsCenter (Live)		Bronx-Burning	Baseball Tonight (Live)			SportsCenter		Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter				
USA	(31)	Burn Notice	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	House		"Mercenary for Justice" (2006)							
TNT	(32)	"The Fifth Element"	*** "Spider-Man" (2002) Tobey Maguire.					*** "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" (2001) Haley Joel Osmont.					Contact		
TBS	(33)	Raymond	Engvall	*** "Shanghai Knights" (2003) (PA)					*** "Shanghai Knights" (2003) (PA)					** "Rumble in the Bronx" (1995) (PA)	
SPIKE	(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	** "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry.					TNA Wrestling	Amazing Video		"Die Another Day"				
LIFE	(39)	"Don't Cry Now" (2007) Jason Priestley.	** "Speak" (2004) Kristen Stewart.					Army Wives	Medium "Coded"		State of Mind				
A&E	(43)	Sell	Sell	Flip This House	Flip This House	American Justice	American Justice	Flip This House	Flip This House		Flip This House				
HIST	(44)	Modern Marvels	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds	Last Stand of the 300		Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds		Lost Worlds				
TLC	(45)	Flip That	Flip	Property Ladder (N)	Flip	Flip	Real Estate	Property Ladder	Flip	Flip	Real Estate				
DISC	(47)	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch				
FAM	(51)	*** "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta.	*** "Grease" (1978, Musical) John Travolta.					Kyle XY		Greek					
DISN	(52)	So Raven	Phil	Montana	Montana	Life De	Montana	Suite Life	Life De	Kim	Replace	So Raven	Life De		
NICK	(54)	OddPar	Sponge	School	Naked	Drake	Mr.	Videos	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby
AMC	(57)	"Godfather III"	**** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino.					Mad Men		"Godfather Pt 2"					
SCIFI	(58)	* "The Bone Snatcher" (2003)	"Sands of Oblivion" (2007) Premiere.					* "Boa vs. Python" (2004) David Hewlett.	"Sands of Oblivion"						
CNN	(62)	This Week at War	Investigations	Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night		Investigations	Larry King Live	CNN Saturday Night					
HBO	(306)	Aqua	** "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" (:15)					*** "Inside Man" (2006)	Boxing						
MAX	(322)	"Strictly Business"	** "Rebound" (2005)					* "The Wicker Man" (2006)	(:15) * "Just My Luck" (2006) (In Stereo)					"Jet Li's Fearless"	
SHOW	(343)	Kiss	*** "Reeker" (2005)					(:05) *** "Capote" (2005)	Meadowlands (TV) ** "Madea's Family Reunion" (2006)						

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ABC	(7) 7	Suite Life	Wall St	News (N)		Good Morning America	News (N)		This Week With George	Montana	Suite Life				
KFOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Faith	Animal Atl	Fox News Sunday	Jones	Homebuil	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
NBC	(9) 9	Reel Talk	Hispanics	Today (N)		Hip Hop	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Hispanics				
KINT	(10) 26	Control	Caliente	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		
KTFN	(13) 65	Carita de Ángel	Azul		Pequeño	Patrulla	Plaza Sésa	Plaza Sésa	Animal	Animal	La Guerra de los Sexos				
KVIA	(14)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Adventure	WHADDYA			
WGN	(15)	Changing	Amazing	Key-David	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Feed	Paid Prog.	** "Jungle 2 Jungle" (1997) Tim Allen.					
ESPN	(16)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCtr.	Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball				
USA	(31)	Cash Flow	Changing	Ed Young	J. Osteen	"Mercenary for Justice" (2006) Steven Seagal.	*** "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" (2001) Haley Joel Osmont.								
TNT	(32)	Nightmares	** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams.					*** "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" (2001) Haley Joel Osmont.							
TBS	(33)	Stuart	(:45) ** "Miss Congeniality" (2000) (PA) Sandra Bullock.	My Boys					My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys
SPIKE	(34)	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Xtreme 4x4	Xtreme 4x4	MuscleCar	MuscleCar	Hrseper	MuscleCar	Xtreme 4x4 Trucks!			
LIFE	(39)	Dr. Frederick K. Price	Hour of Power		Paid Prog.	Hour of Power		"The Killing Secret" (1997) Ari Meyers.			"The Suspect" (2005)				
A&E	(43)	Biography: Clapton	Bio.: Bon Jovi		Private Sessions (N)	Airline	Airline	Bio.: Coreys			Harry Potter-Secrets				
HIST	(44)	Heaven	History	Business	Generatn	Mega Movers (N)		Underworld		Underworld	Underworld				
TLC	(45)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	While You Were Out	While You Were Out	Trading Spaces		Trading Spaces					
DISC	(47)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Paradise for Predators	Future Shark	Summer of the Shark		Dive to Shark Volcano					
FAM	(51)	Fam. Mat.	Fam. Mat.	Step-Step	Step-Step	Full House	Full House	Boy World	Boy World	Grounded	Grounded	Sabrina	Sabrina		
DISN	(52)	Barbarian	Mermaid	Lilo Stitch	Lilo Stitch	Doodlebop	JoJo	Wiggles	Higglytown	Einsteins	Einsteins	Mickey	Mickey		
NICK	(54)	LazyTown	OddParent	Neutron	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	OddParent	School	Drake	Nicktoon	Nicktoon				
AMC	(57)	(4:30) **** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.	*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990) (PG)					*** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990) (PG)							
SCIFI	(58)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bean	Paid Prog.	** "Dolly Dearest" (1992) Denise Crosby.		* "Bride of Chucky" (1998) Jennifer Tilly.	Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer						
CNN	(62)	CNN Sunday Morning		House Call	CNN Sunday Morning	Reliable Sources		Late Edition With Wolf Blitzer	*** "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale.						
HBO	(306)	(4:45) *** "Inside Man" (2006) (In Stereo)	** "The Hunting" (1999) Liam Neeson.					*** "Poseidon" (2006) Josh Lucas.					(:35) ** "Beerfest" (2006) (PG)		
MAX	(322)	Fearless	(:45) **** "Serpico" (1973) Al Pacino.	(In Stereo)					** "Fanny" (1961, Drama) Leslie Caron. iTV.						
SHOW	(343)	Basic 2	(:45) *** "An Inconvenient Truth" (2006) (PG)	Greenspan: Pride Against Prejudice					** "Fanny" (1961, Drama) Leslie Caron. iTV.						

SUNDAY AFTERNOON										JULY 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	Colores!	Second	Healthy	Warplane (In Stereo)	History Detectives (N)	Antiques Roadshow	Seasoned					
CBS	(4) 4	Cycling Tour de France.	PGA Champ			PGA Golf Canadian Open -- Final Round. (Live)			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
KCOS	(5) 13	Europe	Travels	Globe Trekker		Texas	Business	Healthy	Mature	Lucille Ball: Finding Lucy: American Masters					
ABC	(7) 7	Golf Senior British Open -- Final Round.				Arena Football: Arena Bowl XXI -- Destroyers vs. SaberCats				Entertainment Tonight					
KFOX	(8) 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wild World	Paid Prog.	Tamarack	Paid Prog.	Schweitzer	Paid Prog.	*** "Waiting to Exhale" (1995) (PG)					
NBC	(9) 9	Movie				CORR Off Road Racing	ATP Tennis: Indianapolis Championships		Paid Prog.	3 Wide Life					
KINT	(10) 26	"La Sangre de un Valiente" (1992) Pepe Aguilar				Noticias	Diosas Gruperas Las más populares gruperas.		Primer Impacto						
KTDO	(11) 48	Nitido	Titulares	WWE Raw		Ritmo	"Avalanche Alley" (2001, Aventura)		Triunfadores						
KTFN	(13) 65	La Guerra de los Sexos		** "Sonia, la Guerrera" (1985) Brigitte Nielsen.		Fútbol MLS	Toronto FC vs. Chicago Fire.		"Hombres de Honor"						
KVIA	(14)	Health	Woman	** "Larger Than Life" (1996) Bill Murray.		Designers	CinemAtt	Latino	Urban	All of Us	Girlfriends				
WGN	(15)	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds. (In Stereo Live)				Inning	Real TV	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos					
ESPN	(16)	NASCAR Countdown	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup -- Allstate 400 at the Brickyard. (Live)						SportsCenter						
USA	(31)	Confessns	*** "Red Dragon" (2002) Anthony Hopkins.	** "Blow" (2001) Johnny Depp, Penélope Cruz.					Bourne						
TNT	(32)	** "Underworld" (2003, Horror) Kate Beckinsale.	*** "Spider-Man" (2002, Action) Tobey Maguire.					** "Blade II" (2002)							
TBS	(33)	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	My Boys	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Arizona	Diamondbacks.						
SPIKE	(34)	The Kill Point		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn					
LIFE	(39)	(10:00) "The Suspect"	"Amber's Story" (2006) Elisabeth Röhm.		"Lost in the Dark" (2007) Mae Whitman.		"I Me Wed" (2007) (PG)								
A&E	(43)	Intervention	Intervention "Anthony"	Intervention "Leslie"	Gene Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons	Simmons						
HIST	(44)	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds	Lost Worlds		Human Weapon							
TLC	(45)	Trading Spaces	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder		Property Ladder							
DISC	(47)	Sharks in a Desert Sea	Perfect Shark	Robo Shark		Shark Bite		Jaws of the Pacific		10 Deadliest Sharks					
FAM	(51)	Sabrina	Sabrina	** "Dennis the Menace" (1993, Comedy) (PG)	*** "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson.					"The Parent Trap" (PG)					
DISN	(52)	Tigger	Handy	Sprites	Charlie	K. Possible	Replace	** "Zenon: The Zequel" (2001) (In Stereo)	Suite Life	Montana					
NICK	(54)	Nicktoon	Nicktoon	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Neutron	OddParent	Avatar	TEENick	SpongeBob	Amanda	School	Naked		
AMC	(57)	(9:00) *** "The Godfather, Part III" (1990)	Mad Men					**** "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino.							
SCIFI	(58)	"Boo" (2005, Horror) Dee Wallace-Stone.	*** "Shallow Ground" (2005, Horror) (PG)					** "Cursed" (2005) Christina Ricci.							
CNN	(62)	This Week at War	Special Investigations	In the Money		CNN Live Sunday		CNN Live Sunday		Lou Dobbs This Week					
HBO	(306)	Batman	REAL Sports	Brooklyn Dodgers: The Ghosts of Flatbush	** "How to Eat Fried Worms"					"Devil-Prada"					
MAX	(322)	Beerfest	** "The Black Dahlia" (2006) Josh Hartnett.	** "Prime" (2005) Meryl Streep.					(:15) "I Still Know What You Did Last Summer"						
SHOW	(343)	(:15) ** "Magic in the Water" (1995) (PG)	** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler.					(:05) *** "The Spanish Prisoner" (1998) (PG)							

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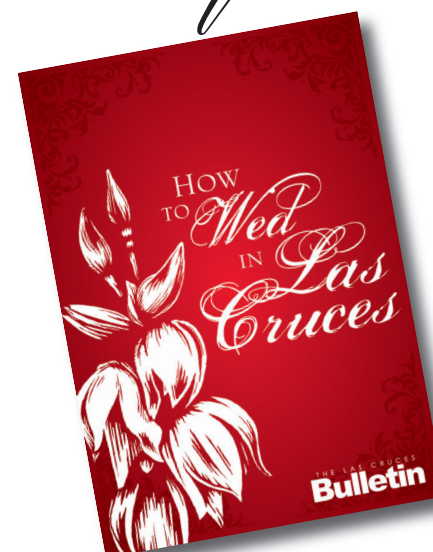
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KRWG	(2)	22	Business	News-Lehrer		News	Nova (cc) (DVS)		Wide Angle (cc)		P.O.V. "Following Sean" (N)		News		Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS	(4)	4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	NCIS "Escaped"		Big Brother 8 (N)		Pirate Master (N)		News (N)		Late Show	Late Late
KCOOS	(5)	13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Nova (cc) (DVS)		Emperors of the Ice		Wide Angle (cc)		Business		P.O.V. "Following Sean" (N)	
ABC	(7)	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Laughs	Laughs	Big Challenge		Primetime		News (N)		Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live
KFOX	(8)	14	Dr. Phil (cc)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	On the Lot (cc)		House "Insensitive"		News (N) (cc)		Simpsons		Seinfeld	Sex & Friends
NBC	(9)	9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	America's Got Talent (N) (cc)		Singing		Law & Order: SVU		News (N)		Tonight Show	Late
KINT	(10)	26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Limites		Destilando Amor		S.O.S. Sexo		Noticias		Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa
KTDO	(11)	48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Madre Luna		La Esclava Isaura		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero		12 Corazones	Rojo Vivo
KTFN	(13)	65	La Hija del Mariachi		Fútbol: FC Dallas vs.		Los Angeles Galaxy		Fútbol: Chivas Guadalajara vs.		Pachuca		Así Es la Vida			Qué Dice la Gente
KVIA	(14)		My Wife	My Wife	Scrubs	King-Hill	Gilmore Girls (cc)		Beauty, Geek		Scrubs	Comics	Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN	(15)		Home Videos		Funnyest	Funnyest	Funnyest	Funnyest	WGN News at Nine		Sex &	Scrubs	Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN	(16)		SportsCtr	NFL Live	Series of Poker		Series of Poker		Bronx-Burning		SportsCenter (cc)		Bronx-Burning		SportsCenter (cc)	
USA	(31)		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		★ ★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003) (cc)				Mind Control		The Dead Zone	
TNT	(32)		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer (cc)		Without a Trace		Without a Trace		Law & Order	
TBS	(33)		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Engvall	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Engvall	Sex &	Sex &	★ ★ ★ ★	"Almost Famous"	
SPIKE	(34)		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		CSI: Crime Scn		Murder		Murder		CSI: Crime Scn		Star Trek: Voyager	
LIFE	(39)		Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	"Identity Theft: Michelle Brown"				Will	Will	Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E	(43)		CSI: Miami (cc)		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Angel	Angel	Angel	Angel	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST	(44)		Modern Marvels		Modern Marvels		The Universe (N)		Ice Road Truckers		Lost Worlds (cc)		Modern Marvels		The Universe (cc)	
TLC	(45)		Urban Legends		Sports Disasters		Shark Ink		Miami Ink		Miami Ink (cc)		Miami Ink		Sports Disasters	
DISC	(47)		Dirty Jobs: Bite		Dirty Jobs: Harder		Shark Feeding		Shark Rebellion		Prowling Sharks		Dirty Jobs: Harder		Shark Feeding	
FAM	(51)		"Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006)		John Amos. (cc)		"Dr. Dolittle 3" (2006)		John Amos. (cc)		The 700 Club (cc)		Kyle XY (cc)		Paid	Paid
DISN	(52)		Boy	Boy	Montana	Montana	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	★ ★ "The Country Bears" (2002) (cc)				So Raven	Life De
NICK	(54)		OddPar	Neutron	Drake	Sponge	Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC	(57)		"Dante's Peak"		★ ★ ★ ★ "GoodFellas"		(1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.		★ ★ ★ ★ "GoodFellas"		(1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.					
SCIFI	(58)		Tru Calling (cc)		Tru Calling (cc)		Eureka (N) (cc)		ECW (Live)		Be a Superhero		Eureka (cc)		Twilight	Twilight
CNN	(62)		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (cc)				Larry King Live		Cooper 360	
HBO	(306)		(4:45) "My Super Ex-Girlfriend"		Assume		★ ★ "You've Got Mail" (1998) (In Stereo)		Bourne		★ ★ ★ "Inside Man" (2006) (In Stereo)				Rush	
MAX	(322)		(4:00) "Beerfest"		(5:50) ★ "King's Ransom"		★ "Fair Game" (1995) (cc)				"Fast and Furious-Drift"		Sin Sal		"The Oh in Ohio"	
SHOW	(343)		(4:45) "Loverboy"		(1:15) ★ ★ "Madison" (2001, Drama) (cc)		★ ★ "Bad News Bears" (2005) (cc)						Meadowlands (iTV)		"2001 Maniacs"	

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	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		Thank You-Hrt		Austin City Limits		Colores!	News	Charlie Rose (N)	
CBS (4) 4	News (N)	News	News (N)	Fortune	Big Brother 8 (C)		CSI: Crime Scn		Without a Trace		News (N)	Late Show	Late Late	
KCOS (5) 13	Curious	News	News-Lehrer		Andre Rieu: The Homecoming (C)				Andre Rieu: Royal		Albert Hall	Business	Charlie Rose (N)	
ABC (7) 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Entertain	Ugly Betty (C)		Grey's Anatomy		(:01) Men in Trees		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KFOX (8) 14	Dr. Phil (C)	Simpsons		Seinfeld	Don't Forget		You Can Dance		News (N) (C)		Simpsons	Seinfeld	Sex &	Friends
NBC (9) 9	News (N)	NBC	News (N)	Raymond	Name	30 Rock	Office	Scrubs	(:01) ER "Jigsaw"		News (N)	Tonight Show	Late	
KINT (10) 26	Noticias	Noticiero	Yo Amo a Juan		Amar sin Limites		Destilando Amor		Aqui y Ahora		Noticias	Noticiero	La Hora de la Risa	
KTDO (11) 48	Daniela	Noticiero	Dame Chocolate		Madre Luna		La Esclava Isaura		La Esclava Isaura		Noticiero	Titulares	Corra	Rojo Vivo
KTFN (13) 65	La Hija del Mariachi	Que Dice la Gente			** "Perseguidos" (1996, Acción)				Así Es la Vida		Contacto	*** "El Hombre de Hielo"		
KVIA (14)	My Wife	My Wife	Stars	King-Hill	Smallville "Freak"		Supernatural (C)		Scrubs & Comics		Cheaters	Eye Eye	Holly	Date
WGN (15)	Home Videos	** "Species" (1995)			Ben Kingsley. (C)		WGN News at Nine		Sex & Scrubs		Scrubs	Becker	Home Videos	
ESPN (16)	2007 ESPY Awards		From Los Angeles.		X Games From Los Angeles. (Live) (C)		SportsCenter (C)		Baseball		NFL Live	SportsCenter (C)		
USA (31)	Kiss Girls	*** "The Bourne Identity" (2002)			Matt Damon.		Burn Notice (N)		Law & Order: SVU		Law Order: CI	Burn Notice (C)		
TNT (32)	Law & Order	Law & Order		** "Enough" (2002)			Jennifer Lopez.		Saving Grace (C)		** "Enough" (2002) Jennifer Lopez.			
TBS (33)	Raymond	MLB Baseball	Houston Astros at Atlanta Braves. (Live) (C)		Friends		Friends		Friends		Friends	** "Vertical Limit" (2000)		
SPIKE (34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		TNA Wrestling		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Sports		Sports	Raising	Dude
LIFE (39)	Still Stnd	Still Stnd	Reba	Reba	** "How to Deal" (2003) Mandy Moore.				Side Order of Life		Frasier	Frasier	Golden	Golden
A&E (43)	CSI: Miami (C)	CSI: Miami (C)		The First 48 (N)			Dallas SWAT (N)		Kansas City SWAT		CSI: Miami (C)	The First 48 (C)		
HIST (44)	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels			Boneyard "Ships"		Ancient Discoveries		The Universe (C)		Modern Marvels		Boneyard "Ships"	
TLC (45)	Monster Garage	American Hot Rod			American Chopper		Hard Shine (N)		American Chopper		Hard Shine		American Hot Rod	
DISC (47)	Tiger Shark Attack	Air Jaws II			Shark Tribe (N)		Sharkbite! Surviving		Tiger Shark Attack		Air Jaws II		Shark Tribe	
FAM (51)	Grounde	*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Comedy)			Lindsay Lohan. (C)		The 700 Club (C)		Smallville "Aqua"		Paid		Paid	
DISN (52)	Montana	Montana	Cory	Cory	Suite Life	Suite Life	Montana	Suite Life	"The Proud Family" (2005, Fantasy)		So Raven			
NICK (54)	OddPar	Neutron	Drake	Sponge	Videos	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.
AMC (57)	"Marked for Death"		** "The Chamber" (1996) Premiere.			Mad Men (N)		Mad Men		*** "Dave" (1993) Kevin Kline.				
SCIFI (58)	Ghost Hunters		Be a Superhero			Be a Superhero		Mind Control		Be a Superhero		Mind Control		Twilight
CNN (62)	The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now			Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (C)		Larry King Live		Cooper 360		
HBO (306)	Chase		** "Just Like Heaven" (C)			(:15) ** "Practical Magic" (1998) (C)		*** "Little Miss Sunshine" (2005) (C)		Rocket		John-Cincin.		
MAX (322)	"The Interpreter"		(5:50) ** "Two for the Money" (2005)			(:15) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005) (C)		*** "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage.		*** "Three to Tango"				
SHOW (343)	"The Breakup Artist" (2004)		** "The Honeymooners"			*** "Blown Away" (1994) Jeff Bridges.		*** "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage.		*** "Three to Tango"				



