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Haines won't return to job

County to search for new manager

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

In March, Doña Ana County commissioners will begin a process to hire a new permanent county manager.

Brian Haines, who had been the county manager since April 2003, notified the county recently his health issues that prompted an extended medical leave won't be getting better. The 57-year-old Haines asked for a medical separation, said Commission Chairwoman Karen Perez.



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While normally that would mean immediately beginning a search process for hiring a new permanent county manager, Perez said commissioners are concerned the county has an overly informal organizational structure.

Because commissioners are pleased with the performance by interim county manager Sue Padilla, Perez said the commission intends to start the process by first looking at and re-evaluating the county's organizational structure.

"We need to do that before getting into a county manager search," she said. "There will be a lot of changes in job descriptions for the different assistant county managers."

Perez said the commission is looking at how Las Cruces City Manager Robert Garza reorganized the city's administration to gain better efficiencies and clarify responsibilities.

"It's a lot more complex than 'golly, we need a new county manager,'" she said. "It's going to require a lot of soul searching in the county (government)."

Commissioners couldn't be willing to look at the county's government organization if they didn't have confidence in Padilla, Perez said. News reports have made it seem like the commission wasn't pleased with Padilla, Perez said, and that's not the case. In fact, she said, Padilla's contract as interim manager doesn't

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Tent city plans approved

City Council OKs zoning for Camp Hope

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Homeless people who have found safe shelter on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope (MVCH) campus can rest a little easier after the Las Cruces City Council approved plans and zoning Tuesday, Feb. 19, for the tent city called Camp Hope.

Located west of the MVCH's complex of buildings, the tent city provides temporary shelter to about 50 people in tents. The City Council gave Camp Hope temporary approval last year because the city's codes didn't really have anything that fit.

The answer turned out to be a development approach called a Planned Unit Development (PUD), usually an option for developers seeking to provide unique features that aren't in exact compliance with city codes.

Senior city planner Katherine Harrison-Rogers told the council the city researched similar tent cities for the homeless in places such as Oregon, Florida and Seattle, where there have been successful tent cities. She also noted Hopeville in St. Louis, Mo., which she said was razed because it wasn't planned.

Harrison-Rogers said the city has one local model at that fit the sort of living conditions



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Camp Hope resident and ex-model Janine Mauer watches the entrance to the tent city Tuesday, Feb. 19. "I'm very grateful for this place," Mauer said.

found in the tent city – the Las Cruces KOA campground on the far west end of town.

Under the PUD, Camp Hope will be limited to 45 tents holding no more than 50 occupants, she said. The tent city in the future will have some permanent structures to arrange the tents 10 feet apart from each other with an access route for emergency and police vehicles.

The planning process reviewed issues such as whether residents should have time limits for their stays, visual impacts, recognizing the lack of safe housing options while providing for personal safety, provisions for sanitary facilities and if it would open up urban tent camping elsewhere in the city.

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Texas sues New Mexico in Supreme Court

Not enough Rio Grande water released claimed

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

The state of Texas is taking its claims to Rio Grande water to the Supreme Court in a complaint filed Jan. 8 that New Mexico isn't meeting its compact obligations.

Users of the Elephant Butte Irrigation District were notified recently of the lawsuit in a letter.

"For the purposes of this new case," the letter stated, "it is important to understand that what Texas has said is that New Mexico is not meeting its obligations with respect to deliveries to the Rio Grande Project

(RGP), which is composed of the Elephant Butte Irrigation (EBID) in New Mexico (accounting for 57 percent of irrigable RGP lands)."

According to the letter, the claim doesn't mean New Mexico violated the compact with its deliveries from Elephant Butte Reservoir. But the 1938 compact was meant to protect users of the RGP, not the upstream uses that have begun depleting the flow before the Rio Grande reaches the reservoir, the letter states.

However, according to news reports, the suit questions how much groundwater pumping New Mexico is allowing below

Elephant Butte. With the prolonged drought and meager snow pack, levels have been so low at the reservoir that there has been little water released to lower Rio Grande farmers in recent years, forcing them to pump more from shallow groundwater wells.

According to the EBID letter, Texas is alleging that the New Mexico Attorney General's Office federal lawsuit seeking to throw out the operating agreement between EBID and its counterpart in Texas – El Paso No. 1 – is part of the Supreme Court lawsuit.

The New Mexico AG's actions have forced EBID and other water users to curtail water use, according to the EBID letter.

"Texas is now saying the same thing New Mexico said only a few years ago," the EBID

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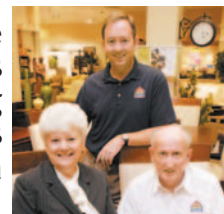
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Pearce: Debt is the issue

Proposed cuts too hard on military

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

U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce said during a town hall meeting in Las Cruces Wednesday, Feb. 20, he remains concerned that Congress and President Barack Obama aren't taking the national debt seriously.

When asked about the possible sequester cuts next month if Congress doesn't act, Pearce said the \$85 billion in sequestration cuts are just a fraction of the \$1.1 trillion debt the country racks up annually.

Pearce said he is concerned that the proposed cuts as outlined by the sequestration deal are too deep against the military during a time of war. As a Vietnam veteran, Pearce said he too well remembers the government not adequately supplying troops in the battlefield.

Part of the problem, Pearce said, is the divisive politics that keep Democrats and Republicans, liberals and conservatives from talking

to each other.

"The voters want people to work together in Congress," he said.

Pearce said that won't happen until the people are also talking to each other and he urged people to have conversations with people of opposing views.

Pearce encountered a few at the town hall meeting who opposed his take on the budget and the economy, saying the rich need to pay more in taxes. Pearce contended that if all the money of the nation's richest people were given to the government, it would only cover the deficit for one year.

Pearce said he believed there are a lot of duplicate government programs, fraud and abuse that could be cut from the budget without hurting services people need. He said his website has a list of suggested cuts that people can vote on.

Besides cutting spending, Pearce said the government should cut the corporate tax rate to become more competitive so that corporations will begin bringing jobs back to the United States. He said they would prefer to have their manufacturing in the United States, but the lower tax burden and more relaxed



Congressman Steve Pearce gives his response to questions at a town hall meeting held Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

regulation lures them offshore.

"I don't want to go to no regulations, but we have to have regulations that make sense," he said.

On the question of immigration reform, Pearce said the country must first secure its

borders, but he agreed the system for acquiring legal citizenship shouldn't take 18 to 20 years.

People now here illegally shouldn't get sent to the front of the line, Pearce said, but he didn't favor throwing them in jail, though they should pay some sort of fine, he said.

WSMR general asks for dialogue

First community council meeting held to start talks

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

Seeing a need for nurturing ties to the surrounding communities, White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham gathered members of her staff and local leaders for an inaugural community council, which she would like to convene on a quarterly basis.

"We can't accomplish what we do on the base without the support of the community," Bingham said. "I have never seen such community support (for a military base) as there is here. We must strengthen these relationships."

The idea for the council, she said, is for the members of her team to get to know the community better to find areas of collaboration.

Bingham admitted she didn't know much about WSMR before arriving, outside of the base's role in the Network Integration Evaluations (NIE) held twice a year.

NIE brings more than 4,000 soldiers and civilians to the range to test how well new systems, especially wireless technology, work.

Doña Ana County Commission Chairwoman Karen Perez said she didn't fully appreciate the value of WSMR until it became part of her district.

Perez said she has since learned the importance of a close relationship with WSMR and how much the testing base depends heavily on the local community for work force development.

"I never looked at WSMR as having wants and needs," she said.

The county government also has greater appreciation for WSMR when the two organizations worked together on a joint land use study.

Participating in the community council were representatives from Alamogordo, Holloman Air Force Base, Fort Bliss and El Paso.



Doña Ana County Commission Chairwoman Karen Perez and Ethan Epstein, civilian aide to the secretary of the Army for New Mexico, listen to White Sands Missile Range Commander Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham talk about the need for communication and collaboration at the first community council meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 19, at WSMR's Frontier Club.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Celebrate NMSU basketball by packing Pan Am Center

Aggies seek to avenge early-season loss to Miners

Saturday, Feb. 23, is six days away from March.

If you're a college basketball fan, you know what March means.

If you're a college basketball fan in Las Cruces, you know where to be Saturday, Feb. 23.

You need to be in the Pan American Center when the New Mexico State University Aggies renew the Interstate 10 Rivalry with the orange-clad crew from down south (otherwise known as the University of Texas-El Paso).

In case you haven't heard, the Aggies have done a lot of winning lately.

In fact they won 12 straight, before falling by four points to Utah State Saturday, Feb. 16, on the road in Logan, Utah.

Not only are the 2012-13 Aggies doing well in the win column (18-9 overall), they're also an incredibly interesting team to watch.

Here are some things you're likely to see when (notice I said when, not if – we need to pack the house) you park yourself in the Pan Am Saturday.

1. At some point in the game, sophomore guard Daniel Mullings, while playing defense, will anticipate a Miner pass, dart forward, deflect the ball beyond his opponent, regain the ball, dribble down and make a high-flying slam dunk.
2. Freshman center Sim Bhullar will swat away a Miner shot, either into the stands or out where another Aggie can start a fast break. Bhullar, who is 7-5 and weighs more than 300 pounds, is interesting to watch even while standing in the huddle during a time out. I believe Aggie coach Marvin Menzies has scheduled extra chiropractic appointments this season for neck adjustments from having to look straight up at Bhullar.
3. Junior guard Kevin Aronis will hit a spot-up three-pointer. Aronis' form is so textbook it should serve as just that, a textbook for young would-be shooters.
4. Sophomore point guard Terrell de Rouen, a Las Cruces product from Oñate High School, will dribble-penetrate and either put up a teardrop swish in the lane or take a sidestep and pop a jumper.
5. Senior Bandja Sy (last name pronounced SEE) will get anywhere from one to 15 rebounds and get at least one impressive one-handed jam, likely on a rebound. Chances are, however, Sy won't be able to duplicate the dunk of the year, which happened Saturday, Feb. 9, in the Pan Am against Seattle. Scissor-legged, Sy leaped completely over a Seattle defender and threw down with authority. None of us in the Pan Am really believed what we had just seen until the replays showed on the overhead scoreboard. "Wow!" was the exclamation of everyone. I tried out my new catchphrase, "Sy means yes!" which I guess technically is not really a catchphrase since it didn't catch on with anyone else. I'll keep trying. Aggie radio play-by-play announcer Jack Nixon's catchphrase for Sy is "Mais oui!" which makes more sense than mine because Sy is French.

Another thing you can expect in the Pan Am will be a lot of UTEP fans. It's a short drive from El Paso and they enjoy the I-10 Rivalry as much as we do. That's why it's important for Aggie fans show up en masse. It's a "white-out" game, meaning all Aggie fans are asked to wear white to show team spirit.

One of the Aggies' early season losses came at the hands of the Miners in El Paso, as NMSU made a couple of costly turnovers late and were defeated 55-54.

We need to avenge that.

That said, we especially have to avenge the Miner loss because we also lost both games against the University of New Mexico Lobos. We certainly don't want to go winless in the rivalry games.

The five-point Lobo loss Dec. 19 at the Pan Am was the only home loss the Aggies have had all year. It was also the best attended home game of the year, drawing 8,177 fans – too many of them Lobo fans.

This is one entertaining Aggie basketball team. And you only get three more times to see them in Las Cruces – The UTEP game and then March 7 against WAC-leading Louisiana Tech and March 9 against the University of Texas-Arlington.

Take advantage of the best entertainment value in town and cheer on the Aggies as they head into March Madness.



THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED AMERICANS TICKS UP BY ONE

Letters to the Editor

Sequestration no threat to bloated military

I have to differ with Allen Tyree in his Feb. 15 letter to the editor headlined "Protect military funding."

There is too much hype about how so-called sequestration cuts to the military will decimate readiness – and reality. Sequestration will make the U.S. a second-rate military power? Ludicrous.

We will lead the world for decades on expenditures alone. Thank you former Secretary Panetta for your comment. Military spending is not a "sacred cow." B.S. rationales need to go.

The United States spends close to 45 percent of the earth's military expenditures, followed by China with 8.2 percent. We spend more than the next 14 countries combined – including China, Russia, the United Kingdom and France. Iran is not even a blip. Our military budget is nine times China's and 17 times Russia's.

This country doesn't need to direct additional resources to the military. We have ended one war and are ending another. War savings are projected at some \$130 billion annually, an apparent 20 percent of the Pentagon's \$680 billion budget.

There should be, regardless of hype, lots

of existing dollars for Pentagon reprogramming and slimming. Historically, US military spending dropped 31 percent after Korea, 28 percent after Vietnam and 31 percent after the Cold War. However, I hear literally nothing about slimming the Pentagon by even a penny.

The military budgets, even the president's proposals, just go up – some 35 percent in the last decade, triple the rest of America's discretionary budget.

We are not heeding President Eisenhower's warning to "beware the military-industrial complex." That complex now owns us. More than 700 overseas bases, incredible duplication of equipment across the services, billions of procurement waste, weapons the military does not want, etc.

There has been little public focus on 21st century war. We are still bound to an 1980-90s military with reform, such as drones – legally questionable – around the edges. Recent U.S. thinking shows failure to really act in Syria, the nascent failure in Afghanistan and a slow unraveling in Iraq.

Judicious pruning of current operations and redirection of the military fully to the 21st century is achievable without cutting out the basic beef – including training. The success of America in this century depends on much more than a constantly expanding Pentagon.

Jerry Nachison

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Former governor back on the trail

Richardson visit to North Korea rekindles media interest

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



What's Bill Richardson doing these days? The answer is lots. And recently it is the sort of thing that gets you in the Washington Post and on weekend talk shows.

Last month, Richardson took another trip to North Korea. I'm not sure what the link is between New Mexico and North Korea. Richardson has taken several trips there. A top North Korean delegation was Richardson's first visitors when he took office Jan. 1, 2003. The North Koreans arrived on the 6th, as I remember.

Former Gov. Dave Cargo was a good friend of the North Koreans, too. After his two, two-year terms, he says he made several private visits to North Korea. I'm not sure we ever knew exactly why, but the first time Richardson was dispatched to Korea, Cargo offered to tag along and introduce him.

The atomic city

Maybe the North Koreans are interested in New Mexico because of our nuclear history. Richardson said when he asked them what sights they would like to see, they pointed toward Los Alamos. Maybe they were scouting out the entire area so that they could familiarize future spies. That reportedly is what the Russians have long done.

Back in Richardson's congressional days, he started traveling to rogue countries as a sort of special envoy with somewhat informal White House approval. This time, the

White House did not approve. But Richardson countered that this time he was traveling as a private citizen.

Richardson was heading a delegation composed mostly of top executives from Google. The North Koreans are very interested in high-tech communication devices. And Google is interested in selling them.

Richardson also wanted to see what he could do about freeing an American who has been held for several months. He doesn't seem to have accomplished anything on that count – probably because he was traveling as a private citizen and had nothing to bargain with.

A message of hope

But Richardson came back with a message of hope that the new North Korean dictator is interested in moving along from nuclear and missile development to economic development. Richardson felt so confident about the message he received from government officials near the top that he came home and wrote an op-ed piece for the Washington Post.

At just about the same time, North Korea successfully fired a missile it claimed was capable of reaching the United States. The poor timing made Richardson a hot commodity on talk shows beginning Saturday, Feb. 16.

Richardson still thinks this would be a good time for top U.S. or U.N. officials to initiate some form of communication with

the new dictator, himself. North Korea now has proved it can make a nuclear device and can fire a missile a long way. The next thing it needs to start developing economically is

“Once he got going, it has been the typical Richardson Express charging down the track again.”

Staying busy

And what else has Bill Richardson been doing lately other than appearing in major newspapers and on national TV? He has an international relations firm of his own. He serves on volunteer boards of many other international relations agencies. He serves on boards of many profit-making firms, pulling in lots of bucks and stock shares. And he is the featured speaker at many high-profile conferences and at many top universities.

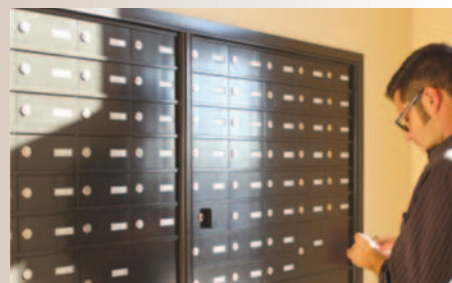
Richardson didn't start out particularly fast as an ex-governor. His website was rather bare for a while. But once he got going, it has been the typical Richardson Express charging down the track again.

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Productivity and jobs

Government interference skews process

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



The legislative mandate is government should get between the buyer and seller and tell both how the seller should be compensated. More so, it tells the buyer that the needs of the seller are paramount, even if the transaction is not equally beneficial for the buyer.

The government has no place in a financial transaction where the knowledge of the trade is equal. In today's market, the trade is for goods, called "productivity," and "compensation." The trade is someone's productivity for someone's money. It is a simple trade since both participants get to decide if they want to trade. Both can go forward with the transaction or both can decide not to trade.

The government says the problem with the free exercise of trade is that the person with productivity has no leverage. Not so, people with money understand the only way they get more money is by trading money for productivity, which fuels commercial enterprises. Productivity is the lifeblood of enterprise. Employers are only as good as their workers.

The sticking point is when people have no productivity. What are they trading? Further, it is nonsense to think any worker is the same as any other worker. This is a

"one size fits all" notion from government.

The government dictates to the buyers of productivity that all workers have the same baseline of productivity whether they actually have any productivity or not. Employers are told that a fresh-faced novice in business with no productive skills must be compensated for productive skills they do not have. Our only other option is to not hire that person. Most do not hire people who do not have any productive skills.

Why would I trade money with someone who does not have something to trade? Worse, I am forced into charity work with the lifeblood of my business, my workforce. As those who know me can attest, I am quite charitable, but I cannot afford to be with my workforce. My workforce is all that is between me and being out of business. The government stops me from making a fair trade for the actual productivity of potential employees.

Now, let us look at this issue from the standpoint of the seller of productivity. When we try to get our first job it is the Catch 22 moment. Potential employees must have productive skills to get a job and can only get productive skills by having a job. If I want to work for an employer to get that first set of productive

skills the most sensible trade cannot be made. I cannot discount my trade of productivity to reflect my lack of skills.

The government says that regardless of my lack of ability to trade fairly, there is a higher issue, that of how much money I need to live in this world. This is rubbish because I will not get hired by need alone. I must trade productivity for money, so that my employer and I both win in a sustainable market.

Instead, the government sets the terms of the trade, therefore the trade is not made for the least productive members of our society. How is it helping the least productive members of our society to be kept out of the job market by their lack of trade goods? They have nothing to trade so most are not hired. They need the job more than the money because without the job skills they cannot be hired. Why not let them make any trade they want that benefits them?

The politicians say, "We are looking out for you," while keeping them unemployed.

New bills in the legislatures of states and in Congress wish to push the minimum wage even higher. Why are they not pushing the productivity of potential workers instead? Then there would be something to trade. Without productivity to trade, the job applicants are left out of the market.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Spousal training

One of the most important things in the success of a marriage is spousal training.

Many stories exist when a "cowboy type" (male or female) marries someone with an urban upbringing. Usually, it is the male heir to the ranch who goes to A&M, falls in love with a city girl and brings her home.

Mother and dad get a feelin' pretty quick whether the "tryout" is going to fit in the family. Maybe she's funny or loves kids, rolls up her sleeves and does the dishes and really appears to care for their lovesick son.

Or, they immediately realize they better get a prenuptial agreement to keep from losing the ranch.

But most brides are willing to learn something new to please the potential groom. However, there are some limits.

Cary came home with a young horse. He was pretty shiny, but not too "civilized." Cary put a bale of hay in each corner of a square corral to give the illusion of a round pen, haltered the nervous three-year old and began its training.

By the fourth day, Bad News (the horse's new name) was still not coming along as quickly as Cary had hoped. The horse had been introduced to the saddle, but you could say they weren't best friends.

Day five, Cary asked his new bride of three weeks if she would come and help him with one of the horses. He was keenly aware that she was unschooled in animal husbandry, but it would be a good chance for her to get a lesson in spousal training.

He handed her a 12-foot training whip and climbed into the saddle on Bad News. "Now," he instructed, "I'm gonna ride this horse in a circle. You stand here in the center of the corral.

"If he balks or stops you just show him

the whip and cluck."

"OK," she said, but she was wondering "What was a cluck?"

Her training had begun.

Then Bad News stopped.

"Now," said Cary quietly.

She laid that whip across Bad News' butt like it was a Cat-o-Nine Tails and crowed like a rooster. Bad News went to buckin'.

When he got tired of buckin' in a circle, he bucked over the slip rail, into the boneyard, over the hay rake and through the irrigation pipes. Suddenly, he pitched forward releasing the saddle horn from the waist button on his jean jacket and fired our spousal trainer into a pile of net wire fencing and cedar posts, where he hung up and flipped over a corrugated culvert, banged his head on a rusty disc blade and sank in a pile.

He could hear his wife screaming.

"Oh," he thought, "she's concerned about me."

Then, he realized she was racing for the house, cursing him colorfully, vowing at the top of her lungs she would never help him in the barn again.

Today, 10 years later, he loves her still. They have three kids, she has a job in town and the spousal training continues; he fixes breakfast, picks up his socks, he's learned to run the washer/dryer and dish-washer and they take turns with the 3-year old (child, not horse).

They've learned to compromise; she deigns to feed the stock when he is gone, but draws the line at holding horses under any condition, or doctoring Cary if he's wounded so badly he needs stitches.

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Community College Corner

Anniversaries on horizon at DACC

New Student Resources Building opens on East Mesa

By **Margie Huerta**

Special to the Las Cruces Bulletin

As the new Student Resources Building opens on Doña Ana Community College's East Mesa campus and the DACC prepares to celebrate its 40th anniversary, it will also celebrate an important milestone in the history of the college – the 10th anniversary of the East Mesa campus.

What started as a single building accessible only by winding through an adjacent neighborhood has emerged from the sands of the desert to become a fully accessible, 60-acre jewel on the East Mesa. The East Mesa campus includes five buildings: administration, academic resources, digital media, student resources and a 400-seat auditorium. The completion of the new 66,500-square-foot Student Resources Building marks the culmination of Phases VI and VII of the East Mesa campus.

This construction project was initiated with your help, through the passing of \$6 million in state, and \$12 million in local funding, through general obligation bonds in 2008. Construction was completed in fall 2012, and the new Student Resources Building offers space for the emergency medical services, education, public health, law enforcement/criminal justice, hospitality and tourism and



Doña Ana Community College students Brittany Alvarez, Jemory Castro and Jeromy Castro Jr., visit with DACC Vice President of Student Services Ike Ledesma in one of the common areas of the new Student Resources building.

DACC photo by Gloria N. Dominguez

culinary arts programs, the last of which has a multi-station kitchen and two cooking-demonstration classrooms.

An interactive simulation theater creates virtually in vivo training experiences for students of the Law Enforcement Academy. Additionally, all DACC student services are accessible not only at the central campus on Espina Street, but now at the East Mesa campus as well.

The mission of DACC's student services is to provide high quality services to students, staff and community. The division assists students with career and personal development and contributes to their success through academic advising, admissions, career services, dual credit, financial aid, registra-

tion, services for students with disabilities, student activities, testing services and veterans programs.

These services are open to students at the East Mesa campus from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and available at DACC's central campus on a modified schedule.

The new Student Resources Building joins DACC's most recently completed construction projects in being LEED certified, meaning it meets the standards for the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. LEED

certification is the building industry's well-respected recognition of superior energy and environmental design and construction.

We look forward to celebrating the official opening of this building with you late this spring.

Margie Huerta is the president of Doña Ana Community College. DACC Corner appears every other week in the Las Cruces Bulletin. For more information about DACC and its many student offerings, log on to www.dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7500.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks for the smiles

On Feb. 8, Bright Star Dental held its seventh annual Dentistry From The Heart and provided free dental care to 130 people, for a total of \$30,000 in free dental services. We could not have had this successful event without the help of a number of businesses, Doña Ana Community College dental hygiene and dental assisting students, individuals and the support of the media.

We want to express our thanks to these businesses: Expert Care, SmartPractice and Patterson for making donations of services and supplies supporting our day of free dental care. Thanks also to Susan and Joel Stoltzfus and Joann Meng for their generous donations. We also greatly appreciate the support of the City of Las Cruces, which proclaimed Feb. 8 to be "Dentistry From The Heart Day."

Dentistry From The Heart would not happen without these outstanding volunteers, in addition to the entire Bright Star Dental staff who also gave their time: Dr. Gene Gabaldon and hygienist Melissa Padilla; volunteers Bob Cooley, Dot Wilcox, Michelle Read, Yolanda Ondelacy, Fran Witt, Anthony Prieto, Elisha Lubeck, Jaime Piceno, Naomi Goldsmith, Gail Frost, Rebecca Galvan, Jovette Garcia, Jenny McGee, Vanessa Carrera, Monique Ortega, Martha Escanvela, Cecilia Marquez, Tiffenie Marquez, Renee Ochoa, Vita Hoffman, Shawn Dosch, Gilbert Lopez and Paty Hernandez. Of course, I have to thank my family members who volunteered their time: my wife Terry and our children Spencer, Christine and Chase.

Our appreciation also goes to media outlets such as the Las Cruces Sun-News, the Las Cruces Bulletin, KRWG, Bravo Mic, Radio Las Cruces, KDBC Channel 4 and KVIA Channel 7 for reporting on and promoting the event.

Our thanks go to the entire team who helped bring healthier smiles to 130 people this year.

Brian Gilbert, DDS
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Coming Up

Senior Olympics holds race walk

The Senior Olympics of Doña Ana County is holding weekly clinics for race walkers at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday at the New Mexico State University track (south end).

The coach is Betty Burgess, a national race walking medal winner and the event coordinator for the county Senior Olympics.

Race walking is an athletic event that offers a low-impact, healthful and competitive activity. The mechanics and rules are unfamiliar to most people but are easy to learn. The local Senior Olympics is sponsoring this series of clinics open to all people free of charge.

LCHS Showcase Band has breakfast fundraiser

The Las Cruces High School Showcase Band will hold a "Breakfast for Dinner" fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the LCHS cafeteria, 1755 El Paseo Road.

Tickets are \$6 each. Proceeds benefit the Showcase Band music education and programs.

Pancakes with a variety of optional fruit toppings, including mixed berries, strawberries, blueberries and bananas, will be served with bacon, sausage or ham and a drink.

Tickets are available from any Showcase Band member, the Band Parent Association or at the door.

For more information, contact LCHS Band Parent Association President Michelle Hess at 571-6474.

Clay target challenge

Mesilla Valley Shotgun Sports and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish will host the Southern New Mexico Clay Target Challenge from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Butterfield Shooting Range, located east of Las Cruces off Interstate 10, Exit 127.

The 75-target competition is free. Competitors will compete in under-12, under-15 and under-18 age groups. Preregistration is preferred but not required.

For more information, call 644-3936 or 642-2072.

GOP women meet Feb. 22

The Doña Ana County Federated Republican Women will meet at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

Jim Harbison will speak about Agenda 21. Lunch is \$9 and reservations are required by noon Monday, Feb. 18.

For information call, Caren Lulich at 373-0828.

SAR group meets

The Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday, Feb. 23, at Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, 1274 Golf Club Road.

For more information, call Sam Bradley at 522-3479.

German club meets

The Friends of the German Language (Freunde der Deutschen Sprache) meet at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month during the school year at New Mexico State University in Breland Hall, Room 170A. New members are welcome. On Thursday, Feb. 21, the club will show a German-language comedy film with English subtitles.

For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

Boy Scouts hold brisket dinner fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 173 is having a brisket dinner fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. to help send the boys to Philmont Scout Ranch. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call 635-0459.

American Gun Culture Club gets together Feb. 27

The American Gun Culture Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1720 Avenida de Mesilla. The club is pro U.S. Constitution, life, family and Christian. For more information, call Bev Courtney at 642-1003.

Model airplane club invites those interested in the sport

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) will hold its regular general meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Rawson's Self Storage, 1103 N. Solano Drive. Anyone interested in the sport of model flying is invited to attend.

MVMAC members fly electric or fuel-powered airplanes, helicopters, gliders and jets. Instruction is available. An Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) membership is required to fly with the club.

For more information, call Jim Caldwell, 680-8195.

For information concerning electric-powered model flight, call John Womack at 522-0785.

Visit www.mvmac.org, for membership, meeting, flying field, and future event information. For AMA membership and additional model aeronautics information, visit www.modelaircraft.org.

Therapeutic Recreation Program temporary relocation

The Life Center, 2225 E. Griggs Ave., will close Friday, March 1, for renovation. During the renovation, the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's Therapeutic Recreation Program will temporarily move all recreational activities held at the Life Center to the Frank O'Brien Paper Recreation Center,

304 W. Bell Ave. Once renovations are complete, Therapeutic Recreation Program activities will resume to include expanded programming.

The City of Las Cruces Therapeutic Recreation Programs assists adults and youth, with and without disabilities, to use their leisure time to enhance their physical, social, recreational, and artistic abilities.

The program's monthly activities calendar is available online at www.las-cruces.org.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.

High Range meeting set

The High Range Neighborhood Association will hold its 2013 annual meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Community Room. City Councillor Sharon Thomas will speak about the Las Cruces Dam Restoration Project.

JPT Academy presents plan

The J. Paul Taylor Academy, 3900 Del Rey Blvd., will present its plan for sixth- through eighth-grade education for the 2013-14 school year at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the academy.

Anyone interested is invited come to the academy to learn more about the plan.

For more information, call 652-4006, email info@jpaultayloracademy.org or visit www.jpaultayloracademy.org.

Square dancing club meets

The Blue Bells Square Dance Club meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Club callers are Jeanie, Fred and Craig. Visitors are welcome. Cost is \$5 at the door.

For more information, call 524-2471.

Children's book roundup

New Mexico State University's Student National Education Association (SNEA), in partnership with NMSU Athletics, is hosting a Book Roundup at the Aggie men's basketball game versus UTEP at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Pan American Center. Attendees are asked to bring a new or gently used children's book in any language to celebrate Read Across America. SNEA will collaborate with the Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County and the Las Cruces Public Schools to read with and donate the books to local children. Those not attending the game may donate books through Thursday, Feb. 28, at NMSU's O'Donnell Hall, Room 101 or in the lobby of the Stan Fulton Center.

For more information, call 646-3404.

Gem and mineral show set

The Museum Rocks, a gem and mineral show, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage

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The Museum Rocks is a fundraiser for the Friends of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, a 501(c)3 nonprofit that raises funds for special needs of the museum. Admission is \$4 for anyone 4 and older and includes museum entry.

Exhibitors for this show are coming from Arizona, California, Oregon, Texas and around New Mexico. A special jewelry showcase highlights finished products. Attendees can browse and purchase raw stones, buy finished stones for their own products or purchase finished jewelry.

There are also be educational displays from the Zuhl Museum, the New Mexico History Museum in Albuquerque, the White Sands National Monument geologist and the Bureau of Land Management.

For more information, visit www.lcmuseumrocks.com or call Helping Hands Event Planning at 522-1232.

Volunteer fair at cultural center

The 2013 Las Cruces Volunteer Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

Those interested in volunteer opportunities will have the chance to visit with 30 nonprofit agencies represented at the fair. Refreshments and door prizes will be available and attendees will be welcomed by Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima at 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call 528-3035.

Read Across America event

National Education Association-Las Cruces will hold its annual Read Across America celebration from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Frank O'Brien Papen Recreation Center (formerly Mesilla Park Recreation Center), 304 W. Bell Ave.

This year's honorary event chair is Las Cruces Public Schools Joint Ungraded Multi-Age Program (JUMP) Principal Arsenio Romero.

The event is free and is open to all LCPS students as well as students in charter and private schools and students who are home schooled. Pre-schoolers are also welcome. The NEA asks that parents remain with their children during the event.

The event is a celebration of reading for children of all ages. It will include hotdogs and drinks, prizes for reading and lots of games and activities for everyone.

For more information, contact Booker T. Washington Elementary School teacher Pattie Burnham at 527-9494 or pburnam@lcpk.k12.nm.us, or visit www.nea.org/grants/886.htm.

Gym and cheer classes offered

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is taking registration for spring sessions I and II of youth gymnastics and youth cheer. Classes begin Monday, Feb. 25, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration is ongoing until classes are full.

Classes are as follows:

- Youth Gymnastics ages 3 to 5, 3 to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Youth Gymnastics ages 6 to 9, 4 to 4:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday
- Youth Cheer ages 6 to 12, 5 to 5:50 p.m. Monday and Wednesday

All youth class sessions consist of eight classes. Session I will run Feb. 25-March 20. Session II will run April 8-May 1.

Cost is \$30 per person per session. A parent must be present with children under age 6.

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department youth gymnastics and youth cheer are basic experience classes. Classes are designed to be introductory, skilled development for new and beginning students. Basic experience classes are designed to provide affordable programming and recreation appeal. These classes do not provide progressive experience or advanced experience instruction.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. TTY number is 541-2771.

Work continues on U.S. 70

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), with Smith and Aguirre Construction Co., continues work along U.S. Highway 70 from Del Rey Boulevard to NASA Road.

Smith and Aguirre Construction will have 12-foot lane restrictions in two-mile increments. Daily operations will be ongoing from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Motorists will

encounter left lane closures as vehicles approach the work zone throughout the duration of the project.

The scope of the work consists of installing post and cable barrier within the median area, along with miscellaneous paving and earthwork from Del Rey to NASA. Working hours have been adjusted in order to minimize traffic congestion during peak hours. NMDOT in conjunction with Smith and Aguirre Construction Co. will work with law enforcement in providing oversight on the roadway as construction is taking place.

NMDOT is encouraging motorists to slow down and use extreme caution in and around the work zones. Updates on road projects and traffic alerts will be posted at www.nmroads.com and are available by calling 511 in New Mexico or 800-432-4269.

Engineer presents during Science Café

Science Café will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St.

Floyde Adams, mechanical engineer, will lead a discussion of the significance of steam power and the important science behind today's interest in steam. Steam brought in the railroads and led to increased settlement in this area. It was the power that propelled transportation to our area for half a century. The steam automobile was championed by many a century ago. So where is steam in the scheme of today's technology?

Sigma Xi's Science Café is presented by the Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science. The Café discussions are free and open to the public. Come a little early for snacks and soft drinks. Students and all seeking greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call 522-3120.

Embroiderers' guild meets

Las Cruces Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, a national organization of stitchers, meets twice a month at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. the second Saturday and the fourth Wednesday of each month. Visitors are welcome.

For more information, call 522-4684.

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State workers may pay to correct pension fund

Martinez demands action on problem

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

Most current and future state workers would have to pay more into their retirement funds, get smaller cost-of-living increases and work longer to receive retirement benefits under a bill working its way through the state Senate.

A spokesman for the leading public employees union in the state said Wednesday, Feb. 20, that state employees definitely will "take a hit" if Senate Bill 27 becomes law.

Still, Carter Bundy, legislative director for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said the union supports the legislation, sponsored by Sen. George Muñoz, D-Gallup and Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela, D-Santa Fe.

"I'm not happy," Bundy said. "But if the (pension) funds tank," it will hurt all employees.

Indeed, a fiscal impact report by the Legislative Finance Committee concludes, "Failure to redesign pension benefits this year will mean more drastic changes next year."

To add to the pressure to pass some kind of pension fix, Gov. Susana Martinez has threatened to call lawmakers back in special session if the pension solvency issue isn't dealt with.

SB 27 deals with the Public Employees Retirement Association, which handles pensions for thousands of retired and current state workers. The retirement fund is facing a growing \$6.2 billion unfunded liability.

Under the bill, workers, beginning in July, would be hit with a 1.5 percent increase in the amount of money deducted from their paychecks to pay into the pension fund. The state would be paying another 1.5 percent into the fund. That would be phased in over two years.

The bill would reduce the cost-of-living adjustments from the current 3 percent to 2 percent. In 2016, retirees would have to wait three years to get the cost-of-living increase instead of the current two-year wait.

The bill unanimously passed the Senate

Judiciary Committee last week. It's now headed to the Senate Finance Committee.

Meanwhile, other legislation aimed at fixing the state's retirement fund for teachers, school administrators and other school employees also is being considered by the Legislature. That fund also is facing unfunded liabilities close to \$6 billion.

Senate Republican Leader Stuart Ingle of Portales is sponsoring SB 115, while a similar bill, House Bill 64, is sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart, D-Albuquerque. Stewart's bill was heard in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee on Wednesday. The committee delayed taking action on the bill until the next meeting.

Both education pension-fix bills would increase employee contribution rates 2.8 percent over a two-year

period for employees earning more than \$20,000 a year.

Beginning in July, those hired would have to work for 30 years and retire no sooner than the age of 55 to receive full retirement benefits.

The Senate Education Committee unanimously passed SB 115 early this month.

"Hopefully we can fix it this year," Ingle said Wednesday. "We've got to (pass) something that will get signed on the Fourth Floor."

Ingle blamed part of the problems with the pension funds on the stock market in the 1990s.

"The stock market was so good then, money was just pouring into these funds," he said. However, the unsteady nature of the market since the turn of the century has made the state's pension benefit unsustainable," Ingle said.

Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, who chairs the Senate Finance committee, said he expects to hear SB 27, as well as Ingle's SB 115, as early as Monday, Feb. 25.

"I've been fighting this battle for 12 years," Smith said, referring to pension funds. "We really need to make some significant changes. The longer we procrastinate, the more harsh the fix is going to be."

“I’ve been fighting this battle for 12 years.”

JOHN ARTHUR SMITH,
senator

House, Senate pass PRC qualifications standards

Debate centers on experience scope

By **Staci Matlock**
The New Mexican

The Senate and House have each approved different bills that beef up qualifications for candidates seeking election to the Public Regulation Commission (PRC).

The PRC's five sitting commissioners, who regulate utilities, transportation businesses and telecommunications, get a reprieve from the qualifications under both bills.

The Senate approved Senate Bill 8 on Wednesday, Feb. 20. The version of SB 8 that reached the Senate floor had already been substituted in two committees. Sen. Tim Keller, D-Albuquerque, who carried the original legislation, called the final substitute "the best possible bill" to send on to the House.

The bill requires PRC candidates to have at least three years of relevant government experience, five years of experience managing an engineering firm or business regulated by the commission, or be a licensed professional engineer, certified public accountant or attorney.

The House also has approved a PRC qualifications bill, combining House Bills 47 and 89. The bill requires 12 years of work experience, higher education or a combination of both.

Sen. Linda Lopez, D-Albuquerque, said Wednesday before the Senate vote that SB 8 would disqualify too many New Mexicans, in particular women, from running for the PRC. She called the PRC qualifications a "slippery

slope" that would lead to increased requirements for candidates running for other New Mexico offices.

Lopez suggested amending the bill to require legislative candidates to have bachelor's degrees, but was voted down.

New Mexico voters approved a constitutional amendment in the fall requiring qualifications for PRC candidates. The Legislature is tasked with setting the qualifications before July 1.

Lawmakers will now have to hammer out a compromise between the House and Senate bills. Here's how the two compare:

Both bills grandfather in sitting commissioners. Both bills require ongoing ethics training for all commissioners, including those currently elected.

The House bill calls for 12 years of work experience, college education or a combination of both. The Senate version requires three years of government experience, five years of professional experience or a professional license.

The House bill allows professional experience to be in a range of fields, including accounting, earth sciences, economics, energy, engineering, finance, government administration, telecommunications, water and wastewater. The Senate bill requires a candidate's work experience to be in managing an engineering firm or a company regulated by the PRC or an advocacy group that goes before the PRC.

The Senate bill specifies that professional engineers, certified public accountants and attorneys licensed in New Mexico would qualify as candidates. The House bill lists educational fields that mirror those allowed for work experience and weights each type of degree.

Cote offers districts more charter school oversight

Rep. Nate Cote, D-Doña Ana, Otero, has introduced House Bill 453, which will empower school boards to establish corrective action for district charter schools with unsatisfactory audit findings.

HB 453 establishes a process for school districts to make recommendations for reform of charter schools following special or annual audits. If, following a second audit, it is determined that the failings of the charter school have not been corrected, school districts would have the ability to transfer charters to the state.

Through the creation of a chartering au-

thority which conducts annual reviews, the status of charter schools may be reviewed. If failings are identified, recommendations can be made. After a reasonable time, a follow-up audit will take place. If failings have not been corrected, the charter may be transferred.

"Charter schools that are failing should not be a burden on a school district," Cote said. "School districts should not be powerless to address the shortcomings in educational standards and every effort should be made to live up to the expectations laid out in a charter. I hope this bill empowers school districts to make the reforms needed to improve failing charter schools."

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Legislature 2013

Lawmakers kill liquor tax bill

Local option not allowed

By **Julie Ann Grimm**
The New Mexican

It's been more than 20 years since the state Legislature allowed voters in McKinley County to decide whether to increase taxes on alcohol to help pay for substance abuse treatment programs. Six times since then, voters there have opted to leave the tax in place.

But state laws don't allow voters in other New Mexico counties to have the same debate: Would adding 4 cents to the cost of a bottle of beer be worth an increase in funds to help rehabilitate substance abusers?

A measure proposing a local-option liquor excise tax has once again died in the New Mexico House of Representatives. The House Taxation and Revenue Committee last week tabled House Bill 212 on a late-night vote, and the proposal is unlikely to see the light of day again during this legislative session.

Year after year, county and city officials – including Santa Fe city councilors and county commissioners – have asked for the local taxing authority that McKinley County already has. They want to raise more revenue to provide steady funding for alcohol and substance abuse prevention and treatment. But the result has been predictably similar: State lawmakers aren't going for it.

The New Mexico Municipal League and the New Mexico Association of Counties, along with representatives from Lee, Union, Rio Arriba and San Juan counties, have advocated for the bill. But lobbyists for the liquor and restaurant industries, as well as some business leaders, have spoken against it.

Santa Fe City Councilor Patti Bushee skipped a regularly scheduled City Council meeting last week to spend the day at the Roundhouse and attend the committee hearing on the bill, which did not conclude until after 10 p.m. She said this year's outcome was a blow to the city of Santa Fe in particular because two representatives from the Santa Fe area voted against it. A third was absent from the committee hearing.

"To have two of our Santa Fe representatives beholden to the liquor industry is disturbing," Bushee said in an interview Monday, Feb. 18. "We've been trying to do this for a while. I expected at a certain point that they would listen to the constituents rather than the liquor lobby."

Santa Fe's alcohol treatment options are severely limited, she said, noting that the only public sobering center, run by Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, has about a dozen beds but regularly needs more than twice that number. A steady infusion of tax money would help local officials get a handle on public inebriation and related social issues, she said.

"There is a problem in Santa Fe, and they are tying our hands, basically," the councilor said, noting that she believes such a local-option tax would pass muster with Santa Fe voters.

Rep. Jim Trujillo, D-Santa Fe, said he objected to the law because it would put an "undue burden" on liquor distributors who would have to change computer systems to charge different tax rates in different counties.

Bill would update all home values

Proposal offers increases and relief

By **Bruce Krasnow**
The New Mexican

The chairman of the House Taxation and Revenue Committee has introduced a bill that would revalue all residential property in New Mexico to the fair-market price – and then offer some relief to those who stay in their homes 10 years or more.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Edward C. Sandoval, attempts to fix an inequity that started a decade ago, when the Legislature passed a law that limits residential property to an annual valuation increase of 3 percent – unless it sells or the owner makes improvements.

The 3 percent limit was put in place at a time when many counties hadn't updated property records, so thousands of older homes with longtime owners have been valued significantly below their market value for more than a decade.

Under current law, a home that has a \$100,000 value cannot be increased to more than \$103,000 the next year, if there are no improvements, even if the market says the property is worth more.

Though real estate prices have stagnated or declined the past five years, the cumulative impact in the past decade is that new buyers find their homes are

valued much higher than comparable properties – and they are paying more in taxes to support the exact same schools and services.

"The problem is there is a huge inequity when a property is resold," Bill Campbell of the Realtors Association of New Mexico told lawmakers during an interim committee meeting last year.

"Your neighbor might be paying twice as much you're paying and living in the same house."

Under Sandoval's House Bill 521, all property would be increased to its market value starting Jan. 1, 2014. After that, the cap for an annual increase would rise to 5 percent. But longtime owners would qualify for additional relief.

HB 521 states:

- New Mexico residents who have been in their homes 10 or more years can qualify for a 5 percent reduction in value.
- New Mexico residents who are age 65 or older and in their home 20 or more years would qualify for a 10 percent reduction in value.

Sandoval was not available to discuss the bill.

In a lawsuit brought by a homebuyer, the valuation cap is now under review by the state Supreme Court. It has also

been criticized because it covers all residential property – whether or not it is owned or rented – and so landlords, property companies and those with vacation homes are benefiting from a law that was meant to protect those who stayed in their neighborhoods while other property around them changed hands and increased in values, a concept known as "tax lightning."

Sandoval's bill limits the benefits of the valuation breaks to New Mexico residents who live in their primary residences, not landlords, and it would be up to county assessors to certify those conditions.

The state also has in place laws that grant low-income homeowners – those with an income of \$18,000 or less – additional relief, and the bill would not change that part of the state law.

In Santa Fe County, Gary Perez, deputy assessor, said last year that 10 percent of homes – 5,000 or so – have not changed hands since the 2001 law and would be reset to 90 percent of market value if the bill became law. On average, those undervalued homes are at about 65 percent of market value. The statewide estimate is that 10 percent of all houses are valued below the 90 percent threshold, Perez said.

The bill has been assigned to the House Judiciary Committee.

Procurement code reform proposed

More transparency sought

By **Bruce Krasnow**
The New Mexican

Two lawmakers are taking aim at no-bid or sole-source contracts, hoping that greater transparency and stiffer penalties will boost accountability and save tax money.

Senate Bill 182 is sponsored by Sen. Sander Rue, a Republican from Bernalillo, and Democratic Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela of Santa Fe, who worked together on the issue while serving on the Legislative Finance Committee over the past year.

Rue said the bill focuses especially on what has been abuse in sole-source purchasing, which was targeted as one area that needed more oversight in a 2008 audit of state purchasing by the Legislature.

Sole-source purchasing allows agencies to forgo a formal bidding process by declaring a certain product, property or service unique to just one business or vendor. The bill would require that all purchasing managers justify sole-source contracts in writing and then post their decisions on the agency website

and the state's Sunshine Portal, as well as send the finding to the Legislature. If it's not an emergency purchase, the posting must be done 30 days in advance.

"It makes this process of procurement much more open and it must be posted on the Sunshine Portal," Rue said. "Just by making it more transparent, you deter the potential for fraud and corruption."

