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Rival teams meet again

Game may set records

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

The state championship football game between Las Cruces and Mayfield high schools Saturday, Dec. 7, could set attendance records for not only Aggie Memorial Stadium, but for the New Mexico Activities Association, (NMAA).

At a press conference previewing the match-up Wednesday, Dec. 4, Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Athletic Director Ernest Viramontes predicted New Mexico State University football stadium could be filled with as many as 30,000 high school football fans. If that happens, Viramontes said, that would be Aggie Memorial Stadium's largest crowd ever.

If Viramontes' prediction comes true, LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds predicted that would also be the best attended NMAA championship game in the state's history.

In addition to the Bulldawg-Trojan rivalry, one of the strongest in the nation, other state championship games in lower divisions than 5-A are being played in northern New Mexico, Viramontes said. That makes Saturday's game the biggest one for this region.

Rounds, who sits on the NMAA board, said the excitement around this game gives support to his position that championship games should be played at one of the teams' hometowns, rather than centralized in Albuquerque, which has been suggested by some in the NMAA.

The last time the two teams met for a state championship was in 2002, when Las Cruces High won. The last time the two teams met was Nov. 8, however, Mayfield won 28-20 in an upset and earned the Trojans a district championship.

Adding even more history-making to the rivalry, Saturday's game will be the 50th time the two teams have played. Having it be the 50th game and the state

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Mayfield High School football coach Michael Bradley and Las Cruces High School football coach Jim Miller have been focused this week on getting their teams ready for the state 5-A championship game Saturday, Dec. 7, at New Mexico State University's Aggie Memorial Stadium. Tailgating begins at 10 a.m. and the stadium gates open at 11 a.m. for the game that starts at 1 p.m. See page A2 for more information about tailgating and parking.

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Trailblazer Bingham now a major general

Promotion is made official

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

In a ceremony Monday, Dec. 2, filled as much with personal recollections as military pomp and formality, White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Commander Gwen Bingham was officially promoted to major general.

After having her two-star insignias attached to her uniform, Bingham recalled how her father, Edward McMillion – "Ole Sarge" as he was called – affixed her second

lieutenant bars to her when she was a young woman beginning her military career at the University of Alabama ROTC program.

Even though her father and mother, Louise, have passed on, Bingham said, they were with her in spirit. But she said she was happy to share the event with her family – including husband Patrick and children Tava and Phillip, who participated in the ceremony – as well as friends both old and new.

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Udall visits food bank to highlight hunger

Senator opposes cuts to SNAP

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

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall visited the Roadrunner Food Bank's southern New Mexico warehouse in Las Cruces Tuesday, Dec. 3, on a dual mission.

Udall said not only was he there to encourage people to donate to the food bank during the holiday season, but wanted to illustrate the need for programs to help feed the poor, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),

which in November began seeing cuts and could face more in the farm bill before Congress.

In the House version of the farm bill, SNAP – which distributes food stamps – would be cut by \$40 billion over 10 years, Udall said. The Senate version slices \$4 billion over the same period, but Udall said he is against weakening the food "safety net" for anyone.

If the House SNAP cut is what eventually gets passed, 32,000 people in New Mexico alone

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Meet the new county manager

Julia Brown outlines her goals for Doña Ana County's future under her leadership as she starts her two-year contract.

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championship, Rounds said, will bring out alumni who may not have been able to make last month's regular-season rivalry game. That game, by the way, attracted about 16,800, lower than normal because of other area events, Rounds said. There isn't that kind of competition for the championship game, he said.

Because of the large crowd expected, recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers will not be allowed at the New Mexico State University parking areas (see related story). If RVs and trailers were allowed for tailgating, NMSU estimated it would lose 4,000 parking spaces, Rounds said, and NMSU is going to need every parking space it has.

Security is the largest expense LCPS has for the game, but a record gate could also mean a record return for LCPS. After expenses, Rounds said, NMAA gets 70 percent of the net gate receipts and the remaining 30 percent is split between the two teams.

Rounds said he has had conversations with ESPN and is confident the sports broadcast network is going to list the rivalry at least among the top 10 in the nation, if not the top five. The rivalry leads New Mexico in the best rivalry for high school football

in a USA Today online poll. With all the intensity and emotion, this will be a game that not only tests the student-athletes' playing talents, but their character, said Mayfield coach Michael Bradley.

"What a great stage for us to be playing on," Bradley said.

While Mayfield is this year's district champion, Las Cruces High is the defending state 5-A champ from last year.

Las Cruces High coach Jim Miller said he is happy for his team with 20 senior players to have been able to make it through the state play-offs to make this championship game.

"This has been phenomenal for us," Miller said.

There's also a lot of pressure, he said.

"You got to make these days go by quicker," Miller said. "It's just been brutal."

Viramontes said he has been so excited he's having

trouble sleeping at night.

"This is crazy," Viramontes said.

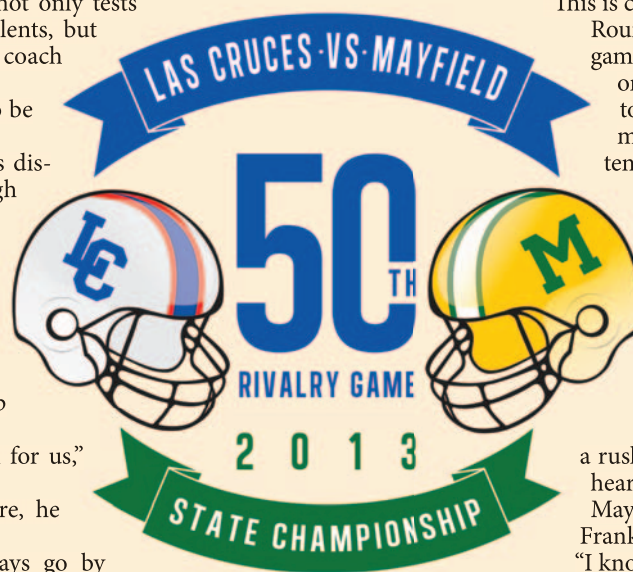
Rounds, on the other hand, said this game that is both for a state championship and an exclamation point to a strong intra-district rivalry makes him the "luckiest superintendent in New Mexico."

"I'll only make one prediction," Rounds said. "No matter who wins Saturday, the 5A trophy will stay in Las Cruces."

For the athletes, they have already had a taste of the intensity from last month's rivalry game.

"Personally, for me it will be a rush to step out of the tunnel and hear the boos and the cheers," said Mayfield fullback and nose guard Frank Cordova.

"I know for sure it will be something I'll never forget," said J.J. Granados, Las Cruces High running back.



Tailgating, parking set for state game

Trailers, RVs barred; tickets on sale now

Bulletin Staff Report

Tickets are on sale for the New Mexico 5-A State Championship football game between Las Cruces High School and Mayfield High School at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

New Mexico State University Police Department has announced the tailgating and parking rules and regulations, which include separate areas for fans of the teams and restrictions to kinds of vehicles that can park near the stadium.

NMSU has planned road closures for both Arrowhead Road and Stewart Street at 7 a.m. Saturday until the conclusion of the

football game. To avoid traffic congestion, alternate routes on the west side of campus such as Espina Street and Sam Steel Way are encouraged.

Parking lots for tailgating open at 10 a.m. Saturday and gates to the stadium open at 11 a.m. Alcohol consumption is not allowed. Trailers, RVs or towed vehicles will not be allowed. Pre-staging or parking of vehicles prior to parking lots opening is not allowed. Cooking must be done on a propane grill. Open fires or fire pits are not allowed.

Las Cruces High School will use lots 33 and 38, immediately north of the stadium. Mayfield High School will use lot 34, immediately east of the stadium. (See map.)

Tickets can be purchased through www.nmaa.ticketleap.com and at both high schools from 8 a.m. to noon Friday.

Tailgating will conclude at kickoff and fans will be required to enter the stadium. The parking lots will close one hour following the conclusion of the game. For questions or concerns during the game, fans can call 646-GAME (4264) or text at 386-WINS (9467). The game will be web-streamed only on the NFHS network site: <http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/channels/new-mexico/>. ProView Networks will produce the game with supplemental content provided by LCPS.TV. This is not a free service and does require a subscription to the NFHS network site. A "day pass" is currently listed at \$9.95.



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Opinions



From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Which team wins showdown No. 50?

Either way, Las Cruces remains 'Tiletown'

Las Cruces High School vs. Mayfield High School.

For the state football championship.

We could probably stop talking right there. Enough said.

Almost everyone in Las Cruces, however, has talked about little else since we learned a few days ago the two teams would meet for the title. Both teams are 11-1 on the season and whoever wins Saturday, Dec. 7, will also take home the big blue trophy for the Class 5-A state championship.

The state title game will also mark the 50th time the two teams have played each other in football since Mayfield High School opened its doors in 1965.

The defending state champ Las Cruces Bulldawgs have plowed through almost everyone on their schedule this year and would be the overwhelming favorite except for one little technicality. The team that gave them their only loss? The Mayfield Trojans.

In the annual regular-season meeting of the two district foes Nov. 8, Mayfield upset LCHS 28-20 before a big crowd at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Expect an even bigger crowd this Saturday, Dec. 7, when it's for all the marbles.

This state title game was set up with both teams' semifinal victories Saturday, Nov. 30.

The game's roots go back a little further, though. Back to August when both teams began two-a-day practices. Back to the summer, when Trojans and Bulldawgs were working out individually and in small groups.

The game's roots also trace to the summer of 1993, when the late Sandra McGrath and her husband, Kevin, organized a little golf tournament to raise some funds for high school football in Las Cruces. The It's Burger Time tournament.

It worked. Big time.

This past summer, the 20th anniversary of the tournament, the Burger Time event raised \$299,000 for multiple programs for local high schools.

The results speak for themselves. Since 1995, teams from Las Cruces have now been in the state title game 20 times.

This year, like in 2002, LCHS and Mayfield will vie for the 5-A title. That same year, Oñate High School also competed, winning the 4-A state title.

The money raised by that program has certainly helped our local high schools.

Serious credit also must go to the current head coaches at Las Cruces and Mayfield.

The Bulldawgs' coach, Jim Miller, has taken LCHS to five previous state title games, winning them all.

The Trojans' coach, Michael Bradley, has also taken his team to five previous state title games, with a 3-2 record.

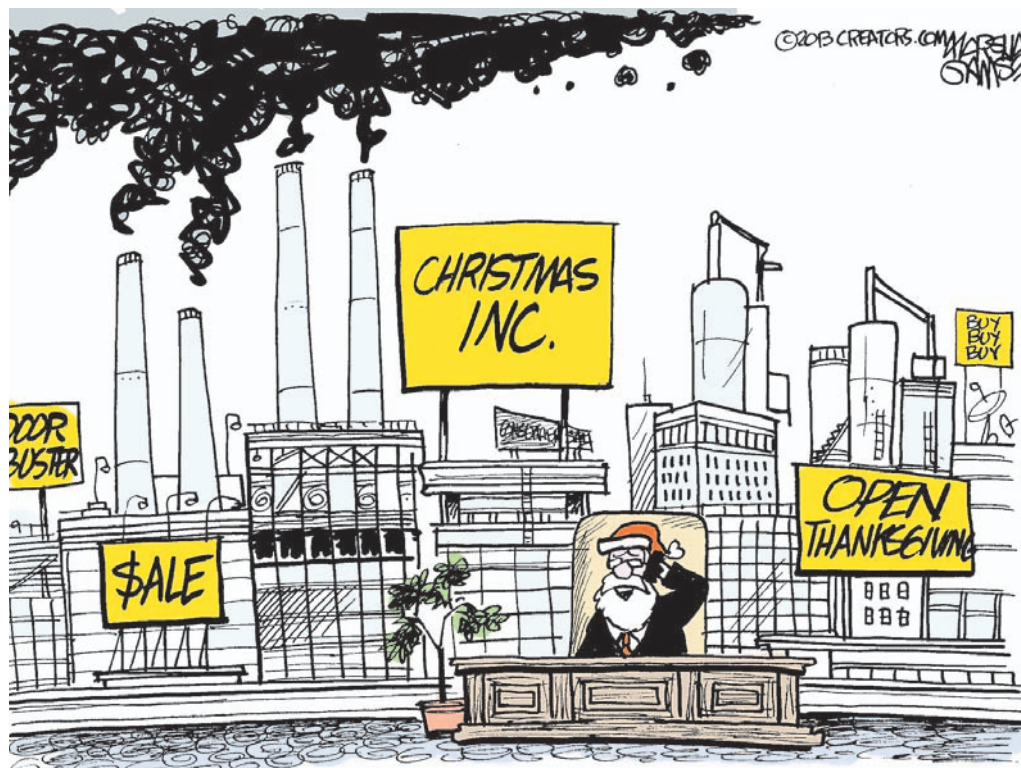
Both coaches have won back-to-back championships. Miller did it with the 1999 and 2000 editions of the Bulldawgs. Bradley led the 2006 and 2007 Trojans to titles.

For the 2013 editions of the Bulldawgs and Trojans, all that history won't matter a whole lot.

What will matter is the heart, fight and football-playing ability of the 22 young men who will occupy the field between the sidelines at any given time Saturday.

A crowd of 25,000 or more will fill Aggie Memorial Stadium for the game; that's about a quarter of our whole city's population. Unfortunately, about half of those folks will go home disappointed.

No matter what, it will be a day to remember.



Letter to the Editor

Feeding the hungry

I've been writing these thank you notes for several years. Each year, the community steps up to the plate and gives and gives and gives. For that, our El Caldito Soup Kitchen board is extremely thankful.

We thank the television, radio and print media for all that they have done for us to get the word out about our needs, both for food and monetary donations. It has been very much appreciated.

The local businesses and organizations, churches, students at New Mexico State University, the public schools and many individuals have all given, too. Las Cruces and the surrounding communities can be proud of all they have done to help feed the hungry in our area.

One thing I noticed this year was the number of families who called wanting to have their children be a part of the volunteer force to serve on Thanksgiving. These parents are setting a wonderful example for their children. These children, although they are too young to prepare food, greeted people,

handed out trays and silverware, carried trays and helped whenever they were asked.

We truly have young people who care.

*Donna A. Wood
El Caldito Soup Kitchen*

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I would like to thank those who participated and supported the 2013 Buddy Walk fundraiser and community awareness event for the Southern New Mexico Down Syndrome Families (SNMDSF).

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Guest Column

Didn't win the lottery, did you?

Numerical literacy vital in the modern world

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



In our world, it is a good bet that more education leads to more wealth. Math education seems to bring wealth the best. Certainly the lack of math ability leads to less wealth. Being numerate, as the literacy of numbers is called, is lacking in our population.

Many of our fellow citizens have no savings for the future and no investments. Their plan for old age is to win the lottery. While I agree with the adage, "No dreamer too small, no dream too big," there are limits.

Numerate people do not make the mistake of believing in the lottery any more than they believe that one day in Wal-Mart a movie producer will stop and point at them, "Him. I want him to star in my next movie."

This is like jumping out of an airplane without a parachute with the intention of landing on something soft.

The New Mexico Lottery, under the guise of raising money for education, preys on math-challenged people. Their advertisements suggest riches will shower upon you if you buy a lottery ticket. Unlikely.

Currently, there is concern in New Mexico that not enough fools, er, dreamers, are buying lottery tickets and there is not enough money for college students. This is entirely the fault of the institutions of higher learning in New Mexico that doubled

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Monument benefits well documented

Designation a great opportunity for local business

By **Russell Larcher and Duane Mosley**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As of late, there has been much discussion over designating the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks (OMDP) a national monument. One of the most recognizable vistas from our community is of our beloved Organ Mountains. By exploring the mountains, as well as areas to the west and the north, such as the Potrillo, Doña Ana, Robledo and Uvas mountains, residents and visitors to our area will be overwhelmed with desert landscapes, petroglyphs, wildlife, cultural and historical artifacts and stories of our state heritage in every view.

But the effort to protect our treasured public lands and heritage have been countered by some with false information, most recently challenging the positive impact a national monument would have on our local businesses.

In August, the Las Cruces Green Chamber released a study (<http://bit.ly/1afWFme>) we commissioned by an independent firm, BBC Research and Consulting, to determine the economic viability of designating the OMDP a national monument. BBC is a well-respected consulting firm that has conducted hundreds of economic studies for clients in a wide range of public and private sectors. Their study found that designating OMDP as a national monument would contribute more than \$7.4 million in additional local annual economic activity, create 88 new jobs and result in an additional \$562,000 per year generated in combined state and local government tax revenue.

In recent local publications, Utah researchers questioned the findings of BBC's OMDP economic forecast report, claiming they could not recreate similar economic benefits for our community resulting from such a national monument designation.

We find this curious, since BBC used the well-known and highly regarded IMPLAN economic modeling techniques in both their OMDP and 2012 Rio Grande del Norte (RGDN) studies. IMPLAN has been providing widely used economic modeling tools since 1976. The modeling projections are straightforward, supported by the simple logic that national monuments attract thousands of visitors and those visitors spend millions of dollars in the local economy.

In March 2013, President Obama designated RGDN in northern New Mexico as a National Monument. Since that

time, visitation to the area has skyrocketed. Data compiled by the Bureau of Land Management for this new monument shows a year-over-year visitation increase from fiscal 2012 to 2013 of 40 percent. This is all the more impressive when you consider that the monument was designated exactly half way through fiscal year 2013. The increase for fiscal year 2014 is expected to be even greater.

Locally, 2009 data showed that nearby White Sands National Monument saw 471,167 visitors who spent \$16 million in the local economy, supporting 278 jobs. Based on the experience at White Sands, Rio Grande del Norte and other area attractions such as Carlsbad Caverns, it is a no-brainer that national monuments attract thousands of visitors annually.

Beyond economic modeling and tourism numbers, having a national monument designation for OMDP is plain common sense. The Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce has been discussing this issue for more than a year with our members. With their input, we are advocating for what we know is the best opportunity for our local businesses.

The possible economic benefits are well documented, providing evidence to appropriately dismiss as ludicrous the claims that this important conservation effort would harm our local economy.

When approximately 100,000 new, non-local visitors start coming to Las Cruces to explore the surrounding public lands, they are going to spend millions of dollars that will benefit our local businesses and create new jobs. Why are we arguing about this?

Russell Larcher and Duane Mosley are on the board of the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce and submitted this letter on behalf of the entire board of this organization. Larcher may be contacted at 386-7194, russell@eccsolar.com. Mosley may be contacted at 649-0268, duane.mosley@gmail.com.

Letters

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Golf Course, Southwest Airlines, 10 Pin Alley, Tim's Place (Albuquerque), Tresco TOTS, and Walmart.

Groups volunteering and/or walking included Advocates in Action, Dream League Soccer, Gamma Iota Sigma, Las Cruces Catholic School, NMSU Council for Exceptional Children and Oñate High School Low Incidence.

We were also pleased to have the Herrera family and friends walking to honor the memory of Ernestina Herrera.

Proceeds from this year's Buddy Walk will go toward sending local families to the National Down Syndrome Congress convention next summer.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

The Washington Redskins

The Washington Redskins have raised the ire of part of the collective descendants of East Asian migrants who crossed the Bering Strait thousands of years ago. In my conversations with some descendants (formerly called Indians, Native Americans, indigenous, First Nations, American Indians) there is a broad degree of "offendedness" between individuals and tribes.

It is not for me to be insensitive to those who want to pick their own racial description as listed on the census form. Some of the race consider the term Redskin as offensive as the N-word is received among the formerly called Negro, Colored, African American or Black. The N-word is now acceptable only in rap music or Hollywood movies. I suspect the R-word is accepted if used intra-rationally.

The biggest issue seems to be how a race wants to be known to other races.

By this reasoning, Indian reservation basketball teams can adopt team names or mascots like the Arrows, Apaches, Aztecs, Braves, Chiefs, Comanches, Mohawks, Red Raiders, Redmen, Reds, Savages, Seminoles, Sioux, Thunderbirds, Tribe or Warriors, but non-Indian schools or teams may not.

If laws like this were approved to prohibit the use of "Indian" nicknames, they would pass from our vocabulary.

What will happen to teams whose place name is American Indian? Should they be erased from our collective language?

How many states and towns and river names are of Native Indian origin? Answer: more than you can count. The United States would lose the history and influence of the people who "discovered" the continents.

In a survey by Sports Illustrated of American Indians in 2002, 83 percent

responded that the country should not stop using Indian nicknames, mascots or symbols.

Obviously, some nicknames are more offensive than others. But it would be a tragedy for Americans to forget our native heritage, regardless of race.

Should there be a distinction between a DNA connection (race) and a cultural description like cowboy or handicapped or left-handed or cat lover?

I have always resented the political and media mob referring to their political enemies as cowboys in a derogatory manner.

How long will disgruntled cowboys put up with the Dallas football team? Or the use of our name to steal our glamour and integrity – the Cowboy Museum, cowboy boots, the University of Wyoming football team?

Should non-real cowboys be allowed to write cowboy poetry?

Actually, the time will come when these issues will be moot. The vast majority of dogs in the U.S. are mongrels. The world is working itself through this phase of self-identity and will be for centuries to come, until our global population becomes so crossbred that a rainbow coalition will become the norm. Five hundred years from now, we will look like the crew on Star Trek.

But as civilization progresses, what we as a species (homo sapiens) have in common, will take precedence over what separates us. For now, the offended white, black, Latino, Oriental, Polynesian and Native Americans will fight it out with the un-offended white, black, Latino, Oriental, Polynesian and Native Americans about renaming the Washington football team.

Contact Black at www.baxterblack.com.

Swickard

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and tripled their tuition so the money from the lottery is not enough.

But I have a solution. The proceeds from this tax on people who don't understand math at this point goes to college general education, in fact, anything the student wants to study. Remember, the tobacco settlement funds anti-smoking campaigns. You want to know what I think? The New Mexico Lottery should go directly and entirely to math education in New Mexico.

Every dollar should be channeled to making New Mexico students the envy of the nation when it comes to math. If people can buy lottery tickets with the expectation of winning, they are showing their lack of math education. We should take their obvious lack of numerate ability and use it constructively so future generations in New Mexico do not end up in the same condition.

There is a break point in lack of math sense that does not necessarily mean we should not buy one lottery ticket per drawing. After all, you have to have one ticket to win. I think the problem applies to people who lack numerate ability such that they think buying two lottery tickets significantly improves their chances of winning.

The operational concept most lacking in people who are not numerate appears to

be the ability to think in scale, to judge two things as they relate to each other in mathematical terms. People can buy a lottery ticket once in a while if the mood strikes them, but understanding the scale precludes any real expectations of winning.

Also thinking mathematically, I was flying out of Chicago on a commercial airliner. We were on the ground in a long line waiting to take off. The man next to me confessed he was petrified of flying but had to make this trip. I pointed out the window. "There are over a hundred jets ready to take off right here."

"Gosh," he said, "I hope we don't run into any of them."

I continued, "The scale of airline dysfunction (I didn't want to use the word "crash") is about one plane in two million flights. Not bad odds."

The guy next to me brightened slightly. He

hadn't thought of it that way.

"But what if this airplane is the one in two million?" he questioned.

"Well," I said, "then whoever has a window seat gets a good look at it coming."

That sent him back into gloom. I forgot to ask if he had a lottery ticket, but I bet he did. He just needs some good math education.

Michael Swickard hosts the syndicated radio talk show *News New Mexico* from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on a number of New Mexico radio stations and through streaming. Swickard may be contacted at michael@swickard.com.

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Paul Bowman has taken over the reins of Ashley Furniture HomeStore from his mother, Wanda Bowman, who is retiring. She will continue as chair of the board of R.W. Bowman Corp.

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Paul Bowman takes lead at Ashley furniture store

Operation management stays in family

Bulletin Staff Report

Paul Bowman, who grew up in his family's business, is now the chief operating officer at Ashley Furniture HomeStore in Las Cruces.

Bowman has been the store's general manager since it opened in 2003, and will now handle day-to-day leadership duties of the operation.

Wanda Bowman, who previously led the operation, will be retiring.

"She still likes to work and she still likes to sell," Paul Bowman said of his mother, "so I'm sure we'll see her around the store."

Wanda Bowman will also be chair of the board of R.W. Bowman Corp., the group that

operates the Las Cruces Ashley Furniture HomeStore through a licensing agreement.

"It's like a franchise," Paul Bowman said.

The Bowman family has operated furniture and appliance stores continuously in Las Cruces since 1971.

"I'm excited about continuing the family business," Paul Bowman said. "It's definitely a family legacy."

Paul Bowman's father, Bob Bowman, who co-founded the original business with Wanda, passed away Sept. 25 at the age of 73.

"I'm looking forward to continuing and building the business for my son," Paul Bowman said. His son, Preston, is two.

The move was effective Wednesday, Dec. 4.

News briefs

High court sides with state on GRT hike delay

A three-eighth of a percent increase to the gross receipts tax (GRT) approved by the Las Cruces City Council will not go into effect until July 1, 2014, the New Mexico Supreme Court recently ruled.

The court sided with the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department's decision in late October that Las Cruces could not implement its GRT increase by Jan. 1, 2014, because the city failed to adopt a model resolution in September.

The Las Cruces City Council passed a reworded ordinance in October, which was approved by the state, but not in time to begin collecting the tax on Jan. 1, according to Tax and Rev.

The city petitioned the state Supreme Court to accept its first tax hike ordinance, in hopes it could begin collecting the tax on Jan. 1.

But the Supreme Court didn't agree.

The city wanted the GRT increase in place in case the Legislature decides to change the rule in the next 30-day session, starting Jan. 20. The option to increase GRT is available to larger municipal and county governments depending on hold harmless payments from the state - reimbursements of GRT they would have earned if lawmakers hadn't exempted food and medicine.

The hold harmless payments will be phased out over a 15-year period starting in 2015. The six-month delay is expected to cost the city about \$5 million.

New Mexico U.S. senators and Rep. Lujan back gay marriage

U.S. Sens. Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich and U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan reaffirmed their support for marriage equality Wednesday, Dec. 4, by joining the work of New Mexico Unites for Marriage, the campaign dedicated

to securing and protecting that freedom for everyone in the state.

Their endorsements come as the New Mexico Supreme Court is poised to rule on a case filed on behalf of six plaintiff couples who were represented by the ACLU of New Mexico, the national ACLU, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and local attorneys.

"I enthusiastically support the freedom to marry for everyone in New Mexico," Udall said. "Family comes first for all of us and that's why it is imperative that we support all New Mexican families and work together to win marriage equality and defend it if we must."

"I am very hopeful that the New Mexico Supreme Court will find that our constitution supports full equality for all our citizens," Heinrich said. "Marriage is the foundation of a strong community and I will do all I can to secure and protect this freedom for loving gay and lesbian couples and their families."

"Now that legally married same-sex couples can access the critical federal protections so necessary in times of stress and crisis, it is important to ensure that every couple can make that personal choice of marriage," Lujan said. "Gay and lesbian couples make the same contributions and sacrifices that we all do, including paying taxes, owning business and caring for their families. It is time everyone is treated equally under the law."

"We are extremely grateful to have Senators Udall and Heinrich and Congressman Lujan onboard to support our work to win and defend marriage equality," said campaign manager Robert Adams. "Over 1,700 same-sex couples have already married in New Mexico, and that fundamental freedom belongs to everyone in the state. New Mexico Unites for Marriage is committed to making that dream a reality."

New Mexico Unites for Marriage is a coalition of state and national organizations, business, faith and civic leaders and other New Mexicans who support marriage equality. To learn more or to join the campaign go to www.nmunites.org.

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Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

Astronomy personnel on hand will be Chris Churchill and graduate assistants Gordon MacDonald, Kathryn Steakley and Michael Hayden.

Weather permitting, the moon, the Snowball Nebulae and the M15 globular double cluster will be observed, along with the planet Uranus, the Pleiades, Polaris and the Andromeda Galaxy.

Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call 646-4438.

Animal adoptions

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will facilitate dog, cat, puppy and kitten adoptions from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces.

Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end of Downtown Main Street. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Center for Spiritual Living, across from the site where the dog adoptions take place.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., adoptions also will be facilitated at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs or puppies and \$50 for cats or kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

At the PetCo event, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unaltered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay or neuter is required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

Daily cat adoptions are available at both PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave., and Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

For further information, call 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.org. People who are hearing-impaired can call 541-2182.

BBF fundraiser set

The Border Book Festival will host a Mexican holiday fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at 6 p.m. The evening will feature classic Mexican Christmas food, music by Oscar Pérez and holiday traditions including lotería and a piñata.

The special menu includes pavo con Molé (turkey with molé), "Noche Buena" salad (Christmas Eve salad), posole, tamales, arroz blanco con chicharos y zanahorias (white rice with peas and carrots), frijoles negros (black beans), corn tortillas, Ponche Navideño (a warm Christmas fruit punch), buñuelos and champurrado (a chocolate atolé/corn drink).

Reservations are necessary as the event is limited to 50 people. Location will be announced to participants.

The donation will support the 20th Anniversary Border Book Festival, "Maíz: Honoring the Corn Mother," April 25-27, 2014, as well as yearlong festival programming.

For more information, contact the BBF at 523-3988 or bbf@borderbookfestival.com.

Hillerman book signing

Anne Hillerman will discuss her experiences continuing her father Tony's immensely popular series of suspense novels set in the Navajo nation at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011

Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

Anne Hillerman's book, "Spider Woman's Daughter," made the top 10 on the New York Times hardcover best-seller list within two weeks of its release.

A reception for members of Las Cruces Press Women will follow.

For more information, email lcpresswomen@gmail.com.

Pearl Harbor ceremony

A short ceremony in remembrance of the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor will be conducted after the 8 a.m. flag raising Saturday, Dec. 7, at Las Cruces Veterans Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and meet Pearl Harbor survivor Archie Luce, who will be the honored guest. Mayfield High School JROTC cadet Benjamin Turner will make a short presentation and be presented the Military Officers Association Medal of Merit. There will be two flyovers by World War II vintage fighter aircraft provided by the War Eagles Museum.

Photos with Santa

The second annual Candle Lighting Photos with Santa will be Sunday, Dec. 8, at High Desert Rental, 2223 N. Main St. Hot chocolate and treats will be served. Attendees can be photographed with Santa and make a donation for 4x6 prints with Santa Claus. Proceeds benefit the Compassionate Friends, a group supporting families after the loss of a child.

For more information, call 526-1226 or 524-1968.

Bicycle toy ride

The fourth annual Bicycle Toy Ride presented by Zia Velo will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. The ride benefits the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Parade, and entry fee is one new, unwrapped toy for children ages 3 to 12.

The ride leaves Milagro Coffee y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave., at 11 a.m., and finishes at Andele's Doghouse in Mesilla. A buffet will be available at Andele's, 1983 Calle del Norte, in

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For more information, contact Pablo Lopez at 521-1922 or pablo@outdooradventures-lc.com.

Share the Road Visibility Ride

A Share the Road Visibility Ride will begin at 7:05 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., and will end at Starbucks, 985 E. University Ave.

The rides are intended to build awareness that bicyclists and motorists can share the road safely and that commuting to work on a bicycle is a viable transportation choice. The ride is led by League of American Bicyclists certified instructors.

LC Academy open house

The Las Cruces Academy, 1755 Avenida de Mercado, invites the public to visit the school Tuesday, Dec. 10. From 8:30 to 10 a.m., visitors can watch classes in Chinese, Singapore math and English, talk with teachers and view the facilities. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., visitors may speak with teachers and view the classrooms.

LCA is a private school serving academically advanced students. Classes are small, teachers are well-qualified and students are provided a stimulating, supportive environment. Current openings are for early kindergarten through sixth grade.

For more information, visit www.lascrucesacademy.org or call Lou Ellen Kay at 521-9384.

A Critter Christmas Dec. 12

Well-behaved, leashed dogs are invited to attend the fourth annual "A Critter Christmas" gala, from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The event features food, live music, entertainment, dog costume contest, dog treat buffet, photo booth, no-host bar and more, and benefits the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley, Doña Ana County Humane Society and the Spay and Neuter Action Program.

Tickets are \$50 each, or two for \$90. Entire tables can also be purchased for groups of friends, families and employees; \$400 for a table for eight and \$500 for a table for 10.

Tickets are available at American Classified, 580 S. Valley Drive, Suite 100; Better Life Pet Foods, 365 Avenida de Mesilla; the Doña Ana County Humane Society/Spay and Neuter Action

Program office at 2405 W. Picacho Ave., Suite 103; or online at www.holdmyticket.com/event/150413.

For more information, call Kathy at 642-2648 or e-mail dachsLC@hotmail.com.

Educational retirees meet

The Las Cruces Association of Educational Retirees will meet from 11:15 to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. They will be celebrating their annual Christmas party and ask all attending to bring a \$2 gift for an exchange. The luncheon is \$10.50 per person.

For reservations or more information, call Gale Wiley at 522-2893.

Gluten free brunch class

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, will present Gluten Free Brunch for the Holidays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in the Community Room. Anyone interested in gluten-free brunch ideas, such as biscuits, muffins, waffles and scones for their upcoming holiday events is welcome.

Presenters Abby and Valarie will share their favorite recipes and samples of baked goods and discuss how to make gluten-free flour blends for baking, as well as touch on a few gluten-free vegan options. The class is free and open to the public.

Sign up for the class over the phone, on the website or at the courtesy desk.

For more information, contact 523-0436, www.mountainviewmarket.coop or mvmoutreach@gmail.com.

Eat Smart Live Well classes

Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M, will present "Eat Smart Live Well" stress wellness class from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Community Room.

Rosario and Trish of the market's wellness department will lead the class detailing ways to reduce stress through natural supplements and by eating right.

A corresponding "Eat Smart Live Well" stress cooking class will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16.

Jennifer and Mo of the outreach department will lead a class featuring easy ways to reduce stress through a few delicious recipes.

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Voz Vaqueros performance set

Voz Vaqueros will perform its annual Christmas program at three locations in December: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2900 Elks Drive; 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave.; 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3100 Buena Vida Circle. Voz Vaqueros practice at the Village at Northrise, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway at 7 p.m. each Monday.

For more information, call Lewis at 525-9819.



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Bingham

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One of those friends was Betty Taylor, who was part of the University of Alabama ROTC unit with Bingham.

"She was always a mover and shaker," Taylor said. "She was always in charge."