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Difficulty rating: Easy

CHALLENGER

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Difficulty rating: Moderate

EXPERT

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Difficulty rating: Very difficult

Last week's solutions:

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLES

Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

ACROSS

- 1 Mayday letters
4 Minor devil
5 Weep
8 Tiger's org.
11 Roof sealant
12 Zermatt range
16 Dern and Davies
20 Small, crude dwelling
21 Personal pension \$
22 Musical pulse
23 Greatest
24 Like Cheerios
26 Precedent-setting court action
29 Mercury or Saturn
30 Wicked
31 Former Maine senator Edmund
32 Rummy call
33 Slightly daffy
35 "Fathers and Sons" writer
37 Quite a bit
38 ISS partner
39 Roswell, NM sighting
41 Decimal points
42 Yale booster
44 Youngster
45 Tear
46 Along in years
47 Gosh!
48 Australian city
51 Obsessive observer
54 Garden implement
55 Galena or mispickel
56 Time of note
57 Dykstra or Dawson
58 Moray
59 Waikiki's island
63 Obtained
64 Fancy tub
67 Annoying one
70 Dar es Salaam's country
73 ___ lazuli
75 Cheerleader's cry
76 Division of a poem
77 Stool supports
78 Ancient
80 Using pastels
82 Monarch's loyal subject
83 Extensive interstellar mass
85 Canary comment
86 Thurman of films
88 "Gunga ___"
89 "Seinfeld" character
90 Corn units
91 Birth certificate datum

DOWN

- 92 Even now
93 ___ in the sky
94 Rolodex info
95 Messy pad
1 Peaceful protest
2 Poet Khayyam
3 Lean lover of rhyme
5 Hint
6 Maze runner
7 Arizona city
8 Lisa on "Friends"
9 Green fruits
10 Hun leader
12 Nonsensical
13 Shall we be off?
14 Parcel of letters
15 Discolorations
17 Facial cosmetic
18 Moving about
19 Showing no emotion
25 Shade provider
27 Cassowary's cousin
28 Get the picture
34 Canadian territory
35 Hot, spicy drink
36 Brink
37 Adder
40 Manicurist's need
43 In ___ of
48 Thin layer
49 Yesteryear
50 Handed out hands
51 River to the Caspian
52 Cookie sandwich
53 Barbra Streisand movie
59 Not live
60 Decorative bush
61 Yearn
62 Opens a certain fastener
64 Fast
65 Toe
66 Concurrence
67 Caper
68 Impatient
69 "Come Back, Little ___"
71 Volcanic fallout
72 Writer McEwan
74 Boxer Muhammad
79 Landfill
80 Close attention
81 Windy blasts
82 Without discipline
84 Floral wreath
87 Get together

F MINUS

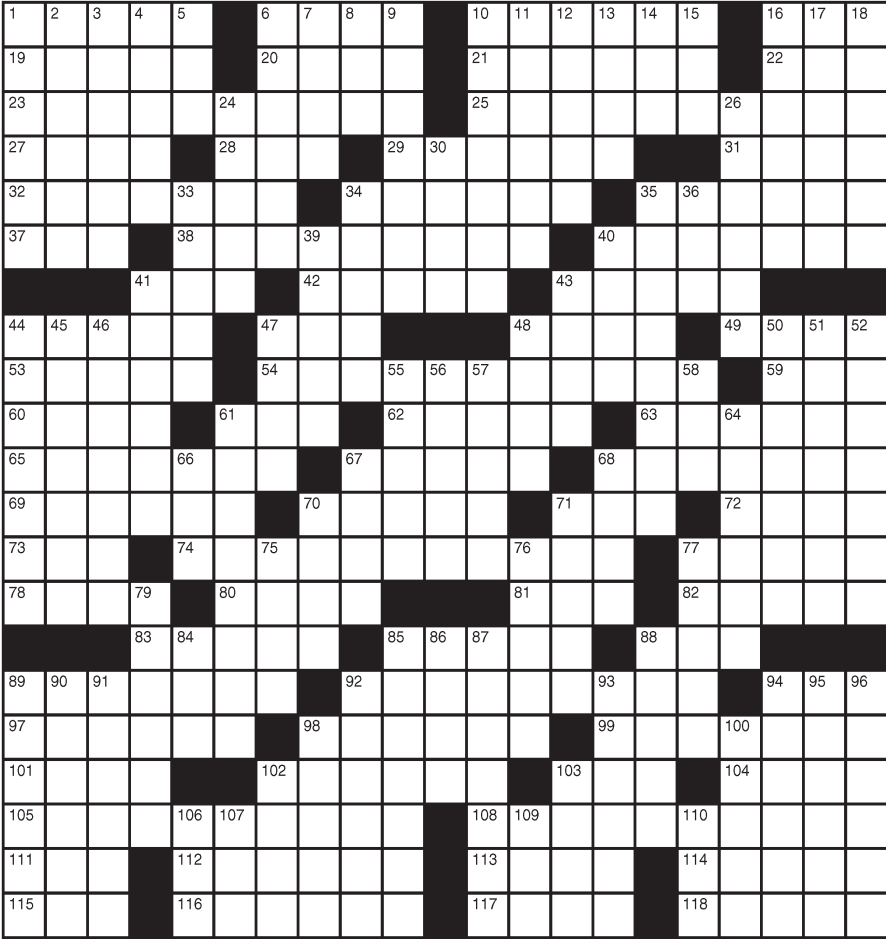
ACROSS

- 1 Abandon
6 Do a boring job
10 Loan shark
16 Part of APB
19 South Korean city
20 Aleutian island
21 Meaningful sequence of words
22 Red or Dead
23 Give weapons to prey?
25 Ray, shaft and beam?
27 Comic Lebowitz
28 Mach topper
29 Franz Joseph and Kevin
31 Angler's doodad
32 Acquire by trickery
34 Pressed
35 Courtship cad
37 His: Fr.
38 Apply the whip?
40 1947-61 generation
41 Aries image
42 Abominable snowmen
43 Fight site
44 Aspirations
47 Monk's title
48 Fall into a chair
49 Hawaiian bird
53 Cricket pitches
54 Injured quarterback?
59 Long or Peebles
60 Over distance: pref.
61 Purulent skin eruptions
62 Check endorser
63 Drooper
65 Cloying sentiment
67 Spacek of "Carrie"
68 Frozen avalanche
69 Repayment period of a foreign loan
70 Irish lad
71 Center opening?
72 Estimator's equivocation
73 Sound unit
74 Reign of terror
77 Egyptian measure
78 Oracle
80 Drawn tight
81 Gobbled up
82 Act part
83 Put up with
85 Hindu class
85 Sault ___ Marie
89 Willow clusters
92 Home team propaganda?

- 94 "What's up ___?"
97 Felling
98 Morose
99 Fruit with bland pulp
101 "QB VII" author
102 Upgrade machinery
103 Barely manage
104 Language of Lahore
105 Prime time?
108 Brown out?
111 Scold persistently
112 Wisconsin college
113 Actor Morales
114 Out of order
115 Cunning
116 "___ Fideles"
117 Brooks' singing cohort
118 "The Count of ___ Cristo"

DOWN

- 1 Shepherds' crooks
2 King novel
3 Supplies with new troops
4 Capital of Guam, formerly
5 No ___ intended
6 Egyptian pharaoh
7 French state
8 NATO word
9 Aquatic rodent
10 Connections to satellites
11 Polishes
12 Recommended strongly
13 Arena cheers
14 Approx.
15 Corded fabric
16 Perceptive
17 PBS news anchor
18 Light beams
24 Submission to the will of Allah
26 ___ Brothers Band
30 Centers of attention
33 Tumbler
34 Twin ___ suspension
35 "My Cousin Vinny" star
36 Saturn model
39 African woodchuck
40 Crest



- 41 Give temporarily again
43 ___ vera
44 Jacuzzis
45 Supervise
46 Pub offering
47 Sheet of ice
48 Gnus to lions
50 Prepare to fight!
51 Media research group
52 Ring site
55 Grand sagas
56 Undertakings
57 Green tea
58 "Norma ___"
61 Making folds
64 Aurora race car

- 66 Quarter M
67 Sheep fat
68 ___ dixit
70 Sad
71 Politician Kefauver
75 Quantities of gum
76 Jackson's Secretary of War
77 Sports turf type
79 Dissolute
84 Hopper
85 Skirtlike trousers
86 Singer Guthrie
87 Relieved
88 Cut off
89 Butter makers

- 90 Lofty
91 Waif-like model of the '60s
92 Punched more often
93 Hoodwink
94 Australian city
95 Most extraordinary
96 Curriculum element
98 Utah lilies
100 Former governor of New York
102 Get one's goat
103 Actor McGregor
106 TV schedule abbr.
107 Rorem or Beatty
109 Columbus sch.
110 Actress Dawber

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

M S E I C E P S I T N U R G O A
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U F I G H R I C H M P M A B L
G E E N O P E C I I E A P A A
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Diagramless

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REATS
LULU LEISURE BASE
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AGAR VIA TONG TERTU
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EPEE SATAN
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Old Limerick

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WASHARDLY RUN OF THE MILE
ASSAD ANT BERTA
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RESHOOT S AMA GMG
HEGOULDS SCALE EVERY PEAK
ALA USE ANTENNAS
LITTON STAGE ANS WHOSB
TOTUS TIGOR
TILMETURNED OLD AND WEAK
ETIE APOGEE TONA SSTIS
MOISE RECITTE
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CRYPTOGRAM

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

"Mighty drug dogs sniff out narcotics in crated fresh flowers. Will they find any opium in the poppies?"

Did you know?

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LAST CHANCE

■ GLENN CUTTER GALLERY

Glenn Cutter Jewelers and Gallery will exhibit the works of three artists during the month of July – Molly Gamboa Barth, Susan Connelly and Mark Hohnstreiter. These are impressionistic artists who paint mountains, cacti, valleys, buildings and landscapes. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. For more information, call 524-4300.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Paintings by the members of the Friday Painters group will be on display at the Branigan Cultural Center through Saturday, July 28. Exhibits and receptions are accessible and free of charge. The Friday Painters group has met for 20 years. Presently a group of 25 members, they meet on Friday mornings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Mesilla Park Recreational Center. Their painting sessions are followed by lunch. New members are welcome. Contact Carol Groves for more information at cjgroves@gmail.com. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits and programs, call 541-2155.

■ RIO GRANDE THEATRE

"The conscious pursuit of beauty" in both realistic and abstract forms is the inspiration for the art works of native Las Cruces Tracy Jamison. "I am constantly working in both directions," she said. "Both are sincere expressions for me." As a realistic painter, Jamison "carefully observes the natural world" and attempts to faithfully reproduce it. Her abstract paintings and sculptures are combinations of "beautiful concepts and interesting form." Both galleries at the Rio Grande Theatre, the El Paso Electric Gallery and the Carolene de Mesilla Gallery and Information Center, will feature Jamison's paintings and sculpture through the month of July. The Rio Grande Theatre galleries, located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Downtown Mall, are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. Gallery volunteers are needed; contact the Doña Ana Arts Council office at 523-6403 for more information.

■ LAUGHING AT THE SUN

Laughing at the Sun is hosting an exhibition of new works by Jesse Reinhard. This is Reinhard's first exhibition since receiving a master's degree in printmaking from New Mexico State University in May. The exhibition will feature new etchings and paintings as well as some collaborative work with NMSU artist Eric McKinley. The exhibition will run through July 31. For more information, call 523-1890.

■ BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

Brian Fallstead's "Faces in a Crowd," works in sculpture and multi-media, will be on exhibit at the Branigan Cultural Center through Saturday, July 28. Exhibits and receptions are accessible and free of charge. Fallstead's sculptures are all figurative. He works in a variety of media including fiberglass, steel and French paper mâché. While his inspiration is primarily classical and art nouveau sculpture, metal works in the exhibit are very contemporary. The large metal figures of dancers, including ballet folklorico, jazz, ballet and Native American, are suitable for outdoor exhibition. His French paper mâché pieces are wall hangings and are his most recent works. The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Downtown Mall. For information about exhibits and programs, call 541-2155.

CONTINUING THIS WEEK

■ WHITE RAVEN

White Raven Studios, 425 W. Griggs Ave., will host an exhibit featuring the work of Michael Lowry, Michael Ponce and Michael Phillip. The exhibit will consist of paintings and sculptures and will continue through Sept. 4. For more information, call 525-9543 or visit www.whiteravenstudios.com.

■ TERRACE GALLERY

"Anything Goes," the Las Cruces Arts Association summer show at the Terrace Gallery, runs through August with a reception to welcome visitors and meet artists from 4 to 5:45 p.m., Friday, August 3, as part of the Downtown Ramble. The Terrace Gallery is on the second floor of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Both stairs and an elevator are available. As part of the Las Cruces Arts Association's mission to offer affordable original art work to the community, art work is for sale for \$200 or less.

GALLERIES & OPENINGS

Adams continues to inspire artists

Las Cruces Museum of Art draws in record crowds



OUIDA
TOUCHON
Art Talk

I would like to think of this column as an inevitable outgrowth of a very promising and resilient art community, as it takes shape in Doña Ana County and points beyond.

To make art, to show and sell art, and to review and offer positive criticism, are all components of a healthy art scene and an inclusive and diverse community. For me, art criticism and review have been the missing link and I am grateful for the cooperation and receptivity shown by the editors in this endeavor.

My background as a professional artist and writer may qualify me to offer these musings, but I invite you to add your comments through email in this ongoing dialogue about art.

This week, it's a reminder to see the Ansel Adams exhibition at the Museum of Art on the Downtown Mall in Las Cruces. This exhibition has traveled to us from the Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, N.C., and is one of several high-profile offerings by the museum, reflecting the growing interest in art of our community. Congratulations to the curatorial staff!

One of my current interests in my own artwork is the phenomena of light as it reflects on water. The expansive sense of its metaphoric content fascinates me and engages my expressive skills. Light, as in life-force, renewal, ephemerality; water, as in earth, elemental commonality. It is this pursuit of interests, this fascination, which opens the door to deeper meaningfulness for the artist. Following the inner voice, that idea that repeatedly surfaces, even unexpectedly and picks at your curiosity to investigate and explore further. Doing the "work" that feels right, fearlessly and without distraction.

Ansel Adams (1902-1984) had a deep and abiding

interest in portraying the majesty of the American landscape with his camera. It was in the World War II years that this intention bloomed into a strong desire to contribute something significant to the war effort. He felt his photographs could serve as a statement of national value and demonstrate to American citizens that this grand country was worth fighting for and protecting. He continued his work with the landscape and brought insights to viewers throughout his career, avoiding images of the human condition and focusing on the awesome gift of America's splendor.

Adams had a special connection with the New Mexican landscape as seen in "Moonrise, Hernandez, New Mexico, 1941," at the museum's exhibition. A heart-rending beauty, a glimpse of the stillness of moonlight, draping the humblest of villages in a luminous blanket. Also worth noting are his images of Yosemite, Death Valley and the Grand Tetons.

In 1929 O'Keeffe and Adams became friends at the home of Mabel Dodge Lujan in Taos, where both were visitors to New Mexico, both new to the burgeoning arts community that enjoyed Lujan's salons. Years later Adams visited O'Keeffe at Ghost Ranch and took photos of the red rock country. By that time she had fallen in love with her "Faraway Near-by" and was passionately expressing her fascination with the Piedra Lumbre basin.

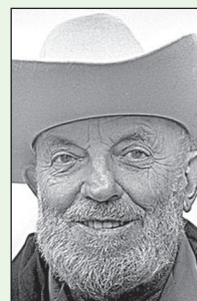
The Ansel Adams Exhibition "The Man who Captured Earth's Beauty," continues at the Las Cruces Museum of Art until Aug. 4. The museum hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free and the museum is accessible to everyone. That we have this caliber of work available to the public is something to celebrate. Get out and enjoy it with your friends and family.

For those of you who pursue your own fascinations through art, I wish you good work.

Further information about Adam's work can be found at www.las-cruces.org/public-services/museums.