The publishing of the no-bid contracts also will give other businesses a chance to review the decision and file an appeal.

SB 182 has passed two senate committees and heads to the Senate floor.

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Haines

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Other feedback that Perez said she's received since Haines' decision became public includes people don't want the county spending a lot of money on a search firm.

"We totally understand that feeling," she said. "We're going to look for ways we can tap the resources we have internally to do this in-house."

Haines began his long medical leave September 2012, first as a 12-week unpaid medically related leave of absence that's allowed by the federal law. His unpaid medical leave, which had been extended 90 days, officially expired on Feb. 5, but Perez said that was really the deadline for Haines to make the decision

about whether he could return.

Padilla was the assistant manager under Haines. Perez confirmed Padilla intends to apply for the job of county manager.

Before he left, Haines earned \$138,051 annually. Haines, the son of a prominent local dentist, was first hired at the county in May 2001 as a temporary employee doing audit analysis, which led to him being the finance director before becoming an interim county manager. He eventually was made permanent.

Haines oversaw the construction of the new county government center that was brought in on budget and built with room for future expansion. Before his leave, Haines found funding to build the county's first crisis triage center to help keep people with mental illness from being jailed. The Doña Ana County Detention Center has suffered several major lawsuits from its treatment of the mentally ill.

Lawsuit

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letter stated. "Yes, they understand the New Mexico court currently has some of these issues before it, but why should they be forced to be hailed (sic) into a New Mexico court to adjudicate issues that are integral to their own state sovereignty?"

The EBID letters states the district is not yet ready to take sides on the Texas lawsuit in the Supreme Court. But the letter blamed New Mexico for taking "unreasonable litigation positions that at times could have been avoided." Should a special water master be appointed by the Supreme Court, the EBID letter warns New Mexico will likely be on the losing end of the decision-making, "considering New Mexico has never won an interstate water battle against Texas."

The Texas Supreme Court lawsuit doesn't specify how much water it believes New Mexico is illegally withholding, but that it is sufficient to irrigate thousands of acres of farmland. The city of El Paso also relies on Rio Grande water for half of its supply.

According to an article on the impacts of groundwater pumping in the Rio Grande Basin published in *Ecosphere*, a journal of the Ecological Society of America, during the 2004 drought, when federal officials curtailed releases from Elephant Butte Dam, pumping from the Mesilla Aquifer rose to twice the long-term average.

According to the *Albuquerque Journal*, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation forged an agreement between the two states in 2007 in response to Texas farmers complaints about New Mexico extracting too much groundwater. The agreement gave Texas

more river water to make up for New Mexico's groundwater use, which prompted the New Mexico AG's lawsuit.

According to Southwest Farm Press, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner Carlos Rubenstein said Texas had no choice but to go to the Supreme Court.

"It is unfortunate that we have had to resort to legal action, but negotiations with New Mexico have been unsuccessful, and Texas is not getting the water that it is allocated and legally entitled to," Rubenstein said.

In a Los Angeles Times report, New Mexico residents have drilled more than 2,500 wells below Elephant Butte since the compact was signed. Pat Gordon, Texas' representative on the Rio Grande Compact Commission, said the wells cause water to flow from the river into the adjoining underground aquifer, reducing the amount of water available for the irrigation network.

Gordon told the LA Times New Mexico has "taken a very aggressive stance regarding what water would belong to the project" that has "greatly affected the state of Texas and had an impact on the action Texas had to take."

Sarah Bond, an assistant New Mexico attorney general, denied her state had changed its interpretation of the accounting and delivery of water under the compact, according to the LA Times.

According to the Associated Press, New Mexico Attorney General Gary King said in a statement that Texas' court filing was "tantamount to extortion." The Texas complaint, if successful, would "deplete the water in southern New Mexico in a manner that would destroy the long-term viability of water resources," King said.

Fun walk for a serious cause

Members of the Ben Archer Health Center near Mayfield High School take a fun walk along the city's multi-use path to La Llorona Park Saturday, Feb. 16, as a fundraiser for the Children in Crisis organization.

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Matt Mercer, a Camp Hope resident who is its outreach coordinator, checks on the status of residents Tuesday, Feb. 19, inside the camp's mobile office on the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope campus.



Nicole Martinez, executive director for the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, stands in front of tents prior to Tuesday's City Council meeting. "The camp provides a safe place for homeless people as they transition out of homelessness," Martinez said.

Tent City

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The Planning and Zoning Commission approved Nov. 27 the PUD that seeks to address many of these issues, while raising some new ones, such as future uses for city facilities and the city's role in maintenance and management of the tent city.

Although the city is the official landlord of MVCH, the complex is run by a board for several different nonprofits providing food and shelter services, such as the emergency food bank and the daycare for homeless children.

Camp Hope has been self-policing by its residents with support from a variety of local organizations and government services. Helping the residents and MVCH come up with new layout and designs for the more permanent setup have been New Mexico State University students, including the NMSU Engineers Without Borders group.

Councillor Gill Sorg complimented the preliminary design being proposed. A final design will be developed over the next six months, with a year to construct structures, such as tent foundations.

Councillor Nathan Small, who's district includes MVCH, said he felt Camp Hope was appropriate as there are multiple zoning designations in the area. Small said the effort reflects extensive community engagement.

Councillor Olga Pedroza said she was confident that Camp Hope would succeed as the group has shown it can monitor and police itself.

Nicole Martinez, MVCH executive director, said Camp Hope has served 148 people since it started last year, with at least 50 finding accessed permanent housing. The average stay

is 122 days, or four months, she said.

Camp Hope has succeeded so far, she said, through lots of volunteer help, more than 2,500 hours. In the past year, there have been 50 police responses to MVCH, but those were for the whole MVCH campus and its entities, Martinez said, noting that 16 of the calls were related to suicide or mental illness incidents.

This is first year that MVCH didn't have to hold a candlelight vigil for homeless clients who have died in the past year, Martinez said.

Residents work to keep the camp a safe place, Martinez said, and they are willing to call police and ban noncompliant residents. The camp is supported by six government agencies to provide a variety of services.

A federal study has found tent cities to be an effective "waiting room" for access to affordable housing, Martinez said. Only 3 percent will become homeless again if they get access to affordable or low-income housing, she said.

"The PUD provides a legal way to keep the tent city going," she said.

There will be adequate sewage, roadway capacity and energy supply when the permanent Camp Hope setup is complete, she said. There will be trash disposal and fire safety measures in place, as well as permanent potable water and bathroom facilities available 24 hours. The plans include a drainage pond.

Martinez said MVCH tries to work with surrounding business owners about their concerns, some of which were raised at the meeting. Local business owners say their problems with the homeless have grown worse over the past year and that Camp Hope is part of the attraction that brings homeless people to the area.

The owners of Horse N Hound Feed N Supply are asking the city to fence in the MVCH 8-acre campus, with adjacent property

owners sharing the cost with the city, to reduce cross traffic and keep homeless people from lingering around the store and harassing employees or customers.

The PUD plans include putting up an opaque perimeter fence for Camp Hope.

The 144-square-foot tent pads are estimated to cost \$140 each. Outdoor grills on permanent pedestals will be near the community garden, instead of a closed cooking area, because Martinez said funding wasn't available for such a structure.

Currently, there are five portable rest rooms that are emptied twice weekly and cleaned daily by residents, she said.

The total cost of rezoning Camp Hope will be a financial burden on MVCH, Martinez said, at more than \$30,000 to be in compliance, include \$2,720 liability insurance paid by MVCH. But the cost and effort is worth it, Martinez said.

"Camp Hope is working," she said. "Camp Hope has become a model for other communities."

Bob Hearn, a volunteer at Camp Hope, said the MVCH campus is now more secure at night because of the camp. Hearn said the tent city has brought homeless people together to work as a community.

"If Camp Hope continues it will be a blessing to the city," Hearn said. "But it's not a cure."

Those people causing problems with local businesses are not residents of Camp Hope, Hearn said. Those problems are more a reflection of the economy and government services falling short on handling issues of homelessness and mental health, he said.

Councillors said they sympathized with the concerns raised by surrounding businesses and were agreeable to the idea of fencing in the MVCH campus.



Mercer takes a break in his tent Tuesday morning. The outside of Mercer's tent is strewn with personal memorabilia. "Camp Hope is a really unique program," Mercer said. "It's not just a place to live but it provides a sense of community."

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NMSU policy institute seeks student panelists

Annual conference hosts political greats

New Mexico State University's Domenici Institute is now accepting nominations from faculty and administrators of universities across the state for students to participate in the 2013 Domenici Public Policy Conference.

The conference takes place Sept. 18-19 and nominations are due by April 30.

"Students who serve as panelists have a great responsibility," said Garrey Carruthers, dean of NMSU's College of Business and director of the Domenici Institute. "Only 20 students will be selected and they are the only conference attendees allowed to ask questions of speakers during the program."

Through U.S. Bank, the 2013 sponsor of the Domenici Student Panelist Program, each student panelist will receive a \$250 U.S. Bank Visa gift card, a two-night hotel stay in Las Cruces and will participate in a dinner and orientation banquet. U.S. Bank sponsored the program last year, as well.

"The student panelist program is one of the most unique and important pieces of the Domenici Public Policy Conference," said Craig Buchanan, market president for U.S. Bank in Las Cruces. "It's an excellent learning experience for the students who take part and we are proud to help make this happen."

NMSU has hosted the Domenici Public Policy Conference each year since 2008. Named for retired Sen. Pete Domenici, the yearly conference attracts more than 900 attendees and brings together some of the country's top experts to thoughtfully examine and highlight important public policy matters.

While the speakers for the 2013 conference have not yet been announced, past student panelists have questioned a host of speakers, including New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez, former Secretary of State James Baker, former Senator Christopher Dodd, former

White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, political strategist James Carville, Ambassador Karen Hughes, former Senator Tom Daschle and retired Gen. Michael Hayden, former director of the National Security Agency and CIA.

Students must be nominated by faculty or administrators from their respective universities. All student nominees will be notified of their selection status via email on or before June 14. Student panelists will also have an opportunity to meet privately, as a group, with retired Sen. Pete Domenici during the conference.

"Participating in the Domenici Conference as a student panelist was a wonderful learning experience," said Emma Hamilton, an NMSU student who participated in 2012. "It strengthened my public speaking and research skills and helped open my eyes to the power of bipartisanism and idea sharing in today's public policy debates."

Students selected as panelists will be mentored by a small committee of the Domenici Institute Advisory Council. NMSU College of Education professor and advisory council member Alfred Valdez will lead the committee and guide the student preparation. Over the summer, student panelists are expected to participate in research initiatives resulting in the development of comprehensive and relevant questions to be addressed by the conference speakers. Students will work in teams and each team will be assigned to research and prepare questions for one speaker.

For more information about the program, including the online nomination form, visit <http://domenici.nmsu.edu>. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Sara Patricolo, Domenici Institute program manager, at 646-2066 or spatricolo@nmsu.edu.

“Only 20 students will be selected.”

GARREY CARRUTHERS, Domenici Institute director

Doña Ana thanks Garcia



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson
Mary Jane Garcia tells a crowd gathered at the De La O Saloon community center in the Village of Doña Ana she was unusually speechless Sunday, Feb. 17, from the turnout to celebrate her 34 years in the state Legislature, including 16 years as Senate majority whip. Friends and family signed several copies of her portrait and she was also given paintings and a plaque. In addition to her efforts in Santa Fe, Garcia has been active in community preservation.

Senior service to be honored

The search is on for New Mexico's outstanding senior volunteer.

The Salute to Senior Service program, sponsored by Home Instead Inc., honors the contributions of adults 65 and older who give at least 15 hours a month of volunteer service to their favorite causes.

Nominations for outstanding senior volunteers will be accepted until March 31. State winners then will be selected by popular vote at www.salutetoseniorservice.com. Online voting will take place April 15-30.

From the state winners, a panel of senior

care experts will pick the national Salute to Senior Service honoree.

Home Instead Inc. will donate \$500 to each of the state winners' favorite nonprofit organizations and their stories will be posted on the Salute to Senior Service Wall of Fame. In addition, \$5,000 will be donated to the national winner's nonprofit charity of choice.

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Lovin' the '50s at the CASA annual fundraiser

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From twist contests to a soda fountain, the Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) brought the 1950s back to life for its Love and the Oldies annual fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 16, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.



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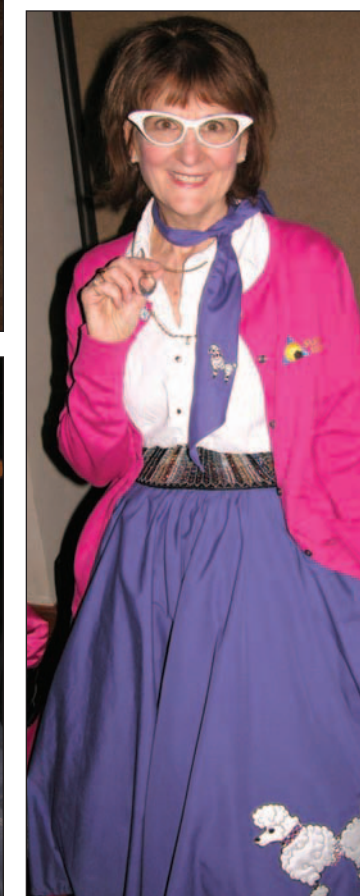
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IRS warns about identity theft

False tax returns filed to steal from government

IRS Criminal Investigation is warning taxpayers of an increase in false tax returns being filed with the IRS using stolen Social Security numbers.

Stealing identities and filing false tax returns is a serious crime that hurts innocent taxpayers.

Both nationwide and in New Mexico, IRS Criminal Investigation has designated identity theft as a priority area and increased numbers of tax fraud investigations relating to identity theft have been initiated in recent years.

There are 26 IRS Criminal Investigation field offices across

the country that investigate tax fraud and refund fraud, including identity theft.

Investigation analysts in IRS Scheme Development Centers often discover identity theft related schemes where refunds appear to be going to identity theft perpetrators. In these instances, action can be taken to stop additional false refunds and protect victim accounts.

IRS Criminal Investigation recommends prosecution of refund fraud cases, including cases involving identity theft to the Department of Justice.

"IRS Criminal Investigation is serious about investigating identity theft," said Gabriel Grchan, acting special agent in charge of the Phoenix Field Office of IRS Criminal Investigation. "Filing fraudulent tax returns is the same thing as stealing from the U.S. Treasury. It also harms those individuals whose identities were stolen.

"IRS Criminal Investigation has partnered with other local and federal law enforcement agencies to identify the perpetrators of these identity theft schemes. We have obtained the full support of the U.S. Attorney's Office to pursue prosecution of these individuals which has often resulted in significant prison sentences."

The following is an example of a recent identity theft case in New Mexico:

Douglas Kuester of Silver City, N.M., was sentenced in Nov. 2012 to 48 months in prison for filing false claims and aggravated identity theft. According to court documents, Kuester used stolen identities to file false tax returns which fraudulently claimed refunds.

Grchan said the IRS has taken numerous steps to combat identity theft and protect taxpayers.

"I encourage you to go to www.IRS.gov and read the Taxpayer Guide to Identity Theft, call 800-908-4490 or visit your local IRS office for information about identity theft and what to do if you become a victim," he said.

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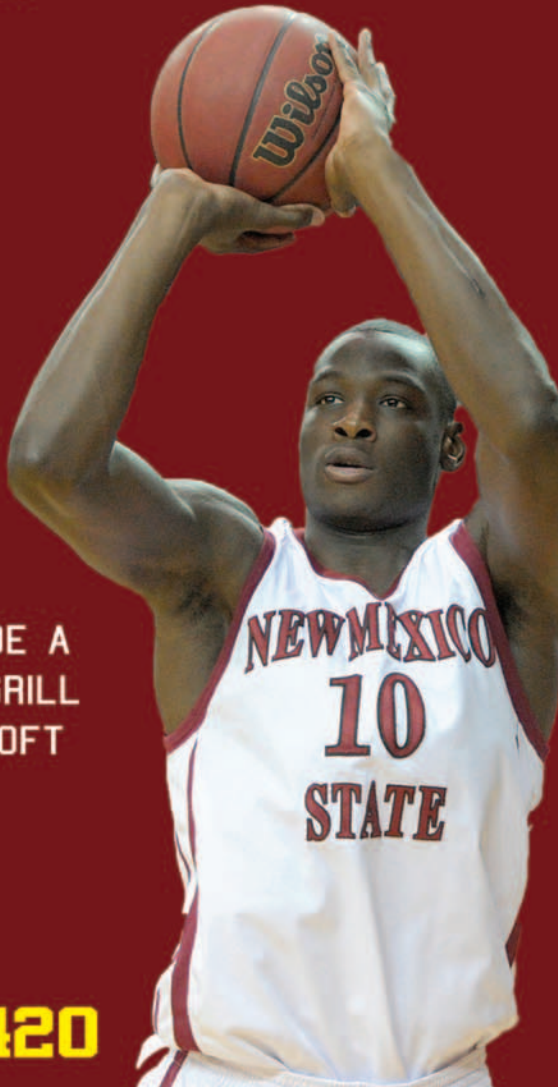
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for the burglaries.

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Jim Hilley
Deflections

The boxing world is abuzz with the news that eight-time world champion Floyd Mayweather has ditched HBO for a contract with rival network Showtime to fight “up to six times over a period of 30 months.”

Mayweather’s first fight will be against Robert “The Ghost” Guerrero on May 4, at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev.

In announcing the deal with Mayweather, Showtime PPV pointed out that Mayweather is “the PPV (pay per view) king and averages over 1 million PPV buys per event, which is the highest PPV buy average of any boxer in history.” Its press release also said the deal was “by far the biggest in the sport of boxing” and if Mayweather does indeed fight in all six fights it will be “the richest individual athlete deal in all of sports.”

Wow.

Local boxing fans, however, might be more interested in who ends up on the undercard, or perhaps “co-main event” on Cinco de Mayo weekend. It appears that matchup will feature Las Cruces’ own WBA junior middleweight champion Austin “No Doubt” Trout (26-0, 14 KOs) against Mexico’s latest hero, WBC junior middleweight champion, Saul “Canelo” Alvarez (41-0-1, 30 KOs), though no official announcement has been made. Such a match would lead to the unification of the WBA and WBC middleweight titles.

One factor driving a Trout-Alvarez matchup is that both fighters reportedly want to fight each other. After Trout’s unanimous decision over Miguel Cotto in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 1, 2012, Trout called out to the Mexican fighter who was sitting ring side: “Yo quiero!” (I’m assuming Las Cruces don’t need a translation.) Alvarez tweeted the fight deal is “99 percent done.”

If it takes place, a Trout-Alvarez matchup would be a great one for the fans, with Trout a smart, defensive fighter with great footwork and Alvarez considered an up-and-coming fighter with knock-out power.

While the major promoters in boxing would like to see a Mayweather-Alvarez matchup in Las Vegas in September, a win by Trout – and many observers think Trout has the tools to defeat Alvarez – would make the Las Cruces native the natural choice to fight Mayweather.

Whether Trout is part of the May 4 card in Las Vegas or not – I think he will be – the event is shaping up to be one of the biggest events in recent boxing history.

It could also be the event that rockets a graduate of Mayfield High School and protégé of Las Cruces Burke boxing dynasty to the forefront of the boxing world.

Wow.

North Carolina bound

Aggies split with UW-Milwaukee in opening series

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University baseball team faces a grueling eight-day road trip to North Carolina beginning with the Keith LeClaire Classic in Greenville, N.C. The Aggies (2-2) will face off against East Carolina (0-3) at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22; Illinois (1-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23; and Ohio (0-2) at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 24.

NMSU will then travel on to play No. 16 North Carolina State (1-1) at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, and Wednesday, Feb. 27.

“It will be a challenging road trip,” NMSU coach Rocky Ward said. “It was designed that way, but my ball club is a mature team that is prepared to handle it.”

Ward said the Aggies would likely see wet weather for most of the trip.

“It looks like, looking at the extended forecast, we are going to fight weather the whole time we are there,” Ward said. “The temperatures are not terrible, in the 50s, but 70 percent chance of rain. It looks like there is rain in the forecast the whole time we are there.”

“I think it gets more difficult for a team when there are weather conditions when you are on the road.”

The Aggie coach said even that could have a bright side for the Aggies.

“You never know, you may end up in a regional somewhere where there are rain issues and to have experienced and prepared for it will be helpful,” he said.

The Aggies are coming off a split in their opening series against Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Presley Askew Field.

Ward’s team opened with a 4-3 win in the early game Friday, Feb. 15, but fell 11-0 to a dominating pitching effort in the second game. On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Aggies battled ahead of the Panthers in the middle innings, but the Aggie bullpen couldn’t put UW-Milwaukee away, leading to a 13-8 loss. In the final game of the series, the Aggies jumped ahead of the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

New Mexico State University’s Kyle Phillips watches his game-tying double fly down the left line during the fourth inning of the Aggies’ afternoon game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee Saturday, Feb. 16, at Presley Askew Field. Phillips’ hit scored Parker Hipp and Tanner Rust, and the Aggies would take a 5-3 lead in the inning, but eventually fell to the Panthers 13-8. The Aggies would regroup with a 16-8 win the nightcap to even the series score at 2-2.

Panthers and eventually won 16-8.

“Milwaukee was good,” Ward said. “They had quality athletes. I think they probably have the best team they’ve had in a while. The level of competition they provided was more than expected.”

“We got some guys who are trying to fill new roles and it will take a while to get done.”

Ward said he was pleased to win the opening game, as the Aggies were able to get by senior Cale Tassi, the Preseason Pitcher of the Year in the Horizon League. In Friday’s night game, the NMSU coach had praise for the Panther’s No. 2 pitcher, Mike Schnieder, who held the Aggie to three hits and no runs in eight innings.

“(Schnieder) matured a lot,” Ward said. “We had scouting reports from earlier in the year and he was reported to be a left hander

with 81-82 mph speed and an average breaking ball. He came out with velocity at 87-89 mph with a good breaking ball, so obviously he improved a lot.”

In the early game Saturday, the Aggies’ showed they will miss Scott Coffman, who was their closer for the last three years.

“When you lose an all-conference first team closer in Coffman, that’s tough to fill,” Ward said.

In the final game of the series, the Aggies chased starter Eric King in the second inning, and never looked back, eventually winning 16-8.

“The team was able to rebound and win game four handily, so overall the end result of the weekend, two and two was a successful weekend,” Ward said.

NMSU hopes to avenge loss to UTEP

Both squads substantially different from November meeting

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

It has been a long time since the New Mexico State Aggie men’s basketball team has played arch rival University of Texas at El Paso in February, but that will be the case when the Miners visit the Pan American Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

The makeup of both teams has changed considerably since the two teams last met on Nov. 28, 2012, in El Paso, when the Miners erased a 4-point Aggie lead in the final minute to win 55-54.

A look at the current Miner roster shows that the current leading scorer for UTEP scored only seven points against the Aggies – all from

the free throw line – in the first game and the second and fourth leading scorers Konner Tucker and McKenzie Moore did not play.

“It’s intriguing,” NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said. “I was watching some of their film and they are almost a different team altogether, (Konner) ‘Kid’ Tucker, McKenzie, they have components they didn’t have initially. Some of the guys that were playing significant minutes early on are not with them, and with us as well.”

For the Aggies, Tyrone Watson and Tshilidzi Nephawe who started for the Aggies in November will be missing from the court Saturday, while current starters Terrell de Rouen, Renaldo Dixon and Sim Bhullar saw only limited action early in the season.

“Sim didn’t play that much against them in the first game, only 12 minutes,” Menzies said. “Now he is up over 24 or 25 so that will be a different look for them. That will be an intriguing thing to look at, how they handle his size.”

Aggie forward Bandja Sy said the team will treat the game just as any other game.

“We treat every game the same,” Sy said. “It doesn’t matter if it is a rivalry game or a conference game.”

Even so, Sy, who has stepped up his game since the beginning of conference play, said the Aggies want to avenge the earlier loss.

“Whoever they bring, I feel like we definitely have to win the game. We had it and the fact

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Bulldawgs top Trojans in District 3-5A basketball

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Las Cruces High School's Trevor Noel shoots against the Mayfield Trojans at LCHS gymnasium, Friday, Feb. 15.



Las Cruces' J.T. Romney struggles for position Friday night against a Mayfield defender during the Bulldawg's 70-45 win over their crosstown rivals.



Mayfield High School player Kavika Johnson splits Bulldawg players Kamryn Dixon and Noel.



The Bulldawgs get fired up before the game.



Mayfield Trojan players Johnson and Nick Maughan try to box out Las Cruces Bulldawg Gilbert Sigala.

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Aggie softball falls to Lobos

Two doubleheaders in El Paso on next for NMSU

After taking the early lead in the first inning, the New Mexico State Aggies fell 10-9 to the New Mexico Lobos in the second edition of the Battle of Interstate-25 on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the New Mexico State Softball Complex.

Senior Teresa Conrad led the Aggies in the rivalry game by going 2-for-3 on the day with two RBI and a run of her own in the third inning. Fellow senior Tehani Kaaihue boasted three RBI in the loss and reached base four times, twice on a fielder's choice once on an error and a single to right in the final inning of the night.

"Rivalry games are always a challenge. UNM is a good team and they played hard tonight," coach Kathy Rodolph said. "I feel like we gave up too many opportunities tonight and that is something we will be working on before the weekend."

The Aggies pitchers worked for a combined seven strikeouts and just one walk on the day, with veteran right-hander Alex Newman getting her ninth start of the season and striking out the Lobos in the second inning. It was Makayla McAdams who worked for three complete innings of her own and picked up the loss, moving

the freshman to 1-2 on the season.

The rivalry battle got off to a late start as the first pitch was delayed just over an hour due to the rain in Las Cruces. Once the Aggies took the field, the team sent the Lobos back to the dugout before scoring three runs in the home half of the inning. The Lobos allowed the first run to score for NMSU with an illegal pitch, and the next two crossed the plate off a throwing error from the bat of Teresa Conrad.

The Lobos hurler Lauren Soles had five illegal pitches in her 2.1 innings in the circle for UNM and two Aggie runs scored of that fault.

A late comeback attempt fell short for the Aggies as they went down 10-9 to the Lobos. The teams split the series this far, but meet again on March 19 in Albuquerque, N.M., to decide the series.

The Aggies now look at two days of double headers in El Paso over the weekend. Beginning on Saturday, Feb. 23, the Aggies face South Dakota before rekindling the rivalry with I-10 foe UTEP. NMSU meets both teams again Sunday, Feb. 24.



New Mexico State University guard Daniel Mullings speaks to the media about the Aggies' Saturday, Feb. 23, matchup against arch-rival UTEP at a press conference Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

Aggies

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the we let it slip hurts the most," he said.

Daniel Mullings, who had his jaw wired shut during the first meeting, said he looks forward to playing their traditional rival.

"We are just looking forward to bringing the guys we got suited up and going to war and playing 100 percent," he said. "You always want to win against your rival."

Saturday's game has been designated a "white-out" game at the Pan American Center, and all Aggie fans are asked to wear white for the game.

The game is an AggieVision production with Jeff Matthews and Glen Cerny, and will be shown live on Comcast across New Mexico, Altitude2, CSN-Houston and ESPN3 and tape delayed until 10 p.m. in Las Cruces and 1 a.m. on Fox Sports-Arizona. The game can be heard on the Aggie Sports Network and KGRT-FM 103.9 FM in Las Cruces with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon calling the play-by-play. The pregame show starts 30 minutes prior to tip. The game is also available in Spanish with Edgar Gardell on Vista-FM 98.7.

Lady Trojans aim for state title

Mayfield girls wrap up district regular season crown

By David Grimes
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Coming in at 22-2 with a district record of 6-0, this year's Mayfield Lady Trojans have had an excellent season.

After winning the state championships last year, MHS coach George Maya had high hopes for his team and with their latest victory over Las Cruces High School, Friday, Feb.

15, he said he has accomplished his main goal: winning the No. 1 seed in the 3-5A District tournament.

Maya said his team has the ambition to make it to state championship once more, and is getting closer each week, but his primary focus at the moment is on winning the district title.

With three returning team captains from last year's state championship team – Allie Pierce, Audrey

Oliver, and Daeshi McCants – Maya describes his team as, "getting better each week."

The game Friday, Feb. 15, shows just what he means, the team can only be described as "ferocious," after winning the triple overtime game 68-57.

The win placed them two district games ahead of Las Cruces, getting them the district seat coach Maya had planned on winning.



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Slump, setback, lull

Call it what you will – here's what to do



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

In the world of sports, it seems there are a number of phenomena that fall loosely under the category of the "S" word. Steroids. Strike (as in National Hockey League). Shank.

You get the idea. One of the unmentionables in the "S" word crowd is "slump." Dare we utter it. Golfers, like sluggers, instinctively reject the idea and the label. Despite winning at Torrey Pines, if Tiger doesn't win a major this year there will be murmurings of a slump starting in the pressrooms and the social media.

I say let's call a slump a slump. I'm in a slump. My performance has been way below my standards and expectations. Alas, it's better to honestly label an affliction than to ignore it and hope it goes away.

I know, you just thought, "typical, for a psychologist."

We've all experienced slumps at one time or another, just as we have ridden the wave of our hot streaks. While not exactly a scientific term, a slump would be recognizable more by our emotional reaction than by definition. When a competitor's performance sinks consistently to an abnormally low level, over an extended period, it's probably a slump.

What tends to gnaw at us, while we're in the doldrums of slumpdom, is the depressing thought that it might not really be a slump. The Americans are in a Ryder Cup slump. (I wrote that here in 2007, and it's still the case.)

Permanent slumps have virtually ended golf careers. If they aren't able to right the ship, players such as David Duval, Davis Love III and Laura Davies could move right on to celebrity appearances when available. Anika Sorenstam and

Lorena Ochoa quit rather than have that happen.

But let's concern ourselves with our own parochial, in-our-head, can't-win-our-\$5 Nassau slumps.

Admitting that you're in a slump, when your results stink, week after week, is the first step in the right direction. Once you've done that, then the big question is what to do about it. Everyone who plays to win – golfers, jockeys, baseball sluggers, sales persons, NASCAR drivers, professional poker champs – all want to shed the slump and start winning again. As your friendly performance coach, I'm assuring you that there is no instant reset button; no Prozac or Viagra for turning the corner.

The first thing you need to know is what not to do. Don't start getting crazy with irrational ideas about slitting your wrists or quitting the game. Some folks do what we call globalizing: "Maybe I never was any good, and I'm just an imposter." Others catastrophize: "Now I really suck and it'll never get any better."

Sure, there are other indexes of groundless, unreasonable, unprovable, stupid ways of beating yourself up, but we won't go into them. You just simply must realize that, as with so many things in life, this too shall pass.

What's more, try to avoid depressing yourself with self-pity and pessimism. Get perspective. It won't help end the war or feed the starving children in Africa or address any of the thousands of far more important things in the world, but playing better golf will make you feel better.

On the positive side, there are several assertive things you can do that will start getting your performance turned around. First, decide to re-dedicate yourself to achieving new goals. Start by breaking down your present game and looking at your mistake patterns (more on this in a future column).

Often good golfers are defeated by a couple

of disastrous holes (big numbers) rather than by a plethora of costly smaller miscues. Analyze your game by distinguishing bad swings from bad decisions or lack of mental toughness (e.g. choking).

You may have allowed a couple of telling flaws to insidiously creep into your golf swing, such as wrist position, posture, alignment, ball position, shoulder turn or even weight shift. Mistakes like these are hard to discern and correct alone. Have your teacher take a look or get a couple of lessons right away.

There is even a chance that you have let yourself get caught up in the "need to win" trap, where beating your rivals assumes an unrealistic and overly important role in your life. Failing to win every time doesn't turn you into a "loser."

Look at the unbelievably talented players on tour; they may tee it up in 150 PGA tournaments before tasting their first victory. They just keep trying to get better and keep trying their level best. The good news is that these golfing problems are usually handled promptly by the pros. You don't have to start all over again. Just take it one problem at a time.

Sometimes a change of equipment pays off quickly. If your putting has been failing for several consecutive rounds, try a new short stick, while checking your set-up and aim. Try a hybrid club if you haven't yet.

A new driver can make an instant difference. Just don't become a member of the putter-of-the-week club or the new-driver-of-the-month fraternity. While Ben Hogan mused, "It's the Indian not the arrow," he was unbelievably obsessively particular about his equipment. Which was good at the time, but these days there are so many clubs to choose from, you have to try out new things.

Something new and different may be the new answer. What happens, particularly for recreational players (not for pros) is that a new and different look will probably change your whole mental approach to having confidence. Just think of the last time you tried out a new driver or putter and told your friends how splendidly you hit the clubs in practice.

Slumps can be attributable to mental and

emotional letdowns as much as anything else. Then we can fall victim to trying too hard to do better – or "overstriving," as M. Scott Peck terms it in his great book "Golf and the Spirit."

The late Dr. Peck (a psychiatrist) takes his reader through a mythical golf course – probably in Florida because of the many huge banyan trees – while proceeding to offer an education about life's travails and triumphs within the realm of golfing the golf course.

Life is the same; we go through slumps. Sometimes with work; sometimes with love; sometimes with money. Slumps are part of life. Anyone who says they never have slumps is either a Pollyanna or a nitwit or a fool.

What we have to do is go through a common sense checklist of our mental game, looking for trends in our last dozen rounds. Are you making sharp decisions – club selection, risk-reward, etc.? Are you recognizing underlying fear, anxiety, tension? Are you staying patient and in complete control at all times? Have you been motivated with updated goals? Disciplined to practice hard? Working out? Are you trying too hard?

As I was struggling through one of my own slumps recently, one of my more experienced golfing friends wisely reminded me that our golf game is like the stock market: it always has its ups and downs, but it's the long term trend that we want to be upsloping. In his sage words, "The golf swing has a lot of moving parts that require intricate coordination, and it can get out of whack at any moment, sometimes when we least expect it." He also noted that, "No one plays really well all the time."

I sensed that my friend wanted to add that, as we get more mature, the moving parts get just a touch stiffer, and slightly harder to synchronize. Still, I'm not ready to sell my golf clubs and take up painting.

In golf, there's always tomorrow.

Dr. Charlie Blanchard is a licensed psychologist specializing in sports and leadership who works with PGA professionals and young golfers to enhance their performance. He partners with coach Herb Wimberly as the principal instructors at Performance Golf Schools. Contact Blanchard at sports@lascrucesbulletin.com

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Zachary Rhodes



Zachary Rhodes is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is team captain on the cross country/track team and is a four-year letterman in track. In cross country, Rhodes is the 3-5A district champion and was named to the 2012 5A Cross Country All Star team. He is a great student athlete who understands the importance of goal setting and putting in the hard work to obtain those goals. Rhodes has a 3.30 GPA and will soon be signing a scholarship to run for Ft. Lewis College in Durango, Colo. His interests outside of sports include the outdoors, biking and mechanics.

NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK



Danesia Williamson

Sophomore, Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Danesia Williamson earned WAC Player of the Week honors after helping the Aggies to a weekend sweep over San Jose State, Thursday, Feb. 14, and Utah State, Saturday, Feb. 16. She had a career-high 10 assists in each game with 19 and 23 points, respectively, for two consecutive double-doubles.



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Ten youth wrestlers from Las Cruces clubs competed in the New Mexico State Championships at West Mesa High School in Albuquerque, Feb. 9-10, with seven wrestlers earning medals. Pictured are: back row, Brandon Baeza, Picacho Middle School, 12 and under, 120 pounds, first place; Emilio Marquez, Zia Middle School 12 and under, 130 pounds, second place; Joey Castillo, Zia Middle School, 15 and under, 185 pounds, first place; Cameron Lara, Camino Real Middle School, 12 and under, 140 pounds, first place; Mario Navarrette, Doña Ana Elementary, 10 and under, height and weight not listed, fourth place; front row: Giovanni Figueroa, Vista Middle School, 12 and under, 110 pounds, fourth place; Eric Fernandez, Conlee Elementary, 10 and under, 60 pounds; Trenton Shepherd, J. Paul Taylor Academy, 8 and under, 53 pounds, second place. Not pictured are Xavier Lopez, Alamogordo, 6 and under, 51 pounds and Xander Lopez, 8 and under, 53 pounds.

SWQHA spring events set Riders endure poor condition in first show

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Southwest Quarter Horse Association riders endured poor weather conditions during their spring show Feb. 9-10 at the Southern New Mexico Fairgrounds, association secretary Evelyn Huff said.

"It was cold and windy the day of our show and we had a low turnout, about 190," Huff said. "But our riders hung in there."

Sterling Enterprise, owned by Dan Garcia and shown by Josh Armstrong, was named grand champion stallion by both judges. The judges also named Luvly Lola, owned by Judy Morrissey and shown by Kristi Bateman, to the grand champion mare title.

Other outstanding rankings by both judges were:

Ima Quest for Gold, amateur champion stallion, owned and shown by Esteban Quirate; Skippin Lace, owned by Danly and Martha Sayes, shown by Martha Sayes; and Luvly Lola, amateur grand champion mare, owned by Judy Morrison, shown by Kristi Bateman.

Also, NMSU Love Me Tender, youth grand champion mare, owned by Lazy Rocking W Quarter Horses, shown by Dalton Washam; Coolest Tightened, open grand champion gelding, owned by Caroline Ellis, shown by Kristi Bateman; and Aint It Amazing, youth grand champion gelding,

owned by Jacquie Best, shown by Jasper Best.

The remaining schedule for 2013 shows that are held at the New Mexico Fairgrounds is: March 16 and 17; April 6 and 7; Memorial Day, May 24, 25, 26 and 27; June 29 and 30;

27, 28 and Labor Day, Aug. 30 and 31 and Sept. 1 and 2.

SWQH officials noted that it's important for competitors to ride in these scheduled events to earn points to win yearend awards.

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H I G H S C H O O L Sports Schedule

Centennial High School

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| Feb. 21-23 | Softball | at Loretto Softball Tournament | TBA |
| Feb. 22-23 | Boys Tennis | Centennial/Oñate Tennis Tournament | TBA |
| | Wrestling | at State Wrestling Tournament | TBA |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | Track (co-ed) | at Las Cruces High School Meet | 3 p.m. |
| | Boys Basketball | Deming High School | 7 p.m. |
| | Girls Basketball | at Deming High School | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 26, March 1 | Girls Basketball | at District 3-4A Basketball Tournament | TBA |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26 | Softball | Mountain View High School | 4 p.m. |
| | Baseball | at Alamogordo High School | 5 p.m., 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 28, March 2 | Boys Basketball | at District 3-4A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Friday, March 1 | Boys Tennis | at Goddard High School | 3 p.m. |



Las Cruces High School

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|-----------------|------------------|--|--------|
| Feb. 21-23 | Baseball | at Socorro ISD Baseball Tournament | TBA |
| Feb. 22-23 | Tennis (co-ed) | Centennial/Oñate Tennis Tournament | TBA |
| | Wrestling | at State Wrestling Tournament | TBA |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | Track (co-ed) | at Las Cruces High School Meet | 3 p.m. |
| | Swimming (co-ed) | at State Swimming/Diving Meet | TBA |
| | Boys Basketball | at Carlsbad High School | 5 p.m. |
| | Girls Basketball | at Carlsbad High School | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 25-March 2 | Girls Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 26-28 | Boys Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |



Mayfield High School

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|------------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| Feb. 21-23 | Baseball | at Socorro ISD Baseball Tournament | TBA |
| Feb. 22-23 | Tennis (co-ed) | Centennial/Oñate Tennis Tournament | TBA |
| | Wrestling | at State Wrestling Tournament | TBA |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | Track (co-ed) | at Las Cruces High School Meet | 3 p.m. |
| | Girls Basketball | Oñate High School | 7 p.m. |
| | Boys Basketball | at Oñate High School | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 25-March 2 | Girls Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 26-28 | Boys Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26 | Baseball | Los Lunas High School | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, March 1 | Baseball | at Carlsbad High School | 4 p.m., 6 p.m. |



Oñate High School

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|-------------------|------------------|--|----------------|
| Feb. 22-23 | Tennis (co-ed) | Centennial/Oñate Tennis Tournament | TBA |
| | Wrestling | at State Wrestling Tournament | TBA |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | Track (co-ed) | at Las Cruces High School Meet | 3 p.m. |
| | Boys Basketball | Mayfield High School | 7 p.m. |
| | Girls Basketball | at Mayfield High School | 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Feb. 23 | Baseball | Hobbs High School | 1 p.m., 3 p.m. |
| Feb. 25-March 2 | Girls Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Feb. 26-28 | Boys Basketball | at District 3-5A Basketball Tournament | 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Feb. 26 | Softball | at Loretto Academy | 4 p.m. |
| Thursday, Feb. 28 | Baseball | at Los Lunas High School | 4 p.m. |



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

| | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Feb. 22-23 | Tennis (co-ed) | at Bosque Quad | TBA |
| Friday, Feb. 22 | Girls Basketball | Cobre High School | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Boys Basketball | at Cobre High School | 6:30 p.m. |
| Feb. 25-27 | Basketball | District 6-2A Basketball Tournament | TBA. |



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Aggie Insider

Streaks of note

Aggies' string of wins ends in Logan, Utah, but history shows streaks will happen again



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

OK, boo-hoo, the Aggies' men's basketball streak is over at 12 games.

The next opportunity to start a new one is Saturday, Feb. 23 versus the University of Texas-El Paso.

The good run has been the best for Marvin Menzies, and in researching previous streaks, I discovered that several coaches going back through the years have had similar runs of success. The longest string of successive wins in men's basketball is 21, you probably won't be able to guess when, but I will fill you in a little later.

The Final Four team of 1970 does not have the longest win streak, if that was your guess. In fact, Lou Henson's 1970 squad never had a double digit string that year. Two nine-victory runs and one of eight games were the most Sam Lacey, Jimmy Collins and company could manage in their march to College Park, Md., and the Big Dance finals.

Henson's 1969 team also went to the NAAs and had a 16-game streak, which is the second longest in school history. Neil McCarthy had two 26-win years, two with 25 wins and two 23-victory seasons. His longest run of wins was 13 in 1994, with a 12-win skein in 1990.

A point to be made is that winning streaks are not easily attained. Great teams run

into a glitch, a bad call or an opponent's lucky shot and "poof" the streak is over, but the season is not.

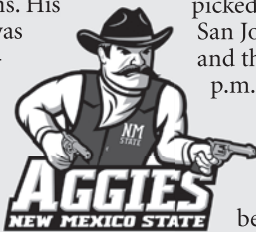
Early Aggie coaches had good runs as well. George McCarty's 1952 squad won the Border Conference and went to both the NAIB and NCAA tournaments and won 12 in succession. Presley Askew's 1961 team had a similar 12-game run en route to a Border Conference title. Reggie Theus' 2007 NCAA squad won 13 in a row before Louisiana Tech ended it in Ruston, La.

So, who has the prize for the most wins in a row? The 1938 Aggie team that went to the finals of the NAIB tourney has the record. That was the major college basketball tournament at that time and was a precursor to the NIT Jerry Hines was the head coach then and rolled up 21 wins in a row. Hines' team was edged in the finals by Murray State.

Hines is being honored along with Askew, Henson and Warren Woodson Saturday, March 9, at the final home game of the season. These men did much for the sport, and the men who played for them. Enjoy their history when you applaud them in the Pan American Center on U.S. Bank Hall of Fame night.

The women's program has a win streak of its own – the Aggies picked up two last week over San Jose State and Utah State, and they look to extend it at 4 p.m. Saturday as well versus CSU Bakersfield. The men's game begins just after 7 p.m.

Here's to new beginnings.



Aggie golfers work to reclaim championship

Playing against the best helps team get better



Mike Dirks
Men's Golf
Head Coach

Another semester is underway and the Aggie men's golf team is looking for another WAC Championship. The goals for the team are to compete at the highest level, but we continue to strive to be the best in our conference as well.

Last season at the WAC, we were three shots short of bringing home the championship. This spring semester, we have four tournaments left before the conference tournament, April 29-May 1, at Rio Secco Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nev.

As a team, we still need to become better drivers of the golf ball. Those who play golf understand the importance of playing from the fairway. It allows you to play the shot you are most comfortable with, which will ultimately let you have the most confidence and success.

We work all the time on making ourselves think in practice, so when we get to a "new" course, we can then have the ability to "think" our way around it.

Golf at this level is as much mental as it is physical. Teams that win can play a golf course once and learn more about it than teams that finish down the leader board.

Our young men want to learn and continue to ask questions about what they can do individually to make our team better. Results don't always come as fast as coaches want them to, but this team is getting better each and every day.

Our spring schedule takes us to Houston, Tucson, Ariz. and Phoenix, playing against some of the best teams in the country.

Is there a better way to learn than from playing with the very best? I don't think so.

The challenges we face this semester will make us better each time we compete. Our mission is to walk, talk and act like champions. We will continue to represent New Mexico State and the city of Las Cruces the way that each one of you would be proud of.

I am so proud of our men in the classroom as well; we once again had the highest men's GPA. We had two young men earn Academic All-America honors last year and have a chance for three to earn that honor this year. It takes a lot of motivation to do what all our student-athletes deal with every day.

They each have practice, strength and conditioning, class time, study time and community service projects, and they still manage to support each other, whether it be football games, basketball games, volleyball, softball or cross country. Aggies supporting Aggies is what we are all about.

Men's golf continues to raise funds for team travel and recruiting, and we have established the Chip-In Club that allows supporters to contribute directly to our program.

The money raised is used specifically for the two line items that I feel will most benefit our program.

If you would like to help, please send your 100 percent tax free donation to: NM State Men's Golf Chip-In Club, MSC 3FAC, P.O. Box 30001, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

We are very thankful for each one of you who financially supports the Aggie athletic programs, the young men and women of each program really do appreciate all that this community does.

Go Aggies!

Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 22 Track and Field

WAC Championships
Albuquerque
All day

Men's Golf

Bayou City Collegiate
Championship
Houston
All day

Women's Tennis

Cal State Fullerton
Fullerton, Calif.
2 p.m.

Baseball

East Carolina
Greenville, N.C.
3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 23

Men's Basketball

UTEP
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

CSU Bakersfield
Las Cruces
4 p.m.

Track and Field

WAC Championships
Albuquerque
All day

Men's Golf

Bayou City Collegiate
Championship
Houston
All day

Softball

South Dakota/UTEP
El Paso
11 a.m./1:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

UC Irvine
Irvine, Calif.
Noon.

Baseball

Illinois
Greenville, N.C.
4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Men's Golf

Bayou City Collegiate
Championship
Houston
All day

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Bobby Lecount

Senior
Baseball

Senior infielder Bobby Lecount leads the WAC with eight RBIs after going 6-of-13 at the dish against UW-Milwaukee. He started the season picking up at least one hit in each of the four games played. Lecount

went 2-of-3 with two RBIs in a 4-3, 10-inning win on opening day.

