



Saturday delivery to end

Parcels to still be delivered

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

For Las Cruces Postmaster Billy Smith, this week's announcement that the Postal Service plans to end Saturday delivery of regular mail didn't come as a surprise.

"We knew this was coming," he said Wednesday, Feb. 6, as the news reports came out. "I'm only surprised that it's coming this soon."

Planning has begun to make the change announced by U.S. Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe. Regular mail will now be a Monday through Friday service, which includes magazines and other small publications. Deliveries of parcels of all sizes, however, will continue to be a Monday through Saturday service.

While that means a cutback in carriers, Smith said there will be a skeletal staff to deliver parcels, with priority given to deliveries of medicines and other important packages.

Post offices will still be open on Saturdays for mailboxes, and retail operations will still be available on Saturday for mailing packages, he said.

The announced change is set to go into effect in August, though there already is outcry from some congressional lawmakers and the letter carriers' union, according to the Associated Press.

Considering the aging workforce of postal carriers taking retirement, Smith said it could be possible that the reduction in force could be absorbed through attrition. Smith said he is still interviewing for carrier positions because of retirements.

Donahoe said the plan is being driven by the need for the Postal Service to take steps to regain ground suffered in a \$15.9 billion loss in the past budget year, the AP reported. The Saturday cutback is expected to save \$2 billion annually.

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Treats for your Valentine

Welcome to the world of wine for your sweetheart

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Archaeological evidence suggests the earliest wines may have been vinted more than 8,000 years ago, in the area of modern-day Georgia, and spread from there. The widespread domestication of grapevines dates back to at least 3200 BC in the Near East, where wine was viewed as the drink of royalty – and gods.

Jumping ahead a few thousand years to the Middle Ages, wine had become a worldwide beverage, enjoyed by nobility and commoners alike.

As explorers and conquerors continued to spread their influence over the ever-expanding globe, wine went with them.

In more recent history, wine was viewed as the drink of the higher class, the well heeled, the stuffy, upper-crust types, attaching a bit of stigma to the drink and alienating potential oenophiles from taking the plunge.

In the last few decades, though, wine has moved from the halls of the high class to the tables of even the most modest of consumers.

To call it a "hip" or "trendy" is a derogation; wine has simply regained its place as the drink of the simple and the educated, the wealthy and the modest, king and peasant alike.

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Linda Jackson, owner of The Chocolate Lady in Mesilla, finishes a batch of milk chocolate-covered strawberries. Valentine's Day is the busiest time of the year for the chocolatier, she said.

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Schools, police work on safety efforts

Newtown killings add gravitas to drills, patrols, plans

By **Todd G. Dickson**
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Police officers are not an uncommon sight on Las Cruces Public Schools campuses, but their presence and the concern for safety has heightened after incidents such as the Newtown school massacre in December 2012.

The Sandy Hook Elementary school shooting that took the lives of 20 children and six adults capped a year in which 10 school shootings nationwide left a total of 41 people dead and 13 wounded.

In the first month of the new year, eight

school shootings took place, including an incident in Alabama in which a gunman shot and killed a bus driver before abducting a 5-year-old who was held hostage in an underground bunker.

Even though the joint Las Cruces City Council and school board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5, was originally scheduled for discussing how the two entities could work more cooperatively in deciding new school sites, most of the meeting was centered on what Las Cruces police and the district's Coordinator for Safety and Security Todd Gregory are doing to improve school security.

Police officers – referred to as school

resource officers, (SROs) – already regularly visit school. They were represented by Sgt. Kiri Daines.

LCPS has memorandums of understanding with the Las Cruces Police Department and the Town of Mesilla for the SRO services. There are a total of 10 Las Cruces Police Department SROs and a supervisor. The SROs are assigned the four main high schools – Centennial, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate – and to Camino Real, Lynn, Mesa, Picacho, Sierra and Vista middle schools. The Town of Mesilla has an SRO for Mesilla Elementary School, Zia Middle School and San Andres

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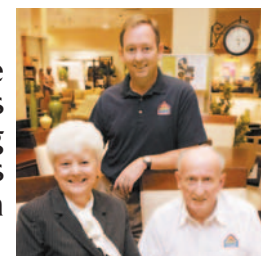
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In the news

House expected to pass spaceport liability bill

The House version of the spaceport informed consent bill passed the House Judiciary Committee Monday, Feb. 4, and was expected to be voted on by the full house Thursday, Feb. 7.

It is expected to pass easily now that trial lawyers have forged some accommodations on the legislation that will provide lawsuit protection to suppliers and manufacturers that support companies such as Virgin Galactic that will be flying people into space.

The committee vote was unanimous, said Virgin Galactic spokesman Tom Carroll.

Identical to her Senate version that passed last week, Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen said she expected the bill to pass the House and head to Gov. Susana Martinez for her signature. The governor has said she will sign the bill if it reaches her desk.

The law, which will offer some liability protections for spaceport suppliers, has become a priority for many businesspeople during this legislative session. Virgin Galactic, the anchor tenant at Spaceport America, said passing the bill was critical to allowing the spaceport to function. Without it, the company has said, suppliers will not locate at the spaceport, and Virgin will likely find another location to take passengers into suborbital space.

Other states that have passed similar lawsuit protections for their spaceports include Colorado, Texas, Florida and Virginia.

School board incumbents stay

Three members of the Las Cruces school board will be returning after winning re-election in voting Tuesday, Feb. 5, that saw light turnout.

Two of the three had opponents.

Chuck Davis easily kept his District 1 seat with 206 votes. His challengers, Brian Marshall and Lenwood Hampton, had a little more than 140 votes between the two of them.

Maria Flores is returning to represent District 3. Her 641 votes was more than three times the number of votes for her challenger, Beverly Hine.

Barbara Hall ran unopposed in District 2.

There were school board elections held for Gadsden and Hatch, as well. In the Gadsden school district, Craig Ford retained his District 5 seat and Jennifer Viramontes ran unopposed in District 2. Hatch incumbent Elva Garay will also return to her District 1 seat, but Christopher Montez ousted incumbent Bobby Cordero to win the District 4.

Bowling Alley Massacre anniversary marks 23 years

Sunday, Feb. 10, will mark 23 years since two men walked into the Las Cruces Bowl and shot seven people execution style.

The victims were Amy Houser; Steven, Paula and Valerie Teran; Melissa Repass; Stephanie C. Senac and Ida Holguin. They included four children, the youngest of whom was 2 years old. Three of the victims died at the scene and one later in hospital. Melissa Repass, a 12-year-old girl who was shot five times, called emergency services and survived.

Charlie Minn, who filmed a full-length documentary called "A Nightmare In Las Cruces," said he is unaware of whether the movie's attention to the unsolved crime – which also attracted national media attention – has helped solve the crime.

"I do not know why this has not been solved," Minn said. "This is Las Cruces' own Newtown. People should be outraged and demanding answers."

Minn said he believes the Bowling Alley Massacre is the largest unsolved mass murder case in the United States.

"There needs to be some closure for the families," Minn said. "There also needs to be justice for the people who died."

Minn said he had hoped his film, "A Nightmare In Las Cruces," would generate tips to find answers to the crime, especially after it landed national distribution.

New coaching team



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Richard Coltharp
New Mexico State University's new head football coach, Doug Martin, visits with his wife, Vicki, at the Aggies' recruit signing party Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Buffalo Wild Wings. Addressing the crowd, Martin said, "If you ever want to second-guess any of my calls, you can bet my wife Vicki already has."

Democratic delegation introduces Rio Grande bill

U.S. Sens. Tom Udall, Martin Heinrich and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan have reintroduced legislation in the Senate and House to protect the Río Grande del Norte in northern New Mexico, an area of more than 240,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands in Taos and Rio Arriba counties.

Since 2009, the three lawmakers and former Sen. Jeff Bingaman have worked – with the support of the local communities – to pass legislation to designate the culturally and recreationally significant lands as a National Conservation Area, according to a press release from the lawmakers.

"Some of northern New Mexico's most historically and culturally rich treasures can be found in these areas," Udall said. "The residents of Taos and Rio Arriba counties have joined us in an effort to protect their incredible landscapes and ensure the lands remain accessible for the benefit of locals and visitors. I was proud to take up this initiative with Jeff Bingaman and we will work to see that the preservation of the Río Grande del Norte is part of his lasting legacy."

"The Río Grande del Norte is home to a great deal of New Mexico's history and culture," Heinrich said. "There are many important traditional, cultural, and religious sites in the Río Grande del Norte that are still in use today. These lands are also important to residents and visitors who come for the recreation opportunities, like hunting and fishing, and who bring a lot of resources into New Mexico's economy, especially rural communities. I am proud to work with my colleagues on

this initiative, especially with former Sen. Jeff Bingaman, who championed this cause. We will continue his efforts to preserve these lands for future generations."

"Living in New Mexico we have a special connection with the majestic land we are blessed to live on, and the Río Grande del Norte is one of the crowning jewels in our state," Lujan said. "Whether it is for recreation or farming, sustaining a way of life or finding inspiration, the Río Grande del Norte impacts all those who visit and all those who live off the sustenance it provides. Protecting this land should be a top priority, and Secretary Salazar's visit to Taos in December of last year reinforced that there is overwhelming support by the local community to do so."

The House Natural Resources Committee and the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee both held hearings on the legislation last Congress.

In an October 2012 letter, Bingaman and Udall asked President Barack Obama to consider designating the area for national monument status. In a separate letter, Lujan and Heinrich also asked the administration to make the area a monument.

In December 2012, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar hosted a public meeting in Taos to explore possible protection of the area. Residents showed their overwhelming support for protecting the Río Grande del Norte and the group unanimously spoke out in favor of a monument designation.

The Taos County Commission, Village of Questa, Taos Chamber of Commerce and Mora Valley Chamber of Commerce, along with more than 160 local businesses, support permanent protection of the Río Grande del Norte.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

New head coach happy to be back in Las Cruces

Martin takes up the Aggie gridiron challenge

Monday night, Feb. 4, Doug Martin took the New Mexico State University football team down to a darkened Aggie Memorial Stadium field.

Martin, the new Aggie head football coach, had the players face the north tunnel. That's the tunnel from which, before games, the team runs out on to the field.

"I have a vision of what I want this team to look like," Martin said. "I see them coming down that tunnel a tight-knit group of men working together, representing this university, this community, galvanized with purpose. That's not where we are right now. But the only variable is time. At some point, that team will come down that ramp."

In 2011, we saw fleeting glimpses of such a team.

The 2011 Aggies were 4-9 and with a few different bounces of the ball, could have been 7-6. Now that's an easy thing to say, but many years, Aggie football fans are saying with a few different bounces of the ball, we could have been 3-9 instead of 1-11.

There were some great athletes on that 2011 team who are gone, but one key person on that 2011 team is back. Martin was the offensive coordinator that year and is now back in Las Cruces after a year at Boston College.

The task in front of Martin is clearly not an easy one.

Not only does he inherit a team that went 1-11 in 2012, he inherits a team without a conference.

Where others see problems, however, Martin sees opportunity.

"That schedule will kill you," others would say, looking at a 2013 slate that includes the likes of Texas, Minnesota, UCLA, San Diego State and Boston College.

"Playing those types of teams is how we get better," Martin would say.

"You can't recruit to Las Cruces," others would say.

"This place is wonderful," Martin would say. "Recruits who come here, and their parents, are shocked. They can't believe all of this is here. We've got great facilities, great weather. The job is getting that message out."

Is Martin Don Quixote, tilting at windmills?

Or is he Steve Jobs, envisioning the future? Perhaps he is more a latter-day Thomas Edison, who once said, "Many of life's failures are experienced by people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up."

When I spent some time with Martin this week, I saw a familiar look in his eye.

It was the same look I saw as an eighth-grader in Tulsa, Okla., playing football and basketball at Union Middle School. The look was in the eyes of a man named Steve Logan, my coach. I would have run through walls for that man. I'm not the only one.

In less than five years, the driven Logan was on the sidelines as a Division I assistant, and later had a decade of success as head coach at East Carolina University, taking the Pirates to five bowl games. He later worked in the World League of American Football and the NFL.

While at East Carolina, Logan hired Martin, and they worked together for 10 years.

Martin and Logan share similarities in drive, intensity and creativity.

Martin wants to win games, certainly, but he also wants to win the hearts of Las Cruces.

"We want to really reach out to the community," he said. "This town really wants and deserves a good football team."

"The thing I love about Las Cruces is how friendly and genuine the people are."

It would be folly to predict a winning season in 2013, but Martin does predict an entertaining time at the stadium.

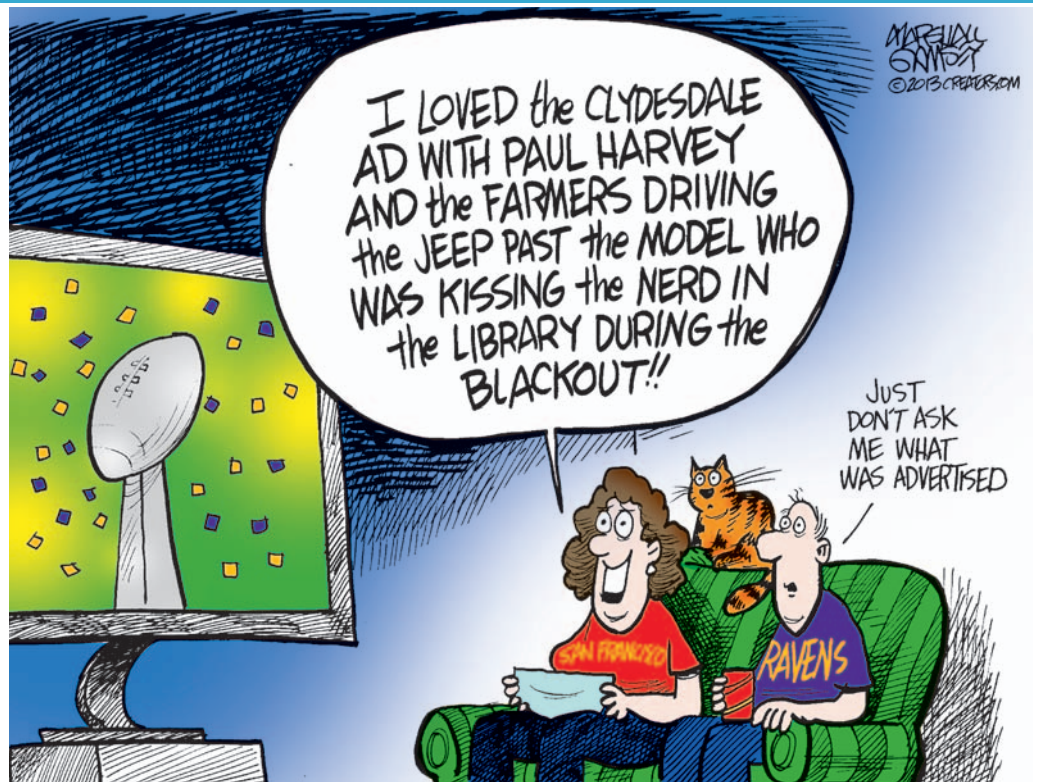
"We're going to play an exciting brand of football, wide open, throwing the ball," he said. "Our goal is to get the defense to play in the same manner, attacking with pressure."

"We've got some great athletes. Austin Franklin is probably one of the top five wide receivers in the nation."

In his prior year in Las Cruces, Martin quickly got addicted to green chile.

"Ande!e's," he said. "We're always down there."

When he told me he loved green chile, I knew it was true. He had that look in his eye.



Letters to the Editor

A monumental mistake

I respectfully disagree with Rev. Michael Duseau on adding the Obamas to Mount Rushmore.

President Obama has four more years in office, and his record is not finished yet. History will have to judge whether he was a great president or not. Right now, our country is extremely divided. Let's not rush into anything. What about others, such as presidents Kennedy and Reagan?

We should not put a man's face on a national monument because he is black. We are constantly being told that we are not supposed to judge a man's accomplishments by color or race.

To put Michelle Obama's face there is ridiculous. She is only his wife, not a statesman or a vice president. Whatever good she has done is to be applauded, but Mount Rushmore? Please.

Sylvia Izon

End predatory rates

There are more than 2.4 million children with a mother or father in jail or prison right now and, tragically, the high cost of prison phone calls is cutting them off from contact. In most states, predatory prison phone rates

unfairly punish inmates' families, forcing them to pay as much as \$20 for a 15-minute phone call to speak with a loved one in prison. Thankfully, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is taking steps that would lower the cost of prison phone calls. The FCC recently initiated a proceeding to determine if federal regulation is necessary for interstate prison telephone calling systems.

Unfortunately, we've learned from experience that telephone companies can't be trusted to keep prison phone rates reasonable. Phone rates in prison do not reflect the cost of service. To the contrary, telephone companies have put in place corporate kickbacks and call markups that increase the cost of calls to and from prison by 60 percent, making it clear that the FCC needs to step in and establish a standard rate for these calls.

The FCC has the authority to regulate these egregious call rates, and, in doing so, make our communities safer and more stable places to live. Numerous studies show that prisoners who maintain family connections are much less likely to re-offend, breaking the cycle of recidivism.

Our families and communities can't wait any longer. Join me in telling the FCC that the time is now to act to end predatory prison phone rates.

Rusita Avila

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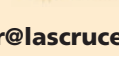
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Gun lobby keeps nation 'hoodwinked'

Wild West mentality still survives in American culture

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



As expected, guns and illegal aliens are packing the agendas of both the New Mexico state Legislature and Congress. I'm predicting modest success on the immigration front and little or no change on gun regulation.

Today, we'll talk about some of the gun legislation we're hearing about.

I have some questions about what all this pro- and anti-gun activity means. The Second Amendment, for instance, always has given me trouble.