Although not an imposing figure, those who know the 54-year-old Bingham acknowledged her drive and passion. It's a 32-year career filled with such an array of assignments – both stateside and overseas – they were too many to mention, said Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command, the presiding officer of the ceremony.

"Gwen Bingham is a trailblazer, a leader and a soldier who can be trusted to accomplish the mission that has been assigned to her," Via said.

As one of only 119 major generals currently serving in the Army, Via said the promotion was "a big deal" for the Bingham, who was the first female commander of Fort Lee and the first African American woman to command WSMR.

Her children said they weren't surprised by the promotion because of her passion for serving in the military.

"She really loves what she does," Phillip Bingham said.

Tava Bingham said she appreciated hearing others recognize her mother as a trailblazer.

Besides speaking about her family and friends, Bingham spoke of other career Army officers such as Via who have served as her mentors – and her Christian faith.

"I want to thank God for waking me up today," Bingham said. "All that I am and hope to be would not be possible without the love of Jesus Christ, my husband, family and, as we say down South, a heap of people. ... You can't get there by yourself unless you fool yourself."



Bingham's adult children Phillip and Tava affix the major general shoulder boards onto her blouse. In the background is WSMR Executive Director Paul Mann, who assisted in the ceremony.

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"This is a team of highly professional men and women who make White Sands Missile Range the national gem it is," she said. "The men and women who work here are truly the brain trust of White Sands."

Even during the reception after the ceremony, which was briefly interrupted by a fire alarm, Bingham said she was filled with joy and gratitude, but she also wanted the day to be about the vision and mission of the range. WSMR is really about forming the future of the military, she said, with its multiple military branches and state-of-the-art technology made possible by civilian expertise and support.

Bingham also praised the surrounding communities for their strong support of WSMR, which provides an estimated \$2.3 million in daily economic activity to the area.

"I wear these two stars with pride as part of something much larger than myself and I stand upon the shoulders of many others," Bingham said.



Two-star shoulder straps are placed on the Maj. Gen. Gwen Bingham's uniform jacket by Gen. Dennis Via, commanding general of the Army Materiel Command and her husband Patrick "P.J." Bingham at her promotion ceremony Monday, Dec. 2, at White Sands Missile Range. Assisting the ceremony with a tray holding the insignias is Specialist Marcus Champion.

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Mary Beth Reinhart visits with Bingham in the reception line.



After being promoted, Bingham talks to the group gathered to witness the promotion ceremony.

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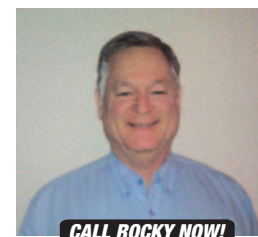
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Michael Pacheco, far left, stands first in line at Staples with his sons Andrew and Michael Jr. Pacheco along with Isaiah Cordova and other customers early Friday, Nov. 29.



Danielle Wise accepts payment from Jason Boy.



Best Buy employee Carlos Fernandez shows Courtney Gavin features on computers.



Ken and Noreen Lindsey and daughter, Alexis, take their deals to the cashier.

CrimeStoppers

Corbett Center burglary

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that helps identify the person or persons who broke into several vehicles parked at New Mexico State University and damaged automated teller machines inside Corbett Center.

New Mexico State University Police learned that unknown suspects broke windows to several vehicles parked in Lot 17 North near Corbett Center Student Union during the early-morning hours of Sunday, Nov. 24. Electronics and tools were stolen from the vehicles parked in Lot 17.

After breaking into the vehicles, the suspects apparently used the stolen tools to try to gain access to ATMs inside Corbett Center. They also tried to enter the operations area of the U.S. Postal Service office that's located inside Corbett Center.

Damage to the ATMs is estimated at several thousand dollars.

Anyone with information that can help identify the suspect or suspects who committed these crimes is asked to contact Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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Paying it forward

Operation Christmas Child recipient becomes volunteer

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a Samaritan's Purse ministry, has touched the lives of more than 100 million children with shoeboxes filled with goodies and scripture.

While many have heard stories about the impact these simple shoeboxes make on children living in more than 130 different countries, few have had the firsthand experience of Martha Diaz, a Las Cruces visitor and Operation Christmas Child volunteer.

Diaz received her shoebox when she was a teenager living in Ecuador.

"At that time, my pastor told us that children in the U.S. and Canada pulled their gifts to share," she said.

She said the box contained markers, toothpaste and a toothbrush, soap, crayons and a pair of green sandals that she still wears to this day. Her favorite item in the box, however, was a pink lamp.

"It reminds me that Jesus is my lamp," she said. "The main purpose of sharing those boxes is to share the real gift of Christmas: Jesus Christ."

As she got older, Diaz remained active with Operation Christmas Child, distributing boxes to children in Ecuador.

"I was now on the other side," she said. "It was so exciting to make those boxes. It's wonderful to me to package the boxes because I know the other side."

She also spent four years helping Operation Christmas Child distribute boxes to Tuquerres, Columbia, a farming community that has a high amount of drug trafficking.

"Those Columbian children touched my heart," she said, adding that the looks on their faces as they opened their shoeboxes reminded her of how she felt when she received hers. "It was so amazing, and I'm grateful I got to see their faces when they opened their boxes and knew that other children in the U.S. wished them a merry Christmas."

She said often times the items the children were most excited about were the markers and notebooks, adding that it meant their family didn't have to find the money to buy these necessary school supplies.

"My pastor told a story about one child who found a pair of

shoes in their box and they started to cry," she said, adding that the child's father had been sent to jail for stealing. "He went to visit him with the shoes and said, 'Look at what God gave me, so you don't have to steal anymore.'"

In May, Diaz – along with 69 Ecuadorians – came to Las Cruces to attend a seven-month course at New Mexico State University to improve her English, a skill she will use when she becomes a teacher.

She began attending First Evangelical Free Church and learned that it was a processing center for Operation Christmas Child.

"Thank you for the great operation here," she said. "My country doesn't have money. I'm grateful for the people who do this job."

"Through these boxes, we share the love of Jesus Christ and talk about the real gift of Christmas."

This year, 8,089 shoeboxes were collected from throughout southwest New Mexico and El Paso.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler
Martha Diaz, a recipient of a gift through Operation Christmas Child when she was a child living in Ecuador, helps the Las Cruces effort, which this year will send 8,089 shoeboxes to children.

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Udall

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would be cut off from food stamps, Udall said.

"The average for a person to be on the SNAP program is eight to 10 months – not a lifetime," said Melody Wattenbarger, Roadrunner Food Bank CEO. "Nobody wants to get SNAP or wait for hours in the cold to get a box of food."

Wattenbarger's comments were a rebuttal to fiscal conservatives who advocate cutting food stamps because they believe many are abusing the system. Wattenbarger said her organization has seen how the economy has hurt the poor the most. Many who were not working fulltime or in minimum-wage jobs were the first to lose their jobs when businesses made cuts, she said.

"The recession has been devastating," she said. "The people with the least to start with were hit the hardest."

Teresa Johansen, chief operations officer for the food bank, said Roadrunner's southern New Mexico operation grows every year and currently distributes more than 4 million pounds of food annually. While there are food pantries that Roadrunner supports, the majority of food is distributed through a network of mobile food banks that set up for periodic distributions in different communities.

The nonprofit organization supports about 100 mobile food banks statewide, Wattenbarger said, which means Roadrunner is supplying the food to at least five mobile food banks every day. Roadrunner has 62 paid employees – 15 of whom are certified truck drivers making only \$11 an hour – so it depends on a small army of volunteers, Wattenbarger said.

About 12,000 people volunteer at Roadrunner statewide over a course of the year, she said. Some volunteer regularly, but the majority of volunteers help out for just a

couple of hours, Johansen said.

While Roadrunner does get some federal food surplus supplies, the food depends on donations, from food drives to cash, Johansen said. Cash is preferred, she said, because the food bank can buy larger quantities of food at bulk prices, from basics such as beans and rice to breakfast cereal and peanut butter. Cash also helps the food bank pay for the food warehousing and storage, she said, as well as equipment costs and maintenance.

If SNAP was to be eliminated, as some advocate, Udall said organizations such as Roadrunner would not be able to fill in the gap.

"Food banks would have to double what they are doing now," the New Mexico Democrat said.

"We could never generate enough private donations to fill the need," Wattenbarger said.

"There has to be a public-private partnership to feed the hungry this country," Udall said. "It's been a tough recession, but we need



Udall listens to Roadrunner Food Bank CEO Melody Wattenbarger during the tour.

to protect our safety net."

Polarized politics over how to handle the government's finances is putting at risk these kinds of safety nets for people when they need it the most, Udall said.

"It is time put aside the labels and find some kind of common ground," Udall said. "There should be common ground about safety nets for people and not have starvation in this country. We need to leave SNAP whole."



U.S. Sen. Tom Udall talks about the condition of donated supplies with Roadrunner Food Bank Chief Operating Officer, Teresa Johansen, during a tour of its southern New Mexico warehouse Tuesday, Dec. 3.

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Udall grabs a can of jalapeños, which is bulk produce provided by Border Foods.

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A rendering shows how the Las Cruces High School renovation will look when it is completed. The school will be expanded to the lot on the east side of El Paseo Road and linked by an enclosed walkway.

Las Cruces High School Architectural drawing by Rem Alley & Associates



'Transformation' begins Construction is more than renovation

By **Jed Hendee**

Las Cruces High School principal

The long-awaited Las Cruces High School renovation project is finally under way.

Referring to this project as a renovation is very misleading, however. What will be happening over the next few years at LCHS is nothing less than a total transformation, from an older, scattered collection of buildings to a state-of-the-art educational campus.

The project has been broken into three phases, with the first phase set to begin at the beginning of December. All of the work done this past summer was a "pre-construction" package that allowed for much of the demolition to be done while students were gone for the summer.

Phase I, which should last two years, will see two-story instructional buildings go up on both sides of El Paseo Road, connected by a fully enclosed bridge. These buildings will house most of our core classrooms, and will come equipped with the most current educational technology

available. In addition, this phase will include a new media center, administrative and counseling offices, a performing arts center, a new multi-purpose field for both marching band and athletics and plenty of additional parking. The goal of this first phase is to give LCHS a new appearance from all vantage points while providing the much needed classroom upgrades.

Phases II and III will begin shortly after the completion of Phase I. The goal of these later phases is to remodel all existing buildings that are not being replaced, as well as to relocate the cafeteria and add an auxiliary gym to the back of the main gym. Our main gymnasium, which has a very strong tradition to maintain, will remain unchanged aside from some much needed cosmetic and heating/cooling upgrades.

The most exciting part of this project is the main "mall" or courtyard that is being established in the center of the campus. For years, our campus has been added on to and there is no real focal point. It is our belief that this design will help bring the school together and unify our many activities.

National History club founded LCHS chapter is first for New Mexico

By **Elena Davidson**

Las Cruces High School student

The Las Cruces High School History Club is in its charter year, and will be the first National History Club chapter in New Mexico.

The goal of the club is to engage students in "cool" history-related programs that get students excited about learning history content while building important skills.

The club is open to any student with an interest or passion for history. Members who are

active in the club for two years and have a 3.5 GPA in Honors or AP history courses may apply for acceptance into the National Society of History Scholars and receive a burgundy cord to wear at graduation.

Club officers are Elena Davidson (president), Grace Cowie (vice president) and Elisa Davidson (secretary). The club sponsored a reading of the Gettysburg Address during the morning announcements to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the reading of the famous address by President Lincoln in 1863.

Students produce Pete V. Domenici Institute manual

Documentaries to teach students about longtime U.S. senator

By **Jennifer Coppolo**

Las Cruces High School teacher

In a major, yearlong, collaborative effort, Las Cruces High School Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government and Politics students, under the direction of their instructor Jennifer Coppolo, produced an instructor's manual to accompany the documentary films, "Domenici: Economic Development and Natural Resources," and "Domenici: This is About Leadership."

The manual, which is currently under review by retired U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and the Pete V. Domenici Institute, will be paired with a two-DVD set and sent to New Mexico high schools later this school year.

LCHS students who produced the manual are Alfredo Gurmendi, Aitiana Zamora, Ismael Torres, Weite (Mark) Ting, Nicole Harvey, Jeremy Diaz, Aaron Carrasco, Shannon Head, Millie Cosse and Ryan Burkett.

The manual materials were researched, selected and developed by students to help

create a more profound understanding of and appreciation for the leadership role in the U.S. Senate by Domenici, as well as his many career achievements for the people of New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1972 to 2008.

Materials developed focus on the history, process and outcomes for each sub-topic on the DVDs, as well as the concept of leadership and exploration of the character traits that define effective leaders. The 85-page manual contains the following for each video segment: Lesson objectives, background information, vocabulary terms, vocabulary activities, video segment viewing guide, viewing guide key, class discussion questions, class activities/assignments, quiz questions, quiz key, webquests, websites and additional resources.

The manual was formatted by the students and includes manual cover art designed by LCHS art student Annie Stout. The original artwork was framed and presented by the students to Domenici at the Domenici Public Policy Institute in September. The manual is dedicated by the students to Domenici.

"We are in awe of the senator's many accomplishments, which we learned about in-depth while completing this manual," Coppolo said. "His leadership is truly inspiring."

'Rivals' unite to battle hunger Food drive coincided with rivalry game

By **Kathleen Gardner**

Las Cruces High School teacher

As part of the first annual "Rivals United to Beat Hunger" campaign, Las Cruces High School, Mayfield High School and Picacho Middle School participated in a canned food drive competition in the week preceding the big football rivalry game.

Starting with the "Rivals United to Beat Hunger" parade on Saturday, Nov. 2, involving Sierra and Vista middle schools and Mayfield and Las Cruces high schools, the week culminated with food donations at Aggie Memorial Stadium for the LCHS vs. MHS football game.

With all donations benefiting Roadrunner Food Bank, Picacho MS, MHS and LCHS combined their efforts for a total of 2,936 pounds. LCHS beat their donation of 1,700 pounds last year with 2,402 pounds collected this year.

"Finding out we raised over 2,000 pounds of canned goods was such astonishing news," said Kevin Prieto, canned food drive organizer, parade participant and Las Cruces High School student body president. "Just to know a high school has the potential to do something to have a positive impact on its community is remarkable, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

For more information, contact Kathleen Gardner at kgardner@lchs.k12.nm.us.

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Basketball, X-country stars shine



Barbara Boxleitner
Keeping up

Cross country runner Sal Wright was one of Siena College's best performers in big meets this season.

The sophomore out of Oñate High School placed second among the Saints in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship 8K, finishing in 27 minutes, 24 seconds. He also placed second among the Saints in the NCAA Northeast Regional 10K.

Wright was eighth among the Saints in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference/Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America Championship 8K.

More men's cross country

Another from Oñate, Fort Lewis College freshman Zachary Rhodes, completed the Western State Colorado University 8K in 28:26.

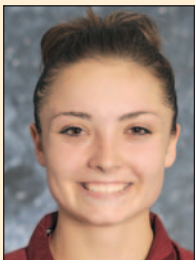
Men's basketball

Starting guard Tim Jacobs led Cochise College in scoring through nine games. The Oñate High product averaged a team-best 15 points. He averaged 3.3 rebounds.

Air Force Academy junior guard Scott Adler, formerly at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, had six points and three rebounds in four games.

Women's basketball

Through seven games, Mayfield High School alumna Elena Holguin ranked third on New Mexico State University women's basketball team with a 11.0 scoring average. She led the team with 18 points in a win over Eastern New Mexico.



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AIB College of Business sophomore guard Alexys Burkhardtmeier, a past Knight, had six points and two rebounds in five games.

Las Cruces High School graduate Christina Licano is a senior guard for The Apprentice School.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at bkle3@aol.com.

For all the marbles

Dawgs vs. Trojans: Clash for state title at Aggie Memorial

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces and Mayfield high schools are no strangers to the New Mexico 5-A football championship.

The Bulldawgs (12-1) are the defending champions and have taken home the coveted "blue trophy" five times since 1999 (1999, 2000, 2002, 2008 and 2012).

The Trojans (12-1) were last champions in 2010, but have also brought home the hardware five times since 1998 (1998, 2005-2007 and 2010). If you're counting, that's 10 championships in 15 years for the City of the Crosses.

Soon it will be 11 out of 16.

The Mayfield Trojans will attempt to wrest the title away from the Las Cruces Bulldawgs at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Aggie Memorial Stadium in front of a crowd that may near or pass the 30,000 mark.

It won't be the first time the two schools have battled it out for all the glory. In 2002, Coach Jim Miller's Las Cruces team (9-4) gave Mike Bradley's Trojans (12-1) their first loss of the season 17-14 to claim the title.

Both coaches are sticking to the "just keep doing what we've been doing" mantra, as the game approaches.

"The kids, this time of year, they know what they have to be doing out on the field," Bradley said.

"They have to execute on offense, they have to see **Clash** on page A22



The 2013 New Mexico high school 5-A football championship trophy will be in the grasp of either the Las Cruces Bulldawgs or the Mayfield Trojans after the perennial foes meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Jordan: Aggies won't be 'intimidated'

NMSU meets Arizona in NCAA Volleyball Tournament

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Western Athletic Conference New Mexico State Aggie volleyball team will face off against the University of Arizona at 6 p.m. (MT) Friday, Dec. 6, in San Diego, during the first round of the NCAA Volleyball Championship.

In the other match, host and No. 9 seed San Diego (24-3) will face UC Santa Barbara (18-10) at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. The Toreros won the West Coast Conference title with a 16-2 mark and are currently on a 15-match winning streak. UCSB shared the Big West regular-season title with Cal State Northridge and Hawai'i, but earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament due to the conference's head-to-head tiebreaker.

The first-round winners are scheduled to

meet at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, but fans are advised to check www.nmstatesports.com for late schedule changes.

The regionals for the Aggies' bracket will be played in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14.

NMSU coach Mike Jordan said the Arizona Wildcats are a "great" team, the Aggies won't be intimidated.

"We are very familiar with them," he said. "We play them a lot in the spring season, a lot of scrimmage type stuff, and we have an idea of what they have personnel-wise."

"We competed well with them in the spring, and we are looking forward to the challenge," he said.

The Aggies (22-10) advanced to the NCAA by winning the Western Athletic Conference tournament Wednesday, Nov. 27, in Phoenix.

This will be NMSU's seventh NCAA Tournament appearance and second in a row.

The Aggies are led by WAC Player of the Year and WAC Tournament MVP Desiree Scott, who averages 2.62 kills on .372 hitting and 1.33 blocks per set.

Arizona (20-12) earned an at-large bid out of the Pacific-12 Conference. The Wildcats tied for fifth in the Pac-12 with a 10-10 conference mark. Arizona is led by Madi Kingdon, who averages 4.38 kills and 3.19 digs per set.

Jordan said playing a team from the Pacific 12 Conference will be a challenge.

"Obviously, the Pac 12, I think, is the premier volleyball conference in the country," he said. "It's loaded with good teams - great teams. Arizona is no exception. They are very talented, they are well coached. They have a lot of very

See **NCAA** on page A22

Undefeated UTEP tops Aggies

Young NMSU team battles but falls behind in second half

The New Mexico State women's basketball fell to the undefeated Miners from the University of Texas at El Paso, 80-61, Tuesday, Dec. 3, in the Pan American Center. The loss drops the Aggies record to 3-5, while UTEP improves to 7-0 on the season.

Freshman Brianna Freeman led the Aggies in scoring with 12 points, Moriah Mack ended the game with nine points and both freshman Vanessa Garner and junior transfer Tyler Ellis finished with eight.

The Aggies shot 38 percent from the field, but allowed UTEP to shoot 42.6 percent. The Aggies shot 41.2 percent from three-point range (7-17), while holding the Miners to just 15.4 percent (2-13).

"The team did a good job tonight, they competed for the entire game," coach Mark Trakh said. "We started three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior tonight so this is a team that is really building for the future."

The Aggies got off to a slow start, held without a field goal for the first three and a half minutes.

Freeman scored the first four points of the game for the Aggies, followed by a three pointer from junior transfer September Offutt, which tied the game at seven with just under 16 minutes remaining in the first half.

UTEP answered by going on a 9-2 run that pushed the score to 16-9. The Aggies wouldn't go away, though, and Mack hit a three pointer that broke the Aggies out of their scoring drought.

NMSU went on their own scoring run, capped off by sophomore Sasha Weber hitting a pair of free throws

to give the Aggies a 19-18 lead with nine minutes to go in the first half.

The Aggies and Miners traded baskets for the remainder of the first half. UTEP pushed their lead to seven points, but the Aggies would answer back right before the half with a Weber steal, which led to a fast-break score. UTEP led going into halftime 39-35.

The Aggies were led in scoring at halftime by Freeman with nine points while the Miners had two players in double digits. The Aggies were outrebounded 16-23 by the Miners but NMSU made five three point shots while UTEP was 0-6 from three-point range at the half.

UTEP came out strong in the second half and immediately went on a 11-3 run to give them a 50-38 lead over the Aggies before Garner got the Aggies back on track with a

layup with just over 15 minutes to play.

NMSU was held scoreless for more than three minutes before Mack hit an off-balance shot to keep the Aggies in the game.

Ellis scored six of her eight points in the second half and brought the Aggies' deficit to single digits with just over 10 minutes to play.

UTEP kept up the pressure and slowly began to pull away from the Aggies in the second half. Mack hit a shot with eight minutes to go to get the score to 50-59, but this was as close as the Aggies would get.

UTEP pulled away from the Aggies and pushed their lead to as many as 20 points before defeating NM State 80-61. The Aggies next travel to Albuquerque to take on rival University of New Mexico at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Jim Hilley

Sasha Weber races up court on a fast break against the University of Texas at El Paso Miners during the Aggies' 80-61 loss to the Miners in the Pan American Center Tuesday, Dec. 3.



Assistant coach Tamara Inoue gives instructions to the Aggies during a time out at the UTEP game.

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Cold Aggies fall to Lobos 79-70

NMSU basketball travels to No. 19 Gonzaga and No. 2 Arizona

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Poor shooting in the first half put the New Mexico State University Aggies in a hole they could never dig out of as they fell to the University of New Mexico Lobos, 79-70, in the Pan American Center Wednesday, Dec. 4.

The Aggies were led by Daniel Mullings with 16 points.

The game was tied at 16-16 with 12:03 left in the first half, but the Lobos went on a 19-9 run as the Aggies went cold from the field.

"We had a lot of mental breakdowns tonight and, as a team, they didn't handle the pressures of this game, the magnitude of this game and the ramifications of what it means to the city and the college - are immense," NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said.

The Lobos led 39-29 at the half.

The Aggies pulled to within four, 43-39, with 16:48 to go in the game, but never got closer.

"I've got nothing but respect for New Mexico State," UNM

coach Craig Neal said. "I think they have a really good team. "It was a tough road win."

The Aggies were able to get to within six with 5:52 to play on two free throws by D.K. Eldridge, but fouls by K.C. Ross Miller and Tshilidzi Nephawe, and missed shots by Eldridge and Sim Bhullar, handed momentum back to the Lobos.

NMSU was able to score 10 points in the last 55 seconds and cut the lead to six at 74-68 on a Kevin Aronis three-pointer, but the Lobos made four straight free throws to seal the win.

The Aggies will go on a brutal road trip starting at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at No. 19 Gonzaga and continuing at 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 11, at No. 2 Arizona, 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Drake and at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, for a rematch against the Lobos in Albuquerque.



D.K. Eldridge makes a move on Arthur Edwards.



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Aggie point guard K.C. Ross Miller dribbles around Hugh Greenwood.

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On the green

A balancing act

Can we find a self-fulfilling middle ground?



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

A lot of golfers and other athletes are wearing “performance jewelry” these days. I have magnetic bracelets, rubber wrist bands, pendants that hang on chains around my neck and other stuff. I even have a magnetic belt endorsed by Raymond Floyd.

I noticed many of the major league baseball players in the World Series had multiple bands around their necks. I don't know if this stuff does any good. Certainly there is no real solid scientific evidence to prove that these accouterments actually make a significant and lasting difference in one's performance. I guess it would take “indisputable” scientific evidence – the kind needed to overturn a football referee's call on the field – for me to become a passionate believer.

One bracelet I received from the marketer (to test) was promoted as creating “better balance” for the wearer. That would be nice, I thought.

Then my mind began to wander, pondering the various dimensions of balance that seem to be involved in golf. Of course, a balanced golf swing, along with a balanced weight shift and finishing position, are fundamental for a solid swing. However, for the purposes of this lesson, I'm talking other types of balance: mental, emotional, behavioral and attitudinal. Perhaps we could even

go deeper into personality traits. For now, we'll look at five critical aspects of balance in your approach to the game of golf that will help you toward faster improvement.

I view the challenge of balance for athletic performance as a continuum, with extremes of behavior on either end. My first example is with the emotional extremes of fear on the one end and anger on the other end.

Visualize a scale with fear on the left side and anger on the right side. What we want is something more performance enhancing, in the middle. Playing with fear all the time, whether it's fear of failing, fear of losing, fear of looking bad or just fear in general, is going to sink us eventually. Being afraid of bad results and negative outcomes is a sure recipe for failure, in my book, regardless of what sport you're playing.

On the other hand, playing angry golf won't get you anywhere either. Temper tantrums, club throwing, vulgar outbursts and a sour disposition are maladaptive emotional states that will dampen any chance of success. I coach golfers to get themselves in an emotional place that is calm and collected, where the emotional ups and downs are minimal. Call it serenity if you will. There are so many ups and downs in a round of golf, and a golf tournament lasting several days, that we need to keep things level – balanced.

For some folks, the balancing act is between indifference and perfectionism. Over my years of playing golf and doing golf schools, I have seen more average, recreational golfers who have an “I don't care” attitude,

who play what I call “hit-and-giggle” golf, as opposed to golfers who demand that every shot be perfect, or at least much better than it turned out.

I see perfectionist attitudes in many young golfers who are just learning the game. The vast majority are simply not good enough yet to get that down on themselves, to get so upset when they mess up.

Between apathy and trying to make everything perfect, in my opinion, lies a positive attitude of striving for excellence while accepting the results at any given moment. I must admit I do favor a mindset that sets high standards of performance, as opposed to an attitude settling for just average or “whatever.” Golf is certainly not a game of “perfect,” as Ben Hogan said. Golf is mostly a game of misses; we just want our misses to be such that we can work with them.

One of the really important balancing acts we must be aware of concerns our level of stimulation or excitement.

On the one end, we have the lethargic golfer, who doesn't seem to be motivated by much at all, or at least not motivated to perform at his or her very best. No effort, no intensity, no forethought, no real exertion.

On the other hand, there is the golfer who is just stoked. It's like he has just consumed three bold grande coffees from Starbucks or three monster drinks.

If you're a defensive tackle whose job it is to sack the quarterback, it's hard to be over-aroused, but if you're over-aroused as a golfer you're in trouble.

Fine motor skills, like those needed in putting (and playing the piano), don't respond well when we're overly aroused. We need to be calm. We need to be motivated, enthusiastic, optimistic; but not over-zealous, nervous or over-eager.

This balance is what I call “passionate detachment.” This is where you badly want the desired result, but you are not so attached to the outcome that it gets in the way of your performance.

Let's talk about the continuum of insecure on the one end and cocky on the other. If you want to see insecure, take a look at the golfer who seems to be constantly in fear, as noted in our first comparison. Insecurity can also be found at the highest levels of the game, from Q-school all the way to a tour pro who may be on the verge of winning his or her first professional tournament.

When you're out of your comfort zone, out of your element, you're going to feel nervous and there is no pill, no sports drink, no shrink who can help you out of it. Experience is the best teacher, pure and simple.

Cockiness, on the other hand, is the one area that I'm unsure about, because I don't have much advice on that one.

My experience is that cocky golfers tend to be narcissists. They're usually self-centered, ego-driven, boorish characters, who are not welcoming to suggestion or advice. They tend to be taken by themselves, with little sensitivity to what may be going on around them, or how others are feeling. They tend to think

that it's all about “me.”

Perhaps that's why we like to see certain sports figures (and politicians and entertainers) taken down by their own self-defeating, egotistical and rapacious behavior. I'm not naming any names. OK, I will. To cover the misbehavior bases of celebrity-dom we're talking about A-Rod, Lindsay Lohan and Anthony Weiner, for example.

Just pick your sport and think about it; you'll come up with lots of examples.

The middle ground is the confident player who knows himself and who knows that things will be OK, regardless of the outcome of this particular match. Confidence, in reality, is quiet conviction in how you have prepared and that you are doing things right. Believing in yourself and your method. That amazing attitude will get us through almost anything. That's how the brave men who struggled up the beaches of Normandy on D-Day and fought on Iwo Jima won World War II for us.

My friends know that I mark my golf ball on the green with what are called “challenge” coins, honoring and remembering World War II heroes.

I do that to keep the game of golf properly in perspective. Golf is simply a game – pretty minor when it comes to the big picture. But veterans of foreign wars and wounded warriors were dealing with life-and-death. Life is not a game.

Lastly, let me explain the difference between someone who is a “know-it-all” and someone who is intractably ignorant.

The know-it-all has an answer and a come-back for everything, regardless if he knows what he is talking about. He is the fellow who seems to be constantly talking – about the market, about the NFL, about politics – but the more that comes out of his mouth, the more you realize that his ego has hijacked his brain.

Beware of this brash cretin, since he is liable to convince you of false idols. He's the type of person who says, “Every statement I make is firmly backed up by my own opinion.”

This golfer-ignoramus has not bothered to read the rules, take any lessons or learn anything about the game. No thought of raking a bunker or fixing a ball mark. No thought that someone may be waiting in the group behind, while he takes a dozen practice swings and then studiously lines up his fourth putt.

Which is worse? Take your pick. I like people who are coachable: serious golfers who would like to get better; who approach golf with some appreciation for the sacred history of the game, the genteel sport that it is and some humor.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. A few ideas for this article came from www.thespoof.com which offers “47 essential excuses for golfers;” and www.golfexcuses.com, which offers “The Golf Excuse Handbook: A Duffer's Survival Guide.” Contact Blanchard at sports@lascrucesbulletin.com

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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KELSEE ROSALES
is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is a shooting guard on the Lady Knight's basketball team. This season, Rosales is averaging 20 points, four steals and five rebounds per game. She is a leader and team captain, has a great attitude and a strong work ethic. Rosales takes that same work ethic into the classroom, where she has a current GPA of 3.50. When not in class or on the court, she enjoys hanging out with friends and spending time with family.

KAL MCCORKLE
is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. McCorkle plays forward on the Knight's basketball team. This season, McCorkle is averaging 13 points and nine rebounds per game. He has shown great leadership and commitment through much adversity. McCorkle is an exemplary student, with a 4.0 GPA.

OÑATE HIGH SCHOOL

AggieInsider



Back in the battle

Jordannaires return to NCAA tourney



Pistol Pete
Pete's
Ponderings

Pardners, the December tradition of Mike Jordan taking his volleyball team to the NCAA postseason tournament is upon us again.

The Coach of the Year in the Western Athletic Conference had the Player of the Year and earned a seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament. Ole Mike won the WAC regular season and postseason titles for the first time since joining the WAC.

NM State won the regular season in 2008 and the conference tournament last year to recap other WAC title years.

Jordan had a run of five trips to the NCAA in six seasons beginning in 2003. Again, it was a consistent front line and good defense that carried Mike's rowdies back to the NAAs.

Frontline leader Desiree Scott was recognized as the Player of the Year, and Gwen Murphy was picked to the first team. Their numbers proved it out, Scott ranked second in the conference during WAC matches in blocks, third in hitting percentage, fifth in points and ninth in kills. Murphy, who earned the first All-WAC honor of her career, led the league in hitting percentage and was third in blocks.

The savvy leadership of versatile grad student Stephanie Ziegler cannot be measured. She

played a variety of positions, all of them well. A broken leg as an underclassman didn't keep Ziegler from coming back, playing her final two years as a major contributor as the libero, on the front line and as a defensive leader. She also is finishing up her graduate degree as she heads to her second consecutive trip to postseason play.

Jordan is the master tactician when it comes to recognizing key players for the right situation. Settling on Jordan Reifsteck at libero proved to be a turning point for the season.

In the home stretch and at the WAC tournament Bradley Nash led the way before a large group of family, fans and well-wishers. Coach is a man who speaks his mind and was quick to thank his Sideout Club members who have backed his program, vocally and financially, year to year.

There is always a space around the campfire for another ranch hand to shoulder the load.

You can hear the broadcast of the Aggies NCAA match versus Arizona from San Diego starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Jay Sanderson calling the play by play.

Pete's gift suggestion: Tickets to the holiday time games on Dec. 21 and 28. The Saturday night contests are a handy break from the hustle and bustle. South Alabama is a major player in the Sun Belt this season, and will be back in the Pan Am the Saturday prior to the New Year. It will give fans a good match-up to see as we head into the New Year.

An exciting time

Foundation laid for success on football field



Doug Martin
Head Football
Coach

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you all a few insights into what is going on with your New Mexico State Aggie football program, right now.

As you know, we just finished the 2013 season with a huge win over future Sun Belt Conference foe Idaho. The 2013 schedule was incredibly challenging, being highlighted by BCS opponents Texas, Minnesota, UCLA, and Boston College.

I am proud of the way our team embraced the struggle and met these teams head-on.

While not all of the results went the way we would have liked, I was proud and encouraged by our performances in many games, none more important than the Louisiana-Lafayette and Idaho games.

Louisiana-Lafayette ended up winning the 2013 Sun Belt Conference Championship, and we went toe-to-toe with them for four quarters and, in some ways, even outplayed them. This performance coupled with a victory over Idaho is a good indicator as to how we will fit into the Sun Belt Conference next year. I am excited to compete and win games in that conference in 2014.

The two games that got away

from us this year were the ones against our rivals. This is the next big hurdle this program is facing: catching and bypassing these two programs.

Once we do that, special things will begin to happen here at NM State.

That is where recruiting comes in: It offers us a chance every year to get new players to help

improve this team. We are in the heart of putting together our 2014 recruiting class, with official visits taking place on the following weekends: Dec. 6-8, Jan. 17-19, Jan. 24-26, 2014, and Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2014.

These

weekends offer us an opportunity to highlight all of the positive things NM State, Las Cruces and the state of New Mexico have to offer. We couldn't be any more excited about continuing to recruit at a high-level and finishing up the 2014 class on a high note.