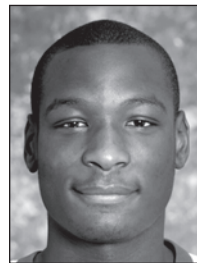


Staci Rodriguez

Sophomore
Softball

Sophomore outfielder Staci Rodriguez was named WAC Hitter of the Week after she went 10-for-25 at the plate with seven runs scored and a career-high 13 RBIs. She has started in every game this season and

leads the team in home runs with five and RBIs with 20 through 11 games.



Bandja Sy

Senior
Men's basketball

Senior forward Bandja Sy averaged 12.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.5 blocks in the Aggies final two-game road trip of the season. At San Jose State, he posted a near double-double with 13 points

and nine rebounds. He scored 12 points and grabbed five rebounds at Utah State.

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Tombaugh scoffs at planet's demotion

Scientist's career continued beyond discovery



By **Michael Shinabery**
New Mexico Museum of Space History

Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part story

The New York Times headline screamed: "Ninth Planet Discovered On Edge Of Solar System; First Found in 84 Years."

Clyde Tombaugh had photographed the planet on Feb. 18, 1930, after toiling nightly for months at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. By then he had photographed "65 (percent) of the sky and spent thousands of hours examining photographs," the website stargild.gsfc.nasa.gov said. The New York Times article, published on March 14, 1930, colorfully related that "in the little cluster of orbs which scamper across the sidereal abyss under the name of the solar system there are, be it known, nine instead of a mere eight, worlds."

The United Press news service, in a story published in a Los Angeles newspaper, reported that astronomers hailed the achievement "as the greatest stride in astronomy since 1846." That was the year Neptune was located.

"The discovery of a principal planet is not a frequent occurrence," Tombaugh said in a feature he wrote for the March 1960 Sky and Telescope. "Uranus was detected on March 13, 1781, by William Herschel as an unexpected by-product of his systematic visual search for double stars and nebulae."

Tombaugh explained how Neptune's 1846 discovery occurred after "difficulties in calculating the orbit of Uranus led to a widespread suspicion that its motion was disturbed by the attraction of an unknown planet." After Neptune and Uranus were identified, Tombaugh said "the problem of finding more

remote planets became far more difficult." The reason, he cited, was "perturbations of Neptune could not at first be used as a basis for prediction, since that planet had been observed over only a small part of its 165-year orbit."

The next question, in March 1930, was what to name the newly found celestial body. The obvious choices seemed to be mythological gods and goddesses. According to "Planets Beyond: Discovering the Outer Solar System" (Wiley Science Editions/1988), Percival Lowell's widow, Constance, suggested Zeus. She also put forth that the planet should be named either for her husband or herself.

Dr. V.M. Slipher, the Lowell Observatory director who had hired Tombaugh, favored Minerva. "However," Tombaugh wrote in Sky and Telescope, "one of the asteroids had already been called after Minerva, the goddess of wisdom."

An 11-year-old Oxford schoolgirl, Venetia Burney, aptly suggested Pluto, the god of the dark, dank, distant underworld – not unlike the planet's place in the solar system.

"His two brothers Jupiter and Saturn were already in the heavens," Tombaugh said. "In early May, the name Pluto was selected by Lowell Observatory and officially proposed to the American Astronomical Society and to the Royal Astronomical Society. For the planetary symbol, the interlocked letters P and L were chosen, being both the first two letters of the planet's name and Percival Lowell's initials."

The discovery only whetted the appetites of those who believed more planets awaited detection.

"Could the systematic search techniques by which

Pluto was found lead to other discoveries of distant planets?" Tombaugh noted in the magazine. For the answer, he had returned to Lowell "to continue the hunt," after earning his bachelor's degree in 1936 and his master's degree in 1939. He described the process as "long and difficult," and it proved unfruitful.

"By 1943, a major part of the sky had been combed for planetary bodies down to the 16th and 17th magnitudes. No new planet suspects were found, though one 16th-magnitude object was noted whose apparent motion matched Uranus' distance from the sun. More plates failed to pick it up," Tombaugh said.

During the latter part of World War II, Tombaugh taught navigation for the Navy. Afterward, because the observatory lacked funds to rehire him, he went to work at White Sands Proving Ground. His job was supervising the optical instrumentation used to record optical flight data in missile testing, and he formed teams to tackle the task.

Launching rockets was new technology for the post-war military when the U.S. government brought German engineers to White Sands. As the two factions – former enemies – worked side-by-side to launch the captured



New Mexico Museum of Space History Archives photo

Clyde Tombaugh attended ceremonies in November 1980 in Alamogordo when the International Space Hall of Fame inducted him. A display also highlighted his career.

V-2s, the conundrum on how cameras could track flights was given to Tombaugh to solve. He designed the IGOR, or Intercept Ground Optical Recorder. On Dec. 7, 1946, wsmr-history.org cited that "after previous disappointments," the equipment tracking a V-2 launch "demonstrated the scope of hitherto unobtainable in-flight information."

White Sands used the sophisticated tracking camera in high-speed missile tests for 30 years. One is on display at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, in Alamogordo.

In 1955, Tombaugh became an associate professor at New Mexico State University, where he helped found the Department of Astronomy. He retired as professor emeritus 18 years later.

In August 2006, the International Astronomical

Union downgraded Pluto to the status of dwarf planet. "As astronomers learned more about the planets and also about a new group of objects known as the Kuiper Belt Objects, it became clear that Pluto was more like the objects in that belt than the other eight planets," stargild.gsfc.nasa.gov said.

The subject of Pluto's status really wasn't anything new.

"In the (19)70s and even as recently as March 1996, astronomers disputed Pluto's existence as a planet," the Las Cruces Sun-News documented in a Jan. 18, 1997 story that reported Tombaugh's death. "Such claims angered Tombaugh," who "labeled the attention to redefine Pluto as 'unnecessary fuss.'" The paper pointed out Tombaugh's "findings were backed by NASA scientists when they

discovered an atmosphere of natural gas surrounding the small planet."

In response, Tombaugh commented: "Many years ago, I found that Pluto looked like a planet." The article said he then pointed out "the 1978 discovery of Pluto's moon Charon meant it, 'feels like a planet. Now with confirmation of a natural gas atmosphere, it smells like a planet. Therefore, it must be a planet.'"

Tombaugh was 90 when he died in Las Cruces on Jan. 17, 1997. His many honors included the medal of the Pioneers of White Sands Missile Range, and induction into the WSMR Hall of Fame.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100yearsago

1913

• The local confectionary store was purchased by Mr. E.T. Winters, who arrived from Oklahoma City, where he had spent the previous eight months. Prior to that, Winters had been a clerk at Las Cruces Drug. Mr. Kalzenstein, the previous owner, was retiring, and thanked the public for their patronage.

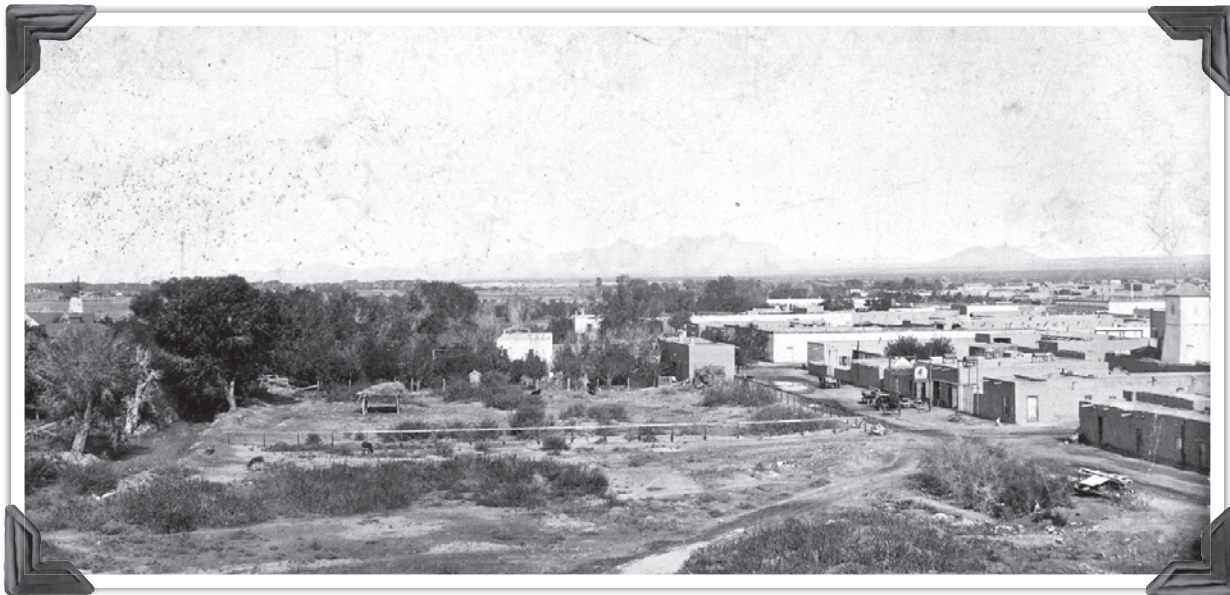
• The Crystal Theater promised a “complete change of pictures every night,” and “we only show the best and latest films,” in an advertisement in the Las Cruces Citizen. “We put nothing on but the best Vaudeville,” and “Watch for dodgers,” the ad said.

• Las Cruces could contact T.J. Graham, funeral director and embalmer, at phone No. 175.

75yearsago

1938

• The state college theater ordered a new 18,800 watt switchboard from the Century Lighting Co. of New York. The switchboard was expected to be delivered in time to be used for the production of “The Cradle Song.” According to theater director W.E. Beem, the switchboard would be capable of controlling “any light in the theater.”



It would be difficult to recognize this photo as Las Cruces except for the Doña Ana Mountains in the background. The tree-lined acequia madre is on the left and Downtown Las Cruces is on the right. The lack of automobiles or telephone poles dates the picture to circa 1900 or before.

New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

• F.C. Womack, president of Mesilla Valley Electric Co., announced a reduction in electric rates, the second such reduction in the past year.

• W.P. Lapoint Jr., assumed duties as editor and manager of the Las Cruces Citizen, replacing Henry Lucero, who held the position for more than five years. Lapoint was the son of Will P. Lapoint, who was publisher for 29 years.

50yearsago

1963

• Noted astronomer J. Alan Hynek was scheduled to speak to the Astronomical Society in the Golden Room of the Palms Motel. Hynek was formerly associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

• Walt Disney’s “Son of Flubber” was bouncing into the Rio Grande Theatre for a week’s showing, while the State Theater had “The Spider (will eat you alive),” and “Brain Eaters” on the menu.

• Presley Askew’s Aggies were traveling to El Paso to face the rival Texas Western Miners for the schools’ 71st meeting. The Aggies were coming off a game against Lou Henson’s Hardin Simmons club before facing the Miners and their rookie coach Don Haskins.

25yearsago

1988

• Farmers were receiving their first irrigation of the season. Baudelio Lopez, pictured in the Las Cruces Bulletin irrigating an onion field west of

Las Cruces, said the first irrigation is always the most time consuming.

• U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici announced White Sands Missile Range had been selected as the site of the nation’s first commercial launches. The Department of Transportation had granted the first commercial launch license to Conatec Inc., which would launch two microgravity research payloads for a European industrial firm in October.

• The New Mexico State University Roadrunners were 6-0 in in the High Country Athletic Conference and 21-2 overall. The Joe McKeown-coached Roadrunners were ranked No. 18 in the Associated Press poll.

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In the news

New Whiskey Dick's approved by council

The Las Cruces City Council approved the state liquor license Tuesday, Feb. 19, to Whiskey Dick's, a nightclub, restaurant and store at 101 E. Union Ave., where Club Fusion, a former teen club, operated.

The council voted 6-0 to approve the liquor license, despite some concerns raised by one resident Michael Mora, who also owns property near the new nightclub. Mora said he's concerned of the club's proximity to The Grove, an apartment complex serving students attending New Mexico State University. He said he has a daughter attending NMSU living in the apartments.

But several other residents spoke in favor of Whiskey Dick's, saying the city could use another country-Western venue.

Steve James, who lives in Mesilla, said every Western dance hall serves alcohol, and even though he had stopped drinking, he hasn't stopped dancing.

Councillor Greg Smith, whose district includes the property that once belonged to the city, said he was aware of concerns about the potential for noise and unruly behavior. But he said the business has the legal right to open because of zoning allowed in that area.

"It sounds like it could be an asset to District 2," Smith said. "It can be an opportunity for people to dance, to be relatively wholesome. I see no reason why we can deny it."

Domenici admits fathering love child

Retired longtime New Mexico U.S. Sen. Pete Domenici admitted Tuesday, Feb. 19, that he fathered a child outside his marriage 30 years ago.

The Albuquerque Journal identified the son as Adam Paul Laxalt, a Nevada lawyer. Michelle Laxalt formerly was a prominent government relations consultant and television political commentator in Washington, D.C. She is a daughter of former U.S. Sen. and Nevada Gov. Paul Laxalt.

"The mother of that child made me pledge that we would never reveal that parenthood, and I have tried to honor that pledge and so has she," Domenici said.

The 80-year-old Republican, who decided not to seek election to a seventh term in 2008, citing health reasons, said he remains concerned about privacy for Michelle Laxalt, and their son. Domenici indicated he was disclosing the family matter to the Journal because he anticipated someone else was about to make the story public.

"Rather than have others breach this privacy, I have decided to make this statement," the former senator said. "These circumstances now compel me to reveal this situation."

Coal plants to be retired

An agreement announced Wednesday, Feb. 20, by the State of New Mexico, the Environmental Protection Agency and the largest utility Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) paves the way for retirement of 900 megawatts from two coal-fired units at San Juan Generating Station, a 40-year-old coal power plant in northwest New Mexico.

Closure of units 2 and 3 at the San Juan coal plant is an alternative to expenditures on pollution controls for those units in order to make required air pollution reductions at the plant in conjunction with pollution control installations on remaining units 1 and 4.

New Energy Economy, Western Resource Advocates and WildEarth Guardians supported the agreement – noting its economic advantages and benefits in cutting climate-warming carbon pollution, saving water and protecting public health – while urging

continued progress in New Mexico toward cleaner power generation.

"This is the greatest environmental improvement in the state's history and Gov. (Susana) Martinez deserves credit for her pragmatic approach to solving this contentious dispute," said Mariel Nanasi, executive director of New Energy Economy, based in Santa Fe. "The governor was responsive to economic drivers and the needs of New Mexicans."

"With the renewable resources we have in New Mexico, we should absolutely be making the move off coal like other states are, but this should be just the start. The alarm on climate disruption has sounded, and it's time now for broad solutions."

The plan agreed to by the state, plant-owner PNM and EPA will:

- Eliminate 6.4 million tons of carbon pollution, equivalent to the carbon emissions from approximately 1 million cars.
- Save enough water to supply a city the size of Santa Fe each year.
- Eliminate 10,400 tons per year of nitrogen oxide pollution and 2,374 tons a year of sulfur dioxide pollution. Both chemicals react in the atmosphere to form fine particulate pollution, one of most dangerous air pollutants, especially for asthma-sufferers, children and the elderly.
- Significantly reduce the coal plant's contribution to smog haze clouding Grand Canyon and other national parks and wilderness areas in the Four Corners region.
- Greatly reduce toxic coal ash waste at the plant. Coal ash contains heavy metal neurotoxins such as mercury and lead as well as cancer-causing substances such as chromium that can leach into groundwater and waterways from waste storage ponds and dumps.

Indian Hollow Road permanently closed

Indian Hollow Road has been permanently closed to through traffic approximately 300 feet south of Lohman Avenue in conformance with a condition of zoning established pursuant to Las Cruces Ordinance 2660.

Dead end signage has been installed in conjunction with the Indian Hollow Road closure. Residents are encouraged to contact the City of Las Cruces Transportation Department at 541-2048 with comments, concerns or questions.

Branigan Cultural Center honored

Branigan Cultural Center, part of the City of Las Cruces Museum System, has been designated an official Camino Real Interpretive Center in a partnership with the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management. An interpretive center is an institution that disseminates information related to natural or cultural heritage.

The story of the Camino Real, which in English means Royal Road, is an integral part of Branigan Cultural Center's permanent history exhibit about the Mesilla Valley.

The display includes artifacts and the museum offers ongoing programs about the Camino Real.

The Spanish built the Camino Real to move people and goods between Mexico City and Santa Fe. Over time, it took a meandering course through Downtown Las Cruces, passing closely to the current Branigan Cultural Center.

"We are extremely proud and honored to be formally connected with such an important historic aspect of this area," said Director of Museums Will Ticknor. "This agreement represents the Secretary of the Interior's certification ... that the Branigan Cultural Center ... meets the national historic trail criteria established by the National Trail System Act."

Mayor backs foreclosure bill



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima signs a letter of support for the Legislature to move on home foreclosure reforms Thursday, Feb. 14, in a City Hall conference room. He is surrounded by members of Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé), including Sherry Kirk, left, and Glenn Vick, two women fighting foreclosures. Kirk is at risk of losing her home after her husband, Gordon, was murdered in 2007. She said the bank is refusing to modify her mortgage so she can afford payments. Vick said Ed DeMarco, acting director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, is refusing to allow homeowners to renegotiate the original values of their homes in federally backed mortgages. Miyagishima vowed to take the cause to the National Conference of Mayors as a proposed issue for the influential national organization to take a stance.

Postal plans irk senators

Udall leads group against ending Saturday deliveries

Twenty-four U.S. senators, led by Tom Udall of New Mexico, are challenging the postmaster general's authority to discontinue Saturday mail delivery later this year without congressional approval.

In a letter to Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe, the senators acknowledge the financial challenges the Postal Service is facing and urge him to work with Congress to address these problems through bipartisan reform.

They also point out that a shift to five-day service could lead to further declines in mail volume and revenues, worsening the U.S. Postal Service's overall condition.

Udall and Sens. Tom Harkin, Al Franken, Jeff Merkley, Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow, Mark Begich, Ron Wyden, Martin Heinrich,

Jon Tester, Sherrod Brown, Max Baucus, Bernie Sanders, Jeanne Shaheen, Mazie Hirono, Joe Manchin, Jack Reed, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Sheldon Whitehouse, Michael Bennet, Mark Udall, Brian Schatz and Heidi Heitkamp sent the letter to the postmaster.

They said the Postal Service has recognized it lacks the power to terminate six-day service.

"As recently as last year, the Postal Service did not believe it had the authority to end six-day delivery without legislative action by Congress. For example, in the USPS's 'Plan for Profitability,' released on Feb. 6, 2012, savings for five-day delivery were categorized under the heading of 'legislative initiatives,' they wrote.

"Furthermore, you personally delivered testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee on Sept. 6, 2011 where you noted that 'Congress must act ... (to) allow the Postal Service the authority to determine delivery frequency.'"

They also point out the move is a violation of law under the Continuing Appropriations Resolution of 2012.

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Las Cruces School Board President Connie Phillips was among participants in the 1-mile fun run Feb. 3, at Centennial High School. At far right is CHS School Resource Officer Greg Garcia. At center is Vista Middle School teacher and CHS cross country coach Mike Montoya. Students are A.J. Phillips, Conrad Vasquez, Quinlyn Courter and Allissiea Hernandez, all of Centennial High School.

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Road race successful 150 participate in CHS fun run

More than 150 students and adults participated in the Sunday, Feb. 3, Super Sunday Road Race at Centennial High School.

Vista Middle School teacher and Centennial Cross Country Coach Mike Montoya said the event was a "super success."

The event's 1-mile fun run, 2-mile race walk, 5K race and 5-mile race took place on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard (east of CHS), which was closed to all traffic during all races.

School Board President Connie Phillips participated in the 1-mile fun run.

"The 1-mile run was lots of fun," Phillips said. "We had a good group of kids out to participate."


Las Cruces High School student athlete Leticia Martinez, who competed in the 2012 Para-Olympics in London, was the female winner in the one-mile. Vista Middle School sixth-grader Jake Gonzales was the winner in the male category.

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Five schools sent 30 students – mostly sixth-graders – to the MATHCOUNTS regional competition Saturday, Feb. 16. Pictured are Renata Starostka, first-place individual; Jessalyn Westwood, Garrett Anderson, Jacob Spotts and Arjan Gonzales, Mountain View Middle School first-place teammates; front kneeling: Daniel Reardon, second-place individual; Shane Hall fourth place individual; and Sarah Sowards and Austin Hillis, Lynn Middle School second-place team.

NMSU employee support boosted Fund set up for emergencies

Life can throw the unexpected at you, and New Mexico State University faculty members have a safety net to help with those circumstances: the Perozynski Employee Emergency Fund.

The Perozynski Employee Emergency Fund provides assistance for NMSU faculty on all NMSU campuses facing immediate, severe and temporary financial hardship due to an emergency. The program is managed through the Employee Assistance Program and a faculty/staff review committee, and is funded through private donations held by the New Mexico State University Foundation.

The fund is named for Lisa Baron Perozynski, a faculty member at the NMSU Carlsbad campus at the time of her illness in 1999. Perozynski developed complications from a surgery to remove a benign tumor. As a nine-month faculty member, she did not qualify for sick leave, and when it became clear that she could not work, was put on a leave without pay. When an employee is on leave without pay, they are allowed to keep their health insurance only if they pay for it themselves. Perozynski later died of complications from the surgery at age 31.

"Lisa's illness showed me a major gap in employee benefits for these state employees," said Margaret Lovelace, Perozynski's friend and colleague. "Before Lisa's tragedy, I believed that NMSU would take care of us. After Lisa, I knew that NMSU was not always in an economic position to do that."

Lovelace, who now serves as special assistant to the president at Doña Ana Community College, saw this major gap in employee benefits for faculty and worked to do something about it. She approached the Faculty Senate to develop a faculty trust fund to help in these types of situations. She used the stipend she received as part of her appointment as a Regents Chair to start the Perozynski Employee Emergency Fund and continues to support the fund through payroll deduction.

Senior Activities

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Programs at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., are for those age 50 and older. Membership is free and is required to participate in classes and activities.

Munson Center offers a variety of classes at beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Some classes offered are: beginning jewelry, clay works, china painting, stained glass, creative writing, Spanish, woodcarving and quilting.

For registration information, call 528-3000.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers age 55 or older. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the four-hour course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance, depending on the driver's insurance policy. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for nonmembers, paid at the door the day of class.

Participants need to bring their driver's license, a pen or pencil and correct change if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership cards to receive the discount.

Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

The next available class is from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Tucson/Tubac/Major league baseball spring training game:** March 26-28. Cost: \$390 double, \$425 single.
- **San Antonio:** May 5-11, seven days, six nights, cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Eastern Mediterranean Cruise:** June 15-23, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto:** Sept. 23-26, four days, three nights. Cost: \$1,647 double, \$1,972 single.
- **Mississippi Steamboat Cruise:** Nov. 8-16, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.

For more information, call Helen Glover at 805-4920 or 312-6152.

AEROBICS

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase muscular strength, range of movement and activity. Hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles and a ball are offered for resistance; a chair is used for seated and/or standing support.

Classes are from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerschiedt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Program members.

AQUATICS FITNESS

Aquatics fitness class combines cardio with strength building. For all ages and fitness levels. Class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Program members.

YOGA CLASSES

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 Program members.

ZUMBA GOLD

Zumba Gold modifies Zumba moves and pacing to suit the needs of active older participants. It's a dance-fitness class that feels friendly and, most of all, fun.

Classes are from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Meerschiedt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

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CARDIO, CORE & MORE

The core muscle group is often referred to as your "trunk" and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk. A weak core can contribute to lower-back pain, poor posture and loss of balance.

Basic classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

Cost is \$2, or \$1 for registered Senior Program members.

50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

The 50+ Singles Saturday Morning Club meets at 9 a.m. the first and third Saturday of the month at Furr's Family Dining, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Cost of the breakfast buffet is \$6.69. The club is intended as a way for singles age 50 and older to meet new people.

TAI CHI CLASS

Tai Chi class is from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Madrid St., in the auditorium.

SUPER SENIORS WATER AEROBICS

Super Seniors Water Aerobics are 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.

The class is available only to seniors age 60 and older. A \$1 donation is suggested.

AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Meetings offer people over the age of 50 interesting guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to socialize.

For more information, contact Sue Lundgren at 382-0733 or galileo915@centurylink.net.

HEALTH & BENEFITS INFORMATION, COUNSELING

Resource Center staff provides a free information and referral service to those ages 50 and older on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, housing, food stamps and more at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3301.

GOING SOLO SINGLES

Going Solo Seniors is a way for seniors to meet new friends and stay active. Activities include dining out, potlucks, game nights and day trips.

For more information, call Judy at 522-6543, Judy at 527-2723 or Rosalie at 527-4891.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month a selected artist displays his or her work at Las Cruces City Hall. A ceremony with the mayor is at 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month to recognize that month's artist. For more information, call 528-3000.

THE NETWORK VOLUNTEER CENTER

The Network Volunteer Center connects individuals 18 or older to volunteer positions at more than 25 Las Cruces agencies and organizations.

Individuals 55 or older may be enrolled in the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and receive free, supplemental volunteer insurance while on the job. For more information, contact 528-3035 or thenetwork@las-cruces.org.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

The AARP and the Community Action Agency will offer free tax preparation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday through April 12 at 3880 Foothills Road. Tax preparation will also be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, Feb. 19. There are no eligibility requirements.

For more information, call 527-8799.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome, light refreshments will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 523-1871.

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.
 - 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 in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

For more information, call 800-272-3900 or 647-3868.

SOCIAL DANCERS

Jim Corrons will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave., featuring Jim Corrons. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 523-4322.

SENIOR PLAY DAY

New Mexico Senior Olympics, Inc. is conducting a "Senior Play Day" from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the New Mexico State

University Activity Center. The event is free to all seniors age 50 and older. The Senior Play Day is a day of health, wellness, physical fitness and fun.

Workshops will include senior sport demonstrations. Senior Play Day will start with a keynote speaker and follow with four sessions of concurrent workshops, activities and health screenings.

Comfortable clothes are recommended. No pre-registration is required and parking is free. Lunch isn't provided.

For more information, contact Maegan Sanders at 888-623-6676, 623-5777 or maegan@nmseniorolympics.org.

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School news

Students visit local seniors

Cards given to nursing home

Members of the Doña Ana Elementary School Student Council took a field trip to Casa de Oro Nursing Home in Las Cruces after school Wednesday, Feb. 6.

While at the nursing home, the students gave Valentines to residents and read books to them, fifth graders played two songs ("Land's End" and "Leonardo's Lightship") on their recorders. Doña Ana Elementary music teacher Lara Willard planned extra practice sessions to help the fifth graders prepare for the performance.

The residents smiled and sang as the students played. Student council members also made handmade Valentines for the residents prior to the visit. The students and residents enjoyed the visit.

After the nursing home visit, student council members held a short meeting that included pizza and games at the home of Doña Ana Elementary Student Council sponsor Lynne Glenn.

The student council is proud of these outstanding students for their hard work and dedication to their school and community.



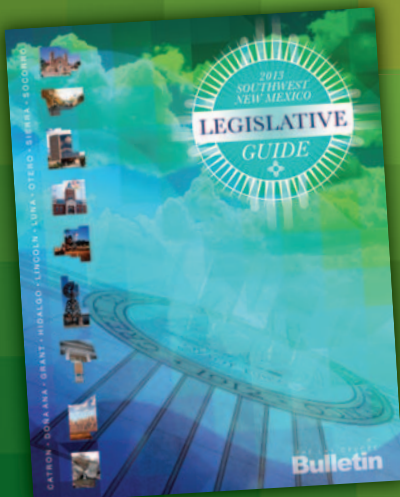
Doña Ana Elementary School Student Council member Karyna Ramirez gets a hug from a resident as she gives out Valentine's Day cards.

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Doña Ana Elementary School Student Council member Cody Joe Delk reads with a nursing home resident during a recent visit.

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Bully Free Week scheduled

Conlee marks third year of anti-bullying

Conlee Elementary School will celebrate its third annual Bully Free Week Monday, Feb. 25, through Friday, March 1.

The 2013 national theme is "We're Better Off Without Bullying!"

A bully-free flag pennant contest, where all students decorate flags to represent being bully free, is under way. All flags will be strung together and hung in the hallways as a reminder to all students to be kind to others. There will also be a contest for the best flags. Students also will compete in an essay contest using the "We're Better Off Without Bullying!" theme.

Theme days include:

- **Blue Monday** (Monday) Students will dress in blue to signify peace and calm. Blue is also the color that represents being bully-free.
- **Peace Day** (Tuesday) Students will wear white, tie-dye or peace signs.
- **Unity Day** (Wednesday) Students will wear orange and also make an effort to talk to at least one person they have never spoken to before.
- **Twin or Buddy Day** (Thursday) Students will buddy up with someone and dress like twins.
- **Spirit Day** (Friday) Students will wear their favorite team shirt or Conlee shirt to show school spirit and unity.

Each teacher has chosen two students, a boy and a girl, from each class who exemplify the bully-free creed to be recognized during Bully-Free Week. These are students who are known for being kind to others.

Every student has made his or her own bully-free pledge card as a reminder to be kind to



Las Cruces Public Schools photo

Conlee Elementary School students have been making pennants for the school's third annual Bully Free Week, starting Monday, Feb. 25.

others every day. This pledge will be recited on the school's in-house TV station, Colt TV.

The students are working on a large banner that says "I Pledge to Be Bully Free." All students will sign this banner and parents are also encouraged to sign it.

Conlee has a fifth-grade leadership group that is trying to educate students regarding bullying. This group has been going strong since last semester and allows students to vent their problems about bully issues."

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

TORRES

Catalina M. Torres, 84, of Hatch, New Mexico, passed away Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at her home. Arrangements are pending with Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

PEREZ

Mayra Perez, 23, passed away on February 6, 2013. Services were held at St. Anthony's Church in Anthony, New Mexico.

Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

PEREZ

Erick Perez, 2, passed away on February 6, 2013. Services were held at St. Anthony's Church in Anthony, New Mexico.

Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

MORALES

Nevaeh Morales, 5, passed away on February 6, 2013. Services were held at St. Anthony's Church in Anthony, New Mexico.

Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ORTIZ

It is with sorrowful hearts that we mourn the sudden loss of our beloved father, son, brother, uncle, and cousin, David J. Ortiz, 32, on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

Services were held in St. Genevieve's Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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ARMENDARIZ

Mercedes M. Armendariz, 93, of Berino, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, February 15, 2013 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Services were held in St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with the Reverend Andres Alava, Celebrant. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Berino Cemetery where she was laid to rest next to her husband.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. For online condolences logon to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

STEWART

William Grant Stewart, infant son of Soquel Foote, died Saturday, February 16, 2013. Services have been held.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, corner of Solano and Bowman Ave. 575-526-2419

COLLINS

Philip Vernon Collins, 83, of Las Cruces, New Mexico passed away on February 19, 2013. Services are pending with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ZERTUCHE

Martha Herrera Zertuche, 74, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on February 14, 2013. A memorial service will be held on Friday, February 22, 2013 to begin at 11:00 a.m. at Judeo Christian Israel Alliance, 1122 6th Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Arrangements are with La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ROGSTAD

Jane Rogstad, 97, died February 2, 2013. Memorial service is Monday, March 4, 2013 at 2 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, St. James and So. Main St., Mesilla Park, New Mexico. Celebration of Life is at 3:30 p.m. at Mountain Gallery, 138 W. Mountain, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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CRAWFORD

Kenneth D. Crawford, 79, of Roswell, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, February 10, 2013 at Lovelace Medical Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Crawford served his country honorably in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

At Mr. Crawford's request cremation will take place and a Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, February 23, 2013 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road with Reverend Kenneth McDaniel officiating.

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SANCHEZ

Omar Sanchez, 19, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, February 17, 2013.

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OBITUARY

MARIA SAENZ ALANIZ

December 11, 1913 - February 17, 2013

Maria Saenz Alaniz, 99, lifelong resident of La Mesa, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, February 17, 2013 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born December 11, 1913 to Hilario and Marcella Carrasco Saenz. Maria was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sons, Ruben Saenz and companion, Tina, Willie Alaniz and wife, Marisela, Johnny Alaniz and companion, Jan, and Frank Alaniz and wife, Helen, all of Southern California; three daughters, Isabel Garcia, Micaela Ordonez and husband, Ramon and Evangelina Apodaca and husband, Al, all of La Mesa. Other survivors include seventeen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Francisco Alaniz, a daughter, Amelia Saenz, and numerous brothers and sisters.



The family received relatives and friends on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 in San Jose Catholic Church, where the Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Mass of Resurrection followed immediately thereafter with the Reverend Rogelio Martinez officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment was in San Jose Cemetery where she was laid to rest next to her husband.

Serving as casket bearers were Greg Garcia, Oscar Flores, Jose de Los Santos, William Garcia, Juan Uribe and Russell Stewart.

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Survey says!



David Salcido
On second thought ...

It shouldn't come as any surprise at this point that I love surveys. Even better, I love survey confluence, or comparing the results of one survey with those of another, especially when the two surveys have little in common upon first glance, but reveal far more when taken together. What can I say, human nature fascinates me, and the attempt by some to quantify and explain it, even more so.

Case in point: I'm perusing a survey in which 2,512 American adults were questioned about the pros and cons of the "traditional" office environment versus the "virtual" work space. The findings are surprising, in that 64 percent of Americans say they would choose to work virtually if they could. The rest, it turns out, value the "superior discipline, connectedness and information security the traditional office provides."

Really? I'm intrigued. Reading further, I discover that it's a generational thing, but not in the way you might imagine. In fact, 18-to-34-year-olds are the age group most likely to prefer working in an office with 43 percent of the vote, while the 35 to 54 age group is the least likely, with only 36 percent of the vote. The main reasons given? Discipline, socialization and the accessibility of information.

This is interesting for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the fact that most 18-to-34-year-olds, in my experience, spend more time on their iPhones and iPads than they do actually talking to one another. I guess we just have different opinions about what constitutes "social" behavior.

On the subject of information, however, I hardly see how working in an office adds anything to the repertoire of today's instant gratification generation.

Ask anybody in that age range, randomly, what the temperature is supposed to be in Bathesda tomorrow, whether or not clogs are fashionable in Nairobi or if Lindsay Lohan has violated her parole – again – and they can tell you within seconds, simply by accessing their closest electronic device. OK, so I'm generalizing. It wouldn't be a stereotype if it weren't mostly true.

I was blithely pondering the

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Strength in numbers

Crowd source funding marries creativity and successful fundraising

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Use the word "crowdfunding" in mixed company, these days, and you're likely to get a variety of responses, some of them heavy on the legalese.

Because of the passing of the JOBS Act in 2012, crowdfunding has become a hot topic in boardrooms and newsrooms across the country. But what about the little guys; the creative folk who started this whole business to begin with? Where, exactly, do they fit in?

Ask any artist and they're likely to tell you the same thing: Let the big boys fight it out over investment restrictions and securities legalization. All they're interested in is finding money so they can bring their ideas to fruition. It was what motivated the British rock group Marillion to raise \$60,000 for a U.S. tour by taking donations from their fans, via the Internet, back in 1997.

That success story sparked a world-wide phenomenon, though it took another decade before anybody was able to synthesize it down to a workable model.

Today, such sites as ArtistShare, Sellaband, IndieGoGo and the granddaddy of them all, Kickstarter, have revolutionized the way dreams are turned into reality. They work by offering platforms for speculators to solicit donations from friends, family and even complete strangers, simply by pitching their product in a virtual environment. The more appealing the

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Local musician Randy Granger turned to Kickstarter to finance his new album, "Strong Medicine."

Pecan growers to meet March 3

Hotel Encanto to play host to this year's conference

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service will present the 2013 Western Pecan Growers Association Conference and Trade Show Sunday through Tuesday, March 3-5, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

About 500 people, including growers from Mexico, South America, Australia and South Africa, are expected to attend.

The educational program, organized by NMSU pecan specialist Richard Heerema, takes place Monday and Tuesday, March 4-5.

Topics range from pecan load management, soil health, nutrition, canopy and water management, pests and disease and herbicide injury to more business and technical issues such as taxes, wealth transfer and business succession, international markets and competition and smart-phone apps for producers.

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Visitors from the U.S. and abroad will attend the Western Pecan Growers Association Conference to learn how to apply the latest science, technology and business practices in their industry.

Crowdfunding

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project, the more likely it is to be funded.

In exchange, the platform takes a cut, usually between 5 and 9 percent. Some, including Kickstarter, come with a caveat. If the projected goal isn't reached, even if it's within a few dollars of doing so, the person doing the fundraising gets nothing. Others, such as IndieGoGo, let the fundraiser keep the cash raised, even if they don't make their goal, but takes a higher cut for those wishing to go that route.

In the world of crowdfunding, this type of monetary mining has become known as "token crowdfunding," because the capital raised is done in exchange for tokens, like early access to a product, public recognition, memorabilia or private concert/showings. It's a process that is gaining in popularity here in Las Cruces, with several local interests using crowdsourcing fundraising to launch their projects.

Local independent musician Randy Granger, who has an international following with six albums and several high-profile awards to his credit, was turned on to Kickstarter through a friend in California. He decided in early 2012 to use it to fund his latest project, "Strong Medicine," which was released nationally in early January.

"Going into it I had no idea if it was going to be successful or not," he said of his leap of faith. "I looked at the minimum I would need to get the cd manufactured and went with that."

His goal was \$3,500, which he had calculated based on the costs he knew would be inherent in the creation of a high-quality cd. In the end, he spent roughly \$3,000 to create, press and release 1,500 cds. The rest was used for shipping costs to fulfill patron tokens, which included copies of the cd and a house concert, among other offerings.

"It worked pretty well for me," he said. "I met my goal less than half way into it, which surprised me. It's a very humbling prospect to ask people for money, but if you're going to survive as an artist, you've got to get over that and learn to ask people to give something in exchange for your art."

Student filmmakers are another growing group who have also seen success using crowdfunding to raise project dollars. Operating under the banner of Something Fresh Productions, Creative Media Institute students Julian Alexander, Keagan Karnes and Jon Foley used IndieGoGo to fund their most

recent project, "For Future Reference," a short film that incorporated time travel themes into the broader topic of personal choice and redemption.

"We had the IndieGoGo page up for three months," said Alexander, who as producer of the film set the goal at \$3,000. "The first month was pretty slow, we probably raised about \$200, something like that. The second month was pretty slow, as well, and we started to get nervous. Then, all of a sudden, the money just started coming in. Because of some nice, hefty donations from key people, we were able to make our goal."

Karnes was director of the film and believes it was persistence that allowed the group to make their projected amount.

"We were hyping it every single day," he said. "Any time we had a production meeting, the No. 1 item of business was tell your friends about this, repost the link, because as annoying as it may get to see the link a hundred times, that's when people decide to donate."

Alexander noted that there are downsides to every decision when it comes to crowdsourcing funding. With IndieGoGo the higher percentages make up for the risk factor involved.

"Although we raised a little over \$3,000, we're getting about \$2,900, but that seems fair," he said. "With Kickstarter you lose everything if you don't make your goal. That was our primary reason behind going with IndieGoGo."

"In hindsight, I probably would have used Kickstarter," Karnes said. "Because it has a bigger base and more people would have seen it. Also, since we met our goal, we really had nothing to lose, but that's hindsight. I can't really complain."

More recently, Chris Bardey and his cohorts at the West End Art Depot have jumped on the Kickstarter wagon with a 60-day attempt at raising \$5,000 in order to build a handicap access ramp and "other important facility improvements" at their communal art compound in the Alameda Historic Depot neighborhood.

Bardey's reasons for using Kickstarter are twofold.

"The main reason is it's a very successful platform for creative projects," he said. "I'm a Kickstarter backer. I follow a lot of projects and it always gives me a good feeling to support other artists with their creative projects. Also, crowd source funding fits really well with the West End model."

The model he speaks of is simple. As stated on the Kickstarter project page, the mission of the West End Art Depot and the artists who run it is to "provide a space for artists in all media

including plant nutrition, fertilizers and agricultural chemicals; various types of equipment; nursery trees; well drilling and crop insurance," Carver said.

Recipe contest an annual favorite

A social hour in the San Andres Ballroom on Monday evening will be followed by an awards banquet.

The conference also will feature a pecan recipe contest, with winning entries auctioned for the benefit of a scholarship fund.

Last year's event attracted about 500 people from the region, the U.S. and other countries, Carver said.

This will mark the 47th year the organization, which represents growers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, has sponsored an annual conference.

Carver said the Western Pecan Growers Association was founded in the Mesilla Valley in the 1960s to provide education on the latest trends in technology and marketing.

"Relatively early a close relationship with New Mexico State University began," she said.

This year all conference registration is either online at www.westernpecan.org or at the door. Online registration closes after Monday, Feb. 25. For more information, contact Carver at 640-7798 or oliviakarver@gmail.com



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

The crowdfunding project through Kickstarter is on-going at West End Art Depot, where the funds will help build a handicap access ramp among other improvements.

to work and teach in a communal setting, benefit from shared resources and connect with as large an audience as possible." As models go, it dovetails beautifully with the crowdfunding concept of sharing the responsibilities for bringing a project to fruition.

He admits to a little trepidation, owing to the Kickstarter reach-it-or-lose-it goal policy.

"We set our goal at \$5,000, because we figured it would be easier to make than \$10,000 or more," Bardey said. "Because we have specific needs in mind, with codes and such, it's important that we make our goal and we're confident that we will."

In order to hedge their bets just a little more, Bardey chose a 60-day schedule, as opposed to the recommended 30-day allotment. "We figured it would work more to our advantage," he said. "This way we can start off slow and let word of mouth build up, then hit it hard about half way through if we need to."

Because it is the only project mentioned

above that is currently underway, the West End Kickstarter is the only one with an address to visit: www.kickstarter.com/projects/881863437/wead-finishing-touches. Any interested in helping the communal artspace reach its goal can go there to make donations of as little as one dollar and as high as \$1,000, though tokens are only given for allotments of \$10 or higher.

With literally hundreds of crowdfunding sites to choose from – most geared toward a specific niche such as music, video gaming, photography, fashion design and even space exploration – the possibilities are endless.

One fact that does remain constant, however, is that crowdfunding represents an alternative source of capital that makes it easy to move projects forward. Provided, of course, that the project has a wide appeal.

To find out more about crowdfunding and its various implications, visit www.crowdsourcing.org.

Survey says!

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implications of this survey when another surreptitiously appeared on my desktop. This thought-provoking tract contained the results of CareerBuilder.com's annual recap of the most memorable excuses given by tardy employees. This one is always fascinating, if only because it never ceases to amaze me how creative people can be.

As usual, I spent a few minutes marveling at the magnitude of ineptitude on display in the American workplace when it occurred to me: If people love working in offices so much, why are they always looking for reasons not to show up on time?

No, seriously, do a google search of "the top excuses for being late to work" and you will find yourself inundated with literally dozens of lists recommended by experts in the field of egregious elucidation. Everything from the classic, "The dog ate my car keys and I had to wait for nature to take its course," to the flippant, "I'm late for religious reasons. I don't believe in turning up at such an ungodly hour," to the improbable, "My route to work was shut down by a presidential motorcade," to the blatantly ridiculous, "I was abducted by aliens and now I'm pretty sure I won't be able to sit for long periods of time without an intense amount of pain."

What's more, the whole office mentality that gives rise to the phenomenon of what I like to call "slacker rationalization" has been the subject of countless movies and television series, most of which lead us to believe that offices, in general, are seething cesspits of gossip, cliquish behavior and betrayal. Sort of like high school, for adults.

How does this explain, then, the fact that 36 percent of Americans surveyed would rather punch a clock in an office environment, than work on their own? That's a huge amount for a society that

so obviously despises its workaday world and can be very creative in finding ways to avoid it. That, my friends, is an example of survey confluence.

Now, I could get wrapped up in the conundrum, but honestly what's the point? The whole Protestant work ethic, which is ingrained in us from the time we're old enough to comprehend the concepts of shame and scorn, dictates that we will never find true happiness unless we're successful at our jobs. It doesn't really matter what that job entails, just so long as we are the best we can possibly be at pursuing it.

On the other hand, human beings are also, by nature, lazy. It's true, just take a look around you. All animals are lazy by nature. Their pastimes include eating, reproducing and sleeping. Not necessarily in that order.

Of course, I'm not talking about domesticated animals. They suffer from the same problem we do. They are forced to work for their next meal. It's not natural, but it is the world we have created for ourselves. And for them.

So, we live with the fact that we feel a baffling desire to work, contradicted by the fact that we will seek out any excuse to keep from having to do it. Human nature at its finest.

Which is why, I believe, that surveys were invented in the first place. They break our inexplicable actions down into easy to process epigrams that, when they strike a cord, make us feel better about ourselves. I like to call that "survey fulfillment."

Surveys are, if you really think about it, barometers of the human condition. They tell us what's working and what's not, though they rarely give us insight as to why. They make us think and, if we're not too busy, or too wrapped up in the art of procrastination, learn something new about ourselves. I've often wondered if there's any real way to track the phenomenon of survey fulfillment itself? Maybe I should do a survey...

Pecan

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Roger Hooper, incoming president of the association, said smart phone applications helpful to farmers include one that can monitor and turn on and off their watering wells.

This use of technology could be important to the Mesilla Valley where a water shortage has caused great concern, the association's deputy director Olivia Carver said.

The conference will address concerns across the industry, which include prices and marketing, she said.

Academics and industry leaders to speak

The program includes 15 presentations by researchers from NMSU and other universities as well as the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Farm Bureau and the pecan industry.

The final session will be a growers' panel on pressurized irrigation systems. Mike Kilby, professor emeritus at the University of Arizona, will moderate.

A trade show component featuring about 70 vendors will kick off at noon Sunday, March 3, and continue until 5 p.m. It will resume during the educational program March 4-5.