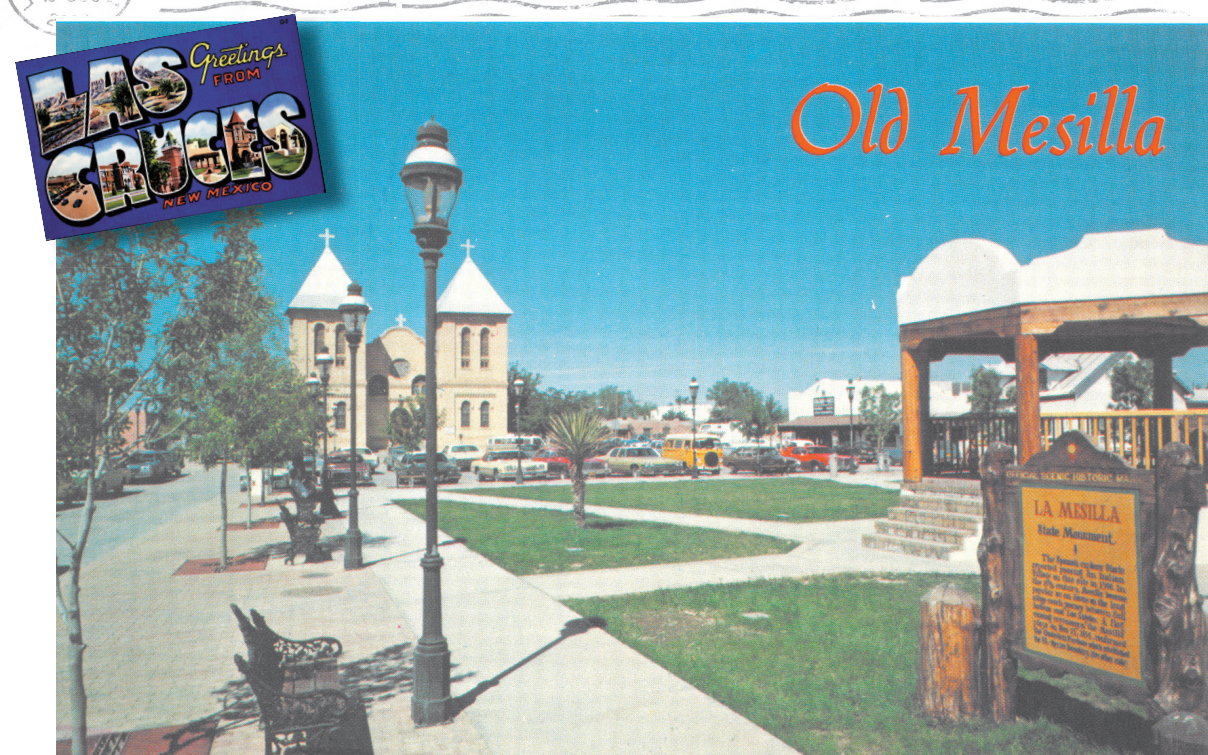
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Email comments to ouida@lascrucesbulletin.com.



ADAMS

POSTCARDS FROM THE PAST



The back of this postcard reads: *San Albino Catholic Church, Mesilla. This famous church faces the historic plaza where the Gadsden Purchase was signed Nov. 15, 1854. The plaza and the little town of Mesilla is now a state park.*

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Ags picked 6th in poll, so what?

Mumme remains confident anyhow

JOHN KEITH
Sports
Editor



Memo to coach Hal Mumme: congratulations!

The WAC's sports writers and radio/TV personalities chose his Aggies to finish sixth in the conference pre-season football poll.

Talk about an endorsement for success. The media, for the clueless, is seldom on target about much. New Mexico State could very well finish higher.

The conference coaches also picked NMSU No. 6. Although they're more qualified in voting, coaches do not bat a thousand in predictions either.

Sixth place is not what Mumme has in mind this fall. He's more confident than that.

The polls did show, however, that football in the Western Athletic Conference will be highly competitive this season. Defending champ Boise State, which made a national statement by beating Oklahoma in the 2007 Fiesta Bowl, is not the favorite. Hawaii is.

Fresno State, picked third, looks good in brochures but might be questionable in person. The Bulldogs flamed out a year ago. Will they again in '07?

Nevada and San Jose State, two more bowl teams last season, were also chosen to finish ahead of NMSU.

Mumme, however, remains steadfast in optimism. With more experienced talent, a deeper roster and junior quarterback Chase Holbrook healthy and ready, he should.

The big concern, of course, is NMSU's defense. Can the Aggies stop anybody? Or slow 'em down for heaven's sake? They had problems last year, surrendering an average of 30.75 points, 105th out of 119 Division 1A teams.

Aside from Holbrook, the return of wide receiver Chris Williams, depth at running back and a bigger, deeper offensive line should add muscle to NMSU's attack. On paper, Utah State, Louisiana Tech and Idaho look beatable. It will take a supreme effort for NMSU to win its 10 remaining games. Will they?

And on the subject of pre-season polls, I take them very seriously. In the ballot I mailed over a month ago, I vividly remember picking the Aggies to finish fourth.

Or was it third?

NMSU's bonafied globetrotter

Taylor gives clinics in Ireland, China, Atlanta

By JORDAN BOSTIC
The Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State's head strength and conditioning coach John Taylor has officially become a globetrotter.

So far this summer, Taylor has racked up frequent flier miles traveling to China, Ireland and Atlanta, Ga., as part of his role on the executive board of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. And he's not done yet.

From May 25 to June 2, Taylor was part of a three-person team for the NSCA that traveled to Beijing, China, to work with the Chinese Olympic Committee. He and his counterparts were invited to help prepare the Chinese Olympic strength and conditioning coaches for the NSCA certification exam.

"The NSCA is the largest sports organization of its kind, with over 300,000 members," Taylor said.

"Door to door (from Las Cruces to Beijing) took 38 hours. And it's pretty much a 12-hour time difference, so that messes you up a little bit."

What is ordinarily a three-day symposium became six days, Taylor said, as a result of the language barrier and the translating

process. They taught the coaches all the basics of strength and conditioning in 11 areas, from anaerobic and aerobic exercise to plyometrics.

Though the trip was mostly work, Taylor found time to visit the Great Wall of China and would have made it to the Forbidden City if not for a time-consuming traffic jam. After some airport delays and more than 38 hours of travel time, Taylor made it back to Las Cruces, where he stayed for about two weeks before heading to the New Mexico chapter of the NSCA's annual conference in Santa Fe.

"I've been involved with the New Mexico chapter for 15 years now," he said. "I was the director at one time, I always go help them at the conference."

After Santa Fe, Taylor came home and was immediately summoned to Carlow, Ireland, where he worked from June 26 through July 1. Taylor's trip to Ireland didn't go smoothly at first.

When leaving from El Paso, he boarded the plane and sat on the tarmac for an hour and a half before passengers were told to exit the plane. About 40 minutes later, the flight was canceled.

See Taylor on PAGE D4



NIKI RHYNES | The Las Cruces Bulletin

John Taylor is finally home. The Aggies' head strength and conditioning coach recently returned from China, Ireland and Atlanta, Ga., traveling for the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

For Macy, sky's the limit

NMSU looks for more recognition

By JOHN KEITH
The Las Cruces Bulletin

If the first step in good marketing is thinking big, Steve Macy is there.

"Our goal," he says, "is to be the best non-Bowl Championship Series program in the nation. And we can be."

Wonderful news for New Mexico State athletics, a program searching for more recognition in Division 1A. Macy, the Aggies' new marketing director, was swiped away from the WAC office in Denver recently. He arrived highly recommended to energize NMSU's sports promotions. It's an area, many feel, that is ripe for improvement.

Macy was lured by McKinley Boston, the Aggies' athletic director. "We've known each other for some time now," Macy said. "Dr. Boston is very visionary. He sees the big picture. We share the same ideas. And I like Las Cruces."

Macy's first priority is to fine tune Aggie Vision, NMSU's plan to televise 45 athletic events in 2007-08, both live and tape delayed.

Football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball will be the beneficiaries.

Aggie Vision, part of Boston's strategic plan to improve all facets of his department, will be produced on campus.

"Using our own cameras, our own announcers," Macy said.

He is negotiating with Arizona Sports Net in Scottsdale, Ariz., Altitude Sports Net in Denver, Colo., and Comcast, all cable networks, to air Aggie games in several states.

"It's got to help recruiting," he said.

"Our coaches can go into a recruit's home and tell the family that their son's or daughter's event will be seen in 25 million homes."

Another target for Macy and NMSU athletics is facility upgrades. Some are already completed. The Pan Am Annex, the new tennis complex and the new football meeting facility in particular. "We want to raise our facilities to where they are on even par with the rest of the conference schools," Macy said. "We recently

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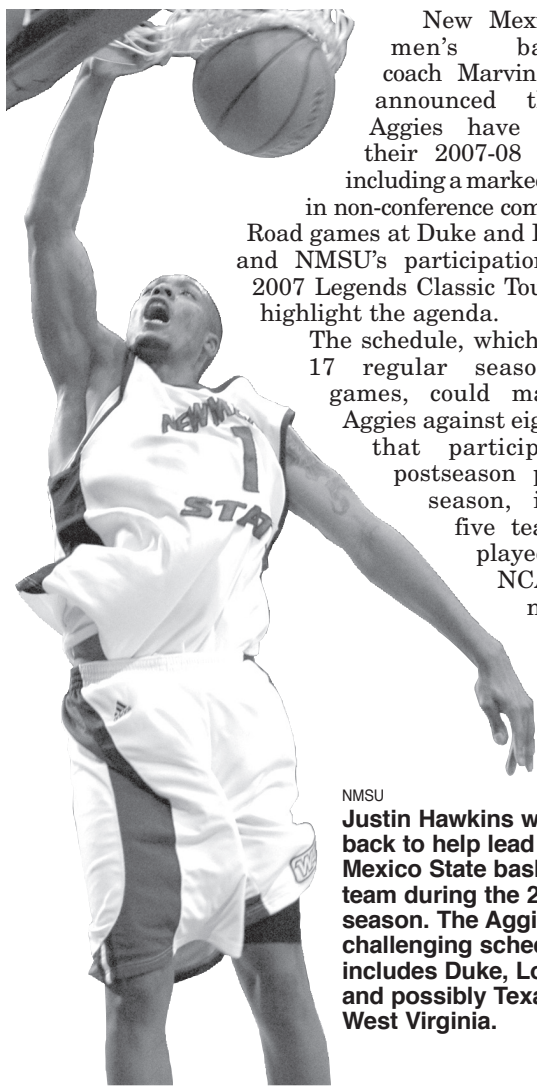


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Steve Macy, the new marketing director for NMSU Athletics, scans paperwork at the Fulton Center.

Ags face challenging basketball schedule

NMSU to play 17 home games in 2007-08



NMSU

Justin Hawkins will be back to help lead the New Mexico State basketball team during the 2007-08 season. The Aggies face a challenging schedule that includes Duke, Louisville and possibly Texas or West Virginia.

New Mexico State men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies announced that the Aggies have finalized their 2007-08 schedule, including a marked upgrade in non-conference competition. Road games at Duke and Louisville and NMSU's participation in the 2007 Legends Classic Tournament highlight the agenda.

The schedule, which includes 17 regular season home games, could match the Aggies against eight teams that participated in postseason play last season, including five teams that played in the NCAA Tournament.

NMSU is also

slated to host its second straight ESPNU BracketBuster game at the Pan American Center, and the team welcomes the 2008 WAC Championships back to Las Cruces in March.

"I think that Reggie (Theus) was very proactive in his thought process," Menzies said. "I think he was aggressive but intelligent. There are some strategic games on the national level – Duke, Louisville and the two games in the Legends tournament – that will be marquee games for us in the non-conference as it will obviously do a good job of raising our RPI (ratings percentage index) as well."

The Aggies, who won their first WAC Tournament title last year and advanced to the NAAs for the first time since 1999, are the most improved team in Division-I men's basketball over the last two seasons. NMSU has an all-time winning record against 12 of the team's potential opponents next season, including seven of the other eight WAC members.

"We are extremely excited about the number of home games we will have this season," Athletics Director McKinley Boston said. "Our strength of schedule is strong this season, which we feel will give us a high enough RPI to put us in a good position for an NCAA at-large bid."

After a second exhibition game against New Mexico Highlands (Nov. 6), the Aggies hit the road for the first two regular season games against Ohio (Nov. 9) and to national powerhouse Duke (Nov. 12). NMSU's trip to Ohio marks the second straight season that the Aggies and Bobcats have met. Last season, NMSU defeated Ohio, 77-72, in the ESPNU BracketBuster.

The Aggies' trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium is the team's first ever meeting with the Blue Devils. The game is scheduled to be televised on ESPN2 at 5 p.m.

"I'm definitely looking forward to Duke," Menzies said. "Louisville, I'll have some obvious mixed emotions about that game based on my relationships with the current players there. It will be a situation where the basketball will take over once the ball gets thrown up."

The Aggies return home to host a first-round game in the 2007 Legends Classic Tournament (Nov. 14, 18). Eight teams from across the country will compete in this early-season event. The first two rounds of the tournament will be played at on-campus arenas while the semifinals and finals will be played at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J. (Nov. 23-24).

Possible opponents for the Aggies' first two games, at the Pan American Center, include Florida Atlantic, Texas-Pan American or Northern Arizona. Florida Atlantic, which went 16-15 in its first year as a member of the Sun Belt last season, was just 5-12 on the road. NMSU leads the all-time series with Texas-Pan American 6-3, but the two teams have not played since the 2004-05 season. Northern Arizona, which leads the all-time series with NMSU, 24-20, went 18-12 last season before losing to Weber State in the Big Sky Tournament title game.

If the Aggies advance through the first two rounds and move on to Newark, possible semifinal opponents could include national powers Tennessee, Texas or West Virginia. The Volunteers, who advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 last year, finished 24-11. All-American Chris Lofton leads Tennessee after he declared for the NBA draft but opted to return to school for his senior season. The Aggies won the only previous meeting with the Volunteers, but the two teams have not played since the 1955-56 season.

Texas, which ended NMSU's season a year ago in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Spokane, Wash., finished the year 25-10 and lost to USC in the second round.

West Virginia, which won the 2007 Postseason NIT, has a new head coach in Bob Huggins. He joined his alma mater after one season at Kansas State. The Mountaineers went 27-9 last season and were 7-2 in games played on a neutral court.

The Aggies will host the second annual Lou Henson Classic at the Pan American Center (Nov. 30-Dec. 1). NMSU opens play against Chicago State at 9 p.m. while

THE 2007-06 SCHEDULE

Nov. 3	Cal-State Los Angeles, 7 p.m. #
Nov. 6	New Mexico Highlands, 7 p.m. #
Nov. 9	At Ohio, 5 p.m.
Nov. 12	At Duke (ESPN, 5 p.m.)
Nov. 14	Legends Classic (Florida Atlantic, Texas-Pan Am, Northern Arizona), 7 p.m.
Nov. 18	Legends Classic, Round 2, 7 p.m.
Nov. 23	At Newark, N.J., Legends Classic semifinals (Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia) Newark, N.J. TBA
Nov. 24	At Legends Classic – Finals TBA
Nov. 27	at UTEP, 7 p.m.
Nov. 30	Chicago State, 9 p.m. (Lou Henson Classic)
Dec. 1	Savannah State, 8:30 p.m. (Lou Henson Classic)
Dec. 4	New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Dec. 8	UTEP, 7 p.m.
Dec. 11	Prairie View A&M, 7 p.m.
Dec. 19	At New Mexico, 7 p.m.
Dec. 22	At Louisville, 5 p.m.
Dec. 31	Alcorn State, 1 p.m.
Jan. 2	At Idaho, 8 p.m.
Jan. 5	Fresno State, 7 p.m. *
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Feb. 14	At Louisiana Tech, 6 p.m. *
Feb. 23	ESPNU BracketBuster, TBA
Feb. 28	At Nevada, 8 p.m. *
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March 11-15	WAC Tournament, TBA
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March 27-30	NCAA Regionals, TBA
April 5-7	NCAA Tournament, San Antonio, Texas, TBA

Home games in **bold**

* Denotes WAC games

Exhibition games

Savannah State plays Western New Mexico in round one at 6:30. The Aggies are 3-0 all-time versus Chicago State, including a home-and-home sweep of the Cougars a year ago.

Day two of the classic sees NMSU host Savannah State at 8:30 p.m. while Western New Mexico and Chicago State play at 6 p.m.

NMSU hosts I-25 rival New Mexico (Dec. 4) at the Pan American Center in the first of two regular season meetings. The Aggies and Lobos split the season series last year with both teams winning at home. New Mexico, which is now under new head coach Steve Alford, went just 15-17 last season and was 1-10 on the road.

For the second straight season, NMSU and the city of Las Cruces host the WAC Men's and Women's Basketball Championships. The tournament, which runs from March 11-15, is held at the Pan American Center. The Aggies won the title last season and are 4-1 in the tournament since joining the league. Over 49,000 fans attended last year, making it the highest-attended WAC tournament since 1998 in Las Vegas.

"I feel like those conference tournaments are always a special time of year," Menzies said. "They're a precursor to March Madness. I think the kids being able to sleep in their own beds will be a big plus for us but obviously you still have to get up and down the court and do the right things. I'm optimistic about that being here."

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On the green

The Golf Doctor has answers

Bulletin readers share golfing conundrums

DR. CHARLIE BLANCHARD
Golf Doctor



Thanks for sending me the emails. Here are a few of the recent questions sent in to the Bulletin. I hope everyone can relate to my responses.

My golf seems to be extremely erratic. I can play a few holes really well, with pars and maybe even a birdie, but then the other holes are a series of near disasters, where I hit shots all over the place. My handicap is 16, and I've been playing golf regularly for about five years. How can I improve my game?

Russ W., Las Cruces

Russ, yours is a typical scenario for a 16 to 20 handicap player. Clearly you know how to swing the club; otherwise you wouldn't have the ability to golf your ball with some success and make some pars. I've seen a lot of golfers who have a few fundamental swing flaws that show up at the least opportune moments. I suspect that you know the game fairly well, but you have not been taught a swing that you can repeat and repeat and repeat. It works for a little while, but then it betrays you. The reason you have "disaster" holes is that your really bad shots get you in severe trouble. For better golfers, their horrible shots are ones that they actually can recover from. Get a teacher. Take a few lessons. Then, if you like your golf pro, set up a schedule to meet at least once a month. If for no other reason than for a check-up and to keep the relationship going. Consider going to golf school, where the fine points of the scoring game are taught. Next set some time aside for practice. Don't just beat balls. Have a plan. Work on two or three swing keys and fundamentals each session.

I play with a group of guys who I basically like. But it seems they take liberties with the rules and don't follow proper golf etiquette. Like talking when I'm trying to swing; moving around; touching the sand in a bunker on a backswing; having temper tantrums; putting out of turn (match play). It bugs me and I want to know what to do to get them to do it right.

Jack K., Las Cruces

Jack, the first thing I'd like you to think about for yourself is exactly why the behaviors you describe bug you. I'm not excusing poor etiquette or telling you to ignore boorish behavior. What I am saying is you would help yourself by examining what triggers some of these things that tend to set you off. Is it that you're a "purist"? Is it that it's a convenient way to lay the blame for being distracted? Try not to be obsessive-compulsive or anal. This is a game. We play it with friends, or folks who otherwise might be friends of our friends. I've learned to dismiss a lot of things on the golf course during casual rounds that I might say something about during a tournament. I've also learned to appreciate the value of emotional intelligence where it is paramount that we first manage ourselves, while being savvy about the overall situation, before confronting someone else. Ask yourself, "Would I rather call someone on a small rules infraction or a disruption, and risk being viewed as a jerk; or is it better to dismiss it and maybe joke about it next week over a drink?" My golfing friends are valuable, and I think twice before confronting someone.

This was our first watching of the British Open. We were really disappointed that Tiger Woods wasn't in the thick of it, but it was interesting just the same. We would like to hear your thoughts on the British Open.

Roxanne and family, Deming

Booth returns as assistant coach

Former Aggie head coach leaves UNM post

New Mexico State women's golf coach Paul Brilliant announced that NMSU hired former Aggie head coach and one of only three coaches to be named LPGA Coach of the Year twice, Jackie Booth as an assistant coach for the women's golf program.

Booth, who was previously the University of New Mexico's women's golf coach, brings plenty of experience as she led the Lobos to four consecutive Mountain West Conference women's championships from 2001-2003.