Looking ahead to the 2014 season, we are eager to join the Sun Belt Conference and compete at a very high level. With out-of-conference games against Cal-Poly, LSU, New Mexico and UTEP, we have a great chance to compete week-in and week-out and have a great season.

This is an exciting time for Aggie Football as we make the transition into the Sun Belt Conference and lay a foundation for future success.

“ I am proud of the way our team embraced the struggle. ”

Upcoming

Saturday, December 7

Swimming and Diving

Northern Arizona
Las Cruces
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Women's Basketball

at New Mexico
Albuquerque
7 p.m.

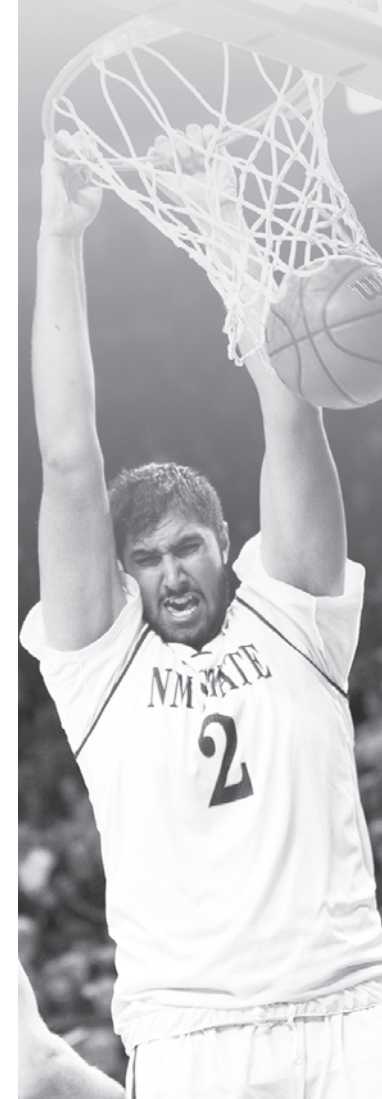
Men's Basketball

at Gonzaga
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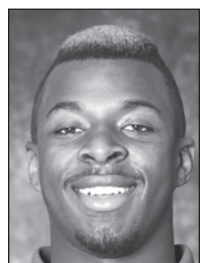
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Men's Basketball

at Arizona
Tucson, Ariz.
7 p.m.



Aggie student-athlete spotlight

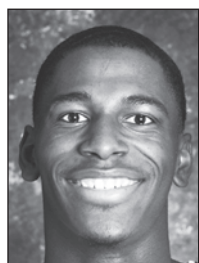


Trashaun Nixon

Linebacker
Football
Oxnard, Calif.

Linebacker Trashaun Nixon led the NM State defense with 12 tackles, a sack, four tackles for a loss and a forced fumble in the Aggies' 24-16 win over Idaho to finish the 2013 season. Nixon

ended the season with 93 total tackles, second on the team and a team-leading 13 tackles for a loss.



DK Eldridge

Guard
Men's basketball
Dallas

Junior guard DK Eldridge is hitting a team-high 54 percent (15-of-28) of his three-point attempts. Although he has hit only four three's in the Pan American Center, he is hitting 45 percent in Aggie

victories. Eldridge caught fire last week, missing only one three-pointer (9-of-10) in three games. He tallied a career-high 23 points in a heart-breaking loss at Colorado State Nov. 30.

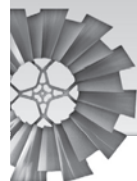


Desiree Scott

Middle Blocker
Volleyball
Tucson, Ariz.

Middle blocker Desiree Scott was named the 2013 WAC Tournament Most Valuable Player, after she helped NM State win its second straight WAC Tournament title. Scott hit

.477 with 24 kills in two matches for the Aggies, including just three attacking errors. She also recorded 15 total blocks.



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Aggies hold off Vandals

Team ends season with 21-16 victory

The New Mexico State University football team finished the 2013 season by holding off the Idaho Vandals, 24-16, in Aggie Memorial Stadium Saturday, Nov. 30. The Aggies finish the season with a 2-10 record.

NMSU would score 17 of the final 20 points in the game, including out-scoring Idaho 14-3 in the second half.

Senior quarterback Andrew McDonald finished 17-of-27 for 186 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Senior running back Germi Morrison had the second 100-yard game of the season, and third of his career, after finishing with 111 rushing yards on 17 carries.

Junior Austin Franklin once again led the Aggie receiving corps, this time with six catches for 64 yards and two touchdowns. Adam Shapiro added four catches for 62 yards.

The Aggie defense played one of its strongest games of the season, led by senior linebacker Trashaun Nixon, who had 12 total tackles, half a sack and a forced fumble.

The teams traded punts during the first four drives of the game. The Vandals' second punt of the day pinned the Aggies on their own five-yard line.

McDonald got NMSU out of trouble, however, as the Aggie quarterback scrambled for 28 yards on the first play of the drive. Later in the drive, McDonald hit junior wide receiver Joseph Mathews for a 27-yard pass.

A couple of plays later, McDonald hit Franklin down the left sideline for a 28-yard touchdown catch, giving NMSU a 7-0 lead with 6:27 left in the first quarter.

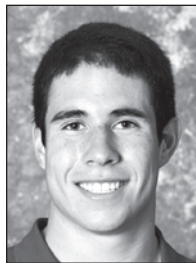
The Vandals tied the game at seven after a 56-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Taylor Davis to tight end Michael LaGrone.

During Idaho's next drive, NMSU seemed to force a Vandal punt for the fourth time in five drives, but Idaho punter Austin Rehkow ran 40 yards down the field on a fake punt.

Rehkow kicked a 25-yard field goal to give

the Vandals a 10-7 lead.

On the ensuing NMSU drive, McDonald was stripped of the ball after attempting a pass. Idaho recovered the fumble at the Aggie 11-yard line.



SHAPIRO

NMSU's defense held the Vandals to a Rehkow field goal that extended the Idaho lead to 13-7, with under five minutes left in the half.

The Aggies turned the ball over during their next two possessions, but the defense kept its team in the ball game.

After a McDonald interception, the Aggie defense got the ball right back when Nixon forced a fumble at the Idaho 45-yard line.

Following another Aggie turnover, the defense would stop the Vandals on fourth-and-three from the Aggie 26-yard line to give the ball back to NMSU with 1:48 left in the half.

The Aggies went 55 yards on eight plays to set up a 36-yard field goal by Maxwell Johnson, with 13 seconds left in the half, to cut the Idaho lead to 13-10 at halftime.

NMSU regained the lead during its first possession of the second half. After forcing an Idaho three-and-out, the Aggies went on a nine-play, 73-yard scoring drive, giving the Aggies a 17-13 lead with 9:21 left in the third quarter.

Idaho answered with a final field goal of the day to cut the NMSU lead to one at 17-16.

The Aggies made two touchdowns in two second-half drives. Shapiro extended the lead to 24-16 after he scored on a reverse handoff during the second play of the final quarter. NMSU would go 4-for-4 on third-down conversions during the drive.

With the Vandals driving and in the red zone, NMSU senior defensive back Darien Johnson intercepted a pass, giving the ball to NMSU on its own 20-yard line with 10:48 left.

Idaho had four opportunities from inside the red zone to try and tie the game, but the Aggie defense held strong.

Clash

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to block well, they've got to make the plays," he said. "On defense, we have to tackle well, which we've done this year, and we have to prevent the big plays"

Miller said his team knows what to expect from the Trojans.

"They are a power football team offensively," he said. "They've got a great running quarterback who's throwing the ball real well now. Good running backs, a good offensive line, probably the best offensive line we've seen all year, so they're going to pound it."

"We got to make sure we get stops and don't give up the big play."

NCAA

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physical, athletic athletes and it's going to be a tough match."

The NMSU coach said his team has improved during the season in several areas.

"I feel like our ball control and our ability to stay low-error have improved," he said. "I don't think that we are great in those areas, but we have become solid. That's been a stabilizing force for us."

Jordan said the Aggies' balance on offense will be an asset.

Bradley is wary of Las Cruces as well. "Cruces is very talented team," he said. "They have a lot of weapons in the backfield, receivers and tight ends. They've got a huge offensive line. "It's a huge challenge for us. I think they scored about 130 points in the last two games. (actually, only 124) Big plays, being able to run all over the place, we've got to limit that somehow, some way."

"We did a fair job the first game," Bradley said.

He was talking about Mayfield's 28-20 upset of the top-ranked Bulldawgs on Nov. 8, in Aggie Memorial Stadium.

"We are not going to stop them completely, but we have to slow them down enough where we can score more points than they do," Bradley said. "That's the bottom line."

"We're tough to figure out. Those things work in our favor."

The Aggies' Lauren Loerch suffered a torn plantar fascia in her foot during the WAC Tournament, Jordan said.

"It really affects her mobility and jumping, obviously," he said. "She going to try to play, but she's definitely not moving around all that well right now. We are resting her as much as possible."

"Other than that, we are OK, the usual sore shoulders, bad knees, etc."

He said he did not think the Aggies will be outmatched by the Wildcats.

"I think they have an advantage on the outside but we might have an advantage in the middle," he said.

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Friday, Dec. 6 Boys basketball at Los Lunas High School7 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 7 Wrestling at Los Lunas Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 10 Boys Basketball at Hot Springs High School6:30 p.m.
 Girls Basketball Hot Springs High School7 p.m.
 Dec. 12-14 Girls Basketball at Capital City Tournament TBA
 Dec. 13-14 Wrestling at Las Cruces High School Tournament TBA



Las Cruces High School

Dec. 6-7 Swimming at Albuquerque Invitational TBA
 Saturday, Dec. 7 Wrestling at Santa Teresa Wrestling Tournament8 a.m.
 Football NM 5A Championship vs Mayfield HS1 p.m.
 Dec. 12-14 Girls Basketball at Albuquerque Academy Tournament TBA
 Dec. 12-14 Boys Basketball at Albuquerque Academy Tournament TBA
 Dec. 13-14 Wrestling Las Cruces High School Tournament TBA



Mayfield High School

Friday, Dec. 6 Girls Basketball at Montwood High School7:15 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 7 Wrestling at Los Lunas Tournament TBA
 Football NM 5A Championship vs Las Cruces HS1 p.m.
 Dec. 7-8 Boys Basketball vs Clovis at ENMU Greyhound Arena 7 p.m./TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 10 Girls Basketball at Santa Teresa High School7 p.m.
 Dec. 12-14 Girls Basketball at Moriarity Tournament TBA
 Dec. 13-14 Wrestling at Las Cruces High School Tournament TBA



Oñate High School


Dec. 5-7 Boys Basketball Clint Varsity Tournament TBA
 Friday, Dec. 6 Girls Basketball Franklin High School7 p.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 7 Wrestling at Los Lunas Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Dec. 10 Boys Basketball Faith Christian School7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Loretto Academy7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 12-14 Girls Basketball at Rio Rancho Tournament TBA
 Dec. 13-14 Wrestling at Las Cruces High School Tournament TBA




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Dec. 5-7 Boys Basketball at Kirtland Central Tournament TBA
 Dec. 12-14 Boys Basketball at Sandia Prep Tournament TBA






ATHLETE of the WEEK



Germi Morrison

Running Back, Football

Running back Germi Morrison led the NM State offense to a 24-16 win over Idaho this past Saturday to end the 2013 football season. Morrison ran for 111 yards on 17 carries, marking his second 100-yard rushing game of the season and the third of his career. Morrison ended the season with four touchdowns and a team leading 451 yards rushing.



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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1913

• With the foundation already in place, the cornerstone for the St. Andrews chapel honoring the memory of Right Rev. John Kendricks was laid on the Alameda. When the chapel was complete, it was scheduled to have services once a month and Sunday School each week.

• Testimony in a boundary suit between Texas and New Mexico over the historic location of the Rio Grande brought out some interesting historic tidbits. Mariano Colemenero, a Tigua elder from Ysleta, Texas, related the story of an incident in 1862, when a band of Indians killed a boy near Chamberino. Colemenero said a group including "Indios Mansos" from Ysleta chased the raiders to Soledad Canyon in the Organ Mountains, where they prepared to ambush them in their sleep. One of their horses, however, stumbled over a lamb and the bleating awoke the slumbering marauders. A fight ensued, and no hostiles were killed initially, but Colemenero said he later slew two Indians in a hand-to-hand fight.

75 years ago

1938

• Dr. Fabian Garcia was elected as sponsor of the Conquistadores Club. The club was preparing a dance at the country club with Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Tyre and Frank and Christian Amador as chaperones. Patrons were to be Dean Mott and state college alum Lauro Apodaca.

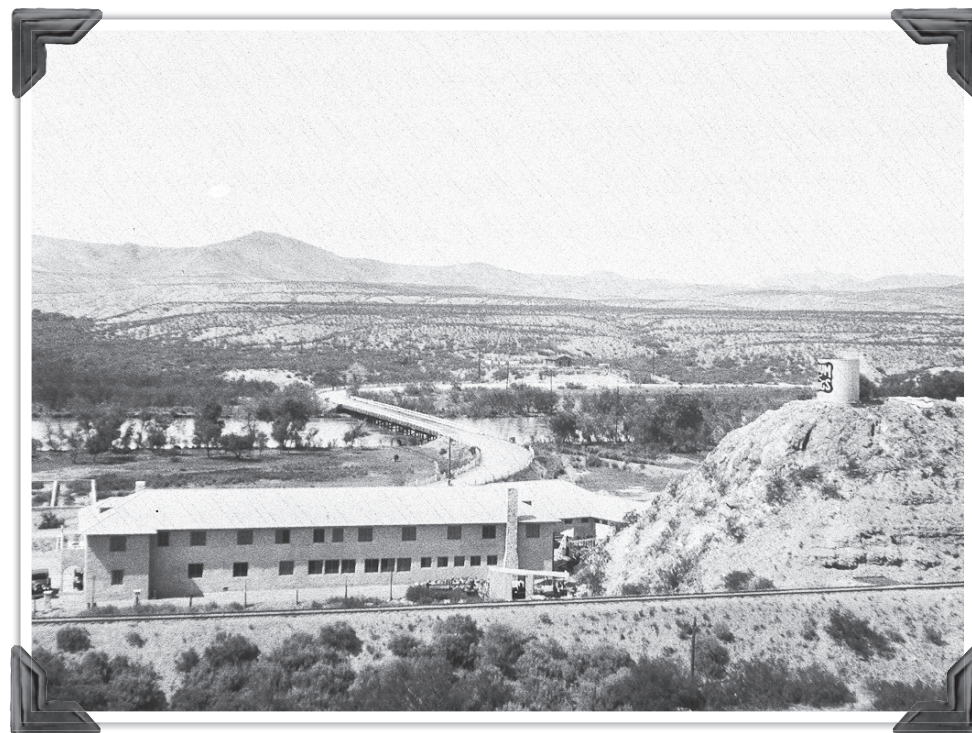
• A group of Doña Ana County businessmen purchased the Radium Springs health resort from Carl Price of Berino for "in the neighborhood of \$30,000." The buyers, headed by H.B. Bennett, were planning a \$15,000 remodeling project, including tennis courts, a three-hole golf course, badminton, archery and bowling.

50 years ago

1963

• The Palms Motor Hotel on Highway 80 West erected a large conifer tree in the island of the highway. The Las Cruces Citizen said the Christmas tree, when decorated, would be "a welcome addition to the festive atmosphere of Las Cruces."

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs were defeated by the Highland Hornets in the state championship



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A view of the Lodge at Radium Springs from across the railroad as it appeared circa 1930. Note the highway and bridge across the river.

football game 20-0. Las Cruces coach Ed Boykin, when asked what was the turning point in the game, replied, "When we kicked off."

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• Ribbon cutting ceremonies were conducted for the first phase of Loretto Towne Centre, formerly Loretto Shopping Center. The facility

was redesigned from a mall to accommodate office tenants.

• "Peter Pan," directed by Ruth Cantrell and a production of the American Southwest Theatre Company, opened at the Hershel Zohn Theater, with "imaginative sets and a large cast dressed in imaginative and colorful costumes." Several performances of the play were already sold out.

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News briefs

Cantú elected to head international committee

The Most Reverend Oscar Cantú, bishop of Las Cruces

Catholic Diocese, was elected chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Baltimore.

Cantú, a committee member, was elected to the

chairman position in a 126-110 vote.

This position is an important one in the church. It comes at a time when the Pew Research Center reports that 75 percent of the world's population "lives in countries where governments, social

groups or individuals restrict peoples' ability to freely practice their faith," according to a press release from the Las Cruces Diocese.

"We do not need a report to tell us something that we sadly see on the news every day," said Cardinal Timothy

Dolan, archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in his address to the USCCB General Assembly Monday, Nov. 11. "Religious persecution in the form of violent attacks happens every day all over the world."

Pope Francis urges all Christians to pray for one another, to look beyond one's own fence.

Collectively, the body of bishops established this committee to protect religious freedom, to advocate for justice and peace in the world.

The USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace assists the bishops, both collectively and individually, in advancing the social mission of the church on international justice and peace through policy development, advocacy, education, outreach and acts of ecclesial solidarity. The committee advises the bishops on international public policy issues especially integral human development, human rights, religious freedom and peace.

Cantú is an academic and a theologian; an advocate of Hispanic ministry, ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, social justice, Catholic education, youth and family life. He is the youngest bishop in the United States leading a diocese. Cantú said he has accepted this new challenge prayerfully and thoughtfully. Cantú's motto is "Zeal for the Lord's house does consume me."

Schools release early for winter break

The following are the early release times for schools in the Las Cruces Public Schools district Friday, Dec. 20, the last day of the 2013-14 fall semester:

- Elementary schools: 11 a.m.
- White Sands K-8: 11 a.m.
- Middle schools: noon
- Rio Grande Preparatory Institute: 11:30 a.m.
- Mesilla Valley Alternative Middle School (LEAP): 11:30 a.m.
- High schools: noon.

Arrowhead Park Early College High School, which is located on the New Mexico State University campus and follows the NMSU calendar, will release at regular dismissal time Friday, Dec. 13 for winter break.

The LCPS' Transportation Department will adjust bus schedules to accommodate the early release times, said Transportation Department Director Larry Altamirano.

All schools will serve breakfast on Dec. 20.

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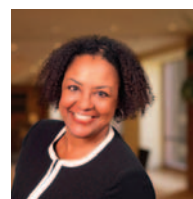
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YOGA CLASSES AT AQUATIC CENTER

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club trips currently being booked:

- **Cattleman's Steak House, Indian Cliffs and El Paso museums** Jan. 17, 2014. Cost is \$22, not including meal.
- **Palomas, Deming and Luna County Museum** Feb. 24, 2014. Cost is \$22.
- **"Meet the Irish"** March 16-25, 2014. Cost is \$3,408 double, \$3,987 single.
- **San Francisco, Napa**

Valley and Monterey June 2-6, 2014. Cost is \$2,200 single, \$1,730 double.

- **Oregon Explorer:** Sept. 7-15, 2014. Cost is \$3,000 per person, double. Call for single rate.
- **Adriatic and Western Mediterranean Cruise:** 18 days. Oct. 25, 2014. From \$1,889 per person. For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920.

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SENIOR CIRCLE YOGA CLASSES

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers classes targeted to the senior market. Senior Circle yoga classes are for ages 50 and older are \$15 per year or \$2 per class.

- **Gentle yoga sessions – with and without chairs:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.
- **Stretch yoga – gentle:** 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311

E. Lohman Ave., in the Marketing & Women's Resource Room 404.

- **Laughter and gentle yoga:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Golden Mesa Activity Room, 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Guided by Blissful Beth. For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

ZUMBA GOLD AT MUNSON CENTER

Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. Classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Programs members.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION AQUATIC PROGRAM

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Participants must be age 60 or older and Senior Programs members. \$1 suggested donation.

SOCIAL DANCERS

Desperados Band will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 532-9225.

BINGO AT MUNSON

Bingo is offered from 1 to 2 p.m. each Wednesday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The game is open to all registered members of Senior Programs. Players have a chance to win a prize and have fun with friends and neighbors. There is no charge

to participate.

For more information, call 528-3000.

BINGO HELD AT AMERICAN LEGION

Bingo will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Doors open at 3:30 p.m., first game is at 6:30 p.m. Food and sodas will be available. A overall blackout pays \$1,000

to a single winner. For more information, call 526-9139.

BORDERLAND BONES CONCERT

The Borderland Bones, a local trombone quartet, will perform a free holiday concert at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

For more information, call 521-1290.



Join us in congratulating President Garrey Carruthers

The investiture of Garrey Carruthers, Ph.D. and a reception honoring him will take place on Dec. 14. The investiture will open the Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Pan American Center.

A public reception will be held from 12:30-3 p.m. in the Pan Am Center Annex Practice Gym.

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César E. Chávez Elementary School students decorate gift bags for the Las Cruces Be a Santa to a Senior program.

Elementary students prep Christmas bags for seniors

Be a Santa to a Senior seeks gift donations

César E. Chávez Elementary School kindergarten and first- and second-grade elves with crayons were busy Tuesday, Nov. 26, decorating bags for the Las Cruces Be a Santa to a Senior program.

The bags will be used for gifts donated to lonely, needy senior citizens in Las Cruces, said Assistant Principal James Dickerson.

Local nonprofit agencies provide the names of seniors for the program. Ornaments with their first names and gift requests can be taken from the holiday tree that is located near Victoria's Secret inside Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Gifts can be purchased and taken (unwrapped) to Mesilla Valley Mall Service

Center, with the senior ornament (from the tree) attached.

Using the bags decorated by students, the program will have a community wrapping party from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Ambercare, 3870 Foothills Road. Gifts will be delivered Thursday and Friday, Dec. 19-20.

For more information, contact Jan Wimsatt at 522-7133 or jan.wimsatt@homeinstead.com. Send cash donations to Home Instead Senior Care, 880 S. Telshor Blvd., Suite 200, Las Cruces, N.M. 88011. Visit www.homeinstead.com/138/default.aspx and www.beasantatoasenior.com.



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Group formed to support 2014 school bond election

Financing structured to avoid tax increase

More than 40 community members have joined a "blue ribbon committee" for the school bond and mill levy election for Las Cruces Public Schools (LCPS) Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014.

The ballot will contain two items: a \$65 million school general obligation bond issue and renewal of a three mill capital improvements tax levy. LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds said approval of both items will not increase the current school tax rate for property owners.



O'BRIEN

"If approved, the election will fund the continued remodeling at Las Cruces High School and will remodel older classrooms, make repairs throughout the school district, and bring additional safety measures to all schools," Rounds said.

The committee will be chaired by Sherley O'Brien, a former LCPS teacher and administrator, who is the parent of twin daughters at Centennial High School. She is a long-time LCPS and community volunteer who has served on the boards of many local nonprofit organizations and volunteered in numerous fundraisers. O'Brien currently serves as vice president of the LCPS Foundation board of directors. She and her husband, Jeff, own Arroyo Medical Supply and Mesilla Valley Kitchen.

"Our children deserve to have safe and appropriate facilities to support their learning," O'Brien said.

LCPS officials said passage of both the bond issue and the mill levy would maintain the current school tax rate, which is \$9.81 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. Taxable value is one-third of the assessed value for property owners in the Las Cruces school district.

Items the bond would fund include: \$24 million for continued renovations at Las Cruces High School; \$6.5 million for a new gymnasium and remodeled music facilities at Sierra Middle School; \$1.5 million for improvements at the Field of Dreams soccer complex, including bleachers, lighting, concessions and a press box; \$1.5 million for another field at the Field of Dreams baseball complex; \$3.5 million for a new multipurpose center and kitchen at Hermosa Heights Elementary; \$1 million for roofs at Doña Ana Elementary and Mesilla Elementary; \$1 million for heating and air-conditioning renovations at Lynn Middle School; \$1.05 million for security card access

for all schools; \$955,000 for improvements to school fire alarms and intercom systems; \$900,000 for school security cameras; and \$1.025 million to relocate the front offices at Booker T. Washington and Jornada elementary schools to improve safety.

Also included on the bond election is \$240,000 for compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act and \$4 million

for partial funding toward the Court Youth Center charter schools' campus, which would house Alma d'arte Charter High School, J. Paul Taylor (charter) Academy, and the Mesilla Valley Youth Foundation. A list of all bond projects is available on the LCPS website at www.lcps.k12.nm.us.

Rounds said renewing the three mill levy would generate approximately \$9 million a year for the school district to make major repairs and purchase school furniture, playground equipment and technology, among other items. The mill levy would also bring revenue to three local charter schools: Las Montañas Charter High School, New America School and La Academia Dolores Huerta.

LCPS spokeswoman Jo Galvan said this is the first LCPS election that will also benefit the charter schools. State law allows for charter facilities, which are public schools, to request a portion of the locally approved mill levy, based on their enrollment, she said.

The blue ribbon committee members have organized themselves into a number of sub-committees, including a speakers' bureau. The committee is also helping to register new voters, including students who will be 18 years old by election day, O'Brien said. The last day to register for the school election is Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014. O'Brien can be reached at 649-2373 or lcpsblueribboncommittee@gmail.com.

Galvan said money used to generate materials will be paid by private donations raised by committee members. The school district intends to produce information-only brochures, she said.

"If there are any groups or organizations in Las Cruces that would like to have a short presentation on this election, the school district can make those arrangements," Galvan said. She can be contacted at 527-5811 or jgalvan@lcps.k12.nm.us.

Neighbors We've Lost

OBITUARIES

JERRY W. UHDE

September 10, 1936 to November 22, 2013

Jerry W. Uhde, 77, of Las Cruces, was received by the Lord on Friday, Nov. 22, 2013.

Born on September 10, 1936 in Parkers Prairie, MN. Parents Herbert H. & Lilly I. (Breggren) Uhde. Baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. Married to Ordella C. (Freudenberg) in October of 1960. Two daughter's Roxann Uhde of St. Cloud, MN, and Dr. Janet Uhde (Husband Alex Riendeau) of Roanoke, VA. Grandson's Justin and Jordon Murray of St. Cloud, MN. Served in the Army in Germany and France. Graduate of Dunwoody Institute of Mpls. Working in land

surveying, Registered with the State of MN. Worked for Wright County Buffalo, MN till he retired. Loved his family and fishing, garden, making wine, church work, traveling, hiking, also woodworking.

A Memorial Service will be Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at Mission Lutheran Church and School. Interment will be Parkers Prairie, MN Cemetery.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, corner of Solano and Bowman Ave. To sign our local online guestbook please log on to www.GetzCares.com

DEATH NOTICES

COYLE

Mary Lou Coyle, 75, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on December 3, 2013, at her home. Services are pending with Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory.

CUENCA

Anastacio Cuenca, 84, of Chamberino, New Mexico, died Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

KERR

Erma Jean Kerr, 85, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at her home. Services are pending with Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces.

LUCERO

Andres "Andy" R. Lucero, 74, was called home to be with the Lord on December 2, 2013, at his home surrounded by loved ones. Services have been held. He has been entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 575-527-2222. For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com.

PEREZ

Ruby M. Perez, age 79 of Bayard, entered eternal life Wednesday, November 27, 2013, at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice in Las Cruces. Services have been held. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces, 575-527-2222. For online condolences, log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruc.com.

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Margaret Mary Prew Honstein

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Clyde was born Jan. 24, 1929, in Ft. Collins, Colo., to Clyde Edward, Sr. and Clara Bessie. Clyde Jr. always loved music and played the clarinet and piano, but he was destined to practice medicine, as was his father. Margaret, known as Margie, was born Oct. 21, 1925 in Newark, N.J., the eldest of four children of John Oliver and Margaret Isabelle. She came of age during the Roaring 20s and loved to dance.

They were married on June 14, 1952.

In 1965, Clyde went into private practice as the first Ophthalmologist in Las Cruces. By this time Margie had four daughters and a busy household to look after.

When Clyde retired in the 90s, the two moved to Florida where Margie was active in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Clyde turned his surgical finesse to building ornate and elaborate clocks. But they both missed the desert they'd loved for so many years and moved to Sierra Vista, Ariz.

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2013 a very good year?



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This year's sales of new and existing Las Cruces area homes, townhomes and condominiums were significantly outpacing last year's closings until late summer, when Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke announced he was toying with the idea of cutting back on the Fed's purchases of \$85 billion per month in treasuries and mortgage-backed securities. Within 48-hours of the announcement, the stock market fell more than 500 points, mortgage rates rose almost a full percentage point and home buyers fled the market.

That was big news.

Since that time, and without much fanfare, the stock market has recovered. Mortgage rates have declined to about where they were prior to the announcement and home buyers have returned to the market. The question remains, however, whether there are currently enough buyers in the marketplace to push prices and production above last year's levels.

According to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, it appears that just might be the case – but it's going to be close.

Local Realtors closed 1,217 residential transactions through the first 11 months of this year, outshining last year's 1,174 closings by 43 units. New-home sales accounted for around 11 percent of

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GDIT adds 200 new jobs

Las Cruces back office hiring under way

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

General Dynamics Information Technology (GDIT) is building a 20,000 square foot addition at its back office facility on Hickory Loop and hiring 200 additional employees.

Jobs range from entry level to management.

The company will conduct interviews daily until the end of January. Positions include back-office service representatives, supervisors and back office managers.

Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela visited the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Monday, Dec. 2, to make what he called "a very encouraging announcement."

"It's been great working with MVEDA and the City of Las Cruces," Barela said. "They are great partners with the state in attracting and growing jobs in Doña Ana County."

Barela said an improved business climate, which he attributed to a "more competitive tax structure on job creators" and the availability of training support through the Job Training

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

General Dynamics Information Technology recruiter Larry Jennings checks the roster of interviewees Tuesday, Dec. 3. GDIT is hiring 200 employees and expanding its facility on Hickory Loop.

Sisbarro sports a new look

Ribbon cutting expected in January 2014

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sisbarro Auto Dealerships along South Valley Drive are sporting a new identity that links them together visually.

Red flags fly low to the ground along the roadside past Sisbarro showrooms and lots from Avenida Blanco south past Sisbarro Mitsubishi and VW to the Old Town Restaurant. They resume at Boutz Road and surround Sisbarro Buick GMC and the pre-owned vehicles office and sales lot.

The flags celebrate a major renovation that

will become official with a ribbon cutting in January 2014. In the meantime, they help direct customers accustomed to a different configuration.

Prior to the re-do, new Buick and GMC vehicles were sold out of the mission-style building at the southeast corner of Valley and Boutz. The sales office for the new vehicles has relocated to a renovated structure that formerly housed administrative offices.

Used vehicles, previously displayed around the signature yellow tent, formerly were sold out of an office in a nearby trailer, Robert Calderon of the used vehicle sales staff said

Monday, Dec. 2. Used car offices now are located in the mission-style building at the corner of Valley and Boutz that previously housed the new car operation.

When GMC asked for the renovations in order to create a unified and modern look at dealerships across the country, Sisbarro took advantage of the opportunity to improve all the operations at that location.

The remodeling has been completed and the project has morphed into the move-in stage, marketing manager Rick Nezzar said.

Computers are live at both the new and used car offices and customers are welcome.

GM, during the past three years, has been

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all closings in both years.

As we enter our final month of the year, 171 buyers and sellers are holding signed contracts and awaiting closing. Last year at this time, 195 buyers were in line to check out.

By my fuzzy math, that 24-unit deficit eats up more than half of the 43-unit advantage our market gained so far this year.

Can we maintain that momentum? As I said before, it's going to be close.

Through November, the average sale price of the new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums sold in and around Las Cruces was \$174,843. That's a

\$1,553 improvement over last year's combined average of \$173,290.

During the same period, our area's median price rose by just over \$7,200. It's encouraging to see that Las Cruces area prices are finally on the rise, if only slightly.

This year's total sales volume of just over \$212 million represents a \$9.2 million improvement over last year's \$203 million total. By all appearances, this year's dollar volume will outpace last year's total, even if the number of sold units falls short of last year's total.

Well, there you have it. Prices are up slightly, buyers are in the marketplace and hopes are high that this year will end with more sales and higher values than in years past. Let's hope that these positive signs

New & Existing Home Sales- January thru November

Year	# Sold	Avg Price	Med Price	Volume	Avg Sq Ft	Avg \$ P/ Sq Ft
2013	1,217	\$174,562	\$153,255	\$212.4 mil	1,882	\$92.75
2012	1,174	\$173,107	\$145,975	\$203.2 mil	1,849	\$93.62
YOY Change	43	\$1,455	\$7,280	\$9.2 mil	33	(\$0.87)

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors as of 12/3/2013

continue into 2014.
See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each

Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Dynamics

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Incentive Program (JTIP), has led to a number of jobs announcements around the state.

"Businesses are looking for predictability and certainty, and, in stark contrast to what is happening in Washington, Gov. (Susana) Martinez and I, with bi-partisan members of the Legislature, are positioning New Mexico to grow the private sector economy and create opportunities," Barela said.

President and CEO Davin Lopez said MVEDA has been working with the company since 2011, originally bringing General Dynamics to the city under the name Vangent Inc.

He said the company initially hired 141 people.

"We're excited to see them expand," Lopez said. "It is a testament to their success in the past two years

finding a qualified work force in Las Cruces.

"It's huge for us."

Barela said both the state and MVEDA, with Workforce Solutions, will do everything possible to help them find new hires.

"They're hiring even as we speak," he said.

He said General Dynamics is creating "excellent opportunities that provide benefits for its workers."

Lopez said the new jobs require communication and computer skills, as well as special skills for the education and health care clients served by the local office.

General Dynamics, which specializes in support for federal agencies, will train the new employees in these additional skills, he said.

Both Barela and Lopez said they are optimistic about economic development in the coming year.

"We have several additional inquiries from private sector firms

“It is a testament to their success in the past two years finding a qualified work force in Las Cruces.”

DAVIN LOPEZ,
Mesilla Valley Economic
Development Alliance
president and CEO

looking at New Mexico for expansion and relocation, and Doña Ana County is no exception," Barela said.

He said a U.S. Conference of Mayors study projects above average growth for New Mexico's urban areas in 2014.

The study forecast growth rate for Albuquerque, 2.7 percent; for Santa Fe, 3.1; "and, most encouraging, 3.5 percent for Las Cruces," he said.

"The good news is, New Mexico's private sector continues to grow at a pace that exceeds the national average," he said, "but we still have a ways to go."

"Our outlook is to try to under-promise and over-deliver," Lopez said, "but looking at the pipeline for the coming year, I remain bullish."

General Dynamics Information Technology is a business unit of General Dynamics.