"The vendors will address a wide spectrum of pecan production, harvest and marketing,

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Genghis Grill

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by David Salcido

Construction begins on the Genghis Grill, 880 S. Telshor Blvd. (next door to Fidencio's Mexican Food). The 4,500 square foot restaurant will have an outdoor patio and ample parking. The eatery, which bills itself as Mongolian Stir Fry, is scheduled to open in late Fall.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

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| Feb. 15 | Renovations at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces | 705 S. Telshor Blvd | 522-4300 |
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| Jan. 25 | Jack in the Box | 4615 Sonoma Ranch Blvd. | 522-3740 |
| Jan. 11 | Metal-Tech | 1600 W. Picacho Ave. | 523-7284 |

Our numbers

Pecan stats

293.7 million pounds
Total U.S. pecan crop in 2010

66 million pounds
Total number of pecans produced by New Mexico in 2010

80
Percentage of the world's pecans produced by the U.S.

3,008 metric tons
Number of pecans exported from the U.S. to China in 2010

\$674.8 million
Total pecan crop value in 2010

Source: Agricultural Marketing Research Center

Gas update

Monday, Feb. 18

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 12.6 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.33** per gallon. This compares with the **national average** that has **increased 11.9 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.68** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Feb. 18**, were **6.1 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **39.4 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The **national average** has **increased 42.2 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **16.7 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

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|----------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 1. Sam's Club | 2711 N. Telshor Blvd. | \$3.27 |
| 2. Giant | 1685 E. University Ave. | \$3.29 |
| 3. Chevron | 3040 N. Main St. | \$3.29 |
| 4. Giant | 2210 E. Lohman Ave. | \$3.29 |
| 5. Dylan's | 1900 N. Main St. | \$3.29 |

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Feb. 18

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

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| Atlanta | \$170.80 | US Air |
| Austin | \$121.80 | United |
| Chicago | \$233.80 | US Air |
| Dallas-Love | \$127.80 | US Air |
| Houston | \$127.30 | US Air |
| Las Vegas | \$79.80 | US Air |
| Los Angeles | \$88.90 | American |
| Phoenix | \$68.30 | US Air |
| San Antonio | \$79.30 | United |
| New York City | \$169.80 | American |
| Orlando | \$160.80 | US Air |
| San Diego | \$98.30 | US Air |
| Seattle | \$109.80 | US Air |
| Washington, D.C. | \$148.30 | American |
| London roundtrip | \$834.80 | US Air |
| Paris roundtrip | \$1,060 | US Air |
| Rome roundtrip | \$1,024.90 | Delta |

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Feb. 26-Mar. 5 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.33522 in U.S. dollars
0.74900 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.07876 in U.S. dollars
12.69700 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01064 in U.S. dollars
93.95000 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar
\$.99229 in U.S. dollars
1.00777 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as of Monday, Feb. 18



Market snapshot

For the week of Feb. 11- Feb. 15, the market reports:

| Index | Started | Ended | Change | % Change | % YTD |
|---------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|-------|
| DJIA | 13992.97 | 13981.76 | -11.21 | -.1 | 6.7 |
| Nasdaq | 3193.87 | 3192.03 | -1.84 | -.1 | 5.7 |

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In Good Company: *LuLu Elements for Living*

Where women gift themselves Boutique brings contemporary vibe to Mesilla

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The sun saturated Rebecca Taylor and Rebecca Levine's hair and faces, assuring them that winter was coming to an end. It was Friday, Feb. 15, a perfect day for them to be young in Las Cruces.

After picking up Taylor's paycheck, they lowered the top on the bright green Mustang convertible and drove out to discover whatever Friday afternoon had in store.

When the joy of the drive and the sun and the still-cool breeze wore off, Levine suggested they do something – shop at LuLu on Avenida de Mesilla.

Taylor, who had never been inside the boutique, tried on rings, bracelets and sunglasses with colorful print frames, smiling as she showed off each new find to Levine.

When they checked out, both toted LuLu's brown paper bags with signature lime green labels. Owner Heather Hume had carefully wrapped each treasure, even those priced at \$1 or \$2, in lime green tissue paper before sliding it into the bag.

"You don't find dinosaur rings in any other store," said Levine as she turned to leave.

Unique gifts for your real best friend

Levine said she'd been visiting LuLu for years, not just for the trendy treasures but also because the staff is so friendly.

"I come for the unique jewelry," said Lori Coates of Alamogordo. "I stop here every time I come to Las Cruces."

Coates said she never walks out empty handed. Like most other shoppers that afternoon, she confessed to shopping for gifts but always taking something home for herself.

What draws many customers back to LuLu is the merchandise mix – everything from inexpensive light-up rings to unique jewelry collections by sought after designers. There are greeting cards hand made by local artists, purses, dresses, wall art and naughty little gifts children wouldn't understand.

Lime and coral and turquoise merchandise brightens a shop

that invites customers to explore the contents of cases set at unexpected angles. There is nothing linear about LuLu.

The vibe at the shop – created by original owner Matt Bleything, who tailored the space to express his vision – hooked Hume the first time she walked in the door.

Transplant discovers LuLu's

Prior to moving to Las Cruces, Hume managed a Dillard's in Dallas. The company asked her to manage the Las Cruces store when the previous manager retired.

"It's a weird kind of fate story," Hume began. "A Dillard's department manager said I should check out LuLu. I walked in and said, 'This is my store.'"

"I loved the way it felt, the way it looked, the merchandise."

Not long after discovering LuLu, Hume met Jonathan Boldt. When he commented about the jewelry she was wearing, she told him it was from LuLu.

"He said, 'My best friend owns that store,'" Hume continued.

She recalled replying, "I love that store. I want to buy it."

Hume unexpectedly got her chance in August 2012 when Bleything fell and shattered his heel. Realizing he needed help, he asked Hume to run the shop.

In January, she officially took over as owner.

"I love it," she said. "I absolutely love it. I feel honored every day I walk in here."

Crowning jewels

Hume said Bleything worked hard to find unique jewelry for the shop and she is devoted to continuing that tradition.

Among the shop's specialties are Firefly jewelry made by Guatemalan artisans and Papayan bags and T's.

"I research constantly," Hume said. "I am always looking at fashion. I also go to our customers for suggestions. A lot of people tell me about local artists I should know."

Bleything, who owns Matteo in Mesilla, showed her the

Details

LuLu

Address

1800 Avenida de Mesilla

Hours

Winter hours

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10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday

Contact

523-4747

Website

mail@thisislulu.com



importance of having "some pretty expensive pieces and some that are not," Hume said.

"I like helping people and I like being creative with merchandise," she said. "I try not to have it be overwhelming. Everything needs to flow and tell a story. I want the case lines to be inviting and fun and the wall display's to capture people's attention."



LuLu's new owner, Heather Hume, keeps her eye on fashion trends.



Rebecca Taylor and Rebecca Levine try on rings at LuLu in Mesilla.



Mannequins sport the latest in printed tops at LuLu.

Are we ready for high tech?

Lopez: Area lacks risk capital, a planned approach

By Alta LeCompte
Las Cruces Bulletin

Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA), asked members of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico Friday, Feb. 15, whether the area has what it takes to attract high technology businesses.

He answered the rhetorical question with many more questions, in the process identifying elements that need to be in place for high tech to thrive. Among the elements he noted were a creative culture, risk capital and a workforce of technicians.

What is a creative culture?

Lopez sketched a theoretical framework that likened the emergence of a creative culture to the evolution of a rainforest.

"A rainforest thrives because the flora and fauna are a mix of element in which you let the weeds grow, and the weeds become the Googles ... of the world," he said.

The flora and fauna of the Silicon Valley took hold 70 or 80 years ago, starting with military radio technology in the early 1930s he said. Stanford University committed to high technology and a nurturing culture sprang up, he said.

"I spent a lot of time in the Silicon Valley. There's something very interesting about the Silicon Valley," he said. "It's almost like Hollywood — the waiter serving you is really a technologist."

He said Austin, Texas, became a technology city in the early '80s when "a company called Dell cropped up."

"People like to hang around the music scene and that draws a lot of creative people."

Adding nurture to nature

Lopez said a creative culture emerges in cities that have a university, and are most successful where there are several.

He suggested partnering with the University of Texas at El Paso to build the creative base.

"I hope those things would start the pendulum," he said.

He said New Mexico State University during the presidency of Barbara Couture had formed a technology committee to talk about commercializing intellectual property.

"You have to reward and incentivize researchers," he said. "They all recognized that had to happen."

But to succeed as a technology mecca, a community also needs to nurture its assets the way Research Triangle Park did in North



William Dobricky, senior procurement adviser with New Mexico Small Business Development Center in Las Cruces; Paul Deason, director of Science Technology Analysis Team LLC; Jim Andress of the New Mexico State University Physical Science Lab; and aerospace technology student Rono Danakili applaud Davin Lopez's presentation to the High Tech Consortium Friday, Feb. 15, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Carolina, he added.

"They had a planned approach and the willingness of the state to throw resources behind it."

Las Cruces must ask if we have a robust entrepreneurial culture and the resources to move it into action, he said.

Technological skills

Lopez said the Mesilla Valley is like much of the United States in its shortage of technical education are attracting advanced technology companies.

"Mexico is winning over us in aerospace technology. They're investing in technical training," he said.

"In Costa Rica and Mexico, you take two years of vocational training and you're earning \$40,000 the first year you work," he said. "We're missing out on that."

Lopez called technical skills training a recipe for growth, and said the area needs to develop the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) experience for students.

"Early College High School is a great first step forward," he said.

Risk capital

"I would argue we don't have enough risk capital ... to take it to the next level. Rain (to grow a rainforest) is angel capital. We need to pour in the rain," Lopez said, citing Kalamazoo, Mich., as a city that created its own capital.

Kalamazoo lost its pharmacology industry in the early '90s and was left with laboratory facilities and some employees who didn't want to move, he said.

Kalamazoo responded by building a community foundation.

"(New Mexico) suffers from not having the capital," he said.

Lopez related that a nanotechnology company recruited by the economic development community learned that the venture capital group they met with didn't have the money

they needed, and they went elsewhere.

New Mexico tax policies and the state's dearth of financial incentives also work against high-tech business recruitment, he said.

"We need our own community capital," Lopez said. "We need the city and the county to work together and start a fund."

"We need facility space. To attract advanced manufacturing, they have to build, because we're out of space."

Planning to grow

Lopez said New Mexico should have "a comprehensive economic plan that aligns with the research coming out of our universities."

"We need a commitment from the governor and a vested private sector," he said. A commitment from the state would be invaluable in moving discoveries made in universities and laboratories forward to development and commercialization.

Lopez said he's seen technological advances coming out of Sandia National Laboratory and moving out to "where the money is."

The state has assets in its labs and universities, in aerospace and energy.

The challenge, however, is to make those assets productive by developing a state plan that encompasses training in technical skills, generating risk capital and adopting a competitive tax policy.

Local backing needed

In spite of the absence of a state plan, MVEDA is working to attract advanced technology to southern New Mexico, Lopez said.

"At MVEDA we have a \$550,000 budget," he said. "Our counterparts in West Texas have funds in the millions."

New Mexico looks at incentives to attract technology businesses as "corporate giving," he said.

"MVEDA uses an asset-based model, because we know we can't compete on taxes and incentives, so we talk about our unique assets that will benefit a company."

Among area assets he cited were the Santa Teresa port of entry, Union Pacific hub and the border overweight zone.

"The mix is very powerful," he said.

With those assets to show, MVEDA is targeting advanced manufacturing, supply chain businesses, space and unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) industries and higher-level back office businesses, as well as value-added agricultural businesses such as biomass and biofuels.

The challenge in recruiting those industries is to have the technical skill sets and capital in place to lure them.

"We need our own community capital," Lopez said.

He called upon the city and county to start a community capital fund and to build facilities to house advanced manufacturing.

"We're out of space," he said.

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Let's shrink U.S. banks

Too-big-to-fail also means too-big-to-manage



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

The call to break up the largest U.S. banks is getting louder, coming from financial analysts, regulators and politicians, not to mention small banks that are put at a disadvantage because they don't enjoy the protection of too-big-to-fail.

Let me make it clear. The too-big-to-fail banks are the consequence of U.S. government guarantees. They couldn't exist without them and it is the sheer size of the U.S. economy that gives these guarantees credibility.

The too-big-to-fail banks are getting bigger. The 10 largest banks in 2007, before the crisis, controlled 37 percent of deposits, now they control 44 percent. Together they have deposits the equivalent of about three-fourths of U.S. gross domestic product.

It is precisely because the financial crisis and the TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) bailout it spawned made clear the value of federal guarantees that has allowed the too-big-to-fail to grow relative to the rest of the banking industry. Taxpayers are more on the hook now than ever. (This is another example, by the way, of a perverse result arising from government intervention.)

More and more, finance analysts who follow these banks are questioning whether they can be managed efficiently. The quip is too-big-to-fail is too-big-to-manage. The classic example of this is the London Whale, a JP Morgan trader named Bruno Iksil who lost \$6 billion. The loss arose from large positions taken in corporate debt that he did on his own authority with little supervision by corporate management. To put it bluntly, JP Morgan management in New York did not know what its traders in London were doing.

So why doesn't market pressure result in the breakup of too-big-to-fail/manage

banks? The answer is, the implicit federal guarantees subsidize poor management, allowing these behemoths to continue. Meanwhile, small Main Street banks find themselves at a disadvantage, as they don't enjoy the same guarantees and so must borrow at higher rates.

The main argument for large banks is that it takes a large bank to make large industrial loans. Smaller banks just couldn't compete with large foreign banks for mega deals. Sorry, I don't buy it. These deals are few and far between – a few hundred a year – and often involve syndicates of several banks. Even if it's true that only large banks can make such deals, let Japan and Europe suffer the negative consequences of too-big-to-fail.

Too-big-to-fail/manage also means too-big-to-regulate. If there are too many moving parts for management to follow, just think of the difficulty an underpaid, under-resourced outsider like the typical regulator faces in trying to wrap their heads around the operations of these monstrosities. But regulate we must. Precisely because taxpayer money is at risk, the incentive to take undue risk is great. Regulation is critical to protect taxpayers.

Under Dodd-Frank, systematically important institutions are required to hold 2.5 percent more capital than smaller banks. This is a step in the right direction, but doesn't go far enough. Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown has proposed that banks be capped to an asset size as a percentage of GDP. Something like the Brown proposal is what is needed.

Momentum is gaining for breakup of too-big-fail/manage/regulate banks. Maybe this will be the year we finally put the stake through the heart of too-big-to-fail.

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2012 Las Cruces Area Home-Sale Overview

| Price (\$1,000's) | For Sale | % | Sold | % | Turn Ratio | Month's Supply |
|-------------------|----------|-------|------|-------|------------|----------------|
| 0-100 | 72 | 6.8% | 197 | 16.1% | 2.74 | 4.4 |
| 100-200 | 477 | 44.9% | 717 | 58.5% | 1.50 | 8.0 |
| 200-300 | 263 | 24.8% | 223 | 18.2% | 0.85 | 14.2 |
| 300-400 | 106 | 10.0% | 74 | 6.0% | 0.70 | 17.2 |
| 400-500 | 56 | 5.3% | 10 | 0.8% | 0.18 | 67.2 |
| 500-600 | 28 | 2.6% | 1 | 0.1% | 0.04 | 336.0 |
| 600+ | 60 | 5.6% | 3 | 0.2% | 0.05 | 240.0 |
| TOTALS: | 1062 | 100% | 1225 | 100% | 1.15 | 10.4 |

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors as of 02/06/13 Calculations by Bret Moody, Sr. Comm'l Loan Officer, First American Bank

A balanced market emerges

Just not for all Las Cruces property owners



Gary Sandler's
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It's the news Las Cruces area homesellers have been waiting to hear: It's finally a balanced market, as long as your property is priced at \$160,000 or less.

Since market recoveries begin from the bottom up, that's certainly good news for local homesellers.

According to statistics from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors and Bret Moody, senior commercial loan officer at First American Bank in Las Cruces, the supply of homes in the \$0 to \$160,000 segment of our local market will last six months at the current sales pace. A six-month supply of homes represents a balanced market across the country as well as here in Las Cruces, because the number of buyers and sellers are essentially equal.

When supplies fall below the six-month mark, the market favors the sellers. Just the opposite is true when the supply of homes, townhomes and condominiums exceeds six months at the current sales pace. Such is the case with higher-priced homes in Las Cruces.

There currently is an eight-month supply of homes in the \$100,000 to \$200,000 price range and a 14-month supply in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. Homes priced between \$300,000 and \$400,000 will take more than 17 months to be absorbed by buyers. Supply continues to grow as it ripples through the

higher price ranges.

While sales of existing homes in 2012 were up 28 percent over the previous year, new home sales have been lagging. A total of 146 new homes were reported closed last year, the fewest since 2001, when just 136 newly constructed homes were sold.

"The resale market contributed to the shortfall in housing permits in the city as compared to last year," Moody said. He went on to say that "the shortfall came when buyers opted to purchase resales versus building new homes."

Moody also noted that we're off to a better start in 2013 than any time since 2007. At the same time, the current supply of available homes is the same or below last year's levels, which is one of the components that combine to stabilize markets. That's more good news.

It's become almost standard operating procedure for me to end my recent columns by saying that now is a terrific time to buy a home. I wholeheartedly stand by that notion, especially if the buyer is an investor or someone who intends to live in their home for five to seven years. Don't miss this opportunity.

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.

Philanthropy on the rise

Report shows effectiveness of giving in NM

The New Mexico Association of Grantmakers (N MAG) recently released a report highlighting the effectiveness and impact of organized philanthropy throughout the state. The report serves as an opportunity to increase the understanding of the role of philanthropy in society.

"Philanthropy in New Mexico 2012," authored by Sabrina V. Pratt, included primary data research by Arika E. Sánchez for data years 2009-10. The report was compiled with data from 323 grantmakers and data about charitable giving by individuals. (Government sources were not included.)

The report showed total giving by New Mexico funders for 2009 was \$59,004,182.

New Mexico total assets held by foundations were \$1.3 billion in 2010 and total giving in New Mexico through grants for 2009 was \$132.8 million. Giving by New Mexico grantmakers in the state increased by 11.28 percent between 2006 and 2009 and the average grant size of out-of-state funders in 2009 was three times larger than New Mexico-based

funders. In 2009, \$655.7 million was given to charitable causes by New Mexico taxpayers who itemize deductions and 26 percent of New Mexico taxpayers who itemized returns made charitable contributions in 2009 compared to 27 percent in 2005. In total, \$1.3 billion in total assets for 2010 was reported by New Mexico foundations.

The N MAG was founded in 1991 and is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and impact of organized philanthropy throughout the state. N MAG is a regional membership association that provides programs, research and educational resources and networking opportunities for grantmakers throughout New Mexico.

As a philanthropic leader in New Mexico, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) serves as an independent charity that stewards philanthropic resources from institutional and individual donors to community-based organizations in southern New Mexico including Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Luna, Otero and Sierra Counties.



The CFSNM manages 37 nonprofit endowments and 150 private endowments, and has become a catalyst for significant community change by enabling people to create and help finance charitable funds that address a wide range of interests. In 2012, the CFSNM acquired and managed permanent assets of \$13,976,000 and total invested assets of \$7,881,000 through 187 endowments, of which 37 are local nonprofits. The CFSNM also awarded \$142,800 of endowment earnings to local charities and 47 scholarships totaling \$28,375.42. The CFSNM also granted \$90,375 in grant funds to local nonprofits, held the 20th Annual Estate Planning Institute and funded 34 mammograms for underserved women.

"As an independent charity that stewards philanthropic resources we are dedicated to making a difference in southern New Mexico," said Luan Wagner Burn, executive director of the CFSNM. "Through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, donors can create endowments, fund endowments and connect with causes that matter."

Donating to an endowment contributes with a payoff both in the present and later for future generations. An endowment is set up with \$5,000 minimum and five years to meet that minimum, either anonymously or with recognition. Once the \$5000 base is established, the endowment starts gaining

interest, and the more that is added, the larger the endowment becomes and the more it meets current needs.

Nearly every type of asset, including cash, real estate, stock and artwork can be contributed to a community foundation. Gifts come from living donors and bequests through various types of funds and giving vehicles.

In addition to managing funds and endowments, the CFSNM has several initiatives including the Unified Prevention! (UP!) Coalition for a Drug Free Doña Ana County and the Young Philanthropists and is host to the Gen. M. Summer Science Institute and the J. Paul Taylor Symposium.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the Foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of Southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information, visit www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794.

Briefs

Sisbarro Buick/GMC begins construction of new showroom

Sisbarro Buick/GMC is Las Cruces began construction of a new Buick/GMC showroom the week of Feb. 21.

“General Motors is requiring all its Buick/GMC dealers to update their facilities,” said Lou Sisbarro, president of the Sisbarro Dealerships. “We’re thrilled we can make the necessary updates and maintain our current New Mexico mission style architecture on the corner of Boutz Road and Valley Drive.”

Sisbarro’s plans are to convert its current administrative building into the new car showroom and move its used car operation to corner of Boutz Road and Valley Drive. Updates will also be made to the dealership’s service department.

Sisbarro expects the project to be completed

in approximately eight months. Financing on the construction project is being provided by Citizens Bank. GenCon construction will serve as contractor.

“This is our 32nd year of business here is Las Cruces and the current building’s exteriors are really very much the same as when we opened the doors in 1981,” Sisbarro said. “I’m excited to the new look and the new focus it will bring to our Buick and GMC lines. My people are ready to work through the construction and take care of our sales and service customers as they always do.”

TCBY Coffee Haus announces new hours

TCBY Coffee Haus, located in Frenger Food Court on the New Mexico State University campus will change its hours of operation beginning Saturday, March 2. The new hours will be 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday

through Saturday.

“TCBY, The Country’s Best Yogurt, and the Coffee Haus have been a great co-branding fit,” said owner/manager Irma Chavez-May. “The Coffee Haus side carries many fresh baked pastries, sandwiches, specialty coffee drinks and a great cup of coffee. TCBY carries 96 percent fat-free yogurt, smoothies, frappe chillers, banana splits, sundaes and waffle cones. Our Saturday special will be a 99-cent waffle cone.”

Though parking is hard to come by during the week, Chavez-May said all parking on Saturdays is free, with no permits or meters required. She said that, depending on how sales go, the shop may extend hours during the summer.

TCBY Coffee Haus opened in November 1997 as one of the original vendors in the Frenger Food Court. This change in hours will mark the first significant change in 15 years. For more information, call 646-4001.

Consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop free to the public

A consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at the Law Office of Kenneth Egan, 1111 E. Lohman Ave.

The workshop includes a presentation by volunteer attorney Egan, an open question and answer period, and a free one-on-one consultation with an attorney. This event is a community service open to the public free of charge. Call 800-876-6227 for details or 505-797-6068 to register.

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

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Feb. 10-16

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

| PERMIT NO. | PERMIT TYPE | OWNER | ADDRESS | CONTRACTOR | TOTAL FEE | VALUATION |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 20130776 | REROOF | ELISA VALDEZ | 1560 N. WILLOW ST. | C.D. GENERAL CONTRACTORS INC. | \$46.62 | \$3,200 |
| 20130781 | REROOF | THE DANIEL TRUST | 1153 BERKSHIRE COURT | CLAYTON DONNELLY ROOFING | \$70.22 | \$7,207 |
| 20130791 | REROOF | STEPHANIE L. SIMPSON | 1229 N. WILLOW ST. | OPTIMUM ROOFING & CONSTRUCTION | \$73 | \$7,680 |
| 20130793 | REROOF | CAROL B. ELDER & E. SAMUEL PETERS | 2055 PINE TRAIL | APPROVED ROOFING | \$47.94 | \$3,424 |
| 20130794 | REROOF | WILLIAM RUSSELL AND ROSITA S. STOUT | 1973 BAYARD COURT | WILLIAM RUSSELL & ROSITA S. STOUT | \$60.16 | \$5,500 |
| 20130795 | REROOF | JOSE G. & MARIA D. PERALTA | 2200 HIXON DRIVE | ALLSTATE ROOFING LLC | \$80.61 | \$8,971 |
| 20130809 | REROOF | ALAN ROY & STANNA S. PORTER | 1336 CATALPA DRIVE | MILAGRO MAINTENANCE & REPAIR LLC | \$74.73 | \$7,973 |
| 20130823 | REROOF | LORETTA M. MEEKS | 455 COURT AVE. | RUNYAN CONSTRUCTION | \$60.16 | \$5,500 |
| 20130831 | REROOF | MULTIFAMILY MTG BRANCH | 999 S. TELSHER BLVD., SUITE 13 | DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$120.67 | \$15,772 |
| 20130834 | REROOF | JRM ENTERPRISES LLC | 3859 THURSTON COURT | RIDGETOP CONSTRUCTION | \$51.88 | \$4,093 |
| 20130836 | REROOF | GEORGE L. CHIP JR. TRUSTEE | 4841 VISTA CUESTA | PIONEER ROOFING AND SPECIALTIES INC. | \$95.24 | \$11,455 |
| 20130837 | REROOF | JEFFREY E. PASSNER | 720 WINDMILL DRIVE | PIONEER ROOFING AND SPECIALTIES INC. | \$51.52 | \$4,033 |
| 20130838 | REROOF | RICHARD CURTIS FAMILY LLC | 133 WYATT DRIVE | TRIBUTE DEVELOPMENT LLC | \$49.80 | \$3,740 |
| 20130924 | REROOF | DAVID C. & LINDA M. MELTON | 451 BUTLER ST. | LANNICK CONSTRUCTION | \$51.33 | \$4,000 |
| 20130930 | REROOF | BRENDA J. SCARBROUGH | 2862 CLOUDCROFT CIRCLE | DESERT HILLS ROOFING | \$72.53 | \$7,600 |
| 20130932 | REROOF | SHIVARM & ARCHANA CHETAN | 301 LOHMAN AVE. | DESERT HILLS ROOFING | \$89.61 | \$10,500 |
| 20130934 | REROOF | DANNY & ROSE BUSTAMANTE | 4170 WINDRIDGE CIRCLE | DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$118.42 | \$15,391 |
| 20130800 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | NM LOTS LLC | 3556 CALLE DE SIERRA | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,947.80 | \$169,740 |
| 20130802 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | NM LOTS LLC | 3593 SIERRA DEL SOL AVE. | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,917.98 | \$152,274 |
| 20130827 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SONOMA RANCH SUBDIVISION LTD CO. | 2500 MONTICELLO DRIVE | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$3,006.88 | \$204,344 |
| 20130828 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | HUNT DOS LADOS LLC | 3962 AGUA CALIENTE | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,947.80 | \$169,740 |
| 20130844 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4713 RIMROCK DRIVE | DR HORTON CRUCES CONSTRUCTION INC. | \$4,687.48 | \$158,424 |
| 20130845 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4725 RIMROCK DRIVE | DR HORTON CRUCES CONSTRUCTION INC. | \$4,690.28 | \$160,064 |
| 20130846 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4729 RIMROCK DRIVE | DR HORTON CRUCES CONSTRUCTION INC. | \$4,687.48 | \$158,424 |
| 20130847 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4705 RIMROCK DRIVE | DR HORTON CRUCES CONSTRUCTION INC. | \$4,669.56 | \$147,928 |
| 20130868 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | COMPASS BANK | 4759 ZENO PLACE | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,977.20 | \$186,960 |
| 20130870 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SONOMA RANCH EAST II LLC | 4375 CALLE AMARILLA ARC | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$4,736.20 | \$186,960 |
| 20130889 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | FLAIR HOMES INC. | 4589 RIMROCK DRIVE | FLAIR HOMES INC. | \$4,709.60 | \$171,380 |
| 20130900 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | NM LOTS LLC | 3520 CALLE DE SIERRA | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,947.80 | \$169,740 |
| 20130901 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | GRANT COUNTY VENTURES LLC | 6313 WOLF CREEK DRIVE | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$4,676.98 | \$152,274 |
| 20130915 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | BPS LLC | 4657 RIMROCK DRIVE | SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT | \$3,981.84 | \$213,692 |
| 20130933 | RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY | SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC. | 3654 SANTA MARCELLA | HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC | \$2,989.38 | \$194,094 |
| 20130775 | RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS | DAVID B. CLEMENCE | 602 HANSEN AVE. | INTERIOR SPECIALTIES | \$273.27 | \$46,700 |
| 20130784 | ROCKWALL | MISSION SANTA CLARA LLC | 2060 VILLA NAPOLI LOOP EAST | E. & R. CONTRACTORS | \$225.40 | \$4,508 |
| 20130785 | ROCKWALL | FLAIR HOMES INC. | 4443 MIRAMAR ARC | R BUILDERS INC. | \$73.25 | \$1,465 |
| 20130786 | ROCKWALL | FLAIR HOMES INC. | 4589 RIMROCK DRIVE | R BUILDERS INC. | \$296.80 | \$5,936 |
| 20130812 | ROCKWALL | HUNT DOS LADOS LLC | 3962 AGUA CALIENTE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$205.80 | \$4,116 |
| 20130813 | ROCKWALL | SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC. | 3633 SAN CLEMENTE DRIVE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$58.80 | \$1,176 |
| 20130814 | ROCKWALL | SONOMA RANCH EAST II LLC | 4375 CALLE AMARILLA ARC | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$122.50 | \$2,450 |
| 20130815 | ROCKWALL | COMPASS BANK | 4759 ZENO PLACE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$58.80 | \$1,176 |
| 20130816 | ROCKWALL | SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC. | 3654 SANTA MARCELLA | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$73.50 | \$1,470 |
| 20130817 | ROCKWALL | SONOMA RANCH SUBDIVISION LTD CO. | 2500 MONTICELLO DRIVE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$73.50 | \$1,470 |
| 20130843 | ROCKWALL | THURSTON EQUITY CORPORATION | 7348 VISTA DE SOBRE | ROCKWALLS & LANDSCAPES BY DESIGN | \$40 | \$800 |
| 20130869 | ROCKWALL | DAVID L. & LAUREL A. COYLE TRUST | 4353 LEVANTE DRIVE | CHAIRES ROCK WALLS | \$65.00 | \$1,300 |
| 20130872 | ROCKWALL | DAVID L. & LAUREL A. COYLE TRUST | 4347 LEVANTE DRIVE | CHAIRES ROCK WALLS | \$77 | \$1,548 |
| 20130875 | ROCKWALL | SONOMA RANCH EAST II LLC | 4335 CALLE BONITA | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$189.90 | \$3,798 |
| 20130877 | ROCKWALL | BPS LLC | 4685 RIMROCK DRIVE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$205.80 | \$4,116 |
| 20130878 | ROCKWALL | BPS LLC | 4697 RIMROCK DRIVE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$75.95 | \$1,519 |
| 20130879 | ROCKWALL | SONOMA RANCH EAST II LLC | 2650 TUSCAN HILLS LANE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$213.15 | \$4,263 |
| 20130895 | ROCKWALL | SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC. | 3642 SANTA MARCELLA | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$102.90 | \$2,058 |
| 20130896 | ROCKWALL | NM LOTS LLC | 3520 CALLE DE SIERRA | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$102.90 | \$2,058 |
| 20130897 | ROCKWALL | GRANT COUNTY VENTURES LLC | 6313 WOLF CREEK DRIVE | SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS | \$127.85 | \$2,557 |
| 20130923 | ROCKWALL | HUNT DOS LADOS LLC | 3911 AGUA AZUL | E. & R. CONTRACTORS | \$34.30 | \$686 |

* Information provided by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices

Ribbon cutting at the Haciendas at Grace Village

Photos by David Salcido

Open Haciendas

Overcast skies did nothing to put a damper on the celebrations as The Haciendas at Grace Village held its ribbon cutting Tuesday, Feb. 19, kicking off a three-day open house event.

CEO Gary Coppedge gave a welcome address in which he thanked his business partner and co-owner Cathy Gutierrez, along with Development Manager Aubrey TeGrotenhuis and Coppedge's wife, Annabelle.

"This facility is new and it's beautiful," Coppedge said. "But really the heart of this facility is the people who work here and who

provide care for our residents."

The Haciendas at Grace Village, located at 2802 Corte Dios, were built as a residential-style community to provide assisted living and specialized care for Alzheimer's patients.

Coppedge pointed out that of the five buildings that make up the facility, four are "haciendas, just for living." Each hacienda houses 12 residents, for a maximum occupancy of 48. The fifth building is dedicated specifically to administration.

The ribbon cutting for the facility was held one year and two days after the groundbreaking, Coppedge said.



CEO Gary Coppedge prepares to cut the dual ribbons, provided by the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, officially opening The Haciendas at Grace Village Tuesday, Feb 19. The proclamations are held by Development Manager Aubrey TeGrotenhuis and co-owner Cathy Gutierrez.



TeGrotenhuis and HCCLC Membership Director Eldelisa Nava.



Pamela Fletcher of Comcast Spotlight and Bonnie Zeiler, LPN, director of Alzheimer's Services



Coppedge, Gutierrez and TeGrotenhuis



Case Manager Lisa Rodriguez, Nurse Manager Michelle Lewis and Jill Shannon of Preferred Assisted Living

Student savings

El Paso Electric recognizes Loma Heights Elementary

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, El Paso Electric Co. recognized teachers at Loma Heights Elementary who have excelled in teaching the LivingWise program, which educates students and their parents on the importance of conserving energy.

Teachers Lesli Gomez, Denise Puentes, Jeremy Sanchez and Anna Torres, who were on hand to be recognized for their work, have taught this program to a combined 351 fifth-graders since 2008, with 80 participating this school year.

Paul Royalty, manager of Energy Efficiency and Utilization at El Paso Electric addressed the roomful of fifth graders and thanked them for their efforts.

"You guys did such a great job," he said. "What we want to do is recognize you for being such an excellent group and for participating in our program. We also want to recognize your teachers. This would not be possible without their dedication. You fifth-graders have really done a great job and El Paso Electric Co. appreciates what you have done to conserve energy and help create a better world."

The presentation was met with wild applause and excitement from the students in attendance.

El Paso Electric's LivingWise Program is designed to investigate and measure energy and water usage in homes, while building knowledge of current environmental issues. Loma Heights students produced high-energy savings by installing the energy-efficient products from a kit that is part of the program. The class also demonstrated gained knowledge about energy, where it comes from and how it can be saved.

At the end of the in-class portion of the program, each student receives an El Paso Electric LivingWise kit to take home. The kit contains compact fluorescent lamps, a high-efficiency showerhead, a kitchen faucet aerator, a digital thermometer, a flow-rate test bag, a FilterTone alarm, nightlight and a natural resource fact chart. The students are asked to share their new knowledge and install the products with their families, reducing residential energy usage.

Resource Action Programs developed the LivingWise Program, which supports New Mexico state academic standards for science, math and language.



Paul Royalty, manager of Energy Efficiency and Utilization at El Paso Electric Co., addresses the fifth-grade class at Loma Heights Elementary. The teachers of these students were recognized for excellence in teaching the LivingWise Program during a presentation Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Royalty presents a plaque to Loma Heights Elementary Principal Rudolfo Leos.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by David Salcido
Fifth-grade teachers Anna Torres, Denise Puentes, Lesli Gomez and Jeremy Sanchez were presented with plants and a plaque signifying their participation and excellence in the LivingWise Program at Loma Heights Elementary.





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Young entrepreneurs compete

NMSU's Innoventure opens eyes and doors

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

At the 10th annual New Mexico State University Innoventure competition Friday, March 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, teams from across New Mexico will vie for bragging rights as the most entrepreneurial middle and high school students in the state.

About 120 of New Mexico's top problem-solving teens will compete all day in school teams. At 3:15 p.m. they will do presentations for the public.

The winners will go home with prizes, including NMSU scholarships.

Marie Borchert, founder and director of the NMSU program, said last year's winning team consisted of five Las Cruces High School seniors. All five currently are enrolled at NMSU.

This year, contestants were challenged to study how an everyday object functions and figure out a way to make the object more useful, useful for more people or find new uses for it, she said.

"I work with some really fantastic colleagues who choose the theme based on trends we see in the business world," Borchert said.



Dean Garrey Carruthers of the New Mexico State University College of Business visits with 2011 Innoventure contestants.

Teamwork gets it done

Each Innoventure team has been active all school year, applying science, technology, math and engineering prowess to solving a

real-world problem.

Each team makes a working prototype, writes a business plan and a marketing plan and creates a marketing piece to promote it. The marketing piece may be anything from a YouTube video to a website to a broadcast commercial.

Early in the process, they get "soft feedback," on their proposals, Borchert said.

"We are in constant communication with the teams," she said.

New Mexico State University photo

Save the date

FRI. 2/22

4 p.m. Ribbon cutting for Las Cruces Homes and Land Real Estate Sales and Rentals, 1701 Calle de Mercado, Suite 1. For more information, call 805-4383.

TUE. 2/26

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speed Networking Event at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. Sponsored by WESST. Cost is \$15 for WESST clients and Hispano Chamber of

Commerce de Las Cruces members; \$30 for non-members. Register in advance at 524-8900.

THU. 2/28

5:30 p.m. Business After Hours at U.S. Bank, 277 E. Amador Ave. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

THU. 3/7

8 a.m. United RV Sales Grand Re-opening, 700 Stern

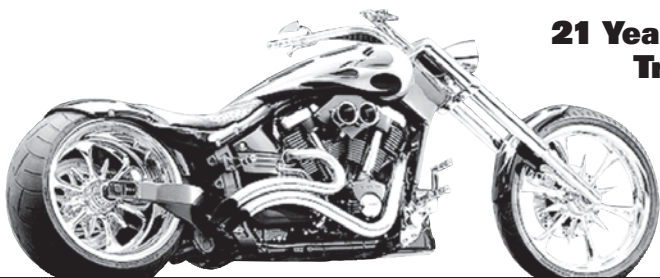
Drive. Event runs through Sunday, March 10. Barbecue, games and live music. A portion of proceeds to benefit local charities. For more information, call 528-2800.

SAT. 3/16

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Gracie Barra Las Cruces Grand Opening, 421 Avenida de Mesilla. Giveaways throughout the day. Seminar by multi-BJJ World Champion Roberto "Tussa" Alencar. For more information, call 523-1404.

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Scant rain reported

Climatologist predicts continuing dry weather

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Minor precipitation was recorded on three occasions in early January in the Las Cruces area, state climatologist Dave DuBois reported.

The rain was received on Jan. 3, trace; Jan. 4, .12 of-an-inch; and Jan 5, .01 of-an-inch, bringing the total for the month and

year to .14 of-an-inch, or .37 of-an-inch lower than normal.

"It looks like the recent snow storms will most likely benefit northwest New Mexico," DuBois said. "But we could get some snow flurries, 2 to 3 inches in the Gila and Sacramento mountains."

For the long-range weather outlook, the weather is predicted to continue to be warm and dry through April, DuBois said.

EBID to give outlook

Water allocation is major concern this spring

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District Board of Directors, during its Wednesday, Feb. 13 meeting, advised farmers to prepare for another short surface water supply this coming season, but they'll have to wait until March to learn when and how much water will be released.

The board's next meeting is scheduled for March 13, when farmer patrons will be brought up-to-date on the river water outlook. But the Rio Grande Compact Commission also will conduct a meeting on March 21 in Alamosa, Colo., to review such subjects as credit water liabilities.

"When we meet with the compact commission, we should find out how much water we can allocate to farmers this year," EBID consultant J. Phillip King said.

The board agreed in theory to allocate 4 to 6 inches of surface water this season, based on the supply data King had reported. The nor-

mal surface water release, with a good mountain snow pack, is 3 acre-feet.

The EBID has 92,000 acre-feet available, but it also has a "credit water" liability of 65,000 acre-feet, King said. Credit water is the amount that had been over delivered in previous years, he explained.

The reservoirs continue to go down. The latest figures supplied to the board were: Elephant Butte, 183,064; Caballo, 8,398; total 191,462. At the same time last year the figures were: Elephant Butte, 333,329; Caballo, 14,859; total, 348,188.

The Rio Grande flow during the March-July runoff at San Marcial, just above the Elephant Butte Reservoir, is forecast for 124,000, or 24 percent of average.

"It's going to be a tough year for local farmers," King said. "Some are talking about leaving some fields fallow."

The El Niño weather pattern also is calling for neutral spring precipitation through the spring of 2013.

One way advisers stay connected with the competitors is through the Innoventure website, which provides live chat, blogs, a social network forum with videos that inspire and inform and downloadable assists such as a business plan template.

Both Borchert and her northern New Mexico colleague Ericka Dunn are online regularly to support and assist the emerging entrepreneurs.

Dunn, a middle school English teacher, helps students with their business plans and acts as an "encourager and contact person" at the northern end of the state, Borchert said.

Students discover entrepreneurship

Borchert said the competition introduces students to entrepreneurship and helps them understand "they don't have to work for someone else - they can create their own jobs."

"The goal is really for them to understand more about the practical application of what they learn in class - and that it all can be used in business," she said. "In my mind, it's less about the final competition and judging. It's not all about the prizes."

On the day of the competition, team members will explain their work to 20 judges. The roster of judges includes faculty of the NMSU College of Business and Arrowhead Center as well as New Mexico business people.

This year's panel includes Savonne Griffin of FirstLight Federal Credit Union; Henry Rael, program officer of the McCune Charitable Foundation in Santa Fe; Michael Sanders of LandCraft LLC civil engineering firm; and Fred Owensby, director of the Small Business Development Center in Las Cruces.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201202068

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

v.

DENISE E. CHAVEZ, DANIEL
C. ZOLINSKY AND UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA BY
AND THROUGH THE
INTERNAL REVENUE
SERVICE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 26, 2013 at 11:45 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:

Lots 26, 27, 28, AND 29, AMENDED PLAT OF LA COLONIA SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 319, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on April 6, 1946, and recorded in Book 6, Page 34, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 390 La Colonia 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 December 18, 2012 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 \$136,165.39 plus interest from October 17, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.750% 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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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02931

DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR ARGENT SECURITIES
INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2005-W2, Plaintiff,

v.

MICHELE LEE HUDSON,
AKA MICHELE L. HUDSON-
ARMENDARIZ, ARGENT
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
LLC, JOHN DOE AND JANE
DOE, Defendant(s).

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Lots 56, 57 and 58, Block 1, Peterson Place, 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 April 15, 1909, in Book 3 Page(s) 29 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1022 North Armijo Street, 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 December 20, 2012 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 \$128,145.43 plus interest from September 17, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, 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.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 27, 2013, 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 in the sum of \$128,145.43 plus interest from September 17, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00092

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Successor by Merger to BAC
Home Loans Servicing, LP fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

JASON T. CROWSON,
and if married, JANE DOE
CROWSON (true name
unknown), his spouse,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 27, 2013, 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 in the sum of \$128,145.43 plus interest from September 17, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, 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.

Lot 44, DAVIS HOMESITES 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 July 13, 1956, in Book 7 Page 71 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 18, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$103,718.82 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from December 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,738.71. 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.

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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 a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00383

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Successor by Merger to BAC
Home Loans Servicing, LP fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

HOLLY WILLEMSMA
and HANK WILLEMSMA,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 6, 2013, 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 1500 Roberts Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF A 4.214 ACRE TRACT

A tract of land situate South of Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 12, T.20S., R.2W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a brass cap found for the Southwest corner of this tract; IDENTICAL to the section corner common to Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.20S., R.2W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Survey, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.00deg.22'53"W., a distance of 305.84 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.68deg.51'22"E., a distance of 445.66 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE N.21deg.08'37"W., a distance of 43.55 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE N.68deg.51'23"E., a distance of 144.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 21deg.08'37"E., a distance of 136.83 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE S.68deg.51'23"W., a distance of 35.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE S.20deg.09'00"E., a distance of 192.65 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S.68deg.50'57"W., a

distance of 660.46 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 4.214 acres of land, more or less. Together with a 40.00 foot access easement as shown on Plat of Survey by Scanlon White, Inc., Job No.04-03-0223. Subject to all easements and reservations of record. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC., License No.9433.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 24, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$240,524.43 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from November 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,774.24. 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.

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Pamela Carmody,
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201202704

REVERSE MORTGAGE
SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF BETTY J. ROBERTSON,
DECEASED, UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT, HACIENDA
ACRES NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION (HANA)
AND THE UNKNOWN
SURVIVING SPOUSE OF
BETTY J. ROBERTSON, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Betty J. Robertson, deceased, The Surviving Unknown Spouse of Betty J. Robertson, 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 5067 Hacienda Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 256 of Hacienda Acres (Revised), Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Hacienda Acres (Revised), filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 22, 1961 in Plat Book 8, Folio 77.

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:
Robert Lara
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
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Telephone: (505) 848-9500
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Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE
MANUEL I. ARRIETA,
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
of the Third Judicial District
Court, Doña Ana County,
New Mexico, this 23rd day of
January, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:


Deputy
NM12-02079_FC01

Pub # 12688
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 25, 2013, William Buchanan, 1116 Addington Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-14001 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin Doña Ana County by discontinuing use of well LRG-14001 located at Lat/Long: 32°13'47.147"N 106°45'26.176"W WGS 84, which historically provided water to land owned by the applicant, and drilling a new well to the depth of 300 feet with a 4-inch casing to be located at Lat/Long: 32°13'47.241"N 106°45'25.927"W WGS84 on land owned by the applicant for the continued domestic use and the diversion amount of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum or that amount required for beneficial use whichever is less. The new well site will be located south of Las Cruces and may be found at the physical address of 5665 N HWY 28, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Well LRG-14001 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.

Pub # 12690
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013




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.

Pub # 12509
Dates 11/9/12 - 6/28/13



CITY OF LAS CRUCES
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

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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NOTICE is hereby given that on July 12, 2011, Gilbert C. and Lidia V. Holguin, 224-2 Holguin Road, Vado, NM, filed application numbered LRG-1246 POD3 with the State Engineer for Perna to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1246 located at Lat/Long: 32° 7' 28.12"N, 106° 39' 44.24"W, on land owned by Pilar Holguin, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 150 feet for 6-inch casing to be located at Lat/Long: 32° 7' 25.71"N, 106° 39' 44.07"W, on land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 1.22 acres, owned by the applicants, located within the NW1/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described in Subfile No.: LRS-28-010-7082 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for replacement well LRG-1246 POD3 is located north of Vado, NM and may be found at the physical address of 224-2 Holguin Road. Old well LRG-1246 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially 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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12691
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2012, Jason Franzoy, HC 60 Box 33-B, Hatch, NM 87937 filed application numbered LRG-3956 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-3956-1, 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-3956, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°41'15.008"N, 107°13'34.586"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, and drilling a new well, LRG-3956 POD2, to a depth of 70 feet with 18 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°41'14.932"N, 107°13'34.269"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 38.84 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the Pt. NW1/4 of Section 02, Township 19 South, Range 04 West NMPM, as described by Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-006-0011 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for proposed well, LRG-3956 POD2, is located northwest of Hatch, approximately 0.75 miles northwest of B.B. Romig and Sunday Dr., and is further identified by the physical address of 801 Sunday Drive. Existing well LRG-3956 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.

Pub # 12692
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2013-00018

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROBERT L. MONTOYA AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF ROBERT L. MONTOYA,
IF ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant Robert L. Montoya.

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 5991 Cortez Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot numbered 37 of Hacienda Acres (Revised), Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Hacienda Acres (Revised),

filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 22, 1961 in Plat Book 8, Folio 77.