It's not that I have anything against guns. I don't own one, but many people do. That's fine with me as long as they handle them responsibly.

My problem with the Second Amendment is that it is written so differently from the other nine amendments in the Bill of Rights. It is the only amendment the framers felt necessary to justify.

Whereas the First Amendment directly states five different freedoms, the Second Amendment beats around the bush to declare one freedom.

It begins with a dependent clause explaining that a well-regulated militia is necessary for the security of a free state. One could infer

that Congress is telling the states to keep their militias well regulated in case England or some other country decides to attack us.

What militias was congress talking about at that time in history? I've seen it explained that the county police that patrolled the plantations to keep the slaves in line were called slave militias.

I've also been told that by 1791, when the Bill of Rights was ratified, some state militias were claiming they won the Revolutionary War, instead of George Washington's troops.

And why do they talk about the security of a free state? Yes, the word "state" also can refer to a nation, but states were extremely covetous of their power back then and wouldn't seem likely to refer to their union of states as a state.

It appears to me that the wording and meaning of the amendment must have been controversial and required numerous compromises to fashion something acceptable to the 13 states.

I'm also rather sure that the U.S. Supreme Court has looked at these questions often enough to clarify this amendment.

When I look at the long lines of people wanting to buy guns, I think of similar lines of job seekers, desperate for employment at any pay.

The most popular guns are the biggest and most expensive, not the little things you put in your nightstand for protection. It is obvious many people still can afford the very best.

The long lines to buy guns are due to a fear that someone is going to come take them. If you fear that your guns will be taken, why buy more? Won't they be taken, too?

And who is it that is going to take everyone's guns? The answer usually is "Obama." According to those "in the know," President Obama was going to take them as soon as he was elected. Now, it is early in his second term.

Here's what I think. The gun manufacturers and dealers have most of the nation hoodwinked. The more they can scare people

that the government is their enemy, the more guns they can sell. The more gun control bills that are introduced into Congress or state legislatures, the more guns they will sell. The plan is ingenious and it is working perfectly.

The most beautiful part of the entire plan is that with the exception of a few cities that have unworkable gun laws, nothing is going to happen at the state or national level. Guns are never going to be outlawed. It would take all three branches of government to make it happen.

The pure and simple fact is, if you want to live in America, you have to realize we are still a Wild West country where a majority of people love their guns and John Wayne and Ronald Reagan reign supreme.

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Politicians spend money of our future generations

Debt will fall to those too young to vote

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



Who is protesting spending of the future generation's money? No one is, since the future generation will not be born for years and their money is being spent for votes today. How can politicians pay any attention to unborn voters? Politicians could do the right things, but would get voted out of office.

When you rob Peter to pay Paul, you get the vote of Paul while Peter votes against you. When you rob future generations to pay voters today, you get lots of votes, since only people of principle oppose you.

Years from now, future generations will be

angry their resources were used to buy votes before they were born. The voter revolt is coming, but not in my lifetime since they are not born yet. I would like to help them, but they are too young to vote. The people that should help them say, "Show me the money," and sell out future generations.

There was a time when only people who paid money into the government could vote for how it would be spent. Now, you can vote the money out of the pocket of your neighbors or future generations, if you have enough votes. It is legal to do so, just not moral or ethical.

When my grandparents were born, the government cost was two percent of the gross domestic product (GDP). My grandchildren are confronting a government that consumes

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As a learning-centered community college, one of the core values at DACC is students who will be respected for their diversity, challenged to become critical and independent thinkers, expected to take an active role in their learning process and provided with a safe and supportive learning environment.

One of the ways in which DACC exhibits this particular value is through special, student-focused events, such as our upcoming second annual Transfer Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the East Mesa Campus Auditorium of DACC, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

Students who have applied for spring 2013 graduation or have recently finished their associate degree or a certificate from DACC and are interested in transferring to New Mexico State University are encouraged to attend the event.

At the Transfer Reception, students will be recognized on stage during a special ceremony in which the DACC division deans will congratulate the graduating students and deans from the various NMSU colleges will welcome the students as they continue their educational pursuits toward their bachelor's degrees.

Following the ceremony, students and their families will celebrate with a reception in the Student Resources Building and have an opportunity to also meet with academic advisers and learn more about programs at NMSU. To RSVP for this event, contact Frank Smith at 528-7062 or email fsmith@dacc.nmsu.edu.

As a friendly reminder, DACC's student services and academic advising center will be moving from the Central Campus on Espina Street to the East Mesa Campus this month. It is open to students from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We invite you to come and visit our new location.

Margie C. 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, visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu or call 527-7500.

Guest column

Driver's licenses: sensible and sane

Recognizing common humanity is rooted deeply in our traditions

By **Rabbi Paul Citrin**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, in her State of the State address, Gov. Susana Martinez announced that repealing driver's licenses for the undocumented will again be a legislative priority for her.

The defeat in the Legislature of previous attempts to deny driver's licenses to the undocumented makes one wonder if the resurrection of this issue is nothing more than political grandstanding.

The legislative calendar is full of other matters to consider that are truly pressing. Why continue to revisit what the people's representatives have rejected more than once?

There are three reasons why the state of New Mexico should continue to permit undocumented residents to obtain a driver's license. One reason grows out of plain common sense. A second reason is rooted in economics. The third reason, though seemingly idealistic, is based in the ethical traditions of the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Each of these reasons to permit driver's licenses requires a close look.

When the state of New Mexico issues a driver's license, proof of personal identity and residency are required. It is only common sense that knowing who and where New Mexico drivers are provides the state with greater control over matters of safety, use of roads and pursuit of possible criminals.

A four-year driver's license costs \$18 with a required DWI record check of an additional \$15 fee. It is only common sense that our state can well use the revenue generated by all who wish to obtain a driver's license.

Residents of New Mexico who wish to be issued a license are required to purchase a minimum amount of

liability insurance. When one buys such insurance that information goes into a New Mexico insurance identification database. If a driver fails to purchase insurance, his vehicle registration can be suspended until such insurance is bought. Is it not common sense to make sure that all drivers in our state carry insurance? Denying driver's licenses to the undocumented is neither rational nor helpful to the safety and well-being of all New Mexicans.

honest with ourselves: We need to ease the path for those on whom we depend so extensively.

There has been some discussion about various compromises that would allow the undocumented to obtain driving privileges short of an actual license.

While compromise is important to political process, we must never resort to a compromise that labels our most vulnerable people and makes them targets. The effect of carrying out such a proposal would be to create an official state designation of a segregated class of residents. This does not reflect the spirit of New Mexicans.

The values of many citizens of New Mexico are rooted in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. These traditions bid adherents to "love the stranger and not to oppress him." Sikhs and Native Americans also teach the imperative of recognizing our common humanity by extending hospitality to others. The path of personal integrity calls upon us to conduct our lives, and even to make political decisions, based on the sacred values we espouse.

This is the moment to contact our legislators. We need to encourage them to focus on what concerns New Mexicans the most: education, jobs, fair wages and a clean environment. We must urge them to reject bills that remove legal and equal driving privileges from the undocumented. Common sense, economics and religious values ought to lead us to maintain driving privileges for everyone.

Rabbi Paul Citrin, retired, Temple Beth El, Las Cruces, delivered this address in the Rotunda at the New Mexico State Capitol on Jan. 15, on behalf of Interfaith Worker Justice-New Mexico, during the third annual "Witness for the People" program prior to the opening of the 2013 legislative session.

“ Common sense, economics and religious values ought to lead us to maintain driving privileges for everyone. ”

Providing driver's licenses to undocumented workers in New Mexico makes economic sense. So many industries in our state depend upon undocumented workers. Those industries include oil and gas, agriculture and dairy farming. Candidly, all of us depend on the labor of undocumented workers, which is remunerated at barely adequate wages. Without their labor, many of our basic consumer costs would rise significantly.

States that deny driver's licenses to the undocumented, in addition to creating other forms of harassment, soon lose this key workforce. Let us be

Debt

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30 percent of the GDP and, worse, have run up government debts perhaps 10 times the GDP, when you consider the off-books accounting. Our country would have to take every dollar made in America for 10 years just to retire that debt, which will never happen.

Obviously, there is a day of financial reckoning that

will not be pleasant for us, but will take much of the possible wealth away from our future generations.

It would seem I need to write to some of these future unhappy citizens, since they will hold me accountable for allowing my profligate government to spend their future money.

Despite that, I can claim I voted against all of that spending, it will seem hollow in that I was made richer by some of that spending.

Thomas Jefferson wrote: "All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." I have cried out, but not enough.

Maybe we should have a "We Are Sorry," celebration for future generations who will have to pay the bill for our generation's outrageous actions. We can record our apologies and put the recordings in a time vault. I suspect it will not mollify them, since they will be able to see exactly what we spent their money on and what we took from them in the name of our political needs.

No, we are going to be vilified by coming generations and I suspect there is nothing we can do about it.

As mad as these future babies holding the bag will be about the politicians, just consider how mad they will be at today's news media. We expect politicians to be, well, politicians. What holds most politicians in check is the news media blabbing about them. Where was the blab? It was missing, since the news

media picked winners and losers among the politicians. The media was complicit with the politicians, so the people were never shown consistently how bad the situation was from the future generation's point of view.

I would have liked to have helped these next couple of generations, but they were too young to vote when the votes to take their money were being voted. So they can clean up the mess or not, it does not matter to me. When they realize how far under the bus they are, I will already be gone. The lesson, though, was lost on us.

So I say to future generations: "I am sorry we left you in bad financial shape. As our politicians said: 'I would like to help you son, but you were just too young to vote.'"

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Letters to the Editor

Sunday was super

Las Cruces Running Club would like to say "Thank you" to the City of Las Cruces, Parks & Recreation Department, the police department and streets department, along with Las Cruces Public Schools, Centennial High School Principal Mike Montoya and especially cross country coach Mike Montoya, for allowing us to produce the Super Sunday Road Race Sunday, Feb. 3.

Many people contributed their time, efforts, money or resources. We are so grateful to them for making this a wonderful event.

More than 150 people came out to Centennial High School on Super Sunday morning to participate in the 1 Mile Fun Run, 2 Mile Race Walk, 5K and 5 Mile Road Races that were held on a secure road course with the approved closure of Sonoma Ranch Blvd.

We hope to make Super Sunday Road Race an annual event that adds to the quality of life for as many as possible in this community along with The Whole Enchilada Fiesta 5K Road Race, Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot and other running/walking events produced by Las Cruces Running Club.

Thank you to The Las Cruces Bulletin for publishing our press releases that helped generate a positive response. We look forward to producing our next event and invite the community to join us at our weekly activities. Super Sunday results and Las Cruces Running Club activities are easy to find at www.lascrucesrunningclub.com.

Lawrence Joy
Las Cruces Running Club

A livable wage

It's been five years since New Mexico took the badly needed step of increasing the state's minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.50. That was 2007, and since then we've seen five years of an economy filled with turbulence and inflation that has not ceased. Las Cruces, residents in particular, have stood by for five years while Santa Fe and now even Albuquerque's minimum wage earners have seen pay increases. Isn't five years of the same floor for the lowest wage earners reason enough for our minimum wage to increase too?

In 2007, the average cost for a gallon of gas

was \$2.79. Five years later, prices have risen as high as \$3.70. In 2007, the average cost for bread was \$1.21, compare that to \$1.39 in 2012. All around the market place, prices have increased while wages have remained stagnant. Why then is the City of Las Cruces standing by?

Had the federal minimum wage kept up with inflation, it would be at \$10.55. While no state or city in the United States has kept up with that rate of inflation, Santa Fe stands above just about every other city in enacting a livable wage (\$10.29) and indexing that wage to inflation. Many opponents of the increase warned that doing so would be bad for small businesses, but Santa Fe has remained the only metropolitan area in the state to show job growth. New Mexico's three other metropolitan areas, including Las Cruces, continue to hemorrhage jobs.

Albuquerque voters were recently given the opportunity to vote for a minimum wage increase. The \$1 raise ballot question (with indexing for inflation) was wildly popular and surpassed the votes earned by even the most popular candidates. Even in the midst of a local recession, Albuquerque voters sided with the value of rewarding the hard work of New Mexicans who play by the rules but still make only \$15,000 a year full time.

I implore our Las Cruces senators and representatives to stand behind legislation that will raise the minimum wage statewide in New Mexico. Economists have found that a \$1 an hour increase to a household will result in an increase of spending by about \$700 a quarter in the following year. That means good business for all parties involved, from the employee seeing a wage increase to the business owner seeing an increase in profits due to increased buying power.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced the minimum wage to the United States to help put us back on our feet. He did this with the notion that Americans deserve a "fair day's pay for a fair day's work." That idea has not changed and especially in New Mexico, our hard-working neighbors deserve a "fair day's pay for a fair day's work."

It's time to get Las Cruces and all of New Mexico's minimum wage \$1 closer to a livable wage.

Jessica Chavez

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Your own worst enemy

It usually happens when you're by yourself. You're trying to load a bunch of cows in the 1-ton. It should hold 12 head, but with four to go, they plug up.

You're slappin' them with the BQA approved paddle, you chunk a piece of wood at the one in the gate. You've actually turned around and leaned up against the last cow in the loading chute and you're pushing like you were trying to jump start your car. You slide into that stage where cussing is mandatory.

"Git yer sorry @#%*! no good bag of rumen contents, in there. You think this is a home for pampered poop processors.

"I'm gonna cull every @#%!* one of you if you don't.

"Where's that dog when I need him?"

Then the light dawns – yer good dog is already in the bed of the truck, guarding his territory.

Another time, I was trying to get one of my old farm trucks to start. It was a '69 Chevy I had bought used. I remember it had a funny smell in the cab.

It took me weeks to identify it. It was only when I ran in to Oscar Van Oosten's daughter and recognized the scent of a milking barn, that I placed it.

Anyway, I called my daughter out to help me start the truck. I took off the air filter and had her lean under the hood and spray starter fluid (ether) into the top of the carburetor, as I sat behind the steering wheel cranking the engine and pumping the gas pedal.

It would catch, then peter out. We switched positions, to no avail.

I hooked up the tow chain to the old

Ford and had her pull me down the driveway, popping the clutch and banging on the chain.

"Dang it!" I said, kicking the tire.

I raised the hood again and stared down at the malignant machine holding an empty can of starter fluid. My daughter piped up.

"You think it's out of gas, Dad?"

Until you spend all day digging and setting a 9-foot railroad tie in the corner of a 4-acre field you just bought, then finding out the next day somebody moved the survey stake and your rock-solid post should actually be 14 feet to the southwest, do you realize you were just a little hasty. Maybe should have looked at the map a little closer.

My friend John was laying himself a nice sandstone floor on his mother-in-law's veranda. He bought a new cement-cutting blade for his circular saw.

"Doin' it right!" he said to himself.

He started down a line on a piece four and one-half feet long. Then the blade tied up.

He pushed and pushed, eventually cursing the @#%&!* sandstone, the veranda, the mother-in-law (quietly), the blade and the &^\$#@ Chinese workers who made this worthless #@%&!!!! saw!

His wife heard the racket. She peeked out the screen door and listened to him curse and condemn the hardware store, the safety glasses and his sore leg.

"Maybe," she said, "It would cut a little easier if you took your knee off the cord!"

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Coming Up

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.

Flag football tournament

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department sixth annual Las Cruces "Gridiron Classic" four-on-four adult flag football tournament continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

This year's tournament will include a women's division and two men's divisions; open and 35 years plus. The tournament is open to individuals 18 years and older and will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, and Sunday, Feb. 24, at Legends West Sports Field, at the northwest corner of the Field of Dreams football field parking lot. This will be a non-contact flag football tournament and each team will play pool-play on Saturday, followed by a single elimination tournament on Sunday. Cost is \$200 per team and five games are guaranteed.

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

JPT Academy to hold meeting

The J. Paul Taylor Academy Governance Council will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the J. Paul Taylor Academy, 3900 Del Rey Blvd.

The agenda for the meeting and council work session dates can be viewed at www.jpaultayloracademy.org.

Sobriety checkpoints planned

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least three sobriety checkpoints and multiple saturation patrols within city limits through Saturday, Feb. 16.

LCPD sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated. Additional enforcement activities may include underage and party patrols.

Those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages are urged to use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

Anyone who needs a safe ride home from 5:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. Fridays, Saturdays or holidays can take advantage of Project Home, a program sponsored by Doña Ana County and Las Cruces Shuttle and Taxi. One or two people can receive a \$5 taxi ride home from anywhere within Doña Ana County. The fee is \$10 for up to four people. Grant funding pays the balance of transportation charges.

For Project Home taxi service, call 524-TAXI.

NMSU library contest announced

The New Mexico State University Library is co-sponsoring a student essay contest as part of a celebration of Sunshine Week. Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. It is held each year in March to coincide with James Madison's birthday and will be celebrated during the week of March 10-16.

The contest is open to all students currently enrolled at NMSU. First prize is a \$200 gift card and second prize is a \$100 gift card, both from the Barnes & Noble at NMSU bookstore, located on the corner of Jordan Street and University Avenue.

Choosing either New Mexico's Open Meetings Act (10-15-1 NMSA 1978 et seq) or Inspection of Public Records Act (14-2-1 NMSA 1978 et seq), contestants are asked to write an original 600 to 800 word essay answering the following questions:

- How does the law encourage citizen participation in state government?
- Does the law provide citizens with sufficient access to the work of our state government?
- Are the sanctions for violations of the law sufficient?

Entry forms and detailed contest information are available at the library's Sunshine Week libguide at <http://nmsu.libguides.com/sun>.

The deadline for submissions is 9 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25.

Winners will be announced the first week in March, and prizes will be awarded at a reception to be held at Zuhl Library Wednesday, March 12.