"As a leader in the aerospace, health care, and defense industries, we are excited that General Dynamics Information Technology chose Las Cruces as the site of its latest expansion," Martinez said. "In

addition to our efforts to develop a quality work force, we're also working to improve our tax environment to place New Mexico high on the list for expansions or relocations for job creators."

Recruiters and hiring managers will be on-site at General Dynamics Information Technology offices at 1630 Hickory Loop, Suite B, to discuss current openings as well as applicants' background and experience.

Candidates are encouraged to apply online via the General Dynamics Information Technology website at www.gdit.com/jobsearch, where they will find positions by selecting "New Mexico" in the location menu.

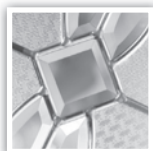
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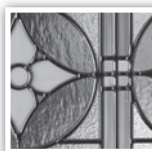
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Sisbarro

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creating a unified national image by asking dealerships to adopt a crisp, modern black and white look, Nezzar said.

He said in February 2013 Sisbarro Buick GMC received a mandate and began remodeling the office building at 425 W. Boutz Ave. The building was converted to a new car showroom

Nezzar described as modern, bright and airy.

Enclosed by floor-to-ceiling windows, the interior with a cathedral ceiling is what residential designers would call an open plan. Round tables where customers and staff can meet are scattered throughout the space. In one corner is a customer lounge complete with coffee bar.

On a recent Friday, dealership owner Lou Sisbarro was on site telling staff a large flatscreen TV would soon be hung in the lounge.

Offices, separated from the "great room" by

glass walls, line the space.

Conspicuously absent is the usual signature of a new car dealership: cars.

Featured cars instead are parked under a deep overhang outside.

Nezzar said the climate in Las Cruces is moderate enough for cars and customers to be outdoors.

He said everybody wins with the new arrangement, which moves used car headquarters to the mission-style building that formerly housed the new car operation.

"The used car operation is now as nice or nicer than any dealership in the country," he said.

In addition, there will be a completely new look for the Buick GMC service area that reflects the uniform look GM wants to achieve.

"First and foremost has to be the customer experience," Nezzar said. "We want to have

the best possible environment for the customers and working environment for our team members."

But there's more to Sisbarro dealerships than meets the eye on Valley Drive.

Sisbarro Luxury Used Cars may be found at 125 W. Boutz.

Seeing an opportunity in the southern end of Doña Ana County, Sisbarro opened a used car dealership there about three years ago, Nezzar said.

Sisbarro purchased a local VW-Audi dealership in 1985 and a Deming dealership in 1995 that sells a full line of GM and Chrysler vehicles.

Nezzar said since Lou Sisbarro arrived in Las Cruces from Michigan to buy a Buick-Pontiac-GMC dealership, the company has sold more than 80,000 vehicles.



Lou Sisbarro stands at the entrance to Sisbarro Buick GMC headquarters at 425 W. Boutz Ave., recently re-purposed and sporting a sleek new look.

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Building Las Cruces

Building 2, behind the new Subway at 2780 W. Picacho Ave., is taking shape to become a shopping center with space for nine retailers, project superintendent Alfonso Trevino said Monday, Dec. 2. F.T. James Construction of El Paso is the general contractor for the building scheduled for completion in winter 2014.

W. Picacho Ave. shopping center

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

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Briefs

Virgin Galactic names local staff

Virgin Galactic, the world's first commercial spaceline, has announced Las Cruces resident Greg Powe and New Mexico native Kelly Barncastle have joined its team.

Powe, who has lived in New Mexico for 30 years, is the newest addition to the operations team at Spaceport America, where he will serve as the Gateway facilities manager.

He brings with him a wealth of managerial experience, including 22 years at the White Sands Space Harbor and White Sands Test Facility where he worked as facilities manager. During that time, Powe was awarded the Space Flight Awareness Silver Snoopy Award, which was presented to him for his technical competence, dedication and pride that guaranteed mission success.

In his position at Virgin Galactic, he will manage the company's operational facilities at Spaceport America and in Las Cruces. Powe will be responsible for the day-to-day, hands-on management of the Virgin Galactic Gateway to Space, coordinating activities, financials, contractors and manpower required for current and future needs at the spaceport.

Barncastle, a graduate of New Mexico State University, will fill the position of terrestrial travel manager and will be based in Virgin Galactic's Las Cruces office.

This role will include office management and team travel support, as well as working through the logistics of Virgin Galactic Future Astronaut travel to, from and within New Mexico.

His background in the travel industry includes a variety of jobs in the aviation sector, most notably his time spent at Virgin Galactic's sister company, Virgin America, when the airline first launched in 2007. Barncastle will be relocating back to Las Cruces to begin his employment with Virgin Galactic.

"We are pleased to have Greg and Kelly on board as we continue to add to our ever-growing team based out of Spaceport America and the office in Las Cruces," said George Whitesides, CEO of Virgin Galactic. "These men are the first of many anticipated local New Mexico hires at Virgin Galactic, and we look

forward to progressing toward commercial operations with the support of our talented and hard-working crew members."

Jerry Pacheco receives national recognition

Jerry Pacheco, executive director of the International Business Accelerator, was named by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the "2013 Top 50 Influential Hispanics in the U.S."

In addition to his work at the IBA, Pacheco is an industrial business recruiter based in Santa Teresa and is the founder of the Border Industrial Association.

He also is a director for the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank-El Paso Branch.

He is a graduate of the University of New Mexico and received a bachelor's degree in marketing management, and master's degrees in international management and Latin American studies.

All 50 people on the list are Hispanics of prominence in their fields who have recently had a national impact, and whose achievements inspire other Hispanics to similar endeavors, according to a news release.

Voting for Startup Weekend winners closes Dec. 6

The top two teams from Las Cruces' first Startup Weekend competition at New Mexico State University are vying with winners from other Startup Weekend events to move on to a final round of national competition.

Balloting ends Friday, Dec. 6.

For more information about the Las Cruces teams competing in the Global Startup Battle, visit their web pages, www.lovelycamera.com and <http://greenshare.co>.

To vote, visit <http://startupbattle.agorize.com/en/juries/11/votables/284>.

Consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop offered

A consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at the law office of Kenneth Egan, 1111 E. Lohman Ave.

The free workshop includes a presentation by Egan, an open question-and-answer period and a one-on-one consultation with an attorney.

This event is a community service open to the public. Sponsored by the New Mexico State Bar Foundation and the State Bar of New Mexico Bankruptcy Law Section, the program is a working partnership that seeks to educate the public on consumer issues and on the resources available to meet legal needs.

For more information or to register, call 800-876-6227 505-797-6068.

Christmas brings to mind patent reform

Patents present difficult dilemma



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

This Christmas, like Christmases past, I'll be buying electronic doodads for my wife and especially my children. And capitalism is marvelous at generating more and different gadgets. But there are problems in paradise: The technology we so lavish on each other this time of year is the product of our patent system.

Patents always represent a delicate balance. On the one hand is the desire to incentivize innovation. On the other hand is the need to make new technologies broadly available.

Patents raise prices, thereby incentivizing innovation, but at the same time limiting access. The goal is to calibrate patent law so as to maximize the development of new technologies without unduly limiting the uptake of existing technologies.

Make patents too generous and high prices prevent users from having access to needed products.

The classic example is HIV/AIDS treatment. Twenty-five years ago, when life-saving, anti-viral drugs such as AZT first came on the market, the cost of even one drug could be thousands of dollars per year – too high a price for many in need, especially in developing countries. Since then, the price of treatment has fallen by one-seventh. It seems the high profit of early treatment encouraged development of new, cheaper drugs. The combination of expiring patents and increased competition explains the fall in HIV/AIDS pharmaceuticals. Yet, early on, many died who didn't need to because of the high cost.

In addition to rationing users through high prices, patents also can inhibit research. If innovation builds on a patented technology, that research can only proceed if the patent holder gives permission, and permission usually comes at a price in the form of a licensing fee.

The classic example here also comes from the field of medicine: the BRCA1 "breast cancer gene," patented by Myriad Genetics. Myriad refused to allow researchers access to BRCA1 unless they paid a licensing fee. In many cases, the fee was prohibitive, stifling research and incurring the wrath of the biomed establishment.

Myriad defended this practice based on the cost of isolating and identifying BRCA1, which ran in to the millions of dollars. Without patent protection, Myriad argued, it and similar pharmaceutical companies would have no incentive to isolate naturally occurring genes like BRCA1. The Supreme Court found against Myriad.

Patent trolls also are responsible for unintended consequence. A "patent troll" is an organization that owns a portfolio of patents, but has no intention of marketing a product under the patent. Rather, the patent troll waits for someone else to violate its patent, then sues the violator. This is particularly vexing for tech companies, as products often involve large numbers of individually invented patents. An iPhone, for example, is said to involve thousands of separate patents, any one of which could be subject to litigation by a troll. These litigations are often settled out of court and amount to nuisance suits as the troll's patent often isn't valid.

One solution to trolls would be to revive the "paper patent" doctrine. The idea is that patents that are just paper – that haven't been put into practice – would be disfavored in the patent system relative to patents issued to entrepreneurs who have actually applied a new technology. The "paper patent" doctrine is precisely designed to thwart patent trolls.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D. is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He is in his 27th year working at NMSU. The opinions here may not be shared by the regents and administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.



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Seven Las Cruces named to Reserve Bank Board

Students participate with Gadsden and El Paso reps

Seven Las Cruces Public Schools high school seniors have been named to the Student Board of Directors of the El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The students are:

- Centennial High School: Nicolette Young and Micaela De Larosa
- Las Cruces High School: Alfredo Gurmendi and Mason Watkins-Quiñones
- Mayfield High School: Barbra De Leon Barton
- Oñate High School: Sara Riviere and Seth Siler

The El Paso Branch of the Federal Reserve sponsors the 27-member student board in partnership with LCPS, the Gadsden Independent School District, five school

districts in El Paso and west Texas and three El Paso private schools, said Centennial social studies teacher Andrew Montoya.

The eighth annual program “provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about the roles and functions of the Federal Reserve while learning about their local community and developing leadership skills,” he said.

Each participating school district nominated students to serve one-year terms on the board.

Montoya and Centennial teacher Jamie Patterson nominated Nicolette Young and Micaela De Larosa.

LCPS teacher Jennifer Coppolo nominated Alfredo Gurmendi and Mason Watkins-Quinones.

“Las Cruces High School continues to have a strong partnership with the Federal Reserve Board,” said Coppolo. “We have had many students who have participated in the program, and last year seniors Ismael Torres and Mark Ting received first and third place respectively in the region’s economic essay and project competition. We hope to continue that success, and feel our students benefit greatly from such a rich, educational program.”

Oñate High School Business Department Lead and DECA adviser Crucita R. Medina nominated Sarah Riviere, and teacher Jeff Waugh nominated Seth Siler.

“Oñate has been involved with this prestigious educational program for the past eight years, and our students who participate in it

are grateful to us for selecting them to be a part of a phenomenal learning experience,” Medina said.

Mayfield teacher Hanna Phillips nominated student Barbra De Leon Barton for board membership.

“Miss De Leon wants to major in economics and has already taken economics classes at NMSU,” Phillips said. “She is excited about the program and is learning a lot about her future career through the activities she experiences at the bank.”

High schools within the Greater El Paso area as well as Las Cruces nominate representatives to serve on the student board for one-year terms. Board members must be high school seniors in the top 25-percent of their classes academically.

Students were sworn in as board members at an October dinner and will serve through May 2014. They will attend monthly meetings at the El Paso Federal Reserve branch that will include guest speakers, presentations, round-table discussions and educational exercises, Montoya said.

“The student board program provides exceptional opportunities for personal and professional growth. Participants explore real-world issues affecting the nation’s economy and financial system, and board participation can be included on a student’s transcript/resume upon successful completion of the program,” he said.

“Every student accepted onto the board truly wants to be there, which makes the atmosphere really positive and productive,” Young said.

“The first two meetings included a bank tour, Federal Reserve 101, and education on monetary policy and fiscal policy. The best part about being a member of the student board of directors is being able to learn from the best and the opportunity to make hard-working friends and life-long connections,” she said.

For more information, contact Montoya at 527-9430 or amontoya3@lcp.s.k12.nm.us.



Las Cruces Public Schools Federal Reserve Student Board of Directors, with parents, are Sarah Riviere, Oñate High School; Alfredo Gurmendi, Las Cruces High School; Mason Watkins-Quinoñes, Las Cruces High School; Nicolette Young, Centennial High School; Micaela De Larosa, Centennial High School; Barbra De Leon Barton, Mayfield High School; Seth Siler, Oñate High School.

Holiday shoppers seek pecans

Local growers need a cold snap

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mesilla Valley pecan growers are preparing for the Christmas market season, but they need a hard freeze to ready the crop for harvesting.

“Traditionally the holiday season has the largest pecan consumption in the year,” said Phil Arnold, broker with San Saba Pecans. “Christmas is usually my busiest time of the year.”

Arnold said San Saba has received 45,000 pounds of pecans from Chihuahua, Mexico.

“Some of the quality is good and some not so good,” he said.

The price per pound paid to growers currently ranges from \$1.80 to \$1.90, he said.

A hard freeze, which usually hits in this valley between Thanksgiving and Christmas, is needed to loosen the nut hulls for harvest.

“What we need to get things going is a good hard freeze,” he said of the Arnold



Shoppers Shannon Peck and Sue Fries check out the seemingly endless varieties of seasoned pecans in the cases at the San Saba Pecan retail shop, 1655 W. Amador Ave. Fries, of Dallas, was shopping for gifts for associates in her office.

Brothers local 100-acre farm. “We are expecting a decent yield for this year.”

Pecan grower Greg Daviet also is timing the harvest on his 250-acre orchard.

Daviet said he is concerned about the salty, or mineral content in the soil.

“Right now the issue is, for all of us, how much damage the salty water has done,” Daviet said.

Sally Harper, who grows 34 acres of organic pecans near Brazito, said that the production and quality are both looking good.

“ Right now the issue is, for all of us, how much damage the salty water has done. ”

GREG DAVIET,
pecan grower

She said she grows organic pecans, “because it’s the proper thing to do and the bottom line is, I get a better price for my pecans.”

Crews harvest the pecans mechanically with a boom attached to a tractor that grips the trees and shakes them. The nuts are then gathered into windrows and hauled to plants where they are cleaned of litter.

Pecans rank fourth in the state’s agriculture commodities, according to New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

In 2012, New Mexico orchards produced 65 million pounds of pecans. With an average price of \$1.70 a pound, the harvest brought \$110,500,000 into the state economy, a 32 percent decrease from the 2011 crop, the statistics service reported.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Legal Notice

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02742

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

BRENT WESTMORELAND, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 18, 2013 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A Tract of land situate Northwest of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico located in Section 33, T.22S, R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys and being more particularly described as follows to wit: BEGINNING at a nail set at the Northwest intersection of Doña Ana County Road C-052 (New Mexico State Road 450) and Chavez Road (Doña Ana County Road D-109) for the Southeast corner of this tract; WHENCE the Southwest corner of Section 33, T.22S, R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears S.24°16'36"W., 2353.67 feet; THENCE from the point of beginning along the Northerly line of Chavez road, S.78°34'35"W., a distance of 332.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the southwest corner of this tract; THENCE leaving the Northerly line of Chavez Road N. 04°43'30"W., a distance of 165.11 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE N.78°25'02"E., a distance of 278.69 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on Westerly line of Doña Ana County Road C-052 for the Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE along the Westerly line of Doña Ana County Road C-052 the following two courses and distances: S.25°17'36"E., a distance of 80.49 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set or an angle point of this tract; THENCE S.21°05'34"E., a distance of 87.86 feet to the point of beginning 1.1583 acres of land; more or less.

The address of the real property is 4000 Chavez

Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 18, 2013 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 \$350,545.08 plus interest from April 16, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 3.000% 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. 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,

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02382

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor by merger to Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

THOMAS B. ARENAS, MARIE A. ARENAS and CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO DEFENDANTS THOMAS B. ARENAS AND MARIE A. ARENAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on October 17, 2013, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6838 Flourite Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 64, AMBER MESA, IN 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 OCTOBER 20, 1988, IN BOOK 15 PAGES 326-349 OF PLAT RECORDS, and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Thomas

B. Arenas and Marie A. Arenas are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303 is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

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 said County, on November 19, 2013.

NORMAN OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Peggy Brock
Deputy

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01900

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

CONNIE SLOAN-NARCISSO, et. al., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4902 Arena Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 10 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 17

OF LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE V-A, AMENDED, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE V-A, AMENDED, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 2, 1994 IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 23-26.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on January 10, 2014, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 13, 2013, in the principal sum of \$132,794.10, plus interest due on the Note through November 1, 2013, in the amount of \$12,781.44, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.50% per annum (\$20.01 per diem) until paid, plus late charges of \$239.76, plus escrow advances for property taxes and insurance in the amount of \$3,158.24, plus property preservation expenses in the amount of \$216.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through November 1, 2013, in the amount of \$1,700.00 and costs through November 1, 2013, in the amount of \$517.45, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.50% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87120
(505) 228-8484

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06, 12/13, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00564

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

MELISSA NELSON and TIMOTHY NELSON, wife and husband as joint tenants with right of survivorship, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1804 Louise Circle, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 6, UNIT NO. 4 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 681, THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON AUGUST 14, 1967, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 10, PAGES 14-15, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:50 a.m. on January 10, 2014, outside the front entrance of the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 15, 2013, in the principal sum of \$136,314.63, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through September 1, 2013, in the amount of \$12,012.66 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$21.94 per diem, plus late charges of \$457.10, plus escrow advances for property taxes and insurance of \$3,343.87, plus property preservation expenses in the amount of \$144.00, plus bankruptcy attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$859.50, less unapplied funds of \$300.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through September 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through September 1, 2013, in the sum of \$608.06, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.875% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the

Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87120
(505) 228-8484

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06, 12/13, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01372

BOKF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor in interest by merger to BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

SALLY ROMERO and the HOUSING AUTHORITY of the CITY of LAS CRUCES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1109 Chaparro Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:



SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The South Central Solid Waste Authority uses a web-based auction service to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment. As items are available they will be posted to publicsurplus.com where the public is invited to view or submit bids using this online auction service.

For more information please contact the South Central Solid Waste Authority at 575-528-3709 or email scswa.prop@las-cruces.org.

Dates 8/9/13 - 12/27/13



PUBLIC AUCTION

The City of Las Cruces (City) uses an online auction service to dispose of obsolete, unusable, or surplus equipment, furnishings, vehicles and supplies.

The public is invited to view and bid on items by accessing PublicSurplus.com through a link on the City's webpage las-cruces.org. All sales are final.

For more information, please contact the City of Las Cruces Property Transfer & Disposal Coordinator at 575-541-2683, 575-541-2590 or auction@las-cruces.org

Pub # 12606
Dates 1/4 - 12/27, 2013

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LOT 12 IN BLOCK 8 OF AMENDED PLAT OF VALLEY VIEW ADDITION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA, 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, NEW MEXICO ON APRIL 24, 1907 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 3 AT PAGES 44, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on December 20, 2013, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. and the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 14, 2013, in the principal sum of \$45,810.05, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through September 1, 2013, in the amount of \$3,322.72, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.440% per annum (\$6.83 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$198.99, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$267.35, plus property preservation costs in the amount of \$90.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through September 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, with interest thereon from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 5.440% per annum; plus costs incurred by Plaintiff through September 1, 2013, in the sum of \$527.15, with interest thereon from date of judgment until paid at the rate of 5.440% per annum.

Defendant Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces was awarded a Judgment on November 14, 2013, in the principal amount of \$8,658.00, plus attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$900.84 for a total judgment amount of \$9,558.84, with interest thereon from the date of judgment until paid at the rate statutory rate of 8.75% per annum.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE

THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick and
Musselman, L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco
Road NE
Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87109
(505) 858-3303

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
12/13, 2013

COUNTY CONTINUES TO SEEK APPLICANTS FOR LOCAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD SEATS

Doña Ana County Labor Management Relations Board management and labor representatives are still seeking applicants for both the management and neutral board member positions. This extends the same request that was to close on October 28, 2013; however, the application process has been extended in order to solicit more applications. Previously received applications do not need to be resubmitted.

The Doña Ana County Labor Relations Board is a three-member board of volunteers whose members enforce provisions of the Doña Ana County Labor-Management Relations Ordinance and the Board's Labor-Management Relations Rules and Regulations through the imposition of appropriate administrative remedies.

Matters that historically have come before the labor management relations board include designation of appropriate bargaining units, the selection, certification and decertification of exclusive representatives and the filing, hearing, and determination of complaints of prohibited practices.

One member representing management and one member representing labor are appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and the two appointees recommend the third neutral member appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for one-year appointments. During the term of appointment, no Board member shall hold or seek any other political office or public employment or be an employee of a union, an organization representing public employees or a public employer.

Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m., Monday, December 16, 2013. Appli-

cations should consist of a letter of interest, a current resume and three letters of reference. Application packets should be mailed or delivered to the Doña Ana County Human Resources Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007 Attention: HR Department. Application packets also can be faxed to (575) 525-5888.

For more information, call (575) 647-7210. Residents calling from outside the Las Cruces area may call toll-free at 1-877-827-7200 and request extension 7210.

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13,
2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01729

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARVIN GASKINS, and if married, JANE DOE GASKINS (true name unknown), his spouse; GREEN POINT CREDIT LLC; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 8, 2014, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho 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 8203 Diamond Circle, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 187, AMBER MESA, in 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 October 20, 1988, in book 15 at Pages 326-349 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1999 Crestridge, doublewide VIN CRH2TX02311AB, PFS600925 and PFS600926, License Plate No. 7569MHW,

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$55,509.72 and the same bears interest at 8.00% per annum from October 2, 2013, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,204.48. 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 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 month right of redemption.

Electronically signed
/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM
88004-6169
(505) 525-2711

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20,
12/27, 2013

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00940

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

JESSE J. SUBLASKY; BERNADETTE L.

SUBLASKY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 4328 Calle Sonesta, Las Cruces, NM 88011, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, BLOCK J, DEL PRADO SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3 AT SONOMA RANCH EAST, 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 MAY 19, 2008, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 491-492 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 AM on December 10, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to Wells Fargo Bank, NA. Wells Fargo Bank, NA was awarded a Judgment on October 21, 2013, in the total amount of \$270,439.70, with interest at the rate of 4.25% per annum from August 6, 2013 through the date of the sale will be \$ 3,967.68.

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. Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Jeffrey Lake,
Special Master
SOUTHWEST SUPPORT GROUP, LLC
5011 Indian School
Road NE,
Suite 500A
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 767-9444
1 NM-13-547832-JUD
IDSPub #0058520

11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02894

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

TOMMY T. HOWARD and ALEXANDRA M. HOWARD, husband and wife; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE CO., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

AMENDED PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5051 Calle Verde, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 24, BLOCK 2, PASTURA VERDE SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 1, 1996, IN BOOK 18 PAGES 421-422 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 AM on December 10, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful

currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to Wells Fargo Bank, NA. Wells Fargo Bank, NA was awarded a Judgment on May 21, 2013, in the total amount of \$ 161,083.74, with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum from April 24, 2013. The amount of interest from April 24, 2013 through the date of the sale will be \$4,440.84.

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. Wells Fargo Bank, NA 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. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Jeffrey Lake,
Special Master
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IDSPub #0058536

11/15, 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 13-0254

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LUIS O. VILLARRUEL a/k/a LUIS OJEDA VILLARRUEL DECEASED

NOTICE TO

CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **VICTOR M. VILLARRUEL** 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 F. Missouri, Suite A. Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001 or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED:
November 25, 2013

VICTOR M. VILLARRUEL
P.O. Box 368
Mesilla, New Mexico 88046

Prepared by:
ALAN D. GLUTH
New Mexico Bar #14980
Gluth Law, LLC.
2455 Fast Missouri, Suite A
Las Cruces,
New Mexico 88001
Telephone: (575) 556-8449
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. DM-2013-36
Judge Schultz

IN THE MATTER OF GUARDIANSHIP FOR M.H.M, A MINOR.

v.

ALEXIS MORRIS, Respondent,

v.

LINDZY HALL, Respondent.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT, LINDZY HALL:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the Petitioners, AL Morris and Karla Morris, requesting kinship guardianship and conservatorship of the minor child, M.H.M, born to Alexis Morris, for whom you have been identified to be a possible father.

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

Counting down to Christmas at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces

Photos by Alta LeCompte

The parking lots and side streets off of Water Street were jammed with cars from California, Texas and Colorado, as well as some from as far away as Minnesota and Ohio, Saturday, Nov. 30, the official Small Business Saturday across the U.S.

Many pedestrians at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces on Main Street Downtown, where more than 300 small businesses set up shop, were toting bags of purchases. Many were not.

The festive atmosphere that started with Thanksgiving lingered among the market-goers. While most of the Colorado and California crowd attended in the company of family living in Las Cruces, some El Pasoans were in town just because they like to shop here and

support small businesses.

A number of locals said they were still browsing for gift ideas.

Street musicians drew a crowd, as did coffee vendors and merchants selling Christmas cacti and other seasonal specialties.

Inside the storefronts that line Main Street, the mood was quieter. Gail Bleiweiss of M. Phillip's Fine Art Gallery caught up on paperwork and said theirs is a year round gift business for customers buying Jellyfish and jewelry.

Started in 2010, Small Business Saturday has boosted holiday sales for Main Street businesses around the country, according to the Small Business Administration. Last year, nearly 70 million people shopped small in their communities for an estimated \$5.5 billion in sales.



Connor Kirkham, 5, and Delaney Kirkham, 3, of Pagosa Springs, Colo., marvel at the work of balloon master Sam Provencio at the Farmers & Crafts Market of Las Cruces Saturday, Nov. 30.



Checking out the market is a family event.



Anthony Ayalo, 5, bums a ride from Roy Palmer.



Mary Apodaca of Pitter Patter, who crochets booties and other warming gifts, stays warm herself at the market.

AGGIES
NEW MEXICO STATE

NEW MEXICO STATE
2013-14 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

VS. GRAND CANYON

SATURDAY, JAN. 4 • 6 P.M.

KIDS 12 AND UNDER FREE

FOR TICKETS CALL 575-646-1420

AGGIEUP



Tyrell Thacker of Beck's Coffee brews locally roasted beverages for Robbie Clarke of Denver and Chase and Cruze Davis of Las Cruces.

Promoting know-how at the Skill-Ready forum and poster session

Photos by Alta LeCompte



Gail Estelle, Tresco Inc. human resources manager, describes the success she's seen as a result of Skill-Ready Doña Ana testing and skills training. She spoke at a reception for businesses interested in the program. The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce hosted the event Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Oñate High School.



Centennial High School student Alissia Hernandez plays a broadcast of a radio weather forecast she recorded during her broadcast journalism internship.



Las Cruces Public Schools educators and representatives of local businesses get acquainted with one another and with consultants for the Skill-Ready Doña Ana program to test and prepare students, job applicants and employees with the skills they need to do their jobs. All local EXCEL students participate in Skill-Ready work force preparation.



Design Center intern and Oñate High School student Danielle Smith



EXCEL student and Air Force recruitment office intern Sophia Molina tells Lorenzo Barela why she's planning to join the Air Force.

Proud parents and friends attend the EXCEL students' poster session during which they show and tell what they learned as interns with local employers.



GREATER LAS CRUCES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

2013 BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

February	.....AmeriCom Automation Services Inc.
March	.....Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
April	.....AT&T
May	.....FirstLight Federal Credit Union
June	.....Jaynes Companies
July	.....Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces
August	.....Bravo Mic Communications
September	.....Positive Energy Solar
October	.....The Sisbarro Dealerships
November	.....CenturyLink
December	.....Roberto's Mexican Food

HOW TO NOMINATE A BUSINESS

Tell the Chamber about a great local business. Go to www.lascruces.org/downloads.php, scroll down to Member Spotlight Nomination Form and download a form. Candidates for Business of the Month will have more than 10 employees. Candidates for Small Business of the Month will have 10 or fewer employees. For more information, call the Chamber at 524-1968.

ROBERTO'S MEXICAN FOOD

Contact info:
908 E Amador Ave.
523-1851

Mission:
To expand business and serve more locations in Las Cruces.

Purpose:
Roberto's first started as a tortilla business and then wanted to offer homemade Mexican food. Roberto's purpose is to provide great-tasting, traditional Mexican food.

History:
Roberto's Mexican Food has been serving the Las Cruces area for more than 50 years. Roberto's started with making tortillas and tortillas chips which evolved to also making Mexican food.

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be entered against you and the relief requested in the petition will be granted.

Law Office of
Jill V. Johnson Vigil
P.O. Box 16244
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575.527.5405
575.527.1899 Fax

WITNESS the Honorable Lisa Schultz, 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 20th day of November, 2013.

Norman E Osborne
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT
BY: Victor A Eres
Victor Eres
Deputy

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13,
12/20, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 3, 2013, Keith and Allison Deputy, 6267 Westside Drive, El Paso, TX 79932 filed application numbered LRG-979-POD2, associated with file number LRG-979, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-979, located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 7, T26S, R03E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicants and drilling replacement well LRG-979-POD2 to a depth of approximately 200 feet below ground surface with 4 inch casing to be located within SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 12, T26S, R02E at approximately X=1,506,114 Y=384,877 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) on land owned by the applicants for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use, of shallow groundwater for domestic purposes. The existing well and proposed well site are located approximately 0.7 miles northwest of Chamberino, NM, and can be found at the physical address of 10721 S. Hwy. 28. The old well will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must

show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. 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 (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20,
2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 25, 2013, NASA Johnson Space Center, White Sands Test Facility (Contact: John J. Villegas), PO Box 20, Las Cruces, NM 88004, filed application numbered LRG-6369-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-6369, located on property owned by the US Department of Agriculture within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 20S, Range 03E (NMPM) and more specifically located where Latitude and longitude intersect at 32°31'56.713"N and 106°40'55.447"W (WGS84) and drilling proposed well LRG-6369-POD4 to a depth of 1,000 feet with a 16-inch casing on property owned by the US Bureau Of Land Management (BLM), within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 20S, Range 03E (NMPM), to be located more specifically on or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°31'20.982"N and 106°40'19.546"W (WGS84) for the continued diversion or 186.0 acre-feet per annum or an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, for use in facility operations, testing, and as a potable water service for the NASA White Sands Test Facility located within Sections 1, 2 and 11 of Township 21S, Range 03E (NMPM) and Sections 26, 35, and 36 of Township 20S, Range 03E (NMPM). The proposed well will supplement water from existing well LRG-6369-S, located on land owned by the US BLM within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 20S, Range 03E (NMPM), and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°31'37.153"N and 106°40'35.986"W (WGS84) and existing well LRG-6369-S-2, located on land owned by the US BLM within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 31, and more specifically located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°31'52.365"N and 106°40'53.977"W (WGS84). The site for proposed well LRG-6369-POD4 will be located approximately 1 mile north-northeast of the intersection of Holman Road and Leeberry Lane north-west of Organ, NM. Old well LRG-6369 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. 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 hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 28, 2013, Dominguez Farms, Inc., PO Box 21, Mesquite, NM 88048, filed application numbered LRG-956 POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-956-S located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 3

East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°9'17.11"N, 106°39'48.75"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 250 feet for 8-inch casing to be located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 8, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°9'17.28"N, 106°39'46.98"W (WGS84), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 77.879 acre-feet per annum for dairy operations, as described in part by LRS-28-007-9002 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for replacement well LRG-956 POD3 is located southeast of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 0.6 mile northwest of the intersection of Farmland Road and Stern Drive. Old well LRG-956-S will be plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. 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 hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 25, 2013, Victor Huff, PO Box 640274, El Paso, TX 79904, filed application numbered LRG-866-POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-866, located on land owned by Blanca Wright within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T24S, R02E, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude/Longitude WGS intersect at 32°11'4.2"N, 106°18.3"W and drilling a replacement well with a 18 inch casing at a depth of approximately 220.00 feet to be located within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35, T24S, R02E, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°10'46.13"N, 106°42'15.03"W, WGS 84, on land owned by the applicant for the continued diversion of an amount of water determined by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.92 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 35, T24S, R02E, NMPM, as described by Office of the State Engineer File No.: LRG-866-4 and by Subfile Order No. LRS-28-005-0118, of the Third Judicial District court Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. Well LRG-866-POD5 can be found on the corner of Highway 478 and Girasol Rd. The well resides 500 feet from the south western corner of the lot.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. 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 hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked

within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13,
2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 11, 2013, Robert M. Sloan, 1411 Archer Farm Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044 filed application numbered LRG-868-POD2, OSE File No. LRG-868, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-868, located within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 10, T25S, R02E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-868-POD2 to a depth of approximately 300 feet below ground surface with 16 inch casing to be located within NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 15, T25S, R02E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant and drilling replacement well LRG-868-POD2 to a depth of approximately 300 feet below ground surface with 16 inch casing to be located within NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of projected Section 15, T25S, R02E, NMPM, on land owned by the applicant for the diversion of up to 229.5 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or an amount to be determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 51.0 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 10, Pt. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and Pt. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 15. The existing well and proposed well site are located approximately 1,120 ft. and 960 ft. respectively, northeast of the intersection of Gavilan Ave. and County Rd. B-10, approximately 1.8 miles northwest of La Mesa, NM. Old well LRG-868 will be properly plugged.

Unit E60
Stephanie Medrano
1815 madrid
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of boxes, furniture, household items, electronics

Unit Q03
Valerie Trillo
3836 s view st
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit consists of misc, furniture, toys, clothes

Unit P13
Gene Gutierrez
513 n melendres st
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of tools, misc, hardware equip.

Unit 30
James Gonzales
1017 pueblo apt #6
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of misc, boxes

Unit H32

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 (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20,
2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:
HOLIDAY SELF STORAGE
2190 Holiday Ave.
Las Cruces, NM, 88005
575-525-9056

On Saturday December 21, 2013 BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. Registration Begins @ 9:30am. \$25.00 cleaning deposit per each unit purchased THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNIT D10, I12, D34, I33, J27, H32, 30, P13, 20, Q03, E60 Tenant addresses are 'last known.'