She was also named MWC Coach of the Year for three consecutive years, from 2001-03.

"Just take a look at her résumé," Brilliant said. "It's like we're bringing in the 'John Wooden' of women's golf with all the accomplishments she has under her belt."

Besides Jackie Steinmann from UCLA and Linda Vollstedt of ASU, Booth is the only other coach to be named LPGA Coach of the Year twice, earning the award in 1998 and 2002.

Booth was also inducted into the New Mexico State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005, into the Albuquerque Sports Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Albuquerque

Sports Hall of Fame in 1998.

"I'm very excited to come back to Las Cruces and work alongside with Paul," Booth said. "This program has always been successful and I can see that continuing, and I am honored to be a part of that."

Booth was formerly the head coach for the NMSU women's team from 1992-97 and led the Aggies to the NCAA tournament in 1996 and 1997. She was also named Big West Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Before she became the head coach for NMSU, Booth was the assistant coach from 1982-92 and worked side by side with Brilliant. During that time, she helped Brilliant coach 10 different players to be awarded All-High Country honors and 15 different players to the Academic All-High Country team.

Overall, Booth coached three All-Americans, more than 20 all-conference selections and 36 academic all-conference selections at NMSU.

Under Booth, players have earned National Golf Coaches Association Scholar Athlete honors 24 times and MWC Scholar-Athlete honors 34 times. She also coached the 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006 and 2007 MWC Freshman of the Year.

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Thanks for asking, Roxanne. I watched some of the earlier rounds, but I watched every minute of the final round on Sunday. It just smelled of excitement – that some kind of drama would unfold. And it didn't disappoint. One thing it shows is that we can witness a great tournament without Tiger being up front and on camera all the time. For me, the key shot was the five foot putt that Padraig Harrington made on 18 in regulation – after steadying his nerves, for double bogey. Reminiscent of Jean Van de Veld's meltdown on the awful 18th in 1999, Harrington this day had hit into the Barry Burn twice. With a two-shot lead. He then pitched it on to the green and had a five footer left. I think it was Paul Azinger who had commented earlier that it always comes down to a putt, doesn't it. No kidding! It's interesting that Harrington now works with head doctor Bob Rotella. He could have been so demoralized and so upset that he would not have had a chance to stay in the moment. Instead, he regrouped himself, kept with his putting routine and sank the putt. The man was able to stay in con-

trol of his emotions. And he won a major as a result.

There's a lesson here for the rest of us. There is no question that luck plays some part in major victories. Several of Sergio's putts could easily have fallen, and the story would have been written differently. And how about young Andre Romero of Argentina, who actually let by two strokes late in the tournament. This was fantastic theater. Regardless of a 7 a.m. telecast. Golf is not the NBA folks. This was across the pond and live. If you didn't like the Open championship this year, you don't like majors. Simple as that.

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Ol' Pete predicts success For Aggie football in 2007

NMSU deeper, faster, confident



The Western Athletic Conference football preview hoedown has come and gone and ole Pete has a strong opinion as to why Hal Mumme's team is gonna have a year with more wins than losses. Six reasons come to mind.

1) Better running game. Ernest Wilson is confident sophomore Tonny Glynn will benefit from a learning year as a freshman and has the quickness needed to dart between the opponents pass rushers as the run game's counter punch to the Air Raid. Justine Buries' return and versatile Jeremiah Williams will add different types of runners, and there could be big adds from the freshmen class but those green hands are an unknown quantity right now.

2) Defensive depth is better than any other time in Aggie land. The numbers and skills continue to build for Woody and staff to work with and having rested horses when you're runnin' a 13-game schedule is always smart as any Old West historian knows.

3) A physically stronger and deeper offensive line. Having the blocking beef to keep Chase Holbrook out of harm's way makes the Air Raid that much more dangerous. Holbrook hardly threw any interceptions last year, and reducing the number of sacks will increase his chances for success tremendously. Thank strength coach Matt "the newlywed" Walter for that.

4) Team confidence level. This is another intangible that has gone from zero to 150 in the course of a year. Four wins more than the first year and the players realization that they can play with the loop's top-end teams should continue to add to squad resolve.

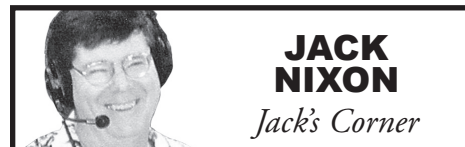
5) Aggie skilled positions have passed regional rivals UTEP and UNM. That doesn't give you an automatic sweep, but it sets the table mighty nicely. Mike Price isn't sure who his best QB is and is down to one proven receiver in El Paso, and the quarterback position in Albuquerque is a question mark as well, with UNM looking to hang its hopes on its stopping power rather than offensive fireworks.

6) The sixth element in Pete's mind is fan support. That is a factor that can't be underestimated. It very well could be that a winning season and the needed seven wins for bowl eligibility will come down to the final two games of the year which will be at home. Last season saw the Aggies deliver a November to remember, and if the Crimson and White faithful stay true to the brand and are there for the Air Raid for Utah State and Fresno State, I see that as stoking the campfire for a winning year. I admit it takes faith on the part of the faithful, but the other five reasons should be enough to make the sixth one a reality for the football program that was crawling two years ago and now is startin' to gallop.

PETE

Note to the WAC: Don't expand yet

Look for quality, not quantity



One topic that seems to fascinate some WAC fans in other cities is league expansion. The interesting thing is that the league office doesn't share this seeming obsession.

If you have the time to look at the blog boards that are conference oriented, the online jibber-jabber is non-stop about adding UC Davis and Sacramento State. Neither one would be good choices at present, nor would the addition of a member just to have another doesn't make sense either.

The league is growing in prestige nationally, IF, there is a need for another member the waiting game would serve the conference purpose.

North Texas wanted to stay a larger fish in a small pond and turned down an offer to remain a Sun Belt member. That is when football was dominated there by the Mean Green, but Darrell Dickey's departure for Utah State seems to have ended that. If UTEP would come to its senses and seek to return to the fold that would be the best fit. One opinion is that the Miners expected the league to collapse and left before that happened. Another thought is it figures TV money and national exposure would outweigh the

expenses of going east rather than west.

Getting back to the bloggers favorites, Sac State does not have the facilities or fan base and was called at least five years away from being WAC worthy by one former league front office staffer. UC Davis is a school on the move but is also maturing at its own pace and is at the Big West level currently. Montana keeps getting mentioned because its football has been strong but the league doesn't need another one-trick pony.

The "Play Up" philosophy has taken in Las Cruces and may still at Utah State. Getting into this league has helped bring in better talent, more dollars from several corners and legitimized the school's claim as a growing mid-major program. Karl Benson's hand is getting stronger and negotiating from strength with ESPN and other national entities is a better indicator of league stability than adding a square peg to a round hole just to balance out the loop.

HOOP UP: Nevada is following the Aggies lead and scheduling a top ACC opponent for basketball. The Wolf Pack has worked out a two-games-for-one deal with North Carolina. The Tar Heels will host Mark Fox's crew this year and will return the game in the future. Utah State will not play BYU this year but will be in the South Padre Roundball Tournament with major Division-I opponents. Hawaii has a home with the Lobos in the coming hoops season and will likely have another solid high major field for the Rainbow Classic.

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Taylor

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Taylor returned the next day and boarded the same plane at the same gate with all the same passengers again. "I felt like I was in the movie "Groundhog Day," Taylor laughed, "with the same thing happening over and over."

On the second try, Taylor's plane left El Paso but had to be diverted to Omaha, Neb., on its way to Chicago because of the altitude and too much weight. While in Omaha, the airport in Chicago was shut down, so Taylor was delayed again. "And then we finally get on the plane, and we can't push back from the gate because they don't have the push cart," Taylor said. "At this point, I was thinking I was sure to miss my connecting flight out of Chicago."

Taylor finally made it to Chicago and discovered he had five minutes to make his connecting flight.

He exited in a dead sprint and barely made it.

"I had already lost one day, and the people in Ireland were wondering if I was still willing to come," Taylor said. "I told them I would come straight off the plane and start giving presentations if I had to."

The purpose of the NSCA's trip to Ireland was similar to the trip to China. Taylor and his coworkers were also there to help the coaches prepare for the exam. Without the language barrier Taylor was able to get to know the coaches on a personal basis.

"It was a great opportunity to learn

more about people around the world," Taylor said. "People in Ireland like to drink a few pints and converse. They work hard and play hard. One of the first places they took us to was to tour the Guinness beer factory."

According to Taylor, Ireland is relatively new to strength and conditioning, but he said they are progressing well. The symposium in Ireland went so smooth that Taylor has been invited back on Aug. 15 to present and expand on the last session.

"When we go back, it will be more of a clinic format instead of from a textbook," Taylor said. "We'll teach them things like how to teach and evaluate explosive lifts or how to manage a large strength and conditioning program."

"We'll show them how we do what we do."

In both China and Ireland, Taylor estimated that each symposium had about 60 attendees. "When we go back to Ireland, there will be more than 100 people," Taylor said.

Two weeks after he returned from Ireland, Taylor was off to the NSCA's national conference in Atlanta. That went well, he said.

Taylor has settled back into his daily life at NMSU, which includes teaching three classes and serving as the strength and conditioning coach for baseball and women's basketball.

Now, it also includes a messy desk that accumulated paperwork during his traveling schedule. Looking back, Taylor said his summer abroad has been worth it.

"Opportunities like that don't present themselves very often," he said. "I didn't want to pass that up."

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Local boxing gym cranks out champions

Sammy Burke's youth project pays big dividends

By CRAIG MASSEY
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It's more than 100 degrees outside and not much cooler inside the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Center.

A large fan on the west side of the building provides some relief, but most of the fresh air and light is coming from an open garage door on the east side.

Sweat drips off the shoulders of the two fighters in the ring. They move in unison, taking turns stalking each other. Body shots are occasionally landed, but mostly, their jabs, hooks, crosses and uppercuts are deflected by the protective gear that encases their sweat-soaked heads.

Leaning on the ropes in one of the corners are Louie Burke and Sam DiPace, volunteer trainers/coaches at the center, which is named for Louie's late father. They study the two fighters the way an architect would pore over a new design. Every step, every bob of the head and every movement of the bright red gloves is noticed.

After the sparring session, Austin Trout and Siju Shabazz slip off the headgear and slowly make their way out of the ring. Trout is a former USA National Champion, and Shabazz recently won a National Golden Gloves title.

Into the ring step the next two sparring partners — Ricky Vasquez and Sammy DiPace. Vasquez is a former Golden Gloves runner-up, while DiPace is a former Junior Olympic Champion.

The boxing talent that comes and goes on a daily and weekly basis from this little gym on Solano Drive is astounding. Undefeated heavyweight David Rodriguez from El Paso trains here. Abraham Hann, another talented El Pasoan who is about to turn professional, will soon make the gym his training headquarters. Gustavo Enriquez, the light-heavyweight champion in Mexico, works out here occasionally. Heavyweight contender Lou Savarese spent a week here before his fight against

Evander Holyfield in El Paso last month.

A collection of up-and-coming boxers of all ages and abilities work out in the city-sponsored Police Athletic League gym daily, led by 12-year-old Ayanna Vasquez, a five-time national champion in her division.

And then there is the foursome of Trout, Shabazz, Sammy DiPace and Vasquez, who have helped bring national prominence to Las Cruces as a producer of top fighters.

"We feed off of each other, and we each have the desire to win and be the best," said Shabazz. "The coaches stay on us and are dedicated to us. They'll pick us up at our houses to make sure we run."

The 22-year-old Shabazz is a light-heavyweight at 178 pounds and has an amateur record of 80 wins and 11 losses. In May he became the first New Mexico boxer since Johnny Tapia of Albuquerque 22 years ago to win a National Golden Gloves title. He will participate in the Olympic Trials Aug. 20-26, the lone New Mexico fighter at the box-offs. As an amateur, he currently is ranked fourth in the nation by USA Boxing.

Sammy DiPace, whose father is one of the coaches, has won 178 amateur fights and has only 10 losses. A 119-pound bantamweight, he has won four Junior Golden Glove titles and three Silver Glove titles to go along with his 2006 Junior Olympic national title. He has racked up 13 national amateur championships as a junior division boxer.

The two professionals in the group are Trout and Vasquez. The 122-pound Vasquez, a super-bantamweight is 2-0 as a pro heading into Friday night's fight at Isleta Pueblo near Albuquerque. He was ranked as high as No. 3 nationally in his division as an amateur, compiling a 75-15 record.

The 21-year-old Trout, arguably New Mexico's top fighter, turned pro in September 2005 and has a 10-0 record (8 by knockout) heading into Friday night's fight at Isleta Pueblo. He is a junior middleweight at 154 pounds and was the first New Mexico boxer to go to the Olympic Trials since Albuquerque's Danny Romero in 1988.

It was Trout who talked his friend Shabazz into giving boxing a try a few years ago. Trout says the Las Cruces gym has a unique "family aspect to it."

"Siju is like a brother to me," he said. "And Sam and Louie are like father figures to me. Before a fight, all of us will get together and say a prayer for the guy that's going to fight. God has blessed all of us."

Burke, a former ESPN lightweight champion in the early 1980s, agrees that the environment around the boxing club is unique.

"Boxing is a sport of egos, but we all put our egos aside here for the betterment of the kids," he said. "We work as a team. We not only understand the mechanics of boxing, but also the discipline and the development of mental strength."



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The Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Center has been turning out top notch fighters for years. Pictured above are (from left) Siju Shabazz, Austin Trout, Ricky Vasquez and Sammy DiPace.

Burke spends most of his time at the gym when he's not working as a Las Cruces firefighter. He and the elder DiPace, along with Joe Calderon and Steve Mattfeld, devote many hours and resources to help the young boxers succeed.

The boxing club receives \$14,000 from the city each year for travel, equipment and to pay bills. The group also has received help in the form of grants and has become adept at fund-raising.

"We raise most of our travel money now," said DiPace. "We're all volunteers. We love it so much, it doesn't matter."

"We receive a lot of support from a lot of people," said Burke. "It's a community effort. This is how I can contribute to the community. I'm not an artist, and I can't build streets or anything, but this is what I can do."

Macy

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walked through Aggie Memorial Stadium and saw several areas where improvements are either coming or need to be done. One is the Jumbotron scoreboard that is almost in place. There's the grass berm to the north of the playing field. The grass is brown. It needs to be green, like the playing field.

"There's so many little things that need upgrades. I sit down with my staff and ask them to give me their ideas, and then I ask them how does this make us better? Sometimes I answer for them."

Macy's staff numbers seven, four full-time assistants and three interns.

"I like it here," he says. "I have a good feeling for New Mexico State and this town. It looks like a great place to raise a family."



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NMSU picked sixth in WAC football polls

Hawaii No. 1 in coaches, media polls

The New Mexico State football team has been selected to finish sixth in both the 2007 Western Athletic Conference media and football coaches' polls.

The Aggies received 233 points in the media poll and 31 in the coaches' poll.

In 2006, the Aggies were picked ninth in both polls, finishing the season sixth in the league with a 4-8 overall record and 2-6 in conference play.

"I feel that this year's team is the best one we have had at NMSU in several years," head coach Hal Mumme said. "I feel our team is ready to have an exciting season."

"I think we are better than sixth, but that is why you play each game," junior wide receiver Chris Williams said. "But it is just a preseason poll and we will see how things shake out at the end of the season."

In the media poll, Hawaii received the top spot with 32 of the polls' first-place votes, followed by Boise State, which tallied 26 first-place votes. Fresno State (361) and

Nevada (337) took the third and fourth spots respectively. San Jose State finished just in front of the Aggies with 321 points. Louisiana Tech (157), Utah State (110) and Idaho (107) rounded out the voting.

The media also voted on preseason players of the year. Hawaii quarterback Colt Brennan was voted the Offensive Player of the Year while San Jose State's Dwight Lowery was picked as the Defensive Player of the Year.

In the coaches' poll, Hawaii received 62 points from the nine WAC coaches while Boise State was close behind with 59 points. Nevada finished third with 45 points, followed by Fresno State (40), San Jose State (39) and New Mexico State (31). Louisiana Tech was voted seventh with 25 points followed by Utah State (13) and Idaho (10).

The Aggies open the season against Southeastern Louisiana at Aggie Memorial Stadium on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 6 p.m.



Hal Mumme is beginning his third season as head football coach at New Mexico State. His Aggies were picked to finish sixth in the WAC by both the conference coaches and media.

THE MEDIA POLL

1.	Hawaii (32)	494
2.	Boise State (26)	490
3.	Fresno State	361
4.	Nevada	337
5.	San Jose State	321
6.	New Mexico State	233
7.	Louisiana Tech	157
8.	Utah State	110
9.	Idaho	107

THE COACHES' POLL

1.	Hawaii (6)	62
2.	Boise State (3)	59
3.	Nevada	45
4.	Fresno State	40
5.	San Jose State	39
6.	New Mexico State	31
7.	Louisiana Tech	25
8.	Utah State	13
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

Flora Gonzalez, Petitioner,

vs.

Jesus Jose Navarro,
Respondent.

NO. 1172
JUDGE James T. Martin

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Flora Gonzalez, 404 Oasis
Sp 2, Chaparral, NM, 88081.

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 7 day of May, 2007.

Nadine Sanchez
Clerk of the District Court

By: /s/ Jodie Castillo
Deputy

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200700944

PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION AKA PHH
MORTGAGE SERVICES,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JACOB E. AMAN; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
JACOB E. AMAN, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:10 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 1, Block 5, MESA VILLAGE SUBDIVISON, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 6, 1976, in Book 12 Page(s) 39-40 of Plat Records The address of the real property is 5632 Boxwood Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 27, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to 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 \$170,168.05, plus interest from June 13, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: July 6, 2007

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
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No. D0307CV200700709

DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY AS TRUSTEE
UNDER THE POOLING
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AGREEMENT SERIES
2004-B, Plaintiff,

vs.

MELANIE MCKINNEY;
BENEFICIAL NEW
MEXICO, INC.; THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MELANIE MCKINNEY,
IF ANY, Defendant(s).
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real

estate located in said County and State: Lot 7 in Block A of Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 18, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Pages 95, Plat Records. More correctly known as: Lot 7 in Block A of Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 8, 1966 and recorded in Book 9 at Pages 95, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 1060 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 27, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$114,612.77, plus interest from May 17, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.5% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
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No. D0307CV200601985

BANK OF NEW YORK
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS
OF CWABS 2005-AB1,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SHANE A. SOMMERS;
KIMBERLY A. SOMMERS;
AMERICA'S WHOLESALE
LENDER, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 15, 2007, at 10:05 A.M., Front Entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREED SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. MORE CORRECTLY DESCRIBED AS: Lot 3, Block I, CAVE CREEK SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B AT SONOMA RANCH SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 3283, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 21, 1999, and recorded in Book 19, Pages 357-358, Plat Records. The address of the real property is 3544 Cave Creek Maner, Las Cruces, NM 88011-4016. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on June 25, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$222,128.32, plus interest from December 29, 2006 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.95% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF ACTION

Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2007-1040

NATIONSTAR
MORTGAGE, LLC fka
Centex Home Equity
Company, LLC fka Centex
Home Equity Corporation,
Plaintiff,


vs.