The contest and NMSU's Sunshine Week activities are sponsored by NMSU alumnum Tim Parker, the NMSU Library and the NMSU Department of Journalism & Mass Communications.

For more information, contact Library Specialist Jonathan Butz at butz@nmsu.edu or Government Documents & Maps Librarian Josefina Smith at jmasmith@nmsu.edu.

Doña Ana Camera Club meetings scheduled

The Doña Ana Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., featuring a presentation by Nirmala Khandan, a New Mexico State University professor of civil engineering. Khandan will present images depicting the Buddhist/Hindu architecture in Nepal and Bhutan. He will also discuss some of the physical and photographic challenges in capturing these images.

Meetings offer technical presentations, friendly suggestions for improving member photos, travelogues, networking and other activities for a spectrum of photographers and abilities.

Visit www.dacameraclub.org or call 524-1288 for more information

NARFE meeting hosts Tresco director

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at Elks Lodge No. 1119, 3000 Elks Drive.

Pam Lillybridge, the executive director of Tresco in Las Cruces, will be the speaker. Tresco is a nonprofit company that is organized, governed and staffed for the sole purpose of making a positive impact in the lives of children with developmental delays and people with disabilities. Tresco provides a full array of early intervention services and support to children and their families.

All current and retired federal employees are encouraged to attend the meeting and become part of the group. There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet and reservations must be made by calling Carol Main at 382-7686 or Carol Decker at 522-3033.

Asombro Institute holds free nature walks

The Asombro Institute for Science Education staff will host a free nature walk at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. Bring your sweetheart and fall in love with the desert together.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located north of Las Cruces. From Interstate 25 in Las Cruces, head east on U.S. Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Road exit at Oñate High School. Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane onto the frontage road. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead. The nature park is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org.

Free Valentine's Day weddings

Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will perform free weddings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. in Room 1-113.

To accommodate the large number of couples eager to wed on Valentine's Day, ordained minister and Doña Ana County Public Information Director Jess Williams will also officiate weddings in Room 1-111.

To make an appointment for a Valentine's Day wedding at the Doña Ana County Government Center, call Lydia Chaparro at 525-6115. Reserved appointments are required. Each couple must bring two witnesses and a valid New Mexico marriage license. When making appointments, couples are asked to specify whether they prefer the ceremony to be in English or Spanish.

For more information about New Mexico marriage license requirements, call the County Clerk's Office at 647-7421.

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Coming Up

February events at Enchanted Gardens

Enchanted Gardens, 270 Avenida de Mesilla, will hold the following events in February:

- 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9: Inviting Pollinators into the Garden. Discover the many pollinators that inhabit our gardens. Create a safe and welcoming environment for pollinators to improve fruit and vegetable production.
- 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16: Vegetable Gardening. Preparing and planting a vegetable garden. Learn what and when to plant. Get answers to your pest control problems and other garden challenges.
- 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23: Learn about Composting. Learn principles of composting to build healthy garden soil in this annual workshop.

Workshops and classes are held outdoors or in the greenhouse. Wear jackets, hats, sunscreen, sunglasses or other protections. Reservations requested. The cost is \$7.50 per person or free for Enchanted Gardens Benefit members. For more information or to register, call 524-1886 or email gardens@zianet.com.

Book signing at NMSU

Author Al Galves will discuss and sign his book "Harness Your Dark Side: Mastering Jealousy, Rage, Frustration and Other Negative Emotions," at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the New Mexico State University Barnes & Noble Bookstore at the corner of Jordan Street and University Avenue.

For more information, call Galves at 522-8371 or 571-3105.

National Model Railroad Association meets Feb. 9

The Roadrunner Division of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. All model railroaders are invited. Model railroad crossings will be discussed.

For more information, contact Mike Weiss at 532-1051 or mikeweiss65@gmail.com.

Valentine's Sweetheart Dance

Blue Bells Square Dance Club will host a special Valentine's Sweetheart Dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Guest caller will be Dick Parrish from Hobbs, N.M. Guests are welcome. Cost is \$5 per person at the door.

AAUW-LC hosts anthropology professor emerita

The American Association of University Women-Las Cruces (AAUW-LC), will host Christine Eber at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in the auditorium.

Eber is professor emerita of anthropology at New Mexico State University and is co-author of "The Journey of a Tzotzil-Maya Woman of Chiapas, Mexico: Pass Well Over the Earth." In addition to speaking about the experiences and needs of Mayan women, Eber will also describe the work of the Maya Educational Foundation, now in its 20th year of supporting the educational advancement of the Maya people of Guatemala, southern Mexico and Belize, with a special focus on women and girls.

Mayan textiles made by women in three Chiapas cooperatives will be available for purchase after Eber's presentation, with all proceeds going to the three cooperatives.

Contact Bonnie Eisenberg at mizbons@comcast.net or 541-8443 for more information.

Riverside volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed Saturday, Feb. 9, to help restore riverside ecosystems along the Rio Grande in Selden Canyon at Broad Canyon Ranch, 19400 N. Valley Drive. Volunteers will plant and bury about 4,000 willow whips and poles in previously prepared holes. Planting will take place in two shifts, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Food, refreshments, tools and work gloves will be provided.

For more information or to reserve a morning or afternoon shift, contact Steve Cary at 505-983-4609 ext. 27 or scary@audubon.org.

KOC enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus is hosting an enchilada dinner to benefit the Established Catholic Charitable Fund from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the KC Hall, 2755 E. Idaho

Ave. Donations are \$6 per enchilada ticket and \$3 for hamburger tickets. Tickets may be acquired at the door or in advance by calling 526-8375 or 526-4037.

Holocaust survivor to speak

The New Mexico State University chapter of Christians United for Israel on Campus (CUFI on Campus) is hosting Holocaust survivor Irving Roth at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Corbett Center Student Union auditorium on the New Mexico State University campus.

Roth, a historian, author and award-winning international speaker, will speak about his experience growing up in Europe with his Jewish family and friends while Nazis were gaining power and his survival of Auschwitz and Buchenwald, two notorious Nazi death camps.

For more information, contact Chelsea Jordan cjo@nmsu.edu or visit www.facebook.com/nmsucufi.

Share the Road event on Feb. 11

A Share the Road Visibility Ride will be at 7:05 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, beginning at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St.

Share the Road Visibility Rides help build awareness that bicyclists and motorists can share the road safely and that commuting to work on a bicycle is a viable transportation choice. Commuting by bicycle has multiple benefits. Bicyclists save money, cut down on CO2 emissions, burn calories and keep fit and stress free.

The ride is a demonstration of how bicyclists can ride with traffic safely, and is led by League of American Bicyclists Certified Instructors. Bicyclists that wish to learn tips for better commuting skills are invited to participate.

The ride ends at Starbucks on the corner of University Avenue and Espina Street at 7:40 a.m. All bicyclists must wear helmets and follow the rules of the road. Anyone interested can join the group for coffee if they can't make the ride.

Archaeological society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

The program will include a video lecture by Richard "Scotty" MacNeish on his excavations at Pendejo Cave on Otero Mesa. His excavations have yielded artifacts with radiocarbon dates from more than 55,000 years ago, including stone tools, hand prints and human hair dating from 14,000 to 19,000 years ago. These dates suggest Paleoindians were in the Americas significantly earlier than the Clovis people, circa 13,000 years ago. The meeting is free and open to the public.

For more information, call LeRoy Unglaub at 524-9497.

MV Garden Club holds meeting

The Mesilla Valley Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, for a tour of the Arthropod Museum at New Mexico State University. Find out what that big, shiny, black bug is – or the fuzzy one with stripes.

For more information and directions, call 522-2073 or 647-3365.

Lecture at Railroad Museum

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., will host a lecture at noon Tuesday, Feb. 12. Maurine McMillan, will share her experiences working as a volunteer, co-director and now director of the Harvey House Museum in Belen.

McMillan was awarded the Edward L. Hewett Award by the New Mexico Association of Museums (NMAM) in November 2012. The award is reserved for museum professionals and honors McMillan for her "exemplary leadership to the museum community in New Mexico." Light refreshments will be served.

For more information or to make reservation, call Joanne Beer at 647-4480.

Plant society February meetings

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter, will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 13, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the conference room. Horticulturist Cheryl Garing will present "Native Plant Propagation."

Donovan Bailey, curator of the New Mexico State University Herbarium, will lead the group on a tour of the facility at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Attendees are asked to meet at the east door of the Biology Annex, located on Williams Ave., north of the intersection of Williams and Stewart streets, on the NMSU campus.

For more information, contact Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413 or Al Krueger at 532-1036.

DACGS meets Feb. 13

The Doña Ana County Genealogical Society will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Bob McPherson will make a presentation about the Mountain Meadow Massacre, his great-great grandfather and a wagon train.

All meetings are open to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact dacgslc@gmail.com or visit <http://dagenealogy.blogspot.com>.

Veteran speaks to gun club

The American Gun Culture Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Pepe's Restaurant, 1405 W. Picacho Ave.

The speaker will be Jon Barrie, an Air Force veteran, statesman and homeopathic practitioner. Come earlier for dinner.

The club is pro U.S. Constitution, life, family and Christian.

For more information, contact Bev Courtney at 642-1003.

Work begin on U.S. 70

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) with Smith and Aguirre Construction Co. will continue 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 be working with law enforcement in providing oversight on the roadway as construction is taking place.

"The Department of Transportation will be working with Smith and Aguirre on monitoring the daily operations and traffic flow in order to ensure the safety of the traveling public," said Trent Doolittle, District 1 engineer.

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.



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Yeager sets records

Famed test pilot eschewed celebrity life for military service in Europe, Vietnam



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

The man who busted the sound barrier was West Virginia bred, in a town “just about as far from worldwide acclaim as anyplace that’s barely a dot on the map,” the website chuckyeager.com said.

On Feb. 13, 1923, Albert Hal and Susie Mae Yeager’s “second son,” Chuck, was born in Myra, “just a few miles up the Mud River from Hamlin.”

The website said “when he wasn’t climbing trees or exploring in the woods, he

could often be found by Grandpa Yeager’s side watching, listening, and learning how to become a skillful hunter and fisherman.”

He was 24 in 1947, an Air Force captain nursing broken ribs, when he broke Mach 1 in an X-1. Others had tried, and died. He’d been 18 when he “enlisted in the Army Air Corps.” Subsequently, while “serving as crew chief on an AT-11 ... he was selected for pilot training under the flying sergeant program in July 1942.”

The initial “queasiness” he experienced “the first

couple of times he went up” didn’t deter him, and at 20 he earned his wings.

During World War II, Yeager, flying a P-51B, downed a German “Me 109 before being shot down on his eighth combat mission.” The French underground helped him “evade capture,” chuckyeager.com documented. He then appealed, “all the way up the chain to Supreme Allied Commander Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower,” to be allowed to return to flight status. Before long he was back in the cockpit, this time in a P-51C and -D.

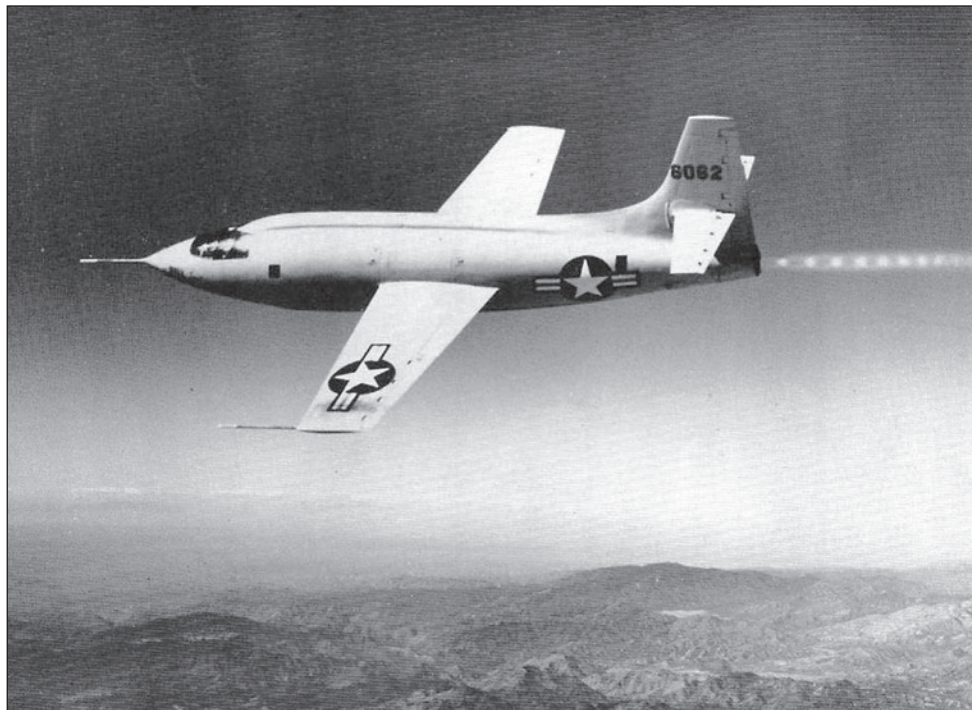
“He combined (20/10) vision with cunning, concentration, relentless ferocity and superb piloting skills to rack up a final total of 12.5 aerial victories” over “64 combat missions,” chuckyeager.com said.

Postwar, Yeager was assigned to Wright Field, Ohio. “Since it was his job to check out all aircraft coming out of maintenance, he got to fly almost every fighter on the flight line. He demonstrated such exceptional skill that he was selected to fly in air shows, and, in September 1945, he made his first trip to Muroc Army Air Field (now Edwards Air Force Base) where he flew accelerated service trials on the new P-80A Shooting Star, America’s first operational jet fighter.”

Before he broke Mach 1, Yeager made “three glide flights in the Bell XS-1 rocket research plane.” On the “first powered flight” (Aug. 29, 1947), the website said he achieved .85 Mach, “encounter(ing) severe buffeting and sudden nose-up and -down trim changes during his next six flights.”

On Oct. 10, a shock wave caused him to lose “pitch control altogether. ... He reached Mach 0.997 but without pitch control it would have been foolhardy to proceed.”

One night, after dinner at the local bar, Pancho Barnes’



New Mexico Museum of Space History Archive photos
Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier in an X-1 in October 1947 over Muroc Army Air Field (now Edwards Air Force Base).

Happy Bottom Riding Club, Yeager and his wife, Glennis, went horseback riding. His mount threw him and he broke two ribs. Fearing he’d be grounded, he saw an off-base doctor, who taped him up; the only other person in whom he confided was his friend, X-1 program flight engineer Jack Ridley. Because the injury would keep Yeager from leaning over to latch his cockpit door, Ridley, using a broomstick handle, devised a way for Yeager to secure the latch.

On Oct. 14, carried to 30,000 feet altitude by a B-29, Yeager slid into the X-1, performed the latching maneuver, and was dropped through the bomb bay doors. The website said he “fired all four chambers of his engine in rapid sequence and bolted away from the launch aircraft. ... Accelerating upward, he shut down two chambers and tested the moveable tail as his Machmeter registered numbers of 0.83, .88 and 0.92. Moved in small increments, it provided effective control.” At 0.92 “he leveled out at 42,000 feet and relit a third chamber of his engine.” At 43,000 feet, the X-1 “needle on his Machmeter jumped off the scale.”

His final speed was 700 mph, or Mach 1.06.

“There should’ve been a bump on the road, something to let you know you had just punched a nice clean hole through that sonic barrier,” Yeager wrote in “Yeager” (Bantam/1985). “We were flying supersonic! And it was as smooth as a baby’s bottom: Grandma could be sitting up there sipping lemonade.”

The ground crew tracking the Glamorous Glennis, which he named for his wife – actually, every fighter he flew in World War II was so named – heard “what sounded like a distant rumble of thunder: my sonic boom! The first one by an airplane ever heard on earth,” Yeager said.

“When Yeager’s achievement was finally declassified in June of 1948, he was quickly accorded celebrity status as ‘The Fastest Man Alive,’” the website said. He went on to fly the X-1 more than 40 times, achieving Mach 2.5.

Unfortunately, Yeager “couldn’t even apply for the astronaut program because it required a university degree in science or engineering,” Buzz Aldrin wrote in “Men

From Earth” (Bantam/1989). He had only a high school diploma.

After the chimpanzee HAM flew aboard the Mercury capsule in 1961, Aldrin said Yeager quipped that before Alan Shepard could make his flight, the astronaut “would have to ‘brush monkey (expletive deleted)’ off his seat before climbing aboard.”

In 1975, Yeager left the Air Force as brigadier general. On his 89th birthday, Texas journalist Bob Crowley summed up Yeager’s service (quoted on chuckyeager.com): “He could have retired to the private sector in the 1950s, but didn’t. Instead he was sent to Europe, and assigned to a squadron that would have made a one-way flight with nuclear bombs if war had broken out. Again, in the 1960s, when he could have retired and spent his time doing endorsements, serving on corporate boards and having a comfortable life, he didn’t. He went to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam war to lead a group of attack-bombers. He flew more than 100 missions personally. Instead of choosing wealth and comfort, he chose to serve his country.”

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Yeager sits in the Glamorous Glennis X-1 cockpit.



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Postal

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“Our financial condition is urgent,” Donahoe said.

While regular mail volume has plummeted, the Postal Service has seen its package delivery increase by 14 percent since 2010, officials say. Email has decreased the mailing of paper letters, but online purchases have increased package shipping, forcing the Postal Service to adjust to customers’ new habits, the AP reported.

“Things change,” Donahoe said.

An independent agency, the Postal Service gets no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but is subject to congressional control, including approval of rate increases.

Some criticize Congress for causing the Postal Service’s budget crisis with a 2006 law that forces it to pay about \$5.5 billion a year into future retiree health benefits, something no other agency does, according to the AP. About \$11 billion of the budget loss is a result of having to fund all future retiree benefits. Also, Congress

has kept the Postal Service from discontinuing Saturday service in the past, as well as keeping it from closing some post offices in small towns.