Unit E60
Stephanie Medrano
1815 madrid
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of boxes, furniture, household items, electronics

Unit Q03
Valerie Trillo
3836 s view st
Las Cruces NM 88007
Unit consists of misc, furniture, toys, clothes

Unit 20
Dave Diaz
p.o. box 2022
Mesilla park NM 88047
Unit consists of mattress, clothes furniture

Unit P13
Gene Gutierrez
513 n melendres st
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of tools, misc, hardware equip.

Unit 30
James Gonzales
1017 pueblo apt #6
Las Cruces NM 88005
Unit consists of misc, boxes

Unit H32

Helen Lucero
p.o. box 1422
Las Cruces NM 88004
Unit consists of household items and misc items

Unit J27
Amanda Romero
2320 Solar Way
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit consists of boxes, tools , misc

Unit I33
Doreen Calzada
5934 Moonview Dr
Las Cruces NM 88012
Unit consists of furniture, household items, boxes

Unit D34
Sonya Guzman
421 W. 3rd st
Deming NM 88030
Unit consists of furniture

Unit I12
Johnny Medina
4878 Calle Bella ave.
Las Cruces NM 88012
Unit consists of t.v's

Unit D10
Mathew ford
1735 Wade St
Las Cruces NM 88001
Unit consists of household items, misc

CASH SALES ONLY
Due Immediately Upon Completion of Sale. A \$25 cleaning deposit will be required per unit purchased And you must bring your own broom and lock.

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00837

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

HECTOR APODACA; STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3025 Broadmoor Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 11 IN B LOCK NUMBERED 1 OF UNIVERSITY ESTATES, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIVERSITY ESTATES, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MARCH 31, 1964 IN PLAT BOOK 9, FOLIO 23.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 AM on December 10, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to Flagstar Bank, FSB. Flagstar Bank, FSB was awarded a Judgment on September 28, 2012, in the total amount of \$282,707.73, with interest at the rate of 5.5% per annum from October 1, 2012. The amount of interest from October 1, 2012 through the date of the sale will be \$ 18,530.91.

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. Flagstar Bank, FSB 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. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Jeffrey Lake,
Special Master
SOUTHWEST SUPPORT
GROUP, LLC

5011 Indian School
Road NE,
Suite 500A
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 767-9444
1 NM-11-488786-JUD
IDSPub #0058516

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**Public Auction
December 18, 2013
Make/Model: Prince
Year: 1974
Vin: K7910**

**Location: Los Arboles
Mobile Village
2230 Doña Ana Rd. Sp. 47**
Amount Due: \$2,418
Auction will be held in the onsite office from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Call 575-635-4700
to view home.

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

NO. CV-13-2443

**IN THE MATTER
OF THE PETITION OF
Logan James Welsch**

**FOR CHANGE
OF NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Logan James Welsch, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a Petition to Change Name in the Third District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein he seeks to change his name from Logan James Welsch to Logan James Miller, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta, District Judge, on the 28th day of January 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W Picacho Ave. Las Cruces New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Logan James Welsch
Logan James Welsch
2430 Acoma St.
Las Cruces, NM 88001
505-506-4142

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
IN THE PROBATE
COURT**

No. PB-2013-0241

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
JOSE MIGUEL OTERO,
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 Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: November 2013.

Dora M. Otero, Personal Representative of the Estate of Jose Miguel Otero, Deceased

PREPARED &
SUBMITTED BY:
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
IN THE
PROBATE COURT**

No. PB-13-0245
Judge: Alice Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT CHASE
CALDWELL,
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 Representative c/o SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A., (Samuel I. Kane, Esq.), 1018 E. Amador, Las Cruces NM 88001, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 805 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/Christine I. Southworth
Christine I. Southworth
Personal Representative

Prepared and submitted by:
SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A.

/s/Samuel I. Kane
Samuel I. Kane
Attorney for
Personal Representative
1018 E. Amador
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 526-5263
(575) 647-5264

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

Case No. PB-2013-90
Judge: Manuel Arrieta

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
BONNIE E. OCHOA,
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 Representative at c/o Samuel I. Kane, 1018 E. Amador Ave. Las Cruces, NM 88001, or filed with the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

/s/Sandra O. Bueno
Sandra O. Bueno
Personal Representative
4885 N. Hwy 28
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Prepared and submitted by:
SAMUEL I. KANE, P.A.
/s/Samuel I. Kane
Samuel I. Kane
Attorney for
Personal Representative
1018 E. Amador
Las Cruces, NM 88001
(575) 526-5263
(575) 647-5264

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT**

No. DM-2013-1254
Judge Lisa C. Schultz

**AMADA ESTRADA,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**ISAAC ESTRADA,
Respondent.**

**AMENDED NOTICE OF
SUIT**

**TO THE ABOVE
NAMED RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against

you in the said Court and County by the above named Petitioner requesting a Divorce. You must file a response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Amended Petition will be granted.

Amada Estrada
c/o Camunez
Law Firm, P.C.
833 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575)532-8270

WITNESS the Honorable Lisa C. Schultz District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 25th day of November, 2013.

Norman E. Osborne
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

By: /s/Jodie Castillo-Delgado
Deputy

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13,
2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-01997

BOKF, N.A., A NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY MERGER TO THE BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

**JOSE LUIS COMPEAN
AKA JOSE L. COMPEAN
AND MARTINA COMPEAN, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK 9 OF DALE BELLAMAH MANOR, SECTION 1, PLAT NO. 4, LOCTED 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 AUGUST 8, 1959 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGES 46, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 1613 Ralph Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 9, 2013 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 \$137,975.30 plus interest from September 21, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.500% 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. 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 rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
5011 Indian School
Road NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110
505-767-9444

NM13-02277_FC01

Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

**STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2013-01147

**GREEN TREE SERVICE
LLC, Plaintiff,**

v.

**MICHAEL J. DANNER
AND ROSE C. DANNER,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, 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 148, Block D, LOS ENAMORADOS ESTATES, 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 July 27, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 722-727 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 4753 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is

the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 9, 2013 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 \$145,915.79 plus interest from July 5, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% 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. 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.

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property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02313

NATIONSTAR MORT-
GAGE LLC, Plaintiff,
v.

DELIA NUNEZ, JOEL
NUNEZ, THE STATE OF
NEW MEXICO DEPART-
MENT OF TAXATION &
REVENUE AND LEG-
ENDS WEST, INC.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, 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 16, Block N, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 4152, thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on May 19, 2005, and recorded in Book 21, Pages 208-209, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1400 Fountain Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 9, 2013 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 \$176,354.93 plus interest from August 30, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 2.000% 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. 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 rights of redemption.

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NM12-02403_FC01

Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00952
Judge: Arrieta

FIRST NEW MEXICO
BANK, LAS CRUCES,
a Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH A. BUTTS
and DIANA BUTTS
a/k/a DIANA JANDA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of foreclosure of a real estate mortgage issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on or about the 25th day of November, 2013 in the above-entitled cause, in which judgment the Plaintiff, First New Mexico Bank, Las Cruces, was awarded an in rem judgment against the Defendant, Kenneth Butts, in the principal amount of \$21,615.13, as of September 16, 2013; together with interest accrued in the amount of \$1,059.97; interest accruing after September 16, 2013 at the rate of 9.42% per annum, for a per diem interest of \$5.62 per day; together with late fees of \$433.97, force placed insurance of \$200.00, all costs of this action in the amount of \$564.05 and attorney's fees of \$4,294.72 as set forth in said judgment, and by which decree I am, among other things, commanded to sell the land and improvements thereon described in the real estate mortgage and a manufactured home, which real estate and manufactured home is more particularly described in the judgment in said cause and as hereinafter described.

The subject matter of the above action is a suit brought by the Plaintiff upon a Promissory Note and for foreclosure of the mortgage given to secure said note.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of January, 2014, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, NM, I will, in obedience to said judgment and decree of

foreclosure, sell, the following-described real estate, to-wit:

Lot 4B, DESERT VISTA REPLAT NO. 1, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 1542, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 10, 1986, and recorded in Book 14, Page 312, Plat Records.

Having a common street address of: 5790 Northstar Ct., Las Cruces, NM 88012.

Along with a 1999 Schultz manufactured home, bearing Serial No. HOCO15F03547 sited on the property.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate in any way pertaining to said premises, to satisfy the Plaintiff's judgment in the amount of \$23,309.07, together with interest thereon after September 16, 2013 to date of sale in the amount of \$612.58, and attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$4,858.77.

Said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds; provided, however, that the Plaintiff First New Mexico Bank shall be entitled to bid all or any part of its judgment. Said sale shall also be without warranty as to title, possession or quiet possession. Any interested bidder should perform their own title search and seek the advice of their own counsel, as no warranties are being made in this sale.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2013

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
JOSEPH M. HOLMES,
Special Master

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20,
12/27, 2013

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201202614

WELLS FARGO BANK,
NA, Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD G. MARTINEZ AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD G. MARTINEZ, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

SECOND NOTICE
OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00

AM, 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 6, Block 5, Country Club Estates No. 6, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 969 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 20, 1979, and recorded in Book 12, pages 244-245, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 645 Frank Maes Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 20, 2013 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 \$139,788.21 plus interest from December 12, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.250% 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. 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 rights of redemption.

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Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02271

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY ABS CAPITAL I INC. TRUST 2002-NC6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-NC6, Plaintiff,

v.

GERARDO ORTEGA, PATRICIA ORTEGA, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GERARDO ORTEGA, IF ANY AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PATRICIA ORTEGA, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Patricia Ortega, The Unknown Spouse of Gerardo Ortega, if any, and The Unknown Spouse of Patricia Ortega, if any.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 414 Luna Azul Drive, Chaparral, NM 88021, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

The west half of Lot 30 Block H, CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county on February 15, 1971, in Book 10, Page 72 through 74 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE CASTLE LAW
GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ Steven J. Lucero
Electronically Filed
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW,
Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
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Attorney for Plaintiff

NM00-01889_FC01

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13,
2013

STATE OF
NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF
DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00918

SOUTHWEST STAGE FUNDING, LLC DBA CASCADE FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff,

v.

SYLVIA TRISTE AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SYLVIA TRISTE, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, 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 numbered 2A of Mesa Grande Tracts No. 9 Replat 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the Plat of said Mesa Grande Tracts, No. 9 replat 1, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 2, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 437.

The address of the real property is 5098 Central Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 20, 2013 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 \$124,504.22 plus interest from June 28, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% 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

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02854

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

v.

ARMANDO A. MIRANDA, ERIN C. MIRANDA, THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ARMANDO A. MIRANDA, IF ANY AND SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, 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 2A, of SOLEDAD VISTA, REPLAT NO. THREE, located in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on plat thereof recorded on March 26, 1987 in plat book 14, at page 350 as plat no. 1577, records of Doña Ana

County.

The address of the real property is 4905 Desert Walk Court, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 19, 2013 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 \$284,895.84 plus interest from March 19, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.875% 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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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned 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, affix-

ture 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.

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Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02809

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

GLADYS DEFAUSELL AND MICHAEL DEFAUSELL, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM, 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 16, BLOCK M, COUNTRY CLUB PARK SUBDIVISION NUMBER THREE, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 564 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 29, 1961, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 1, PAGE 60, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

The address of the real property is 1820 Altura Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street

address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 11, 2013 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 \$262,667.09 plus interest from July 25, 2013 to the date of sale at the rate of 4.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, 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 rights of redemption.

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NM12-03272_FC01

Dates: 11/15, 11/22, 11/29,
12/06, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT CHILDREN'S COURT DIVISION

No. JQ-2013-02
Judge Macias

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex. rel., CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of L. N. L., S. L., and A. G. Jr., Children

And Concerning, Leah N. Rivera, Ray Quinones, a.k.a. Rey Quinonez, a.k.a. Rey Camacho a.k.a. Rey Quinonez Camacho and Alfredo Gonzales, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Ray Quinones, a.k.a. Rey Quinonez, a.k.a. Rey Camacho a.k.a. Rey Quinonez Camacho, Respondent

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused S.L., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Annamarie DeLovato, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004.575-373-6400

THIS PROCEEDING

COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILD.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal)
Date: October 25, 2013

Clerk of the District Court
by: /s/Maria E. Hayes
Deputy

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Case Number:
D-307-PB-2013-00088
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT H. MCQUISTON, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Kathy Kitchens, LLC (contact: Kathryn R. Kitchens) was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert H. McQuiston, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Robert H. McQuiston, deceased. All persons having claims against this 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 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 Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 19th day of November, 2013.

/s/Kathryn R. Kitchens
Kathy Kitchens, LLC
Personal Representative

Prepared by:

LAW OFFICE OF KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

/s/Katherine N. Blackett
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue,
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New Mexico 88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/
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Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-02005

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

MITCHELL BRIAN PROK, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Mitchell Brian Prok.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4012 Jewel Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 70, Block 23, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-C SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 19, 2002, in Book 20 Pages 204-206 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE CASTLE LAW GROUP, LLC

By: /s/ Steven J. Lucero
Electronically Filed
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Attorney for Plaintiff

NM12-03740_FC01

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20,
2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDRENS COURT

NO. JQ-2013-31
Judge Macias

STATE OF NEW MEXICO ex rel. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of D.T., a Child, And Concerning Tabitha Blanco and Benjamin Sanchez, Respondents.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Tabitha Blanco and Benjamin Sanchez, Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused D.T., a child, and seeks legal custody of the child.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Annamarie DeLovato, P.O. Box 2135, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004 / tel. (575) 373-6400

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILDREN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State New Mexico

(Seal)
Date: Nov 15, 2013

Clerk of the District Court
By: /s/Jodie Castillo Delgado
Deputy

Dates: 11/22, 11/29, 12/06,
2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Cause No. CV-2013-01697
Judge Arrieta

CHARLES HADDAD, Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTOINO PICADO, et.al., Defendants.

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, January 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the main entrance to the Judicial Complex of the Third Judicial District Court, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property to be sold is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is more commonly known as 5460 Crawford, Santa Teresa, New Mexico 88008 and is more particularly described as follows:

A certain parcel of land situate within Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 3 East (Projected), New Mexico Principal Meridian, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described by METES AND BOUNDS as follows:

Beginning at a set 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap No. 5948, said rebar being the northwest corner of the property herein described and being on the northerly boundary line of County Road No. A-030, N 46°-45'-16"E, a distance of 2677.80 feet;

THENCE, leaving the northerly boundary line of County Road No. A-030, N 46°-33'-52"E, a distance of 697.64 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap No. 5948, said rebar being in a concrete lined irrigation ditch, also being the north corner of the property herein described;

THENCE, along the concrete lined irrigation ditch, S 45°-00'-15"E, a distance of 327.01 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap No. 5948, said rebar being the east corner of the property herein described;

THENCE, leaving the concrete lined irrigation ditch, S 46°-33'-52"W, a distance of 708.63 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar with yellow cap No. 5948 on the northerly boundary line of County Road No. A-030;

THENCE, along the northerly line of County Road No. A-430, N 43°-04'-45"W, a distance of 326.89 feet to the point of BEGINNING of the parcel herein described and containing 5.28 acres (299,845 square feet) more or less

The sale will be made to satisfy Final Default Judgment filed November 13, 2013, in favor of Plaintiff, pursuant to a Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure therein.

Plaintiff, Charles Haddad, has a Judgment against Defendant, Antonio Picado and Rocio Picado, both jointly and severally, in the sum of \$494,905.39, and \$4,275.00 as reasonable attorney fees and \$975.47 for cost, which bears interest at the rate of 11.00% per annum from February 20, 2011.

Plaintiffs may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property and improvements more particularly described herein, subject to a one-month right of redemption.

The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements will be sold subject to all, taxes, utility liens, and other restrictions and easements not foreclosed herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Special Master shall apply the proceeds of the sale first to the costs of sale, and Special Master fees, then to pay the above described Judgment, and then to be distributed in accordance with further Order of the Court. This sale is subject to Entry of an Order of the Court approving the sale.

The attorney for Plaintiff is Edward DeV Bunn, Jr. of Firth*Johnston*Martinez 415 N. Mesa, Third Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901

/s/Kenneth L. Beal
Kenneth L. Beal
Special Master

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 12/27, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01814

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSARIO A. MARTINEZ; MANUEL MARTINEZ; BENEFICIAL NEW MEXICO, INC.; and NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant Manuel Martinez is hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit

against Defendant in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 186 Kite Court, in the City of Santa Teresa, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 72, BLOCK 1, DESERT SHADOW SUBDIVISION PHASE V, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 3389 ON 9/20/2000 IN BOOK 19 PAGE(S) 515-16 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Defendant is required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant fails to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd.
1700 Louisiana NE,
Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400

By Electronically filed
/s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Rachel M. Chiado
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS 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 19th day of November, 2013.

NORMAN E. OSBORNE
CLERK OF THE
DISTRICT COURT

(SEAL)

By: /s/ Joe M. Martinez
Deputy-Joe M. Martinez

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01296

BOKEF, N.A., a national banking association dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA as successor in interest by merger to BANK OF

OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

SANDRA K. GENTORRES, ANTHONY R. TORRES, THE DEPARTMENT of the TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE OF NEW MEXICO, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT of WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS WORKFORCE TRANSITION SERVICES DIVISION, LOCO CREDIT UNION and THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6590 Coyote Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

A 2.51 ACRE TRACT SITUATE IN SECTION 5, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 3 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, EAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED, MARKED BY A FOUND IRON ROD IDENTICAL TO SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NW ¼, NW ¼, SE ¼, SE ¼, OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION 5;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING N 89 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 36 SECONDS W, 329.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT KNOWN AS COYOTE ROAD FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD N 01 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 37 SECONDS W, 331.41 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTER LINE OF A 60 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT KNOWN AS COYOTE ROAD FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT

HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE ALONG THE CENTER LINE OF SAID CORONA ROAD S 89 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 34 SECONDS E 329.65 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED;

THENCE LEAVING THE CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD S 01 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 26 SECONDS E 331.79 FEET TO THE PLACE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2.51 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND SUBJECT TO A 30 FOOT WIDE ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT PARALLEL AND IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE WEST AND NORTH BOUNDARY LINES AND ANY OTHER EASEMENTS OF RECORD AND SUCH AS MAY EXIST ON THE GROUND.

THIS LEGAL DESCRIPTION IS BASED ON FIELD DATA BY GERALD DONOHUE, NM PLS 8172, INCLUDED IN THE ATTACHED PLAT DATED APRIL 26, 2006.

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The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 7, 2014, in front of the main entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKF, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

BOKF, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 15, 2013, in the principal sum of \$76,678.20, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through October 1, 2013, in the amount of \$4,287.58, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 6.100% per annum (\$12.81 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$132.70, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,217.24, plus property preservation costs in the amount of \$114.92, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through October 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, with interest thereon from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 6.100% per annum, plus costs incurred by Plaintiff through October 1, 2013, in the sum of \$1,408.82, with interest thereon from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 6.100% per

annum.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Dates: 11/29, 12/06, 12/13, 12/20, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 13-0221

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Helen J. Bergan, 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 (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 at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd 1-201, Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: Dec. 3rd, 2013

/s/Eugene B. Bergan
Eugene B. Bergan
905 Conway Ave. #6
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-541-5680

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00843

FLAGSTAR BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

ROSARIO G. SESSIONS

and GARY S. SESSIONS, wife and husband; ABC Corporations I-X, XYZ Partnerships I-X, John Does I-X and Jane Does I-X, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES OF ANY OF THE ABOVE, IF DECEASED, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1820 Juniper Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88001-2412, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 4 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 19 OF UNIT NO. 9 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID UNIT NO. 9 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 27, 1973 IN PLAT BOOK 11, FOLIO 62-63.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 AM on December 10, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Flagstar Bank, FSB . Flagstar Bank, FSB was awarded a Judgment on October 1, 2013, in the total amount of \$137,903.16, with interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum from August 1, 2013. The amount of interest from August 1, 2013 through the date of the sale will be \$3,340.85.

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. Flagstar Bank, FSB 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. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

By: Jeffrey Lake,
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THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-01175

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

BENJAMIN I. ESPINOZA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1211 Gunsight Peak Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 27 IN BLOCK NUMBERED 1 OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 6, LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 6, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON 10/16/2006 IN PLAT BOOK 22, FOLIO 13-14.

The sale is to begin at 11:00

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AM on December 10, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Court, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 12, 2013, in the total amount of \$175,983.87, with interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from August 15, 2013. The amount of interest from August 15, 2013 through the date of the sale will be \$2,326.96.

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. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. 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. **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE**

PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF MARY CATHERINE TOMEL, Petitioner.

Cause No. CV-13-2574
JUDGE: Manuel I. Arrieta

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that Mary Catherine Tomci will apply to the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on the 28th day of January, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Doña Ana Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, for the purpose of changing her name from Mary Catherine Tomei to Mary Kay Tomei.

DATED: 11-26-13

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/s/Naheainer
By: Deputy

Dates: 12/06, 12/13, 2013

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Christmas wrap Las Cruces comes alive for the holidays

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The holiday season officially kicks-off in Las Cruces Friday, Dec. 6, with a number of events taking place Downtown, starting with the city tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m.

Just down Main Street, the first Friday Downtown Art Ramble will be in full swing from 5 to 7 p.m., with the numerous galleries that make their homes on Main Street hosting artists' receptions and openings.

To coincide with all the goings-on, Winterfest will return to Main Street Downtown from 3 to 9 p.m., with caroling, carriage rides, stocking stuffers for kids, vendors and even a visit from Santa himself.

All that fun Friday is just the beginning, though.

If holiday tunes are what you crave, Las Cruces has got you covered. There are a variety of choral, symphonic and big band performances loaded with Christmas and holiday classics.

The New Desert Harmony Singers will perform Christmas favorites three times in the month, at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the La Casa Holiday Bazaar, then at 3 p.m. the same day at the NMSU Art Gallery, inside D.W. Williams Hall. A third public performance will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Admission to the public performance is free, but nonperishable food items, cash and checks will be accepted

on behalf of Casa de Peregrinos food bank.

On Sunday, Dec. 8, Celestial Sounds, a choir of Las Cruces women who love to sing, will present "Let Bells Ring Out" at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., featuring holiday favorites from Purcell, Handel, Leavitt and others. Admission is free, donation of \$3 is suggested.

The Big Band on the Rio Grande will present "A Jazzy Christmas" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The holiday program will feature favorites including "Let it Snow," "Sleigh Ride" and more. Admission is free.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, the 50-person Mesilla Valley Teen Singers will perform "Winter Wind," a free Christmas concert of pieces inspired by the cold, blowing wind of winter, at University Presbyterian Church, 2010 Wisconsin Ave.

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will host "Joyful Sounds" presented by Singing Out, southern New Mexico's LGBTQA chorus, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and a matinee encore at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at Spirit Winds or at the door.

In the heart of Downtown Las Cruces, the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., will hold a number of holiday events throughout the month, beginning with "Arias, Carols and Songs" performed by the talented young opera singers of the Santa Fe Opera, at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7. The holiday show is free – in the spirit of giving and holiday cheer – and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The next day, Sunday, Dec. 8, the Mesilla Valley Chorale presents "Winter Gifts," a benefit for programming at the Rio Grande Theatre featuring a diverse program of holiday favorites and a few surprises. The festivities begin at 3 p.m., and tickets are \$10.

The following week, the Rio Grande will present a holiday show from Border Baroque, an alliance of professional musicians dedicated to bringing the masterworks of the 17th and 18th century Baroque period to contemporary audiences. The show begins at 7 p.m., and a \$3 offering will be accepted at the door to support ongoing programming.

Two contemporary Christmas classics – "The Santa Clause" with Tim Allen and "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" with Jim Carrey

– will be screened at the Rio Grande Theatre on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15. "The Santa Clause" will show at 1 and 5 p.m. each day, and "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" will show at 3 and 7 p.m. each day. A suggested donation of \$2 for adults will be accepted, and children younger than 12 are invited to attend free.

Finally at the Rio Grande, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, Southwest Bassoons will perform holiday carols in the theater lobby.

For a holiday-appropriate outing to the theater, the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts is still hosting "A

Christmas Carol," presented by the American Southwest Theatre Company. With only a handful of performances left – 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7, and the final performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 – time is running out to catch Dickens' classic live and better than ever.

The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet, too, will be celebrating the season, with the 30th anniversary production of the Nutcracker Ballet taking the stage of the Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus for four performances Thursday through Sunday, Dec. 19-22. Tickets begin at \$47.



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Featured gallery: *Art Obscura*



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Art Obscura Art & Collectibles Superstore, at 3206 Harrelson St., offers a variety of original art from Las Cruces and area artists, as well as antiques and rare collectibles.

Unearthing the obscure Shop offers affordable local art, antiques

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Just yards from the clamor of rail cars loading and unloading cargo at the Old Santa Fe Railroad Depot in Mesilla Park, a large, nondescript, two-story saffron-yellow building has seen a flurry of activity, an unremarkable exterior belying the artistic happenings just inside.

Opening its doors Friday, Nov. 29 – just in time for the rush of Black Friday shopping – Art Obscura Art & Collectibles Superstore, 3206 Harrelson St., has a mission to provide a chance for great, up-and-coming local artists to show and sell their work, as well as a way for those of us with little disposable income to purchase one-of-a-kind artworks and antiques, putting money back into the local economy and the burgeoning artistic community in Las Cruces.

Owner Deret Roberts – no stranger to beautifying the City of the Crosses as a co-founder of Cruceño Cleanup – has found a way to utilize his coming arts degree from New Mexico State University, his talents as a painter and printmaker and his extensive address book, which seems to include the names of all of Las Cruces' best young artists.

Graduating this semester with a bachelor's degree with a focus in painting, Roberts said the idea to open the gallery came from facing a future with a liberal arts degree – a plight I, and many local artists, sculptors, photographers, writers, philosophers and musicians know all too well.

"I'm finishing up my degree in art, and I really had to figure out what I was going to do when I graduate," Roberts said. "I decided I'd open up a store and invite all these local artists, so they have a place to come sell their work."

With a roster of some of Las Cruces' best young artists, including several who have graced past pages of the Las Cruces Bulletin as Featured Artists, another of Art Obscura's missions is to offer pieces affordable to a wider segment of the population – art affordable to even the starving artists who create it.

Artists with work currently on display at Art Obscura include: Jamila Hull of Jellywell Ink; Mama Cass; Chris Shelton and Steph Preciado of REVIVER Printing; Jesse Reinhard, Sonia Payan, Coy Lowther and Meg Freyermuth of the DANG Art Gang; Luis Navarro; Cody Jimenez; Sam Ross; Annika Rundberg; Saba; Logan Howard; and Roberts himself, to name just a few.

"My focus here is to keep art affordable for people," Roberts said. "That way, everyone can have a piece of it. If you're going to be an artist, it's not all big sales. You need those steadier, small sales – those are the lifeblood."

With a plethora of stunning, unique pieces, most priced well below \$100, those with a bit of money to spend can find something wonderful.

On a tighter budget? Art Obscura also features smaller works, including jewelry, buttons, stickers and prints, some priced as low as a few dollars, from the same respected artists providing some of the more expensive, larger pieces that adorn the walls.

In addition to all the great, modestly priced pieces from Las Cruces artists, Art Obscura also offers a range of antiques and collectibles, which Roberts said is in his blood.

"I've been steadily collecting over the years," he said. "My great-grandpa was a collector, my grandpa, my dad, so it's kind of family tradition."

A small chamber off the bright,

Details

Art Obscura

Address

3206 Harrelson St.

Hours

- 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday
- 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Phone

494-7256

Website

- www.artobscuragallery.com
- www.facebook.com/artobscura

cleanly lit, chartreuse-walled main showroom holds quirky items including neon bar signs, classic guitars, soda machines, pinball games and antique tin signs, among others.

The second floor of the space features another narrow gallery space, a small side room perfect for a small, solo exhibition, as well as three rooms open for use as studio space, one of which Roberts occupies to work on his own art, and two that remain open for rent.

In its first weekend open to the public, coincidentally the busiest shopping week-end of the year, Roberts said Art Obscura did shockingly well, with nearly all of its more than 200-plus guests leaving with something, however large or small.

With that kind of reception, coupled with a commitment to both the young artists and starving art-lovers of Las Cruces, let's hope Art Obscura is here to stay.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
FRI. DEC. 06	1030 A.M.	Rhythm Roundup – Music & Movement ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. DEC. 06	3 P.M.	Fantastic Fridays – Stories & Craft ages 7-11	Branigan Library
FRI. DEC. 06	3 P.M.	Dinosaurs A to Z	LC Museum of Nature & Science
FRI. DEC. 06	3-9 P.M.	WINTERFEST!	Downtown Main Street
FRI. DEC. 06	4 P.M.	Lincoln: the Constitution & the Civil War	Branigan Cultural Center
SAT. DEC. 07	10 A.M.	Fetch!	LC Museum of Nature & Science
SAT. DEC. 07	10 A.M.	Family Science Saturday	LC Museum of Nature & Science
SAT. DEC. 07	11 A.M.	Storytime & Art Project	Branigan Cultural Center
SAT. DEC. 07	7 P.M.	Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show	Rio Grande Theatre
SUN. DEC. 08	7 P.M.	Mesilla Valley Chorale	Rio Grande Theatre
MON. DEC. 09	7 P.M.	El Paso Brass	Rio Grande Theatre
TUE. DEC. 10	1030 A.M.	Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
TUE. DEC. 10	2 P.M.	Making Homemade Christmas Ornaments	Branigan Library
TUE. DEC. 10	630 P.M.	Every Other Tuesday – John Oscar	Rio Grande Theatre
WED. + THU. DEC. 11+12	10 A.M.	Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. DEC. 11	11 A.M.	Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library
WED. DEC. 11	2 P.M.	DAC Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting	Branigan Library

ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Art RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

presents "Green," a multimedia installation by Marietta Patricia Leis, inspired by her time as an artist-in-residence in Thailand, "Extended Passage of Time," panoramic photographs of White Sands National Monument by Gunnar Plake, "Metamorphosis," a posthumous exhibition of Gail Factor's large-scale oil paintings and "Tejido Fronterizo/Border Tapestry," works in various mediums by members of the Southern New Mexico Border Artists. All four exhibits open with receptions from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through January 2014.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

presents "Toys and Dolls: The Warner Collection," a celebration of the toys and dolls from the permanent collection, "Adorning the World: The Intersection of Jewelry and Culture," an interpretive presentation of tribal jewelry by artist Karen Feder and "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," a traveling exhibit examining how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of

the Civil War: the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties. All three exhibits open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through January 2014.

Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2154.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY

presents a Christmas Bazaar, featuring work from more than 10 local artisans including leather and copper work, 3-D sandscapes, indoor and outdoor sculpture, jewelry, gifts and hand-decorated cards for special holiday gift-giving. The Christmas Bazaar will open as part of the Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6.

Quillin Studio and Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, call 312-1064.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY

presents monthly art installations by members of the Las Cruces Arts Association, as well as a Christmas Bazaar from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, featuring works created by LCAA members.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 W. Mountain

Ave. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, as well as from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, for the Downtown Art Ramble. For more information, visit www.lascrucesarts.org.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY

presents "Stocking Stuffers," reasonably priced items from select artists and photography from gallery owner Mel Stone. The exhibit will open for the Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through the end of December.

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-1126.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY

has acquired some incredible new art glass, including a monumental piece by Rick Satava. The gallery will also be continuing its annual Christmas sale, with 15 percent off art glass and amber jewelry.

M. Phillip's Gallery is located at 221 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

presents "Many Faces from Different Places," a collection of the oil-on-canvas portraits of Native American and Latino cultures, as well as, for the first time, several stone sculptures. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through the end of December.

Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

CREATIVE HARMONY GALLERY AND GIFTS

presents an exhibit of the photography of Pamela Needham. Needham's photography is done in vibrant color, and focuses on nature themes and landscapes. The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and will remain on display through the end of December.

Creative Harmony Gallery and Gifts is located at 220 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. For more information, call 312-3040.

WEST END ART DEPOT

presents "Dynamic Institution," an exhibit of work from 14 New Mexico State University graduate art students from diverse backgrounds, featuring artworks ranging from the poetic to the polemic. The exhibit opens with an artists' reception at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, with beer on tap from High Desert Brewing Co. and live music from Decade of the Dead Arcade at 9 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display through Jan. 28, 2014.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday. For more information, visit www.we-ad.org.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY

presents "Shine," a collection of Georjeanna Feltha's multimedia artworks inspired by the desire for self discovery and a strong focus on the strength of human spirit, to close out the 2013 Pro-Artists series.

The exhibit opens with an artist's reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and will remain on display through Jan. 4, 2014.

Adobe Patio Gallery is located at 1765 Calle de Mercado. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 532-9310.

CUTTER GALLERY

presents an exhibit of the work of ceramic artists Susi and Richard Bergquist. Susi is well known for her free-standing Indian folklore pieces, mojaves and ledger drawings, and Richard's specialty is clay santos and nativities. The exhibit will open with an artists' reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

The gallery also continues to exhibit original drawings, paintings, cards, ornaments, boxes, woodcuts and sculptures in its Mesilla Valley Christmas Show.

Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

ONGOING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

features two artists for the month of November, Rayma Claeseen, known for her beautiful landscapes, and Richard Spellenberg, a wood turner. The gallery is also pleased to welcome two new members, Bonnie MacQuarrie and Lori Shalett, and one returning, Carlos West. The exhibit will remain on display through the end of December.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

presents a compilation of 50 to 60 lithographs from renowned cowboy artist Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt. The exhibit will remain on long-term display in the museum's Heritage Gallery.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Museum hours

are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and younger, museum friends members and U.S. military veterans receive free admission. For more information, call 522-4100.

AA STUDIOS

presents Isadora Stowe's "transportation series," a body of work inspired by modes of movement and immobility, seeking to create a dialogue about the larger meaning of transitions visual, physical and mental. The exhibit will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 6, and Jan. 10, 2014, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7 and Jan. 11, 2014, and 2 to 4 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 8 and Jan. 12, 2014.

Aa Studios is located at 2645 Doña Ana Road. Gallery showings are by appointment. For more information, call 541-9770.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

presents "Conserving Tradition: The NMSU Retablo Collection," "Make 'Em All Mexican," an exhibit of repurposed American cultural icons by Los Angeles-based Latina artists Linda Vallejo and "Post-Racial U.S.?" a national juried exhibition. The exhibits will remain on display through Dec. 21.

New Mexico State University Art Gallery is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, at the intersection of University Avenue and Solano Drive. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and evening hours from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-6110 or visit www.nmsu.edu/~artgal.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING


is now exhibiting works of art by sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students in the lobby gallery. The art, which is in a variety of media, will remain on display through February 21, 2014.