MERLINDA MONTOYA
and, if married, JOHN
DOE A, (True Name
Unknown), her spouse;
JESUS MONTOYA, if living;
If deceased, THE
ESTATE OF JESUS
MONTOYA, Deceased;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
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OF JESUS MONTOYA,
Deceased; ALVINA
MONTOYA; SUN CITY
FINANCE; JOHN DOE
and JANE DOE, (true
names unknown), Tenants,
Defendant(s).

Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased in the above-entitled cause of action. Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants Jesus Montoya, if living; If deceased, The Estate of Jesus Montoya, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises or Legatees of Jesus Montoya, Deceased for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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June 20, 2007
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WITNESS the Honorable
JERALD A. VALENTINE,
District Judge of the Third
Judicial District Court of the
State of New Mexico, and the
Seal of the District Court of
Doña Ana County, this 3 day
of July, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Joe M. Martinez
Deputy
(SEAL)

Pub #6478
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 15, 2007, Angie B. Betancourt, 308 Chimuri, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-14109-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning use of well LRG-12298 located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion 54.8 acre-feet per annum of shallow ground-water claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) from a well LRG-141 09-POD 1 to be drilled to a depth of 160 feet and fitted with 10 inch casing and located in the NE1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4 of said projected Section 13, for the continued irrigation of 10.96 acres owned by the applicant all of which is located within the Pt. SW1/4, of said projected Section 13 located on map LRS-9 of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS-280090038.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14109-POD 1 can be found approximately 2000 feet east of the intersection of Morning Star Road and Lister Road on the Betancourt property. The old well LRG-12298 will be retained for other water right holders.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524- 6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in

accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3.

Pub #6479
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. CV-07-1191

**BEATRIZ V. FERREIRA,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MELVIN C. HIGGINS,
CLARA T. HIGGINS,
husband and wife;
and ALL UNKNOWN
PERSONS WHO CLAIM
ANY LIEN INTEREST
OR TITLE ADVERSE
TO THE PLAINTIFF IN
THE REAL PROPERTY,
ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF THE UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS,
IF DECEASED, and THE
COUNTY TREASURER OF
DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO; Defendants.
NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT**

To the above Defendants.
GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the abovenamed Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to quiet title to the following described property: PC 03-11044 MC 4-015-128-201-467 F 8050, BK 233 PG 189 BK 220 PG929 9-22S-3E, BUTTERFIELD PARK SUB BLK.R LT 4 19250.00 VAC LOTS, located at 9624 Paetz Lane, Doña Ana County, Las Cruces, New Mexico, to declare the fee simple title of Plaintiff to said land. Unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before August 27, 2007, judgment by default will be entered against you. The name and address of the Plaintiff Pro Se is Beatriz V. Ferreira, 1018 South Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, 505/524-1140. WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, this 10th day of July, 2007.

Pub #6480
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 1, 2007, Stanley and Belia Root, P.O. Box 379, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-12058 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14187-POD 1 on land owned by Louis Llanez located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and transferring the diversion of 26 acre-feet/annum of shallow groundwater claimed supplemental to the surface rights on record with the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID) into existing domestic well LRG-12058 located within the SE1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 17, on land owned by the applicant for the continued irrigation of 3.22 acres owned by the applicant and located within the NE1/4 of said projected Section 17. Well LRG-12058 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 800 feet southwest of the intersection of Dos Amigos Road and Three Saints Road. Old well LRG-14187-POD 1 is located approximately 850 feet north-west of the intersection of Dos Amigos Road and Three Saints Road and will be

retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest 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 #6482
Dates 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 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 SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 15, 2007, at the hour of 10:15 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 718 Lariat Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 110, Block 5, SAGECREST SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO B, 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 August 27, 1984, in Book 13, Pages 310-313 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 June 25, 2007, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$228,314.64 and the same bears interest at 10.40% per annum from June 16, 2007. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,968.05. 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

PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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Pub #6486
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 8/10,
2007

CITY OF LAS CRUCES REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT AS ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES

THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES is requesting letters of interest for alternate municipal court judges pursuant to Ordinance 2388, adopted June 18, 2007 by the City Council. Those submitting letters of interest must be licensed to practice law in the State of New Mexico and must be registered to vote in the City of Las Cruces. Payment for alternate municipal judges is outlined in City Council Resolution No. 07-364.

Letters of interest may be submitted through August 13, 2007 to the City Attorney's Office, City of Las Cruces, Attn: Monica Campbell, PO Box 20000, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004. If you have any questions, please contact Monica Campbell at 505-541-2128.

Pub #6487
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 4, 2007, Karl O. Ludwig, P.O. Box 1890, Anthony, NM 88021 filed application numbered LRG-14162-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-14162 located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 5, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and by continuing the diversion of 3 acre feet of ground water from a replacement well drilled to a depth of 120 feet and fitted with 6 inch casing and located in the SW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of said projected Section 5, on land owned by the applicant for the continued domestic and related purposes all of

which is located within the Pt. SW1/4, of said projected Section 5 located on map LRS-15D of the Lower Rio Grande Basin Hydrographic Survey Subfile No. LRS-280150030 D.

Proposed change location of well LRG-14162-POD2 can be found at 1116 West Little Road, Anthony, NM 88021 approximately 1 mile west of Gadsden High School. The old well will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces, 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.

Pub #6488
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 27, 2007, Tony F. Padilla, P.O. Box 25, Salem, NM 87941 filed application numbered LRG-13200 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-13200 POD2, also known as LRR05-0050, located in the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 4 West, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling a replacement well 100 feet in depth with 10-inch casing to be located in the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 26, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of 14.82 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of 2.47 acres of land owned by the applicant and located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 26, as described in Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-005-0076 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County. The proposed replacement well site is located in Salem, NM and may be found approximately 350 feet southwest of the intersection of Father Ramon Estivil Avenue and Hoover Street. Old well LRG-13200 POD2 (also known as LRR05-0050) will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680

Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub #6489
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 30, 2007, Ronald G. Watson, 1697 Highway 192, La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-1617 & LRG-3559 with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Commingle Underground Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by combining water rights previously permitted under file number LRG-3559 with rights declared under file number LRG-1617 as recorded with the State Engineer for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater from well LRG-1617 located in the SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 3, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM, well LRG-1617-S located in the SE1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 3, and well LRG-3559 located in the SE1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 3, supplemental to surface water rights on record with the EBID for the irrigation of 187.91 acres of land owned by Troy and Joyce Watson and Ronald and Nancy Watson and located within the SE1/4, SW1/4, NE1/4 and NW1/4 of said Section 3, and in the NW1/4 and NE1/4 of Section 10, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMPM.

All wells are located east of San Miguel. Well LRG-3559 may be found at the physical address of 1697 Highway 192. Wells LRG-1617 and LRG-1617-S are located at the physical address of 1598 Highway 192.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest 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 #6490
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GENE LESLIE BENJAMIN, Deceased

No. PB-07-78 (Valentine)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces,

New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: July 16, 2007

/s/ Arra Leslie Patton
Carbajal
Arra Leslie Patton Carbajal
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Gene Leslie
Benjamin, Deceased

PREPARED & SUBMITTED
BY: JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
P.A. Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 366
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/s/ Joseph M. Holmes

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Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #6491
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 6, 2007, Ralph L. Kelley and Jean Kelley, PO Box 1777, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application LRG-14218-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of well LRG-14218-POD1, located within the NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 6, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, and drilling a new well, LRG-14218-POD3 within 100 feet of the old well to a depth of 400 feet and fitted with 4-inch casing, in the NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 6, for the continued diversion of 3.0 acre-feet per annum for multi-domestic purposes in the NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 6 and supplemented by well LRG-14218-POD2, all occurring on land owned by the applicant. Old well LRG-14218-POD1 will be plugged. Well LRG-14218-POD2 and proposed well LRG-14218POD3 are located .10 miles north of the intersection of NM Hwy 28 and Carver Rd on the west side of NM Hwy 28 at the street address of 3714 Hwy 28, south of Mesilla, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop Suite J, Las Cruces NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice.

Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 505-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA,1978.

Pub #6492
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 8/3, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE of MARCELLA
SANDOVAL, Deceased.

No. PB-2007-73 (Robles)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO:

To: ROSE LEE V. SANDOVAL JOHNSON; ROSE MARIE M. SULETSKY, DAVID SANDOVAL JR.; RICHARD FLOYD SANDOVAL; DONALD LEE SANDOVAL; MARCELLA VERONICA SANDOVAL; ANTHONY RAY SANDOVAL; LORI SANDOVAL MUNOZ and DONALD SANDOVAL JR.;

and

To: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARCELLA SANDOVAL, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF MARCELLA SANDOVAL, DECEASED, OR IN THE MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEARING.

David Sandoval Jr. and Richard Floyd Sandoval, sons of deceased, have filed a Petition for Formal Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative, in which David Sandoval Jr.

and Richard Floyd Sandoval seek to be named Personal Representatives. Hearing on the Petition will be held before The Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge, Third Judicial District Court, at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.

Pursuant to 45-1-40] NMSA 1978, notice of the time and place of hearing on said Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks.

DATED: July 17,2007

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
505-524-0833
505-526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub #6493
Dates 7/20, 7/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D0307CV200600741

U.S. BANK, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO
FIRSTAR BANK,
N.A. SUCCESSOR IN
INTEREST TO FIRSTAR
BANK MILWAUKEE,
N.A. AS TRUSTEE
FOR SALOMON
BROTHERS MORTGAGE
SECURITIES VII,
INC. MORTGAGE
PASS-THROUGH
CERTIFICATES SERIES
1999-NC1, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAYMOND H.
GUTIERREZ; FRANCES
B. GUTIERREZ;
LAWYERS TITLE
INSURANCE
CORPORATION;
UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS,
WHOSE TRUE NAMES

ARE UNKNOWN,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on August 29, 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 13, VALLEY VISTA SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, located 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 June 13, 1994, and recorded in Book 18 at Pages 95-96 of the Plat Records. The address of the real property is 220 Broadview Court, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on July 10, 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 \$17,274.40, plus interest from June 6, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 8.99% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition

that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: July 17, 2007.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawiarski
13725 Struthers Road,
Suite 201
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
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(719) 634-4868 06-2152/
Gutierrez, Raymond H. & Frances; P306072

Pub #6494
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 2007

IN THE PROBATE COURT
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MARTHA R.
GOODEN, Deceased.

No. 07-90

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 after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

/s/ Mary Eugenia Gooden
Mary Eugenia Gooden
Personal Representative of the estate of MARTHA R. GOODEN
4 Hillridge Court
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RAY SAGE LAW FIRM, P.C.
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By: /s/Ray O. Sage
Ray O. Sage

Pub #6495
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA
ANA THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. CV-07-1100
Judge Robert E. Robles

CHARTER BANK, a federally
chartered savings
bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JACK E. BALL; ESTATE
OF JACK E. BALL,
DECEASED; AND
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND
DEWISEES OF JACK
E. BALL, DECEASED,
Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF
SUIT

THE STATE OF NEW
MEXICO

TO JACK E. BALL,
ESTATE OF JACK E.
BALL, DECEASED AND
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND DEWISEES OF JACK
E. BALL, DECEASED

GREETINGS:

JACK E. BALL, THE ESTATE OF JACK E. BALL, DECEASED, AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEWISEES OF JACK E. BALL, DECEASED, you are hereby notified that the above-named plaintiff has filed suit in the above-entitled court and cause against you, the general object of which is to foreclose that certain mortgage dated March 17, 2004, given by Jack E. Ball to First New Mexico Bank to secure a promissory note of even date, said mortgage covering the following described property situate in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, to-wit: Lot 13 in Block B of El Encanto Estates, 2nd Amended, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 5, 1949 and recorded in Book 1 at pages 30, Plat Records, which property is more commonly known as 1915 S. Solano Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Unless you enter your appearance in said court and cause on or before September 6, 2007, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you by default.

VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C., whose address is 6100 Uptown Boulevard, N.E., Suite 500, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, is attorney for plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Robert E. Robles, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County on July 16, 2007.

NADINE SANCHEZ
DISTRICT COURT CLERK

SUBMITTED BY:
VOGEL CAMPBELL & BLUEHER, P.C.
6100 UPTOWN BLVD. N.E.,
SUITE 500
ALBUQUERQUE, NM
87110

Pub #6496
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No. 07-124

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF MARY ANNE
BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Christine McCall Brown was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Anne Brown, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Mary Anne Brown, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 19th day of July 2007.

Christine McCall Brown

Prepared by:

LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
253 W. Hadley Avenue
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(505) 526-3312 telephone
(505) 526-6590 facsimile

Pub #6497
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No. 07-127

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF FORCH E.
ATKINSON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Forch Richard Atkinson was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Forch E. Atkinson, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Forch E. Atkinson, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 18th day of July 2007.

Forch Richard Atkinson

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N.
BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Pub #6498
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 5, 2007, Sam C. Osborn, P.O. Box 243, Organ, NM 88052, filed application numbered LRG-3642 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by expanding an existing service area as declared for domestic, commercial, subdivision and related purposes that currently consists of 265 acres of land located as follows:

Subdivision: NW1/4 SE1/4
Township: 22 South
Section: 7
Range: 3 East

Subdivision: SW1/4
Township: 22 South
Section: 7
Range: 3 East

Subdivision: S1/2 NW1/4
SW1/4
Township: 22 South
Section: 8
Range: 3 East

Subdivision: SW1/4 SW1/4
Township: 22 South
Section: 7
Range: 3 East

The application requests that

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the service area be enlarged to include all remaining lands in said Sections 7 and 8 (1280 acres of land) for the continued collective diversion of 483.80 acre-feet per annum from wells LRG-3642 and LRG3642-S, both located in the SE1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 8 as previously declared for domestic, commercial, subdivision and related purposes. Well LRG-3642 is located on land owned by the Apostolic Assembly of the Faith in Christ Jesus and the other well LRG-3642-S is located on land owned by the Osborn Ltd. Liability Company. Both can be found by traveling approximately 0.2 miles northwest of the intersection of Bataan Memorial West and Galaxy Drive.

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 #6499
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RAY E. COWLEY, DECEASED.

No. PB 2005-60
Judge Valentine

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Evelyn M. Carpenter,
Personal Representative of
the estate of Ray E. Cowley,
deceased, gives the following
Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed
on the date of filing this
Notice to the following per-
sons:

Evelyn M. Carpenter
26723 Twilight Grove Ln.
Cypress, TX 77433

Deborah Jo Miller
1605 Santa Monica Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

William Cowley
945 Swartz Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88007

2. Evelyn M. Carpenter, has
filed a Petition for Order
of Complete Settlement
of Estate by Personal
Representative of the Estate
of Ray E. Cowley, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition
of Evelyn M. Carpenter
has been set for August 30,

2007, at 8:30 a.m., at the
Third Judicial District Court
Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las
Cruces, New Mexico before
the Honorable Jerald A.
Valentine.

/s/ Evelyn M. Carpenter
Evelyn M. Carpenter
Personal Representative
26723 Twilight Grove Ln.
Cypress, TX 77433

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
/s/ Kenneth L. Beal
KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for Personal
Representative
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM
88004
505-526-5511

Pub #6500
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-07-938

**BANK OF NEW YORK,
as Trustee for the
Certificateholders
CWABS, Inc., Asset-
backed Certificates,
Series 2005-7, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MANUEL AVILA;
TIFFANY AVILA;
MORTGAGE
ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., as nomi-
nee; HSBC MORTGAGE
CORPORATION USA;
and JOHN DOE and
JANE DOE, (true names
unknown), tenants,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that on August 22,
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 3810 Yellowstone Drive,
Las Cruces, and is situate
in Doña Ana County, New
Mexico, and is particularly
described as follows:
Lot 40 in Block 8 of Sagecrest
Subdivision No. 5, located in
the City of Las Cruces, Doña
Ana County, New Mexico, as
the same is shown and des-
ignated on the plat thereof
filed for record in the office
of the County Clerk of Doña
Ana County, New Mexico on
April 13, 1988 and recorded
in Book 15 at Pages 195-196,
Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE
will be made to satisfy a judg-
ment rendered by the above
Court in the above-entitled
and numbered cause on July
18, 2007, being an action to
foreclose a mortgage on the
above-described property.
The Plaintiff's Judgment,
which includes interest and
costs, is \$194,894.06 and the
same bears interest at
6.690% per annum from June
9, 2007 to the date of sale.
The amount of such interest
to the date of sale will be
\$2,679.13. The Plaintiff
and/or its assignees has the
right to bid at such sale and
submit its bid verbally or in
writing. The Plaintiff may
apply all or any part of its
judgment to the purchase
price in lieu of cash. The
sale may be postponed and
rescheduled at the discretion
of the Special Master.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the real property
and improvements concerned
with herein will be sold sub-
ject to any and all patent
reservations, easements, all
recorded and unrecorded
liens not foreclosed herein,
and all recorded and unre-
corded 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 prop-
erty by the County Assessor
as real or personal property,
affixture of any mobile or
manufactured home to the
land, deactivation of title to
a mobile or manufactured
home on the property, if any,
environmental contamination
on the property, if any, and
zoning violations concerning
the property, if any.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER
GIVEN** that the purchaser
at such sale shall take title
to the above described real
property subject to a one
month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM
88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Pub #6501
Dates 7/27, 8/3, 8/10, 8/17,
2007

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City
of Las Cruces, New Mexico,
Hereby Gives Notice of Its
Adoption of The Following
Ordinances at The Regular
City Council Meeting of July
23, 2007:

1. Council Bill No. 08-001;
Ordinance No. 2392: An
Ordinance Approving a Zone
Change >From R-4 (Multi-
Dwelling High Density and
Limited Retail and Office
and 15.33 DU/Acre) to R-
4 (Multi-Dwelling High
Density and Limited Retail
and Office and 20.0 DU/
Acre) For Approximately
5.88+ Acres of Land Located
at the Northwest Corner
of the Intersection of Mesa
Grande Drive and Central
Road. Submitted by Ken
Thurston for Thurston Equity
Corporation, Property Owner
(Case Z2709).

2. Council Bill No. 08-002:
Ordinance No. 2393: An
Ordinance Authorizing a
Real Estate Purchase
Agreement Between the City
of Las Cruces and F&A Dairy
Products Inc. For the Sale
of Approximately 6.2 Acres
of Municipally Owned Land
in the West Mesa Industrial
Park for the Purchase Price
of Two Hundred Twenty Three
Thousand Two Hundred
Dollars (\$223,200.00) in
Accordance with Provisions
of Section 3-54-1, NMSA,
1978, as Amended.

Inclusive in this Ordinance
are the following:

1. Terms of Sale: Proposed
sale is for \$36,000 per
acre being approximately
\$223,200.00 payable in cash
or equivalent at closing.

2. Appraised Value: Property
appraisals completed in June
of 2007 estimated the value
of the land at \$36,000 per
acre.

3. Schedule of Payments:
\$10,000.00 earnest money
deposit upon execution of
Agreement. Remainder will
be paid at closing.