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:

Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of February, 2013.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:

Deputy

NM12-03778_FC01

Pub # 12697
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02878

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**WILLIAM E. MCCOY AKA
WILLIAM MCCOY AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
WILLIAM E. MCCOY AKA
WILLIAM MCCOY, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Spouse of William E. McCoy aka William McCoy, 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 1835 Ash Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 25, Block 6, of Unit No. 9 Loma Heights South, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on August 27, 1973 in Plat Book 11, at Page(s) 62-63 as Plat No. 785, records of Doña Ana County.

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

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Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
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Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of February, 2013.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:

Deputy

NM12-03496_FC01

Pub # 12698
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201201921

**PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**DINA E. VALLE AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
DINA E. VALLE, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Dina E. Valle and The Unknown Spouse of Dina E. Valle, 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 4672 Mesita Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot numbered 13 in Block numbered E of PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

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,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:

Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of October, 2012.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:

Deputy

NM12-01890_FC01

Pub # 12699
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00767

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

DEJA E. DONDE; RICHARD R. CLOUD, if living, if deceased, THE ESTATE OF RICHARD R. CLOUD, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF RICHARD R. CLOUD; Deceased; WALLACE A. GARVEY; CAROL A. GARVEY; BAHNS BANK OF AMERICA FSB; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Richard R. Cloud, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5150 Wildflower Road, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 10, Block C, BUTTERFIELD PARK, REPLAT NO. 2, 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 August 21, 1992, in Book 17 Page(s) 223-224 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1997 Masterpiece doublewide, VIN No. MP154526AB, License Plate Number 6999MHL,

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the First Amended 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(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) 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

January 31, 2013
By /s/ Cody R. Lujan
Attorney for 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 Doña Ana County, this 5th day of February, 2013.

(SEAL)

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By /s/ Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

Pub # 12700
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01037

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

AURORA CHAVEZ; SAMMY CHAVEZ if living; If deceased, THE ESTATE OF SAMMY CHAVEZ, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF SAMMY CHAVEZ, Deceased, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Sammy Chavez if living; if deceased, The Estate of Sammy Chavez, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Sammy Chavez, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1035 East Poplar Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 4 in Block C of Washington Heights, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Washington Heights, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 25, 1957 in Plat Book 7, Folio 57.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the First Amended 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(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) 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 /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, 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 6th day of February, 2013.

(SEAL)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 12701
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. D-307-CV-2011-02733

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**THE ESTATE OF WESTON
C. WOLFF, Deceased, and if**

married, JANE DOE WOLFF, (true name unknown), his spouse; UMEKO WOLFF, Personally and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Weston C. Wolff, Deceased; CLIFFORD CHRISTIAN WOLFF; CHRISTINA RENE WOLFF; KIMBERLY ANNE WOLFF; TAMELA KAY WOLFF; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES AND LEGATEES OF WESTON C. WOLFF, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devisees and Legatees of Weston C. Wolff, Deceased

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 1930 Mahogany Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 38, Block (17), UNIT NO. 11 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 805 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on January 24, 1975, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 8-9, Plat Records.

That unless you respond to the First Amended Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd, 1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, 505-248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, 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 4th day of February, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT
(SEAL)

By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 12702
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01235

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

vs.

NESTOR TORRES and BLASA TORRES, 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 1003 4th Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

THE SOUTH ½ OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOT 8, BLOCK 4, PALMERS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4 PAGE 44 PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on March 22, 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.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 6, 2013, in the principal sum of \$43,461.70, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through February 1, 2013, in the amount of \$4,177.80 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$9.16 per diem, plus late charges of \$231.57, plus escrow advances of \$1,040.11, plus fee and cost advances in the amount of \$1,935.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$784.17, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 7.690% per annum from date of the entry of the 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
c/o Leverick and Musselman,
L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109
(505) 858-3303

Pub # 12703
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02505

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

vs.

JENNIFER GUERRA and ABRAHAM R. GUERRA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that

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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 5013 Kensington, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK A, RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, 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 2, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 210-211 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2013, 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 BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 5, 2013, in the principal sum of \$170,986.87, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through February 1, 2013, in the amount of \$8,620.59 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$25.77 per diem, plus late charges of \$307.32, plus escrow advances of \$1,572.20, plus fee and cost advances in the amount of \$700.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$512.65, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.500% per annum from date of the entry of the 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/ John A. Darden, III
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12704
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02528

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

vs.

GARY E. SULLIVAN
and CAROL SULLIVAN,
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 2802 San Elizario Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 494, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4509 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 22, PAGES 83-91, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:50 a.m. on March 22, 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 BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 6, 2013, in the principal sum of \$163,990.51, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through January 1, 2013, in the amount of \$6,832.90 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.46 per diem, plus late charges of \$280.14, plus escrow advances of \$1,880.07, plus property preservation costs of \$90.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$496.90, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.00% 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 Sukhyan
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87120
(505) 228-8484

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00289

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
N.A., successor in interest
by purchase from the FDIC
as Receiver of Washington
Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ELMER L. SCHROEDER,

JR., and, if married, JANE DOE SCHROEDER (true name unknown), his spouse; BRENDA SCHROEDER, and, if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; COMPASS BANK, successor in interest by merger to State National Bank; ELMER L. SCHROEDER, SR.; SHIRLEY SCHROEDER; FRISTOE AND COMPANY, P.A.; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 13, 2013, 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 6000 Dry Canyon Road, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, PICACHO CANYON ESTATES, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 3205 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 19, 1999, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGE 253, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 6, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$165,594.36 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from September 16, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,872.56. 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. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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PROCLAMACIÓN
ENMENDADA PARA
ELEGIR AL CONSEJO DE
DIRECTORES

Fecha de la elección:
el martes, 2 de abril de 2013

El martes, 2 de abril de 2013 tendrá lugar una elección regular de la Autoridad de Agua Pública del Río Grande Más Bajo (la Autoridad).

El propósito de esta elección será: (1) elegir a siete (7) miembros del Consejo de Directores, uno para representar cada uno de los siete (7) distritos de la Autoridad. También, (2) los miembros de la Autoridad que votan van a decidir si se cambie o no la Sección 2.02 H del documento de gobierno de la Autoridad así [el propósito del cambio está en letras bastardillas; las palabras nuevas del documento están subrayadas]:

“SECCIÓN 2.02. Cuerpo de Gobierno, Párrafo H

H. Miembros del Consejo de Directores no recibirán ni salario ni otro dinero por su servicio. La Autoridad puede reembolsar a directores por gastos que se les incurran mientras estén cumpliendo servicios de parte de la Autoridad si aprueba esto antes el Consejo, según Política y Procedimientos de la Autoridad. Se puede reembolsar a un director por las millas que viaja para asistir a una reunión planeada del Consejo.”

Una persona puede establecer una declaración de candidato para servir como director por dejar esa declaración escrita en la oficina de la Autoridad situada en 521 Calle de Valentine, La Mesa, NM para las 5:00 de la tarde el martes, 19 de febrero de 2013. Los que quieren ser candidatos pueden verificar su elegibilidad, o establecer su elegibilidad, por hablar con Martín López, el oficial de elección/gerente general de la Autoridad.

Ésta es la primera elección para elegir a directores del Consejo; por eso, se necesita seleccionar a un director de cada uno de los siete (7) distritos de la Autoridad. Se puede votar en dos lugares:

1. La oficina de la Mesa del Este, 9774 Butterfield Blvd., en la comunidad de Butterfield Park, Las Cruces, NM; o

2. El Centro de la Comunidad de El Cerro, 180 La Fe, Mesquite, NM.

Cada lugar estará abierta el día de la elección, el martes, 2 de abril de 2013, desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde,

Se terminará la registración para votar a las 5:00 de la tarde, el lunes, 4 de marzo de 2013. Los miembros de la Autoridad pueden verificar o establecer su elegibilidad de votar por hablar con Martín López, el oficial de elección/gerente general de

la Autoridad, para esa fecha e hora.

Para registrarse para votar, uno necesita:

1. Ser dueño de una parcela que está situada en el área nombrada oficialmente de la Autoridad;
2. Recibir o servicio de agua o de bañal de la Autoridad; y
3. Ser miembro de la Autoridad según las reglas de la Política y Procedimientos de la Autoridad.

Para Votar Temprano (balota avanzada): Hay que presentarse en la oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM [County Complex of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM] entre el 8 de marzo - 29 de marzo de 2013, durante las horas regulares de operación.

Para Votar en Ausencia: Es necesario conseguir una forma oficial de balota de ausencia del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM, o por correo o por mensaje telefónico [575-647-7428]. También se puede pasar por la oficina del Oficinista durante las horas regulares de operación desde el viernes, 8 de marzo hasta las 5:00 de la tarde el viernes, 29 de marzo de 2013 para recoger una balota de ausencia. Comenzando el 8 de marzo se mandará la balota de ausencia por correo.

El Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM tiene que recibir todas las balotas de ausencia llenadas compete para el 2 de abril de 2013 durante las horas regulares de operación. Se puede enviar la balota por correo o dejarla personalmente en la oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM.

La oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM contará todas las balotas avanzadas y de ausencia; y también todas las balotas echadas el día de la elección el 2 de abril de 2013. Balota de ausencia llenadas compete tiene que recibir para las 7:00 de las tarde.

Esta proclamación enmendada publicada por orden del Consejo de Directores de la Autoridad de Agua Pública del Río Grande Más Bajo este 1 de febrero de 2013.

AMENDED
PROCLAMATION FOR
ELECTION FOR MEMBERS
OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

Election Date:
Tuesday, April 2, 2013

On Tuesday, April 2, 2013, there shall be a regular election of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority (Authority).

The purpose of the election is to elect seven (7) members to the board of directors of the Authority, and to submit a question to the voters regarding a proposed amendment to Section 2.02 H. of the Authority's Governance Document.

The positions on the board to be filled are for seven (7) members to the board of directors, one to represent each of the seven (7) Authority voting districts.

The question to be submitted to the voters reads as follows (proposed changes are in italics, strike-thru indicates deletion, underline indicates new

language):

“SECTION 2.02. Governing Body, Paragraph H

H. Members of the Board of Directors shall receive neither stipend nor any other compensation for their services. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by activities or functions performed as part of their service as members of the Board of Directors, as pre-approved by the Board of Directors or as set forth in the Authority's Policies and Procedures. Travel to scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors is not considered a reimbursable expense for mileage.”

Declarations of candidacy for the positions may be filed in the La Mesa Office of the Authority, 521 St. Valentine, La Mesa, New Mexico no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Potential candidates may contact the Authority Election Official, General Manager Martín Lopez to verify or establish their eligibility prior to that date and time.

This is the initial election for members of the board of directors of the Authority, and all seven (7) positions are to be filled. Two consolidated polling places for Authority districts 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 will be located at the Authority's East Mesa Office, 9774 Butterfield Boulevard, Butterfield Park, New Mexico and the Del Cerro Community Center, 180 La Fe, Mesquite, New Mexico.

Each polling place will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The voter registration list of the Authority shall be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013. Authority members may contact the Authority Election Official, General Manager Martín Lopez to verify or establish their status as an eligible voter prior to that date and time.

In order to register with the Authority as an eligible voter, a person must:

- (1) Own real property within the Authority's recorded designated service area;
- (2) Receive services provided by the Authority to that property; and
- (3) Be a member as defined in the Governance Document of the Authority

Absentee and Early Voting: Applications for absentee ballots may be made only on a form available from the Doña Ana County Clerk. Applications may be requested by mail or telephone message directed to the Doña Ana County Clerk's business office at the County Complex of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico, telephone 575-647-7428. Applications for absentee ballots may also be obtained in person at the Clerk's office beginning Friday, March 8, 2013 during normal business hours until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013. Absentee ballots will be mailed commencing March 8, 2013. Completed absentee ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Completed absentee ballots may be delivered by mail or courier, or may be delivered in person to the Clerk's office during regular business hours from March 8 through April 2, 2013.

Early voting will be held in the Doña Ana County Clerk's office from March 8 through March 29, 2013 during regular business hours. The office of the County Clerk will tabulate all early and in-person absentee ballots, and all ballots cast on April 2nd at the two polling locations.

This amended proclamation is made and published by order of the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority this 1st day of February, 2013.

Roberto Nieto, Board Chair

Pub # 12708
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 18, 2013, Dipp Farms, LLC., 100 N. Ochoa, El Paso, TX 79901, together with AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co, filed application numbered LRG-1674 POD7 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 drilling supplemental well LRG-1674 POD7 to an approximate depth of 1,100 feet with a 16-inch casing, located within the SW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E, and more specifically at Lat/Long: 32°00'45.05"N 106°37'49.14"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement wells LRG-1674 and LRG-1674 POD5, located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E and well LRG-1674-S, located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Sec.28, T26S, R3E and well LRG-1674 POD6, located within NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E, all on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 284.60 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the E1/2 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and the SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0202 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed supplemental LRG-46 POD4 is located west of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 1,100 feet south-southwest of the intersection of Green Meadows Road and Gannet Road.

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

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.

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Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 5, 2013, Hueco Bolson Realty, Inc., 301 Paseo Real Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081, filed application numbered LRG-46 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 drilling a supplemental well to a depth of 1,000 feet with 16-inch casing to be located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 26.6"N, 106° 37' 19.2"W, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-46-S, located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and well LRG-46 POD3, located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 35, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, both on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 284.60 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the E1/2 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and the SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0202 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed supplemental LRG-46 POD4 is located west of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 1,100 feet south-southwest of the intersection of Green Meadows Road and Gannet Road.

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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.

Pub # 12717
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 29, 2013, Rodney J. & Mary Lou Sharp Revocable Trust; 8965 N. Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-11328 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-11328, with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill and Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-11328 POD2 located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM, and described more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°24'1.545"N, 106°49'47.32"W, WGS84, on land owned applicants, to supplement well LRG-11328, also known as LRN05-0006, located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM, and described more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°24'2.498"N, 106°49'46.661"W, WGS84 on land owned by applicants, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 44.921 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the NW1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM as described by Subfile No. LRN-28-005-0015 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of the supplemental well is located north of Las Cruces, approximately 0.30 miles south east of the intersection of Alvillar Road and Doña Ana Road.

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.

Pub # 12719
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 29, 2013, Rodney J. & Mary Lou Sharp and John W. Tharp Jr., 8965 N. Doña Ana Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-01562 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-01562, with the State Engineer for Permit to Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by using existing well LRG-05162 POD2 located within the SE1/4 of projected Section 09, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM, and described more specifically at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°24'23.798"N, 106°50'21.874"W, WGS84, on land owned by applicants, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 87.37 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within the SE1/4 of projected

Section 09, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, the SW V4 of projected Section 10, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, the NW1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, the NE1/4 of projected Section 16, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM as described by Subfile No. LRN-28-004-0005 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of the supplemental well is located north of Las Cruces, approximately 395 feet south of the intersection of Harvey Farm Road and Doña Ana Road.

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.

Pub # 12720
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 29, 2012, Felipe E. Barrio, 1807 Beverly Place, Las Cruces, NM 88001, filed application numbered LRG-15423 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-15423, 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 LRS13-0020, also known as LRG-15423 POD1, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°2'34.224"N,

106°39'28.493"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, and drilling a replacement well, LRG-15423 POD2, to a depth of 400 feet with 8 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°2'33.904"N, 106°39'27.614"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.67 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the Pt. of SE1/4 of projected Section 17, Township 26 South, Range 03 East NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-013-0150 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed well LRG-15423 POD2 is located northwest of Anthony, approximately .42 miles west of Three Saints Rd. and Barrio Rd., and can be found at the property address of 490 Barrio Rd. Existing well LRS13-0020, also known as LRG-15423 POD 1, will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (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.

Pub # 12721
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 8, 2013 Jose & Maria Guerra and Enrique & Carmela Gomez P.O. Box 1006, Anthony NM, 88021 filed application numbered LRG-15422 POD1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Data Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-1542 located at Lat/Long 32°21'1.60"N 106°37'27.18"W WGS84 respectively, located on land owned by McCilli Farm LP, and drilling a new well to the depth of 200 feet for 12-inch casing to be located at approximately Lat/Long 32°21'1.72"N 106°37'26.36"W WGS84 on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of 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, combined with surface water from EBID for the irrigation of 8.17 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 03 East, NMPM. The new well site will be located north of Anthony and may be found at the physical address of 150 Dreams Ave., Anthony, NM 88021.

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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COURT

No. 13-0041

IN THE MATTER OF VINCEN THE ESTATE OF Vincenet Lawrence Hahn, 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., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: February 13, 2013

/s/ Jacquelyn M. Hand
5333 Derringer Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88011
575-522-3941

Pub # 12723
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 2013

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

Cause No.: PB-2013
Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Sandy Meyer has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Irene Young, 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 either to the Personal Representative, P.O. Box 1030, Las Cruces, NM 88004-1030, or filed with the District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005.

DATED: Feb. 12, 2013

/s/ Sandy Meyer
Personal Representative of the Estate of Irene Young
P.O. Box 1030
Las Cruces, NM 8800-1030

The Stringham Law Firm, LLC

By /s/ Lee Stringham
Attorney for Personal Representative
303 N. Alameda Blvd.
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 524-4000
(575) 526-1098 fax

Pub # 12724
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 2013

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

No. CV-2012-2503
Judge James T. Martin

CITIZENS BANK OF LAS CRUCES, Plaintiff,

vs.

GLORIA MARMOLEJO, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and FRANK SHULLA d/b/a SHULLA'S MOBILE HOME SETUP, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

A notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at 1:15 p.m. at the north main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho Street, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following-described property, situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to-wit:

A tract of land situate east of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 9, T.19S., R. 3W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as U.S.R.S. Tract G1-102B2 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit;

BEGINNING at an iron rod set on the south right-of-way line of the Hatch Canal for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, WHENCE the Section corner common to Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T.19S., R.3W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears S.31 deg., 32'05"E., a distance of 1862.78 feet;

THENCE from the place of beginning leaving the Hatch Canal S.44 deg., 58'25"W., 174.37 feet to an iron rod found for the most southerly corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE N.19 deg., 34'50"W., 92.79 feet to an iron rod set for an angle point;

THENCE N.6 deg., 21'29"E., 80.74 feet to an iron rod set on the south right-of-way line of the Hatch Canal for the northwest corner of the tract herein described;

THENCE along the south right-of-way line of the Hatch Canal S.73 deg., 03'E., 152.00 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.3062 acre of land, more or less.

The sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on February 6, 2013, in the above-titled and numbered cause, a suit to foreclose a mortgage lien held by Plaintiff by which Plaintiff has a security interest on the above-described real estate in the sum of \$78,830.19 (including interest to the date of sale), together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its judgment by way of bid verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of their judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and re-scheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the real property and improvements will be sold subject to any and all patent reservation, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, 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 evaluation of the property by a 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 any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February 15, 2013.

/s/ Stephen Hosford
Special Master
25 Sugar Sand Rd.
Arrey, NM 87930
Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 644-6068

RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED,
MARTIN, LUTZ, ROGGOW,
& EUBANKS, P.C.

/s/ David P. Lutz
P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-2449
575-526-0946
Attorney for Plaintiff

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that he did cause to be mailed by First Class Mail, Postage Pre-paid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument to the following opposing counsel and parties of record on this 15 day of February, 2013.

Ms. Julia Belles
NM Taxation and Revenue
Department PO Box 1028
Santa Fe, NM 87504

/s/ David P. Lutz

Pub # 12725
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01997

BOKE, 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.

JOSE LUIS COMPEAN, aka Jose L. Compean, and MARTINA COMPEAN, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendants Jose Luis Compean aka Jose L. Compean and Martina Compean are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendants in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1613 Ralph Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 4 IN BLOCK 9 OF DALE BELLAMAH MANOR, SECTION 1, PLAT NO. 4, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON AUGUST 8, 1959 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 8 AT PAGES 46, PLAT RECORDS.

Defendants are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendants fail to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendants 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
February 4, 2013
By /s/ Cody R. Lujan
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, 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 14th day of February, 2013.

(SEAL)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT



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Dates 2/22, 2013

LEGAL NOTICES

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By
/s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 12726
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-2012-02979

THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff,

v.

LEE CONTRERAS JOHNSON, CONSTANCE WASH, ONTIVEROS INSULATION CO., INC. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LEE CONTRERAS JOHNSON, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant Constance Wash.

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 2050 Boise Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 15, BLOCK 10, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO. 2, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY, CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 594 ON 9/4/1963 IN BOOK 1 PAGE 66 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:
Robert Lara
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of

February, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Nancy Heavner
Deputy

NM00-05046_FC02

Pub # 12727
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201201876

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

JASON T. CROWSON, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JASON T. CROWSON, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Jason T. Crowson and the Unknown Spouse of Jason T. Crowson, 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 5194 Granite Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 3, Block 30, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-D 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 October 17, 2003, in Book 20 Page(s) 458-459 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,
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Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA,

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of September, 2012.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Nancy Heavner
Deputy

NM12-00316_FC01

Pub # 12728
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on February 19, 2013:

1. Council Bill No. 13-021; Ordinance No. 2676: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from M1 (Industrial Standard) and R3 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density) to a Planned Unit Development (PUD) 8.01+ Acres of Land Located at 999 W. Amador Avenue: Parcel ID # 02-29653. The Request for a PUD Includes a Concept Plan and General Site Plan. Submitted by Nicole Martinez, Director of Mesilla Valley Community of Hope;

City of Las Cruces Property Owner (PUD-12-02).

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 20th day of February 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 12730
Dates 2/22, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on March 4, 2013:

1. Council Bill No. 13-022; Ordinance No. 2677: An Ordinance Repealing LCMC 1997, Article II. Campaign Practices, Sections 8-31 Through 8-67 in its Entirety and Replacing with New Sections Entitled Article II. Campaign Code, Sections 8-31 Through 8-39.

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las

Cruces on this the 20th day of February 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC
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Pub # 12730
Dates 2/22, 2013

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Date of Auction:
March 11, 2013

Time:
10 a.m.

Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

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To:
Michael Garcia
760 Avenida de Mesilla
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Notice is hereby given that all the contents of your storage unit(s) 0038 at Stull Storage Units #2 will be SOLD at AUCTION to satisfy our lien in the amount of \$442.00, which includes legal costs and fees.

The contents of the unit consists of: Couch, ping pong table, golf clubs, misc.

Date of Auction:
March 11, 2013

Time:
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Place:
Stull Storage Units #2
960 Triviz
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Stull Storage #2 - Agent
Laura Stull Kaczmarek,
Manager
(575) 525-2927

Pub # 12733
Dates 2/22, 3/1, 2013

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Million dollar investment

Arrowhead Center receives prestigious i6 Challenge grant

By David Salcido
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center hosted an award presentation Wednesday, Feb. 20, to accept a \$1 million check from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, presented by the EDA's Southwest Regional Director Pedro Garza.

Acting as emcee for the presentation at the Genesis Center on the NMSU campus was Garrey Carruthers, former New Mexico governor and current NMSU dean of the business college, who introduced federal, state and local dignitaries, including U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce.

The award is a result of the i6 Challenge, a national competition to spur innovation, accelerate commercialization of ideas to market and create companies and jobs through support of proof of concept centers. As part of the i6 Challenge grant, El Paso's Hub of Human Innovation has teamed with Arrowhead Center to provide entrepreneurial mentoring to start-up businesses in the region.

In presenting the award, Garza saluted the "visionaries" at NMSU and in the community who "saw the potential in this little parcel of land" and predicted a time, "maybe 10 years down the line, when you will be as successful at employing large numbers as your neighbors to the north." Sandia Science & Technology Park is a world-class research park in Albuquerque, funded by the EDA in 1998, which has shown tremendous growth and success over the ensuing years.

Jake Rollow, a field representative for Sen. Martin Heinrich, read a letter from the senator, in which he said, "I'm proud to note that this is the second time a New Mexico institution has received this award. Because there have only been three opportunities to apply and only one institution is chosen per region, this is a great accolade for New Mexico."

"I'm excited about what's going on here," Pearce said. "Governor Carruthers and the Arrowhead staff are the future of our country. To have a great economy, we must compete worldwide and this is where it starts."

Udall began his speech by acknowledging himself as a "local Aggie," who takes every opportunity to support local concerns. He acknowledged sharing the floor with Pearce by stating, "The Arrowhead Center is bringing together Republicans

and Democrats, we need to do a little bit more of that in Washington. I think we find that when it comes to New Mexico issues, we have an awful lot in common."

He also thanked Kevin Boberg for his tireless commitment and vision in bringing about the success of Arrowhead.

"I believe this center is a very important catalyst, bringing research, business and investors together," Udall said. "The energetic, vibrant, creative faculty and the researchers, these talented students, the entrepreneurs – all of you, I think, are helping move this state forward. Our economic future depends on places like Arrowhead. I want to congratulate this institution for winning this prestigious award. This is a very competitive process and Pedro only picks the very best. This institution is now among the very best and I congratulate you on that."

NMSU and its partners matched the awarded \$1 million, creating a total of \$2 million to expand Arrowhead Center's proof of concept program, Launch, and fund the creation and development of the Arrowhead Innovation Network. The newly created network will provide technical assistance from experienced business people as well as better access to investment funds and other services.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by David Salcido
Rep. Steve Pearce salutes the Arrowhead staff for being the "future of our country" at an award presentation held Wednesday, Feb. 20.



Sen. Tom Udall thanks former Gov. Garrey Carruthers, dean of the business college at New Mexico State University, for his part in making the Arrowhead Center a success.



Economic Development Administration Southwest Regional Director Pedro Garza presents a \$1 million grant to the "visionaries" at NMSU's Arrowhead Center.

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NEXT WEEK

Cowboy Days

Annual event returns to the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum March 2-3.

ILLEGAL? MAMA!

A SHOW OF ART ALL AROUND US
(BUT ON THE MARGINS) CONTINUES FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY, FEB. 22-23, AT COURT
YOUTH CENTER AND WEST END ART DEPOT.

Local graffiti artists SABA and Juan Amézquita discuss works created by a number of artists behind West End Art Depot.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Zak Hansen



Details

Illegal? Naaki

Where

- Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave.
- West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St.

When

- 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22
- 8 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23

Cost

- Friday: Free
- Saturday: \$5

The writing's on the wall

'Illegal' art moves from the ghetto to the gallery

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

A white wall is no longer the fool's paper, despite what outmoded French proverbs may claim.

Graffiti art, once considered the scourge of the inner city, has started to move off project buildings and subway cars and onto the gallery walls. Works by famed but oft-anonymous street artists are fetching hundreds of thousands of dollars at auctions and openings.

Despite increasing acceptance by the mainstream of graffiti as legitimate "art," many still consider it, regardless of venue, a crime. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22-23, though, a co-operation between a number of local and na-

tional artists, musicians, dancers, DJs, schools, art educators, galleries, lawyers and public speakers will challenge the notion of what, exactly, it means to be "illegal."

"Illegal? Naaki: A Show of Art All Around Us (But on the Margins)," the result of the teaming of Alma d'arte Charter High School, Court Youth Center after school art programs and West End Art Depot, is aimed at educating an often willfully ignorant public about the history – and future – of graffiti as a real, legitimate and thriving art form, as well as a platform to question some commonly held and too easily accepted notions of what qualifies as illegal.

"That's really the question," said event organizer SABA, a Las Cruces-based graff artist, teacher and founder of the Court Youth Crew,

a group of student artists that hone their spray can skills at Alma's after-school art programs. "You get into calling human beings illegal, calling plants illegal – even calling art illegal."

"Why is it that some graff artists can get 10 years in prison for putting art on a building, while a repeat DWI offender does no time?"

In addition to a slew of artists who will be displaying work over the weekend, "Illegal?" will feature performances by rappers Mine+US (see more on page C9) and Asphate, Albuquerque beatbox queen SayWut, live graffiti battles, vendors, food and more.

What sets this event apart from a typical opening is the creators' focus on including those who would not normally attend a show centered on such a controversial art form.

Illegal? is not only an outlet for up-and-coming artists to display and even possibly sell their works; it's also a way to educate

the community about a culture they may be ignorant of, often willfully so.

"We're doing this to show people why we do what we do," SABA said. "We want them to see how much goes into this art, this culture. They'll see how we react and interact with each pillar or element of this culture. We hope people will come to see, to talk, to listen and learn, to show or just to lend a hand."

Albuquerque graffiti artist turned attorney Joseph Sullivan will give a lecture Friday evening titled "Graffiti and the Law," concerning the ins and outs of navigating the treacherous legal waters often tread by street artists.

SABA, who's been honing his craft for going on two decades, said he feels strongly about the history and genesis of graffiti and what it means to the people who thrive on its culture.

"It's not a crime to express yourself," he said. "We've always written on walls. Public art like this has always been a way to document history as we live – just look at the cave paintings in Lascaux. Hundreds of years from now, people will know our stories, how we lived in our own time, from what we put on our walls."



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Keeping the culture alive at the CYC Art Yard and WE.AD

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The "Art Yard," across the street from Alma d'arte Charter High School, is the home of the Court Youth Crew, a group of students and artists honing their graffiti skills in a legal, low-risk environment.



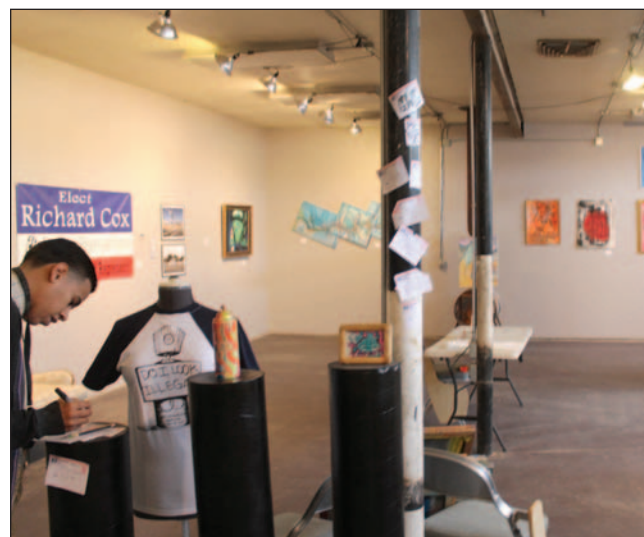
Coordinator Madeline Welch, artists Juan Amézquita and SABA stand atop a building in the Art Yard.



Work by SABA and other artists fills the Art Yard.



SABA and Amézquita view the tags of other graffiti contemporaries inside the gallery at West End Art Depot.



Amézquita puts his own unique tag on a mailing label.



Amézquita affixes his tag to a post inside West End Art Depot.



UPCOMING EVENTS

| FEBRUARY | ALL MONTH |
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| Southwest Calligraphy Guild show | Branigan Library |
| FRI. FEB 22 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Rhythm Roundup - Music & Movement ages 2-5 | Branigan Library |
| FRI. FEB 22 | 11:30 A.M. |
| People & Stories | Branigan Library |
| FRI. FEB 22 | 3 P.M. |
| Fantastic Fridays - Stories & Crafts ages 7-11 | Branigan Library |
| FRI. FEB 22 | 7 P.M. |
| Hard Road Trio | Rio Grande Theatre |
| SAT. FEB 23 | 9 A.M. |
| LC Farmers & Crafts Market | Downtown Main St. |
| SAT. FEB 23 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Storytellers of Las Cruces | COAS Bookstore |
| MON. FEB 25 | 2 P.M. |
| Computer Class: MS Word 2007 | Branigan Library |
| SUN. FEB 24 | 2 P.M. |
| 4th Sunday Movie: Light Bulb Conspiracy | Branigan Library |
| TUE. FEB 26 | 10:30 A.M. |
| Read to Me - Storytime ages 3 & Up | Branigan Library |
| TUE. FEB 26 | 5 P.M. |
| ALma y la Tierra Muerta | Rio Grande Theatre |
| WED. FEB 27 | 9 A.M. |
| LC Farmers & Crafts Market | Downtown Main St. |
| WED. +THU. FEB 27+28 | 10 A.M. |
| Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 | Branigan Library |
| WED. FEB 27 | 11 A.M. |
| Mother Goose Time | Branigan Library |
| THU. FEB 28 | 6 P.M. |
| Project Linus | Branigan Library |



ONGOING EVENTS:

- Downtown Arts RAMBLE - 1st Friday of the Month 5-7pm
- Camino del Arte - 2nd Saturday of the Month 11am-3pm
- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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'Rigoletto' meets the Rat Pack

Verdi's classic opera gets Vegas update

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For Las Cruces Bulletin

As I took my seat in the very crowded Cinemark Remcon Multiplex in El Paso to see the Metropolitan Opera in HD broadcast of "Rigoletto," one of Giuseppe Verdi's most popular operas, the phrase "Go big or go home!" went through my mind.

By the way, a number of folks from Las Cruces were in the audience as well.

The folks at the Met took a big chance to tamper with the setting of this classic. In going big, they did not alter one note of the opera, but rather decided to take a huge risk and dramatically alter the timeframe and setting centuries ahead from 16th century Mantua to Las Vegas in the 1960s, during the heyday of infamous Rat Pack.

Instead of finding ourselves in the palace of the licentious and immoral Duke of Mantua, we are plopped into a private gambling casino replete with neon lights, showgirls and an entourage of unsavories who surrounded the likes of Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Dean Martin, Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop. The "mascots" of the group included Marilyn Monroe, Shirley MacLaine, Juliet Prowse and Angie Dickinson. In later years, Don Rickles also was a part of the group.

The Major Domo of this production is Michael Mayer, Tony Award-winning director of "Spring Awakening." He brought along his outstanding production team that researched Las Vegas and the Rat Pack thoroughly. They include set designer Christine Jones, costume designer Susan Hilferty and lighting designer Kevin Adams. Together, these artists have assembled some amazing eye candy to enhance Verdi's immortal melodies.

The Met's General Manager Peter Gelb green-lit this production with



Photo by Nick Heavican/Met Opera

Željko Lucic as the title character of Verdi's "Rigoletto"

a very hefty budget and sought out a remarkable cast.

Rigoletto, as portrayed by Zeljko Lucic, lost his infirmity (a hunchback) as he passed through the Time Machine, and sulks around the stage a la Don Rickles. His physical resemblance and acting are eerie and "right on."

The Duke, portrayed by tenor Piotr Beczala, may not sound or look like Frank Sinatra, but he does a great job in portraying one of the greatest and most influential forces in Las Vegas.

Gilda, Rigoletto's daughter, is played with compassion and an extraordinary voice by the German soprano Diana Damrau. Others in the company do a fine job in the ensemble elements of the production.

After seeing the highly acclaimed production, I would concur with the New York critics. This was a thoughtful and clever way to present the story of vengeance, lust, crime and punishment.

The Live in HD host, Renee Fleming, interviews all of the principals and the production team, which is a real treat. As a backstage buff, I love watching the Met's expert technical team change the sets between acts. This is a show-with-

in-a show.

As I noted in my first Met in HD review, thanks to the Internet, the Metropolitan Opera and Fathom Productions (which distributes the performances) make cast lists, plot summaries and pre-view features, as well as advance ticket purchasing very easy and user friendly.

In sum, when one factors in the costs of transmission, the actual ticket price to see a live production at the Metropolitan Opera (not including travel from Las Cruces), the \$20 admission charge is quite a bargain. The sound is extraordinary. The camera work is thoughtful and perfect.

There are three more operas remaining for this season. For more information and a schedule of upcoming performances, visit www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/liveinhd/LiveinHD.aspx.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater, music, opera, film and books for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and teaches "Jews on Screen" at New Mexico State University.

Stitches in time Quilt show on display

Thirty-two beautiful quilts from the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum's collection are featured in a new exhibit that opened recently in the museum's Traditions Gallery.

"Stitches in Time: Quilts from the Museum's Collection" is a colorful display of quilts that were created from 1830 to 1970. The exhibition was curated by Museum Registrar Holly Radke.

The exhibit includes panels that discuss the history of quilting, the role quilting played in communities, as well as a glossary of quilting terms. There also is an interactive area where children can put together quilt puzzles.

Verline Pribula, a volunteer who demonstrates quilting each Thursday morning at the museum, said her favorite is the "Crazy Quilt," which was created in 1883 and features hand-placed silk, satin, cotton and velvet fabrics using embroidery stitches. It has embroidered designs, cotton batting and a silk backing.

Quilting in North America is traced to the arrival of the English colonists. American settlers brought their quilt-making skills and patterns to New Mexico Territory in the mid-to-late 1800s. Mail-order catalogs and railroad shipment allowed women in rural areas better access to fabrics and sewing tools, and magazines and newspapers started publishing patterns and quilting articles. Both utilitarian and decorative quilts became common in New Mexico. Everyday utility quilts were tied patchwork quilts made with recycled fabrics. Decorative quilts displayed the expertise of the maker, and were usually created using commercial patterns and specific fabrics.

The exhibit will be on display through March 23, 2014.

14th Annual Cowboy Days 10 a.m to 5 p.m. March 2-3

The museum's largest event of the year is dedicated to honoring the state's ranching traditions. Cowboy Days features two days of family fun that includes many cowboy demonstrations, cowboy music, great food, team roping, living history, arts and crafts vendors, horseback and stagecoach rides, Western authors, children's activities, a plant sale, gunfight re-enactments and more. Admission is \$4 for anyone 4 and older.

Culture Series: Eastern Views of Western Women: Documenting the Women of the Wild West 7 p.m. March 14

In this presentation, New Mexico State University professor and NMSU Library Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews will compare and contrast the symbolic representations of women's lives in the West with the realities of their daily existence as homesteaders, ranchers, students, and businesswomen. This program will take place in the museum's theater and admission is a suggested donation of \$2.

Basic Dowsing Class 1 to 3:30 p.m. March 16

Learn the basics of dowsing (questing, divining, water witching), how to use the four basic dowsing tools, and the benefits associated with dowsing. The cost is \$15 and dowsing tools will be provided. For museum "Friends" members, the cost is \$12. Volunteer Frank Geisel teaches this fun workshop. Pre-registration is required.

Exhibit Opening: New Mexico's African American Legacy: Visible, Vital, Valuable 6 to 8 p.m. March 21

The exhibit, presented by the African American Museum and Cultural Center (AAMCC) of New Mexico in Albuquerque, focuses on some of the first African American families that settled in different communities around the state. The Las Cruces portion of the exhibit was curated by Clarence Fielder and Terry Moody. The opening reception is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 21, but the exhibit will be on display beginning March 1 and continuing through Sept. 15.

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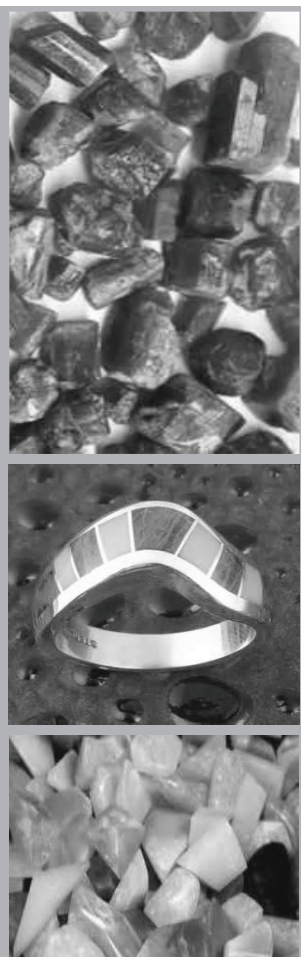
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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature the work of two Las Cruces artists, Rayma Claessen and Jan Kosnick, for the month of February. Claessen is a landscape painter, and Kosnick creates her pieces with glass, minerals, foils and grout, with pieces that can be framed and hung on a wall or in a window.

The gallery is also holding its annual "My Masterpiece" contest. The artists of Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery join together each year to create "fabulous fakes" for their annual show.

In addition, the 27 gallery artists offer work in many media, including painting, fused glass, jewelry, wood, stained glass, photography, textiles and mixed media.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY will give the gallery over to the City of Artists for the month of February. City of Artists'

mission is "to establish and promote Las Cruces, Mesilla and the surrounding areas as a nationally known arts community with the purpose of educating the public and enticing more tourists and serious buyers of fine art, thus helping the general economy, attracting more artists, assisting resident artists and uniting all area artists into a cohesive community."

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 640-3502.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Illegal? A Show of Art All Around Us (But on the Margins)."

"Illegal?" will feature works by SABA, Adi Schwwab, Logan

Howard, Charles Romero aka REP1, the TWS Crew, Cody Muñoz, the Court Youth Crew and more. The show runs through Sunday, Feb. 24.

West End Art Depot is located at 401 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 312-9892 or visit www.sumartfest.org.

EL PASO ELECTRIC GALLERY welcomes multi-media artist Roy Van der Aa for the month of February. The exhibit will feature limited palette multi-media collages incorporating a grid and repetition and modification of elements, working in tone, rhythm, theme and variation, much like music.

El Paso Electric Gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio

Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

ARALIA GALLERY presents "Eye of the Beholder," an exhibit of the work of photographer and artist Ali Keyes during the month of February. Works by Wendy Robin Weir, Marj Leininger, Rob Crombie, Troy Brajkovich, John Schooley and Linda Hagen will also be displayed.

Aralia Gallery is located at 224 N. Campo St. Gallery hours are 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday, 2 to 7 p.m. Friday, noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 650-6543.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY resident artists will celebrate the gallery's new look for the month of February. Artists include Sally Quillin, Mike Stephens, Jay Foster Savage and Aline Fister for the month.

Quillin Studio and Gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays and by appointment. For more information or to set an appointment, call 312-1064.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents the 2013 faculty triennial exhibition, "In This Corner."

"In This Corner" presents faculty and staff artists with the challenge of making either a site-specific work for display in the University Art Gallery or installing their work in a way that engages with the abundance of corners in the gallery space. Participating artists are all on faculty or staff of the NMSU art department. The show will remain on display through Saturday, Feb. 23.

The UAG is located inside D.W. Williams Hall, 1390 E. University Ave. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call 646-2545 or visit www.nmsu.edu/artgal.

ROKOKO GALLERY will display "Refrigerator Art Show" through Saturday, Feb. 23. The "Refrigerator Art Show" features primarily small works, ones deemed worthy of hanging on the family refrigerator. The show also includes several larger pieces.

Rokoko Gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877 or visit www.rokokoart.com.

ONGOING

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART presents "Elemental New Mexico," an exhibition of works in a variety of media.

The New Mexico landscape is the inspiration for "Elemental New Mexico," and includes

Coming Soon

Francisco Goytia
Nopalito's Galería
326 S. Mesquite St.
Visit www.nopalitosgaleria.com
Opens Friday, March 1

Merideth Loring and Richard Spellenberg
Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery
2470 Calle de Guadalupe
Call 522-2933
Opens Friday, March 1

Bill Gilbert, Diane McGregor, Brian Kluge, Nolan Winkler, Anthony Howell and Michael Berman. The show will be on display through April 6.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St., next to the Branigan Cultural Center. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 554-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING will hold its annual LCPS high school art show through April 24.

The LCPS administration building is located at 505 S. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 527-9486.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA presents the selected works of Glenn Holgerson, a photo artist, in an exhibition titled "Mi Otro Amor (My Other Love)," and the first photography exhibition of Las Cruces native Robert Palacios, titled "Cielo Rojo (Red Sky)."

The show will remain on display through Saturday, March 2.

Nopalito's Galería is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.nopalitosgaleria.com.

LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter's 2013 For the Love of Art Month presentation, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," which includes 15 works that represent the theme. The show will remain on display through March.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is located at 351 N.

Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 647-4480.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY is ready for all shoppers. There are several new paintings, including work by Spanish artist Roman Francis and new 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; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

THE CUTTER GALLERY will present the work of artist and jewelry designer Jo-an Smith.

Smith's show, titled "Exciting Explorations," will include a series of watercolors and oils inspired by outer space, as well as her unique gold jewelry creations. The show will remain on display through Friday, March 8.

The 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.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM presents "Mesilla Valley Weavers: Threads Through Time." This diverse exhibition features 44 different woven works from the artists of the Mesilla Valley Weavers Guild. The exhibit will be in the arts corridor through March.

The New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 522-4100.



Michael Berman's "Gila" is one of several works currently on display at the Las Cruces Museum of Art's "Elemental New Mexico" show.

GREAT COUNTRY MORNINGS



EventsCalendar

FRI. 2/22

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University and Jordan avenues. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. Live music with Rein Garcia. Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 10 p.m. Step by Step, Corbett Center Ballrooms, 1600 International Mall. Step by Step is a stepping competition by African American dance groups, sponsored by NMSU Black Programs in honor of Black History Month. Free. Call 646-4208.

7 p.m. The Hard Road Trio, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hard Road trio features the songwriting talents of Steve Smith, a mandolin master, Minnesota songbird Chris Sanders and bassist Anne Luna. Suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. Call 532-6403.

7:30 p.m. "Our Town," NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The American Southwest Theatre Company presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," a classic slice of Americana following the Gibbs family, the Webb family and their neighbors in small Grover's Corners, N.H. Cost \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and NMSU faculty/staff and \$10 students. Call 646-4515.

9 to 11 p.m. Dusty Low Trio,

Main Street Bistro and Ale House, 139 N. Main St. This four-piece alternative country band features the Sullivan brothers – Jesse, Sam and Danny – along with local jazz legend Tony Movsesian. Free. Call 524-5977.

SAT. 2/23

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. Free. Call 382-9404.

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 1:30 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.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week Sharelene Wittern and Sarah Addison will be the storytellers at the Downtown location and Judith Ames will be the storyteller at the Solano

location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

1:30 p.m. Fiction-writing roundtable, Good Samaritan-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Three Las Cruces novelists – Craig Holden, Linda Jacobs and Bob Sanchez – will join the Las Cruces Press Women for a roundtable discussion of their individual creative processes in writing fiction. Free. Visit lcpreswomen.blogspot.com.

5 to 7 p.m. Breakfast for Dinner fundraiser, Las Cruces High School, 1750 El Paseo Road. The Las Cruces High School Showcase Band will hold a "breakfast for dinner" fundraiser to benefit the Showcase Band, music education and programs. Pancakes with a variety of optional fruit toppings will be served with bacon, sausage or ham and a drink. Tickets are available from any Showcase band member or at the door. Cost \$6. Call 571-6474.

7:30 p.m. "Our Town," NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The American Southwest Theatre Company presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," a classic slice of Americana following the Gibbs family, the Webb family and their neighbors in small Grover's Corners, N.H. Cost \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and NMSU faculty/staff and \$10 students. Call 646-4515.

SUN. 2/24

6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Big



Emily Webb (Ellen Striepeke), Mrs. Webb (Claudia Billings) and Mrs. Gibbs (Deborah Storm) take the stage in the ASTC production for "Our Town," the inaugural production of the new Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre inside the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts.