The proposed change is based on what appears to be a legal loophole, the AP reported. Congress has long included a ban on five-day-only delivery in its spending bills, but because

the federal government is now operating under a temporary spending measure rather than an appropriations bill, Donahoe said it’s the agency’s interpretation that it can make the change itself.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Wednesday that he understood the Postal Service’s position.

“They’re in charge with running the post office, but yet the Congress, in its wisdom, has tied their hands every which way in order for them to actually run the post office in a revenue neutral way,” Boehner said.

President Barack Obama’s spokesman, Jay Carney, said the White House learned only Tuesday about the agency’s decision to cut Saturday service. He said the White House is still evaluating the decision, but would have preferred its own comprehensive overhaul package that failed to pass Congress last year.

The president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, Fredric Rolando, said the cutback is “a disastrous idea that would have a profoundly negative effect on the Postal Service and on millions of customers.”

The Postal Service is in the midst of a major restructuring throughout its retail, delivery and mail processing operations. Since 2006, it has cut annual costs by about \$15 billion, reduced the size of its career workforce by 193,000, or 28 percent, and has consolidated more than 200 mail processing locations, the AP reported.

“Our financial condition is urgent.”

PATRICK DONAHOE,
U.S. Postmaster

BLM sets advisory meet Board to discuss wild horses, burros

The Bureau of Land Management’s National Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board will meet in March in Oklahoma City to discuss issues relating to the management, protection, and control of wild horses and burros on Western public rangelands.

The day-and-a-half meeting will take place on Monday, March 4, and Tuesday, March 5.

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel, 1 North Broadway Ave. The hotel phone number for reservations is 405-235-2780. The agenda of the meeting can be found in the Feb. 5 Federal Register.

The Advisory Board provides input and advice to BLM as it carries out its responsibilities under the 1971 Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act.

The law mandates the protection, management and control of these free-roaming animals in a manner that ensures healthy herds at levels consistent with the land’s capacity to support them.

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High School.

Gregory and Daines reported a good working relationship with the schools already included preparations for responding to what’s referred to as “critical incidents” – situations range from a school shooting to a natural disaster.

The schools and police regularly plan for and run drills to practice responding to these kinds of incidents, which often includes working with other agencies, such as fire department and ambulance services.

Daines said the exercises and planning not only practice handling the immediate incident, but management of the scene when there are multiple agencies, establishing chains of command and how to conclude the incident. Considerations include limiting access to the scene in which parents may be rushing to find their children and getting the word out to area media.

“If we work together, we can resolve these critical incidents successfully,” she said.

As a safety resource officer, Daines said she annually assesses risk at individual school sites. In light of recent incidents, she said she could see the need for more training in dealing with people’s mental health problems.

Since Sandy Hook, Daines said more students are now coming up to the school officers with concerns and tips.

Las Cruces Superintendent Stan Rounds said with 39 school sites, there are challenges.

“As we begin this discussion, I want to emphasize that despite these horrific events, schools are still the safest place for children to be,” Rounds said.

Rounds said the good cooperation between the city and schools can’t guarantee that some horrible event won’t happen, but the more heightened awareness may bring

to light safety issues the schools and police aren’t aware of.

At Sandy Hook, the gunman got around locked doors to the school by shooting out a window in the main entrance. Not all schools have the same access control and procedures for identifying visitors, Gregory said, which are areas now being looked at to provide greater consistency.

“We’re always looking at how do we build this better,” Rounds said.

School board member Maria Flores said a middle school student told her there are new procedures following the Sandy Hook massacre.

Gregory said the district also is looking at new technology to get timely information to students, staff and family.

Councillor Greg Smith said the schools and police need to continue taking proactive steps.

Speaking at the meeting, John Hamilton said he was recently waiting for his son at a local school when he noticed a military recruiting poster that featured a sniper. He said the recruitment poster was poor choice for any school and reflected a change in military recruitment, in which Uncle Sam saying, “I want you” has become, “Here’s a neat gun.”

Hamilton talked about how in the past there public had a better understanding of the difference between weapons for the military and police and firearms for hunting and protection.

“We understood the difference between hunting men and rabbits,” he said.

Bonnie Burn, a resident who regularly volunteers at local schools, said volunteers like her should also have training for reacting to an incident.

“I don’t work at the polls without some training,” she said. “I shouldn’t be able to volunteer at the schools without some training.”

Ron Camuñez said the schools and police try hard to anticipate incidents, such as holding a dirty bomb exercise at Mayfield High School a few years ago.

Legislature 2013

House committee stalls marriage amendment

Vote to table falls along party lines

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

The House committee that last week recommended a proposed state constitutional amendment to make same-sex marriage a right in New Mexico voted Tuesday, Feb. 5, to effectively kill legislation coming from the opposite direction.

House Joint Resolution 4, sponsored by Rep. Nora Espinoza, R-Roswell, would have allowed voters in the 2014 general election to decide on a proposed constitutional amendment that would define marriage as a union of a man and a woman.

After a lengthy discussion, the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee voted 3-to-2 to table the measure. The vote was along party lines, with Democrats opposing and Republicans in favor.

New Mexico currently doesn't allow same-sex marriage.

Sen. Bill Sharer, R-Farmington, said he believes the amendment is necessary to guard against "activist judges" who might go "beyond the will of the people and the Legislature."

But there's a chance that the U.S. Supreme Court this year could find laws against same-sex marriage unconstitutional. The high court has agreed to consider a legal challenge to California's ban on

gay marriage.

Last week, the committee gave a do-pass recommendation to HJM 3, sponsored by Rep. Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe. That measure would allow 2014 voters to decide whether to adopt a constitutional amendment that would legalize same-sex marriage in the state. The vote was 3-2 in favor, with all Democrats backing it and all Republicans opposed.

That amendment still has a long way to go before it makes it to the ballot. It still has to make it through the Voters and Elections Committee as well as the Judiciary Committee before it gets to the House floor. If it wins in the House, it would have to go to the Senate and its committee process. Because it is a proposed constitutional amendment, it wouldn't have to be signed by the governor.

During Tuesday's hearing, religious leaders argued both sides of Espinoza's measure.

The Rev. Terry Brennan, a Catholic priest, said marriage needs a man and a woman just like water needs hydrogen and oxygen. "They need each other to create life," he said.

On the other side was Rev. Paul Davenport, a retired Presbyterian minister from Albuquerque, who said all couples who love each other should have the same opportunity to get married. "It's just so basic it's almost embarrassing to say it," he said.

Lobbyists report spending

Ski passes, teddy bears given to lawmakers

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

After a grueling legislative session, New Mexico lawmakers will be able to hit the slopes, courtesy of a trade group.

Ski New Mexico, the association of ski-area owners, annually makes this gift to legislators. The passes are good for a limited visit to ski areas around the state.

The ski passes have a total value of \$27,750, according to a lobbyist expense report filed by George Brooks, president of Ski New Mexico. He said the gift is meant to "get legislators acquainted" with the state's ski industry.

Lobbyist expense reports document gifts, food and beverages that various industries and organizations lavish upon legislators during the session.

The individual ski passes are valued at \$250 per legislator, the limit under the Gift Act, which regulates presents bestowed upon lawmakers.

The report indicates the passes went to 111 of the 112 legislators. It's not clear which lawmaker didn't receive a pass or why he or she was excluded.

When asked what he planned to do with his ski pass, freshman Sen. Jacob Candelaria, D-Albuquerque, said, "Honestly, I have no idea. I don't ski. I haven't even thought about it. I do appreciate the gesture." He then said jokingly, "There are no ski slopes in my district."

Candelaria, pointing to a box of mint tea someone left on his work area in the Senate Chambers, said the gifts he's received so far seem to be aimed at helping lawmakers appreciate "experiences of our state."

Another new senator, Mark Moores, R-Albuquerque, didn't hesitate when asked what he planned to do with his pass.

"I plan to help New Mexico's economy by going skiing, taking my family and enjoying the great outdoors," he said.

While the Legislature is in session, lobbyists are required by law to report expenditures larger than \$500 within 48 hours of the spending. The ski passes weren't the only gifts

that showed up in lobbyist reports in the last week.

Ann Conway, who lobbies for the Albuquerque Museum Foundation, gave foundation memberships to lawmakers, which allow free admission to the museum during the next year. The total cost was \$2,100.

Legislators and staff received teddy bears from David Roddy, a lobbyist for the New Mexico Primary Care Association, to celebrate Primary Care Day Thursday, Jan. 31. The 250 stuffed toys cost \$1,316.

Most of the most recent expense reports document parties, dinners and receptions given for legislators.

The most expensive event to show up in the reports in recent days is The University of New Mexico's Alumni Association Legislative Appreciation Reception at the La Fonda Hotel. The reported cost was \$12,041. The event was not just for legislators. Other government officials, including the governor and lieutenant governor, were invited, as were a large number of university and Alumni Association officials.

Other events in lobbyist reports include:

- A \$10,227 dinner for legislators at Restaurant Martin, reported by John Christopher, a lobbyist for Comcast.
- A \$7,687 "Legislative Mixer" at La Posada de Santa Fe Resort & Spa, reported by Thom Turbett, a lobbyist for Independent Insurance Agents of New Mexico. Legislators and members of the insurance industry attended.
- Michael D'Antonio, a lobbyist for Public Service Company of New Mexico, reported spending \$1,684 for a reception at the Eldorado Hotel.
- The National Education Association spent \$3,474.72 for a reception for legislators and NEA-NM members, which was held at the NEA Building on Botolph Road.
- The New Mexico State University Alumni Association spent \$2,966.39 on an event at the New Mexico National Guard Bataan Memorial Museum for legislators, staff and NMSU alumni.

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Legislature 2013

Senate kills statewide texting ban

Judiciary committee tables bill to ban texting en route

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

A message to drivers who like to read and send text messages on the road:

Apparently, it's going to remain legal to send texts, emails, Facebook posts and Instagram photos from your cell phone while driving in New Mexico for at least another year.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 6, voted to table – effectively killing – Senate Bill 17, sponsored by Sen. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe.

There is a similar bill moving through the House, sponsored by Rep. Jim Smith, R-Sandia Park. But even if Smith's House Bill 43 makes it through the House, there's no indication that the Senate Judiciary Committee would treat it any differently than Wirth's legislation.

The committee's action angered a Chama woman whose father-in-law was killed last year in an accident caused by a teenage girl who was texting at the wheel.

"Wow! I can't believe that," said Johanna Terrazas when told by a reporter of the bill's fate. "Maybe I should email (senators who voted against the bill) a couple of photos of my father-in-law's vehicle."

Terrazas said her father-in-law, Alberto Terrazas, a rancher from Hatch, was killed in April after his truck was hit from behind by the teenager, who reportedly told the family she didn't see the truck until she "looked up." Her car knocked the truck into oncoming traffic, where it was hit head-on by an oncoming vehicle.

Wirth's bill debated Wednesday was a substitute bill that, unlike the original version, had no possibility of jail time. It would have made texting while driving a traffic misdemeanor with a \$25 fine for the first offense and \$50 for subsequent offenses.

Lobbyists from telephone companies AT&T and Verizon testified that they supported SB 17. A lobbyist for the New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association opposed it.

Wirth argued that safety experts say texting and driving is twice as likely to cause an accident as drinking and driving.

But opponents – an unusual bipartisan alliance – argued that the state law against careless driving applies to those distracted by texting.

Wirth countered that police can only charge someone with careless driving if an officer witnesses dangerous driving or if the driver gets into an accident. He said his bill would give officers the right to ticket anyone they see texting while driving.

But that bothered some opponents. "I have a problem as a Republican giving police another reason to stop us," said Sen. Lisa Torraco, R-Albuquerque.

Senate Republican Whip Bill Payne, R-Albuquerque, agreed, adding that it would give police the right to look at drivers' text messages on their cell phones. Payne, a lawyer, noted that he gets texts from clients that are considered privileged.

Senate Democratic Leader Michael Sanchez, a lawyer from Belen, agreed. "I have a problem letting police officers see what I'm texting."

But Sen. John Ryan, R-Albuquerque, said he's "gone full circle" on the driving-while-texting bill. He said he used to be-

lieve that texting was just one of many distractions to drivers that could be dangerous. But he said he's come to think there's something about texting on a cell phone that requires more focus than other activities.

"When my daughter turned 16 and was going to get her driver's license," Sen. Cisco McSorley, D-Albuquerque, said, "I told her 'You can't text and drive. It's dangerous.' She said, 'If it's so dangerous, why haven't you made it against the law?' What could I tell her? That I'm an idiot?"

Voting in favor of the bill were Sens. Wirth, Ryan, Richard Martinez, D-Espanola, McSorley and Joe Cervantes, D-Las Cruces. Voting to table the bill were Sens. Sanchez, Payne, Torraco, Linda Lopez, D-Albuquerque, and Ron Griggs,

R-Alamogordo. Because the vote was a tie, it did not pass out of the committee.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures' website, 39 states and the District of Columbia prohibit all drivers from texting while driving. New Mexico is one of only six states that have no restrictions on texting while driving.

Both chambers of the Legislature have passed texting-and-driving bans in the past. In 2011, such a bill, sponsored by former Rep. Antonio Lujan, D-Las Cruces, passed the House on a 58-7 vote. But that bill died in the Senate.

In 2009, both chambers passed such a bill, but neither made it through the other chamber, so it didn't become law.

In the Senate in 2009, all but two of the 15 votes against the bill were from Republicans. But the two Democrats who voted against it were the top leaders of the Senate – Sanchez and then President Pro Tem Tim Jennings of Roswell.

“ I have a problem letting police officers see what I'm texting. ”

MICHAEL SANCHEZ,
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Bill aims to curb water deceit

Filing false septic reports could become criminal

By **Staci Matlock**
The New Mexican

Intentionally filing false information on water monitoring or septic systems with the New Mexico Environment Department would become a felony offense under a bill that cleared the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee Monday, Feb. 4.

A few too many such cases of deceit and false information led the committee chair, Rep. Brian Egolf, D-Santa Fe, to sponsor HB 189, which is supported by Gov. Susana Martinez. The committee passed an amended version of the bill, which would only apply to public water systems and liquid waste permit holders.

In a recent septic system case, a contractor used white correction fluid to hide more than a dozen "denied" stamps on a permit and changed it to read accepted before handing a copy to the unsuspecting new homeowner, said Ryan Flynn, general counsel for the state Environment Department. Only when the new septic system started leaking did the homeowner realize something was wrong.

In another case, someone responsible for managing a community water system used chlorine to kill bacteria in a water sample before it was submitted for analysis. In another, bottled water was substituted for a legitimate sample from a public water system, Flynn said.

Public water systems serve more than one household or several people, but can be publicly or privately owned, such as systems used by a restaurant, an RV park or a mutual domestic water system. There are hundreds of such systems in New Mexico, most of them served by wells. State law requires periodic testing to ensure the water meets state standards.

False reporting could make someone sick, Flynn said. High nitrate levels, for example, can happen when a septic system leaks into a drinking water well. Left untreated, it can cause blue baby syndrome, affecting the oxygen-carrying ability of blood in infants. It can cause vomiting, diarrhea, a blue tinge to a baby's skin, lethargy and unconsciousness.

Under the proposal, anyone who knowingly files false information or lets someone else file it, can face a fourth-degree felony worth up to 18 months in prison. People who violate the proposed law multiple times are guilty of a third-degree felony punishable of up to three years. If the false statements or tampering cause someone to get seriously ill or die, the scofflaw can be found guilty of a second-degree felony and incarcerated for up to nine years.

Lawmaker wants to lure TV to state

Series provide stable work

By **Steve Terrell**
The New Mexican

Call it the "Breaking Bad Bill."

In a bill meant to spur more production of television series in New Mexico, Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas, D-Albuquerque is proposing bigger film-incentive rebates for television series.

"TV series are good for job creation and sustained economic growth," Maestas said. "TV series that are successful stay around for several years. Movies come and go."

Longer series mean more job security for New Mexico crews, Maestas said. The legislator said his House Bill 379 is meant to attract more series like AMC's critically acclaimed "Breaking Bad" and USA Network's "In Plain Sight." Both series, shot primarily in Albuquerque, have lasted five seasons.

HB 379 also would allow the state to carry forward unused film tax credit production funds from previous years, if the state spent less than the current \$50 million annual cap. For example, if the state spent only \$40 million on the rebates one year, the next year the cap would go up to \$60 million.

The bill appears to have legs. One good sign for it was that it only received one committee assignment in the House, to the House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Gov. Susana Martinez, who hasn't been one of the biggest backers of the film incentive program in the past, supports at least part of the bill.

"The governor fully supports carrying over unused film incentives from one year to the next," Martinez's spokesman, Enrique Knell, said. "It allows us to maximize use of the fund while providing budget certainty."

But, Martinez hasn't committed to support the other part of the legislation. "We haven't seen the bill yet, and haven't reviewed the proposal to increase the rebate level to 30 percent," Knell said. "That's something we will have to look at."

Martinez in 2011 spent much of her first legislative session criticizing the film incentive program. She frequently made statements such as, "I'm not willing to give Hollywood a 25

percent subsidy on the backs of our kids." However, since the Legislature agreed to the cap on the program that year, she has warmed up more to the film industry.

The final eight episodes of "Breaking Bad," the story of an Albuquerque high-school science teacher turned methamphetamine producer, will be aired later this year.

Another series, being shot in Las Vegas, N.M., is the A&E network's "Longmire," a crime drama that is in its second season.

Jon Hendry, business agent for the local film technician's union, said there are currently four series – all for network television – that are shooting or plan to begin production in the state.