The Las Cruces Public Schools administration building is located at 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, Suite 249. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Cynthia Smith at cysmith@lcp.s.k12.nm.us.

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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Wash	Charlie	Moyers & Company	Great Performances			Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley			
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Frosty	Virginia	NCIS: Los Angeles	Grammy	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Last Man	Neigh	Shark Tank (N)	(:01) 20/20 (N)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
FOX	8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones (N)		Raising Hope (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall				
NBC	9	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	Dateline NBC (N)		Grimm (N)	Dracula (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW	14	Steve Harvey (N)	Middle	Middle	The Carrie Diaries		Nikita "Set-Up" (N)	ABC 7	Report	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules		
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	30 Rock	
ESPN	26	SportCtr	NBA Basketball	Denver Nuggets at Boston Celtics.			College Basketball Baylor vs. Kentucky.			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2	27	NFL Kickoff (N)	College Football: Mid-American Conference Championship							SportsCenter (N)	Olberrmann (N)	NFL Live (N)			
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			
TNT	32	Castle (In Stereo)	*** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio.							*** "Crimson Tide" (1995)		"Talented-Ripley"			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	** "Four Christmases" (2008) (DVS)			** "Fred Claus" (2007, Comedy) Vince Vaughn.			Office	Office	Office			
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Key	Key	Aziz Ansari	Chris D'Elia	Completely Serious			
LIFE	39	"Merry In-Laws"	"Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012) Mira Sorvino.				"The Real St. Nick" (2012) Torrey DeVitto.			(:02) "Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012)					
FOOD	40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mama's	My. Din	My. Din	Diners	Diners	Diners	Mama's	
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Celebrity Holiday	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E	43	The First 48	The First 48			After the First 48 "What Lies Beneath" (N)		(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48			After the First 48		
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars
TLC	45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings (N)	Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt	Gold Rush (N)		Bering Sea Gold (N)		(:02) Gold Rush	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush: Pay Dirt				
ANPL	50	Tanked	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters				Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters				
FAM	51	"The Muppet Christmas Carol"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"					The 700 Club	** "Prancer" (1989) Sam Elliott.						
DISN	52	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Good	Jessie	Good Luck Jes.	ANT	Dog	Wander	Liv-Mad.	Austin	Austin	
NICK	54	Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends	Friends	George	
AMC	57	(4:30) *** "X-Men" (2000, Action)		*** "Men in Black" (1997) Will Smith				The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead			"Men in Black"		
SYFY	59	"Haunted High"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)			Haven (N)		Being Human	Haven	Haven	"Haunted High"				
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan Live	Crossfire	Unguard	Anthony Bourd.	Anderson Cooper	Crossfire	Unguard			Crossfire	Unguard	
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MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	Lockup Special			Lockup Special	Lockup Special	Lockup Special			Lockup Special		

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		DECEMBER 7, 2013											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Classical Rewind (In Stereo)	Heart			3 Steps to Incredible Health!-Joel		Matthew Morrison: Classic			Lawrence Welk Special		
CBS	3	(10:30) College Basketball UCLA at Missouri. (N)				Saturday	Football	College Football SEC Championship -- Auburn vs. Missouri. (N)					
ABC	7	(10:00) College Football Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live)						Medical Breakthroughs for Fast, Safe Joint Pain & Inflammation Relief					
FOX	8	30 Rock	AAA	Ring of Honor Wrestling				College Football Texas at Baylor. (N) (In Stereo Live)					
NBC	9	AAA	Paid Prog.	Skiing				Golf Northwestern Mutual World Challenge, Third Round. (N)			Pain Free	Paid Prog.	
CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Latino	Annual
WGN	15	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger				Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI			Funniest Home Videos	
ESPN	26	College Football		Football Scoreboard				MLS Soccer: MLS Cup				Score	
ESPN2	27	College Football: Conference USA Championship		(:15) College Basketball Kansas at Colorado. (N)				(:15) College Basketball UNLV at Arizona. (N)					
USA	31	NCIS (DVS)	NCIS (DVS)	NCIS "Gone"				NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"			NCIS "Shabbat Shalom"	NCIS "Shiva"	
TNT	32	(10:00) *** "The Score" (2001)		*** "Ransom" (1996) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo.				*** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002)			*** "Catch Me if You Can" (2002)		(DVS)
TBS	33	(10:30) ** "Valentine's Day" (2010) (DVS)		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King	Raymond	Raymond		
COM	35	(10:49) * "Bubble Boy" (2001) Jake Gyllenhaal.		(12:52) ** "Beerfest" (2006, Comedy)				South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
LIFE	39	(10:00) Marry Me Two best friends fall in love with the same woman.		** "Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012) Mira Sorvino.				"Dear Secret Santa"					
FOOD	40	Iron Chef America	On the Rocks	Restaurant Stakeout	Diners	Mama's	Guy's Grocery Games	Restaurant Express					
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	High Low	High Low	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E	43	Flipping Vegas	*** "GoodFellas" (1990) Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci.					Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44	Hatfields & McCoy's A Hatfield murders a McCoy.		Hatfields & McCoy's (Part 2 of 3)				Hatfields & McCoy's (Part 3 of 3)					
TLC	45	Breaking the Faith	Bakery Boss	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Cmas Lights		
DISC	47	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Street Outlaws		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud		Fast N' Loud	
ANPL	50	To Be Announced	To Be Announced										
FAM	51	(10:30) "All I Want for Christmas"		** "Disney's A Christmas Carol" (2009)				** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000)					
DISN	52	Liv-Mad.	Wander	"Teen Beach Movie" (2013)		Phineas	Austin	Austin	Austin	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	
NICK	54	Rangers	SpongeBob	Sanjay	Sanjay	Rabbids	Rabbids	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Hathaways	Thunder
AMC	57	*** "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000) George Clooney.		*** "X-Men" (2000) Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart.				*** "Men in Black"					
SYFY	59	*** "Sin City" (2005, Action) Jessica Alba, Devon Aoki.		** "Outlander" (2008) James Caviezel, Ron Perlman.				"X2: X-Men United"					
CNN	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Your Miney	Newsroom	CNN Newsroom (N)			Gupta	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			CNN Newsroom (N)
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Keurig Rivo	Sexiest Bodies of 2013!	DeepClean	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live (N)			Karen Finney		Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera			Caught on Camera

SATURDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 7, 2013													
		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
PBS	22	Lawrence Welk Special		Weekend	The Best of the 60s (In Stereo)			The Mavericks: In Time			Texas Tenors-You Should				
CBS	3	Football	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	48 Hours (N)		College Football: Mountain West Championship			Jdg Judy				
ABC	7	78th Annual	College Football ACC Championship -- Duke vs. Florida State. (N)					News	ABC 7	TMZ (N)	Cheaters				
FOX	8	College	Pregame	College Football Big Ten Championship -- Michigan State vs. Ohio State.				Two Men	Animation Dom	Glee "Theatricality"					
NBC	9	Paid	News	News (N)	Bullying	Rockefeller Ctr.		The Blacklist	Saturday Night Live	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)				
CW	14	(4:30) 78th Annual Celebration of Lights		Latin	1st Fam	1st Fam		** "In the Mix" (2005) Usher.			SAF3				
WGN	15	Videos	Bulls Eye	NBA Basketball Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls. (N)				News	Mother	Rules	Parks	Parks	30 Rock		
ESPN	26	Score	College Football: Pac-12 Championship					(:45) SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	Sports.	College Football South Florida at Rutgers. (N) (Live)					Score	CFB Daily (N) (Live)	Football Final	Football Final				
USA	31	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	NCIS "Recovery"	NCIS "Phoenix"		
TNT	32	"Catch Me-Can"		*** "Source Code" (2011) Premiere.				*** "Source Code" (2011) (DVS)			*** "Inception" (2010)				
TBS	33	Raymond	Raymond	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Trust Me	** "Valentine's Day" (2010) (DVS)			
COM	35	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk		
LIFE	39	"Dear Secret"		"Christmas in the City" (2013) Premiere.				"Kristin's Christmas Past" (2013)			(:02) "Christmas in the City" (2013)				
FOOD	40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars (N)	Diners, Drive				Diners, Drive	Restaurant Divided	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive				
HGTV	41	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It				Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas (N)	(:01) Flipping Vegas	Storage	Storage	(:01) Flipping Vegas	Storage	Storage		
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Christ	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Christ	Pawn		
TLC	45	More Crazy Chris.	My Obsession	My Obsession	My Obsession	Four Houses (N)		My Obsession	My Obsession	My Obsession	Four Houses	Four Houses			
DISC	47	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud		
ANPL	50	To Be Announced	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls-Parolee				Pit Bulls-Parolee	Pit Bulls-Parolee	Pit Bulls-Parolee	Pit Bulls-Parolee	Pit Bulls & Parolees	Pit Bulls & Parolees		
FAM	51	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)		"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"				* "Deck the Halls" (2006) Danny DeVito.			Prince	Prince			
DISN	52	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Dog	Austin	Jessie	Dog	ANT	*** "The Incredibles" (2004)		Mighty Med			
NICK	54	Sam & Sam	Sam & Sam	Thunder	Thunder	iCarly	Victo	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends	Friends	George	
AMC	57	"Men in Black"	** "We Are Marshall" (2006) Matthew McConaughey.					*** "Remember the Titans" (2000, Drama)			CSI				
SYFY	59	(4:00) *** "X2: X-Men United" (2003)		*** "Batman Begins" (2005) Christian Bale. Premiere.				** "Outlander" (2008) James Caviezel.							
CNN	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Anderson Cooper	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute				Anderson Cooper	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute						
CNBC	63	Car	Car	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Car	Car	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Car	Car				
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Lockup				Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw				

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON **DECEMBER 8, 2013**

	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS 22	The Best of the 60s (In Stereo) [CC]				Hunter-Farmer Healthy Weight		Gathering of Friends		Celtic Woman: Home for Christmas			
CBS 3	Inside Edit. [Paid Prog.] [Paid Prog.] [Paid Prog.]				Skiing		NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Denver Broncos. (N) [Live] [CC]					
ABC 7	Wildlife Expedition Facelift? [Paid Prog.]				AntiAging [Paid Prog.]		Extreme Weight Loss "Mike" (In Stereo) [CC]		Entertainment Tonight			
FOX 8	NFL Football Minnesota Vikings at Baltimore Ravens. (N) [In Stereo Live] [CC]						(:25) NFL Football New York Giants at San Diego Chargers.					
NBC 9	Figure Skating				Golf Northwestern Mutual World Challenge, Final Round. (N) [CC]				AAA		NBC News	
CW 14	Family St. ChatRoom	Raw Travel	Hiring		Access Hollywood (N)	Paying TV	Texas	Crook & Chase	Box Office		Box Office	
WGN 15	In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night			In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night		*** "Get Shorty" (1995) John Travolta. [CC]				
ESPN 26	PBA Bowling World Series: Viper Championship.				Football Sunday on ESPN Radio (N) [Live] [CC]							
ESPN2 27	Football Sunday on ESPN Radio (N) [Live] [CC]				College Football Final		30 for 30				30 for 30 [CC]	
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32	Law & Order "Harm"	Law & Order (In Stereo)			** "Unknown" (2011, Suspense) Liam Neeson. [CC] (DVS)				*** "Mission: Impossible 2"			
TBS 33	*** "Meet the Parents" (2000) Ben Stiller				The Grinch ** "Fred Claus" (2007) Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti.						*** "Four Christmases"	
COM 35	(10:49) ** "Beerfest" (2006, Comedy) [CC]				(12:52) ** "The Ringer" (2005) Brian Cox [CC]			South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
LIFE 39	"The March Sisters at Christmas" (2012) [CC]				"Dear Secret Santa" (2013) Tatyana Ali. [CC]			"Kristin's Christmas Past" (2013) Shiri Appleby.				
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant Divided			Iron Chef America	My Diners	My Diners	Diners	Diners		Chopped	
HGTV 41	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		Hunters	Hunters	Who's Lived	Who's Lived	Hunters		Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	(9:00) "GoodFellas"	**** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins. Premiere.						Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
HIST 44	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	American Pickers	
TLC 45	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive			Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive	
DISC 47	Last Frontier	Last Frontier			Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
ANPL 50	To Be Announced							To Be Announced				
FAM 51	(10:00) "Santa Baby"	** "Santa Baby 2: Christmas Maybe" (2009)			"12 Dates of Christmas" (2011) Amy Smart.						"The Mistle-Tones"	
DISN 52	"The Incredibles" [CC]	Good Luck Jessie: NYC	Dog	Dog	Dog	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Dog	
NICK 54	Barbie	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Parents	Parents	*** "A Fairly Odd Christmas"		Sam & Cat	Hathaways	Thunder	
AMC 57	(10:00) *** "Glory Road" (2006)	** "We Are Marshall" (2006, Drama) Matthew McConaughey. [CC]							*** "Remember the Titans" [CC]			
SYFY 59	"30 Days of Night: Dark Days" (2010, Horror)				*** "X2: X-Men United" (2003) Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman.						"Batman Begins"	
CNN 62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	
CNBC 63	Paid Prog. [Paid Prog.]	Cancer	Free \$	Free \$	Focus T25	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Focus T25	Paid Prog.
MSNBC 64	Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live (N) [Live]					Karen Finney	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera		Caught on Camera	

SUNDAY EVENING **DECEMBER 8, 2013**

	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
PBS 22	Moyers & Company	Europe	Weekend	Great Performances [CC]				Return to Downton Abbey (N)		The Omni Health Revolution-Amen				
CBS 3	NFL News	60 Minutes (N)		The Amazing Race (Season Finale) (N)				The Mentalist (N)		News	Burn Notice [CC]		Relief	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Revenge (N) [CC]			(:01) Betrayal (N)		ABC 7	News	Insider	Practice	
FOX 8	Football	The OT	Hollywood Cel	Simpsons	Burgers	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX14 News		Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall		
NBC 9	Football Night in America (N)	(:20) NFL Football Carolina Panthers at New Orleans Saints. (N)						Sports	News (N)	Paid	Nieman	Paid		
CW 14	** "Bugsy Malone" (1976) Scott Baio.			*** "Men of Honor" (2000) Robert De Niro.				TMZ (N) [CC]		Middle	Middle	Commun		
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Funny Home Videos		Bones [CC]		Bones [CC]		30 Rock	30 Rock	
ESPN 26	SportsCenter (N) [Live] [CC]	BCS	Bowl Selection Show (N) [Live] [CC]					SportsCenter (N) [Live] [CC]		SportsCenter (N) [Live] [CC]				
ESPN2 27	Radio	Poker	2013 World Series of Poker Final Table.					2013 World Series of Poker Final Table.		ESPN FC (N)		Bowl Selection		
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Psych				
TNT 32	"Mission: Imp. 2"	**** "Saving Private Ryan" (1998) Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. [CC]						(:45) Mob City	Heyky Nash bribes a police detective.					
TBS 33	"Four Christmases"	** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)			** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)			** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)		** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)				
COM 35	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Brody Stevens	South Pk	South Pk		
LIFE 39	"Christmas in the City" (2013) [CC]				Bonnie & Clyde (N) [CC]					(:01) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]			"Christmas City"	
FOOD 40	Restaurant Express	Guy's Games		Restaurant Express	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Express	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.		
HGTV 41	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Beach	Beach	Hawaii	Hawaii	House Hunters	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	House Hunters		
A&E 43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Bonnie & Clyde (N) [CC]			(:01) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]		(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]		Duck D.	Duck D.	
HIST 44	American Pickers	American Pickers		Bonnie & Clyde (N) (Part 1 of 2) [CC]				(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]		(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]		American Pickers		
TLC 45	Breaking the Faith	Naked and Afraid	Long Island Medium	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium	Breaking the Faith	Long Island Medium		
DISC 47	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	"Double Jeopardy" (N)		Dude--Screwed	Dude--Screwed	Dude--Screwed	(:04) Naked and Afraid	"Double Jeopardy"		Dude--Screwed			
ANPL 50	Finding Bigfoot	Lone Star	Lone Star	Wildman	Wildman	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Wildman	Wildman	Finding Bigfoot	Lone Star	Lone Star	Lone Star		
FAM 51	"The Mistle-Tones"	"Holidayz" (2013) Jennie Garth. Premiere.		*** "Holiday in Handcuffs" (2007)				J. Osteen	J. Meyer	Focus	Paid			
DISN 52	Jessie	Shake It	Good	Good	Austin	Jessie	Austin	Liv-Mad.	*** "The Little Mermaid"	Dog	Jessie	Good		
NICK 54	Thunder	Sam & See Dad	Instant	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)		Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends [CC]	Friends	See Dad	Secret-Success"			
AMC 57	"Remember-Tins"	*** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin.			*** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin.			*** "Home Alone" (1990) Macaulay Culkin.						
SYFY 59	(4:00) *** "Batman Begins" (2005)	** "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly.			"Unreal Dream: Morton"			CNN Heroes	"Unreal Dream: Morton"					
CNN 62	Global Lessons	CNN Heroes						CNN Heroes						
CNBC 63	Debt/Part	On	60 Minutes on	The Profit	American Greed	60 Minutes on	The Profit	American Greed						
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Slave Hunter	Slave Hunter	Slave Hunter	Slave Hunter	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup		

MONDAY EVENING **DECEMBER 9, 2013**

	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
PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Independent Lens (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Mike	Mom	Hostages (N) [CC]	News	Letterman	Ferguson		
ABC 7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Santa Claus, Town	Light Fight	Castle "Still" [CC]	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX 8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	Almost Human (N)	Sleepy Hollow (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall					
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	The Voice [CC]	The Sing-Off "The Sing Off Is Back!"		News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon					
CW 14	Steve Harvey [CC]	Middle	Middle	Panda	Merry	One Direction	ABC 7	Insider	Commun	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules	
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Mother	Rules	Rules	Rules	Parks	30 Rock		
ESPN 26	Monday Night Countdown (N)	(:25) NFL Football Dallas Cowboys at Chicago Bears. (Live)						SportsCenter (N) [Live] [CC]		SportsCenter (N) [Live] [CC]		NFL PrimeTime (N)		
ESPN2 27	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter	30 for 30					SportCtr	Olbermann (N)	Baseball	SportsCenter (N)			
USA 31	NCIS [CC]	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) [In Stereo Live] [CC]						(:05) White Collar	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS: Los Angeles			
TNT 32	Castle [CC]	Major Crimes [CC]	Major Crimes (N)	Rizzoli & Isles	Major Crimes [CC]	Cold Justice [CC]	Hawaii Five-0 [CC]							
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Family Guy [CC]	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) [CC]	Holmes	Conan [CC]	Holmes		
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]				Bonnie & Clyde (N) (Part 2 of 2) [CC]			Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		Bonnie & Clyde		
FOOD 40	Diners	Diners	Guy's Games	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV 41	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E 43	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]				Bonnie & Clyde (N) (Part 2 of 2) [CC]			(:01) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		(:01) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		(:01) Bonnie & Clyde		
HIST 44	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2) [CC]				Bonnie & Clyde (N) (Part 2 of 2) [CC]			(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2) [CC]		Bonnie & Clyde		
TLC 45	Best Fu	Best Fu	Bigger & Batter	Bakery Boss (N)	Best Fu	Best Fu	Best Fu	Bakery Boss [CC]	Best Fu	Best Fu	To Be Announced			
DISC 47	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud (N)	(:03) Street Outlaws	(:04) Fast N' Loud	(:05) Street Outlaws	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud		
ANPL 50	Raised Wild	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	To Be Announced	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	Raised Wild [CC]	To Be Announced		
FAM 51	(4:00) "Holidayz"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"			Grinch	The 700 Club [CC]	** "Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh.							
DISN 52	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie [CC]	Good	Jessie	Dog	Austin	"Secret of the Wings" (2012)	ANT	Phineas	Jessie			
NICK 54	Sam & Awesome	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends [CC]	Friends	George		
AMC 57	"Men in Black" [CC]	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) [CC]			** "Home Alone 2:									

Television Listings



TUESDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 10, 2013											
		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								
PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Economic Freedom	Israel: Future	Frontline	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley													
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	N.C.I.S. "Devil's Triad"	N.C.I.S.: Los Angeles	Fashion Show	News	Letterman	Ferguson												
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	S.H.I.E.L.D.	Gold	Trophy	What Would	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline											
FOX	8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Country Awards			KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall											
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News	The Biggest Loser	The Voice		(:01) Chicago Fire	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon											
CW	14	Steve Harvey	Middle	Middle	iHeartradio				ABC 7	Insider	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules									
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	*** "The Prestige"	(2006) Hugh Jackman		Mother	Mother	Rules	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	30 Rock									
ESPN	26	College Basketball	Kansas at Florida (N)	College Basketball					SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)												
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Oakland at Indiana (N)	College Basketball					Olbermann (N) (Live)	Olbermann	NBA	Baseball											
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU											
TNT	32	Castle	Castle "Boom!"	Boston's Finest (N)	Marshal Law: Texas	Boston's Finest	Marshal Law: Texas	Cold Justice															
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Trust Me	Conan (N)	Conan	Conan	Holmes	Conan	Holmes										
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Key	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Kroll	Daily	Colbert									
LIFE	39	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Dance	Dance Moms	Dance	Dance	(:02) Wife Swap	Dance														
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped	Chopped											
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Income Property	Income Property (N)	Hunters	Hunt Intl	House Hunters	Income Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl												
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage										
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	American	American	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars	Cnt. Cars										
TLC	45	Bakery Boss	Little People, World	Little People, World	Couple	Couple	Little People, World	Couple	Couple	Little People, World	Couple	Little People, World											
DISC	47	Moonshiners	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	(:01) Amish Mafia	(:02) Moonshiners	(:03) Amish Mafia	(:04) Moonshiners															
ANPL	50	River Monsters	Frozen Planet	Frozen Planet	Frozen Planet	Frozen Planet	Frozen Planet																
FAM	51	"Dr. Seuss' How Grinch Stole Christmas"	Year Without Santa	Santa Claus, Town	The 700 Club	*** "Snowglobe"	(2007, Fantasy)																
DISN	52	Jessie	ANT	ANT	ANT	Good	Jessie	Dog	Liv-Mad.	Good Luck Jes.	Liv-Mad.	Wander	Good	Jessie									
NICK	54	Thunder	Awesome	Nick	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends	Friends	George										
AMC	57	* "Home Alone 3"	*** "Home Alone"	(1990) Macaulay Culkin.	(:31) *** "Home Alone"	(1990) Macaulay Culkin.							* "Home Alone 3"										
SVFY	59	(4:00) *** "The Matrix"	(1999)	Haunted Highway	Killer Contact (N)	Haunted Highway	Killer Contact	*** "Gryphon"															
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later (N)	11th hour	ICYMI	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper														
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	Car	Car	Mad Money	Car	Car	Car	Car	Car	Car	Car										
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word															

WEDNESDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 11, 2013											
		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								
PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Extreme by Design	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley													
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor (N)	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Ferguson												
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Middle	Back in	Mod Fam	Super	Nashville (N)	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline										
FOX	8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	The X Factor "Top 5 Perform"				KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall										
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News	The Sing-Off "Party Anthems"	(N)			Kelly Clarkson's	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon										
CW	14	Steve Harvey	Middle	Middle	Arrow (N)	Tom People	ABC 7	Insider	Commun	Commun	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules									
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	30 Rock									
ESPN	26	SportCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks.	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Warriors				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)											
ESPN2	27	Pardon	SportCtr	NFL Live (N)	Pardon	NFL's Greatest Games (N)				Olbermann (N)	NBA	Baseball											
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Law & Order: SVU											
TNT	32	(3:30) *** "The Dark Knight"	(2008)	Mob City Buggy reveals a plan.	(N)	(:01) Mob City Buggy reveals a plan.	(:02) Hawaii Five-0																
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Conan	Holmes	Conan	Holmes										
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Key	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Key	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Key	Daily	Colbert									
LIFE	39	Wife Swap	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2)	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)	Bonnie & Clyde (Part 2 of 2)					(:02) Bonnie & Clyde (Part 1 of 2)												
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Restaurant Stakeout	Restaurant: Im.														
HGTV	41	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl													
A&E	43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty (N)	(:01) Rodeo Girls	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty												
HIST	44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers											
TLC	45	Half-Ton Killer	Transformed	Behind Bars	Behind Bars	Behind Bars	Behind Bars	Behind Bars	Transformed														
DISC	47	Naked and Afraid "Double Jeopardy"	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Naked and Afraid												
ANPL	50	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced											
FAM	51	"Holiday-Hand"	Melissa	Daddy	"National Lamp. Christmas"	The 700 Club	*** "Holiday in Handcuffs"	(2007)															
DISN	52	Jessie	Good	Good Luck Jes.	Good	Jessie	Dog	Austin	*** "Ultimate Cmas Present"	Dog	Jessie												
NICK	54	Sam & Haunted	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends	Friends	George										
AMC	57	* "Home Alone 4"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	(1992)							
SVFY	59	Killer Contact	Haunted Highway	Haunted Highway	Haunted Highway	Killer Contact (N)	Haunted Highway	Killer Contact	Haunted Highway	Killer Contact	** "Jabberwock"												
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later (N)	11th hour	ICYMI	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper														
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	Car	Car	American Greed	Car	Car	American Greed														
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	All In With Chris	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word															

THURSDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 12, 2013											
		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								
PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	News	Fronteras	Tree Lighting	Rudy	NMSU	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley											
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Millers	Crazy	Two Men	(:01) Elementary (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson										
ABC	7	News	ABC	News	Ent	Once Wonderland	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Scandal (N)		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline											
FOX	8	14	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Big Bang	The X Factor	Glee	KFOX News at Nine	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Arsenio Hall												
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News	The Sing-Off (N)	Sean	Fox	Parenthood (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon											
CW	14	Steve Harvey	Middle	Middle	The Vampire Diaries	Reign "Fated"	(N)	ABC 7	Insider	Commun	Commun	Rules	Rules										
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Mother	Rules	Rules	Parks	Parks	Parks	30 Rock									
ESPN	26	College Football Awards (N) (Live)	Bowl Mania (N) (Live)							SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)											
ESPN2	27	High School Basketball	30 for 30	Sports	This Is Sportscenter	Olbermann (N) (Live)	Olbermann	NFL															
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar (N)	Law & Order: SVU					(:01) White Collar	Law & Order: SVU												
TNT	32	Castle (In Stereo)	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Nets	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Trail Blazers																			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ground	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Holmes	Conan	Holmes										
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Chap	Key	Sunny	Sunny	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Adam D.	Daily	Colbert								
LIFE	39	Come Dine With Me	Project Runway	Project Runway	Come Dine With Me	Come Dine With Me	Come Dine With Me	Come Dine With Me	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway											
FOOD	40	Chopped	Restaurant Express	My. Din	My. Din	On the Rocks (N)	Diners	Diners	My. Din	My. Din	On the Rocks												
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Rent/Buy	Rent/Buy	Hunters	Hunt Intl												
A&E	43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Rodeo Girls (N)	(:01) Rodeo Girls	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty												
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn										
TLC	45	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Christmas	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Christmas	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Sisters											
DISC	47	Gold Rush "Mutiny"	Gold Rush - The	Gold Rush (N)	Bering Sea Gold	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods											
ANPL	50	North Woods Law	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods	North Woods											
FAM	51	"National Lamp. Christmas"	*** "Scrooged"	(1988) Bill Murray.	The 700 Club	*** "12 Dates of Christmas"	(2011)																
DISN	52	Jessie	Dog	Dog	Dog	Liv-Mad.	"Beethoven-Adv"	Wander	Dog	Jessie													
NICK	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	PAW	Sponge.	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Friends	Friends	(:12) Friends	Friends	George										
AMC	57	* "Erin Brockovich"	*** "Love Actually"	(2003) Hugh Grant. Premiere.					** "Miss Congeniality"	(2000) Sandra Bullock.			Erin										
SVFY	59	V (In Stereo)	V (In Stereo)	V (In Stereo)	V (In Stereo)	"Dungeons & Dragons"	"Rock Monster"																
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan Live	AC 360 Later (N)	11th hour	ICYMI	Piers Morgan Live	Anderson Cooper														
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This Week on KRWG-TV 22

Sunday, Dec. 8
8:30 p.m. Return to Downton Abbey

Monday, Dec. 9

EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/6

3 to 9 p.m. Winterfest, Main Street Downtown. The eighth annual Downtown celebration features caroling, carriage rides, live music, vendors, stocking stuffers for the kids, a High Desert Brewing Company beer tent and more. Held in conjunction with the lighting of the city Christmas tree at 6 p.m. and the First

Friday Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Free. Call 993-6521.

4 to 7 p.m. LCAA Christmas Bazaar, Mountain Gallery, 138 W. Mountain Ave. The Las Cruces Arts Association invites you to a shopping experience at the annual Christmas Bazaar, featuring handcrafted art, decorations, prints, cards and other works of art created by LCAA members for holiday gifting. Free. Call 532-1046.

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble, University Avenue and Jordan Road. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. Live music with Soulshine, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffehouse and Open Mic, Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St. The "grand-daddy" of open mics in Las Cruces is open to acoustic musicians, poets, storytellers and singer-songwriters. Artist sign up begins at 6:30 p.m. and performances begin at 7 p.m. Free. Call 525-9333 or email bobandmelody@sbcglobal.net.

7 p.m. RGT LIVE! Open mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. RGT LIVE! open mic is an opportunity for local singers and songwriters to strut their stuff on the stage of the historic Rio Grande Theatre. Signup begins at 6:30 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m. Lineup order is determined by random drawing. Free, donations accepted. Call 523-6403.

SAT. 12/7

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

9 a.m. to noon. Mountain View Market Co-op Farm Volunteer days, Mountain View Market Farm, 2653 Snow Road. Interested in organic farming and local food production? Want to find out more about vermiculture, composting, laying hens, season extension and crop planning in our region? Come and volunteer at the Mountain View Market farm in Mesilla. Free. Call 523-0436 for directions.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more than 25 years, on the first weekend of December, the La Casa Holiday Bazaar has provided a fun holiday shopping opportunity for southern New Mexico and west Texas. Featuring more than 95 vendors in 115 booths offering fine arts, handcrafted items, jewelry, photography, baskets, woodworking, crochet and knitted accessories, paintings, glass art, quilts, food products and more. Cost \$6, with all proceeds going to La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter and its programs. Call 526-2819.

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10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Jean Gilbert will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

Noon to 5 p.m. Second annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair, Sombra Antigua Winery, 430 La Viña Road, Chamberino, N.M. Featuring live music from Jazz Frontera Guitar, arts and crafts vendors and great wine from Sombra Antigua. Free. Call 915-241-4349.

1:30 p.m. Author talk with Anne Hillerman, Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, Stuckey Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Anne Hillerman, daughter of popular writer Tony Hillerman, will discuss her most recent novel, "Spider Woman's Daughter," and the experience of continuing her father's immensely popular series of suspense novels set in the Navajo nation. After the presentation, there will be a book signing, so bring your copy. Free. Visit www.lcpreswomen.blogspot.com.

5 to 6 p.m. Learn to play Middle Eastern rhythms, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. No drum required but must call ahead for loaner drum. Cost \$2 per lesson. Call 693-1616.

7 p.m. Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The Santa Fe Opera Holiday Show will feature three young opera singers performing seasonal carols and famous arias. Sponsored by the Doña Ana Arts Council and the Santa Fe Opera Educational Department. Free. Complimentary tickets will be available beginning at 6 p.m. Call 523-6403.

SUN. 12/8

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Call 382-9404.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Farmer's Market, Tractor Supply Co., 1440 W. Picacho Ave. This is a true farmer's market with produce and food as primary items, along with some holiday crafts. Free. Call Monty Sarvo at 993-6521.

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3 p.m. Celestial Sounds presents "Let Bells Ring Out," Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Celestial Sounds presents a holiday concert featuring favorites from Purcell, Handel, Leavitt, Britten and others, plus sing-along holiday carols. Suggested donation is \$3. Call 202-9646.

Playbill

Last Chance A Christmas Carol

NMSU Center for the Arts
1000 E. University Ave.
Tickets \$10-\$17
646-4515
7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Through Sunday, Dec. 8

Opening

Come Blow Your Horn

Las Cruces Community Theatre
313 N. Main St.
Tickets \$7-\$10
523-1200
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
2 p.m. Sunday
Opens Friday, Dec. 6
Through Sunday, Dec. 22

Now playing

Nora

Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
Tickets \$10-\$12
523-1223
8 p.m. Friday and Saturday
2:30 p.m. Sunday
Through Sunday, Dec. 15

Sudoku

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

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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		6	5	4		3	9	
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		2	9		1	6		
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2						9		
			2					1

EXPERT

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

Welcome to the doll house

Ingmar Bergman's 'Nora' turns a mirror on dissembling human nature

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The re-envisioning of classic works has long been a popular pastime, particularly in the world of theater. It isn't every day, however, that one gets the chance to encounter an adaptation of an internationally acclaimed "masterpiece" by a famed international filmmaker. That is exactly what is in store for those who catch No Strings Theatre Company's latest production, "Nora," at the Black Box Theatre.

Far from a freshening up of a turgid Victorian melodrama, "Nora" is a concise modification of Henrik Ibsen's Norwegian feminist manifesto "A Doll House," written in 1878, by legendary cinematic auteur and prolific playwright in his own right, Ingmar Bergman. Quaintly stodgy and a bit laborious in the first act, the play ignites with explosive inevitability in the second, giving audiences a glimpse into a life not so very unlike our own some 130 years later.

In the title role, Marissa Bond is a delight as the flighty, manipulative, somewhat insensitive gossip Nora Helmer. Swinging from girlish flirt to calculating schemer, Bond explores every facet of the character, sometimes with little more than a raised eyebrow, a smirk and/or a wave of a hand. Her delivery, though at times a bit histrionic, is perfectly in keeping with the melodramatic nature of the script.

As her arrogant, overbearing and clueless husband Torvald, Eric Brekke slowly builds his character from a stern, condescending cipher, who speaks to his wife as though she were a naughty 3-year-old in the first act, into a bellowing powerhouse in the second. In fact, it is in act two that Brekke truly displays his chops, swinging from irritably amiable drunk, to raging, inconsolable terror and, finally, to emotional cripple, stripped bare by his wife's cruelty, with an ease that is astonishing to watch.