Daddy's Flea Market, 5580 Bataan Memorial East. Indoor and outdoor vendors on 20 acres. A wide variety of items will be available. Free. Call 382-9404.

2 p.m. Fourth Sunday Movie, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. This month's movie is "The Lightbulb Conspiracy," which examines the economy of planned product obsolescence. Run time is 75 minutes. Free. Call 528-4014.

2 p.m. "Our Town," NMSU Center for the Arts, 1000 E. University Ave. The American Southwest Theatre Company presents Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," a classic slice of Americana following the Gibbs family, the Webb family and their neighbors in small Grover's Corners, N.H. Cost \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and NMSU faculty/staff and \$10 students. Call 646-4515.

TUE. 2/26

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Open to students of all skill levels. Taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

WED. 2/27

1 to 3:30 p.m. Life Drawing and Open Studio, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Gesture drawing and detail portraiture taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

THU. 2/28

1 to 3:30 p.m. Intermediate to Advanced Painting. My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Watercolor, acrylic and water-soluble oil painting classes taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Open enrollment starting any Thursday. Cost \$50 for four two and a half-hour sessions. Call 647-5684.

FRI. 3/1

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7:30 p.m. Michael Fracasso, Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mesilla. Austin, Texas singer-songwriter Fracasso will perform from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., with a brief intermission. Suggested donation of \$15 goes directly to the musician. Call 405-8877.

8 p.m. "Twitch," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Inspired by recent events in LeRoy, N.Y., "Twitch" follows a group of already marginalized high school students who begin to develop tics and tourette's-like symptoms, a condition they name "the twitch." Cost \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors. Call 522-1223.

SAT. 3/2

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10 a.m. to noon, Fun with acting classes, Black Box Theatre Annex, 717-A N. Mesquite St. Carole Shorr, 25-year veteran of the entertainment industry with a life credential in teaching, will teach acting classes in a relaxed and fun environment, playing theater games, learning improvisation, commercials and other skills necessary to work in show business. Classes will be held every Saturday through April 6. Cost \$135 for the six-week session. Call 310-663-9284.

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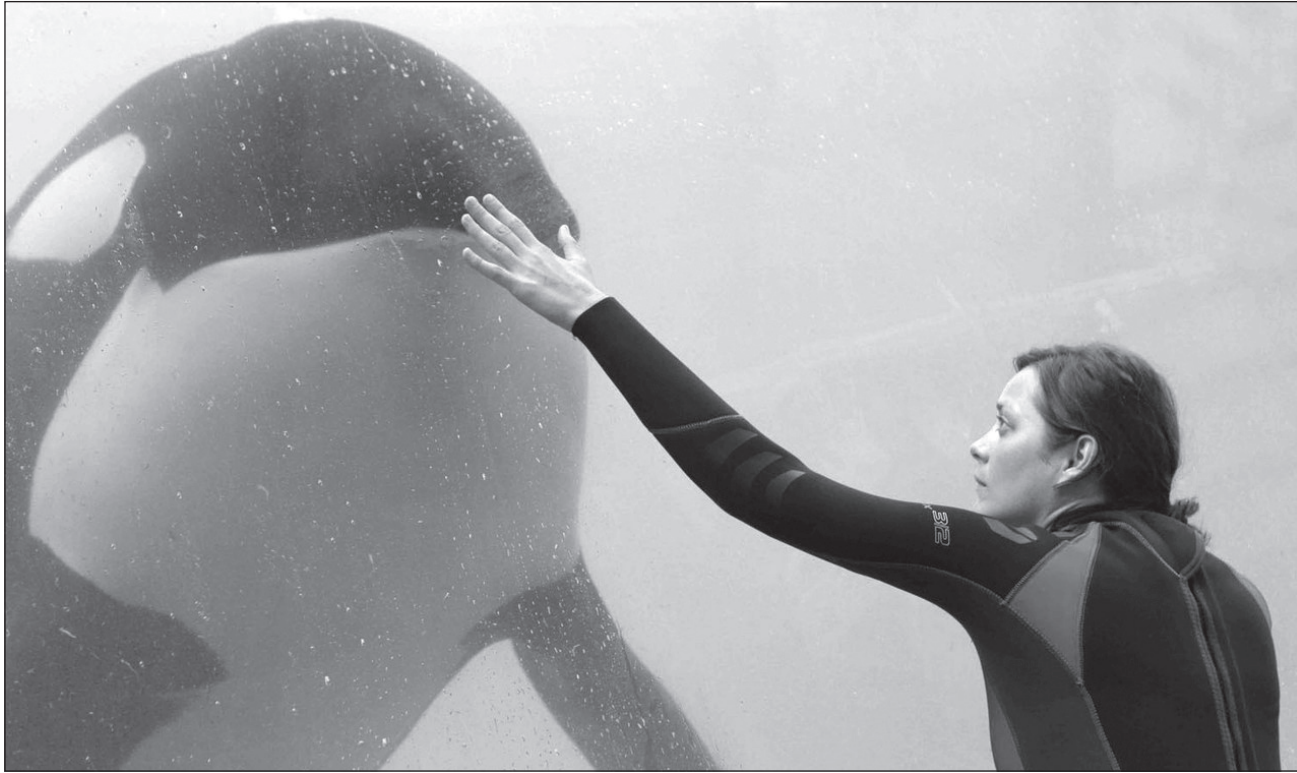
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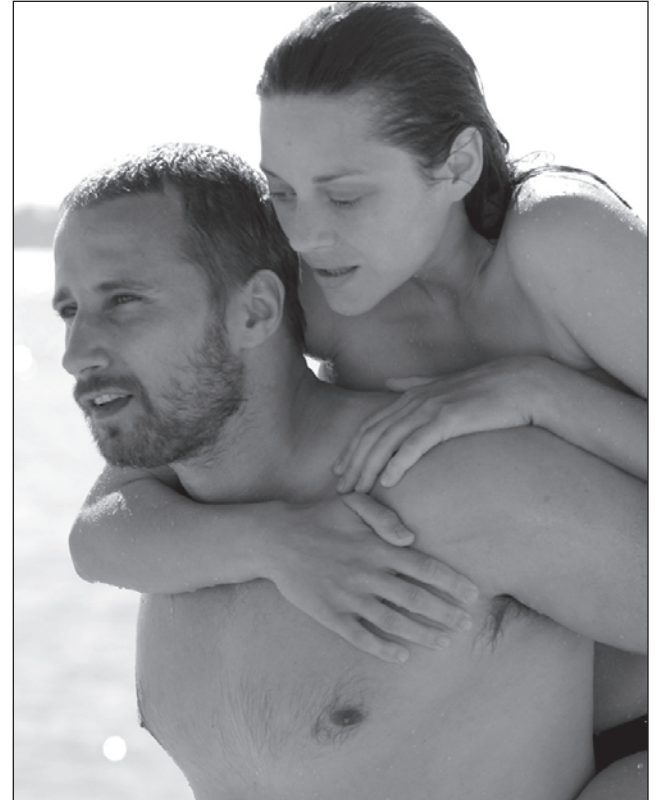
Can be purchased at the NMSU Outdoor Center or
at the Rio Grande Theatre Email: outdoor@nmsu.edu

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AtTheMovies



Marion Cotillard plays Stephanie, an orca trainer who suffers a terrible accident, in "Rust and Bone," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.



Cotillard as Stephanie and Mathias Schoenaerts as Ali

Learning to love 'Rust and Bone' is a raw, difficult drama

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

People avoid sex and emotional commitment for a variety of reasons, most of which are based on fear, perhaps from bad experience, poor or no parenting or archaic religious teachings.

But for those who choose to use their emotions, life is always, always much easier.

That is one of the discoveries made by Ali and Stephanie, two people who have suffered some serious setbacks in "Rust and Bone."

Ali (Mathias Schoenaerts), a one-time boxer and a not very good single father of a young son, Sam, opens the film by hitching rides, eating out of dumpsters or picking up bags of half-eaten food left behind by fellow metro riders.

At a very low point, Ali ends up living in his sister's small apartment, where he is not very welcome.

Stephanie (Marion Cotillard) – young, athletic and vibrant – works as a trainer at a Sea World type place, where she and her co-workers entertain the minions by leading and training orcas.

Both are on crash courses to difficult new lives.

Ali, while working in various low wage jobs, gets involved with a man who has illegally set up security cameras for businesses that want to spy on their employees. He is also given the chance to fight again, only this time, it is in a rather shady way, on the street, with a "promoter" who splits the take with him. Ali is good – very good – but all of this and more makes him an even worse father.

Stephanie on the other hand, seems to have stunted her emotions by getting involved in tawdry, short term relationships with men and often with alcohol. We are not privy to what causes her such discomfort until the accident.

Something goes terribly and irrevocably wrong at the orca tank one day, and Stephanie loses both of her legs below the knee.

She had met Ali earlier and treated him with disdain, after he helped her get away from a lout who was bothering her at a saloon where he worked as a bouncer. Helping her home and to a crass and uncaring boyfriend, he had left his phone number "just in case."

At a low point, she calls Ali, and he comes to see her in the hospital, which achieves an intense breakthrough iota of

caring for both. Ali becomes a friend, one who Stephanie can count on, while she finds herself emotionally attracted to him.

Their friendship, exquisitely performed and filmed, carries through to helping Stephanie regain control of her life and empowers Ali to consider changes in his lifestyle and in his role as a father. Both crippled emotionally, the two are a very good match.

Ali keeps a distance even after he helps Stephanie find out if she can still "do it." The sexual part of the relationship becomes an important part of their lives until fate once again intervenes.

"Rust and Bone" is a drama, and

not an easy one. Tempered with the love story between Ali and Stephanie, it is powerful stuff. The emotional connection feels very real, as there is a true chemistry between Cotillard and Schoenaerts.

Nominated for two Golden Globe awards, including best film and best actress, the picture won neither, but it was a tough year, with good competition.

"Rust and Bone" is a raw, heavy drama, and does offer the idea that happy endings can sometimes happen even in the most difficult of scenarios.

My bones feel rusty nowadays ...
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Creations in many media fill the convention center at 'For the Love of Art Fair and Show'

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Annette Paajanen and Claire Goulding talk about Paajanen's fused glass plates Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Las Cruces Convention Center during the "For the Love of Art Fair and Show."



Local artists Karen Currier and Wendy Baldwin stand behind their handcrafted works during the "For the Love of Art Fair and Show."



Las Cruces residents and vendors mingle Saturday afternoon during the show presented by ArtForms.



Local artist Abby Osborne stands in front of her handmade quilt titled "Earthen Mantle" Saturday afternoon at the convention center.



Katrina Doolittle dances with local group Percussion 10 + 1.

TheMusicScene

Featured musician: *Mine+US*

Everything is A-OK

Mine+US returns to Las Cruces, readies new record

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Mine+US – musician, rapper and on-and-off Las Cruces nomad – will perform Saturday night, Feb. 23, at West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St., as part of the “Illegal? Naaki” show taking place through the month of February.

Hailing from the small border town of Somerton, nestled deep in the heart of what he calls “neo-conservative Arizona,” Mine+US is somewhat of an anomaly.

Coming of age, he was “either not white enough, or not brown enough” to fit nicely into any pre-carved niche, so he kicked out his own.

“Growing up in Arizona, 12 miles from the border, was a funny experience,” he said. “Luckily, I was blessed with art and books in the home.”

Early introductions to hip-hop, namely Notorious B.I.G. and Onyx, spurred something inside him, inspiring him to begin keeping his deepest thoughts, his true self, tightly wrapped in the lined pages of a hand-written rhyme book.

“When I first heard Onyx,” Mine+US said, “I was mortified but intrigued at the same time. I realized with hip-hop you could say whatever the ... you want.”

As a standout high school footballer, Mine+US kept his art and poetry to himself for the early years of its genesis.

“Really, I had my own things that I wanted – no, needed – to say,” he said. “Writing and

music had always been my outlet, long before anyone else read or heard a word of it.”

Soon enough, though, Mine+US was unable to constrain his verses to the written page, and began writing more, recording, performing and touring.

In 2002, after a chance meeting with long-time collaborator DJ Hoppa through a mutual friend, Mine+US found “the perfect musical canvas” to set free the words he’d long confined to beaten-up notebooks full of rhymes. The duo released their first album, “Avantgarden-ing: Cultivating Food For Thought,” four years in the making, in 2006.

Since then, Mine+US has released two more full-length LPs, including 2012’s “Everything is A-OK,” with the aid of DJ Hoppa, appeared on a number of compilations released by the label Broken Complex, released a slew of music videos and kept a touring schedule that tops out at more than 150 shows a year (at least a couple a year in Las Cruces), taking him all over the world.

“I keep pushing it, steady traveling,” he said. “Music allows me to tour the country and meet all kinds of interesting characters and fall into situations that might sound like something straight out of a movie.”

“I do what I do because it allows me to continue my kind of cultural anthropological studies, looking at the human condition – animals acting like animals acting like animals.”

“Without music, I’d be dead, in jail or in the psych ward,” he said.

Unwilling to settle for any of those options, Mine+US stayed true to himself and his craft.

“When I’m on stage, I’m able to be myself,” he said, “to be myself in its rawest and truest form.”

Drastically different from the glamour and glitz of pop rap and the violence and misogyny of the “harder” forms of hip-hop, Mine+US

has, since the beginning, made music “about the way we’re all connected,” he said.

“That’s where the name Mine+US came from. It’s about you and I coming together to complete the full circle. What’s us is mine, and what’s mine is us.”

“It’s all of us, or it’s none of us,” he said. “I live my life that way, bringing it all back around to the idea that we are all really one. If I’m being true to myself, I’m being true to everybody.”

When pressed to describe his music, Mine+US says it is “kind of like walking down skid row with your eyes wide open, actually taking it all in, the good and the bad. No blinders on – it’s all life.”

“It’s OK to feel whatever you feel deep down in there – that’s being alive,” he said.

Mine+US finds inspiration in places most people would least expect it – in “the homeless man on the corner, the fieldworkers’ back-breaking labor, the prostitute walking the block,” he said.

“I get a lot out of the ugly and beautiful sides of life,” he said. “I write about what I encounter; I mean, people say the most beautiful things on the Los Angeles city bus.”

“I’ve been lucky enough to experience all that,” he said. “I’ve found beauty in experiences that a lot of others may look down on.”

“There’s beauty to be found, even in trash, flowers floating in every gutter. You just have to take a moment to look.”

Details

Mine+US

When
9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23

Where
West End Art Depot
401 N. Mesilla St.

Cost
\$5

Website
www.brokencomplex.com



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Mine+US, seen here in a rare moment of censorship, will perform at West End Art Depot Saturday, Feb. 23.

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As advertised, Old Town Restaurant serves classic American and Mexican diner food with unrivaled, old-fashioned hospitality.

The golden years Old Town Restaurant serves up tasty American classics

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Full disclosure: I don't much care for red chile.

(Boo! Hiss!)
I know, I know – revoke my New Mexican citizenship if you must, but in answering that quintessential New Mexico question, “Red or green?” I always choose the latter.

Maybe my first forays into the world of red chile were tempered by poor preparation or low quality. The red I've had has always packed the heat but lacked flavor, roughly the exact opposite balance I want in my chile. Ever since then, I've never veered far from the verde.

Sure, red has its place, but that place has never been on my plate.

On a recommendation, I ventured into Old Town Restaurant, one of Las Cruces' classic establishments – a holdout of a bygone era, when roadside diners were king, a malt between every couple and a jukebox at every table – and did the unthinkable – I ordered red chile and ... well, I'll get to that.

Old Town Restaurant sits on the corner of Valley and Avenida de Mesilla, remaining relatively unchanged over the many decades it's seen come and go.

Current owner (and Doña Ana County Treasurer) David Gutierrez and his wife, Manuela, have operated Old Town much the same over the past 20 years, since they acquired the popular diner.

The building, constructed in 1959 once held Shirley's Drive-In, which was, for a time, “the place to be, the old-timers tell me,” Gutierrez said. Remnants of its bygone drive-in days still adorn the façade of the Old Town Restaurant.

Old Town serves classic American diner food, peppered with home-style Mexican for good measure. While food fads come and go, there's something truly timeless about diner food, for me. There's some comfort in knowing that I – a work-all-day, up-all-night 20-something – can take a moment from updating statuses, Tweeting and Instagramming to enter a place like Old Town and have a simple meal that was enjoyed much the same by the generations that came before.

Old Town has all the classics: chicken fried steaks, burgers, pork chops, thick-cut black Angus steaks – dishes that have comforted road-weary travelers for a century-plus. Open early, Old Town also specializes in all manner of breakfast food – especially, Gutierrez said, the bacon.

“If you like good bacon, you come here,” he said with a chuckle. “We serve that good, thick cut bacon, none of that paper-thin stuff.”

Given my partiality to breakfast for all meals of the day, coupled with my penchant to only order green enchiladas, regardless of venue, I entrusted my lunch decision to Gutierrez, who recommended – you got it – the red chile.

Details

Old Town Restaurant

Address
1155 S. Valley Drive

Phone
523-4586

Hours
7 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Sunday



Before I knew it, a rich, steaming plate of Mexican food was before me; rice, refritos, ground beef tacos, a chile relleno (made fresh daily and cooked on a griddle – not deep fried) and, right in the middle staring me down, a nice big serving of red chile con carne.

With some amount of trepidation, I dove in and, much to my surprise, loved it.

(I'm sorry, green. It's not you. I still love you, I just ... I just needed some space.)

My beef with red chile has always been the combination of bland and hot – not something Las Cruceans should ever expect in their chile. The red chile at Old Town, though, is packed full of flavor and, while packing a punch, its heat never takes over the taste. I'm officially a convert.

Any number of clichés come to mind when describing a place like Old Town: “Golden days,” “a simpler time” and so on, ad infinitum, and as idiomatic as they've become, they aren't wrong. This food – and atmosphere – has stood the test of time, remarkably resilient in the face of ever-developing, ultra-pretentious food fads, not to mention trends toward the leafy green side of things.

Leave the molecular gastronomy to the foodies; this here is a healthy helping of Americana, served up steaming on a plate doused in ketchup with a miniature American flag toothpick waving proudly in the middle while a Bob Seger song clicks on in the jukebox – metaphorically speaking, of course. As a great man once very nearly said, “Give me diner food or give me death.”

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Lending a helping hand at Project Linus' 'Make a Blanket Day'

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Project Linus Las Cruces Chapter and Las Colcheras member Carol Pouy makes a quilt for Make a Blanket Day at Grace Covenant Church Saturday, Feb. 16. Project Linus Las Cruces chapter has made more than 20,000 quilts for approximately 44 organizations around Doña Ana County since 1999.



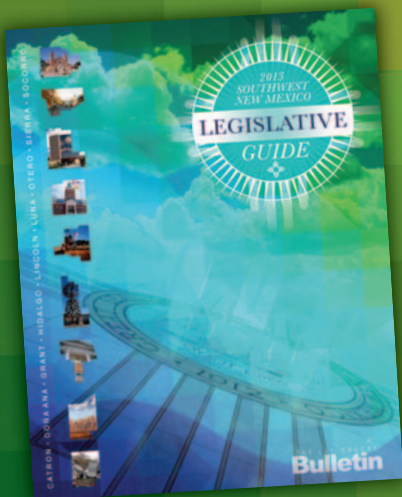
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Project Linus Las Cruces Chapter and Las Colcheras members work on quilts.

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Robert Baker, 1, sits in a post-chocolate-chip-cookie-eating haze.



Project Linus Las Cruces Chapter and Las Colcheras member Frankie Lerner cuts fabric.



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| PBS | 22 | News | PBS NewsHour (N) | Business | Need | Wash | Moyers & Company | American Masters | Charlie Rose (N) | World | T. Smiley | | | | |
| CBS | 3 | CBS | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | The Job (N) (C) | CSI: NY (C) | Blue Bloods (N) | News | Letterman | Ferguson | | | | |
| ABC | 7 | 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Ent | Last Man | Malibu | Shark Tank (N) | (:01) 20/20 (C) | News (N) | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Nightline | | |
| FOX | 8 | 14 | KFOX News | Big Bang | Big Bang | Kitchen Nightmares | Touch (N) (C) | KFOX News | Two Men | 30 Rock | Mother | Simpsons | | | |
| NBC | 9 | 9 | News (N) | News | News (N) | News | Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) (C) | Rock Center | News (N) | Jay Leno | J. Fallon | | | | |
| CW | 14 | | Ricki Lake | Access | Million. | Nikita (N) (C) | Cult "You're Next" | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | Til Death | | |
| WGN | 15 | | Funny Home Videos | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | WGN News at Nine | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | |
| ESPN | 26 | | SportCtr | NBA | NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Thunder | | | NBA Basketball: Spurs at Warriors | | | | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | NBA | NASCAR |
| ESPN2 | 27 | | College Basketball | | | Boxing Friday Night Fights. (N) (C) | | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | | |
| USA | 31 | | Law & Order: SVU | | | Law & Order: SVU | | Suits "War" | | CSI: Crime Scene | | CSI: Crime Scene | | | |
| TNT | 32 | | The Mentalist (C) | | | *** "300" (2007) Gerard Butler. (C) (DVS) | | Dallas (C) | | Monday Mornings | | "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" | | | |
| TBS | 33 | | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | ** "Old School" (2003) Luke Wilson. | There | There | There | There | ** "Shallow Hal" | | | |
| COM | 35 | | Colbert | Daily | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | The Je | Work. | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | *** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) (C) | | Katt Williams Live | | |
| LIFE | 39 | | Hoarders (C) | | Hoarders (C) | | Hoarders (C) | | Hoarders (C) | | (:01) Project Runway | (:01) Hoarders | | | |
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| TLC | 45 | | Say Yes | Say Yes | Four Weddings (N) | Say Yes | Say Yes | Borrowed | Borrowed | Say Yes | Say Yes | Borrowed | Borrowed | Four Weddings | |
| DISC | 47 | | Gold Rush (N) (C) | | Gold Rush Live (N) (In Stereo Live) (C) | | Yukon Men (C) | | Gold Rush Live (In Stereo) (C) | | | Yukon Men (C) | | | |
| ANPL | 50 | | Fatal Attractions | | Fatal Attractions (N) | | Fatal Attractions (N) | | Fatal Attractions | | Fatal Attractions | | Fatal Attractions | | |
| FAM | 51 | | ** "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" (2005) | | ** "Wild Hogs" (2007) Tim Allen. | | The 700 Club (C) | | Prince | Prince | Prince | Prince | Prince | Prince | Prince |
| DISN | 52 | | Good | ANT | ANT | ANT | Good | Jessie | Good Luck Charlie | Jessie | ANT | Austin | Shake It | Dog | Good |
| NICK | 54 | | Turtles | Turtles | Turtles | Turtles | Full H'se | See Dad | Nanny | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | George |
| AMC | 57 | | (3:00) "True Lies" | | ** "The Cave" (2005) Cole Hauser. | | The Walking Dead | | Comic | Freak | Immortal | ** "The Cave" (2005) | | | |
| SYFY | 59 | | "My Soul to Take" | | WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (C) | | Merlin (N) (C) | | Being Human | | Merlin (C) | | Continuum | | |
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| MSNBC | 64 | | Hardball Matthews | | The Ed Show (N) | | Rachel Maddow | | Lockup: Raw | | Lockup | | Lockup: Raw | | Lockup: Raw |

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| CBS | 3 | 3 | Paid Prog. | Health | CBS This Morning: Saturday (N) (In Stereo) (C) | | Doodlebop | Doodlebop | Busytown | Busytown | Liberty | Liberty | |
| ABC | 7 | 7 | Storms | Reporter | Good Morning El Paso | Good Morning America | Good Morning El Paso | Hanna | Ocean | Explore | Rescue | Rescue | |
| FOX | 8 | 14 | King | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Eco Co. | WEN Hair | House | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| NBC | 9 | 9 | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Today A preview of The Oscars; a pet expo. (N) | | Chica | Pajanimals | Poppy Cat | Justin | LazyTown | Noodle | |
| CW | 14 | | Derm | In Style | Tummy | Free | Rescue | Rescue | Sonic X | Sonic X | Transform. | Justice | Dragon |
| WGN | 15 | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Law Order: CI | Law Order: CI | |
| ESPN | 26 | | SportsCenter (C) | | SportsCenter (C) | | SportsCenter (C) | | SportsCenter (N) (C) | | College GameDay (N) | NASCAR Countdown | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | | NBA | English Premier League Soccer Fulham FC vs Stoke City FC. | | NFL Live (C) | | SportsCenter (N) (C) | | SportsCenter (N) (C) | College Basketball | | |
| USA | 31 | | Cook Safe | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Yng- Skin | After Late | Necessary Roughness | White Collar (C) | | NCIS "Probie" (C) | NCIS | |
| TNT | 32 | | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | Dallas "Trial and Error" | | Monday Mornings | Southland "Heat" | |
| TBS | 33 | | Rules | Rules | Payne | Browns | There Yet? | Jim | King of the Nerds | | ** "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow. | | |
| COM | 35 | | Paid Prog. | WEN Hair | Half Hour | Donald Glover: Weirdo | Wyatt Cenac | | ** "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987) Eddie Murphy. | | Bowfinger | | |
| LIFE | 39 | | Back Fat? | Paid Prog. | Temp | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Skincare | Paid Prog. | WEN Hair | America's Supernanny | "Dead at 17" (2008) | |
| FOOD | 40 | | Barbecue | Guy's, Bite | Be- Made | Best Thing | Paula | Paula | Pioneer | Trisha's | Contessa | Giada | Chopped |
| HGTV | 41 | | Disaster | Bryan | Buying and Selling | Property | Property | BathCrash | BathCrash | YardCrash | Kit. Crash | Hse Crash | Hse Crash |
| A&E | 43 | | Criminal Minds (C) | | Criminal Minds (C) | | Criminal Minds (C) | | Flip This House (C) | | Flipping Boston (C) | | Flipping Boston (N) |
| HIST | 44 | | Modern Marvels (C) | | USS Constellation: Battling for Freedom (C) | | Stories from the Road to Freedom (C) | | Moving Up (C) | | Moving Up (C) | | Miracle Rising |
| TLC | 45 | | Zumba Fit | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Moving Up (C) | | Moving Up (C) | | Moving Up (C) | | Moving Up (C) |
| DISC | 47 | | Skincare | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Bering Sea Gold (C) | | Fast N' Loud (C) | | Gold Rush (C) | | Gold Rush (C) |
| ANPL | 50 | | Pit Boss (In Stereo) | | Must Love Cats (C) | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced |
| FAM | 51 | | ** "The Face on the Milk Carton" (1995) | | ** "Stepmom" (1998) Julia Roberts, Susan Sarandon. | | ** "Steel Magnolias" (1989) | | | | | | |
| DISN | 52 | | Suite/Deck | Suite/Deck | Good Luck | Phineas | ** "Lady and the Tramp" (C) | | Mickey | | Never Land | Sofia | Phineas |
| NICK | 54 | | Parents | Parents | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Turtles | Turtles | Kung Fu |
| AMC | 57 | | Rifleman | Rifleman | Rifleman | Rifleman | ** "Hidalgo" (2004, Adventure) Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif. (C) | | | | | | ** "True Lies" |
| SYFY | 59 | | Cook Safe | New Keurig | Paid Prog. | M. Williams | The Storm (C) | | | | The Storm (C) | | |
| CNN | 62 | | Early Start | Sat. Morn | CNN Saturday Morning (N) | | Bottom | | CNN Saturday Morning | | CNN Newsroom (N) | | |
| CNBC | 63 | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Get Sub D | Paid Prog. | Hair Rest. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Total Gym | Cook Safe | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| MSNBC | 64 | | Weekends-Witt | | Up W/Chris Hayes (N) | | Melissa Harris-Perry (N) | | | | | | Weekends-Witt |

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| PBS | 22 | Hometime | MotorWeek | NMSU | This Old House Hr | Garden | Garden | Kitchen | Mexico | Mexican | Lawrence Welk | | |
| CBS | 3 | 3 | March Mad | March Mad | College Basketball South Carolina at Georgia. (N) | | College Basketball Georgetown at Syracuse. (N) | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | | | |
| ABC | 7 | 7 | Recipe | Food | Muffin Top? | | The Taste (C) | | Beauty | Paid Prog. | ESPN Sports Saturday (N) | | |
| FOX | 8 | 14 | 30 Rock | Paid Prog. | '70s Show | Edenpure | *** "Bolt" (2008) Voices of John Travolta. | | *** "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams. (C) | | | | |
| NBC | 9 | 9 | Paid Prog. | Golf | PGA Tour Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, Quarterfinals. (N) (In Stereo Live) (C) | | | | | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | |
| CW | 14 | | Yu-Gi-Oh! | Yu-Gi-Oh! | Animal | Adventures | Mystery | Edgemont | Edgemont | Edgemont | Edgemont | Edgemont | Bloopers |
| WGN | 15 | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI | | Law Order: CI |
| ESPN | 26 | | (:15) NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series: Daytona. (N) (Live) | | | | | | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | | College Basketball | | College Basketball |
| ESPN2 | 27 | | College Basketball | | College Basketball | | | | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | | College Basketball | | College Basketball |
| USA | 31 | | NCIS | NCIS "Dagger" (C) | | NCIS "Toxic" (C) | | NCIS "Legend" (C) | | NCIS "Legend" (C) | | "National Treasure: Book" | |
| TNT | 32 | | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | ** "The Librarian: Quest for the Spear" (2004) | | "The Librarian: Return to King Solomon's Mines" | | "Librarian: Curs" | | | | |
| TBS | 33 | | Shallow | ** "Old School" (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson. | | Raymond | | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | King | King |
| COM | 35 | | (10:30) *** "Bowfinger" (1999) | | (:45) *** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy. (C) | | *** "Trading Places" (1983) Dan Aykroyd. | | | | | | |
| LIFE | 39 | | (10:00) "Dead at 17" | | *** "Seventeen and Missing" (2007) (C) | | "Betrayed at 17" (2011) Alexandra Paul. (C) | | "Accused at 17" (2009) | | | | |
| FOOD | 40 | | Sugar Dome (N) | | Restaurant: Impossible | | Restaurant Stakeout | | Can Family | Diners | Iron Chef America | | Worst Cooks |
| HGTV | 41 | | Love It or List It (C) | | Property Brothers | | Property Brothers | | Property Brothers | | Property Brothers | | Hunters |
| A&E | 43 | | Flipping Boston (C) | | Flipping Boston (C) | | Barter Kings (C) | | Barter Kings (C) | | Barter Kings (C) | | Barter Kings (C) |
| HIST | 44 | | Miracle Rising | | The Lincoln Assassination Many hated the man. | | Lincoln President Abraham Lincoln. (C) | | | | | | |
| TLC | 45 | | Dateline: Real Life | | Dateline: Real Life | | Dateline: Real Life | | Dateline: Real Life | | Dateline: Real Life | | Dateline: Real Life |
| DISC | 47 | | Gold Rush (C) | | Gold Rush (N) (C) | | Fast N' Loud (C) | | Fast N' Loud (C) | | Fast N' Loud (C) | | Fast N' Loud (C) |
| ANPL | 50 | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced | | To Be Announced |
| FAM | 51 | | "Steel Magnolias" | | * "Hope Floats" (1998) Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr. | | ** "The Princess Diaries" (2001, Comedy) Julie Andrews. | | | | | | |
| DISN | 52 | | Good Luck | Good Luck | Jessie | Jessie | ANT Farm | ANT Farm | ANT Farm | Good Luck | Good Luck | Good Luck | Jessie |
| NICK | 54 | | Rangers | SpongeBob | Parents | Parents | Parents | Parents | Victorious | Victorious | iCarly (In Stereo) (C) | | SpongeBob |
| AMC | 57 | | (10:00) *** "True Lies" (1994, Action) (C) | | *** "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. (C) | | | | | | | | "Shawshank R." |
| SYFY | 59 | | ** "Lightning Strikes" (2009) Kevin Sorbo. | | ** "Metal Tornado" (2011) Greg Evigan. (C) | | | | ** "Super Cyclone" (2012) Nicholas Turturro. | | | | |
| CNN | 62 | | Your Money (N) | | CNN Newsroom (N) | | | | Gupta | | CNN Newsroom (N) | | The Situation Room |
| CNBC | 63 | | Paid Prog. | Cook Safe | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Get Sub D | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. |
| MSNBC | 64 | | Weekends-Witt | | MSNBC Live (N) | | | | | | Caught on Camera | | Caught on Camera |

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| PBS 22 | News | Fronteras | Heartland | News | Keep Up | Served? | Antiques Roadshow | Austin City Limits | KRWG | Independent Lens | Curiosity | | | |
| CBS 3 | News | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | NCIS (DVS) | 48 Hours | Vanity Fair's | News | TrainIn1 | Paid | Jdg Judy | | | |
| ABC 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Insider | *** "Dreamgirls" (2006) | Jamie Foxx. (In Stereo) | | ABC 7 | TMZ (N) | | Cheaters | | | |
| FOX 8 | 14 | The Closer | Castle | | Cops (N) | Cops | The Following | News | Big Bang | (:05) Hell's Kitchen | 30S | Star | | |
| NBC 9 | 9 | 3 Wide | News | News (N) | Raymond | Ninja Warrior | Chicago Fire | Saturday Night Live | News (N) | (:29) Saturday Night Live | | | | |
| CW 14 | | "Cheatin' Hearts" (2011) | Byron McIntyre. | 1st Fam | 1st Fam | Box Offi | Box Offi | *** "In the Line of Fire" (1993) | Clint Eastwood. | Dog | | | | |
| WGN 15 | | Funny Home Videos | Funny Home Videos | Funny Home Videos | WGN News at Nine | Bones | Bones | Bones | | 30 Rock | 30 Rock | | | |
| ESPN 26 | | College Basketball | College GameDay | College Basketball | Missouri at Kentucky. | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | |
| ESPN2 27 | | College Basketball | College Basketball | College Basketball | Ohio at Belmont. (N) | Basket | NBA | NHRA Drag Racing | | | | | | |
| USA 31 | | "Nat'l Treasure" | *** "Schindler's List" (1993) | Liam Neeson, Ben Kingsley. | (:18) ** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2001) | | | | | | | | | |
| TNT 32 | | "Librarian: Curs" | *** "War of the Worlds" (2005) | Tom Cruise. | *** "War of the Worlds" (2005) | Tom Cruise. | | | | "Minority Report" | | | | |
| TBS 33 | | King | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | King of the Nerds | Cougar | Sullivan | "Pirates-Dead" | | | |
| COM 35 | | Trading | *** "Coming to America" (1988) | Eddie Murphy. | Katt Williams | Kevin Hart | Katt Williams | Kevin Hart: Laugh | | | | | | |
| LIFE 39 | | "Accused at 17" | "Stalked at 17" (2012) | Taylor Spreitzer. | "Fugitive at 17" (2012) | Christina Cox | (:02) "Stalked at 17" (2012) | | | | | | | |
| FOOD 40 | | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Iron Chef America | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | | |
| HGTV 41 | | House Hunters | Love It or List It | Love It or List It | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Love It or List It | Hunters | Hunt Intl | | | |
| A&E 43 | | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | | |
| HIST 44 | | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Soldier Chall. | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | | |
| TLC 45 | | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | Untold Stories of ER | | |
| DISC 47 | | Most Secret | Secret Service | Killing bin Laden | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | Argo: Inside Story | | |
| ANPL 50 | | Too Cute! (In Stereo) | Too Cute! (N) | Pit Boss (N) | Bad Dog! (In Stereo) | Pit Boss (In Stereo) | Bad Dog! (In Stereo) | Pit Boss (In Stereo) | Bad Dog! (In Stereo) | Too Cute! (In Stereo) | Too Cute! (In Stereo) | Too Cute! (In Stereo) | | |
| FAM 51 | | ** "The Wedding Planner" (2001) | Jennifer Lopez. | ** "Burlesque" (2010) | Cher, Christina Aguilera. | ** "Coyote Ugly" (2000) | Piper Perabo. | Gravity | Dog | ANT | Jessie | | | |
| DISN 52 | | Austin | Austin | Good | Dog | Austin | Jessie | Jessie | Jessie | Jessie | Gravity | Dog | ANT | Jessie |
| NICK 54 | | Sponge. | Sponge. | Wendell | Marvin | Ninjas | Wendell | See Dad | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | George | George |
| AMC 57 | | (4:00) "The Shawshank Redemption" (2005) | *** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) | Tim Robbins. | *** "A Few Good Men" (1992) | | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY 59 | | ** "Meteor Storm" (2010) | "End of the World" (2013) | Brad Dourif. | "Doomsday Prophecy" (2011) | "End of the World" (2013) | | | | | | | | |
| CNN 62 | | CNN Newsroom (N) | CNN Presents | Piers Morgan | Piers Morgan | CNN Presents | Piers Morgan | CNN Newsroom | Piers Morgan | CNN Newsroom | | | | |
| CNBC 63 | | Money in Millions | American Greed | Suze Orman Show | Princess | Princess | American Greed | Suze Orman Show | Princess | Princess | | | | |
| MSNBC 64 | | Caught on Camera | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | Lockup: Raw | | | | |

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| PBS 22 | Indep. | Curios-ity | Santa Fe | Contrary | Moyers & Company | Need | Scully | Wash | Inside | Religion | McLaughlin | | |
| CBS 3 | 3 | Home. | Paid Prog. | Bondage | CBS News Sunday Morning (N) | Face the Nation (N) | | | | | | | |
| ABC 7 | 7 | Business | On Money | Good Morning El Paso | Good Morning America | Good Morning El Paso | This Week | | | | Joint Pain? NBA | | |
| FOX 8 | 14 | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Bndg Brkr | Abndnt L | Paid Prog. | Fox News Sunday | RaceWeek | Fusion | 2013 Daytona 500 (N) | | |
| NBC 9 | 9 | House | Old House | Today (N) | | Horse Ctry | Church | Home | Frvr Yngr | Meet the Press (N) | Matthews | Paid Prog. | |
| CW 14 | | Paid Prog. | Fat Loss | Paid Prog. | Derm | Workout | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | ** "The Punisher" (2004) | Thomas Jane. | | |
| WGN 15 | | Paid Prog. | Facts | Key/David | Beyond | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | | | | |
| ESPN 26 | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter (N) | | Outside | Reporters | SportsCenter (N) (Live) | | | | | |
| ESPN2 27 | | Bassmasters | | NHRA Drag Racing | | NASCAR Now (N) | | Outside | Reporters | Surfing | Cheerleading (N) | | |
| USA 31 | | Cook Safe | Jeremiah | Miracles | J. Osteen | Suits Differing opinions. | NCIS (In Stereo) | NCIS "Split Decision" | NCIS "The Bone Yard" | | | | |
| TNT 32 | | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | Law & Order "Blood" | | Law & Order "Shadow" | | Law & Order "Burned" | Law & Order "Ritual" | Law & Order (In Stereo) | | | |
| TBS 33 | | Home Imp. | Home Imp. | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Cougar | King | King | ** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007) | | |
| COM 35 | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Key | Key | Key | Key | Key | Key | Key | "Trading Places" (1983) | | |
| LIFE 39 | | In Touch | | R Schuller | Jeremiah | J. Osteen | Skincare | Chris | Chris | "Murder in a College Town" (1997) | | | |
| FOOD 40 | | Rachael Ray's | | Giada | Trisha's | Pioneer | Paula | Not My | Guy's, Bite | Sand. King | Be.- Made | Anne Burrell | |
| HGTV 41 | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | |
| A&E 43 | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | Criminal Minds | | *** "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) | | | |
| HIST 44 | | Top Gear "RV's" | | Top Gear | | Top Gear | | Ult. Soldier Challenge | Ax Men | Ax Men | Ax Men | | |
| TLC 45 | | Dr. Frederick K.C. Price | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | |
| DISC 47 | | Paid Prog. | Youssef | J. Osteen | In Touch | Bering Sea Gold | | Bering Sea Gold | | Gold Rush | | Argo: Inside Story | |
| ANPL 50 | | Weird | Weird | Untamed and Uncut | | Glory Hounds (In Stereo) | | | | Wild Kingdom | | Wild Kingdom | |
| FAM 51 | | Boy/World | Boy/World | Boy/World | ** "Teen Witch" (1989, Fantasy) | Robyn Lively. | ** "The Princess Diaries" (2001, Comedy) | Julie Andrews. | | | | | |
| DISN 52 | | Suite/Deck | Suite/Deck | Good Luck | Phineas | Octonauts | Mickey | Doc McSt. | Mickey | Never Land | Sofia | Phineas | Fish Hooks |
| NICK 54 | | Parents | Parents | Rangers | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Turtles | Kung Fu | Kung Fu | SpongeBob |
| AMC 57 | | Mad Men | | The Killing | "Undertow" | The Killing | | Freakshow | Freakshow | Immortal | Immortal | ** "Jumanji" (1995) | |
| SYFY 59 | | Defrosting | Paid Prog. | Defrosting | Cook Safe | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | | Ghost Hunters | |
| CNN 62 | | Early Start | Gupta | CNN Saturday Morning | | State of the Union | | Fareed Zakaria GPS (N) | | Reliable Sources (N) | | State of the Union | |
| CNBC 63 | | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Get Sub D | Paid Prog. | Cook Safe | CoreBody | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Loss | Paid Prog. | Cook Safe | Paid Prog. |
| MSNBC 64 | | Hardball | Business | Up W/Chris Hayes (N) | | | | Melissa Harris-Perry (N) | | | | Weekends-Witt | |

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| PBS 22 | News | Fronteras | New Mexico In Focus | Legislator | Opinion | Healthy | Teaching Channel | Greener | Antiques Roadshow (N) | | | | |
| CBS 3 | 3 | Bull Riding | College Basketball Cincinnati at Notre Dame. (N) | College Basketball Michigan State at Ohio State. | AAA | Paid Prog. | | | | | | | |
| ABC 7 | 7 | NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Dallas Mavericks. (N) | Entertainment Tonight | On the Red Carpet at the Oscars | | | | | | | | | |
| FOX 8 | 14 | (10:00) 2013 Daytona 500 | From Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. (N) (In Stereo Live) | Seinfeld | | | | | | | | Star Wars: Clone Wars | |
| NBC 9 | 9 | Paid Prog. | Golf | PGA Tour Golf WGC Accenture Match Play Championship, Finals. (N) (In Stereo Live) | | | | | | | | Paid Prog. Total Gym | |
| CW 14 | | Now Eat! | ChatRoom | Bloopers | Bloopers | Access Hollywood (N) | Derm | Texas | Crook & Chase | Latino TV | LatNation | | |
| WGN 15 | | ** "Liberty Stands Still" (2002) | | ** "Flightplan" (2005) | Jodie Foster. | | | | 30 Rock | Funniest Home Videos | Bloopers! | | |
| ESPN 26 | | College Basketball Illinois at Michigan. (N) (Live) | | PBA Bowling USBC Masters. (N) (Live) | | | | | 30 for 30 | | SportsCenter (N) | | |
| ESPN2 27 | | Women's College Basketball | | Women's College Basketball Duke at Maryland. | | | | | Women's College Basketball | | | | |
| USA 31 | | NCIS "Forced Entry" | | NCIS "Chained" (2005) | | NCIS "Pop Life" (2005) | | NCIS "Switch" (2005) | | NCIS "Once a Hero" | | NCIS "Blowback" | |
| TNT 32 | | ** "10,000 B.C." (2008) | Steven Strait. | ** "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" (1991) | | | | | | ** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) | | | |
| TBS 33 | | Heartbrk | (:45) ** "Yes Man" (2008, Comedy) | Jim Carrey. | ** "Road Trip" (2000) | Seann William Scott. | ** "Big Daddy" (1999) | | | | | | |
| COM 35 | | (10:00) *** "Trading Places" | | Chappelle | Chappelle | Chappelle | Chappelle | Chappelle | Chappelle | *** "Coming to America" (1988) | | | |
| LIFE 39 | | ** "The Killing Secret" (1997) | Ari Meyers. | ** "The Hunt for the I-5 Killer" (2011) | John Corbett. | ** "Prosecuting Casey Anthony" (2013) | | | | | | | |
| FOOD 40 | | Bobby's Dinner Battle | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | Diners | My Diners | My Diners | Diners | Diners | |
| HGTV 41 | | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Abroad | Hunters | Hunt Intl | |
| A&E 43 | | Negotiator | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | Shipping | |
| HIST 44 | | Ax Men "Sabotage" | Ax Men | Ax Men | Ax Men "Cage Match" | Ax Men | Ax Men | Ax Men | Ax Men "Rock Slide" | Ax Men | Ax Men | | |
| TLC 45 | | Borrowed | Borrowed | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | Undercover Boss | | |
| DISC 47 | | Fast N' Loud | Extreme Smuggling | Weed Country | The Devils Ride | The Devils Ride | The Devils Ride | The Devils Ride | The Devils Ride | Yukon Men | Yukon Men | | |
| 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 | | |
| FAM 51 | | ** "Coyote Ugly" (2000) | Piper Perabo. | ** "Burlesque" (2010, Drama) | Cher, Christina Aguilera. | ** "The Wedding Planner" (2001) | | | | | | | |
| DISN 52 | | Good Luck | Jessie | Jessie (In Stereo) | Good Luck | Good Luck | Jessie | Shake It | Shake It | Shake It | Shake It | ANT Farm | Dog |
| NICK 54 | | Winx Club | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | SpongeBob |
| AMC 57 | | (10:00) ** "Jumanji" (1995) | | ** "Predator 2" (1990) | Danny Glover, Gary Busey. | ** "Catwoman" (2004, Action) | Halle Berry. | | | | | | |
| SYFY 59 | | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | |
| CNN 62 | | Fareed Zakaria GPS | Newsroom | Next List | Your Money (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. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | WEN Hair | Paid Prog. | Paid Prog. | |
| MSNBC 64 | | Weekends-Witt | Meet the Press | MSNBC Live (N) | | | | Caught on Camera | Caught on Camera | Caught on Camera | Caught on Camera | | |

| SUNDAY EVENING | | FEBRUARY 24, 2013 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
| PBS | 22 | Globe Trekker | Masterpiece Classic | (In Stereo) (CC) | Masterpiece Contemporary | "Page Eight" | Black Kungfu | Dragon | Pedal | | | | | | |
| CBS | 3 | News | News | 60 Minutes (N) | The Amazing Race | The Good Wife | The Mentalist (CC) | News | Burn Notice (CC) | Paired | | | | | |
| ABC | 7 | Oscars Red Carpet Live (N) | The Oscars | Honors for achievements in film. (N) (CC) | News | News (N) | News | News (N) | News | News | News | News | News | News | News |
| FOX | 8 | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Burgers | Cleve | Simpsons | Cleve | Fam. Guy | American | KFOX14 News | Big Bang | Office | Two Men | Two Men | |
| NBC | 9 | News | News | Dateline NBC (N) | Betty | Betty | Saturday Night Live | in the 2000s | News (N) | Paired | Nieman | Paired | | | |
| CW | 14 | ** "The Beautician and the Beast" | "Night at the Museum: Smithsonian" | "Til Death | On the Red Carpet-Oscars | TMZ (N) (CC) | | | | | | | | | |
| WGN | 15 | Bloopers! | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | Funny Home Videos | 30 Rock | 30 Rock | Rules | Rules | Scrubs | Scrubs | | |
| ESPN | 26 | NBA Basketball | Memphis Grizzlies at Brooklyn Nets. | NBA Basketball: Bulls at Thunder | | | | | | | | SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC) | SportCtr | | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | CrossFit | CrossFit | NHRA Drag Racing | Arizona Nationals. From Chandler, Ariz. | SportsCenter (N) | NASCAR | NBA Basketball | | | | | | | |
| USA | 31 | NCIS (CC) | NCIS (CC) (DVS) | NCIS (CC) | NCIS (CC) | NCIS (CC) | White Collar (CC) | (:01) ** "Quantum of Solace" (2008) | | | | | | | |
| TNT | 32 | "Terminator Sal" | ** "Clash of the Titans" (2010) | (:15) ** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) (CC) (DVS) | "Terminator 2: Judgment Day" | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBS | 33 | (4:00) "Big Daddy" | ** "The Hangover" (2009) (CC) (DVS) | "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" | ** "Yes Man" (2008) Jim Carrey. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| COM | 35 | "Coming-Amer." | Kevin Hart | Kevin Hart: Laugh | Chris Rock: Bigger & Blacker | Bernie Mac | Walter Latham's | The Je | | | | | | | |
| LIFE | 39 | "Blue-Eyed Butcher" | (2012) Sara Paxton. | "She Made Them Do It" (2012) (CC) | (:02) "Blue-Eyed Butcher" (2012) (CC) | "She Made Do" | | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD | 40 | Worst Cooks | Chopped (N) | Worst Cooks | Iron Chef America | Anne Burrell | Worst Cooks | Iron Chef America | | | | | | | |
| HGTV | 41 | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Cool Pools (CC) | Hawaii | Hawaii | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Hawaii | House Hunters | | | | | |
| A&E | 43 | Storage | Storage | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. | Duck D. |
| HIST | 44 | Ax Men (CC) | Ax Men "Goldmine" | Ax Men (N) (CC) | Big Rig Bounty | (:02) Swamp People | (:01) Ax Men (CC) | (:01) Ax Men (CC) | | | | | | | |
| TLC | 45 | Undercover Boss | Gypsy Sisters: Extra | (:10) Gypsy Sisters: Extra | Bling | Gypsy Sisters: Extra | Gypsy Sisters: Extra | (:40) Gypsy Sisters: Extra | Bling | | | | | | |
| DISC | 47 | Yukon Men (CC) | Silver Rush (CC) | Silver Rush (N) | Silver Rush (N) | Silver Rush (CC) | Silver Rush (CC) | Silver Rush (CC) | | | | | | | |
| ANPL | 50 | Wild West Alaska | Wild West Alaska | Gator Boys | Finding Bigfoot (N) | Ghostland, TN | Gator Boys | Finding Bigfoot | | | | | | | |
| FAM | 51 | "Wedding Pinnr" | ** "The Lion King" (1994, Musical) | ** "The Lion King" (1994, Musical) | J. Osteen | K. Shook | Keurig | Total | | | | | | | |
| DISN | 52 | Jessie | Shake It | Good | Good | Austin | ANT | Shake It | Dog | Dog | Austin | Shake It | Jessie | Austin | Jessie |
| NICK | 54 | Sponge. | Sponge. | Wendell | See Dad | ** "The Brady Bunch Movie" (1995) | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | See Dad | George | | |
| AMC | 57 | The Walking Dead | The Walking Dead | The Walking Dead | (:01) Talking Dead | The Walking Dead | The Walking Dead | Talking Dead (CC) | | | | | | | |
| SYFY | 59 | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters | "Termination Point" | | | | | | | |
| CNN | 62 | CNN Newsroom (N) | CNN Presents | Piers Morgan | CNN Newsroom (N) | CNN Presents | Piers Morgan | CNN Newsroom | | | | | | | |
| CNBC | 63 | Princess On | 60 Minutes on | 60 Minutes on | American Greed | 60 Minutes on | American Greed | American Greed | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC | 64 | Caught on Camera | Caught on Camera | Sex Slaves-Suburbs | Sex Slaves: Teen | Lockup: N.M. | Lockup: N.M. | Lockup | | | | | | | |