He said HB 379 would help keep those productions in New Mexico if the shows get picked up by networks.

The state of California, Hendry said, has a "Come Back to California" program that provides a 5 percent rebate to lure back producers of television series that shoot pilots in other states.

"That's what happened with Vegas," Hendry said, referring to a CBS show that filmed its pilot in Las Vegas, N.M., and other locales in the state, but ended up moving production to Los Angeles for subsequent episodes.

Maestas' bill would "nullify" the California incentive, Hendry said. Plus, he said, it would put New Mexico on a par with Louisiana and other states that offer a 30 percent rebate.

Under current law, the state's film incentive program offers a 25 percent rebate to film companies for most in-state expenditures. However, since 2011, the rebates can be paid out over just three years. That year the state imposed a \$50 million cap per year on rebate payouts.

Maestas' bill would increase the rebate to 30 percent for a television series that shot at least six episodes in a single season in the state or spent at least \$500,000 on constructing sets.

The bill previously had been scheduled for a tax committee hearing in the House. However, Maestas said he is in process of tweaking the legislation.

"We want something that can pass and that will be signed," he said. "This will send a strong message to the film industry that we are committed to the (incentive) program," he said.

Foreclosure reform supported

Homeowners facing foreclosure and members of Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé) gather Saturday, Feb. 4, in the lobby of First Christian Church to sign a letter of support for Senate Bill 1, which consists of foreclosure reforms that include requiring banks to work with homeowners on delinquent payments before filing foreclosure proceedings.

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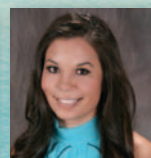
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Dave Kellerman, of St. Clair Winery and Bistro, pours a sample glass of Zinfandel.

Valentine's

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With more than 10,000 varieties of wine grapes in cultivation, each with their own unique characteristics, glossaries of terms numbering the hundreds (viticulture, varietals and vintners – oh my!) and shelves stocked with tens of thousands of wines from all around the world, a first foray into fine wine can be intimidating, but armed with a little knowledge, not to mention a healthy helping of humility, it's a task easily accomplished by anyone. By learning a few simple rules, you'll be selecting a great bottle of wine for your Valentine in no time.

A few things to consider when vetting a vino are who will be drinking the wine (and their

particular tastes), what the wine will be served with (dinner, dessert or by itself), the occasion the wine will be imbibed (formal or casual) and how soon it will be served (right away or days from now). Once you've answered these early queries, it's time to dive in.

When choosing wine for the first time, there are two basic questions to consider: red or white, and sweet or dry.

Traditionally, when pairing a wine with food, red wines go with red meats, while whites pair well with – you guessed it – whites.

Sweet and dry are, technically, defined by the relative amounts of residual sugars left in a wine after the fermentation process, but this distinction gets complicated by other factors, including oaking, acidity, tannins and alcohol content, which change the perception of what

is a sweet and what is dry.

A good place to start is to decide what you'll be serving the wine with, and go from there.

"Typically, you'll want to pair heavier food with heavier wines," said Jeremiah Cabrales, a manager at St. Clair Winery & Bistro, "and lighter wines with dishes that are lighter, a bit less rich or flavorful."

This fast, easy rule – to pair heavy foods with heavy wines, and light foods with light wines – is never a bad place to begin. Most people prefer fuller-bodied red wines, such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Bordeaux or Zinfandel, with heartier foods, such as steaks or burgers, and lighter, more delicate fare with lighter wines including Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc.

Another thing to consider is the interaction between the flavors of wine and food. Some wines complement certain dishes perfectly, while others may contradict them outright. The mouth is able to differentiate between only four basic tastes – salty, bitter, sweet and sour – while the nose can detect more than 200 distinct aromas, and a vast array of nuances and subtleties are experienced through this interplay of the senses. A salty dish, for example, may be enhanced by a pairing with a sweeter wine, highlighting the flavors and aromas of both, while the rich, sweet flavors of a dessert can overwhelm, mellowing the flavor

of the wine.

Still lost? Cabrales recommends stopping into one of the numerous local wineries and tasting rooms to talk to a professional and, perhaps more importantly, take a tour of what they have to offer. Many local wine sellers offer wine flights, where patrons can sit down and taste a number of different wines for a just a few bucks. While sampling, don't hesitate to chat up your server: odds are, they got into the business because they love wine, and they'll know which direction to point you.

Now that you've learned the quick and easy "rules" for selecting a wine, take that information, commit it to memory – and completely disregard it. You've got to learn the rules before you can break them, after all.

"Now that wine has opened up to everyone, there really aren't any rules anymore," said Nicki O'Dell, owner of Vintage Wines in Mesilla.

"The only real 'rule' is this: Drink what you like, and ignore all the rest."

Want to pair a red with your chicken stir-fry? Do it. A white wine with a big, juicy burger? No one's stopping you.

Granted, there are hints and suggestions, even "classic" and "proper" pairings, but the selection of a wine ultimately comes down to what pleases your palate – not to mention impresses your Valentine.

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Catholics prep for immigration debate

Retired Las Cruces Catholic Bishop Ricardo Ramirez speaks at a conference of regional clergy Friday, Feb. 1, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to talk about how Christian values could shape the national immigration debate. Ramirez said one of the guiding principles should be reuniting families separated by harsh immigration policies. "We understand sovereignty, but we need the laws to be fair," he said.

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Leasburg Dam State Park offers free talking hikes

Ranger to lead excursions and talks on varied topics

This winter and spring, from February through April, New Mexico State Park Ranger Alex Mares will be giving a series of talks and hikes at Leasburg Dam State Park in Radium Springs.

Starting at 10 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday, the program offers either a two-mile, two-hour hike or a 45-minute talk.

There will be a different emphasis of the hikes and talks every weekend.

The hikes and talks are free, with paid admission to the park of \$5 per vehicle.

On Saturday Feb. 9, Mares will take a hike to see and feel the geothermal springs and clear pools filled with several varieties of fish – maybe even catch a glimpse of a spiny soft shelled turtle.

Visitors may meet Mares at the park's visitor center at 10 a.m.

On Sunday, Feb. 10, Mares will give a talk on the birds that live or migrate through Leasburg Dam State Park. Replica examples of various sized and colored bird eggs will be on display at the park amphitheater.

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Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrest of the man who committed a robbery at an East Mesa convenience store.

Shortly before 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, Las Cruces police were dispatched to the Chucky's Food Mart at 5995 Bataan Memorial West in response to a robbery. Officers determined that a Hispanic man entered the store, asked for change and then overpowered the clerk after the cash drawer was opened.

The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and left the store heading northbound in a four-door sedan. No serious injuries were reported.

The suspect is described



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as Hispanic, around 5 feet 7 inches tall and bald. He was wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans. The suspect was said to have entered a small, white, four-door automobile with a spoiler along the rear trunk.

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

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Football schedule set for '13

New Mexico State plays as independent

The New Mexico State Athletics Department announced Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Aggies' 2013 football schedule.

NMSU will face four teams from BCS conferences in 2013, including two of them at home. The Aggies will be one of six schools to play an independent football schedule in 2013.

The home schedule includes several high points:

- Seven home games
- NMSU will host two schools from a BCS conference, the first time in program history
- For the first time, a Big 10 opponent will play in Aggie Memorial Stadium (Minnesota)
- For the first time, an ACC team will play in Aggie Memorial Stadium (Boston College)

"We are obviously thrilled to bring such quality programs to Las Cruces," said McKinley Boston, NMSU director of athletics. "We wanted to take advantage of the flexibility of being an independent and treat our fans to schools and conferences that have never been to the Mesilla Valley. We think these teams will really resonate with our sports-savvy fan base."

NMSU will open the season with a trip to Austin, Texas, to face the University of Texas on Aug. 31. This will be the fifth meeting between the two schools, as the Longhorns hold a 4-0 series lead. The Aggies then come home for two games, against Minnesota Sept. 7 and UTEP on Sept. 14. The Aggies played the Gophers in 2011, beating Minnesota for their first win over a Big Ten team. NM State will then take on the Miners for the 91st time.

The Aggies then travel to Los Angeles, Calif., to clash with the UCLA Bruins for the first time on Sept. 21.

The Aggies' third home game of the season will be against San Diego State on Sept. 28, as the Aggies face the Aztecs for the 11th time in school history. San Diego State holds an 8-1-1 record over the Aggies. A trip to face I-25 rival New Mexico on Oct. 5 makes the third away game of the season. The Aggies and Lobos will square off for the 105th time in program history.

NMSU will then host Rice University on Oct. 19 and Abilene Christian on Oct. 26. This will be the first meeting for the Aggies between these two schools.

The Aggies will then travel to Lafayette, La., on Nov. 2 to face the Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns.

NMSU's final BCS opponent of the 2013 season visits Las Cruces on Nov. 9 as Boston College will take on the Aggies.

The Aggies' final road trip of the season will be to Boca Raton, Fla., on Nov. 23 to face Florida Atlantic. NMSU will then wrap up the 2013 regular season by hosting Idaho on Nov. 30.

Aggies host Lou Henson Classic

NMSU takes on Seattle Redhawks at Pan Am Center

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Aggie basketball team hosts the Seattle Redhawks at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, in the annual Lou Henson Classic.

Coach Marvin Menzies said the Aggies are entering a crucial stretch in their schedule.

"It's the grind of the conference schedule right now. In conference, every game gets weighted a little heavier," he said.

"To have the chance to still win you need La Tech to slip up and then you have to be perfect. That in itself is a dynamic that creates a little pressure."

As of Wednesday, Feb. 6, the Redhawks were 7-14 overall and 2-9 in the Western Athletic Conference after defeating San Jose State, 56-48, Thursday, Jan. 31, and falling to Utah State, 68-46, Saturday, Feb. 2. Both of those games were in Seattle. The Redhawks played at Denver, Thursday, Feb. 7, before meeting the Aggies. Seattle has two players in double figures with redshirt junior forward Clarence Trent supplying 11.1 points per game. Redshirt freshman forward Deshaun Sandershaus adds 10.1 points per game.

NMSU has a 2-1 lead in the all-time series following an 83-82 win in double overtime in Seattle, Jan. 10.

The Aggies hosted Idaho Feb. 7, after winning conference games on the road last week, an 86-72 win at Texas State Jan. 31 and a 75-62 win at UT-San Antonio Feb. 2.

During those games, Bandja Sy earned his first career WAC Player of the Week award by averaging 20.5 points a game and 10 rebounds.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, the Aggies will play at San Jose State in San Jose, Calif.



New Mexico State University photo
Bandja Sy received his first career Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week Award Monday, Feb. 4.

Deep rotation highlights NMSU softball Hotel Encanto tournament begins Friday

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University softball coach Kathy Rodolph doesn't have to wait long to find out what her team is made of this season.

The Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces Tournament leads off the 2013 softball season beginning at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the NMSU Softball Complex as the Nebraska Cornhuskers and the Illinois-Chicago Flames square off. A second game at 3 p.m. matches the Aggies against the Cornhuskers and at 5:30 p.m. NMSU hosts Illinois-Chicago.

"Nebraska is going to come out with some legitimate speed," Rodolph said. "With a relatively new infield, I am looking for us to be able to play solid defense behind our pitchers. I am looking for our pitchers to be able to keep the run production down and I am looking for us offensively to get in a rhythm."

"Illinois-Chicago is always a tough mid-major team. I think we have been on the dirt a little bit more than they have so we are going

to try to utilize the opportunities that we have had in practice to create havoc in that game."

Saturday's schedule sees Illinois-Chicago and Nebraska battle at 12:30 p.m., before Aggies and the Flames meet at 3 p.m.

The final day of the tournament includes a third Illinois-Chicago versus Cornhuskers contest before the University of New Mexico Lobos play Nebraska at noon and NMSU at 2 p.m.

"We have UNM coming in on Sunday – we had a couple of teams drop out of the first tournament from California due to financial reasons – so UNM has agreed to come in on Sunday and play us and Nebraska," Rodolph said.

"Nothing like an in-state rival right off on the first weekend."

Rodolph said the Aggies will vie for the Western Athletic Conference behind a strong starting rotation this season.

"Our pitching is definitely the No. 1 strength of our team this year. We have Alex (Newman)

See **Softball** on page A21



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley
New Mexico State University softball coach Kathy Rodolph talks about the Aggies' upcoming season Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Trojans prevail at the Mayfield-Oñate game

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Mayfield High School's Daniel Muñoz puts up a shot over Oñate High School's Isaac Rivera Tuesday, Feb. 5, as the Trojans took on the Knights at the Mayfield High School gym. The final score was 53-52 in favor of the Trojans.



Mayfield's Josh Luevano pushes past Oñate High School's Isaiah Blanco.



Oñate's Daemund McCants puts up a shot as teammate Isacc Merry watches.

Dominic Carrasco shoots over the Oñate defense.

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NMSU baseball will rely on pitching

Aggie squad hosts alumni at Askew Field

The New Mexico State University baseball team, defending co-Western Athletic Conference champions, will once again look to its pitching staff to be the foundation of its 2013 team.

Coach Rocky Ward is excited about returning all four main starters from last season's staff that led the WAC with 35 wins and had the lowest earned run average (ERA) in Ward's career at NMSU.

"We feel that when we put our starting rotation out there, every one of them is going to have a chance to win," Ward said.

The four-man starting rotation, however, will have to go through a little bit of a change. The graduation of last season's closer and first-team All-WAC player Scott Coffman has left a gaping hole in the Aggies' pitching staff. Coffman's eight saves last season not only led the team, they also made him NMSU's all-time leader in total saves. Ward decided to fill the hole left by Coffman by moving one of his best starting pitchers over the last couple of years to the closer position.

Senior Ryan Beck will assume the closer position. Last year, Beck, who was the Aggies' opening day starter, led the team with 16 starts, a 4.24 ERA, over 97 innings pitched and 97 strikeouts on the season. It is the second consecutive season that Beck has led the team in all four categories. His 97 strikeouts also led the WAC and placed him 47th in the nation.

With Beck in the bullpen, the majority of the starting pitching load will be left to last

season's three other starters, senior Adam Mott, senior Michael Ormseth and graduate student Casey Collins.

Mott, who, like Coffman, was also a first-team All-WAC selection a year ago, will probably be NMSU's opening day starter. Mott led the team in 2012 with a .276 opponent's batting average. He finished the season with a 6-3 record, a 4.80 ERA and 78 strikeouts. The wins, ERA and strikeouts were all good for second-best on the Aggie squad.

Ormseth, a Las Cruces native and former Mayfield Trojan, returned to Las Cruces after two years at Luna Community College in Las Vegas, N.M., and made an immediate impact on the team. Ormseth won his first seven decisions at NMSU and finished the season with an 8-2 record in 13 starts. His eight wins were tops on the Aggie team and placed him in a tie for second among all WAC pitchers. Ormseth finished the season with a 5.33 ERA and 62 strikeouts.

Collins, a graduate student who still has a year of eligibility because of a redshirt, finished 2012 with a 4-4 record in nine starts. He also finished with a 5.22 ERA, 27 strikeouts and only allowed two home runs all season, good for a tie for second-best among WAC pitchers.

With the starting rotation almost intact and Beck solidifying the closer position, the only questions that remain for the Aggie pitching staff is the middle relievers. NMSU lost many of what Ward calls the "bridge guys" from last

"I'm very optimistic on what our pitching staff can do."

ROCKY WARD,
NMSU baseball coach



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley
Rocky Ward speaks to the local press Tuesday, Feb. 5, at Pan American Center.

season's squad. Left are senior, and Adam's twin brother, Evan Mott, junior Timothy Torsney and sophomore Trey Higginbotham as the main middle relievers returning in 2013. Of course, one of the three may be moved up to be the No. 4 starter, which would put even more emphasis on the performances of the new incoming relievers.

"There are a few questions to be answered," Ward said, "but overall I'm very optimistic on what our pitching staff can do."

Aggie fans can get their first glimpse of New Mexico State's pitching staff and the rest of the Aggie squad at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, during the annual alumni game at Presley Askew Field.

Softball

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as a senior, Celisha (Walker) is a junior, Karysta Donisthorpe is a sophomore and Makayla McAdams is a freshman," Rodolph said.

"I will match up our four kids against anybody in the conference."

"I believe that some teams might have a more dominating No. 1, but I don't think they'll have the depth that we have in all four."

In the WAC preseason coach's poll released Wednesday, Feb. 5, league newcomer Texas State edged out San Jose State by one point to be the 2013 WAC regular-season favorite. The Bobcats took the top spot with 43 points and five first-place votes, just ahead of San Jose State in second place with 42 points and two first-place votes. NMSU was third with 39 points and one first-place vote, while UT-San Antonio came in fourth place with 30 points. Rounding out the poll were Louisiana Tech in fifth with 22 points, Utah State in sixth with 20 points and UT Arlington and Seattle U with 15 and 13 points, respectively.

NMSU had two players make the pre-season all conference team: senior outfielder Amber Olive and senior utility player Teresa Conrad.

"I absolutely feel like we will vie for a conference title," Rodolph said. "We will have four conference series at home and three on the road, so that kind of tips it to us a little bit."

"We will have to play Texas State on the road, and they are very tough at home."

The Aggies face another rival at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, as they host the University of Texas at El Paso.





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Onthegreen

Revelations from a short-game guru

Dave Pelz compares: You versus the pros



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

While trudging around the PGA Golf Show in Orlando a couple of weeks ago, I decided to take a break and listen in on a Dave Pelz seminar.

Just in case you're new to golf or don't tune in the Golf Channel, Pelz is the most visible short-game expert and coach in professional golf.

Unlike some big-name coaches who take a high profile, Pelz is highly respected in the business, and is far from flashy. He basically looks like a geek engineer, which is what he is – with scraggly beard and floppy hat, but without the pocket protector.