The cast is rounded out by newcomer Rachel Ribeiro – who is a revelation as Nora's long-suffering, dour and rigid childhood friend, Christine – Rafael Medina, as elegant, yet desperate, blackmailer Nils Krogstad and Shaun Hadfield, as Torvald's amicable childhood friend, Dr. Rank. All are solid and perfectly attuned to the nuances of the time, giving brief glimpses into lives only hinted at through Bergman's lean script.

The production itself is a triumph for director Ceil Herman and a first-rate production team. The set is lovely in its simplicity, though it is curious that the center wall was left so conspicuously blank, while everything around it was so starkly balanced. The costumes, designed by Jeanne Luper, are simple yet sumptuously stylish and exquisitely suited to the action.

The lighting, designed by Peter Herman and engineered by Joe and Heather Pfeiffer, is wonderfully nuanced to create emotion and range throughout the uncluttered drawing room set. Finally, Ceil Herman's choice in sound design, which makes wonderful use of Swedish and Norwegian compositions, is inspired and denotes the careful attention to detail NSTC's productions are known for.

First produced in 1879, "A Doll House" scandalized proper Victorian audiences with its depiction of a strong-willed woman thinking outside the box for the betterment of her husband and family. Ibsen was no stranger to controversy at the time and, though many hailed him as a proponent of the abecedarian feminist movement that was then in its infancy, he demurred by stating he was really only interested in social commentary of a more universal nature.

He was, in fact, a master of the form. As anyone who has ever seen "A Doll House" produced in modern times can tell you, however, sometimes one century's scandalous hotbed of controversy can be the next century's tepid, overbaked donnybrook. Bergman took this into account, not by bringing the action into a more contemporary milieu, but by paring down the ponderous script and eliminating minor characters that only served to muddle the proceedings. In doing so, he created a spare and competent adaptation that wowed German audiences in 1981 with its contemporary social relevance.



Christina Linde (Rachel Ribeiro), Nora Helmer (Marissa Bond) and Torvald Helmer (Eric Brekke) in the No Strings Theatre Company production of "Nora."

Does that 30-plus year adaptation hold up today? In some ways. Though the play was written more than 130 years ago, and their actions may appear a bit affected, the characters are all recognizable to a modern audience, particularly one brought up on soap operas or telenovelas. They scheme, they backbite, they behave selfishly and they casually drop revelatory hints at past dalliances, alliances and questionable actions. All that's needed is the swell of organ music cued at appropriately expository moments to enhance the actor's delivery.

And maybe that's the problem. Remember, it was in the early '80s that soap operas made the leap from bathetic afternoon passion plays to blistering evening slugfests. Expectations change. What doesn't change, however, are the actions of men and women embroiled in volatile relationships, no matter what the time frame depicted.

In the end, there are no villains in "Nora." Nor are there any heroes. In fact, there are no redeeming qualities inherent



Bond and Brekke star in the Black Box Theatre's "Nora," a modification of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll House" written by auteur and playwright Ingmar Bergman.

in any of the characters on display. Each has his or her own secrets, each manipulates those around them to their own ends and each stands by the moral righteousness of his or her own actions. In this way, "Nora" is unflinching social commentary, pointing out the pettiness of human nature as the one defining factor throughout the ages.

If theater is, as Shakespeare maintained, simply a mirror depicting society's virtues and vices reflected back in their true shape, Bergman's re-envisioning of Ibsen's anthropological commentary is a more crystal clear and propitious indictment than any reality television show presented today.

Performances of "Nora" are 8 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 6 and 13, 8 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15, and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$12 regular admission, \$10 students and seniors older than 65 and \$8 for all seats on the Thursday evening performance. For reservations, call 525-1223.

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'Tis the season

December brings Santa and seven new exhibits to city museums

By **Barbara Chamberlin**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum just in time for the Old Fashioned Holiday Display at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Bring your family and enjoy this free event with caroling, hot cider and cocoa, cookies, bell-ringers and photos with the man in the red suit.

This festive celebration is one of the most popular events of the city museum system, as locals turn out to enjoy the beautiful lights and visit the museum at the intersection of Mesilla Street and Las Cruces Avenue.

The Branigan Cultural Center and Las Cruces Museum of Art both welcome multiple new exhibits this month.

At the Branigan Cultural Center, explore dolls and toys, jewelry and culture and a special traveling exhibition on President Lincoln.

"Toys and Dolls: The Warner Collection" is a celebration of the toys and dolls from the museum's permanent collection. Dolls include Nancy Anns, Madame Alexanders and other dolls from the 1940s and '50s.

In "Adorning the World: The Intersection of Jewelry and Culture," Las Cruces artist Karen Feder offers an interpretative presentation of Tribal jewelry, paying homage to the beads, craftsmen and women throughout the world creating and wearing jewelry.

"Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" examines how President Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War - the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

At the Las Cruces Museum of Art, view art in four separate exhibits, including multiple media.

"Green" is a multimedia installation presented by Albuquerque artist Marietta Patricia Leis. The exhibition was inspired by Leis' experience as an artist-in-residence in Thailand.

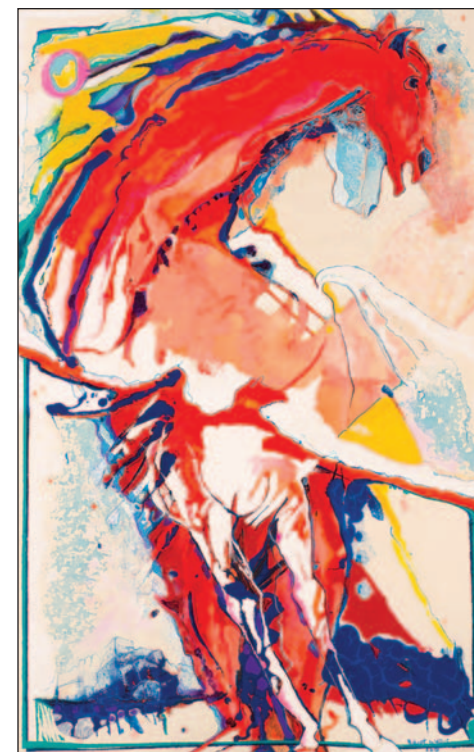
Panoramas of White Sands National Monument are featured by Santa Fe photographer Gunnar Plake in "Extended Passage of Time."

"Metamorphosis" is a posthumous exhibition of Gail Factor's large-scale oil paintings that represent "the evolution apparent in (her) life's work."

The Southern New Mexico Border Artists organization exhibits works in various mediums, celebrating the rich interweaving of cultures in the unique New Mexico/Texas/Chihuahua border region. The "Tejido Fronterizo/Border Tapestry" exhibition is intended as "a vision of how diverse cultures and interests can blend into something greater."

Opening receptions for all exhibits will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and all exhibits run through January 2014. Both museums have scheduled special receptions, activities, and lectures as part of the exhibitions. For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

If you are looking for the perfect gift for the lifelong learner in your family, consider



"Horses of the Rio Grande" by Bob Willis, part of "Border Tapestry"



Marietta Leis' "Chronicles 3," part of her exhibit "Green," now on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

an annual membership to support the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. The FLCM is a nonprofit organization of individuals who choose to support the museums with financial and volunteer contributions. Membership fees start at \$25 for students, \$40 for individual and \$60 for families. Members also receive a free subscription to Smithsonian or Air and Space magazines, and support local exhibits, education and outreach.

For more information on joining the FLCM, as well as events at all museums, visit www.foundationlcm.com or www.facebook.com/FoundationLCMuseum.

The Branigan Cultural Center, Museum of Art and the Museum of Nature & Science are open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and are located on the north end of Main Street Downtown.

The Railroad Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Admission at all city museums is always free.

Barbara Chamberlin is the communications chair for the Foundation for Las Cruces Museums. She can be reached at info@foundationlcm.com.



AtTheMovies

Home field disadvantage

‘Homefront’ is a commercial for other, better action movies

Review by **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With a reliable cast and a script penned by a man who helped define the action genre, “Homefront” should have been at least violent and fun, but struggles to toe the line between grit and camp, managing only to be wholly unmemorable.

Jason Statham plays Phil Broker, a retired DEA agent who’s moved to the rural town of Rayville, La., following either the violent closure of his last undercover case, a flashback of which opens the film, with Statham in full biker regalia and a terrible hairstyle, or the death of his wife, which is left entirely out of the setup and only revealed in later, pained conversation.

Starting over, Broker lives with his young daughter, Maddy, who has inherited her daddy’s propensity toward fisticuffs.

This quick-to-hit attitude lands Maddy in the school psychologist’s office after she trounces the bully son of a local twaker, Cassie Bodine (an against-type Kate Bosworth), and her bedraggled spouse, Jimmy Klum.

The kids’ scuffle balloons into a parking-lot confrontation where Broker shows us where his daughter gets it, besting Jimmy in front of his woman and his son – an offense that leads into a full-blown feud when Cassie contacts her meth-maker brother, Gator (James Franco).

A series of small-scale antagonisms, slashed tires and gas station fistfights begin to punctuate the otherwise idyllic life Broker has made for himself and his daughter, consisting entirely of soft focus afternoons spent riding horses, skipping stones and bemoaning the loss of a wife and mother.

Things get worse when Gator finds Broker’s boxes of old records stashed in his

basement, because I’d assume that’s protocol for the sensitive case files of outgoing undercover agents – “just put ‘em over there by the water heater.”

Eager to go big time, Gator, along with Sheryl Mott (Winona Ryder), passes Broker’s whereabouts on to the incarcerated leader of the Outcasts, who dispatches a team of bikers to wipe out the Broker family. Then he fights back. Roll credits.

To call an action movie dumb is usually a compliment. In the case of “Homefront,” however, a tangle of loose-ends, go-nowhere-plot-reveals and met-and-forgotten characters, punctuated by jerky, quick-cut action sequences and slammed in to a genre template, it’s a sleight.

The script was written by Sylvester ‘Sly’ Stallone himself, whose career could be generously called “spotty” in the way a clear night sky is “spotty” – vast, dark and empty, dotted with distant, ever-fleeting flashes of light.

Stallone’s best movies – “First Blood” and “Rocky” – are at once genre-defining and entirely devoid of innovation. “First Blood” is like every action flick that came before it, and became the template for every one that followed; “Rocky” is rags-to-riches schmaltz, albeit with punching, but set the standard for every movie in which people play a sport since 1977.

Then again, some of Stallone’s worst movies are his best movies, the more ridiculous the better. As Rambo, Sly singlehandedly defended himself against, like, the whole National Guard. In “Demolition Man,” Sly played a cryogenically frozen cop who wakes up in the future to freeze and jump kick a blonde Wesley Snipes into a million icy pieces. In “Over the Top,” Sly played a trucker who enters the professional arm-wrestling circuit to... win back custody of his son. Go ahead, read that again.

Clearly, the man knows the value of ridiculous, and pairing him with Jason Statham seems like the recipe for action movie gold. Statham, mind you, starred in the essential 2006 film “Crank,” which still ranks

as one the all-time best worst premises.

Hitman Chev Chelios has been injected with a synthetic drug that blocks the flow of adrenaline and stops his heart, meaning he must keep his adrenaline levels up. To that end, he brawls with legions of thugs, snorts coke off a bathroom floor, raids a pharmacy for the good stuff, crashes a motorcycle and has public sex with a woman in front of hundreds of passersby before jumping out of a helicopter to keep himself alive. And there’s a sequel.

The teaming of these kings of so-bad-it’s-good should make for a great time. Instead, “Homefront” comes off as little more than action filler, offering no new or innovative ways to crash cars or kill people in a genre that only survives through innovations in car-crashin’ and people-killin’.

Statham is pretty-standard Statham here, with a never-ending wince scrunched between his trucker hat and his butt-chin. I get that actors like to expand their repertoire, but watching Statham not punching things is tough, because you know he’d rather be punching things, and so would we.

Franco doesn’t do much with his character, which is a shame. He was a funnier, campier dope dealer in “Pineapple Express,” a creepier, more predatory dope dealer in “Spring Breakers” and a more realistic dope dealer in both. Gator lands somewhere in the middle, disinterested in the goings-on until an inexplicable internal change

prompts the relatively benign pusher to shoot his sister and kidnap a child out of nowhere.

Writers, take note: While meth has become the drug du jour in recent films – ’80s and ’90s baddies were all about blow – whatever you’re thinking, “Breaking Bad” already did it smarter, scarier and grittier than you will, and everything that comes after will be, shall we say, not quite up to Heisenberg standards.

Much of the hack narrative either comes out of nowhere or leads nowhere. We know Broker is devastated by the loss of his wife, whom we learn exists only as he explains that he’s devastated by the loss of his wife. Broker hits it off with Maddy’s teacher, who never appears without sunlight backlighting her hair, but her character is entirely abandoned once the action starts.

Once that action starts, it’s an unintelligible blur of punches, kicks, arm bars and at least one pitchfork impalement, filmed entirely without a hint of style or excitement. Yawn.

It’s telling, in reading what I’ve written, that I wandered off on so many tangents: “Homefront” serves as little more than a reminder of other films, including Stallone’s and Statham’s own, that did it first, faster, bloodier, louder and dumber – in other words, better.



Film Review

Despite a decent action pedigree, “Homefront” commits the ultimate sin of action flicks: it’s boring.

Grade **D**

HOMEFRONT
Rated: **R**
Running time: **100 minutes**
Starring: **Jason Statham, James Franco**
Director: **Gary Fleder**

A tale of love and devotion

‘Still Mine’ is an old story, freshly done

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Although it could be seen as still another tale of an elder being bullied by the powers that be, the beautiful Canadian production “Still Mine” goes far beyond. It also offers a powerful and believable story of love and devotion, well portrayed by the veteran stars of the film, Genevieve Bujold and James Cromwell.

The film starts in flashback and carries back through the story, with the opening scene taking place in a courtroom.

Cromwell plays Craig Morrison, and Bujold plays his wife of many years, Irene. Up in years, Irene has begun to have

trouble getting around in their older house and needs to make some adjustments. The easiest way to do that, the couple decides, is to build a newer single level and smaller house on another piece of their land. Craig is a gifted carpenter and with the talents of one of his seven children, a lawyer (Campbell Scott) who advises against the project since Craig ignores the permitting and inspection process of the project, work starts on the new place. But once he sees his father’s determination, he works to smooth the road for the new domicile.

It is not long before one of the local building inspectors arrives and makes life difficult for Craig, due to local regulations and such.

Craig is not interested in being buffaloes by the so-called authorities, and each time he is called on the carpet he is able to prove or show that his project already meets safety standards of all sorts. But that is not good

enough since the structure was never approved in the first place.

When not tackling that project, Craig remains tender and constant in his attention and love for Irene, who is slowing down both physically and mentally. His patience and understanding is clearly understated by Cromwell’s performance, and there is a wonderful chemistry between Cromwell (actually 73, playing a character of 87) and Bujold (age 71 in real life), who in the film, have been married for over 60 years. At one point, Irene uses a phrase that I wish my wife would say to me once in a while – “Take off your clothes, old man,” she commands.

It is a poignant and moving moment, one filled with beauty and desire and it clearly makes it known that the love story is going to usurp the house story. It does, but you don’t get to watch.

Director/writer Michael McGowan clearly makes the point that the film is more about the relationship, rather than one about man vs. bureaucrats, which remains

in the forefront but is not the point of this picture.

Craig continues his project, since it soon becomes clear that without Irene he would be lost, and if continuing to defy the bureaucrats is what it takes, then building codes be damned.

Be still mine heart... jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com



FILM REVIEW

The Fountain Theatre in Mesilla will host “Still Mine” for a week beginning Friday, Dec 6. This fine film is in English and ... Canadian.

GRADE **A+**



At The Movies

New on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 10

Adore

Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Naomi Watts, Robin Wright
Director: Anne Fontaine

Despicable Me 2

Rated: PG
Genre: Comedy, family
Starring: Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig (voices)
Directors: Pierre Coffin, Chris Renaud

Battle of the Year

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama, dance
Starring: Josh Holloway, Chris Brown
Director: Benson Lee

Fast & Furious 6

Rated: PG-13
Genre: Action
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Paul Walker
Director: Justin Lin

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\$9,580,075 |
| 2 Frozen (Week No. 1)
\$93,590,387 | 7 The Book Thief (Week No. 4)
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| 3 Thor: The Dark World (Week No. 4)
\$15,485,801 | 8 Black Nativity (Week No. 1)
\$4,779,723 |
| 4 The Best Man Holiday (Week No. 3)
\$10,779,020 | 9 Philomena (Week No. 2)
\$4,483,710 |
| 5 Homefront (Week No. 1)
\$9,740,419 | 10 Last Vegas (Week No. 5)
\$3,701,596 |

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Movie reel based on a 5-point scale.



Thor: The Dark World

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Thor battles to save Earth and the Nine Realms from attack by a vengeful enemy out of the past.
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman
Director: Alan Taylor



The Hunger Games: Catching Fire

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Peeta Mellark and Katniss Everdeen become enemies of the state after their Hunger Games victory sparks a revolution.
Starring: Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson
Director: Francis Lawrence



Delivery Man

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A middle-aged underachiever is faced with the revelation that he fathered more than 500 children via anonymous donation when 142 file a lawsuit to learn his identity.
Starring: Vince Vaughn, Chris Pratt
Director: Ken Scott



Frozen

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: After her kingdom is trapped in an eternal winter, Anna must find her sister, Elsa the Snow Queen, and break her icy spell.
Starring: Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel (voices)
Directors: Chris Buck, Jennifer Lee



Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa

Rated: R
Plot Overview: An 86-year-old man sets off on a journey across America with his 8-year-old grandson.
Starring: Johnny Knoxville, Jackson Nicoll
Director: Jeff Tremaine



The Book Thief

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: A young girl is sent to live with a foster family during WWII, and learns to read with some help from a guest under the stairs.
Starring: Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush
Director: Brian Percival



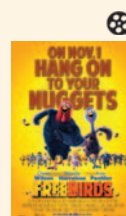
Last Vegas

Rated: PG-13
Plot Overview: Four childhood friends reunite in their 60s for a bachelor party in Las Vegas.
Starring: Robert DeNiro, Michael Douglas
Director: Jon Turteltaub



Free Birds

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Two turkeys travel back in time to change the course of history and take turkey off Thanksgiving's menu for good.
Starring: Woody Harrelson, Owen Wilson (voices)
Director: Jimmy Hayward



The Best Man Holiday

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A group of college friends reunite for Christmas after 15 years.
Starring: Monica Calhoun, Morris Chestnut
Director: Malcolm D. Lee



12 Years a Slave

Rated: R
Plot Overview: Solomon Northrop, a free black man in New York in the antebellum United States, is abducted and sold into slavery.
Starring: Chiwetel Ejiofor, Michael K. Williams
Director: Steve McQueen



Homefront

Rated: R
Plot Overview: A retired DEA agent moves his family to a small community, but soon comes into conflict with a meth manufacturer.
Starring: Jason Statham, James Franco
Director: Gary Fleder



Black Nativity

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: In a retelling of Langston Hughes' celebrated play, a streetwise teen spends the holidays with his estranged family in New York City.
Starring: Forest Whitaker, Angela Bassett
Director: Kasi Lemmons



The Christmas Candle

Rated: PG
Plot Overview: Every 25 years, an angel visits Gladbury and bestows a miracle on whoever lights the Christmas Candle.
Starring: Hans Matheson, Samantha Barks
Director: John Stephenson



Out of the Furnace

Rated: R
Plot Overview: After his brother is lured into a criminal organization and disappears, a man takes matters into his own hands to find justice for his brother.
Starring: Christian Bale, Casey Affleck
Director: Scott Cooper



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Busy Bees co-owner Benny Muñoz prepares to hang outdoor lights for a customer. Decorating for the holidays is one of many home-based services offered by Busy Bees.



Photos by Margo Bencomo



Muñoz hangs Christmas lights from a customer's roof.

A little help for the holidays

Let Busy Bees take care of the busy work this season

By David Salcido
Las Cruces Bulletin

We know how it is. The holidays are upon us and that means having to make time for all those "extras" that make this holly, jolly season so special. There's shopping to do, lights to hang, decorations to put up, gifts to wrap and a host of other activities that can make the most wonderful time of the year seem a little less jovial. In fact, it can be downright stressful.

Don't let the holiday to-do list turn you into a Grinch. The to-do list experts at Busy Bees can help get you over that hump and back into the festive, family spirit.

In business since 2005, owners Benny Muñoz and Margo Bencomo have made Busy Bees an indispensable year-round, one-stop shop for household chores, yard work and handyman needs. When the holidays roll around, that's when they shift into high gear.

"We love this time of the year," said Muñoz. "Just helping people is at the top of our list, because the feeling you get by giving and helping, it's priceless."

"Queen Bee" Bencomo agrees, rattling off a list of jobs she and her crew are available to do.

"We can help people with their shopping," she said. "That's always a big one. We can do gift wrapping afterwards. We also decorate their trees, if they like. We can help get the tree out of the garage and set it up. We do Christ-

mas lights, inside and out. Some people like us to help them get their patios in order if they have out-of-town guests coming for the holidays. Do a little house work for them. Make them feel more prepared."

"We have one customer who has a tree in his front yard, so he has us come out and clean the yard, then put the lights up on the tree and around the house," added Muñoz. "Another lady, who can't drive because she's in her 80s, Margo goes and buys all her Christmas presents for her. She looks in the circulars, decides what she wants, makes a list, gives Margo the money and sends her out to get the gifts. She loves it, because she doesn't have to battle the crowds."

Going that extra mile is a Busy Bees standard. In fact, during that hectic countdown to Christmas, the Busy Bees are even prepared to play Santa's little helper.

"People ask us to assemble stuff, like furniture, dollhouses, swing sets, bikes," said Bencomo. "That's a biggie. People don't have time for that sort of stuff."

It's all part of the seasonal services offered by Busy Bees that can help make the holidays that much brighter. Employing an affordable hourly rate, the Busy Bees will happily look your holiday list over, not to decide whether you're naughty or nice, but to provide you with an estimate to fit any budget. The best part about it? No contract is necessary.

"Many people in town hold you to a yearly contract," said Muñoz. "They come in twice a month, whether you want them to or not. We only come when we're called. We come in and do your floors, your bathrooms, oven, refrigerator or even light dusting, if that's all you want done. Some people call us once a month, or once every two months, some once a year and some every week."

For the Busy Bees, helping people keep their lives on track is the gift that keeps on giving. Especially when their services are purchased for others.

"We also offer gift certificates," said Bencomo. "People can pay for as much time as they want, then give the certificates to family or friends. We'll come do whatever they need done within that price range. They're great for after the holidays, too, if they want their spring cleaning done, or just need help putting away all of the decorations."

She also notes there's a special treat in store for Bulletin readers.

"We have a coupon in the Bulletin for \$10 off," she said. "They don't even have to bring the ad with them. If they mention the ad, we honor it. It's kind of our Christmas gift to our customers, giving them a little break on their bills."

"Untangling lights is something we do a lot of," Margo Bencomo said of the many unexpected services offered.

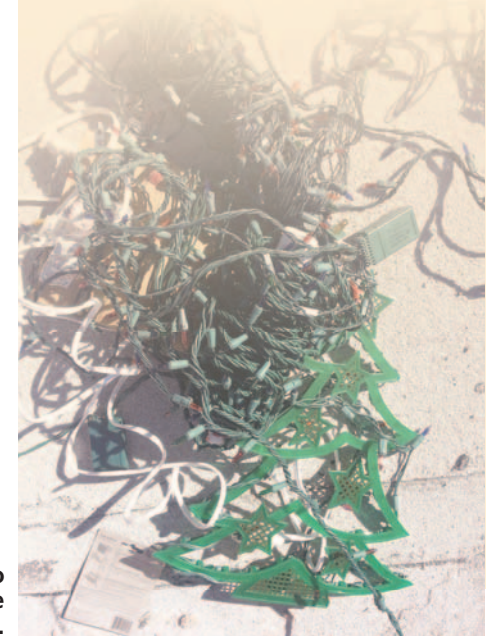
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Something to be thankful for as Habitat for Humanity opens doors for two local families

Photos by Maria Vasquez

Two local families were given a reason to be thankful this holiday season, when Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity dedicated homes for each of them on Tuesday, Nov. 26. Elizabeth Alderette and Martha Madrid, now neighbors, were handed the keys to their new homes at 7556 and 7568 Sierra Alta Place during a dedication ceremony attended by family, friends,

Habitat supporters, sponsors and City of Las Cruces officials.

New homeowner Madrid said this day will make a big difference in her life.

"I'm just thankful I have family here, I have friends here and all the Habitat for Humanity builders and volunteers. It's just a wonderful day," she said.



City Councillor Gill Sorg and Executive Director of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity Marie Schwartz present keys to new homeowner Elizabeth Alderette and her kids.



Habitat for Humanity supporters Arlene and Donald Dohr stand alongside new homeowner Martha Madrid and Schwartz during a welcome home celebration.

Don't believe it!

NM's renewable energy policy is still sound



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Do not believe the headlines you've read in the past few weeks about the New Mexico regulators dealing a blow to our State's renewable energy policy. It is not true. The industry was not dealt a blow.

It is true, however, that the regulators made some bad decisions and reduced the requirements for utilities to add renewables to their portfolio of energy sources. They've done this at a time when we should be celebrating the success of renewables, especially solar, in the New Mexico power mix.

OK, now that you're confused, I'll explain what happened and how you are affected.

Last month, the regulators in Santa Fe decided to ignore the intent of the Renewable Energy Act and reduce the amount of renewable energy the utilities are required to source as part of their portfolio. They accomplished this by doubling the value of each renewable energy credit (REC) - a two-for-one deal. Previously, the utility was getting credit from the state one-for-one. Now, each single REC the utility purchases from a renewable energy producer, the state counts as two.

Of course, the producer only gets the value for selling one. This little change cuts in half the number of RECs the utility is required to accumulate in order to meet future renewable energy requirements.

This change flies in the face of the legislators who enacted the renewable energy act in 2002 to stimulate expansion of renewable energy production in New Mexico.

They determined we were underutilizing the power of our abundant sunshine, one of our state's greatest natural resources. New Mexico refined its vision for the role renewable energy should play in the state when, in 2007, the renewable portfolio standard was adjusted to the current configuration, as shown in New Mexico Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Chart.

It seems particularly odd that this action was taken now because the price El Paso Electric pays for these now-diluted RECs

has fallen by 86 percent since 2009. Clearly the strangest part of this saga is the regulatory team in Santa Fe ending a program that has been incredibly successful. Typically, it is the failing programs that receive the axe.

Here we have an example of standards, and an accompanying incentive program, that have driven you, me and the rest of the market to install renewable energy systems, such as solar, on our homes and businesses. In most cases, the programs have spurred enough installations of solar and other renewables to help the utilities meet or exceed their requirements. It may escape notice for those of us who live here, but visitors and new residents are amazed because they don't see solar panels on every home. They assumed in an environment like ours, solar would be ubiquitous.

So with the regulators making it easier for the utilities to meet their requirements with less solar installed, why won't that kill the industry? Because it's too late. The programs have worked. Look around. You see solar panels on more and more rooftops in your neighborhood every day.

The incentives tied to the REC program have dropped every six months for the past two years. In fact, they'll drop again for new system applications in just a few weeks.

But while the incentives have been declining, the price of a solar energy system has dropped, too. With incentives dropping, the rate of solar installations continues to accelerate. You may have noticed the utilities are sourcing an ever-increasing amount of solar. Their calculations show that solar is a profitable source of energy.

For the thousands of homeowners who already have solar or other renewables, you will not see any change to your current deal. El Paso Electric will continue to deposit money in your bank account as you watch your savings accumulate. You still get the benefit of huge tax credits. Count on them being active and as powerful as ever, all the way out to 2016.

Mellow Honek is a managing member at Sunspot Solar Energy Systems LLC, a Las Cruces solar photovoltaic systems contractor featuring New Mexico made products. For more information on the power of solar, call 541-3533 or visit www.sunspotenergy.com.

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Feeding those less fortunate at the LCHBA Thanksgiving food drive

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Members of the Las Cruces Home Builders Association and community volunteers gathered to assemble 300 boxes to feed families in the community with turkey and all the fixings for a complete holiday dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 26. at the LCHBA home office, 2825 N. Main St.



The truck bearing food donated by Albertson's grocery store is unloaded by volunteers.




Kevin McGinley of McGinley Construction places turkeys into boxes.




LCHBA Managing Director Steve Chavira loads filled boxes into the truck for transport to distribution locations throughout town.



Gricel Mendoza Chavez manages the pies for inclusion in boxes.



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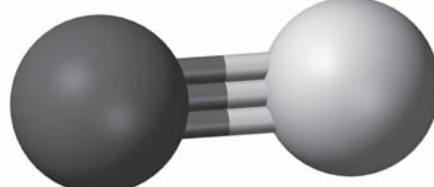
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[digz] origin: American Slang. n. residence, lodging, home, apartment, office or workplace. As in: They just moved into their new digs.

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 COMPETITION
 CONTEST
 DISTANCE
 ENDURANCE
 FAST
 FINISH LINE
 MARATHON
 PACE
 RACE
 RUNNER
 TO COMPETE
 WINNER

SPANISH
 COMPETICIÓN
 CONCURSO
 DISTANCIA
 RESISTENCIA
 RÁPIDO
 LINEA DE FINAL
 MARATÓN
 PASO
 CARRERA
 CORREDOR
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Crossword Puzzles

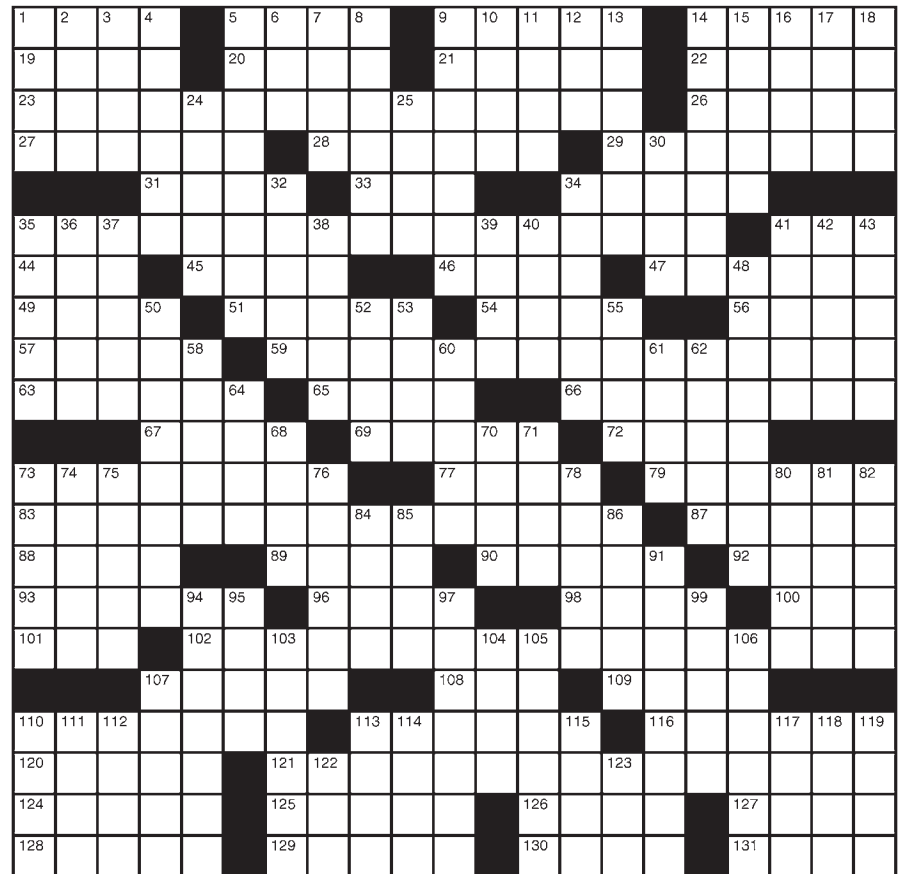
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 State further
 - 4 Outer edge
 - 5 Inside info
 - 8 Simon or Diamond
 - 10 Pavarotti's voice
 - 12 Tango team
 - 15 Milanese eight
 - 16 Branched horn
 - 18 I doubt it!
 - 19 Writer Jones
 - 21 Fans' information sources
 - 23 Skimming along
 - 26 Worthy of respect
 - 27 Large vase
 - 28 Negative conjunction
 - 30 Clytemnestra's mother
 - 33 Connecting rooms
 - 36 Skin opening
 - 37 Passel
 - 41 Wild goat
 - 42 Dwight's opponent
 - 43 In the same place: Lat.
 - 44 First-class
 - 45 Contributed
 - 46 Closes in
 - 47 Swine
 - 48 South of France
 - 49 Fire-sale phrase
 - 50 Tryon novel, "___ Other"
 - 51 Lilly or Whitney
 - 52 Veteran seafarer
 - 53 Asian holiday
 - 54 Witnessed
 - 55 Transgressions
 - 57 Split
 - 58 Chicago stopover
 - 61 Cinnabar and galena
 - 62 Cedar Breaks state
 - 63 Cogito ___ sum
 - 64 Stirred up
 - 65 Beer ingredient
 - 66 Gomer of Mayberry
 - 67 Poor grades
 - 68 Gordon Sumner
 - 69 Otherwise
 - 70 Slip up
 - 71 Omega in America
 - 72 Accelerated photographic process
 - 79 The ones that got away
 - 84 Astronomy showplace
 - 86 Clear frost
 - 87 Consume
 - 88 Beginner
 - 89 Corrosive substance
- DOWN**
- 1 Tom or Benedict
 - 2 Counted calories
 - 3 Composer Shostakovich
 - 5 Mortise partner
 - 6 Theme song
 - 7 Punt propeller
 - 9 Daffy bird?
 - 10 Tortilla treat
 - 11 "I Know How He Feels" singer
 - 12 Triple
 - 13 Gum lump
 - 14 Exclamations of surprise
 - 17 Scott novel, "___ Roy"
 - 20 Lack of honor
 - 21 Tears to pieces
 - 22 Swamp denizens
 - 23 Lazy girl?
 - 24 Roughly finished
 - 25 One-sided
 - 29 First
 - 31 Sap of energy
 - 32 Choppers
 - 34 North Carolina
 - 35 "The Battleship Potemkin" director
 - 36 Tosses in one's two cents
 - 37 Houston or Rayburn
 - 38 Dawdling lingerer
 - 39 Facing extinction
 - 40 Goofballs
 - 54 Unspecified amount
 - 56 That woman
 - 57 Pay off a note
 - 59 Taylor or Adoree
 - 60 Perimeters
 - 73 Adult males
 - 74 Berkshire college
 - 75 Bathed
 - 76 Get up
 - 77 Ancient Britons
 - 78 Takes to court
 - 80 Young or Penn
 - 81 Noisy insect
 - 82 Like igneous rock
 - 83 Scholarly stickler
 - 84 Part of rpm
 - 85 Set (down)

A MOVIE

- ACROSS**
- 1 "The Adventures of Augie March" author Bellow
 - 5 Ex-pitcher Hershiser
 - 9 Branchlet
 - 14 Of a prophecy
 - 19 Exxon, formerly
 - 20 Fleshy fruit
 - 21 Give rise to
 - 22 Tiny organism
 - 23 A French swashbuckler?
 - 26 Arabian country
 - 27 "The Caine Mutiny" author Wouk
 - 28 Threw rocks at
 - 29 Willful destroyers
 - 31 Tied
 - 33 Play part
 - 34 City in Provence
 - 35 A Redford cloak-and-dagger film?
 - 41 Trojans of coll. sports
 - 44 Palm of a paw
 - 45 Filmmaker Reifenhahl
 - 46 At the proper time
 - 47 ___Herzogovina
 - 49 Diana of "The Avengers"
 - 51 Painter of ballerinas
 - 54 Large playing marbles
 - 56 Copier
 - 57 Brooks or Brundage
 - 59 A Woodward drama?
 - 63 Protagonists
 - 65 Threesome
 - 66 Football gains
 - 67 Glasgow toppers
 - 69 Of yore
 - 72 French black
 - 73 Salmon direction?
 - 77 Yankee 3rd baseman
 - 79 Well-matched
 - 83 A Donald Duck film?
 - 87 Thanks, Pierre
 - 88 Drink habitually
 - 89 Catch
 - 90 Actress Verdugo
 - 92 Singer Celine
 - 93 Strand
 - 96 Libation station potatoes
 - 98 Ethereal
 - 100 Sue ___ Langdon
 - 101 Stephen of "Michael Collins"
 - 102 A June Allyson film?
 - 107 Actress Irene
 - 108 Lyric writing
 - 109 Bausch's partner in medical products
- DOWN**
- 110 Having layers
 - 113 Not in any manner
 - 116 Stable sounds
 - 120 Having chits
 - 121 A Stallone film?
 - 124 Empirical philosopher
 - 125 Last name in Communism
 - 126 13 popes
 - 127 Otherwise
 - 128 Synthetic resin
 - 129 Comic actor Arnold
 - 130 "___ of Eden"
 - 131 Perfect match
 - 1 Actor Green
 - 2 Big name in tennis
 - 3 Exploitive fellow
 - 4 Towered
 - 5 Watchful and alert
 - 6 Computer abbr.
 - 7 Some big birds
 - 8 Rice vampire
 - 9 Odorous
 - 10 Hors d'oeuvres spread
 - 11 Regretted
 - 12 Expert finish?
 - 13 Actor Depardieu
 - 14 Buckaroo
 - 15 Build up
 - 16 French head
 - 17 Construction member
 - 18 Saturn and Mercury, e.g.
 - 24 Part of USNA
 - 25 Former NYC mayor Ed
 - 30 Shapeless form
 - 32 Music for nine
 - 34 Nevertheless
 - 35 Ms. Winfrey
 - 36 Unsophisticated
 - 37 Lawn care tool
 - 38 Brawl
 - 39 Adorable
 - 40 Norwegian king
 - 41 Dismantle mortise joints
 - 42 Kitchen strainer
 - 43 Is concerned
 - 48 Hunted in Africa, so to speak
 - 50 Small caves
 - 52 Space starter?
 - 53 Dirty
 - 55 Look over
 - 58 Suffer with hope
 - 60 Of a junction
 - 61 God of love
 - 62 Loathing
 - 64 Hook's underling
 - 68 Anatomical pouches
 - 70 Perry's creator
 - 71 Seasonal song
 - 73 Say
 - 74 Call up
 - 75 Old photo color
 - 76 Run
 - 78 Apprehension
 - 80 Ordeal
 - 81 Prefix for savings
 - 82 Greasy spoon
 - 84 Indonesian island
 - 85 Maturing agent
 - 86 Shaq or Tatum
 - 91 Firebug
 - 94 Lolloped
 - 95 Sicilian resort
 - 97 Decelerating
 - 99 Ancient Mandarin leader's home
 - 103 Signs up (var.)
 - 104 Mine entrance
 - 105 Snuggle
 - 106 Footnote reference
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Bringing the word to life

First Baptist Church's Living Christmas Tree entertains with a message

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For the past 17 years, the First Baptist Church at 106 S. Miranda St. has been presenting a living embodiment of the Christmas observance to the community of Las Cruces. Now in its 18th year, the Living Christmas Tree continues the tradition in a way that Minister of Music Mike Edwards hopes will "impact the spiritual heart" of any and all who attend the annual event.