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| MONDAY EVENING | | FEBRUARY 25, 2013 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
| PBS | 22 | News | PBS NewsHour (N) | Business | Antiques Roadshow | Market Warriors (N) | Independent Lens (N) (CC) | Charlie Rose (N) | T. Smiley | | | | | | |
| CBS | 3 | CBS | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | Mother | Rules | Broke | Mike | Hawaii Five-0 (CC) | News | Letterman | Ferguson | | |
| ABC | 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Ent | The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) (CC) | The Following (N) | KFOX News | Two Men | 30 Rock | Mother | Simpsons | | | |
| FOX | 8 | KFOX News | Big Bang | Big Bang | Bones (N) | The Biggest Loser | "Face Your Fears" (N) | (:01) Deception (N) | News (N) | Jay Leno | J. Fallon | | | | |
| NBC | 9 | News (N) | News | News (N) | News | The Carrie Diaries | 90210 (N) (CC) | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | 'Til Death | | |
| CW | 14 | Ricki Lake | Access | Million. | The Carrie Diaries | 90210 (N) (CC) | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | |
| WGN | 15 | Funny Home Videos | Funny Home Videos | Funny Home Videos | Funny Home Videos | WGN News at Nine | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | | | |
| ESPN | 26 | College Basketball | Syracuse at Marquette. | College Basketball | Kansas at Iowa State. | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | Women's College Basketball | Content | SEC Storied | NFL Live (N) (CC) | NBA | NASCAR | Basket | NFL Live | | | | | | |
| USA | 31 | NCIS "Silver War" | WWE Monday Night | RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (CC) | Monday Mornings | (:01) Dallas (CC) | Monday Mornings | (:02) Cold Case | | | | | | | |
| TNT | 32 | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Dallas (N) (CC) | Monday Mornings | (:01) Dallas (CC) | Monday Mornings | (:02) Cold Case | | | | | | | |
| TBS | 33 | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Conan (N) (CC) | Office | Office | Conan (CC) | | | | |
| COM | 35 | Colbert | Daily | Futurama | Futurama | South Pk | South Pk | Brickle. | South Pk | Daily | Colbert | South Pk | The Je | Daily | Colbert |
| LIFE | 39 | (4:00) Movie | "Pastor Brown" (2009, Drama) (CC) | ** "Betty & Coretta" (2013) (CC) | (:02) "Pastor Brown" (2009, Drama) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| FOOD | 40 | Diners | Diners | 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 (N) | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Love It or List It | Love It or List It | Hunters | Hunt Intl | | | | | |
| A&E | 43 | Gangsters: Evil | Gangsters: Evil | Gangsters: Evil | Beyond Scared Straight (CC) | First 48 | Gangsters: Evil | Gangsters: Evil | | | | | | | |
| HIST | 44 | American Pickers | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | Pawn | Pawn | Soldier Chall. | Pawn | Pawn | American Pickers | | | | |
| TLC | 45 | Here Comes Honey | Here Comes Honey | Here Comes Honey | Boo Boo: | Here Comes Honey | Here Comes Honey | Boo Boo: | | | | | | | |
| DISC | 47 | Fast N' Loud (CC) | Fast N' Loud (CC) | Fast N' Loud (CC) | The Devils Ride | Fast N' Loud (CC) | The Devils Ride | Fast N' Loud (CC) | | | | | | | |
| ANPL | 50 | Gator Boys | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Gator Boys | Finding Bigfoot | Finding Bigfoot | Gator Boys | | | | | | | |
| FAM | 51 | Switched at Birth | Switched at Birth | Bunheads "Next" | Switched at Birth | The 700 Club (CC) | Prince | Prince | Paid | Paid | | | | | |
| DISN | 52 | Austin | Shake It | Good | Jessie | Shake It | Dog | Austin | ** "Starstruck" (2010) (CC) | Austin | Good | | | | |
| NICK | 54 | Sponge. | Drake | Nick | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Nanny | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | George | George |
| AMC | 57 | "A Knight's Tale" | ** "Signs" (2002, Suspense) Mel Gibson. (CC) | ** "Demolition Man" (1993) Sylvester Stallone. | "Starship Troopers" | | | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY | 59 | Continuum | Continuum (N) | Being Human (N) | Continuum | Continuum | Being Human | Merlin (CC) | | | | | | | |
| CNN | 62 | E. B. OutFront | Anderson Cooper | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | E. B. OutFront | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | | | | | | | |
| CNBC | 63 | The Kudlow Report | The Facebook | 60 Minutes on | American Greed | Mad Money | 60 Minutes on | American Greed | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC | 64 | Hardball Matthews | The Ed Show (N) | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | The Ed Show | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | | | | | | | |

| TUESDAY EVENING | | FEBRUARY 26, 2013 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | 5:00 | 5:30 | 6:00 | 6:30 | 7:00 | 7:30 | 8:00 | 8:30 | 9:00 | 9:30 | 10:00 | 10:30 | 11:00 | 11:30 |
| PBS | 22 | News | PBS NewsHour (N) | News 22 | Makers: Women Who | Make America (Series Premiere) (N) | Charlie Rose (N) | World | T. Smiley | | | | | | |
| CBS | 3 | CBS | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | NCIS "Detour" (N) | NCIS: Los Angeles | Golden Boy "Pilot" | News | Letterman | Ferguson | | | | |
| ABC | 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Ent | Celebrity Wife Swap | The Taste (N) (CC) | Body of Proof (N) | News (N) | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Nightline | | | | |
| FOX | 8 | KFOX News | Big Bang | Big Bang | Raising Hope (N) | New Girl | Mindy | KFOX News | Two Men | 30 Rock | Mother | Simpsons | | | |
| NBC | 9 | News (N) | News | News (N) | News | Betty | Betty | Go On | Normal | Smash "The Song" | News (N) | Jay Leno | J. Fallon | | |
| CW | 14 | Ricki Lake | Access | Million. | Hart of Dixie (N) | Cult "In the Blood" | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | 'Til Death | | | |
| WGN | 15 | Funny Home Videos | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | WGN News at Nine | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | | |
| ESPN | 26 | College Basketball | Indiana at Minnesota. | College Basketball | Florida at Tennessee. | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 | 27 | College Basketball | Memphis at Xavier. (N) | NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live) (CC) | NFL Live (N) (CC) | Basket | NBA | NASCAR | NFL Live | | | | | | |
| USA | 31 | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | White Collar (N) | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: SVU | White Collar (CC) | | | | | | | |
| TNT | 32 | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | Castle (CC) | | | | | | | |
| TBS | 33 | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | Cougar | Big Bang | Conan (N) (CC) | Cougar | Office | Conan (CC) | | |
| COM | 35 | Colbert | Daily | The Je | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | Tosh.0 | The Je | Daily | Colbert | Tosh.0 | The Je | Daily | Colbert | |
| LIFE | 39 | Dance Moms (CC) | Dance Moms (CC) | Dance Moms (N) | Double | Double | Double | Double | (:02) Dance Moms | (:02) Dance Moms | (:02) Dance Moms | (:02) Dance Moms | | | |
| FOOD | 40 | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | "My Way" | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | | | |
| HGTV | 41 | Hunt Intl | Hunters | Property | Property | Income Property (N) | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Income Property | Income Property | Hunters | Hunt Intl | | | |
| A&E | 43 | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | Storage | | | |
| HIST | 44 | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Pawn | Top Gear "Taxis" | Soldier Chall. | (:02) Top Gear | Pawn | Pawn | (:01) Top Gear | | | | |
| TLC | 45 | Half-Ton Mom | 600 Pound Mom | 600 Pound Mom | Half-Ton Killer | 600 Pound Mom | 600 Pound Mom | 600 Pound Mom | Half-Ton Killer | | | | | | |
| DISC | 47 | Dual Survival (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | Yukon Men (CC) | Dual Survival (CC) | | | |
| ANPL | 50 | Wild West Alaska | Viking Wilderness | Viking Wilderness | Viking Wilderness | Viking Wilderness | Viking Wilderness | Viking Wilderness | | | | | | | |
| FAM | 51 | Pretty Little Liars | Pretty Little Liars | The Lying Game (N) | Pretty Little Liars | The 700 Club (CC) | Prince | Prince | Paid | Paid | | | | | |
| DISN | 52 | Austin | Dog | Dog | Dog | Good | Jessie | Shake It | Jessie | Dog | Austin | Shake It | Gravity | Austin | Good |
| NICK | 54 | Sponge. | Drake | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Nanny | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | George | George |
| AMC | 57 | (3:30) "Signs" (CC) | ** "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen" (CC) | ** "Constantine" (2005) Keanu Reeves. (CC) | ** "Anaconda" | | | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY | 59 | Face Off | Face Off | Face Off (N) | Robot Combat | Face Off | Robot Combat | Face Off | Robot Combat | Face Off | Robot Combat | Face Off | Robot Combat | ** "A.I. Assault" | |

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| PBS 22 | News | PBS NewsHour (N) | News 22 | Nature (In Stereo) | Battle-Elephant | NOVA | Charlie Rose (N) | World | T. Smiley | | | | | | |
| CBS 3 | CBS | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | Survivor: Caramoan | Criminal Minds (N) | CSI: Crime Scene | News | Letterman | Ferguson | | | | | |
| ABC 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Ent | Middle | Neigh | Mod Fam | Suburg. | Nashville (N) | News (N) | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Nightline | | | |
| FOX 8 | KFOX News | Big Bang | Big Bang | American Idol (N) | (In Stereo) | KFOX News | Two Men | 30 Rock | Mother | Simpsons | | | | | |
| NBC 9 | News (N) | News | News | Whitney | Guys- | Law & Order: SVU | Chicago Fire (N) | News (N) | Jay Leno | J. Fallon | | | | | |
| CW 14 | Ricki Lake | Access | Million. | Arrow (N) | Supernatural (N) | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | 'Til Death | | | | |
| WGN 15 | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | Rules | Rules | WGN News at Nine | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | | | |
| ESPN 26 | SportCtr | NBA | NBA Basketball: Warriors at Knicks | | | NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Trail Blazers | | | | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | |
| ESPN2 27 | College Basketball | | College Basketball | Oklahoma at Texas. | | College Basketball | Colorado at Stanford. | | | Basket | NBA | | | | |
| USA 31 | NCIS "Frame-Up" | NCIS "Jet Lag" | | NCIS (DVS) | Psych | (:01) White Collar | CSI: Crime Scene | (:02) Psych | | | | | | | |
| TNT 32 | (4:30) ** "Shooter" | (2007) (DVS) | Boston's Finest | Southland "Babel" | Boston's Finest | Southland "Babel" | Cold Case | | | | | | | | |
| TBS 33 | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | Big Bang | Conan (N) | Office | Office | Conan | | | | |
| COM 35 | Colbert | Daily | Work. | South Pk | South Pk | Work. | Kroll | Daily | Colbert | Work. | Tosh.0 | Daily | Colbert | | |
| LIFE 39 | Wife Swap | Wife Swap | Wife Swap | Wife Swap | Supernanny | (:01) Dance Moms | (:02) Wife Swap | (:02) Wife Swap | | | | | | | |
| FOOD 40 | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | Restaurant: Im. | |
| HGTV 41 | Love It or List It | Cousins | Cousins | Property Brothers | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Property Brothers | Property Brothers | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Hunters | Hunt Intl | |
| A&E 43 | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | Duck D. Duck D. | |
| HIST 44 | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | American Pickers | |
| TLC 45 | Addiction | Addiction | Hoard-Buried | Hoard-Buried | Addiction | Addiction | Hoard-Buried | Addiction | Addiction | Hoard-Buried | Addiction | Addiction | Hoard-Buried | Addiction | |
| DISC 47 | Extreme Smuggling | Moonshiners | Moonshiners | Moonshiners | Weed Country | Moonshiners | Moonshiners | Moonshiners | Moonshiners | Weed Country | Moonshiners | Weed Country | Weed Country | Weed Country | |
| ANPL 50 | Swamp Wars | River Monsters | River Monsters | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | Gator Boys | |
| FAM 51 | "Journey-Center of Earth" | ** "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" (2010) | | | The 700 Club | Prince | Prince | Paid | Paid | | | | | | |
| DISN 52 | Austin | Wizards | Wizards | Wizards | Good | Jessie | Shake It | Jessie | ANT | "Let It Shine" (2012) (In Stereo) | Good | | | | |
| NICK 54 | Sponge. | Drake | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Full H'se | Nanny | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | George | George | |
| AMC 57 | CSI: Miami | ** "Hulk" (2003, Fantasy) | Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly. | | ** "Mad Max" (1979) | Mel Gibson. | "Mad Max 2" | | | | | | | | |
| SYFY 59 | Ghost Hunters | Ghost Hunters (N) | Stranded | Ghost Hunters | Stranded | Haunted Collector | Robot Combat | | | | | | | | |
| CNN 62 | E. B. OutFront | Anderson Cooper | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | E. B. OutFront | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | | | | | | | | |
| CNBC 63 | The Kudlow Report | Cruise Inc. | Mob Money: | American Greed | Mad Money | Mob Money: | American Greed | | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC 64 | Hardball Matthews | The Ed Show (N) | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | The Ed Show | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | | | | | | | | |

| THURSDAY EVENING | | | | | | | | | | | | FEBRUARY 28, 2013 | | | |
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| PBS 22 | News | PBS NewsHour (N) | News 22 | News | Frontieras | Masterpiece Contemporary | "Page Eight" | Charlie Rose (N) | World | NMSU | | | | | |
| CBS 3 | CBS | News | Jeopardy | Wheel | Big Bang | Two Men | Person of Interest | (:01) Elementary | News | Letterman | Ferguson | | | | |
| ABC 7 | News (N) | ABC | News (N) | Ent | Zero Hour (N) | Scandal | Jimmy Kimmel Live | News (N) | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Nightline | | | | | |
| FOX 8 | KFOX News | Big Bang | Big Bang | American Idol (N) | (In Stereo) | KFOX News | Two Men | 30 Rock | Mother | Simpsons | | | | | |
| NBC 9 | News (N) | News | News | Commun | Parks | Office | 1600 | Law & Order: SVU | News (N) | Jay Leno | J. Fallon | | | | |
| CW 14 | Ricki Lake | Access | Million. | The Vampire Diaries | Beauty & Beast | TMZ (N) | Baggage | Excused | Rules | Rules | 'Til Death | | | | |
| WGN 15 | Funny Home Videos | Mother | Mother | Mother | Mother | WGN News at Nine | Funny Home Videos | Rules | Rules | 30 Rock | Scrubs | | | | |
| ESPN 26 | College Basketball | Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | College Basketball | Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | SportsCenter (N) | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN2 27 | College Basketball | Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | College Basketball | Teams TBA. (N) (Live) | College Basketball | Gonzaga at BYU. (N) | Basket | NASCAR | | | | | | | |
| USA 31 | NCIS "Ravenous" | NCIS "Iced" (DVS) | NCIS "Untouchable" | NCIS "Bloodbath" | Psych | Law & Order: SVU | (:01) House | | | | | | | | |
| TNT 32 | The Mentalist | NBA Basketball | Philadelphia 76ers at Chicago Bulls. | NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Lakers | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TBS 33 | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Fam. Guy | Fam. Guy | Big Bang | Big Bang | King of the Nerds | Conan (N) | King of the Nerds | Conan | | | | | |
| COM 35 | Colbert | Daily | Sunny | Sunny | Work. | Tosh.0 | Ben | Nathan | Daily | Colbert | Nathan | Ben | Daily | Colbert | |
| LIFE 39 | To Be Announced | Project Runway | Project Runway | "Senior Fling" | Double | Double | Double | (:02) Project Runway | (:02) Project Runway | | | | | | |
| FOOD 40 | Sweet Genius | Chopped | Chopped | Chopped | Anne Burrell | Worst Cooks | Anne Burrell | | | | | | | | |
| HGTV 41 | Salvage | Salvage | West End | West End | Rehab | Rehab | Hunters | Hunt Intl | Hawaii | Hawaii | Rehab | Rehab | Hunters | Hunt Intl | |
| A&E 43 | The First 48 | The First 48 | The First 48 | The First 48 | After the First 48 (N) | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | (:01) The First 48 | |
| HIST 44 | Swamp People | Swamp People | Swamp People | Swamp People (N) | Big Rig Bounty | Larry the Cable Guy | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | (:01) Swamp People | |
| TLC 45 | Borrowed | Borrowed | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | What Not to Wear | Say Yes | Say Yes | What Not to Wear | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | Say Yes | |
| DISC 47 | Property | Property | Auction | Auction | Auction | Auction | Property | Property | Auction | Auction | Property | Property | Auction | Auction | |
| ANPL 50 | North Woods | North Woods | North Woods | North Woods | Law | North Woods | Law | North Woods | Law | North Woods | Law | North Woods | Law | North Woods | |
| FAM 51 | "Prince of Persia: Sands" | ** "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (2010, Fantasy) | | | The 700 Club | Prince | Prince | Paid | Paid | | | | | | |
| DISN 52 | Let It | Austin | Austin | Austin | Good | Jessie | Shake It | Jessie | Shake It | ** "Frenemies" (2012) | Austin | Good | | | |
| NICK 54 | Sponge. | Drake | To Be Announced | Full H'se | Full H'se | Nanny | Nanny | Friends | Friends | Friends | Friends | George | George | | |
| AMC 57 | (3:00) ** "Hulk" | The Walking Dead | Comic | Freak | Immortal | Comic | Freak | Immortal | Comic | Freak | Immortal | Hannibal | | | |
| SYFY 59 | (4:00) ** "The Ninth Gate" (1999) | "Stake Land" (2010) | Nick Damici. | ** "Edward Scissorhands" (1990) | Johnny Depp. | Hallow | | | | | | | | | |
| CNN 62 | E. B. OutFront | Anderson Cooper | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | E. B. OutFront | Piers Morgan | Anderson Cooper | | | | | | | | |
| CNBC 63 | The Kudlow Report | Crime Inc. | American Greed | American Greed (N) | Mad Money | American Greed | American Greed | | | | | | | | |
| MSNBC 64 | Hardball Matthews | The Ed Show (N) | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | The Ed Show | Rachel Maddow | The Last Word | | | | | | | | |

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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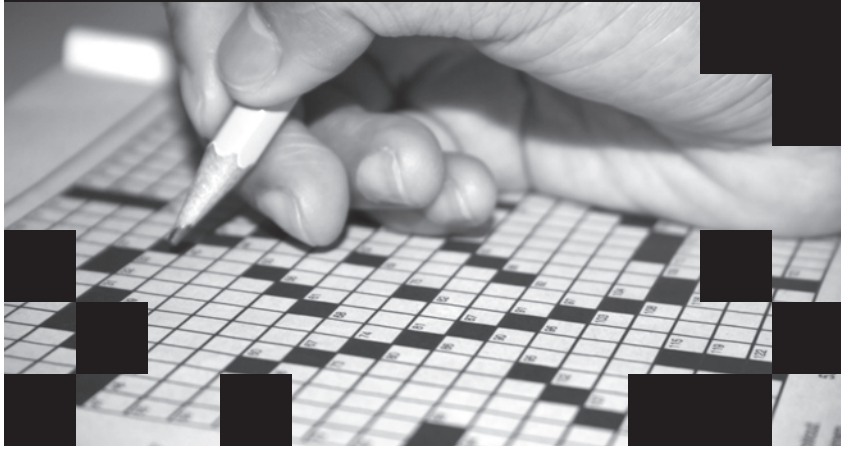
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BrainGames

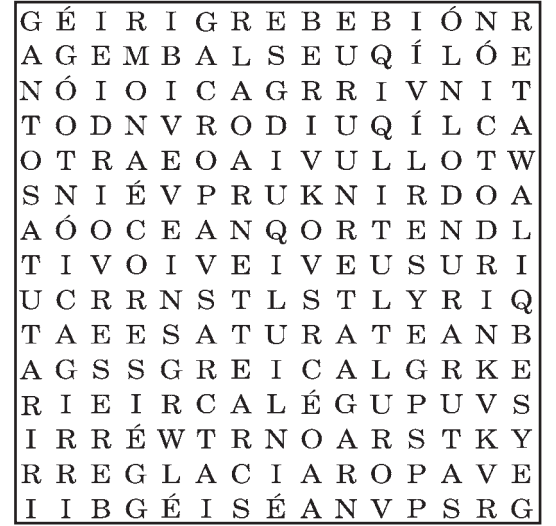


Word Salsa

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

HYDROLOGY

| ENGLISH | SPANISH |
|------------|------------|
| GEYSER | GÉISER |
| GLACIER | GLACIAR |
| IRRIGATION | IRRIGACIÓN |
| LIQUID | LÍQUIDO |
| OCEAN | OCÉANO |
| RAIN | LLUVIA |
| RESERVOIR | EMBALSE |
| SATURATE | SATURAR |
| SNOW | NIEVE |
| TO DRINK | BEBER |
| VAPOR | VAPOR |
| WATER | AGUA |



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Crossword Puzzles

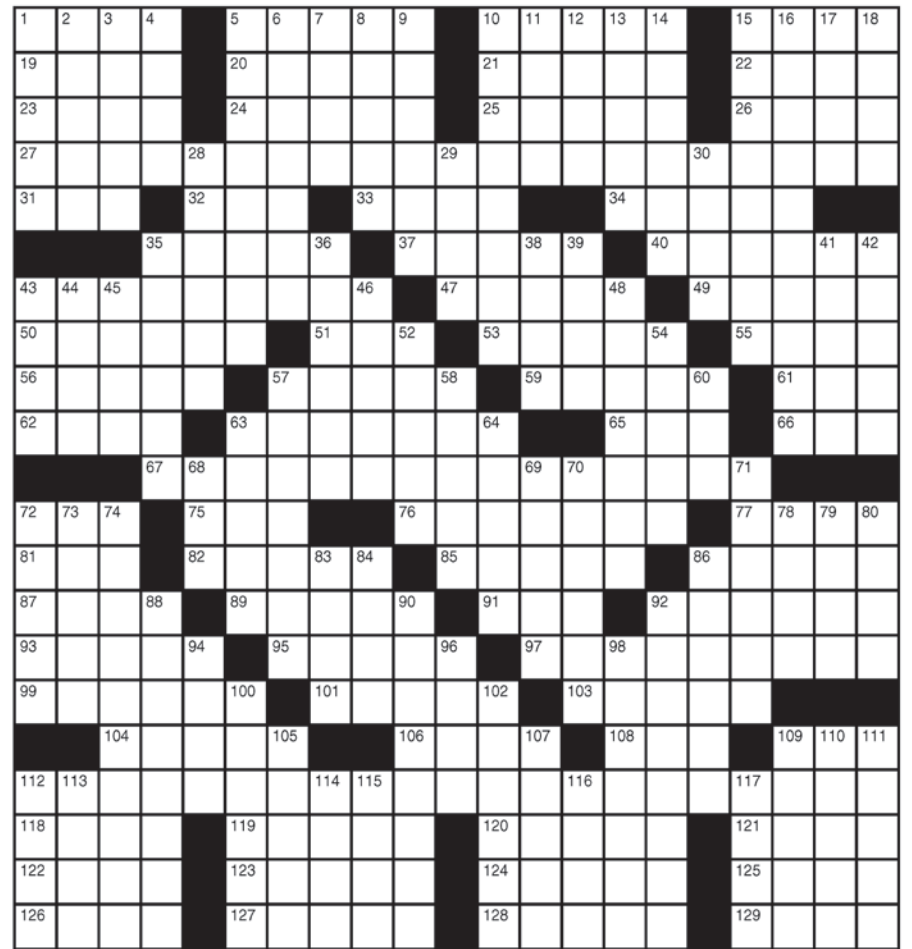
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 Gantry or Fudd
 - 6 Marine motto
 - 15 "The Deer Hunter" director
 - 16 Change dimensions
 - 22 Of synagogue leaders
 - 23 Release breath
 - 24 Complies
 - 28 Nearest star
 - 29 Rare
 - 30 Baltimore pro
 - 31 Opposite of WSW
 - 32 Extreme panic
 - 33 Vended again
 - 34 Linguistics suffix
 - 36 Jacket part
 - 37 All the same, along the Seine
 - 38 Challenge twice
 - 42 Showed the way
 - 43 "The ___ Ranger"
 - 44 Shirt requirement
 - 46 Instance
 - 50 Bic or Flair
 - 51 Skin inflammation
 - 53 Political contests
 - 57 Medieval servitude
 - 58 Resistance to change
 - 60 Moon vehicle
 - 61 Immoral deeds
 - 62 Tallinn resident
 - 63 Great distance
 - 65 Grp. for mom-&-pop stores
 - 68 Old punishment device
 - 69 Actress Russo
 - 70 Aircraft pioneer
 - 74 Expression of derision
 - 75 Glass ingredient
 - 77 Olympian Mary Lou
 - 78 Botanist Gray
 - 80 Foreshadowed
 - 81 Supported
 - 82 Flight from the law
 - 83 "Free Fallin'" singer
 - 85 Doe or damsel
 - 86 Under the moon
 - 88 Typical ski lodges
 - 89 Marine experts
 - 94 Degree of permeation
 - 95 Entice
- DOWN**
- 1 Salinger title girl
 - 2 Lanai garland
 - 3 CCX x X
 - 4 N.T. book
 - 5 FDR power grp.
 - 7 Do-over in some board games
 - 8 Burst into flames
 - 9 SDI concern
 - 10 Playground claimant's cry
 - 11 British record co.
 - 12 Flax extracts
 - 13 Bulge at the back of the head
 - 14 Foundation piece
 - 16 Relaxes
 - 17 Surpass others
 - 18 Possess jointly
 - 19 Study cubicle
 - 20 Small recess
 - 21 Eyed lecherously
 - 24 Like a baked apple
 - 25 Crater Lake state
 - 26 Hebrew month
 - 27 Hoodwinked
 - 34 Bombeck and others
 - 35 Conductor Zubin
 - 39 Asian range
 - 40 Hold sway
 - 41 Zigzag turns
 - 44 Composer Khachaturian
 - 45 Rent-sign abbr.
 - 46 Yields
 - 47 Elite invitees
 - 48 Look after
 - 49 Room with acoustically reflective walls
 - 50 Nabokov novel
 - 52 Always set
 - 54 Japanese poem
 - 55 South Bend team
 - 56 Harem area
 - 59 Actress Matlin
 - 60 Doctor's cutter
 - 64 Deceptive move
 - 65 Nape of the neck
 - 66 Pager
 - 67 Respiratory disease
 - 71 Vaporized water
 - 72 ___ prosequi
 - 73 Land of llamas
 - 75 Mogadishu man
 - 76 Budd Friedman's comedy club
 - 78 Biographer of FDR
 - 79 Teriyaki or pesto
 - 83 Sushi fish
 - 84 Yoko's relatives
 - 87 Wash rm.
 - 88 Gal fri.
 - 90 Comprehend
 - 91 Serpent tail?
 - 92 Theo. sch.
 - 93 Recipe meas.

THE BIG STORY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fellow
 - 5 Capital of Morocco
 - 10 Valuable fiddle (for short)
 - 15 Plant-to-be
 - 19 Alternative to present
 - 20 Cybermessage
 - 21 "A Confederacy of Dunces" author
 - 22 Quechuan ruler
 - 23 Bruins' sch.
 - 24 Nosy Parker
 - 25 Old newspaper sections
 - 26 Candle emanation
 - 27 Start of Evan Esar quip
 - 31 UFO crew
 - 32 Sailors' admin.
 - 33 Set the pace
 - 34 Runs at an easy pace
 - 35 RBIs and such
 - 37 Proofreaders' saves
 - 40 Upper classes
 - 43 Part 2 of quip
 - 47 Keep tabs on
 - 49 "Newsboy" painter Henry
 - 50 Sensei's skill
 - 51 Nelson Mandela's org.
 - 53 One step
 - 55 Ex-Spice Girl Halliwell
 - 56 Martini garnish
 - 57 Russian rulers
 - 59 City near Limerick
 - 61 Profit figure
 - 62 Scruff of the neck
 - 63 Fixed charge
 - 65 Health haven
 - 66 NFL scores
 - 67 Part 3 of quip
 - 72 File marker
 - 75 Nord's opposite
 - 76 Administer an oath to
 - 77 705 on a cornerstone
 - 81 Summer refresher
 - 82 Try to look one's best
 - 85 Minor fight
 - 86 Marshy depression
 - 87 Soprano Felicity
 - 89 Bartletts and Seckels
 - 91 Thoughtful letters
 - 92 Boo shouter
 - 93 Mountain nymph
 - 95 Builder's directions
 - 97 Part 4 of quote
 - 99 Fox of the Sox
- DOWN**
- 101 Secret observers
 - 103 Position
 - 104 Fellas
 - 106 Flight member
 - 108 Before in a poem
 - 109 Ewe's call
 - 112 End of quip
 - 118 Decisive defeat
 - 119 "Am not!" retort
 - 120 First name in B-29 lore
 - 121 Pond scum
 - 122 Otherwise
 - 123 Pistons player
 - 124 Speed contests
 - 125 Homely citrus?
 - 126 Require
 - 127 Adlai's slate-mate
 - 128 Senator Gorton
 - 129 Adolescent
 - 1 Inclined trough
 - 2 "The Front Page" playwright
 - 3 City on the Rhone delta
 - 4 Partially carbonized moss
 - 5 Resound
 - 6 Lump sum alternative
 - 7 Foolish one
 - 8 Bikini for one
 - 9 Conical abodes
 - 10 Vigorous walkers
 - 11 Whistle blast
 - 12 "Portnoy's Complaint" writer
 - 13 In the rigging
 - 14 Craving
 - 15 Observation
 - 16 Joining up
 - 17 Bus. sch. course
 - 18 Deputy of cartoons
 - 28 Do a 360
 - 29 Unit of power
 - 30 Unaccompanied performances
 - 35 Close closers?
 - 36 In order that
 - 38 London gallery
 - 39 Read quickly
 - 41 Kind of seal
 - 42 Agitated states
 - 43 Sacred image: var.
 - 44 Casa component
 - 45 Excursion
 - 46 Relieve of weapons
 - 48 Family ties
 - 52 Crops of birds
 - 54 Mature
 - 57 Certain collectibles
 - 58 Medley meals
 - 60 Patriotic men's org.
 - 63 Drink like a pig
 - 64 Put up
 - 68 Psychic power
 - 69 Before time
 - 70 Vestiges
 - 71 Playwright Albee
 - 72 Claw
 - 73 Revere
 - 74 Star in Orion
 - 78 Ask for proof of age
 - 79 Last book of "The Alexandria Quartet"
 - 80 Selfsame
 - 83 Atlas pages
 - 84 Spadework
 - 86 Play starter
 - 88 Gifted
 - 90 Wrestling hold
 - 92 Sci-fi command center
 - 94 Exertion
 - 96 Eve's third child
 - 98 Hardened
 - 100 Natural gas constituent
 - 102 Seamstresses
 - 105 Some eastern Europeans
 - 107 Of punishment
 - 109 Nautical pump
 - 110 Slant
 - 111 Over
 - 112 Small songbird
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

Diagramless

Where I Hang My Hat

CRYPTOGRAM

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X E V V P R L L .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Eat plenty of raw pears, guavas, figs and apples and you will live to a ripe old age!



The franchise that wouldn't die

'A Good Day to Die Hard' kicks the bucket

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In the first two months of the new year, we've seen three of the 1980s' biggest box-office action heroes return to the silver screen, with decidedly mixed results.

Governator Arnold Schwarzenegger made his big screen return with "The Last Stand," where he played the aging sheriff of Somerton Junction, Ariz., besieged by a ruthless Mexican cartel boss. It was big, loud, dumb and violent — exactly what it was supposed to be.

Sylvester Stallone's entry, the unfortunately timed and titled "Bullet to the Head," saw the second-most unintelligible '80s action hero take on the role of a New Orleans hitman (named Jimmy Bobo — seriously) who, teamed with a D.C. detective, sets out to avenge the death of his partner. It, too, was loud, dumb and violent — not to mention exceptionally, pointedly trashy — but conjured only faint memories of the star's heyday rather than marking any sort of viable comeback.

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Bruce Willis reprises his role as Detective John McClane, of the sputtering "Die Hard" franchise, in the well titled but altogether disappointing "A Good Day to Die Hard."

The first film in the series, 1988's "Die Hard," is widely heralded as one of the best

action movies of the era (as well as a top-10 Christmas movie, depending on who you ask), thanks in no small part to Willis' role as its hesitant hero.

McClane was a through and through anti-hero, much in line with his time. He smoked and drank too much, he swore constantly, his marriage was always in varying degrees of collapse, and his vigilantism was a constant source of problems, both for him and his (wholly useless) superiors at the NYPD.

McClane fired as many expletive-filled quips at his always conspicuously foreign adversaries as he did bullets, earning him a place in the pantheon of movies' most quotable — especially for his trademark "Yippee kai yay, mother ...," which appeared in various forms in all subsequent entries in the canon.

American audiences loved McClane precisely because he was such a mess. He gave the common, chain-smoking, whiskey-drinking, absentee fathers and husbands of the country a reason to think they, too, could be heroes, if the situation ever arose.

McClane was the anti-James Bond. His contemporaries were all impenetrably coiffed, seemingly bulletproof and armed with weapons that simply never stopped shooting, while McClane spent the better part of his first on-screen appearance beaten, battered, bloodied and bruised — not to mention barefoot. He



Father and son John and Jack McClane share a "moment" in "A Good Day to Die Hard," now showing at Allen Theatres.

saved the day, and looked like hell doing it. So, then, more than two decades after the release of the triumphant first film, through the diminishing returns of the three films between, how has the brash, authority-flaunting detective aged?

Not well, I'm sad to say. McClane finds himself in Moscow, searching for his estranged son John "Jack" McClane Jr. (Jai Courtney), who is working as a CIA operative tasked with helping a political prisoner escape from a terrorist plot. Or something to do with Chernobyl and weapons-grade uranium. Maybe both. Or not.

Honestly, none of it makes a lick of sense, will be endlessly twisted and crossed by the finish of the film and isn't very important anyway.

"A Good Day to Die Hard" is, on its own merits, a wholly competent and relatively engaging action movie. It hits all the right notes — car chases, explosions, gunfights, leering foreign villains and an impossibly convoluted series of double-crosses — to keep action-starved audiences at bay. The opening chase, in which a heavily armored military vehicle chases a small transport van through the streets of Moscow, is worth the price of admission. It's great fun to watch hundreds of tiny European cars crushed and crumpled while the pursuit speeds through traffic, over bridges, on top of trains (maybe) and off of

overpasses. In fact, much of the action in "A Good Day to Die Hard" is cartoonishly over the top, which, to my mind, is not necessarily a bad thing. The closing scenes, which involve a helicopter, more explosions and gunplay — all in the remnants of Chernobyl — are a blast.

The problem with this fifth installment in the franchise is John McClane himself. This isn't the foul-mouthed, wisecracking maverick we grew to love. McClane was a sympathetic anti-hero because he, unlike his contemporaries, seemed to consider and fear his mortality, in addition to resenting his penchant for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

This go around, his hesitation to dive into the hero role is done with loud, dumb exposition, rather than the subtlety and nuance of "Die Hard."

That last sentence may be tough for some to digest, but, yes — against "A Good Day to Die Hard," the first film is a stunning, quiet, riveting and poignant character study.

McClane, in the 20-some years since his first appearance, has turned into what he never should have been: an action hero. His aim is impeccable. His guns are always loaded. Hell, he barely even gets hurt. He's gone Terminator. This is not the John McClane we've grown to (hate to) love.

It may be time, I'm sad to say, to let this franchise die ... hard.

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Film Review

"A Good Day to Die Hard" is a passable action flick, hampered by a ludicrously convoluted plot and an uninspired lead performance.

Grade C

A GOOD DAY TO DIE HARD
 Rated: R
 Running Time: 97 minutes
 Starring: Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney
 Director: John Moore



At The Movies

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

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| <p>Warm Bodies Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: A relationship develops between a teenage girl and a zombie, and their romance could hold the key to saving the world. Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer Director: Jonathan Levine</p>  | <p>Identity Thief Rated: R Plot Overview: An accounts rep travels across the country to confront the woman who's stolen his identity and run amok on his tab. Starring: Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy Director: Seth Gordon</p>  |
| <p>A Good Day to Die Hard Rated: R Plot Overview: John McClane heads to Russia to help his son, who is working as a CIA operative to prevent a nuclear arms heist. Starring: Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney Director: John Moores</p>  | <p>Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters Rated: R Plot Overview: After their childhood encounter with a witch, Hansel and Gretel grow to be witch-killing vigilantes. Starring: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton Director: Tommy Wirkola</p>  |
| <p>Safe Haven Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: A mysterious young woman arrives in a small North Carolina town and begins a relationship with a single father, but dark secrets from her past threaten her new life. Starring: Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough Director: Lasse Hallström</p>  | <p>Beautiful Creatures Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Ethan, who longs to escape from life in his small Southern town, meets Lena, a mysterious new girl. Together, these star-crossed lovers unearth dark secrets about their families, history and town. Starring: Jack O'Connell, Alice Englert Director: Richard LaGravenese</p>  |
| <p>Life of Pi 3D Rated: PG Plot Overview: A young man survives a sea disaster and enters into an unexpected epic journey with the only other survivor, a Bengal tiger. Starring: Suraj Sharma, Irfan Khan Director: Ang Lee</p>  | <p>Mama Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Two young girls reappear after five years in the wild and are taken in by an uncle – but something came with them. Starring: Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau Director: Andrés Muschietti</p>  |
| <p>Silver Linings Playbook Rated: R Plot Overview: Pat has lost his job, his wife, his house and his sanity. After eight months in an institution, he returns home to pick up the pieces of his life. Starring: Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence Director: David O. Russell</p>  | <p>Zero Dark Thirty Rated: R Plot Overview: A team of intelligence officers and military operatives go on history's greatest manhunt – to find and eliminate Osama bin Laden. Starring: Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain Director: Kathryn Bigelow</p>  |
| <p>Breaking Dawn II Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: The final chapter in the wildly successful Twilight Saga follows Bella as she begins her life as a vampire and a mother, and an ancient clan declares war on the Cullens. Starring: Robert Pattison, Kristen Stewart Director: Bill Condon</p>  | <p>Escape from Planet Earth Rated: PG Plot Overview: On the planet Baab, famed astronaut Scorch Supernova is a hero to the blue populous. When an SOS arrives from a notoriously dangerous planet, Supernova is caught in a trap when he answers the call. Starring: Brendan Fraser, Jessica Alba (voices) Director: Cal Bunker</p>  |
| <p>Dark Skies Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: A suburban family is terrorized by an otherworldly – and deadly – force, and must take matters into their own hands. Starring: Keri Russell, Josh Hamilton Director: Scott Stewart OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 22</p>  | <p>Snitch Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: After his son is wrongly convicted of a drug offense and sent to prison, a father makes a deal to become an informant and infiltrate a vicious drug cartel. Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Barry Pepper Director: Ric Roman Waugh OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 22</p>  |

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Tuesday, Feb. 26

- The Master**
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Joaquin Phoenix
Director: Paul Thomas Anderson
- Silent Hill: Revelation**
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Sean Bean, Deborah Kara Unger
Director: Michael J. Bassett
- Chasing Mavericks**
Rated: PG
Genre: Drama
Starring: Gerard Butler, Elisabeth Shue
Director: Curtis Hanson
- Chicken With Plums**
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Drama
Starring: Mathieu Amalric, Edouard Baer
Director: Marjane Satrapi, Vincent Paronnaud

Top Grossing Feb. 15-17

- 1 A Good Day to Die Hard** (Week No. 1) **\$24,825,000**
- 2 Identity Thief** (Week No. 2) **\$23,674,000**
- 3 Safe Haven** (Week No. 1) **\$21,451,000**
- 4 Escape From Planet Earth** (Week No. 1) **\$15,907,000**
- 5 Warm Bodies** (Week No. 3) **\$8,830,000**
- 6 Beautiful Creatures** (Week No. 1) **\$7,580,000**
- 7 Side Effects** (Week No. 2) **\$6,254,000**
- 8 Silver Linings Playbook** (Week No. 14) **\$6,254,000**
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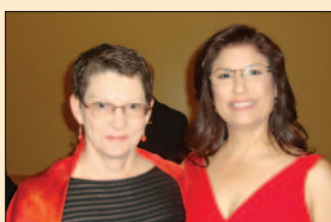


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Featured home: *Hutson home*

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



The Hutsons purchased their Hadley Avenue home in 1991.



The walls of the home, built in the late 1940s, are various colors, thanks to the couple's "war on white."



Bobbie Hutson created these French doors enclosing the living room. Many of the doors were split to conserve space.



A 400-square-foot patio was added to the home in 1996.



Green walls fill the living room, which also has a decorative ceiling treatment.



Bright red walls complement the black-and-white tiling in a bathroom.



This door from Germany has been used in many of the couple's homes.



A sculpture garden fabricated by the couple from various recycled items lines the driveway. Not just decorative, many of the pieces of art light up.



The Hutsons said they live on their patio, which connects the home and studio and is protected from the elements.

Making old new again

Home features couple's love of recycling and art

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Wilma and Bobbie Hutson have an eye for beauty – they can look at an item, even one heading to the dump, and see how it can be transformed into a useful work of recycled art.

Their imagination and ingenuity can be seen throughout their home on Hadley Avenue. Consisting of approximately 1,000 square feet on a .25-acre property, the cement block home built in the late 1940s was purchased by the couple in 1991.

"We rented the home for five years before we moved in (in 1996)," Wilma Hutson said.

Living in a small home on Tornillo Street and Augustine Avenue, the couple wanted a bit more room and a studio for Bobbie Hutson, an emerging artist, to work on his jewelry and recycled creations.

"What we really liked (about the house) was that we could walk to everything we wanted," said Wilma Hutson, adding that because the home is in the Mesquite Street Original Townsite

Details

Featured home
Hutson house

Square footage
Approximately 1,000

Acres
.25

Bedrooms
Two

Bathrooms
Two

Special features

Built in the late 1940s from concrete blocks, the home was purchased by Wilma and Bobbie Hutson in 1991. Over the years, the couple has painted, renovated and changed the home to reflect their interest in art, color and recycling old objects to give them new life. Functional artwork lines the exterior of the home while the everyday elements of the interior feature touches of beauty. An example of this is the "sky floor," a mosaic creation that flows throughout a portion of the home.