He has been doing research on chipping and putting for more than 30 years. The research started just after he left his job as a NASA engineer, where he was employed to do research on the upper atmospheres of the earth and other known planets. Now, as Phil Mickelson's personal short-game coach, he has access to the upper atmospheres of the PGA Tour. He is paid handsomely by his professional clients, as you might imagine.

What Pelz had to say at the golf show wasn't exactly revolutionary or earthshaking, but it did serve as a reminder of how dramatic the differences are between really good golfers (i.e. Tour pros) and the rest of us.

Pelz tracked a couple hundred golfers at a recent event that paired selected PGA Tour players with amateur golfers of various skill levels: scratch (0 handicap), 10 handicaps, 20 handicaps and 30 handicap individuals. Pelz now uses Shotlink, which is a laser and computer system used on tour to precisely measure distances and other data.

What I have presented to you is "Your game versus the pros," according to Dave Pelz.

Driving

The average drive hit by the pros was 282 yards, with two thirds of them finding the fairway. The average drive of a 30 handicap was 173 yards with only about 20 percent of them in the short grass. (Tour drives are an average of 10 yards longer since Pelz gathered his stats, but chops drives are not much different.)

As you might imagine, there was a huge difference in the percentage of greens-in-regulation, with the pros getting on two out of every three holes, and the 30 handicappers getting on in regulation practically never. Therefore, the average length of putt for a pro, once on the green, was only 19 feet. For the chops, 55 feet.

One of the most impressive things I noticed in Pelz' Powerpoint presentation was the shot pattern of the pros on the green. Their distance control was tight, they were hardly ever really long or way short. They had their caddies, they knew the yardage and they selected the right club and swing to get the ball mostly hole-high. The 20 and 30 handicaps, on the other hand, had a scatter of shots, more like a shotgun than a rifle.

The lesson here is: If you can't hit it long, better be accurate if you want to score.

Now, the real interesting discrepancies are found as we get into the short game.

Scrambling

According to Pelz, the pros got it up and down for par 60 percent of the time when they didn't hit the green. Scrambling success for high handicappers was only 10 percent.

When balls found the bunkers, the picture got worse. Pros made exactly half their sand saves. The "30s" none. As Pelz displayed the pattern of shot dispersion out of the bunkers

the picture was striking in that the unskilled golfers typically wound up in worse position after they hit their bunker shots than before.

"They were better off wiffing from the sand than actually hitting the ball," Pelz remarked casually. When the "just-trying-to-break-100" amateurs did get it on the green from the sand (eventually) they were an average of 26 feet away, compared to just 10 feet away for the tour guys.

Now we know why the Big Boys would rather have their ball find the sand than the deep rough. They can predict what the ball will do from the sand, plus they have the talent and the shot to get it close enough to make it. Plus, the pros actually practice bunker shots.

As for scoring on par three holes, the pros made par as an aggregate; specifically 3.08. The "30s" made close to double.

On par fours, again, the pros made par (4.06), while the 30s made an average of 6.33, or more than double bogey. But the chasm widens with the par fives. Compare our 30s at 7.45 strokes to the pros at 4.68 strokes. The pros are all over the par fives, while we're struggling to avoid a snowman.

Putting

From 20 to 25 feet, the pros made a little over one out of 10. If you remove Tiger from the stats, that's about what happens on the tour routinely. The 30s made none. From six feet, the pros made only 63 percent, but the 30s only made 33 percent.

Here's the killer. For putts of 3 feet, our 30-plus sandbaggers could make only 30 percent, while the good guys made more than 90 percent. Could it be nerves? Maybe caddies?

I think it has to do mostly with technique and aim. Most of those 30s are rich. They forked out tens of thousands of dollars to play with the pros at Pebble Beach. Why should they sweat over a 3-footer? Then again, a grown man with a putter in his hand is

sometimes a mental case.

Trust me, I'm a doctor. A golf doctor.

As is Pelz's meticulous nature, he went further with his research. He looked at putting patterns; not just makes and misses. He found that the 70 percent of the time, pros missed their putts slightly long, while only a few were short of the hole, suggesting that speed is the most critical part of making any putt. The amateurs were short of the hole more often than they were long.

Call it a hunch, but I think that the average weekender has no clue about the true dominance of pace or speed as it pertains to putting.

During the week that Pelz tracked all of these players, his 30-handicappers three-putted one-out-of-five times. Pros three-jacked one-out-of-30 times.

Here is our real contrast: The pros are eight times better than the rest of us at lag putting.

Here's my own research: Those yahoos who chortle "95 percent of your putts short of the hole don't go in" fail to grasp the reality that 50 percent of their putts that go four feet past the hole don't go in when they hit the comebacker.

Bottom line: If you want to putt like a pro, practice your lag putting, understand the true distance you have to hit it and develop confidence in your putting speed and pace.

The conclusions that Pelz made to our group (the press) at the PGA Show included the fact that there is a very wide disparity in skill areas between high-handicap golfers and pro or scratch golfers, but there seems to be a less wide gap in total score. The chops can make a one-foot putt.

Pelz long ago decided to apply physics and research to what we do from 100 yards in. Among Pelz's books, I recommend the following three: "Pelz's Short Game Bible," "Pelz's Putting Bible" and "Pelz's Damage Control."

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 drblanchard@lascrucesbulletin.com.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

High School Athlete of the Week

Athlete of the Week

Christian Jimenez

Christian Jimenez is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He plays on the SonBlazers' football team and is point guard on the basketball team. This season, Jimenez has averaged eight points, seven assists and almost three steals per basketball game. He is an outstanding shooter (more than 50% per game from the field and more than 80% from the free throw line) and leads the team from the point guard position, setting up everyone else. He takes the pressure off of his teammates and unselfishly helps them create their own shots.

Jimenez is an outstanding ball handler with excellent court vision. He is a defensive player with a very high basketball IQ and is an important centerpiece of the team as they make their run for the state title. As a senior, Jimenez steadies his younger teammates as he was a key player on the state champion basketball team in 2011. He knows what it takes to win, leads by example and is his coach, Terry Adler's, "field general" during games. He is a solid student, ranked 18th in his class, with a 3.10 GPA. Jimenez's loves football also and was an outstanding player for the state champion team in 2011 and this past year.

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Bandja Sy

Senior, Basketball

Senior forward Bandja Sy earned WAC Player of the Week honors, Monday, Feb. 4, after leading the Aggies to a pair of WAC road wins at Texas State, 86-72, Thursday, Jan. 31 and UTSA, 75-62, Saturday, Feb. 2. This is his first career honor. In the win over Texas State, Sy posted his third double-double of the season and the fourth of his career with 24 points and 13 rebounds. Sy followed that performance with 17 points and seven rebounds at UTSA.

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Amber Tassel rides Lucy as New Mexico State University's equestrian team competed with Baylor University Saturday, Feb. 2, at the NMSU Equestrian Center.

NMSU riders fall to Baylor

Aggie equestrian team comes up short in lone home event of spring season

The New Mexico State equestrian team held its lone home event of the 2013 spring season, Saturday, Feb. 2, at the New Mexico State University Equestrian Center.

The Aggies fell to Baylor University, 14-5 on the afternoon. The Aggies' four seniors – Hannah Swarthout, Samantha Stephens, Megan Gould and Laura Bostwick – were honored in their final home event.

The western team fell to Baylor 7-2, scoring one point in horsemanship and in reining, while the hunter seat team lost 7-3, as the equitation over fences score was 4-1 and the equitation on the flat ended at 3-2.

"The loss today is not exactly how we hoped to start the spring season, but it does help us make a plan for the remainder of the season," coach Robin Morris-Walters said. "We need to build on our strengths and improve our weak areas to handle upcoming competition on the road. I know the hunter seat riders have really come on strong with the addition of coach (Jessica) Hensley and our western squad had a few bobbles that kept us from win points, the head to

head margin of loss was narrow. I think correcting these minor errors will allow us to finish the season strong."

Brynn Larson defeated Baylor's Rachel Nankervis, 73.5-69.5 in horsemanship for the Aggies lone point, while Marissa Bartmann beat Katherine Berg of Baylor, 70-61.5 in reining for NMSU's single point in the event.

Emily McConnell had a great weekend for the Aggies, winning both her equitation on the flat and equitation over fences head-to-head match ups. She defeated Baylor's Lindsey Otis 76-71 in the flat competition, while handling Sue Carol Thompson, 85-78.

Sydney Morse earned the other point for the Aggies in equitation on the flat with a 73-70 win over Kim Woodsum of Baylor.

McConnell will compete at the fourth-annual Collegiate Equitation Challenge as part of the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Fla., Friday, Feb. 8. As a team, the Aggies will next travel to Fresno, Calif., to face Fresno State and South Dakota State, March 1-2.

“The loss ... is not exactly how we hoped to start the spring season.”

ROBIN MORRIS-WALTERS, NMSU equestrian coach

Sportsbriefs

Watson suspended

New Mexico State senior forward Tyrone Watson has been suspended from all basketball activity, following a charge of a third degree felony.

Athletic Director McKinley Boston issued the following statement Wednesday, Feb. 6, after the university learned of Watson's arrest on felony charges:

"Pursuant to our student misconduct policy, Tyrone Watson has been suspended from all basketball-related activity and will have 72 hours to appeal the suspension, if he desires. If he chooses this route, a social misconduct committee consisting of faculty and staff and a campus student would hear his appeal. After

the hearing, the committee will recommend to me to either sustain the suspension pending the adjudication of the case, or recommend reinstating him. I could accept or deny the recommendation. I will have no further comments on this case at this time."

Aggies play at Seattle

The New Mexico State University women's basketball team is on the road for two Western Athletic Conference games. The Aggies traveled to Moscow, Idaho Thursday, Feb. 7, before continuing on to Seattle, to meet Seattle University for the second time this season Saturday, Feb. 9. Sitting first in the WAC, the Redhawks broke the Aggies three-game win streak when the teams met in Las Cruces on Jan. 10.

H I G H S C H O O L

SportsSchedule

Centennial High School

Friday, Feb. 8 Girls Basketball Chaparral High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Chaparral High School 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 9 Wrestling at Deming Wrestling Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Feb. 12 Girls Basketball Deming High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Deming High School 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 15 Boys Basketball Chaparral High School 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Chaparral High School 7 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

Friday, Feb. 8 Boys Basketball Alamogordo High School 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Alamogordo High School 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 9 Wrestling at Deming Wrestling Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Feb. 12 Girls Basketball Oñate High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Oñate High School 7 p.m.
 Feb. 15-16 Swimming (coed) at District 3-5A Swimming Meet TBA
 Friday, Feb. 15 Boys Basketball Mayfield High School 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Mayfield High School 7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Saturday, Feb. 9 Wrestling at Deming Wrestling Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Feb. 12 Boys Basketball Gadsden High School 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Gadsden High School 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 15 Girls Basketball Las Cruces High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Las Cruces High School 7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Feb. 8 Girls Basketball Gadsden High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Gadsden High School 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 9 Wrestling at Deming Wrestling Tournament TBA
 Tuesday, Feb. 12 Boys Basketball Las Cruces High School 7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball at Las Cruces High School 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 15 Girls Basketball Alamogordo High School 7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball at Alamogordo High School 7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Feb. 8 Girls Basketball Lordsburg High School 6:30 p.m.
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Aggie Insider

Diamond dreams

Aggie softball, baseball appear poised for successful campaigns



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

Spring brings renewal, new growth and sports on the diamond. This weekend is the start of Aggie softball and the annual alumni baseball game. NM State softball head coach Kathy Rodolph's squad is looking to return to the top of the WAC as in 2011 and "the Rock" is intent on staying the course that put his team in the NCAA postseason. Both teams head into the season with a roster full of arms.

Softball season begins at home with a tournament featuring the Flames from Illinois-Chicago and the University of Nebraska. Rodolph has starters in each year in school, paced by senior Alex Newman. Newman has thrown a no-hitter in NCAA play and is aided by junior Celisha Walker, sophomore Karysta Donisthorpe and freshman Makayla McAdams.

Rodolph has taken the preseason to develop versatility among her players who play in the field. Drills to teach outfielders how to play infield and vice versa.

The hot corner, third base, will belong initially to Teresa Conrad who was selected to first team preseason WAC honors along with outfielder Amber Olive. Tehani Kaaihue returns with three seasons full of experience as well.

The Aggies were picked third in the preseason conference poll and received one vote for first.

Texas State was tabbed as the likely conference regular season champ.

The home schedule brings New Mexico, UTEP, Texas Tech and Penn State to town as well as national power Arizona. The Wildcats will play two games at the softball complex, April 9.

"The Rock" referenced earlier, is of course baseball head coach Rocky Ward, who is on the trail of repeating last year's trip to the postseason. He also has a crop of hurlers back with Michael Ormseth, Casey Collins and the Mott brothers returning to the hill. Sticks have always been plentiful on the Aggie baseball team and should be again.

The alumni game is at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, and allows the varsity squad to get familiar with a game day situation and it has a social element as well. Welcoming back former players is part of the foundation of a winning program and the fact that enough former players want to come back for this event shows the respect and caring developed through the years for Ward and his program.

The Aggies face former coach Elliott Avent in a pair of early season games. On Feb. 25-26, NM State takes on North Carolina State in Raleigh, N.C. Avent piloted the program prior to Ward's arrival 17 years ago. The first regular season home game for Aggie baseball is with Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Feb. 15-16, with a four-game series.

In the spring the young at hearts passion turns to the diamond, it holds the promise of good things on both fronts.

Aggie women prepare for 2013 golf campaign

Bowen, Macias help build NMSU program



Jackie Booth
Women's Golf
Head Coach

Fore! The New Mexico State women's golf team is teed up and ready to play.

We have been practicing and playing to determine who travels for our first tournament at Cal State Fullerton, Feb. 17-19. We will be playing the Industry Hills Golf Club. This is a new tournament for NM State, and we look forward to the challenge of a new course.

After a month-long break, we have been working diligently on all aspects of our games. Some of our team was able to play and practice over the break and others went home to real winter weather.

Since our fall season, we have two new additions to the team. The assistant coaching position has been filled by a former NM State Aggie from the men's team.

Danny Bowen, who was on the men's team from 2002-06, recently moved back to Las Cruces from Phoenix. His success at NM State with golf and academics will help our team every day in practice and play. He knows how to win tournaments and that is exactly what we are looking for this spring - low scores and tournament wins.

We also added a new player to the team. Viviana Macias is from Guadalajara, Mexico. Macias was the second best junior golfer to come out of the recruits from her class. She has been successful in the U.S. junior ranks as well, finishing seventh at the Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf Tournament

and second at the University of Texas Junior Invitational. It is very exciting to have two new stars join our team.

Another new addition to the women's golf team is our booster club. Anyone can join the NM State women's golf birdie club. There are many different levels you can join and contribute, starting at only 50 cents per birdie, with the highest level being \$5 per birdie. This past fall the team made 120 birdies, so for a year we should make somewhere around 200 birdies.

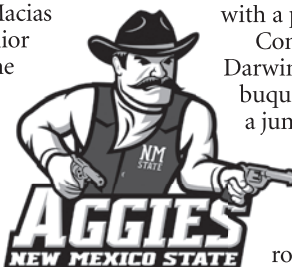
We have set up our booster club so that our team needs to make birdies in our tournaments for our boosters to contribute to our team.

It is our goal to have anyone interested in joining be able to afford to be a NM State birdie club member. At the end of each tournament we will send an email letting members know how the team played and, of course, how many birdies were made. It keeps them in the loop of how the team is doing tournament by tournament.

At the end of the year we will send records of how successful we were in making birdies. We would love to have anyone interested to join our golf team family. Just call 640-4692 or email jackie77@nmsu.edu.

As the coach, I need to brag about one more area we were successful in this past fall. The women's golf team had the second highest grade point average of all the sports with a 3.657. We had two players with a perfect 4.0.

Congratulations to Paige Darwin, a sophomore, from Albuquerque and Amelie Buhl, a junior, from Monchengladbach, Germany. We are proud of the example you have shown in the classroom. Go Aggies!



Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 8
Equestrian
Winter Equestrian Festival
Wellington, Fla.
All day

Women's Tennis
UNLV
Las Vegas, Nev.
11 a.m.

Softball
Nebraska
Las Cruces
3 p.m.

Softball
Illinois-Chicago
Las Cruces
5:30 p.m.

Track and Field
Don Kirby Collegiate
Invitational
Albuquerque
All day

Track and Field
Husky Classic
Seattle
All day

Saturday, Feb. 9
Men's Basketball
Seattle
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Track and Field
Don Kirby Collegiate
Invitational
Albuquerque
All day

Track and Field
Husky Classic
Seattle
All day

Men's Tennis
Texas-Pan American
San Antonio, Texas
10 a.m.

Women's Tennis
Weber State
Las Vegas, Nev.
11 a.m.

Softball
Illinois-Chicago
Las Cruces
3 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Brianna Cromartie
Junior
Track and field

Junior Brianna Cromartie set an all-time school record in the 400-meter (54.76), Feb. 1. She finished in second place at the New Mexico Collegiate Classic, in Albuquerque.

Cromartie earned WAC Athlete of the Week honors previously this season.



Jessica Legge
Sophomore
Swimming and diving

Sophomore Jessica Legge won three events against in-state rival New Mexico, Feb. 2. She swept the breast-stroke events taking top honors in the 100 breast and 200 breast en route

to breaking the NM State pool record in the 100 breast. Legge also won the 200 individual medley.



Emily McConnell
Junior
Equestrian

Junior Emily McConnell had a great weekend for the Aggies, winning both her Equitation on the Flat and Equitation over Fences head-to-head match ups. She defeated Baylor's Lindsey Otis, 76-71, in the Flat competition, while handling Sue Carol Thompson, 85-78.