"I don't ever view this event as a musical concert for entertainment," Edwards said. "The purpose of the Christmas tree is solely to present the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ

through song. Ultimately it's the story of God's love and his infinite plan of sending his son, as a baby, to redeem us and go to the cross to save us from our sins. That message will be woven throughout the entire program. Not only in song, but in narrative script. It's a Christmas message, but it's all pointing to the cross."

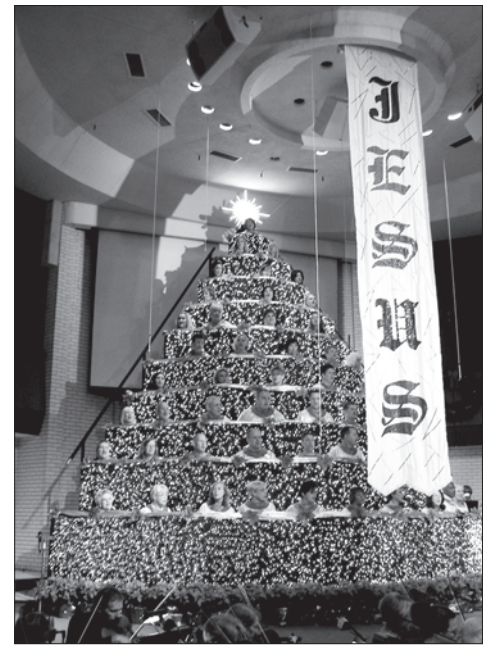
To present this message, a massive, church-wide effort is put into play months before the holiday season begins. According to Edwards, technical production begins in August, while the choir – consisting of children, youth and senior members of the congregation, as well as members of other churches who want to be part of the event – begins rehearsal the first weekend after Labor Day. Musicians begin practicing the first week in November, while choreography teams are given a full month and a half to prepare.

"The actual structure of the tree is very insignificant as far as preparation," said Edwards. "The tree is assembled and ready within about six hours, but the programming of the music for the lights has been in process for many weeks now. The software and equipment that we have to simulate what the big tree will do, all of that has been in play for months."

Edwards refers to the process as a multi-faceted project with a lot of moving parts. "It's not just something that the music ministry does," he said. Committees for everything from dance, acting and tickets to refreshments, child care and parking are assembled.

"It's an opportunity for the entire church body to come together and pool all their resources for one common goal. It's actually a church-wide event celebrating the love of Christ."

Featuring members who have been involved since the project's inception, including many who started out as children and are now singing as adults, The Living Christmas Tree choir is made up entirely of volunteers, according to Edwards. And though there's no real theme, other than the gospel of divine birth and ultimate redemption, he gives assurances that the



Now in its 18th year, the Living Christmas Tree brings the word of God and the story of the birth of Jesus Christ to the community at the First Baptist Church of Las Cruces, Saturday, Dec. 14 through Tuesday, Dec. 17.

event will be anything but routine.

"There are brand new arrangements that just came available this year," he said. "There's a mix of familiar traditional carols as well. Every year I try to vary the program with new arrangements and new material that we haven't done before. We even have one this year called "Patapan," which is an old traditional French Christmas carol that we'll be doing with choreography and dance."

Last year, ticket sales for the four-day concert event totaled close to 3,300, up from the approximately 3,100 the year before. This year, Edwards is hoping to spread the word a little wider, though he says he would be happy to repeat the average for another year; and not because of the entertainment value.

"It's something of a higher calling," he said. "It's not just a musical production. It's a ministry for the Holy Spirit. That's our sole purpose for all of this massive amount of work, to present the message of Jesus Christ."

Details

Living Christmas Tree

Where

First Baptist Church,
106 S. Miranda St.

When

- 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14
- 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15
- 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16
- 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17

Cost

\$5

Contact

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Church News

MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Avenue, will have mid-week services during Advent. All are welcome to attend the mid-week service, Holden Evening Prayer, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11. A Taize service will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18. For more information, call 522-7119.

FIRST ASSEMBLY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, will hold a Christmas bazaar from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Kid's World Auditorium. Table space is \$25 and, after Dec. 9, price is \$30. On the day of event, it is \$50 per table. For more information, contact Mary Helen at 524-0654, ext. 101.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FIESTA

For more than 100 years, the Our Lady of Guadalupe fiesta has been held in the Village of San Juan (commonly known as the Village of Tortugas), just south of Mesilla Park, to celebrate the appearance of Our Lady to San Juan Diego. Though it is

strictly a religious and cultural event, the Tortugas Pueblo welcomes and encourages participation by the general public and strongly seeks their assistance in respecting the time-honored traditions of the village. The fiesta will be held from Tuesday, Dec. 10 through Thursday, Dec. 12. For more information, including a complete schedule of activities, call 526-8171.

TEMPLE BETH EL PRESENTS BOOK TALK

Temple Beth El Sisterhood and the Adult Education Committee present a book talk by Patricia Gottlieb Shapiro in the temple social hall at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This inspiring talk draws on the lives of 12 women from the ages of 76 to 102 in the book "Portraits of Twelve Jewish Women." Shapiro shares what she learned writing the book as well as the women's secrets to their longevity and vitality. Longtime Las Cruces resident Bea Klein, who is one of the 12 women, will participate as well. This talk appeals to women of all ages, and the author will have signed copies of the book available for sale. Refreshments will be served and the presentation is free of charge. For more information, call 521-1925.

MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at the San Albino Parish Hall on the Mesilla Plaza. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually. The time will consist of praise and worship, teaching on male spirituality, fellowship and breakfast. The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is

\$5. For more information, call 524-8563.

STUDY BHAGAVAD-GITA WISDOM

The Bhagavad-gita, a class in the exploration of spiritual philosophy as it applies to daily living, will be offered from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. Thursdays at Teakwood Inn, 2600 S. Valley Drive. Taught by Vimal Chaitanya, the on-going series of classes will provide students with a synthesis of new thought for today's challenges of life with the ancient wisdom of this Hindu work, which pre-dates the Hebrew/Christian Bible by half a millennium. For information, call 650-7344.

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Healthy Happenings



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T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at MountainView Medical Plaza, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 404. Classes are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or \$2 for non-members.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, contact 312-8320 or rositaad4@gmail.com.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery

from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, contact Kathy or David at 522-6404 or bridge@nmsu.edu.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight-loss goals.

For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP MEETS EACH FRIDAY

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid

Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

FYI HOSTS NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1190 Foster Road, seeks to reduce HIV and Hepatitis C by decreasing the circulation of unclean syringes and helps drug users overcome addiction by providing free information on available drug-treatment services.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The service is confidential and no appointments are needed.

For more information, call Belle at 522-4004.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133 or Michael at 382-5200.
- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Nicky or Michael at 382-5200.

- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association New Mexico Chapter has offices at 1121 Mall Drive, Suite C.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900.

GUIDED, SIMPLE HATHA YOGA

Guided, simple Hatha Yoga classes are held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Blissful Beth, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, call Nichols at 882-4943 or email karen_f_n@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St.

For more information, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wilydoga@yahoo.com.

HATHA YOGA AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-7119.

DANCERCIZE CLASSES

Dancercize classes take place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Cost is a \$2-\$5 contribution. Bring a mat and water. For more information, call Sherri at 640-2903.

BELLY DANCE YOGA

Suhaila offers a new yoga experience geared to stretching and toning muscles. Suitable for all levels of experience from 5 to 6 p.m. Fridays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$5.

For more information, email mail4jewell@yahoo.com or call 621-2746.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

A Cancer Care support group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Morningstar United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive.

Designed to offer education and support, Cancer Care is facilitated by a team with experience in dealing with cancer on multiple levels – spiritual, physical, mental and emotional. Cancer survivors, those currently being treated and anyone in the community whose life has been touched by cancer are invited to attend. For more information, call Betty Harris at 524-3994, Jackie Sledge at 915-525-2575, University United Methodist Church at 522-8220 or Morningstar United Methodist Church at 521-3770.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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For more information including a schedule of meetings, call 527-1803.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are asked to join.

There is no cost to participate. For more information, call 528-3301.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

A Parkinson's Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the third Tuesday of each month at MountainView Hospital, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Education room. For more information, call John at 702-217-0450.

COMPASSION & CHOICES MEETING

Compassion & Choices Las Cruces meets from 1:30 to 3 p.m. the third Sunday of each month at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Meetings are open to anyone interested.

For more information, contact Judith Scott at 527-8432 or jnaomiscott@comcast.net.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd, in Annex A.

For more information, call 524 4373.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

Stroke survivors and caregivers share their experiences at stroke survivors support group meetings at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Larry at 522-2625.

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes at 8:30 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Sagecrest Park, 601 N. Roadrunner Drive. For more information, call 312-8320

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	2	3

Closed Sales Existing Homes	17	28	33
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Pending Home Sales (All)	166	193	195
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	172	128	98

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$173,500	\$210,001	\$157,900

Median Price Existing	\$129,500	\$164,000	\$157,000
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,005	1,088	1,098

Real Estate Agents	374	374	375
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*Homes include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 11/25/2013 to 12/01/2013
*MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
** Unknown per LCAR

A good trade-off



Julie Maager
Caring Decisions

“Don’t let perfect be the enemy of good.”

I distinctly remember the first time I heard that expression, because it was one of those “ah-ha” moments in my life. The expression is a paraphrase of Voltaire, for those of you who want to repeat it and sound really smart.

Far too often I have wanted to do something perfect and it has kept me from enjoying doing something reasonably well. Sometimes it has kept me from attempting something at all.

During the Christmas season, “don’t let perfect be the enemy of good” is the thought I come back to time and again when I feel things getting crazy. It’s easy for all the areas of our well-being – the physical, emotional, social and even, ironically, the spiritual – to take a beating during this time of year. So, here is how I intend to employ that philosophy this year.

We all know about the dreaded holiday weight gain. Yes, all the holiday goodies are to blame, but so is that “perfect” mentality. Over indulge at a mid-week party and many of us decide to throw reasonably good eating habits out the window for the rest of the week or month.

I know that if I can’t exercise routinely, I risk not exercising at all. So I need to remind myself that a 20-minute walk is better than planning an hour at the gym and not going at all.

Our emotional well-being can also take a beating as we chase after the perfect Christmas experience. The holidays are stressful. Many of us have to-do lists a mile long.

When I find myself getting crabby and stressed with all the holiday “joy,” it is time to look at the to-do list and decide what doesn’t need to be done.

If your list includes baking, decorating, shopping, parties and sending cards, which brings you the least amount of enjoyment? Cross it off and don’t do it.

You don’t have to put up a Christmas tree if it is nothing but a chore to you. And no one’s holiday is ruined by store-bought treats instead of homemade.

That brings me to the idea of social well-being. It is so much easier to enjoy our friends and family when we are under less stress.

When I was growing up, baking cookies was a big part of our family Christmas tradition. I enjoy baking with my own two children – to a point. I

See **List** on page C22

East meets (South)west

Crossroads Community Acupuncture looks forward to New Year as a nonprofit

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In March 2012, Crossroads Community Acupuncture opened its doors in a small closet space within a building undergoing construction at 125 N. Main St., becoming the first low-cost community acupuncture clinic in the Las Cruces/El Paso region. After raising enough money to move to a large, refurbished space just down the street, CCA moved to its current location, inside one of the oldest buildings in Las Cruces, at 130 S. Main St.

With a mission of providing acupuncture and health services for people of all income levels throughout the region, CCA has helped provide more than 25,000 treatments, most in impoverished or underserved areas.

On Jan. 1, 2014, however, Crossroads Community Acupuncture will ring in the New Year and reopen its doors as Crossroads Community Supported Acupuncture, a nonprofit incorporated on Nov. 19, allowing them to further their goal of providing affordable health services to, truly, everyone.

Crossroads founder and acupuncturist Ryan Bemis first gained an interest in acupuncture while working in Portland, Ore.

“I had gotten a job at a detox program in Portland, where they were detoxing heroin addicts and alcoholics, a lot of whom lived on the street,” Bemis said. “The first thing they’d do, before they sat down with a counselor, was sit them in a group and gave them ear acupuncture.”

Bemis was immediately impressed with the efficacy of the treatment, known as “acudetox” or the NADA (National Acupuncture Detoxification Association) protocol.

“I was fascinated by the group atmosphere because, in this program, every day the clients would get up in the morning, come together in a group and get ear acupuncture,” he said. “A lot of them weren’t people who were comfortable sitting in a group, or in silence, and there they were in this almost meditative state. “As a counselor, I heard a lot about how much it helped them to get clean, to stay calm, to feel like themselves, to help with withdrawals.”

His interest piqued, Bemis began studying acupuncture, going on to earn his master’s



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen

Acupuncturist Mateo Bernal, of Crossroads Community Supported Acupuncture, 130 S. Main St., places acupuncture needles in the foot of CCSA regular client Judy Maynard Tuesday, Dec. 3.

degree from the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine in 2011.

In Portland, Bemis said, there are a number of clinics, like CCSA that offer sliding-scale, community acupuncture, as opposed to the more traditional – and more expensive – one-on-one setting.

Bemis brought that model to the Southwest when, working on his thesis, he, together with fellow Crossroads acupuncturist Mateo Bernal started a project in Juárez, training practitioners through the Catholic Diocese of

Ciudad Juárez and the nonprofit CHEPAZ (Centro de Crecimiento Humano y Educacion para la Paz, Salud y Bienestar Comunitario, or the Center for Human Growth and Peace Education, Community Health and Wellness, roughly).

Brought in to support the Catholic church’s response to violence by the assistant to the bishop of Juárez, Monsignor Rene Blanco, and lawyer and human rights activist Maria Elizabeth Flores, Bemis and Bernal traveled to Juárez and began training

pastoral workers in the NADA ear acupuncture protocol. To date, the organization has trained more than 83 health workers, most of whom provide free ear acupuncture out of their churches and mental health programs.

More than 11,000 people have been killed in the border city, just 50 miles from Las Cruces, since 2007. In response, the project has served more than 20,000 within impoverished Juárez neighborhoods and surrounding rural towns.

In Las Cruces, Crossroads helped install ear acupuncture services at St. Luke’s Health Clinic at the Community of Hope, where free, walk-in treatments are offered every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Following the successful start-up of this cross-border project, Bemis opened the Las Cruces clinic, which currently sees an average of more than 170 clients a week, for a wide variety of maladies, on a simple, community-minded and cost-effective model.

Bemis said people come in for treatment for a multitude of reasons, from the small to the dire.

“We have people come in to treat pain, stress, anxiety, depression, addiction, sleep problems, chronic fatigue, chronic autoimmune disorders such as Lupus, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, peripheral neuropathy. We also have people coming in for things like irritable bowel syndrome, stomach upset and constipation, all the way to people looking to help with schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.”

Although demonstrated to be very effective in studies from diverse of organizations as the WHO and the U.S. Military, which utilizes staff acupuncturists and NADA-trained psychologists to treat PTSD, Bemis points out that acupuncture is not a magic bullet.

“Acupuncture is not a cure for a lot of these things – for most of them, though, Western medicine doesn’t have a cure either – but if it’s accessible on a regular basis, it

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can greatly enhance the quality of life and improve health outcomes."

To treat a variety of ailments in a large, diverse segment of the population, CCSA offers treatment on a low-cost, sliding scale.

"It's pay what you can, no questions asked," Bemis said, noting that new clients needn't bring with them proof of low income. Treatments range from \$16 to \$41, and monthly memberships, which allow patients "acupuncture when (they) need it" for \$85 to \$150.

The average one-on-one acupuncture session, however, ranges from anywhere between \$65 on the low end to \$150, making it an unavailable option for many. While some public health acupuncture programs are dependent on funding from grants, CCSA operates without, allowing it to remain autonomous and not run the risk of an abrupt pull of funding.

Relying on the community also allows CCSA to avoid unnecessary complications between patient and provider.

"A lot of acupuncturists have to depend on insurance for reimbursement," he said. "Then, the company is dictating how we treat people, adding more paperwork and bureaucracy between them and treatment. We have a philosophy of simplicity in how we provide care."

The goal, Bemis said, is not to get rich. "We want people to be able to afford our care," he said. "Our goal is to serve the community

and be able to pay our staff a living wage.

"Families can afford to come here. I want to be able to provide treatment for my next door neighbor, my friends, my family, and I can't imagine practicing it any other way."

Whether steeped in the violence that has plagued Ciudad Juárez, or in the relative peace of Downtown Las Cruces, Bemis said, in the end, acupuncture is largely about providing safe space.

"If people can be safe and comfortable, be able to walk out of the door on their own two feet feeling ready to face the world again, then that's a mission accomplished," he said. "This is less about fixing or curing, or becoming a wizard or guru, and more about community building."

As CCSA looks forward to a New Year of providing services and training to the border region, the clinic is offering a number of holiday specials.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24 and 25, \$10 treatments and \$800 annual memberships (members are entitled to free acupuncture all year long) will be offered, the perfect way to start a healthful New Year.

This special will be offered again on the clinic's one-year anniversary, Jan. 1, 2014, when the center closes its doors, and reopens them as the nonprofit Crossroads Community Support Acupuncture.

And from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, they will host an open house and Downtown Art Ramble reception featuring the work of local photojournalist Peter Goodman.

Surviving health care woes

Work force shortages a top issue in the United States



**Michael R. Hurst,
MS, LADC, CEAP**
Life and Work Solutions

This article will provide an overview of the health care professional shortage problem. Health care professionals of all specialties are essential for an effective and efficient health care system. Health care professionals are critical for a person to resolve a health issue or problem.

In reality, people experiencing health issues or problems need an educated, experienced and competent professional to solve their issues or problems.

Last time I checked, the vast majority of politicians did not go to medical or nursing school, or have a master's degree in counseling or social work.

Politicians, policy makers, media and people focused on free stuff are myopically focused on the availability of health care for all Americans. Just because the availability of health care exists is no guarantee that the program will work.

The stated intent of the Affordable Care Act was to provide this opportunity. This is a laudable goal to achieve and should be researched and planned accordingly.

Unfortunately, politicians and policy makers were short sighted and utilized faulty problem solving. As a result, millions of Americans lost health care with a dismal and embarrassing website launch.

Recently, the focus has started to shift on the most critical component of a health care system problem. Doctors and other health care professional are retiring, leaving the profession and refusing to take the medical insurance due to unrealistic rules and regulations. If detailed analysis and planning had been utilized, this situation would never have occurred.

Politicians and policy makers failed to focus on the issue of health care supply and demand. Before health care reform, health care professionals were a shortage commodity. Health care professionals were already overwhelmed with an increase of patients and clients.

It is estimated that an additional 35 million people will obtain or be forced to obtain health care coverage. More disturbing, is that by 2020, the U.S. will need an additional 91,500 doctors to meet the medical demand, according to the American Association of Medical Colleges.

At the current time, this problem is not being addressed or workable solutions formulated. Health care issues are event and time driven. Politicians and policy makers failed to take this fact into their analysis. As a result, more people will be forced to wait in order to have issues and problems resolved. That is if a health care professional is available to resolve the issues or problems. That does not take into account the non-research-based coverage for different issues.

The last part of the problem is the amount of time it takes to train an individual health care professional. This is very complicated, as a significant number of years are required in order to graduate a health care professional.

This could be five to eight years post bachelor's degree depending on specialty. This does not include the business aspects required after being allowed to practice their profession. This is a serious topic of discussion, if a person is currently faced with a chronic or life-threatening disease.

What is the solution? In order to bring this supply and demand into balance, there must be an increase of health care professionals in the workplace prior to any change in health care accessibility.

The axiom should be, "It is better to have and not need than to need and not have." This life warrior axiom is derived from the survival and resilience approach that Americans should embrace.

Faced with this tragic reality, a person needs to utilize life warrior survival skills and become resilient to embrace the concept of personal responsibility.

Remember to stay solution focused not problem focused. If you gather the facts necessary, then you can develop a workable solution. The next article in this series will address a few of the more serious health problems and solutions.

Michael R. Hurst is a retired U.S. Army Special Forces Captain and licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He is a contributing author to the recent book "Living and Surviving in Harm's Way: A Psychological Treatment Handbook for Pre- and Post-Deployment of Military Personnel" and numerous articles addressing substance abuse, suicide, PTSD and life skills/transitions since 2002. He can be contacted at mike@warriorcounseling.com. The remainder of articles in the Life Warrior series will establish a blueprint to follow in order to become a life warrior. The views expressed in this column are the author's and do not reflect the official position of any other individual, business or government entity. Please consult the services of a competent professional when attempting to solve an issue or problem.

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know if I get grandiose and try to replicate all the different cookies and candies we made growing up there is a good chance the work and mess will have a negative effect on my stress level and patience.

So, we usually do two varieties of cookies – simple ones – and call it a day. There is no frosting on my ceiling and we are all still smiling when we're done.

I think if many of us are honest, we would admit that our spiritual well-being can slip during the Christmas season. Although we are supposed to be celebrating the birth of Christ, it is easy to be overwhelmed by the commercial, the pressure to buy and the emphasis on gifts.

Remembering to be grateful for what I have been provided is essential to my spiritual well-being. This year, my family will again adopt a needy child and buy her clothes and a toy that she otherwise wouldn't have. It helps my kids and me

remember how blessed we really have been.

As I look around at the apartment residents I work with here at Good Samaritan, I see a lot of people who have learned the lesson of not letting perfect be the enemy of good. At some point in their lives, many of them traded large homes and yards for a simple, easy-to-keep apartment.

They traded hosting a large holiday family gathering for passing those duties to the next generation or bringing their family to our Good Samaritan meal. By embracing the good and letting go of the perfect we end up doing less and getting more – more peace, more enjoyment in each other, more room to breathe. It's a good trade.

Julie Maager is the marketing coordinator for the Good Samaritan Society – Las Cruces Village. Good Samaritan Society is a not-for-profit provider of senior care and housing services. Good Samaritan is located at 3025 Terrace Drive and offers senior apartments, assisted living apartments, long-term nursing care, memory care, post-surgery/illness rehabilitation care and home health services. For more information, call 522-1362.

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Style show entertains, surpasses goal

Seventh High Heels for High Hopes better than ever

By **Charlotte Tallman**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The future for babies born prematurely is looking a little brighter after the seventh annual March of Dimes Menagerie Carousel Jubilee fashion show, an event presented by MountainView Regional Medical Center Friday, Nov. 22, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Five local salons, 20 new High Heels for High Hopes models and 20 of the most successful models of the past shows teamed up for an outrageously unique circus-themed show.

Along with the style show attended by 1,000 guests, the models held individual fundraisers and raised a total of \$185,000 – \$25,000 more than the show brought in last year. The goal for this year's event was \$175,000, in honor of the March of Dimes' 75th anniversary.

"It was an amazing show, bringing the talent and resources of our community together for a great night of entertainment, all while raising an

amazing amount of money to support the work of the March of Dimes that helps babies be born healthy," said Becky Horner, division director of the Southern New Mexico March of Dimes.

VIP ticket holders were treated to a pre-show dinner with circus-themed treats such as corn dogs and kettle chips and words from hosts Steve Chavira and Dolores Connor. Throughout the convention center, pre-show carnival booths, novelty acts, snacks and drinks prepared attendees for the ultimate circus runway show with ringmaster David Edwards.

Both new and legacy models were styled by Studio 037 Salon, The Fixx Salon, Wildfire Hair Company, Carriage House Salon and Adore Salon and Day Spa with lead coordination by Artistic Director Leonard Jimenez. Margarita Salazar served as the campaign chair.

During the event, complete with



Models for the 2013 March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes Menagerie Carousel Jubilee fashion show wore elaborate costumes and makeup for the carnival-themed show that raised \$185,000 Friday, Nov. 22.

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BECKY HORNER,
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March of Dimes

entertainers on stilts and Project In Motion members swinging from the ceiling, Marci Dickerson was recognized with the Legacy Award for raising the most money of anyone during her two years of participation (\$31,030) and Misti Kastl was the Stiletto Award winner for raising \$21,080, the most raised by a model this year.

In the middle of the ring were

Mia and David Johnson, the Southern New Mexico March of Dimes Ambassadors.

Since 2006, 176,000 fewer babies have been born too soon in the U.S. because of reductions in the preterm birth rate, which has dropped to its lowest rate in 15 years. The High Heels for High Hopes campaign raises much needed funds to continue the work of the March of Dimes.

The High Heels for High Hopes Menagerie Carousel Jubilee fashion show was presented by MountainView Regional Medical Center and sponsored by the LNG Company, the Las Cruces Bulletin, El Paso Electric, the Haciendas at Grace Village, Las Cruces Sun-News, Radio of Las Cruces, Comcast Spotlight, Studio E Photography and Gonzales Photography.

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Pet briefs

Pet of the week

Dyson is a 7-month-old brown and white Chihuahua mix. He is bright and always excited. When he is really happy to see someone, he will run around in circles and hop back and forth. He has the cute head tilt down pat, and would make a great first pet for any family.



For more information on Dyson or other adoptable animals, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018.

Cruces Canines hosts Santa Paws event

Cruces Canines, a people and pet social, will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Andeles Dog House, 1983 Calle del Norte. The theme for the event is Santa Paws, and jolly Saint Nick will be there. Santa Claus will be on hand for photo ops with family members and pets for donation.

People are invited to attend with their well-behaved, leashed dogs for time to socialize and mingle with animal folks. Admission is \$5 and benefits the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico and ACTION Programs for Animals to support programs and services helping animals in need.

For more information, contact Jean Gilbert at jean@hssnm.org or 522-2529.

Dog adoption event

The Cherished K-9 All Breed Rescue will host a dog adoption event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Mountain View Market Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Large and small dogs as well as puppies are available for adoption. Give a formerly abandoned, abused or neglected dog a wonderful home.

For more information, call 496-6085.

Dogs welcome at 'A Critter Christmas'

Well-behaved, leashed dogs are invited to attend the fourth annual "A Critter Christmas" gala from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E University Ave.

This fun event benefits the Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley, Doña Ana County Humane Society and the Spay and Neuter Action Program.

Tickets are \$50 each, or two for \$90. Entire tables can also be purchased. Tickets are available at American Classified, 580 S. Valley Drive, Suite 100; Better Life Pet Foods, 365 Avenida de Mesilla; the Doña Ana County Humane Society/Spay and Neuter Action Program office at 2405 W. Picacho Ave., Suite 103; or online at www.holdmyticket.com/event/150413.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, call Kathy at 642-2648 or e-mail dachsLC@hotmail.com.

Facelift for Mountain Shadows



Mountain Shadows Home Care Inc. Executive Director Regina Frost holds the proclamation while President Greg Handy cuts the ribbon during a Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony held Thursday, Nov. 21, at the business' renovated location at 800 N. Telshor Blvd. Mountain Shadows offers home care services including personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, weekly transportation, medication reminders and nursing.

Health Briefs

County plans community blood drive

United Blood Services and Doña Ana County are coming together for a blood drive from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, in the main rotunda of the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

Each holiday season, United Blood Services sees its blood reserves fall to critical levels. Doña Ana County invites residents to join in giving the gift of life. The blood drive will have appointment slots available every 20 minutes.

To make an appointment for a screening and donation, call Janine Divyak at the Doña Ana County Planning Department at 525-6130. Each donor will receive a snack and some juice, along with promotional materials to show to family and friends who might consider making a donation.

Giving blood normally takes less than an hour, and the results save lives throughout our region. All materials used in the donation process are sterile and disposable. Donors cannot contract any blood-borne disease by giving blood. All donated blood is typed to determine the A-B-O group and the Rh factor and then tested for safety, including a test for the HIV virus. Tainted blood is not distributed. Most units of accepted blood are separated into several components, allowing one donation to help several people.

La Casa Holiday Bazaar scheduled

For more than 25 years, on the first weekend of December, the La Casa Holiday Bazaar has provided a fun holiday shopping opportunity for southern New Mexico and west Texas.

The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Admission is \$6 and all proceeds go to La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter and its programs.

More than 95 vendors will fill the convention center with 115 booths, offering fine arts and handcrafted items for sale. Jewelry,

photography, baskets, woodworking, crocheted and knitted fashion accessories, paintings, glass art, quilts and food products are included in the variety of vendors. Unique vendors include antler art, Corian cutting boards, hand-woven clothing, hand-made herbal heating packs, reclaimed antique glass made into jewelry and hand-painted egg shells.

Food, beer and wine will be available for purchase from concessions provided by the convention center. Once again, the "Man Cave" will offer a lounge for people to relax and watch football on TV. The La Casa Cookie Cupboard will offer baked goods, holiday treats and the famous cookie walk.

Tickets may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 526-2819.

MountainView offers help for NMHIX

With confusion surrounding the website for the Health Insurance Marketplace, the government's new platform for offering affordable health insurance, MountainView Regional Medical Center can help. While the site may not be fully functional yet, MountainView's application counselors can help make things more clear and assist with the sign-up process. If enrollment is completed by Tuesday, Dec. 23, health insurance will be in effect by Jan. 1, 2014.

"This is where MountainView can help," said Denten Park, CEO. "With many people in our community lacking access to a computer or having difficulty enrolling on the government's website, our application counselors can help."

"We can assist individuals and their families evaluate the available health plan options and determine if they are eligible for Medicaid or other financial assistance."

To make an appointment for sign-up help for the Health Insurance Marketplace or

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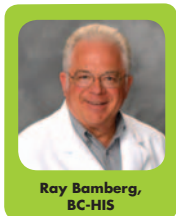
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