4. Amount of Purchase price:
Proposed sale is for \$36,000
per acre approximately
\$223,200.00

5. Purchaser of Property:
F&A Dairy Products Inc
whose address is 355
Crawford Boulevard, Las
Cruces New Mexico 88007

6. Purpose of Sale: To develop
land within the West Mesa
Industrial Park in an effort
to expand and diversify the
local economic base and pro-
vide new jobs for the com-
munity.

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City Clerk.

Witness My Hand and Seal of
the City of Las Cruces on this
the 25th day of July 2007.

Esther Martinez, CMC

City Clerk

Pub #6502
Dates 7/27, 2007

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. HUDSON, Deceased.

No. PB-07-68 (Robles)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the under-
signed has been appointed
Personal Representative of
this estate. All persons
having claims against this
estate are required to pre-
sent their claims within two
months after the date of
the first publication of this

Notice, or the claims will
be forever barred. Claims
must be presented either to
the undersigned Personal
Representative, in care of
the Bates Law Firm, PO Box
305, Las Cruces, NM 88004-
0305, or filed with the Third
Judicial District Court. 201
W. Picacho Avenue. Suite A,
Las Cruces, NM

Dated: 7/23/07.

/s/Charles M. Hudson
Charles M. Hudson
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Charles W.
Hudson. 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 #6503
Dates 7/27, 8/3

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE DAISY C. MCCELLAN, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that the undersigned
has been appointed personal
representative of this estate.
All persons having claims
against this estate are required
to present their claims within
two months after the date of
the first publication of this
Notice or the claims will be
forever barred. Claims must
be presented either to the

undersigned personal rep-
resentative at her attorney's
office, Daniel A. Dolan, P.A.,
1310 Picacho Hills Dr. Ste.
2, Las Cruces, New Mexico,
88007 or filed with the Third
Judicial District Court at
201 W. Picacho, Suite A, Las
Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 8th day of June,
2007.

/s/ Pamela S. Bogart
Pamela S. Bogart


DANIELA. DOLAN, P.A.
BY/s/ Daniel A. Dolan
Daniel A. Dolan
Attorney for Personal
Representative
1310 Picacho Hills Dr., Ste. 2
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88007
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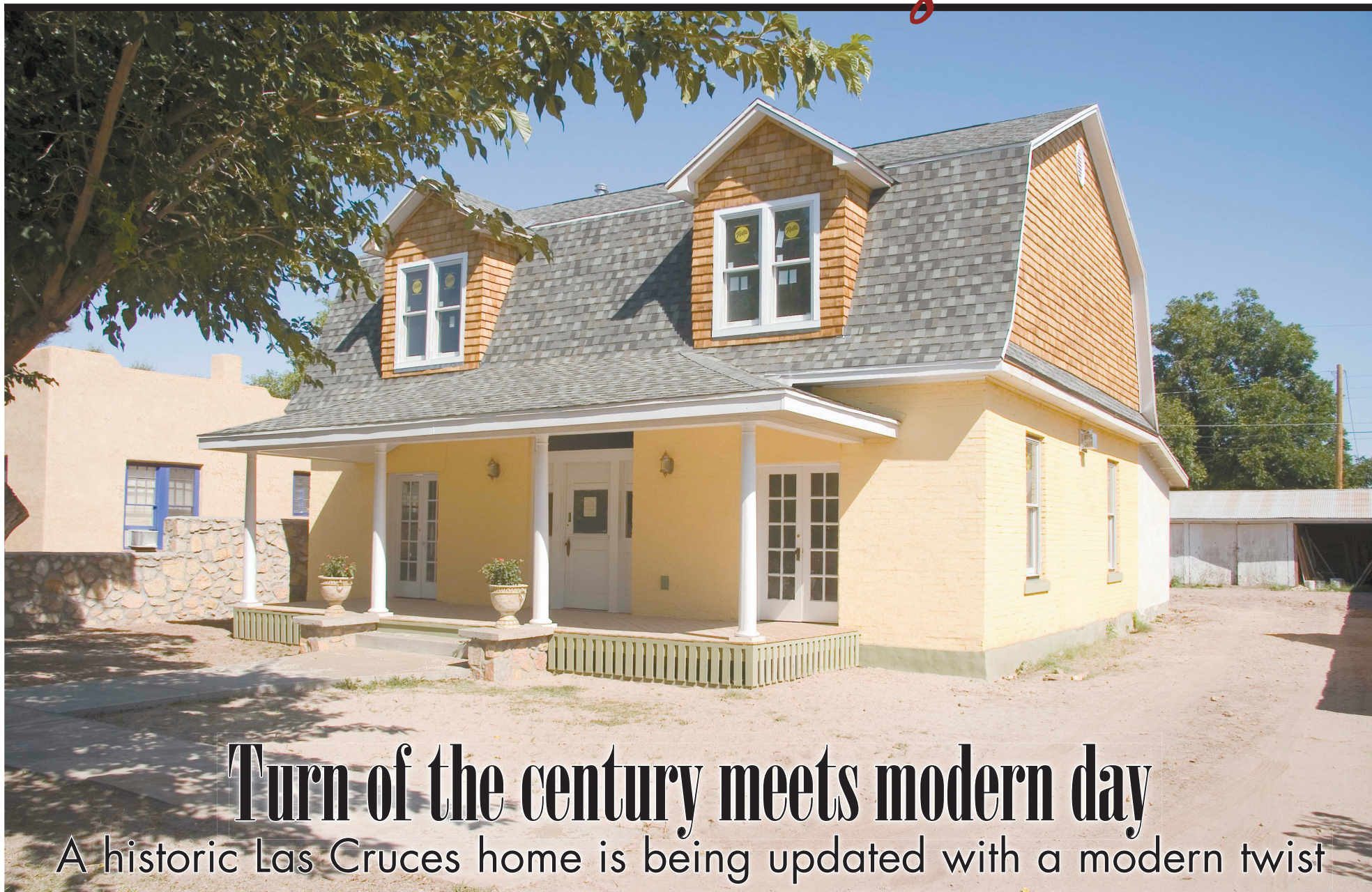


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Turn of the century meets modern day

A historic Las Cruces home is being updated with a modern twist

Above: An example of the Dutch Colonial Revival style of homebuilding, 616 Court Ave. was built 93 years ago, when carriage houses outnumbered garages in homes throughout town. An original five-stall carriage house is still located behind the home. The house features a gambrel roof with dormers, wood-shingled roof, gable ends and brick construction.

Below: Located at 208 N. Miranda St., this historic home, the former Samuel Manasse house, was built in 1908. It is a one-story, brick structure with a hipped roof, asphalt shingles and a front porch supported by four wooden Doric columns. The home features shingles in pediment, beveled glass in the entrance door and side lites and an adobe garage in rear.



This home at 340 Melendres St. was built in 1912 as a single-family dwelling. It is a one-and-a-half story, stucco structure with a hipped roof covered with pressed metal shingles. It's façade was remodeled in 1915. When Ron Billingsley purchased the home seven years ago, the home had been divided into three apartments. He has spent years bringing the home back to its original state.



See feature home on pages E2-E3

Featured Home: 616 Court and the Pioneer Park Neighborhood



Seated on the staircase in the house they are restoring and remodeling at 616 Court Ave. are, from front to back, Ron Billingsley, Dean Ammons and Alan Quigley.



The home's original French doors were salvaged and recoated with fresh, white paint.

A chart above the remodeled fireplace shows tasks that the partners have not yet completed in remodeling the 93-year-old house.



Ron Billingsley cleans up the grout from the new tile that was laid down in the kitchen.



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KATE MOTT,
Real estate agent

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2454 Conchas Lane - Ask about trade in! 2454 Conchas Lane- Interior courtyard with casita, plus 3 bedrooms in main home. 3.5 baths, granite counter tops, entry foyer, large great room. Kitchen features a large island perfectly proportioned and place to maximize usefulness. Breakfast bar and formal dining. 2432 Sq. Ft. Jake Sims & Co., Jake Sims 644-6220 MLS 777451

\$349,200

Sonoma Ranch

4 br/2.5 ba

Open Sun. 10-1

2458 Conchas Lane - Ask about trade in 2458 Conchas Lane- We dare you to find a home more perfect. Tons of curb appeal with a wonderful front entry courtyard. 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Kitchen with oxford hickory autumn cabinets, black GE Profile kitchen appliances, and granite countertops. Quality details throughout with oil rubbed bronze lighting fixtures, synthetic stucco, wood framed mirrors in both baths, low E aluminum double pane windows, wood burning fireplace with gas log lighter, Lockwood pewter faucets, and two-panel colonist interior doors. Covered patio and porch. 2363 Sq. Ft. Jake Sims & Co., Paul Sims 649-8771 MLS 777452

\$179,900

High Range

3 br/2 ba

SOLD

2324 Santo Domingo - 1480 sq ft. Fully landscaped (front and back). Great location. Off Roadrunner Pkwy.

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A Mountain

4 br/3 ba

4447 Organ Mesa Loop - 3,183 Heated Square Feet; 4,773 Square Feet under roof, Remote controlled entry gate, 3.34 acre Organ Mesa Ranch homesite, Wonderful mountain and valley views, Peaceful courtyard, Only 7 minutes from I-25, I-10, and Memorial Medical Center, Granite countertops throughout, Knotty Alder cabinets and doors, Hand peeled vigas, carved corbels, cedar beams, and wood ceilings, Low E glass, R-38 ceilings, R-23 2x6 walls, Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers, and Sub-Zero refrigerator included, Plasma television in master suite. John Curry Construction & Real Estate, 2511 N. Telshor 521-4840

\$339,300

Sonoma Ranch

3 br/3 ba

Open Sun. 10-1

2450 Conchas Lane - Ask about trade in! 2450 Conchas Lane- Beauty and quality come together in a truly exceptional home. 3 bedrooms and 3 baths with granite tile counters. Large kitchen with heritage maple cabinets, breakfast area, black GE profile appliances, granite backsplash and granite counters. Wood burning fireplace with gas log lighter. Jet tub in master bath. Generous use of tile, synthetic stucco, Colonist 2 panel interior doors, Lockwood pewter faucets, double pane aluminum windows, and so much more. 2193 Sq. Ft. Jake Sims & Co., Chris Schobey 312-6220 MLS 777450

\$376,900

Sonoma Ranch

4 br/2 ba

Open Sun. 10-1

4408 Maricopa - Affordable luxury abounds. Estate style entry foyer with 16 foot ceilings. 3 large bedrooms, master suite with two way fireplace and sitting area. Granite counter tops throughout. Gourmet kitchen with GE profile stainless appliances, center island, large pantry, & spacious breakfast room. Central vacuum and security system. 2363 Sq. Ft. Jake Sims & Co., Chris Schobey 312-6220 MLS 778596

\$759,900

A Mountain

4 br/3 ba

Open house Sat. & Sun. 2-5

4391 Organ Mesa Loop - Optional pre-wired home theater room, 3,601 heated square feet; 5,714 square feet under roof, Very private 1.22 acre Organ Mesa Ranch home site bordered by arroyo, Massive wrap around rear patio, Incredible Organ Mountain views with a protected view corridor, Super insulated home with Low E glass, R-38 ceilings, R-23 walls, Hand stained Knotty Alder cabinets, doors, and built-ins, Wolf commercial range, Fisher & Paykel dishwasher drawers, and Sub-Zero refrigerator with matching wood panels, John Curry Construction & Real Estate, 2511 N. Telshor 521-4840

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Loma Heights

2 br/1 ba

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\$135,500

Alameda

5 br/2 ba

Priced to sell

1522 W. Parker - Nicely remodeled home with lots of potential! Bath fixtures and kitchen all upgraded. Hardwood floors refinished, fireplace, sunroom. Private, green backyard with sprinkler system, shaded from mature trees. Well maintained street close to park. Jake Sims & Co., Paul Sims 649-8771

\$308,900

Telshor Area

5 br/3 ba

Open house Sun. 2-5

3020 East Missouri - 1 owner-First time offered! Detached insulated workshop, Immaculate condition, Mission-stone brick, Extra heavy shingle roof, Two living areas, Two dining areas, Glassed in New Mexico room, Convenient location, Wonderful front and rear yards with shade trees, 1 block from award winning Hillrise Elementary School, Owner broker. John Curry Construction & Real Estate, 2511 N. Telshor 521-4840

\$125,000

E. Mesa - Weaver

3 br/2 ba

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If these walls could talk

Bringing this 93-year-old home back to its former glory is a work in progress

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

It takes a special person to see the beauty in something that everyone else views as ugly. When Las Cruces resident Ron Billingsley decided to purchase 616 Court Ave., in the historic Pioneer Park neighborhood, the 93-year-old, two-story house was showing signs of age.

Built in 1910 in the Dutch colonial revival style – before New Mexico was a state – 616 Court Ave. was once a stately home with a grand, column-lined front porch, a gracefully angled roof and a creamy yellow color on the exterior. But as ownership of the home changed hands over the years, the building fell into disrepair. For many years the structure was used as a five-plex apartment building, with hastily erected stucco walls encasing the front porch and blocking much of the sunlight from the interior. But Ron Billingsley saw the home's potential.

"This was once a grand old place," Billingsley said. "I could see the beauty of the original architecture, and structurally, the house was still very sound."

Billingsley, a retired financial adviser who enjoys remodeling old homes, (he remodeled his own rambling 1912 home, 340 Melendres St., after he purchased it about seven years ago) knew that the home had potential. He partnered with Dean Ammons and Alan Quigley to purchase and remodel the structure.

"These older homes, that have been in this (Pioneer Park neighborhood) for nearly 100 years, have character that you don't get with a newer house," Billingsley said. "If the walls could talk, they would have so many stories to tell."

Hints of the stories the homes would tell are evident in the construction of the houses – front porches, parlors, livery stables and grand fireplaces – whisper of a bygone era of close-knit communities and family-oriented lifestyles.

"You can see what the lifestyle must have been like just by looking at the neighborhood," Billingsley said.

As is the case with the other homes in the Alameda-Depot historic district, 616 Court Ave. is only a few steps away from Pioneer Park. The Las Cruces Women's Club is on the east end of the neighborhood. A middle school and church are also nearby.

The neighborhood is perhaps Las Cruces'

first subdivision, as fashionable, grand homes were built in the area soon after the arrival of the railroad.

The architecture of the area varies from the mail-order kit homes of the day to Spanish Colonial Revival, pueblo, gothic and bungalows.

"This neighborhood is the heart of Las Cruces," said real estate agent Kate Mott. "Bringing these homes back to their original state is really a big gift to the community. These homes were once loved by the families that lived in them, and the houses are now looking for the next generation of caretakers to love them."

She said that several historic homes in the area have been remodeled and modernized and are now for sale.

"I think that many of the people who are working on restoring these homes feel an obligation to keep the houses around for the next generation to see," Mott said. "Many of the homes have construction that you just don't see in newer homes like the double brick construction and the unique character."

When Billingsley, Ammons and Quigley began work on 616 Court Ave., they started by knocking down non-original walls and throwing out trash.

"We spent almost two weeks just taking things out of this house and throwing it in the trash," Billingsley said. "To make the home into a five-plex, previous owners had put up stucco walls, and many of the rooms were very dark – the house was horribly cut up. We began by opening things up."

The home's original, white column-lined front porch, which sweeps from one end of the home to the other, had been closed in to serve as bedrooms. Those walls were the first to come down, and the home's stately personality began to emerge.

"The porch was difficult. It was time consuming and complicated," Billingsley said. "But it had to be done. And once those walls were down, a lot more sunlight was able to get in."

A fresh coat of white paint was applied to the

home's original front door. Original French doors on either end of the porch were also given a fresh new look with new glass and paint.

The exterior was given a coat of yellow paint while the porch columns and its trim and ceiling, were painted in white.

The home was given a newly shingled roof in keeping with its original character, a new electrical system and new plumbing. A small basement, once probably used as a root cellar, was redesigned to house the home's mechanical components. Twelve new banister spindles were made to match the remaining original spindles of the 93-year-old staircase.

As work continued on the home, a few



Brenda Quigley helps her husband Alan measure the height for a window seat in the master bedroom of the house at 616 Court Ave. An aunt and uncle of Brenda's set up housekeeping in this very room, right after they were married in 1959. At that time, the room was part of one of five small apartments into which the house had been divided. Their rent was \$36 per month.

surprises surfaced. Behind one wall was an original fireplace. The partners modernized the fireplace by repainting the mantel and inserting a new gas-burning insert – transforming the fireplace into the focal point of the front sitting room. In trying to replace 93-year-old moldings, the partners discovered that neighbors had salvaged the home's original moldings years ago.

"They brought it to us, and that was nice," Billingsley said. "You just can't find moldings like these anymore."

To make up for moldings that were missing, new pieces were custom-made and installed.

The partners discovered that the home's original fir floors were in perfect shape and they were buffed, polished and shined.

"We tried to keep as much of the original, old style as possible," Billingsley said. "We want to bring it back to the grand showcase it once was."

The home's downstairs has a library as well as a parlor and a sitting room, each with its own French door entrance from the front porch.

"The parlor could easily be used as an office," Billingsley said.

At the rear of the first floor is the home's dining room and large and sunny kitchen, which the partners are remodeling with tile floors, a kitchen island and other modern efficiencies. The kitchen overlooks the home's backyard, which features mature trees and a five-stall carriage house.

"We've left the carriage house untouched, not knowing if the new owners would want to use it as a garage or a mother-in-law cottage," Billingsley said. "It's quite large."

Upstairs, the home received additional modern touches. An empty area between the master suite and the two bedrooms was transformed into a family room, with accommodations for cable television. The back window dormer in the master suite was transformed into a closet and the bathroom received new tile and, in keeping with the home's character, a claw-foot bathtub.

The partners have been working on the home for several months, and there is still work to be done. When it is finished, they hope to find new owners for the home who will love it and care for it as much as they have.

"We are turning this into a brand new old house," Billingsley said. "It's perfect for any type of family, and it's really going to be a fun place to live."

Details

Address
616 Court Ave.

Square feet
2,800

Bedrooms
Four bedrooms with three and one half bathrooms

Other rooms
Library, parlor and family room, formal dining room and breakfast nook

Special features
This 93-year-old home is being brought back to its former glory. Original, old-style crown moldings were salvaged, repainted and used in many parts of the home.

Of special note
On Sunday, July 29, from 2 to 4 p.m., an open house will be held at 616 Court Ave., 208 Miranda St. and 340 Melendres St., which have all been remodeled and are for sale.

For information about buying this home, contact Kate or Padma Mott at 635-5015.



With non-original walls knocked down, the kitchen emerges as a large, sunny room. The partners put in new tile floors.

Correction

In last week's feature home article the website for the builder was incorrectly listed. The correct web address for Soledad Canyon Earth Builders is www.rammed-earth-homes.com.