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New Mexico State announces 22 football signees

Aggies' new head coach comments on incoming recruits

New Mexico State football coach Doug Martin, who was named as permanent successor to DeWayne Walker, Monday, Feb. 4, announced the Aggies' 2013 signing class Wednesday, Feb. 6. Twenty-two players signed National Letters of Intent or financial aid agreements with the Aggies to attend NMSU and play football beginning in 2013.

The Aggies' 2013 signing class is full of junior college transfers and high school athletes. The defensive line, defensive backs and wide receivers were a focus for Martin's first signing class as coach at NMSU. The Aggies signed four linebackers, two offensive linemen and a running back.

"I thought our staff did a really great job of beating the bushes and holding on to our commitments during a stressful time in the recruiting process," Martin said. "I really like the team speed we have on both sides of the ball and I think we really hit on some of the needs we had at the linebacker and wide receiver positions."

"I think the offensive linemen we got are high school kids we can really develop into outstanding players. It's a large group and a very talented group."

The Aggies signed a mixture of athletes, including six junior college/transfer signees and 16 high school student athletes.

"We are trying to move away from the junior college heavy signing classes," Martin said. "We are still going to recruit skill players at the junior college level but especially in the offensive and defensive lines we want to get high school kids to give us a chance to develop them both in their skill set and strength wise."

- **Kalei Auelua**, DE, 6-2, 235, Honolulu. Auelua redshirted with the University of Washington Huskies in 2012. He was named a first-team all-state pick by ESPNHS and by the Honolulu Advertiser as a senior in 2011. He was credited with 70 tackles, 30 tackles for a loss, five forced fumbles and 22 sacks as a senior and played in the HUB Goodwill Senior Bowl, his state's all-star game. Auelua earned second-team all-state honors from the Honolulu Advertiser as a junior in 2010, helping lead the Crusaders to an 11-1 overall record and the Division I state championship as a junior.
- **Jordan Bergstrom**, WR, 5-10, 175, Portland, Ore. Bergstrom played two seasons at Santa Rosa Junior College as a wide receiver. In his sophomore season, Bergstrom was named a first team All-NorCal wide receiver. He caught 44 passes for 764 yards and eight touchdowns in his sophomore season with Santa Rosa. Bergstrom played football and ran track for Clackamas High School. He played both wide receiver and defensive back in football. Bergstrom found plenty of success in track as he was the district champion in the 400-meter in his final three years in high school. He also finished second in the state competition in the 400-meter.
- **Jerrion Burton**, CB, 5-11, 163, Rialto, Calif. Burton started two seasons for Eisenhower High School at both defensive back and wide receiver. As a senior, Burton was named to the first team All-CBL and was invited to the San Bernardino versus Riverside All-Star Game as well as the Arizona versus California All-Star Game. In his senior season, Burton intercepted two passes and returned one for a touchdown. He had 40 tackles and also recovered three fumbles. As a wide receiver, he caught 34 passes for 565 yards and seven touchdowns and helped his team become co-league champions.
- **Rodney Butler**, OLB, 6-2, 205, Palm Springs, Calif. Butler was a standout linebacker for Palm Springs High School. As a senior, Butler recorded 118 tackles, with eight games tallying double-digit stops. He also recorded five sacks, three pass break-ups, three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. He was named All-CIF and was the Desert Sun Defensive Player of the Year. He helped his team

to an undefeated regular season.

- **Greg Clark**, WR, 6-0, 172, Harbor City, Calif. Clark attended Narbonne High School in Harbor City, Calif., where he played wide receiver for the Gauchos. In his senior season, Clark helped his team to a 14-1 record with its only loss coming in the state championship game. On the season, Clark caught 42 passes for 814 yards and five touchdowns. He had 19.38 yards per reception in his senior season and had 54.3 receiving yards per game.
- **Spence Veli-Faatoalia**, OL, 6-2, 295, La Mirada, Calif. Veli-Faatoalia played from La Mirada High School as an offensive lineman. In his senior season, Veli-Faatoalia helped his team earn a league championship as his team finished with a 10-2 record. He was named first team all-league as a senior and was also named an AIGA Foundation Polynesian All-American.
- **Brandon Hines**, LB, 6-1, 187, Dallas. Hines played linebacker for Kimball High School in Dallas. He helped his team to four straight district championships. He earned numerous awards including first team all-district, first team all-state and 11-4A most valuable player honors. He ranked as the No. 58 linebacker in the country. As a senior, Hines recorded 130 tackles, seven sacks, 12 tackles for a loss and two interceptions.
- **Gregory Hogan**, WR, 6-1, 175, Houston. Hogan played football at Summer Creek High School in Houston, where he played wide receiver for the Bulldogs. In his junior season, Hogan caught 34 passes for 581 yards and four touchdowns. He helped his team get to the state playoffs with a 9-2 record and was a first team all-district selection. In his senior season, Hogan increased his numbers by catching 59 passes for 1,165 yards and 20 touchdowns. He averaged 19.7 yards per catch in his senior season and his team improved to 11-1 on the season with their only loss coming in the state playoffs. Hogan also returned nine kickoffs for 159 yards. He was selected first team all-district and all-state and was also selected as the Bulldogs' Offensive Player of the Year.
- **Jay Fisher James**, DE, 6-2, 270, Apple Valley, Calif. Fisher James played two seasons at San Bernardino Valley College at defensive end. He was named a second team all-conference pick each season. As a sophomore, Fisher James played in nine games helping his team to a 6-4 record and a third-place finish in conference. He recorded 52 tackles and nine sacks on the season. Fisher James also recorded 10 tackles for a loss and a fumble recovery. Fisher James played both offensive and defensive line for the Granite High School Cougars. During his senior year, Fisher James recorded 51 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery. He was named an All-CIF selection.
- **Kawe Johnson**, DB, 5-9, 170, Kahuku, Hawaii. Johnson played football for four years at Kahuku High School at both wide receiver and defensive back. He helped his team win back-to-back state championships his junior and senior seasons. As a senior, Johnson was named first team offense-utility player, first team defensive back and utility player and was also the defensive player of the year. He was named to the first team all-state as a defensive back and the all-state player of the year. During his senior season, Johnson made eight interceptions and recorded 35 tackles. Johnson was also named first team utility offense, first team defensive back and the league defensive player of the year as a junior.
- **Thomas McGwire**, OT, 6-5, 263, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. McGwire played at Los Osos High School in Rancho Cucamonga, as an offensive tackle. He helped his team reach the CIF Southern Section football playoffs in both his junior and senior season.

- **Willie Mobley**, DE, 6-2, 270, Eden Prairie, Minn. Mobley was to contend for top duty inside at the University of Arizona in 2011 before off-season knee surgery kept him out of action all year. He lettered in 2010 with backup play in 10 games, finishing with seven tackles, including a half-sack and 1.5 tackles for losses. Mobley attended Orange Coast College, but did not play in 2009 after transferring from Ohio State, where he redshirted in 2008. He was ranked in the SuperPrep JUCO 100. Mobley helped lead the Eagle Empire to Class 5A state titles and undefeated seasons as a junior and senior. He was an all-state honoree and finalist for Mr. Football Minnesota after recording 66 tackles, 21 tackles for a loss and 12 sacks as a senior.
- **Prentavious Morehead**, WR, 6-3, 175, Dallas. Morehead played football all four years of high school at Justin F. Kimball at wide receiver and defensive end. In his senior season, Morehead was named first team all-area and a first team all-district member. He caught 48 passes for 846 yards and scored 10 touchdowns as a senior and helped his team win its third straight district championship. In Morehead's junior season, he caught 34 passes for 746 yards and 11 touchdowns and helped the team win a second district championship in two years.
- **James Ooten**, athlete, 6-3, 175, Perris, Calif. Ooten played two seasons on varsity for Citrus Hill High School at wide receiver and defensive back. In his senior season, Ooten was named first team all-league and most improved player. On the season, he caught 30 passes for 700 yards and scored nine touchdowns and helped his team claim the CIF League Championship. On defense, Ooten intercepted two passes, recovered three fumbles, forced one fumble and scored two defensive touchdowns.
- **Dalton Rocha**, LB, 5-11, 215, Ventura, Calif. Rocha was a standout linebacker for St. Bonaventure High School. As a senior, Rocha recorded 75 tackles, 28 tackles for a loss and 17 sacks. He was named a first team all-league selection and well as defensive lineman of the year. He helped his team to an 11-2 record during his senior season. Rocha also earned first team All-CIF and first team all-state awards.
- **Winston Rose**, CB, 6-0, 165, Inglewood, Calif. Rose played cornerback for two seasons at Los Angeles Valley College. He was named second team all-conference defensive back in 2011 and first team all-conference in 2012. In two seasons, Rose had three interceptions and returned two for touchdowns. He also had one fumble recovery. Rose played wide receiver and defensive back at St. Genevieve High School. Rose was named first team all-league in his senior season. In his junior season, Rose intercepted two passes and also

recorded two sacks and was named first team all-league. As a receiver in his junior season, Rose caught 26 passes for 508 yards and four touchdowns.

- **Frazer Taua**, DE, 6-2, 245, Honolulu. Taua played two seasons at Riverside Community College as a defensive end. In 2012, Taua helped his team to a 9-2 overall record and a Golden State Bowl Championship. He recorded 19 tackles on the season, including three sacks and eight tackles for a loss. Taua also had a fumble recovery and a pass break-up. He earned all-conference honors for his effort. Taua was a teammate of current NMSU quarterback Andrew Manley. He helped his team to a 9-4 record as a senior and an 11-3 record during his junior year.
- **Andre Thompson**, LB, 6-2, 205, Mesquite, Texas. Thompson played linebacker for the West Mesquite Wranglers. As a senior, Thompson helped his team to an 8-3 overall record and a 6-1 record in league play. He recorded 55 tackles that season, including 7.5 sacks, an interception, a pass break-up, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Thompson was named an all-league selection and all-district pick.
- **Thomas Warren**, DB, 5-11, 175, Phoenix. Warren attended Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix, where he participated in both football and track and field. On the football team, Warren played both running back and defensive back for The Pride. He also ran the 100-meter and 400-meter for the track team. In his senior season, Warren ran for 1,000 yards, scored 15 touchdowns and recorded 25 tackles as he helped his team to a 12-2 record and a state championship appearance.
- **Marquette Washington**, RB, 5-11, 213, Fontana, Calif. Washington played at Kaiser High School in Fontana. He played running back for the Cats and helped his team win the CIF Championship in his senior season. As a senior, Washington carried the ball 245 times for 1,850 yards and scored 19 touchdowns. He was selected Sunkist MVP in his senior season and was also the CIF Offensive MVP.
- **Tre Wilcoxon**, DB, 6-1, 190, Inglewood, Calif. Wilcoxon played safety and running back for four seasons at Inglewood High School. As a senior, Wilcoxon was first team all-area and first team all-league in the Ocean League. He had 121 tackles, six forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries in his senior season. He also grabbed four interceptions and broke up 12 passes.
- **Jaden Wright**, CB, 6-0, 175, Lewisville, Texas. Wright played both cornerback and wide receiver at Lewisville High School. In his three seasons as a starter, Wright intercepted three passes and forced five fumbles. He caught three touchdowns as a wide receiver and also returned one interception for a touchdown. Wright was an all-conference selection as a junior and senior.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1913

• An article reprinted in the Rio Grande Republican from an El Paso newspaper described a trip to Las Cruces: "The road follows the Santa Fe tracks all the way, running no more than 100 feet from the track at any time ... the big warehouses of the farmers at Anthony and Berino show the traveler an insight into the productiveness of the valley; Old Mesilla, the first settlement in the Mesilla Valley and once the county seat of a territory almost as large as all of the state of New Mexico, the scene of the famous mutiny of the California volunteers, is worth visiting. The New Mexico agricultural college is worth visiting and both Mesilla Park and Las Cruces are interesting. North of Courchesne (the gap where the Rio Grande flows out of the Mesilla Valley and into El Paso) is passed the site of an ancient town once larger than El Paso that was completely destroyed by Indians in the '50s."

75 years ago

1938

• Gov. Clyde Tingley announced the allocation of \$65,000 for the construction of a new

gymnasium at the state college. Tingley said the gym would have a seating capacity of about 2,000. The building would be 108 by 104 feet and would be constructed of brick.

• Hillsboro lost its battle in the state Supreme Court to retain its status as the county seat of Sierra County. The courts said the election to move the county seat to Hot Springs was valid.

• The Aggies defeated Tempe 57 to 44 to stay unbeaten in Border Conference play. Center Joe Jackson scored 18 points in the game. In a second game the following night, the Aggies won 65 to 47 with Kiko Martinez scoring 24 points and Pecos Finley 16.

50 years ago

1963

• John "Jack" Campbell was elected to the school board by a 2-1 majority. Campbell, a local bank official, succeeded C.B. Smith, who had resigned from the position.

• Aggie basketball was suffering through a tough season. The fifth ranked Arizona State Sundevils defeated NMSU 89-62. Next up for the Aggies was Utah State, "a squad loaded with 6-4 and 6-5 giants, not to mention their 6-8 center," reported the Las Cruces Citizen.

• A \$1.5 million contract to build a 52,360-square-foot hospital at White Sands Missile Range was let to Allen M. Campbell Co., of Tyler, Texas. The 50-bed hospital was expected to be completed in 450 days.



New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo
Katherine Lohman and Sophie Christie in Las Cruces High School basketball uniforms, circa 1903.

25 years ago

1988

• If you don't like the weather – two photos on the front page of the Las Cruces Bulletin displayed the variability of weather in Las Cruces. A photo taken Wednesday showed children in shorts on a slide in Apodaca Park, while a photo on Friday showed kids proudly

displaying their snowman on Camino del Rex.

• Mesilla's Fountain Theatre was set to re-open with a performance of "Toast to Lincoln" by the New Mexico State University Singers, in celebration of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12.

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Researchers sequence chile genome

NMSU, South Korea map chile gene

Researchers with New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute, working in cooperation with researchers in South Korea, have completed a high-resolution draft of the chile pepper genome. This is the first time the scientific feat has been performed with chile. The announcement was made Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the New Mexico Chile Conference.

"This puts NMSU and the Chile Pepper Institute on the cutting edge with a new level of research," said Paul Bosland, an NMSU Regents Professor and director of the university's Chile Pepper Institute. "This gives us a tool for mapping genes that we didn't have before. Having a sequenced genome will unlock the genetic secrets of the chile pepper providing a powerful tool to

examine previously unimagined questions, and will accelerate efforts to breed improved cultivars."

Bosland said the genome map has the potential to benefit the New Mexico chile pepper industry by improving chile peppers so that the plants can adapt to climate change, use less agricultural water and are able to resist insects and diseases. He said chile peppers might even be improved to better treat human diseases.

"Lack of vitamin A is a public health issue in more than half of all countries in the world," Bosland said. "Severe lack of vitamin A causes hundreds of thousands of unnecessary cases of blindness in the world. Breeding chile peppers with increased levels

of pro-vitamin A is one potential solution that can help end this health problem."

Genome mapping is a complex, time-consuming process. NMSU graduate student Greg Reeves traveled to Seoul National University in South Korea last summer to work with professor Doil Choi. Choi's laboratory uses an Illumina sequencer, a very expensive, incredibly advanced machine that only takes a few days to do the same amount of genetic processing work that previously took 600 machines 10 years to accomplish.

"Analysis of the chile pepper genome sequence data provides a new and very powerful foundation for breeding future generations of chile pepper cultivars more quickly and more precisely," Bosland said. "What the sequence provides us is a crucial part of the instruction manual for how to breed a better

chile pepper plant. One can now find where genes that underlie certain traits are located, and, thus, one has the tools for how to breed those desired traits into new cultivars."

Because this approach changes the chile peppers' own DNA and does not introduce foreign DNA, they are not genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, and organic farmers should be able to grow them.

Bosland said the data collected indicated the chile pepper has approximately 3.5 billion base pairs, which are the building blocks that make up the DNA double helix. They also estimate there are 37,000 chile pepper genes.

Bosland said NMSU researchers plan to first use the data to examine disease resistance to phytophthora, also known as chile wilt, one of the leading problems for chile growers in New Mexico, the U.S. and abroad. The data should also be useful to researchers looking at carotenoids, which provide the red color in chile peppers and are used commercially in food coloring.

Engineering involved in community

NMSU majors bring real-world experiences to schools

Engineering students at New Mexico State University are taking what they learn out of the classroom and laboratories and into the local community and beyond. Students have applied their engineering skills on real-life projects for years and plans are now underway to make experiential learning part of the formal engineering curriculum.

"Experiential learning is the combination of community service and project-based learning," said College of Engineering Associate Dean of Academics Sonya Cooper. "It's happening throughout the college in some programs and we are working toward incorporating it into the engineering curriculum."

Getting students involved early on in their academic experience will help the college meet the challenge of retaining students in the program said Assistant Dean Patricia Sullivan.

"An estimated 40 percent of the entering freshman engineering students have not yet taken calculus, meaning that from their freshman to sophomore year, many of them may not be exposed to an engineering course because they are taking developmental math courses," Sullivan said. "The challenge is to keep them committed to engineering until then. We're trying

to align project-based learning with our freshman experience to expose students to what engineers actually do."

Retention in engineering programs is a problem across the nation. The "President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness 2011 Year End Report: Road Map to Renewal" addresses the problem. It states, "Only 14 percent of undergraduates in U.S. postsecondary institutions are studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Moreover, after the first year, 40 percent of those enrolled in these disciplines switch majors."

The report cites one critical factor to retaining engineering students is providing them with opportunities that connect their classroom learning with real world opportunities.

Historically, core engineering curriculum incorporates hands-on learning as a requisite through a senior capstone project, many of which are multidisciplinary in nature. The College of Engineering is taking the next step by expanding opportunities for similar experiences among undergraduate students at the freshman, sophomore and junior levels and incorporating a community service component.