Bobbie and Wilma Hutson have put personal touches into their Hadley Avenue home to make it a reflection of their personality and artistic tastes.

Historic District, it is within walking distance of Downtown.

The home was "livable" when they purchased it, Bobbie Hutson said, but they made some improvements. When the home became their permanent residence, however, they did more to make it their own, including creating an approximately 400-square-foot patio off the back of the abode.

"This is where we live," Wilma Hutson said of the patio. "We had a Chinese New Year party out here and it was great."

Connecting the back of the home and the studio, the patio is enclosed by a gate, which is lined with plastic to protect it from the elements. Concrete designed to look like tile covers the floor and transitions into brick. An area with rock and Talavera tile houses many potted plants, bringing vegetation into the space.

A wooden door, featuring a stained-glass panel from a friend, leads into the home. Inside, guests are transported to a world of color and art.

"I declared war on white a few years ago and painted every wall," Wilma Hutson said.

Near the patio entrance is a former washroom the couple converted into a bathroom with an attached bedroom. The bathroom, decorated in black-and-white tiled floors and vibrant red walls, features many recycled items. The door of the area was from Germany and was once the couple's front door.

"We do a lot of recycling because some of the old stuff is so much nicer," Wilma Hutson said.

To conserve space, the couple split many of the doors – some of which came from family homes – throughout the residence, an idea they got from a visit to England.

"I like pretty doors, pretty floors and pretty ceilings, and that's what I have," said Wilma Hutson, adding that this has been influenced by her travels to various castles in Europe and mansions on the East Coast.

While interesting details cover the walls of the home, one's attention is automatically pulled to the floor, a mosaic creation dubbed "the sky floor" by the couple. Using crushed tan tile and colorful leftovers from the historic district's eastern gateway, given to the couple by artist Glenn Schwaiger, the Hutsons created stars, moon and blazing sun that cascade from the patio door into the kitchen.

"I wanted something that would flow from one room into another," Wilma Hutson said. "(I worked on this for) 10 to 12 hours a day, four days a week for six weeks."

The Hutsons did a similar mosaic floor in the second bathroom, this one featuring a fish theme. While fish cover the floor and sink bowl, seashells are placed along the wall as well as a three-dimensional piece Bobbie Hutson created from cardboard while earning his Bachelor in Fine Arts degree in ceramics at New Mexico State University.

"What's interesting about this piece is we had to do it from a two-dimensional design," Bobbie Hutson said.

In addition to colorful paint and interesting floors, the couple made several changes to the homes such as fabricating their own cabinets and countertops for the kitchen and knocking down a wall for more open space. One extensive addition was the property's apartment, which the couple rents out.

"Everything past the end of the house, we built together," Wilma Hutson said of the apartment.

A 4.2-kilovolt net-metered photovoltaic system of solar panels was added to the roof of the apartment in 2008.

Lining the driveway are several sculptures – some of which light up – created by Bobbie Hutson with the help of his wife. Featuring various recycled items such as old windows, pieces of mirrors, glass jar bottoms and bottles and rusted machinery and tools, the artwork not only welcomes guests to the Hutson residence, but is the perfect example of the couple's ability to find beauty in everything.

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"Caribbean people love to enjoy a good party or 'lime' (informal gathering), and always present are drinks, and of course, food." – Wendy Rahamut, author of "Modern Caribbean Cuisine"

Spring break countdown is officially underway.

In just a few weeks, some vacationers will head to exotic and tropical destinations such as the Cayman Islands, Jamaica and Bahamas, where warm waters and gentle winds will whet appetites for a parade of local fare that's often (more than not) infused with our favorite heat, and other feisty, sexy spices.

Alas, most of us, including myself, will be stranded in the desert. But staycationers can savor Caribbean flavors with recipes shared by food writer Wendy Rahamut. Author of "Modern Caribbean Cuisine," Rahamut offers easy-to-prepare recipes that are on the lighter side.

"Traditional Caribbean food," she said, "has gained the reputation for being a little heavy and high in fat content ... rich brown stews, rice and pea dishes ... starches enveloped in sauces ... butter cakes and creamy desserts."

Although Rahamut shares a few traditional recipes, her main emphasis embraces "indigenous ingredients and using them in such a way as to create a fresher (lighter), tastier, spicy and delicious cuisine – a true celebration of Caribbean flavors as they are today."

So staycationers will not only save dollars by staying put, but they will likely eat healthier, as well. The full-color cookbook is divided into nine sections and includes a glossary of Caribbean names and terms. So throw a "lime" with family and friends and serve recipes from

"Modern Caribbean Cuisine" (Interlink Publishing Inc., 2007, 332 pages). The cookbook is available in hardback and paper back in bookstores and online. Prices range from \$15 (used) to \$35 (new).

Grilled Marinated Fish with Roasted Habanero Tomato Salsa

1 teaspoon vegetable oil
1 tablespoon grated fresh ginger
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon ground coriander
4 fish fillets (preferably mahi mahi, each weighing 5 to 6 ounces)
Cilantro to garnish, optional

For the salsa:

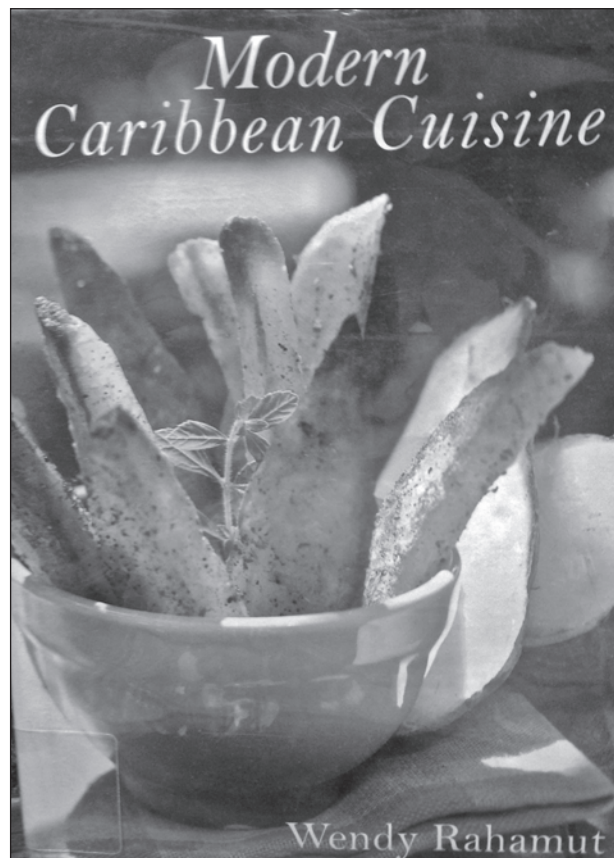
4 ripe tomatoes
1 habanero pepper or any other hot pepper (preferably roasted), seeded and chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
2 large garlic cloves, minced
2 teaspoons olive oil
1 teaspoon coriander seeds, toasted and ground
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 cup cilantro, finely chopped

Mix the vegetable oil with the grated ginger and minced garlic. Stir in the ground coriander and add salt and ground black pepper to taste.

Wash fish and pat dry. Spread the marinade over both sides, cover and refrigerate for 20 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, make the salsa. Peel, seed and chop the tomatoes. Add the roasted pepper, lime juice, garlic and oil and ground coriander. Season to taste with salt and pepper and set aside.

Preheat broiler or grill, and broil fish for about 3 to 5 minutes on each side. Add the



Staycationers will save dollars and calories with recipes from "Modern Caribbean Cuisine."

cilantro to the salsa just before serving.

Serve the fish topped with salsa. Sprinkle with fresh cilantro, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

West Indian Curried Chicken with Ginger

2 tablespoons chives, minced
1 tablespoon thyme, ground
4 garlic cloves, minced plus 1 teaspoon chopped garlic
3 1/2 pounds chicken, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon wine vinegar or lime juice
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon ginger, chopped
1 small onion, sliced
1 hot pepper, seeded and chopped
3 tablespoons curry powder
2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped, optional

Combine the chives, thyme and minced garlic and marinate the chicken in the herb paste, vinegar, salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Heat the oil in a large sauté pan or iron pot and add the chopped garlic, ginger and sliced onion. Stir and add the hot pepper. Sauté until fragrant and the onion tender. Combine the curry powder with 1/4 cup water. Add the curry paste to the pot and let it cook, stirring well, until most of the water has evaporated. Now add the chicken pieces one at a time, making sure you stir well to cover the chicken with the curry.

Cover the pot and let the chicken come to a gentle boil. Stir. If chicken appears to be sticking, add just a small amount of water at a time. Continue cooking in this manner for about 30 minutes. Taste and adjust seasonings. Sprinkle with cilantro if desired and serve. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Marinated Grilled Lamb in Sesame, Hoisin and Garlic

2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
1 tablespoon Chinese chili sauce
1 teaspoon rum
2 tablespoons tomato ketchup
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1 teaspoon sesame oil
2 tablespoons soy sauce

4 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon ginger, minced
1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 pound lamb shoulder chops, loin chops or boneless lamb, about 1 to 1 1/2 inches thick

Combine all the ingredients except the lamb in a mixing bowl. Rub onto the lamb pieces. Cover and marinate for 4 hours. Preheat broiler or grill. Cook the lamb for about 6 minutes per side. Baste with zesty barbecue sauce (recipe below) and serve.

Zesty Barbecue (Rum) Sauce

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 onion, grated or minced
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup tomato ketchup
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon yellow mustard
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon rum
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Heat the oil in a small saucepan; add the onion and garlic and sauté until fragrant. Add all the other ingredients and cook until the mixture begins to boil. Remove from heat and leave to cool.

Baked Sweet Potatoes with Chili and Lemon

2 large sweet potatoes, about 1 1/2 to 2 pounds
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon chili powder
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Boil the sweet potatoes until just done. Peel, cool and cut into wedges. Preheat broiler or grill. Combine all the other ingredients, brush over the potatoes on both sides and place into a greased ovenproof pan. Grill or broil until golden on top. Turn and repeat. Remove and serve at once.

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Think before you trim

Tips for rose pruning, care

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



If you haven't done so already, the time for rose pruning and care is now.

Typically, one would want to have this chore completed before Valentine's Day, at least in southern New Mexico – but don't worry, you still have time.

Here are some minor details to keep in mind before you start this task:

Make sure you have nicely sharpened and clean tools. The jury is still out on whether to use pruning sealer or not, though I believe the rose society recommends Elmer's Glue. If the branches are even just a bit too large for your pruners or loppers, use a pruning saw to help prevent injury to yourself or the rose.

Now, before you go out and start "whacking" away, the No. 1 rule of thumb is to have a reason for every cut that you make. In other words, carefully consider why you are cutting a particular limb or branch. Is it criss-crossing with another

limb? Does the branch look diseased? Is it growing out of proportion with the rest of the bush? Is it taking dominance over the rest of the shrub? Does this certain limb pose a danger to anyone walking nearby? You get the idea.

In general, you may prune up to two-thirds of a rose bush. When pruning regular rose bushes, it is best to "hollow out" the center of the bush. In other words, they should have the shape of deer antlers after pruning. This is done so that it will allow for air circulation and sunshine to flow through.

Shrub roses and miniature roses can be sheared with less thought using pruning shears. Shearing them now on the outer edges will help maintain a more full and dense look later on. Climbing roses should be selectively pruned and thinned if on a trellis or other support. Try to follow the pattern of the trellis or support the climber is growing on to, so that it looks like the plant is hugging the object.

Keep in mind the more you cut back, the larger and fewer your flowers will be. The less you cut back, the more abundant but smaller the flowers you will have. This is just a general rule for most rose bushes.

After your pruning chore is completed, you may wish to use dormant oil to help get a jumpstart on any overwintering insects that may be on your plant. Some of you may prefer a systemic insecticide available with or without fertilizer. There are also organic pesticides that may be the best bet as far as our environment and wild life is concerned.



Roses are red ... and now is a good time to prune them.

This is also a great time to begin to fertilize your roses. There is an array of products to choose from, but fertilizers containing mycorrhizae seem to be the ones showing the best and quickest results when applied to roses and just about any other type of plant, as well.

Be careful not to over fertilize as this may provide too much lush growth, which will be more susceptible to damage from our fierce spring winds that are just around the corner.

So, after you finish reading this paper, get out of the house. It's probably 60 degrees outside.

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com.

The billion-dollar chew

Termites eat through homes and businesses



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

Each year, termites cause billions of dollars in damage, and homeowner's insurance will not cover the cost of treatment.

These invisible destroyers cause more damage in the U.S. than storms, fires and floods combined. The National Pest Management Association estimates that termites are responsible for \$5 billion in property damage every year.

While you sleep, termites may literally eat you out of house and home and even your business. While they eat 24 hours a day, their damage is insidious because you usually do not see them or the damage they cause until it's too late. Termites are known for their industriousness and can always find a way into your home, whether the structure is made of wood or concrete.

Homeowners might notice termites when they swarm around springtime, a likely sign of infestation. But they can swarm in both the spring and fall, any time the environmental conditions are right.

The U.S. is home to many species of termites, the most common being subterranean and drywood termites.

Subterranean termites tunnel in the soil. The ability to tunnel allows them to find and feed on countless pieces of wood. This mobility also allows them to create much bigger colonies than those of wood inhabiting species. A subterranean termite colony can have hundreds of thousands to several million members working in a caste system.

Drywood termites can cause serious damage to houses

and furniture. These termites are easier to spot because they produce coarse sand-like fecal pellets that can be spotted long before you discover the termites themselves. The drywood termite not only eats the wood structure, but lives inside the wood structure.

These insects will construct a virtual city within the wood, complete with connecting tunnels to get around it. They can enter the home by flying in or being carried on previously infested wood, such as furniture or construction materials.

Preventing termites is as important as exterminating them. A termite prevention program should include the following elements:

- A professional inspection done at least once a year. The potential damage is too great to rely on "do-it-yourself" methods.
- An ongoing preventive system including sodium borate-based materials, which can be painted, sprayed, or spread onto the wood, or injected into hollow spaces inside the walls of the home.

- Having your pest control professional establish an "early warning system" that detects termites in the soil before they reach the home itself. Many systems establish bait stations around the perimeter of the home to detect the approach of termites while they are still several feet away. By taking the necessary precautions, you can help prevent your home from becoming a termite's permanent residence.

Scott Svenheim, an expert for Truly Nolen of America, has 25 years of experience in the pest control industry. Svenheim brings an informative as well as unique and entertaining perspective to consumers' pest problems in the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.,-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has more than 80 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. The company also has independently owned and operated franchises in an ever-growing number of territories including California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah as well as Puerto Rico. For more information or to ask your local expert a question about insects and insect prevention, visit www.trulynolen.com or call 915-591-9864.

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By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While it has been shown that cutting soda out of your diet can help your waistline, there is another area that can benefit: your pocketbook.

The average American drinks 11.2 cans of soda each week, which equals about 582 cans a year. Depending on where you shop, this can quickly add up to as much as \$546 a year, according to www.greenlifepages.com.

If that isn't enough, there is another dark cloud looming on the horizon – the possibility of a soda, or soft drink, tax. New York already has such a tax, which is designed to reduce the consumption of sugary drinks, thereby decreasing the obesity rate in the United States. Whether or not other states follow suit has yet to be seen.

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Featured kitchen gadget: SodaStream

Bubbling with uses

Seltzer water can help with everyday problems

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sometimes water just won't do – you need something bubbly.

You don't have to give in to your soda craving, however, there is an alternative: seltzer water.

Carbonated water became a man-made creation in 1767 thanks to inventor Joseph Priestley – the man behind the eraser. In the early 19th century, several people were working on machines that would put carbon dioxide into water.

John Matthew's system in 1832 has been cited as the reason the bubbly beverage took off in the United States. It has since been used as a mixer, in soda fountains and as stand-alone drink.

Often times, people think club soda, tonic water and seltzer water are interchangeable terms for the same product. This is a misconception, however.

While seltzer water and club soda both are both carbonated water – and many think they taste the same – club soda has minerals in it to enhance its flavor. Tonic, although bubbly, is different because it contains quinine, a flavor enhancer, and sugar, making it not-so diet.

Even if you're not a fan of seltzer water, you can still benefit from the bubbly water.

1. Get to cleaning: You don't need to use harsh chemicals to get your kitchen surfaces

clean. Skip the store-bought cleaning products and grab your seltzer water. Similar to vinegar, unflavored seltzer's acidity will break down dirt and bacteria. Apply it to your stainless steel, chrome or porcelain surfaces with a soft cloth – microfiber is best – or nonabrasive sponge until it produces a shiny finish. While an eco-cleaning staple, seltzer water will leave water spots if it air dries, so be sure to wipe down the surface after cleaning.

2. Give your batter added fluff: Have limp pancakes put a damper on your morning? Probably not, because they're still pancakes, but if you prefer something fluffier, rather than searching for a new recipe use seltzer water. Use it to replace the batter's milk or tap water, and the bubbles in the carbonated water will produce a lighter, airier texture. This trick can be used not only with pancakes, but also waffles and scrambled eggs.

3. Enhance other recipes: Your batter isn't the only recipe that can benefit from a dose of seltzer water. According to ifood.tv, boiling your pasta or rice in the sparkling water will give it a lighter texture than simple tap water.

4. Remove stains: In addition to cleaning your kitchen surfaces, seltzer water can cleanse your carpet from spots and lend a hand in the laundry room. Whether it's your clothing or carpet that have had an unfortunate encounter with food or wine resulting in a stain, carbonated water can help. Pour it over the stain and the bubbles will help lift out the color.

Everyone loves a parade



Students from the Vista College HVAC Program took part in a Mardi Gras parade held by the institution Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the parking lot at 840 N. Telshor Blvd. Each program, including cosmetology, nursing, medical assisting and business, made their own float for the parade, a fun event for students.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

will be slightly different.

No matter which model you use, you will need to fill an accompanying carbonating bottle with tap water and screw it into the unit. The amount of carbonation put into the water can be controlled. This allows you to determine just how fizzy your beverage will be.

It's important to use only the specially designed carbonating bottles and tap water with your SodaStream. Other bottles may not be able to withstand the process and other liquids can damage the machine.

If you want to add flavor to your sparkling water, follow the instructions and do it after carbonating the water. If it is done before the water is carbonated, there is a good chance the bottle will overflow when pressurized, resulting in a sticky mess.

Clean your SodaStream with a damp cloth and a non-abrasive cleaner when necessary. The carbonator should be removed before cleaning and the bottles should be washed by

hand, not placed in the dishwasher.

Where can it be found?

The SodaStream can be found around town in the appliance aisles of stores including Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

How much does it cost?

Depending on the model and what comes in the kit, the SodaStream can cost between \$65 and \$160. The bottles of flavors cost about \$5.

Helpful hint

Carbonators are not sold in stores. When your carbonator is empty, take it to an authorized SodaStream retailer to exchange for a full cylinder. Empty canisters are returned to SodaStream, which will then clean, inspect and refill them to be reused.



Around-the-house item: Seltzer water

5. Wash your car: Parking under a tree can be disastrous for your car. Get help cleaning off the unsightly result with the help from seltzer water. Remove the cap of the seltzer bottle and cover the opening with your thumb. Shake and let the seltzer spray over the mess. The bubbles will power wash and blast away the scum with a bit of scrubbing.

6. Clarify your hair: Stylists often preach the importance of a clear scalp. After a dip in the pool or ocean, your hair will be left with unwanted chemicals, salt or particles. You can gently wash away any chlorine or salt buildup with seltzer water. Just rinse your hair with the

stuff after your swim and the fizzy bubbles will remove the gunk.

7. Make a drink: Whether you're trying to cut back on your caloric or alcoholic intake, seltzer water can help. Add to fruit juice for a light, refreshing thirst quencher. It will have less calories than soda. Also, it can be used as a substitute for flavored alcohols.

8. Cure what ails you: Has an upset stomach got you down? Get some relief from drinking seltzer water. In small doses, it can help break up ingested food to make it easier for the body to process it. Seltzer will also re-balance the stomach's naturally occurring acids.

Getting to know: Atlas Home Repair

Home repair made easy

Turbulent market leads to successful local company

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When the Las Cruces housing market took a hit in 2007-08, many area builders were left with little to no work and a lot of thinking to do.

But, as the old adage says, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

Cecil Campbell is an example of this. President of Atlas Home Repair, Campbell created the growing local handyman company after his construction company, Complete Building Services Inc., was hit by the housing dilemma.

"At one point, we were building 50 houses a year," said Campbell of the construction company he began in 1988. "We went to zero very quickly, like everyone else. Instead of closing, we found a way to survive."

While on vacation, Campbell contemplated the situation and his options. He wanted a way to keep his five full-time employees and build a prosperous business despite the economic hardship.

"Atlas Home Repair was my answer to the housing crisis," he said, adding that the company began four years ago. "It was a way to keep everyone."

"What I wanted was a high-quality, high-customer-oriented repair service."

Campbell said because the company and its employees already had the equipment and knowledge, the switch seemed like a natural progression, and when he presented the idea to his team, "it made sense to them, too."

More importantly, he had a plan. Campbell said he modeled Atlas Home Repair on

Details

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Virtual Commerce Exchange



Roto-Rooter and placed a strong emphasis on showing up on time and doing the job right the first time around.

"I wanted to be a premier home repair business," he said. "We're the largest home repair business in this part of the state."

Campbell said Atlas Home Repair is a full-spectrum repair company and "does anything from changing the batteries in your smoke detector to building you a new house."

The company quickly earned a reputation in not only the residential sector, but the

commercial industry, as well. Campbell said Atlas Home Repair is the contractor for Mesilla Valley Mall and takes care of anything the maintenance staff can't do, such as store build outs.

"Unfortunately, because of the housing market and the way it is, we have a lot of government contracts with major banks for foreclosure renovations," said Campbell, adding that they do about 10 foreclosure renovations a month.

To handle the increasing workload,

Campbell has added more trucks and hired more employees.

"The field employees we hire are drastically different than those we hired for construction," Campbell said. "Now, we hire people who have to know how to do everything."

"The trucks we have are stocked with tools to do any job, whether it's plumbing, electrical or painting. You'd be surprised by the variety of things we've had to do."

Typically, work is cyclical, with the seasons playing a major role in what they will have to take care of, Campbell said.

"When the rainy season starts, we get a lot of roof calls," he said. "In the spring, we get a lot of exterior work. In the fall, it's more interior repair and maintenance."

"One big challenge that is also a nice feature is that we don't know what we're going to do tomorrow. Our guys don't get bored."

Even seemingly routine jobs can have their surprises, Campbell said. While conducting renovations to a Fannie Mae home, the Atlas Home Repair crew encountered an aggressive dog none too happy for them to be going under the house.

"She had puppies under there," Campbell said. "The guys managed to lure her and her puppies out and we were able to find them all homes."

"It was an isolated home, so we were glad we were out there," said Kathryn Ahlefeld, office manager of the company for 15 years. "It was a good feeling to be out there and help that dog and her puppies."

No matter if it's repairing major damaged roof or simply unclogging a drain, the same attention to detail is given to each client, Campbell said.

"We feel like we have a good relationship with our customers," he said. "What we do to the house is important, but it's almost secondary to how we treat the customer."

Because Atlas Home Repair has grown 20 to 25 percent each year since opening, Campbell said he wants to keep that going and is in the process of creating a garage-makeover program.

"We'll go in and finish the garage and add shelves," he said.

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| | This Week | Last Week | Same Week Last Year |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| Closed Sales New Homes | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Closed Sales Existing Homes | 4 | 12 | 15 |
| Pending Home Sales (All) | 193 | 152 | 164 |
| Average Days on Market (All) | 78 | 169 | 96 |

| | This Week | Last Week | Same Week Last Year |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Median Price New | \$330,900 | \$206,000 | \$145,632 |
| Median Price Existing | \$124,500 | \$134,000 | \$132,500 |

| | This Week | Last Week | Same Week Last Year |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Total Homes on Market (All) | 1,078 | 1,074 | 1,098 |
| Real Estate Agents | 374 | 374 | 399 |

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums
 Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 02/11/13 to 02/17/2013
 *MLS is wholly owned by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors
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30th National Beef Cook-Off seeks entries

\$25,000 grand prize for winning delicious, healthful recipe

The National Beef Cook-Off is calling on home cooks across the country to start grilling, broiling, roasting, stir-frying and stewing on their healthy beef menu ideas for its 2013 recipe competition.

Through April 15, home cooks can submit their best beef recipes online at www.beefcookoff.org for a chance to win \$25,000 and a trip to the Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show in Washington, D.C.

This year's contest theme is "Making the Most of MyPlate," which will encourage delicious, healthy recipes from a variety of food groups. The MyPlate initiative is led by the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion and is designed to

help consumers make better food choices. Entrants are asked to develop original and tasty beef-focused recipes that include broadly appealing ingredients from the fruit and vegetable, grain products and dairy products groups.

"Healthy recipes are some of the most desired and searched for on the Web. That's why we're excited this year's contest is focused on asking Americans to create healthful recipes that include a variety of food groups, including lean beef," said Sherry Hill, Cook-Off Program director for the American National CattleWomen Inc., a contractor to the Beef Checkoff Program, which is used to support the National Beef Cook-Off program effort.

The 2013 National Beef Cook-Off features four unique contest categories that demonstrate beef's versatility and encourage creativity with a variety of ingredients, cuts and preparation methods.

This year's contest also includes two new sponsorships. The sponsorship with the California Avocado Commission features a pairing of lean beef and fresh, California avocados in easy California cuisine recipes. The sponsorship with the United States Potato Board pairs lean beef and fresh potatoes in easy and healthy international cuisine recipes.

The four recipe categories include:

- **Belt-Tightening Beef Recipes:** Home cooks will create healthy and affordable beef recipes that are great values to prepare. Recipes should include a maximum of nine ingredients including beef, and flavorful, low-cost ingredients from the fruits or vegetables, grain products and dairy products food groups.
- **Semi-Homemade Beef Recipes:** Home cooks will demonstrate how easy it is to cook with beef when they combine any fresh beef cut and fresh ingredients with prepackaged food products. Recipes should include a maximum of six ingredients including the beef, and fruits or vegetables, grain products and dairy products food groups, and be prepared and cooked in 30 minutes or less.
- **Real-Worldly, Real Simple Beef and Potato Recipes:** Home cooks will create original easy-to-make lean beef and fresh potato centered recipes that feature international flavors and maintain a healthy profile. Recipes should include no more than 10 commonly available and affordable ingredients, including the beef and potatoes, along with at least one other ingredient from the fruits or vegetables, grain products or dairy products food groups. Recipes should be prepared in no more than 15 minutes and cooked in 30 minutes.
- **Craveable Fresh Beef and Fresh California Avocado Recipes:** Home cooks will produce easy recipes using all fresh ingredients, featuring one of the lean beef cuts and at least one fresh California avocado. Recipes should use no more than eight ingredients, including the beef and avocado, along with at least one other ingredient from the fruits or vegetables, grain products or dairy products food groups, and be prepared and cooked in 30 minutes or less.

To enter the contest, participants must visit www.beefcookoff.org to complete the online entry form. Contest participants may submit multiple recipes in all of the various contest categories as long as they meet the rules and criteria, which are provided on the website.

All original recipes entered will be reviewed and judged based on taste, appearance, convenient preparation and cooking and healthfulness and nutritional balance.

A group of food marketing and culinary professionals will select 20 finalists in June. Consumers will have the opportunity to select the 21st finalist recipe via online voting. From the 21 finalists, seven \$1,500 regional winners will be announced in July.

One different \$25,000 grand prize winner will be announced, from the remaining 14 finalists, in November at the Metropolitan Cooking & Entertaining Show in Washington, D.C. The grand prize winner will be selected based on the highest overall scoring recipe.

To view the complete contest rules and explore winning recipes from past contests, visit www.beefcookoff.org.

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Have you ever heard the phrase, "If you don't design your own life, someone or something else will"?

Some people never make a change in their life until they're faced with a major health problem. This was the case for Jared Fogle, who has been the spokesman for Subway for the past 15 years.

On Friday, Feb. 15 Fogle was the keynote speaker at the Heart of My Life Ball hosted by MountainView Regional Medical Center to benefit the American Heart Association.

As I listened to Fogle tell his story of how he became 425 pounds, I realized he had decided to "design" his own life after he was diagnosed with sleep apnea.

Because he had so much fat around his neck, he basically was gasping for air as his fat was suffocating him at night. At 20 years old, Jared recognized if he didn't change his lifestyle, eating habits and lose 245 pounds, he would probably die.

He had begun his sedentary life and weight gain at an early age. When he was in fifth grade, he did not exercise, and spent his time playing Nintendo, drinking 15 Mountain Dew's and consuming 10,000 calories a day. This was Fogle's health demise. He admittedly had a "love affair with food."

Fortunately, one day, when Jared walked to the Subway restaurant adjacent to his apartment, he picked up a nutritional brochure. The timing was perfect and Jared began designing his new eating and exercise routine. He began walking instead of riding the bus. He ate two subs a day, minus the oil and mayonnaise.

His roommate wrote a campus article at Indiana University about Jared's weight loss a year after he embarked on his Subway diet. When Fogle looked out the window the day after the article appeared in the campus paper, the line at Subway was out the door and around the corner.

Shortly thereafter, Subway got wind of Fogle's story and asked him to fly to Los Angeles, all expenses paid, to make a Subway commercial. Then as Fogle said, "the" phone call came. Oprah Winfrey wanted him to appear on her daytime TV show. The following day was Subway's single highest sales day.

Fogle spoke about his top 10 list for how he has maintained his weight after losing 245 pounds. At the top of his list, "moderation, moderation, moderation."

Fifteen years ago, he made the most important decision of his life when he decided to "design" a new life. It's been the best gig he could have ever imagined.

Fogle travels 200 days out of the year and has set up a foundation for children, teaching them how to make wise choices in their food selection and how to incorporate aerobic exercise into their daily routine.

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Breakfast marks the start

March for Babies kicks off Feb. 27

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Spanning for more than 20 years, the March for Babies has made a tremendous mark on the community.

To signify the beginning of the 2013 walk, which will take place April 27 at Young Park, and get fundraising efforts under way, the March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico invites the public to attend a free breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

"This is a great opportunity to meet our new ambassador family and hear why they are asking you to participate (this year)," said Becky Horner, division director for southern New Mexico. "It's a great way to bring (in) people who haven't participated before to get out and start their campaign."

Those in attendance will enjoy a free meal, help recognize the 2012 sponsors and top 10 fundraising teams, welcome incoming event Chairman Kelly Duke and learn more about what the march represents.

Also, attendees will have the honor of meeting the 2013

March of Dimes of Southern New Mexico's ambassador family, the Johnsons.

Nicole and Wylie Johnson have four children. Their 8-year-old daughter Mia and 6-year-old son David were born prematurely. During both pregnancies Nicole Johnson developed preeclampsia.

Mia was born eight weeks early and David four and a half weeks early.

As a result, Mia and David had difficulty breathing because their lungs were under-developed and they underwent respiratory therapy to help develop their lungs.

Shortly after her first pregnancy, Johnson became involved in the March of Dimes after one of her professors reached out to her. Johnson has been involved ever since and credits this experience with helping her get through her second pregnancy.

"Since I had that involvement, it made the experience easier emotionally," Johnson said. "When David was born, I knew who to turn to if I had questions and I had people I knew who could help guide me."

The Johnsons were officially named the 2013 ambassador. See **March of Dimes** on page D10



Zane Silva, 4, cheers for his dad, Jeffrey Silva, who received the Battered Boot Award for Team Zane. Jeffrey Silva was the top walker of 2011, raising the most money in New Mexico. This year's kickoff breakfast, held Wednesday Feb. 27, will once again recognize the top earning teams for the 2012 March of Dimes walk.

An evening made to inspire

Masquerade helps those with autism spectrum disorders

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

An evening of inspiration and hope is exactly what the Carnival Masquerade Ball is meant to be.

The Carnival Masquerade Ball, which benefits the Hearts for Autism Fund, will be held from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 16, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

The Heart for Autism Fund was established in 2010 because "there weren't a lot of services for children," said Abel Covarrubias, CEO of Aprendamos Intervention Team.

When Covarrubias met Estee Hafassa, an early childhood educator, the pair shared a vision to bring much needed services to the community to help children, families and professionals who live with and treat autism spectrum disorders.

Autism spectrum disorders is a term that encompasses high-functioning autistic disorders, such as Asperger's syndrome, to lower-functioning autistic disorders or pervasive developmental disorders.

Covarrubias and Hafassa had a desire to bring applied behavior analysis services and autism trainings to the community. The

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Ginnina, certified in Middle Eastern performances, entertained the audience at the 2012 masquerade ball. This year's event will be held from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

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Hearts for Autism fund became a joint effort between the two professionals and the community to bring much needed resources to the area.

The pair garnered support from local service organizations that formed an advisory board. Together, the Las Cruces Public Schools, doctors, speech and language pathologists, Tresco Inc., Full Bloom Pediatrics, New Mexico State University Special Education department, a dietician and a new liaison position allow the fund to meet the goals it was set up achieve.

"The first was to establish funds," Covarrubias said. "Second was to set up trainings with national speakers. And third was to set up a camp for children with autism, named Camp New Amigos."

The majority of the speakers and experts who present at the training are from out of state, and offer insight into new methods and a variety of treatments. For more information on the trainings, visit <http://heartsforautismnc.com>.

The money raised will also support Camp New Amigos. In its fourth year, the camp allows autistic children and young adults from 5 to 18 years old to have a typical camp experience.

In addition to funding training, resources and Camp New Amigos, the Hearts for Autism fund will now also contribute to alternative treatments.

The 2012 masquerade ball raised approximately \$15,000 and was attended by 350 people. Organizers hope to top the 2013 event with a goal of raising between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Details

Carnaval Masquerade Ball

When
5:30 to 11 p.m. Saturday, March 16

Where
Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Cost
• \$60 per person
• \$700 corporate table

Contact
526-6682

There will be live entertainment, a DJ, a parade of costumes, a cash bar, silent auction, dinner, dancing and a candy bar. This year's theme is "Carnaval."

"It's a good opportunity to support children and families with autism and raise awareness," Covarrubias said. "It's just a fun event."

The overall goal of the event is to continue to fund much needed and relied-upon services, and "unite southern New Mexico through education," Covarrubias said.

For those who may not be able to attend the event but would like to contribute, Covarrubias suggests sponsoring a child for the camp, which costs \$200 to attend.

Tickets to the masquerade ball are \$60 per person or \$700 for a corporate table.

For more information, call 526-6682.

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An eating disorder is an illness that causes serious disturbances to your every day diet, such as eating extremely small amounts of food or severely overeating. A person with an eating disorder may have started out just eating smaller or larger amounts of food, but at some point, the urge to eat less or more spiraled out of control. Severe distress or concern about body weight or shape may also characterize an eating disorder. Eating disorders frequently appear during the teen years or young adulthood but may also develop during childhood or later in life. Common eating disorders include anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and binge-eating disorder. Eating disorders affect both men and women. It is unknown how many adults and children suffer with other serious, significant eating disorders, including one category of eating disorders called eating disorders not otherwise specified (EDNOS), such as binge eating. Eating disorders are real, treatable medical illnesses that frequently coexist with other illnesses such as depression, substance abuse or anxiety disorders.

Sources: www.nationalwellness.org, www.nimh.nih.gov

Details

March for Babies Kickoff Breakfast

When
7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27

Where
Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Cost
Free

RSVP
523-2627

March of Dimes

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family in January before they were asked to take the message of their cause to the state legislature.

"It's been a great healing experience and we've been able to talk to families in similar situations," Johnson said. "We're really honored to be asked to do this. It's a huge honor."

Through hearing about her family's experience, Johnson said she hopes that more people will become involved in the cause and help to fund more research and provide more resources to families experiencing premature birth.

One thing that sets the kick-off breakfast apart from last year's is the milestone 2013 represents.

"It is the 75th anniversary of the March of Dimes foundation," Horner said. "We'll be talking about the breakthroughs contributed to the March of Dimes and the long history of the organization."

Most people, Horner said, don't realize that in 75 years, all newborns have been touched by the works of the March of Dimes, not just those born premature or ill.

The screening test and vaccines given to every newborn are just two examples of the contributions the March of Dimes has made and the 2013 celebration and march looks to recognize such achievements.

Last year welcomed about 120 attendees representing 70 different teams.

"Hopefully, we'll have new teams join us this year," Horner said.

Proceeds from the March for Babies benefits prenatal wellness programs, research grants, newborn intensive care units (NICU), family support programs and advocacy efforts for stronger, healthier babies.

"Our focus is prematurity, which has been declining, but only slightly," Horner said. "It still happens to one out of every eight babies."

Together the 1,200 participants in the 2012 march raised more than \$232,000 for the cause.

For more information or to RSVP to the breakfast, call 523-2627 or email bhorner@marchofdimes.com.

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Fogle is in the minority as far as digging himself out of an enormous pit without anyone's help. Most people are afraid or are too proud to ask for help, or they may be in denial.

If you need help to change your lifestyle of poor eating habits and no exercise, ask for immediate assistance before it's too late.

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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.

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.

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, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St.

For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

GLBTQ CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT

The Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St., provides a variety of groups and services for Las Cruces' gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning community.

For more information, call 635-4902, email info@newmexicoglbtqcenters.org or visit www.newmexicoglbtqcenters.org.

FYI HOSTS NEEDLE EXCHANGE

The Families & Youth Inc. Needle Exchange Program, located at 1320 S. Solano Drive, 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 Stefano at 556-1549.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for those infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

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Classes are also available at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Thursdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Donations are accepted.

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The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., Annex A.

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Human trafficking center of discussion

Church Women United looks at understanding, responding to issue

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Church Women United of the Mesilla Valley, in partnership with local agencies, such as La Piñon Sexual Assault and Recovery Services of Southern New Mexico, will sponsor the discussion "Understanding and Responding to Human Trafficking" held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10, at University United Methodist Church, 2000 Locust St.

The discussion will be a smaller version of

a similar all-day discussion held by the state's Attorney General Office's office at Las Cruces City Hall Wednesday, March 20.

"The main purpose of the program is to help people in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County understand what human trafficking is," said Church Women United President Sue Cain. "Part of it is sexual, but it's even bigger than that."

During the discussion, participants will learn not only about human sex trafficking,

but also about those who are forced into labor, both men and women, Cain said.

"The number is bigger in human labor than in sex trafficking," she said, adding that often times someone will come to the country with few English-speaking skills and their employer will take their work permit and force them to work.

"The second part (of the discussion) is to understand the services out there to intervene," Cain said. "Say I meet someone who is a victim of human trafficking, who do I contact? We found that there are different agencies to call."

Cain said while it might seem like such things don't take place in our area, they do, and there are signs someone is a victim of human trafficking that one can watch out for.

"Sometimes we don't realize what is happening in our own neighborhood," she said. "It is happening in Las Cruces and Doña

Ana County."

Several faith organizations, especially women's groups, have begun to take a hard look at social issues, and members of Church Women United felt human trafficking is an important one to cover, Cain said.

"We wanted to reach out to a wider group," she said. "We want to make sure people aren't suffering in ways we don't know about. We don't want people to be victimized or hurt. We want to be part of the solution to stop it and we can't if we don't know about it."

"We hope people come and take this issue back to their own groups and share with more people. We want to raise awareness in our own community. People need to be involved in the solution."

The event is free and the public is encouraged to attend. Donations for La Piñon will be collected.

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ECKANKAR EVENT
Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, at Ramada Palms Hotel & Conference Center, 201 E. University Ave. The title of the event is "Dreams: A Source of Truth."

PRAISE AND GOSPEL CONCERT
David Beam, chaplain with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry at the Doña Ana County Detention Center, invites the public to a celebration of praise music and gospel singing at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1900 Locust St. Admission is free, but a love offering will be taken to benefit the chaplaincy. For more information, call 647-7636.

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The 18th Annual Voices of Bethel Sings Spirituals will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at Bethel Second Baptist Church, 405 E. Hadley Ave. The theme will be "From Slavery to Centennial," honoring the 100th year of New Mexico and the 100th anniversary of the church. For more information, call 523-7850.

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Mission Lutheran School, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway, will hold registration for the 2013-14 school year from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25. For more information, call 532-5489.

I HAVE A DREAM
New Heights Faith Community invites the public to a film showing of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 2425 Jordan Ave. A For more information, contact Rev. Joe Whitley at pastor-joe@newheightsfaith.org or 202-9908.

FILM SHOWING
New Heights Faith Community invites the public to a showing of "For the Bible Tells Me So," at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 2425 Jordan Ave. This documentary depicts interviews of Christian families on how they came to accept their LGBT children. A free dinner and beverages will be served, and a discussion will follow. For more information, call Rev. Joe Whitley at 202-9908.

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Running with heart at the 2013 Cupid's Chase

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Race benefits programs for Community Options

The Cupid's Chase 5K run marked its fifth year Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Mesilla Plaza.

Cupid's Chase is organized by Community Options, a nonprofit that works with developmentally disabled men and women.

Proceeds from the race benefit Community Options clients with physical and developmental disabilities and improves their programs, such as supportive employment, job sampling,

housing, residential care and day habilitation.

Proceeds from last year's event were used to purchase a computer lab to help clients learn computer skills and conduct job searches. Funds raised assist people on the Developmental Disabilities Waiver program by raising awareness of this population segment.

Race participant and professional boxer Austin Trout stands with women's first-place winner and former Olympian Dorota Gruca Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Mesilla Plaza after Cupid's Chase 5K organized by the Las Cruces Running Club and sponsored by Community Options.



Participants and winners gathered at the plaza after the race. The event included live entertainment from Mariachi Herredero and ballet folklorico (composed of people with developmental disabilities). The Las Cruces High School Band provided a send-off for the participants at the start of the race.



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Women's first- and second-place winners, Gruca and Misha Montoya, stand with their trophies after the race.

Heart healthy awareness at the Heart of My Life Ball

Photos by Rachel Christiansen



Bethany Sweat, Mary DiMatteo and Cindy Rede enjoy the Heart of My Life Ball Friday, Feb. 15, to spread awareness about the importance of heart health, especially in women. Heart disease is the No.1 killer of women.



Jacob and Gayle Martinez, Ronni Curry and Natalie Dobbs in the VIP area. The night's festivities were just one part of a three-part day that included a health fair and assembly at Lynn Middle School by keynote speaker Jared Fogle.



Valerie and Denten Park, CEO of MountainView Regional Medical Center, Police Chief Richard Williams with his wife, Stacie, enjoy the live music during the ball. MountainView hosted the event.



Kathleen Upp and Emily Schuette wear red to support the American Heart Association, the beneficiary of the evening's festivities.



Fogle, also known as the "Subway Guy," told the audience how he lost 245 pounds on the Subway Diet.

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Rack 'em up senior style



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Dee Harris plays in the 90 to 94 age category for the women's 8-ball pool competition during the 2013 Doña Ana County Senior Games Tuesday, Feb. 19, at Q-Time. Eight women in four age categories participated in the Senior Games event. Winners from each category will advance to the state games, which will be held in Roswell. For more information or to register for the games, call 541-5171.

2013 DOÑA ANA COUNTY SENIOR GAMES SCHEDULE

| Date & time | Event | Location |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 | Shuffleboard - Singles | Johnstone Supply |
| 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 | Shuffleboard - Doubles | Johnstone Supply |
| 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 | Bowling - Team | 10 Pin Alley |
| 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 | Bowling - Singles | 10 Pin Alley |
| 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 | Bowling - Doubles | 10 Pin Alley |
| 1 p.m. Friday, March 1 | Bowling - Mixed doubles | 10 Pin Alley |
| 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 2 | Dance | Court Youth Center |

'50s Valentine's celebration



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Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center residents James Little and Mary Lucero joined hands and cheered after being voted the king and queen of the Valentine's Day sock hop celebration Wednesday, Feb. 13. Residents enjoyed shakes, music and dancing to celebrate the holiday. The staff also joined in the fun, dressing up for the event and dancing with the residents.

Health Briefs

Register for Walk MS

Registration is now open for Walk MS, a walk to raise money and awareness in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis. The race will take place at 9 a.m. April 6, at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. Onsite registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Registration is free. Participants are asked to register early to allow time to raise funds to support MS research, programs and services that directly impact individuals and families living with the disease. The average participant raises \$225 and fundraising prizes are awarded beginning at the \$100 level. To register early, visit <http://walkmsnewmexico.org>.

For more information, contact Maggie

Schold at 505-243-2792 or maggie.schold@nmss.org.

Cakes for a Cause 2013 seeks entries

Entries for the 2013 Cakes for a Cause are now being accepted. Cakes for a Cause is a cake decorating competition and silent auction to benefit the March of Dimes. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Those who would like to take part in the cake decorating competition need to register before Friday, March 1. Cake decorators of all abilities

are welcome to participate. This year's theme is "The Wild West." The public is invited to view the cakes and support the decorators, as well as take part in the silent auction. For more information or to register, visit <http://cakesforacause.org>.

Rummage sale benefits APA

A rummage sale and pet adoption event to benefit Action Programs for Animals (APA) and its Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) campaign as well as the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite St. The event will include the rummage sale, baked goods, enchilada plates, popcorn, drinks and raffle prizes as well as adoptable dogs and cats from both organizations.

Celebrity Waiter marks fourth year

It's the '70s with Team Zane during the fourth annual Team Zane Celebrity Waiter event to raise money for the March of Dimes.

The event will take place from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday March 2, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Tickets are \$39.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 635-7063.

Lives affected by mental illness are given a voice

Residents from Las Cruces and the

surrounding communities will deliver a dynamic series of monologues about how mental illness has affected their lives.

The series, "Minds Interrupted: Stories of Lives Affected by Mental Illness," will be presented at 7 p.m. Monday, March 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 Main St. Tickets are \$10. Scholarship tickets are also available.

One in four American families are impacted by chronic mental illness. In the U.S., more than 2 million people are diagnosed with schizophrenia, yet the stigma of this and other mental illness is so prevalent that people talk much less openly about these diseases.

To purchase tickets, call 386-6890 or visit www.nami-dac.org. Tickets will also be available at the door.

For more information, call Michele Herling at 577-7840 or Pamela Field at 312-2288.

Bataan Memorial Death March set for March 17

The 24th annual Bataan Memorial Death March will be held March 17 at White Sands Missile Range. Marchers are asked to begin arriving at 5 a.m. and will report to the start area at 6 a.m. Start times vary based on category.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging march through the high desert terrain of White Sands Missile Range, conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.

To participate, register online at www.bataanmarch.com. Online registration closes at midnight Wednesday, March 6.

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