BBQ is bar, beer and cues

Searching through pictures and momentos reveals some interesting family history



MARIANN NOVACK
Design Diva

Have you ever been somewhere or done something and you realize it's a small world? This was my experience when I was going through some of my grandmother's treasures. Among some of her mementos was a picture of her outdoor fireplace and barbecue. I remember this outdoor fireplace from visits to my grandmother's house in North Platte, Neb. for family gatherings. The fireplace/barbecue picture had two letters attached to it – one from Better Homes & Garden in which the fireplace was published in their magazine in 1947. The other letter was from a company called Hancock Iron Works, a manufacturer in Pontiac, Mich. As history unfolds, my grandmother had an idea to design oven warmers to keep food from the grill warm. She had Hancock Iron Works create the oven warmers on either side of the grills. This was in 1947 – more than 60 years ago. It is hard to imagine that the creation of oven warmers for outdoor grills were becoming a part of the grilling era 60 years ago. The fireplace/barbecue oven warmers were such an original idea that it was featured in Better Homes & Garden Magazine in 1947.

But, it doesn't stop there. I went on the Internet and researched Hancock Iron Works since I have a copy of their letter stating they were established in 1923. What comes up on the Internet is amazing. From www.hearth.com, a fireplace magazine, is a question from a customer that states: "I'm trying to replace an outdoor cast iron fireplace/barbecue for wood that is encased in brick in our backyard.

The chimney was built in 1947, and the fireplace has Hancock Outdoor Fireplace on it, the Hancock Iron Works was said to be in Pontiac, Mich. There is a firebox with grill and a separate piece that is an oven."

I don't know if the customer found what he was looking for, but it is a small world. There is only one fireplace/barbecue like the one he is describing built in 1947, and it is in my grandmother's back yard. The letter from Hancock Iron Works in 1947 to my grandmother asks about the efficiency of the ovens and if the oven receive sufficient heat for practical use. It sounds like they were in the experimental stage of oven warmers for barbecue's with my grandmother's invention.

The oven warmers back in 1947 were heated from the firebox under the grills. There were two grills with the oven warmers located in the center.

Today, the oven warmers are very efficient and run by electricity instead of the heat of the grill.

So where do you start with the history of the barbecue? The origins of the word "barbecue" have been traced to the Spanish word "barbacoa" which was used to describe the meat smoking and drying methods of the natives that Spanish explorers encountered upon arrival in the Americas. One thing to remember is that without a process of refrigeration, meat had to be either cooked and eaten quickly after slaughter or preserved by either a spicing or smoking process.

To have some fun with the word "Barbecue," some claim that the word came from the time when roadhouses and beer joints with pool tables advertised Bar, Beer and Cues. According to this tale, the phrase was shortened over time to BBCUE, then BBQ.



Designed for hosting a barbecue, this 1947 era outdoor brick kitchen, which belonged to the writer's grandmother, features a fireplace in the center surrounded by two grills and three warming ovens.

After World War II, grills were popping up in the back yards of homes being built of brick or stone and the shape of a rectangle holding a box for charcoal and a ledge to hold the cast iron grate, simple and efficient. But the grate being permanently located in one level was unable to control the heat that cooked the meat, so with the addition of the pulley to have the grate move up and down manually, that problem was solved. Considering the original models we take our modern times for granted as we shop for grills with unlimited features and selections of brands.

But there is a difference between barbecuing and grilling as an important part of history. Grilling involves placing the food directly over the heat source – coals or a gas-fired flame. Barbecuing means cooking food slowly via indirect heat and smoke. In Texas, barbecue means beef, in the Carolinas, barbecue means pork. Most backyard chefs are actually grilling

rather than barbecuing. One thing that is constant, barbecue is more than a meal. It is an event, a social gathering where food is served, usually outdoors in the early afternoon. People gather for good barbecue.

As we enjoy barbecuing or grilling today, the appliances make it fun and have sleek grilling surfaces, multi-level cooking grids and multi-zoned cooking temperatures. Included with the gas grill are rotisserie, side burners, warming drawers, sinks and refrigerators. These sophisticated appliances are capable of barbecuing, grilling, smoking, stir frying, boiling and baking. And this is progress in 60 years. What will the barbecue look like in another 60 years?

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\$1,200,000 - I-25-Hatch - 653 Corral Trail, Gorgeous country estate home; 4400 square ft. of living space indoors and almost 6 acres outdoors. Beautiful atrium/office offers a soothing environment indoor with large outdoor tress. Kitchen/great room is perfect for entertaining; hardwood floors, wood-burning stove w/

brick surround and vaulted ceilings. Relaxing in-ground pool with hot tub! MLIS # 781562 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$400,000 - \$499,999

\$423,000 - Mesilla - 2033 Sorrento Place, Stunning home with hard wood floors thru-out, insulated 3 car garage with work shop and evaporative cooling. Delightful kitchen has island w/butcher block top, built in breakfast buffet with sink and upgraded appliances. Great floor plan with split bedrooms, Master suite has exercise room and a steam shower. Reverse osmosis! MLIS # 781803 Laurel Coyle 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$300,000 - \$399,999

\$389,900 - Radium Springs - 21553 Hwy 185,

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Energy efficient home with solar passive system, solid cement walls downstairs and the house is positioned to take full advantage of the sunlight and rays. Home sits on 7 private acres, has a well and gorgeous views of the mountains and river. Home has inlaid floors and desert landscaping. MLIS # 781739 Shannon Dumais 649-2772, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$344,900 - High Range - 2467 Gila Bend Loop, Never lived in! This home has over 3,000 square feet of living space, a dramatic staircase and 30 foot ceilings in the living room. 4bd plus a study/library, 2 eating areas, 2 living areas and 3 a car garage with side-entry. Perfect yard for a pool and much more! MLIS #781685 Call Beth Marr 496-1848, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$328,480 - High Range - 4475 Maricopa Circle, Beautiful home built by Purcella Construction. Home includes a wonderful lighting package, upgraded hardware, beautiful granite counter tops and tiled backsplashes. Living areas have tiled floors, carpeted bedrooms, and hard wood floors in dining room. Master bath has a lovely walk-in closet and large jet tub. MLIS # 781709 Call

Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$323,103 - High Range - 4471 Maricopa Circle, Quality construction by Purcella, you will feel the difference when you walk thru this home. Upgraded lighting and hardware, tiled floors in living areas, carpet in bedrooms and wood floors in dining room. Master suite has many extras: oversized bedroom, wonderful bathroom, double sinks and jet tub. MLIS # 781711 Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$323,000 - High Range - 4511 Maricopa Circle, Here is a beautiful home with tile floors in living areas, wood floors in dining, and carpet in the bedrooms. Home has upgraded lighting and hardware through-out, gorgeous Granite counters and tiled back splashes. With so many extras, you will feel the difference in quality and craftsmanship. MLIS # 781710 Call Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$200,000 - \$299,999

\$299,900 - Picacho Hills - 5608 Mira Montes, This beautiful home features architectural design and upgrades galore. There are two master suites with

private baths and a third bedroom with a full bath. Living areas have 18" limestone tile flooring; kitchen has custom cabinetry and stainless steel appliances. Other features include a soundproofing in the interior walls, insulated garage and low-e windows. MLIS # 781724 Mary Mulvihill 496-6597, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$279,900 - East Mesa-Weaver Rd. - 5043 Vista Chico Loop, Incredible! This 1,993 square ft home has upgraded cabinets with crown molding in the kitchen, extensive use of tile, and sits on a nice ¾ acre fully landscaped! A 28 x 28 shop on a concrete slab matches the home. Beautiful Mountain and Valley views! MLIS # 781569 Kari Hitner 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$260,000 - High Range - 2257 Cimarron Drive, This home has new carpet, new counters, and fresh new paint inside and out! Great 2 story home with 2 view viewing decks. Beautiful mountain views! New dishwasher, newer refrigerator and glass top range. Large laundry room and closet space. Master bedroom has 10x10 sitting area, with deck. MLIS # 781409 Call Karen Lewis 621-3978, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$250,000 - Telshor - 1625 Candlelight Drive, VIEW, VIEW, AMAZING VIEW of the Organ Mountains, and East side of property is backed by BLM land!! Property is located near shopping, medical services, schools and NMSU. REFRIGERATED AIR! Large bedrooms! Bring all offers! MLIS # 781798 Call Amy Noble 640-5536, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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\$239,900 - Mesilla Park-South - 905 # 51 Conway Avenue, Exquisite condominium in immaculate condition nestled in Mesilla Park. With a wonderful open and very bright floor plan. This home has wonderful plantation shutters throughout, it is very charming! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity. MLIS #781645 Call Kari Hitner at 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$100,000 - \$199,999

\$198,500 - Dona Ana West - 638 Lopez Road - Charming 3bd/2ba adobe home, surrounded by pecan orchard. Two separate living areas, one can be a formal dining room; family room has a kiva fireplace, and vigas in the ceiling. Remodeled kitchen and new laundry room! Master has kiva fireplace, French doors, and jet tub. Detached garage with storage space! MLIS #781535 Renee Frank 496-7727, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$189,900 - Telshor Area - 958 Majestic Shadow Loop, Wonderful location! Great mountain views, quick access to interstate, convenient to shopping, and fine dining. This home has tile floors! MLIS # 781594 Call Laurel Coyle at 650-3500, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$186,500 - San Andres - 1315 Fountain Loop, Almost new! This Legends West home has a very functional floor plan. Home has 2 living areas, and a large kitchen with eating area, and a great fireplace. MLIS # 781467 Call Kari Hitner at 650-9169, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$179,900 - 4-Hills - 4498

Hillsboro Loop, Great Ken Thurston home in a quite neighborhood; front and back landscaping are complete. Home has a wonderful open floor plan, with stainless steel appliances, master bath has double sinks, and open walk-in closet. This is a must see! MLIS # 781632 Kameron Johnson at 993-0318, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$175,500 - Elks Club - 4791 Hilda Drive, Oversized lot, awesome views! Family room has fireplace, high ceilings and a French door to a covered patio. Kitchen has lots of cabinets, upgraded new stove and eating area. Nice split bedrooms! Large Master bedroom, with a nice size master bath and walk-in closet. Plenty of storage in garage! MLIS # 781770 Debbie Nachtsheim 640-3238, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

\$157,450 - E. Mesa - 4874 Calle Bella Avenue, You must see this wonderful home in the East Mesa area! This home has over 1,600 square feet of living space, perfect for first time buyers. Kitchen has a break-fast bar, tile floors, built-in dishwasher, Formica counters and a nice pantry. MLIS # 781721 Call Quint Lears at 635-1163, Emerick Real Estate, Inc. 523-2850

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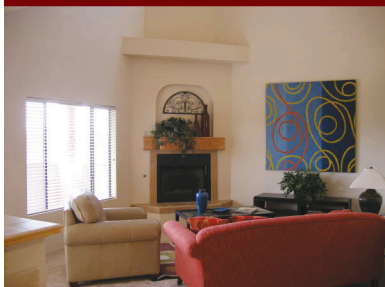
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The new kid on the building block

These friends turned business partners are setting their sites on the future

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Being the new kid on the block can be challenging, but Shane Elliott and Bryan Bagwell of Riata Builders make it look easy. After starting their custom homebuilding company less than a year ago, the business partners entered their first project, a 3,084-square-foot home in the Grey Fox gated community, into the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes. The house earned first place for best master bathroom in its price category of mid-ranged homes. To add to their beginner's luck, the week that the showcase ended, the partners sold the house.

"We've been very fortunate so far," Bagwell said. "We have a good team, and that's important to be successful."

Elliott and Bagwell have known each other since childhood when they met as elementary school children through sports. Even as children, they always talked of someday going into business together.

"We've known each other forever," Bagwell said.



When they entered their first home into the Las Cruces Homebuilders Association's Spring Showcase of Homes last spring, the builders earned top honors for best master bathroom in the mid-level price range of \$400,000 to \$699,999.

When the two were in high school, Elliott's family moved to another state, but the friends remained in touch even through college. While Bagwell attended New Mexico State University, Elliott attended the University of New Mexico. Both earned degrees in accounting and soon after graduation, Bagwell began working in his father's accounting firm.

When Elliott returned to Las Cruces, the lifelong friends became business partners, starting Riata Builders and running their homebuilding enterprise on the side while still working in accounting full time.

With the success of a first home behind them, the partners were quick to thank others for helping them to achieve their accomplishment.

"Our families have been very supportive and have helped us a lot," Elliott said.

The partners also said that using high-quality subcontractors is critical to success.

"We only use committed, responsible and reputable subcontractors so that we can be assured of quality craftsmanship on every home," Elliott said. "All of our subcontractors are required to provide proof of general liability and workers' compensation insurance in order to protect all parties involved. We believe in standing behind and promoting our subcontractors."

One subcontractor who the partners say has been instrumental in their success is Scott Wagner, a local contractor.

"He's been a big help," Elliott said.

With their first home built, showcased and sold, the partners have moved onto building their second house. As well they have two remodeling projects under way. They hope to eventually build between five and 10 custom homes a year.

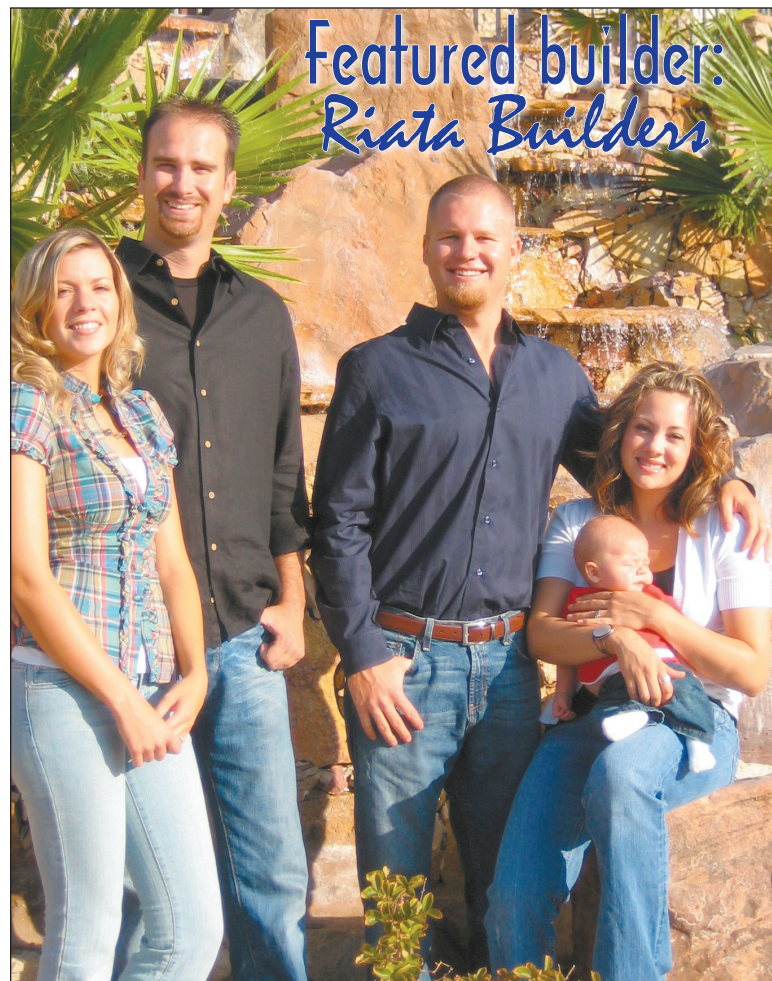
"We don't want to get so busy that we sacrifice customer service," Elliott said.

The partners said they hope to eventually earn a reputation as one of the best-respected builders in the area.

"We don't necessarily want to become the biggest builder in town, but we definitely want to become known as one of the best," Elliott said. "Within a few years, we'd like to be considered among the top five."

Providing exceptional customer service is the foundation on which the partners hope to achieve that goal. As well as involving clients as much as possible in their building projects, Riata Builders also provides each new customer with a scrapbook of their home. The book not only contains photos of each stage of the building project, but also paint and material samples to make future maintenance easy on the homeowner.

"Our customer service is what sets us apart," Elliott said. "We hope to form a lifelong partnership with our customers by continually striving to create an atmosphere of high standards, integrity, professionalism and honesty."



Riata Builders partners Shane Elliott and Bryan Bagwell say that the support of their families is the secret of their success. Pictured from left are Katie and Bryan Bagwell with Shane, Cassey and Brody Elliott.

Both partners said that they build each home with the knowledge that the structure is the realization of their customer's dream.

"The fact that this will be someone's house, and they're entrusting us to build it is a good feeling," Elliott said. "A home is the biggest investment most people make in their lifetime."

As well as focusing on quality custom built homes Riata Builders is also expanding into land development. Next spring the company hopes to break ground on Riata Estates, a 27-lot subdivision planned near Mayfield

High School. Homes in the subdivision will range from 1,600 to 2,500 square feet and will be designed to enhance the indoor/outdoor living experience with front porches and sweeping back patios.

The partners said that living in Las Cruces, where they have family, history and roots, helps them to focus on quality.

"We grew up here, we live here and we're here for the long run," Bagwell said.

Elliott and his wife Cassie have a 2-month-old son, Brody. Bagwell and his wife, Katie do not yet have children.

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How to: Make a wedding cake

Creating a towering confection takes time, planning

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

When Lorena and Jesse Atencio began planning for their June 30 wedding, they knew exactly what their wedding cake would look like.

"I had a vision of what I wanted in my wedding. I had an elegant, white theme, and I wanted my cake to reflect that theme," Lorena said.

The bride began with a picture she had seen in a wedding magazine – a four-tier, floral-studded cake that was not only completely edible, but good tasting as well.

"I didn't want ribbons or real flowers – I wanted it to be 100 percent edible," she said.

After the first cake maker she interviewed declined to make the cake, Lorena worried that she would not be able to find a local cake maker who could create the wedding cake of her dreams. Then she met Stephanie Baumann of Let Them Eat Cake.

"She was totally confident and even enthusiastic," Lorena said. "The cake I ended up with was totally awesome – it exceeded my expectations. It was the focal point of the wedding, and it was delicious. Everyone wanted second (helpings). Usually wedding cakes are dry and not very tasty, but not mine."

Baumann said that creating a wedding cake like Lorena's begins with planning. From start to finish it took Baumann and her one assistant 48 hours over the course of six days to make Lorena's cake.

"That time doesn't include the time spent consulting with the bride," Baumann said.

Let Them Eat Cake makes cakes for all occasions and budgets. Whether she is making a four-tier lemon-poppy seed wedding cake or a more modest anniversary cake, the steps Baumann takes to achieve the end results are always the same. It begins with planning and determining exactly what the client wants. Baumann's cakes average about \$4 to \$6 per serving, with the industry standard for a slice of cake being 4-by-2 inches.

"We begin by figuring out the servings and any special flavorings the client wants," Baumann said.

From there, decorations are selected, and the decision is made as to whether the cake will be completely edible or have non-edible decorations.

Lorena knew she wanted edible flowers on her cake and to save money, she purchased pre-made sugar flowers months in advance. Baumann would later hand-paint the flowers and reinforce them with floral wire.

Baumann usually begins working on a cake about a week before the event. The task starts by reviewing the client's order and making a shopping list.

"I contact the client and review the details of the cake," Baumann said. If there are any changes to be made – such as more servings – this is the time to make any final changes."

Math is calculated to determine the amount of ingredients needed for both the cake batter and the frosting, and shopping is done.

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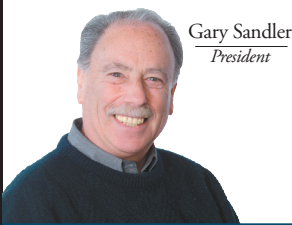


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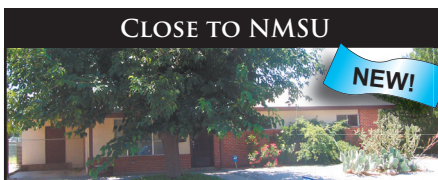
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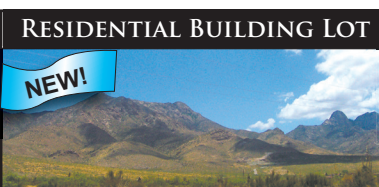
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Step 2: Batter is mixed and poured into the pans.

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To achieve consistently yummy results, Baumann uses a cake mix, but adds flavorings such as Italian cream, lemon curd or others for a custom flavor.

"First and foremost, I'm a decorator, not a baker," Baumann said. "The client is paying me to decorate a cake, not to sift flour."

Once ingredients have been acquired and calculated, Baumann begins preparing the cake. For those who have ever wondered how it all comes together, Baumann allowed the Bulletin to follow the progress of Lorena's wedding cake.

1. Preparing the pans. Pans are lined with parchment paper and cut to size to ensure that the baked cake will release cleanly from the pan.

2. Pouring the batter. Once the batter is mixed and custom flavorings added, it is poured into the prepared pans.

3. Baking. The cakes bake for the



Step 3: Cakes are baked then set aside to cool.

appropriate time. They are removed from the oven and allowed to sit overnight.

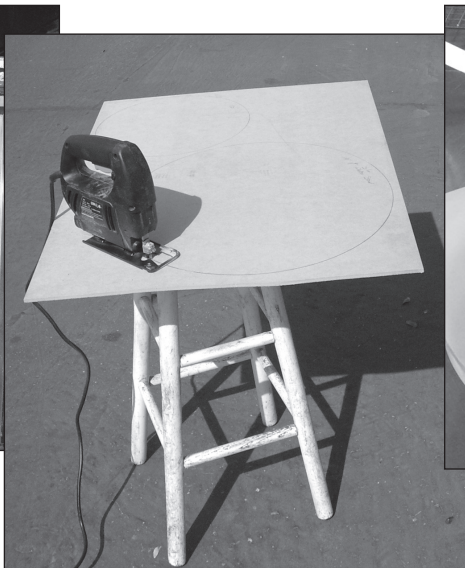
4. Baseboard is prepared. A custom-made wooden cake board (sometimes referred to as a "cake round") is cut, sanded, cleaned and covered in foil. This board will serve as the base on which the cake will be set.

5. Frosting is made. Desired flavors, like chocolate, are added.

6. Cakes are filled. Cakes are filled with either a filling or a frosting. In Lorena's case, the lemon poppy seed cake was filled with lemon curd.

7. Cakes are frosted. Care is taken to ensure that the frosting is smooth and even. After they are frosted, they are covered in plastic wrap to ensure that they do not form a crust. The cakes sit overnight.

8. Flowers are prepared. As the cake is sitting, Baumann does repairs and touch ups to the gum paste flowers Lorena brought her. As Baumann's mother is a florist, and Let Them Eat Cake's bakeshop is in the back of Barb's Flowerland, Baumann has an advantage when it comes to realism and attention to detail. Flowers are painted and attached to floral wire for strength



Step 4: A new baseboard is made on which the cake will later be placed.

and support. Individual blossoms are combined to create the appropriate flower heads and florist's tape (in the correct color) is added. Leaves are painted, and the decorations are trimmed.

9. Flowers are set to dry. A calyx is added to cover the connection and to create a more realistic flower.

10. Fondant is prepared. Color is added to the fondant, then the mixture is rolled and appropriate shapes cut to add to the flowers.

11. Fondant is added to the flowers. Calyxes are adhered to the flowers and the wire is covered in florist's tape. Finished flowers are placed in foam and are ready to be added to the cake.

12. Cakes are decorated. Cakes are unwrapped, lightly coated with a piping gel and covered in fondant. In Lorena's case, an ivory colored fondant was used.

13. Support pieces are placed. Pillars and plates are inserted to give the



Step 6: Cakes are trimmed and filling is inserted.

cake height and durability.

14. Cakes are finished. Finishing touches are put on the cake. In Lorena's case, edible silver dragees were added.

15. Cake is transported. The cakes were transported to Lorena's wedding the day of the event. They are stacked, and finishing touches are put on the cake on site.

16. Kitchen is cleaned. Back at the bake shop, the kitchen is cleaned and prepared for the next cake. "Cleaning is part of the kit and kaboodle," Baumann said.

For Baumann, who has been decorating cakes since childhood, the process is a manner of breaking down steps and staying organized.

"I'm detail oriented, but breaking down the steps makes it easier," she said.



Step 8: Flowers are painted, trimmed and reinforced with floral wire.

Step 12-14: Cakes are frosted with a base layer of frosting and allowed to sit overnight. The next day it is covered in fondant and detailed decoration is added.



Step 14: The cake is transported to the event and assembled onsite. Stephanie Baumann places the finishing touches on the cake onsite.



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More great uses for mayo

From baking a moist cake to killing lice, mayo does it all

By MELISSA ST. AUDE
The Las Cruces Bulletin

We featured mayonnaise as the "Around-the-home item" in the May 18 edition of the Bulletin, but since then we've discovered even more uses for this handy household staple.

One of the world's most popular sandwich toppers, mayonnaise is simply emulsified egg yolk and oil. The base sauce of any respectable potato or egg salad, mayonnaise was invented in France in the 1750s. It is one of several "mother sauces" that serves as the base of sauces and salad dressings like aioli, tartar sauce, ranch dressing, remoulade and others.

The main ingredients in mayonnaise – eggs and oil – make it a versatile sauce in or out of the kitchen. Consider these around-the-house ideas for mayonnaise.

1. Bake a cake – Simplify cake making by replacing eggs and butter with mayonnaise. It's not as bizarre as it sounds – after all, mayonnaise is simply eggs and fat. Use about 1 cup of mayonnaise and be sure to not confuse mayonnaise with salad dressing. See recipe below.

2. Make your own gourmet sauce – Try mixing a dab of your favorite salsa with mayonnaise to make a gourmet sandwich spread – or stir in fresh herbs, diced chile, onion or your favorite spices for a one-of-a-kind topping.

Chocolate-Mayo cake

This recipe is from foodfunfacts.com.

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 cup warm water
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup mayonnaise

In a large bowl, add the ingredients in the order given. Beat until smooth. Pour into greased cake or cupcake pans and bake at 350 degrees about 45 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean.

Around-the-home item:
Mayo



Mayonnaise can be used for more than just a sandwich topping.

3. Clean plants – The leaves of most green plants can be cleaned and dusted with mayonnaise. Dilute a few tablespoons in water and use a damp cloth to brush mixture onto leaves. Allow to sit for several minutes before using another damp cloth to wipe off. The leaves will shine and being dust-free, will breathe easier.

4. Give yourself a facial – Rub a bit of mayonnaise on your face and allow it to sit for several minutes before rinsing. The combination of egg and oil is a treat for summer-stressed skin.

5. Condition your hair – Rub into your hair like conditioner, cover your hair with a shower cap or towel and allow it to set for about 20 minutes then rinse. The mayonnaise will make your hair shine and will soothe an itchy scalp. This is especially good for dry hair.

6. Shine your shoes – Use as you would any shoe-shiner. Rub onto the shoes with a dry cloth, then wipe away.

7. Loosen a tight ring – Slather onto your finger to remove a tight ring.

8. Remove water rings on wood furniture – Dab a tablespoon or two onto the spot and rub. Let sit for about 10 minutes, then wipe away. The spot should disappear within seconds.

9. Kill lice – Although health experts say this method is ineffective, others swear that this home remedy works. Cover the hair with mayonnaise and work into scalp. Cover tightly with plastic kitchen wrap and/or a shower cap. Allow to sit for about a half an hour, then rinse and shampoo hair. Doing this once a month also works as a preventative measure.

Back-to-school bugs pack a big bite

'Bugs ate my homework' isn't so far-fetched



BARRY MURRAY
The Bug Guy

Head lice, book lice, silverfish and firebrats – pests long thought to be a problem of the past – are making a strong comeback in our nation's schools. In the past few years, there's been a major upsurge in head lice in preschool and elementary schools. In fact, it's difficult to find even one school that hasn't had an outbreak of these itchy critters.

Itching is only one of the problems caused by head lice. With many schools implementing "no-nit" policies, lice are becoming the No. 1 reason for absenteeism, according to Lice Solutions Resource Network, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to filling the many needs of parents, schools and medical facilities faced with the task of eliminating lice.

Unable to attend school until the pests are gone, itchy children often fall far behind in school work. By the sixth grade, at least one out of every 10 children will probably contact lice. Statistics based on lice shampoo sales suggest that there are 12 million to 14 million cases of lice every year. This means millions of anxious parents are spending more than \$150 million annually to eliminate the pests.

If your child has ever had lice, you know how frustrating it can be to get rid of these blood-sucking pests. Even the toughest shampoos won't kill them all. Head lice are amazingly intelligent and are becoming resistant to normal lines of attack. They have the ability to "play dead" for up to two hours, shutting down their nervous systems so they can remain submersed in otherwise lethal products.

Book lice, silverfish and firebrats present another major problem for schools – one that's usually overlooked. These pests eat the starch in book bindings, sizing in paper and paper that's covered with glue or paste. Undetected

infestations can destroy entire library collections by corroding bindings and causing books to fall apart.

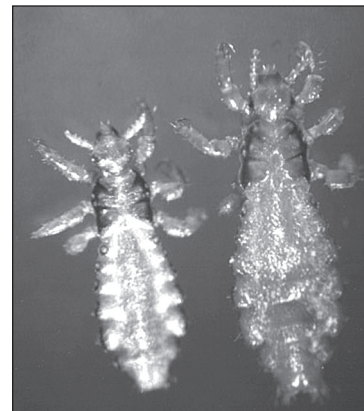
When students think of sharing books, they don't think of sharing them with the bugs that eat them, but these pests can actually cause millions of dollars in damage, especially when you think of all the materials that need to be replaced.

In fact, it's difficult for anyone to detect the pests, even when squinting. The size of an adult book louse is about .04 to .08 of an inch. They're called book lice because of their tiny size and the way they look, but they're not really related to parasitic lice like head lice.

Book lice, silverfish and firebrats can become so abundant that they can spread throughout a building. Left alone, they'll plow a slow path of destruction through textbooks, art materials and student projects. In addition to the damage they cause, these pests can be a bellwether of other problems. Book lice are pretty harmless, but their presence is an indication of a fungus or mold problem.

The best way to keep head lice, book lice, silverfish and firebrats from gaining a foothold in your home is to reduce the humidity that causes mildew. By reducing areas they find appealing, you can help keep them from going to the head of the class.

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Maria Kruse is multi-talented. She's a writer, poet, artist, instructor, photographer, publisher and now the author of the cookbook, "A Southwest Tea Party," that includes delicious full-color food photos she has taken. I initially spotted the cookbook for purchase at Flo Hosa Dougherty's well-known Blue Gate Studio in the Downtown Mall where Maria recently held a book signing.

Why a book about a tea party? "Because I like teas and I like the Southwest," she writes in the preface. "I find the mix of cultures and foods in this area lively and exciting. That's what a Southwest tea should be. I love the bold colors and the spicy foods of this area."

Each photograph features a teapot, "I collect them. I think I have at least 20. Some were given as gifts and some I purchased."

When asked if her interest in cooking came from her mother she answered, "No, mom didn't like to cook." Well, I guess that's one heck of a good reason to learn to cook for just you! Maria, whose husband was in the military, had the opportunity – or she took the opportunity, to observe first-hand, chefs in the kitchen – whether it was in Korea, Germany or elsewhere.

"And I'd taste a recipe – at a restaurant – for example, and then go home to try to recreate it and then tweak it to my taste."

"A Southwest Tea Party" is the first of a series of Tea Party Cookbooks. "Southern Tea Parties" will debut in November.

I recently met with Maria and her friend, editor and co-publisher Joan Glicker. The twosome met six years ago at a local writing group and quickly became friends. Together they published Maria's first cookbook and launched the "Las Cruces Poets and Writers Magazine," a publication that is sold nationally and internationally (zianet.com/mvp). Maria's fascinating "fractal" artwork, using AutoCad (a drafting program), is showing, through July, at the Funky Karma Incense and Tea Shop, located at 207 Avenida de Mesilla. This unique business carries more than 130 varieties of tea including imported English teas, culinary herbs and spices by the ounce and 3,000 "flavors" of incense from around the world. Did I mention that Joan hails from England?

Maria's cookbook can be purchased at COAS: My Bookstore, the Funky Karma Incense and Tea Shop, and from Mesilla Valley Press (zianet.com/mvp).

Homespun cookbooks are often the most savory, and "A Southwest Tea Party" is no exception.

Scrambled Egg Taco Cups with Jalapeños and Tomato

2 small tomatoes
8 eggs
2 tablespoons milk
2 tablespoons minced jalapeño (or to taste)
1 tablespoon minced cilantro
2 small green onions finely chopped
Cheese
Salsa

Cut tomatoes and remove seeds, dice very small. Beat eggs and milk, and then add all other ingredients. Scramble softly and spoon into warmed chips. Top with a sprinkling of grated cheese – Jack or a sharp Cheddar is nice. You can use any salsa you like. Ham or crumbled bacon can be added, and for a spicier finish, a pinch of cayenne pepper is nice. Cinnamon works well too.

Sheriff Pat's Nacho Cups

1 (8-ounce) can refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
1/2 cup hot bean dip with jalapeño peppers or refried beans
1/4 cup chopped green chiles



R. "Maria" Kruse poses with her first cookbook, "A Southwest Tea Party" (Mesilla Valley Press, 2007, \$15).

1/4 cup finely chopped red jalapeño or bell pepper
1/2 cup finely shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese
Guacamole and sour cream if desired

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Unroll dough and separate into 4 rectangles; firmly press perforations to seal. Cut each into 6 squares. Gently press squares into 24 ungreased miniature muffin cups (dough will not completely cover inside of cup; do not press too much.)

Spoon about 1 teaspoon bean dip into each cup. Top each with 1/2 teaspoon chiles, 1/2 teaspoon bell pepper and about 1 teaspoon shredded cheese.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until edges are deep golden brown. Cook in pan on wire rack for 5 minutes; remove from muffin cups. Garnish each with guacamole and sour cream.

You can use a nice chunky salsa instead of the chopped chiles if you like.

Guacamole:

Take a couple of ripe avocados and mash coarsely with a fork; add your favorite salsa and a little lime or lemon juice. Salt to taste.

Pancho Villa Quesadillas

Maria says this is an easy-to-make dinner dish.

1/2 cup medium or hot salsa
2 tablespoons Miracle Whip™
1/2 teaspoon chili powder

8 flour tortillas (6-8 inch)
2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cooked
1 cup shredded cheese (sharp Cheddar and Jack is nice)

Chop or finely shred chicken. Combine salsa, salad dressing and chili powder. Spread on half of tortilla. Top with chicken and cheese and fold tortilla in half to cover filling.

Fry filled tortillas about 4-5 minutes on each side in skillet sprayed with cooking spray or a little oil until lightly browned and cheese is melted.

Cut each tortilla in 3 wedges. Ham or bacon may be used in place of chicken if you wish, or for a vegetarian dish, use canned or roasted long green chiles chopped medium fine.

Spicy Meat Empanadas

Pastry Ingredients;
2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup shortening
1/3 cup ice water (about)

Sift together in a bowl, flour, baking powder, and salt; add shortening and work in as for any pastry. Add enough ice water to hold dough together. Divide dough into 12 even pieces and roll out each piece into a circle 3-4 inches in diameter. Put a spoonful of filling on half of circles; fold dough into half moon shape and seal edges. Fry in hot oil or bake at 400 degrees. until golden brown.

Filling Ingredients:
1 pound lean ground beef
1 onion, chopped
3 tablespoons oil
1 cup tomatoes chopped
2 tablespoons vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
Pinch ground cloves
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped raisins
1/2 cup slivered almonds
Chopped chiles to taste

Brown meat and onion in heated oil; add all other ingredients except almonds. Stir to blend, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 30-45 minutes. Stir in almonds. Any leftover mixture will freeze.

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Manual or electric, a revolving cake stand makes decorating easier

By **MELISSA ST. AUDE**
The Las Cruces Bulletin

Frosting a cake so that it is smooth and even can seem like a difficult task but with the right tools, the job is a piece of cake.

What is it:

Designed to make frosting round layer cakes quick and efficient, the revolving cake stand features two parts – a sturdy stand and a rotating top plate, which allows the baker to easily turn the cake that is being decorated. Revolving cake stands often have a tilting feature, so the decorator can position the cake to various angles (often up to 24 degrees) for even greater ease in decorating.

A revolving cake stand is usually about three and a half to six inches in height with a plate of about 11 or more inches in diameter. Most revolving cake stands turn manually, leaving one hand free to decorate while the other hand turns the plate. Electric stands are also on the market and are designed to leave both hands free to decorate. As well as being handy, electric cake stands can be a lot of fun to work with. Most spin the cake at a speed of about two to nine revolutions per minute.

Revolving cake stands can be made of many different materials, but most are made of high-impact plastic.

Where to find one:

Revolving cake stands are available in most cooking gadget, craft or cake decorating specialty stores.

What to look for when buying one:

Cake can be heavy – look for a model that can withstand the pressure of a multi-pound cake. Many cake stands are designed to hold cakes of 50 pounds or more, and some can even hold cakes that weigh 100 pounds.

Whether electric or manual, a revolving cake stand should have a non-slip surface.

If you are purchasing an electric revolving cake stand, look for one with variable speed control and bi-directional spinning.

How much does it cost?

Like most gadgets, the price of a revolving cake stand varies, depending on model. A basic, manual plastic version can usually be found for about \$20, while a porcelain base stand with an aluminum top might run \$65 or more. An electric one can cost anywhere from \$100 and up.

Tip:

If you don't have a revolving cake stand, a lazy Susan works fine.

For best frosting results

1. Allow cake to cool completely before beginning.
 2. Even out the top layer by gently slicing off the "dome" so that you have a flat, even surface.
 3. Brush off loose crumbs.
 4. Place a large scoop of frosting (estimate the amount it will take to cover the top of the cake and adjust your scoop size accordingly) on the top, in the center and spread toward the edge.
 5. Estimate the amount of frosting it will take to cover the sides and place an appropriate-sized scoop on the side. Place frosting spatula at outer edge of frosting and, keeping knife in place, gently turn the rotating cake stand to spread frosting.
- Visit www.myhomecooking.net/chocolate-cake/frosting-chocolate-cake.htm for step-by-step cake frosting instructions with photos.



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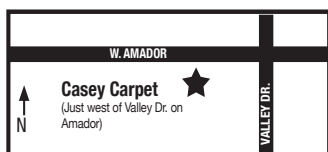
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