"Every engineering department has a program to give students hands-on experience, usually through a senior capstone project," said Kenny Stevens, associate professor of engineering technology and chair of the College of Engineering Service Learning and Outreach committee, which is charged with developing the service-learning curriculum. "The idea is to identify a class within each department that would lend itself to doing

a service learning project in the community."

Cooper has long been involved with the restoration and preservation of New Mexico's historic structures. She has involved student volunteers in numerous restoration projects, including restoration of the Amador Hotel in Las Cruces to return the building to the 1912-period style, the time during which it was a thriving hotel.

"Seniors who participated in the project received class credit to accomplish various engineering deliverables such as creating structural as-built drawings, performing structural analyses and creating drainage and site plans," Cooper said. "All of the work done by the students is carefully reviewed."

"By 2014, we plan to have in place introductory engineering courses 101 and 102 that every freshman enrolled in engineering would be required to take," Cooper said. "We plan to incorporate experiential learning components into those courses. We are building on the model currently used in upper-level courses and formalizing it beginning with the freshman curriculum. It's a departure from the traditional path. Students get the opportunity to see the cool things that engineers do early on."

Electrical and Computer Engineering Professor Steven Stochaj is already incorporating service learning into EE109, an introductory course for electrical engineering students. During the fall 2012 semester, his students were involved in mentoring middle and high school student teams participating in the NM BEST Robotics Competition. Stochaj's students joined other undergraduates from across the college who were assigned to teams over the six-week competition as mentors for designing and building robots to complete a specified task. In total, 109 undergraduate engineering students from NMSU served as mentors to more than 450 middle and high school students.



New Mexico State University photo

New Mexico State University mechanical engineering senior Matthew Cardiel helps a New Mexico BEST Robotics team coach on a practice day. Engineering students volunteered to provide guidance to middle and high school teams on the design and construction of their robots that would be competing on tasks.

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New Mexico State University economics professor Chris Erickson answers an audience question at the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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MVEDA Executive Director Davin Lopez stands at a table at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces with Helena Lickteig of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini and Michael Stubbs of Stubbs Engineering Inc.



State, local economies lag

Economist: White Sands braces for cuts

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico and Las Cruces are lagging in the national economic recovery, Chris Erickson, economics professor at New Mexico State University, told attendees at the Business in the Borderplex lunch meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Erickson said the economic growth rate in the city in the past 12 months was -3.4, compared with a national rate that was in positive territory at 1.6 percent.

"Had last year not occurred, we would have had net growth since the onset of the recession in December 2007," he said.

"The answer, I think, is defense spending," he told the audience at the event presented by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

Erickson said the fact that major construction projects such as the NMSU Center for the Arts are attributed to Albuquerque, where the contractor is based, distort economic activity by about 1 percent for the City of the Crosses.

He said employees at White Sands Missile

Range have been told to prepare for 22 day furloughs, the maximum allowed before layoffs are required, as the deadline for automatic federal spending cuts approaches.

Defense spending cuts have a ripple effect, he added.

"I think the main problem is people are not spending as much at Walmart or hiring as many waitresses," he said.

Las Cruces employment is down 2.7 percent since the recession began and construction and real estate here remain weak, he said.

He said if sequestration happens, New Mexico Could expect a 15 percent reduction in the 48,705 person federal workforce, which could translate into a total direct and indirect loss of 28,000 jobs statewide.

Although workforce reductions would be phased in, the biggest hit would come in 2013, he said.

Erickson warned against spending cuts at a time when uncertainty has been a drag on the national economy.

"The banks have \$1.6 trillion in excess reserves," he said. "They have plenty of funds to lend, but people are still very wary about taking out bank loans."



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Arrowhead adds nonprofit credit lending company

Regional lender specializes in startups

New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center added a new partner to the center's technology incubator. Accion is an award-winning, nonprofit organization that provides financial resources and training for self-employed entrepreneurs and small companies.

Garrey Carruthers, dean of the NMSU College of Business and vice president for economic development, said Accion is a proven and reputable organization that has spurred positive economic growth in the state for the past 18 years.

"Accion's residency at the center's incubator will give residents from Doña Ana County and regional communities an opportunity to receive assistance from a nationally recognized organization," Carruthers said. "They have assisted thousands of people and provided the necessary resources, such as financing, training, networking, leadership development and marketing opportunities, to become successful businesses owners."

Lynn Trojahn, vice president of advancement for Accion, said the center's technology incubator is a critical link between researchers and entrepreneurs. She said the partnership with Arrowhead Center will allow Accion to continue building southern New Mexico's economy one small business at a time.

"The fuel that powers our small business development engine at Accion is our network of partners," Trojahn said. "We could not do what we do without local partners who ensure we deliver our lending and support services in the places they are most needed."

Accion was founded in Albuquerque in 1994 and has provided funding to more than 2,900 small businesses in 173 communities across New Mexico. The nonprofit organization expanded its services into Arizona and Colorado in 2008.

Overall, Accion has financed 3,677 start-up or emerging businesses and issued 5,791 loans totaling more than \$39.6 million. The company accomplished this through partnerships with local banks and organizations.

Since 2010, Accion has loaned more than \$151,000 to businesses in Doña Ana County.

Jordan van Rijn, New Mexico loan officer for Accion, said the county has the second largest population in the state and it was important for the company to have a regular presence in the Las Cruces area.

He said this area and the surrounding region has always been a hub for research, commerce and technology, and the company was committed to help county residents overcome obstacles and reach economic independence.

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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 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Encantada Park clubhouse, 1000 Coyote Trail.

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

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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:

- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras Day Trip:** Friday, Feb. 8. Cost: \$30 per person.
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- **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.
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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.

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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, call Sue Lundgren at 382-0733 or email 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, 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, Feb. 9, at the Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court. Ave. 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.

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School news

CHS hosts Valentine's Day performance

Centennial High School theater teacher Megan McQueen, along with Della Bustamante, Carrie Klofach and pianist Diane Schutz (retired director of the Las Cruces High School Choir) will entertain the community for a good cause with a Valentine's Day concert and dance from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, in the Centennial High School theater.

Better known as "The Earth Angels," this group has performed in Las Cruces since 2010. Their repertoire includes scores of girl group oldies from "Sugartime" to "Da Doo Run Run." This sock hop type event will offer a dance floor for anyone who wants to cut a rug, with the dance area surrounded by rows of chairs for those who'd rather just listen.

Proceeds from the event will enable students to attend a March 15 concert by Broadway pianist and historian Seth Rudetsky at New Mexico State University's new Center for the Performing Arts.

Tickets will be available at the door. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

LCHS renovation plans to be unveiled

Las Cruces High School will undergo a multimillion-dollar face lift over the next few years and the public is invited to get a sneak peek at what the new campus will look like.

At 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, officials from Las Cruces Public Schools and architects from Alley and Associates will present drawings and time lines for the renovation project. The meeting is open to the public in the north commons, next to the cafeteria, at Las Cruces High School, 1750 El Paseo Road.

"This school will take on a whole new look," said Superintendent Stan Rounds. "Las Cruces

High will look modern and still maintain the feel of the Southwest, familiar to the Bulldawgs. I think the public will love it."

The meeting will give residents a chance to ask questions of the architects from Alley and Associates of Las Cruces. Designs of the layout for the entire campus also will be available, Rounds said.

Phase I of the construction project will begin in June, with an approximate ending date during the fall of 2015, said Dane Kennon, LCPS associate superintendent for operations.

Phase I will include a new administration building, a new academic classroom wing, parking, and an overhead pedestrian walkway that will cross above El Paseo Road. The walkway will connect the main campus to a new section on the east side of the street, he said.

"The plans also call for several new buildings to be added and for some of the older buildings to be razed," Kennon said. "We plan to keep students and residents up-to-date all along the way, and we'll let the community know how the project will impact traffic along El Paseo and Boutz."

Kennon said the winding canal that runs along the backside of the school will be covered by the Elephant Butte Irrigation District (EBID). The canal borders the Crescent Park neighborhood, just south of the high school.

"EBID's work will be finished before the renovations to LCHS begin," Kennon said. "Construction on the ditch will be limited to the LCHS campus, from Boutz to the point where the canal begins to parallel El Paseo, just north of Farney Road."

EBID officials say the project will provide several public benefits: greater safety for those who use the canal system for recreation and transportation; less water loss from evaporation because water will now be piped; a reduction in insect pests and weeds; and fewer maintenance issues for EBID, the City of Las Cruces and Las Cruces High School.

Alameda Elementary second in contest

Alameda Elementary School, 1325 N. Alameda Blvd., finished second in the state among schools of all levels in the 2012 recycling challenge, Recycle Bowl, according to the New Mexico Recycling Coalition in its Jan. 30, "Recycling Scraps" publication.

"Over 1,500 schools participated in the challenge, which encouraged both experienced 'veterans' to recycling 'rookies,' to support and improve their school recycling efforts," according to the publication.

Corrales Elementary won \$1,000 for recycling the most in New Mexico.

"We recycled 3,600 gallons in six weeks (for the competition)," said Alameda Elementary Green Up Team and recycling coordinator Christopher Lawrence. "We are over 70,000 gallons to day for the year. It is easy, replace the trash can with a recycling bin, as almost everything we throw away can be recycled. The success started when I distributed the bins last year and set up a main recycling area. I take out 300-400 gallons every week."

APECHS in Samsung \$100,000 contest

People can help Arrowhead Park Early College High School receive \$100,000 in technology by voting for the school in Samsung's "Solve for Tomorrow" video contest at www.samsung.com/solvefortomorrow.

Anyone interested can vote once per day until 10 p.m. MST Monday, March 4. Once you vote, go to your email and click on a link sent by Samsung to verify the vote so it will count.

APECHS is already one of 15 national finalists in the competition (which includes schools in New York, California, Florida and other states), and has won \$40,000 in technology so far. The school can more than double the amount of technology it receives with enough votes to become one of the contest's five grand prize winners. Watch the video, check out the vote totals and vote at the website.

"Samsung and its partners called on public school teachers to raise student interest in science, technology, engineering and math by inviting them to answer the challenge, 'Show how science or math can help the environment in your community,'" according to Samsung's website (samsung.com). "More than 1,500 application essays came from teachers and students across the country. The top 75 were chosen and sent video production kits containing a Samsung laptop, camcorder and software from Adobe. Fifteen finalists (including APECHS) have been selected."

Judges will select four grand prize winners, and Samsung asking for help in choosing the fifth grand prize winner – the Community

Choice Winner – by voting on the web.

For the finals competition, APECHS students "created a two-minute video describing how STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) concepts can help their community's environment. Our students chose to research the implications of drought and proposed a solution in the video," said APECHS Project Lead the Way master teacher Nina Nuñez.

Feb. 9 is Tombaugh Day

Tombaugh Day, a celebration of the life of Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh, is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., next to the Museum of Art. The celebration continues with a star party at 7 p.m. that night at Tombaugh Elementary School, 226 Carver Road.

The day-time celebration will include family-friendly activities such as solar telescope viewing, a presentation on the New Horizons mission to Pluto and a chance to build your own telescope. Artifacts from Tombaugh's life will also be on display, generously loaned to the museum by family members Al and Annette Tombaugh.

The star party will begin with a presentation by Al and Annette Tombaugh on their father's life, giving everyone a glimpse of Clyde Tombaugh's many roles as astronomer, educator and family man.

Following the presentation, telescope viewing at the school will be provided by the New Mexico State University Astronomy Department and the Las Cruces Astronomical Society. Additional astronomy activities and games will be provided by the museum.

MHS ROTC lands grant

The Mayfield High School Air Force JROTC Marksmanship Team has received a \$10,000 grant from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), said Vicky Boyles, chair of the Las Cruces RMEF chapter.

MHS was one of only seven schools nationwide to receive the endowment in the fourth quarter of 2012, Boyles said.

The endowment is provided by RMEF fundraisers in partnership with the Midway USA Foundation, Inc. and the Scholastic Shooting Trust (SST) fund.

"The grant will go to the Mayfield High School U.S. Air Force JROTC Marksmanship Team," said MHS Senior Aerospace Science Instructor retired Maj. Kenneth Thalmann. "It is an honor to have been selected for the grant. It will help to offset the expenses associated with practicing and competing at the local, state and national levels. I can't thank the RMEF and Midway Shooting Sports enough for their generosity."

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DEATH NOTICES

KITTLE

Ruth Elizabeth Kittle, 88, passed away Thursday, January 31, 2013, at her home in Radium Springs, New Mexico.

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BROOKEY

Lawrence Brookey, 85, passed away at Kindred Hospital in El Paso, Texas on February 1, 2013.

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HORTON

Retha Sophie Jessie Horton, 95, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, February 1, 2013. Services have been held.

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STEELE

Cheryl K. Steele, 68, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Friday, February 2, 2013. A gathering of family and friends has been scheduled for Saturday, February 16, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Getz Funeral Home Chapel.

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AICARDI

Donald V. Aicardi, age 71, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother, lost his valiant battle with cancer on February 4, 2013. After high school graduation in 1959 he joined the U.S. Navy and served four years.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Marilyn; his daughters, Kristine Bouchard and Deborah Kratky; grandchildren, Nicholas, Lauren and Ryan; brother, Vincent Aicardi; and step-children, Amber Whitmill and Steven Whitmill, and a step-granddaughter, Megan Yarnell. As per his wishes, there will be no local services.

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JENKINS

Esther L. Jenkins, 89, passed away Monday, February 4, 2013.

There are no services scheduled.

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LOVATO

Felix G. Lovato, 91 passed away peacefully on Friday, February 1, 2013, surrounded by his loving family. After his time as a Merchant Marine, Felix worked in refrigeration for much of his career, and was later the owner of Tico Refrigeration for many years.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 beginning at 6 p.m. at La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home. A private burial will be held at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery on Friday, February 8th at 1:30 p.m. Our family is extremely grateful to everyone for their care, food, prayers and condolences. May God bless everyone for their love and support.

Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891 Go to, <http://www.lapaz-grahams.com/> to sign the guest book.

MENDOZA

Armando "Mando" Mendoza, 70, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, February 3, 2013. A visitation is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 6 p.m., with a Prayer Vigil at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Funeral Liturgy will be on Friday, February 8, 2013 at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church.

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DIAZ

Ramon Sosa Diaz, 72, of Mesquite, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Anthony Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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DUARTE

Cecilia V. Duarte, 53, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center.

Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

JAQUEZ

Ryan Anthony Jaquez, 30, passed away in Dulce, New Mexico. Arrangements are with La Paz - Grahams Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ESPARZA

Jose M. Esparza, 87, passed away at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

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TORRES

Benjamin "Benji" Torres, 94, of Rincon, New Mexico, entered eternal life Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Casa Del Sol Senior Care Center.

Visitation for Mrs. Torres will begin at 11 a.m., Friday, February 8, 2013 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road, where the Funeral Service is scheduled for 1 p.m. with Pastor Manuel Torres officiating. Concluding Service and Interment will follow in the Rincon Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

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CASTAÑEDA

Alfredo "Freddy" Castañeda, age 50, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by his loving family.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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RAMIREZ

Lilia R. Ramirez, age 87 of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and formerly of Bayard, New Mexico, entered eternal life on Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village.

A Memorial Service will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2013 in the Peace Chapel of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road in Las Cruces. Calling hours will begin at 5 p.m., Sunday, February 10, 2013 at Baca's Funeral Chapels, Hwy 180-E in Silver City, New Mexico where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Monday, February 11, 2013 at Our Lady of the Fatima Catholic Church in Bayard. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Fort Bayard National Cemetery where she will lay to rest alongside her husband, several miles from a memorial site for her daughter, Filomena.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in her name to Good Samaritan Society, Las Cruces Village, 3025 Terrace Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88011

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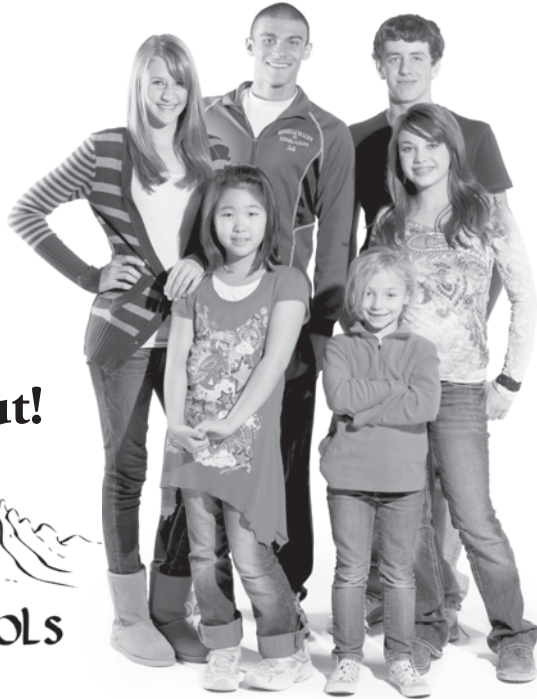
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Unfortunately, a lot of people inside New Mexico don't realize Las Cruces is the state's second biggest city.

Many New Mexicans, particularly those in the northerly direction, would guess Santa Fe, or maybe Rio Rancho, as the state's second biggest city.

The correct ranking, for the record, by population, is 1. Albuquerque, 545,852; 2. Las Cruces, 97,618; 3. Rio Rancho, 87,521; 4. Santa Fe, 67,947; 5. Roswell, 48,366.

Santa Fe gets a lot of attention for a lot of reasons, not the least of which it's the state capital. Bear in mind, however, Las Cruces has nearly 30,000 more residents than Santa Fe, a 44 percent difference.

Historically, when the Legislature convenes in the Roundhouse every winter in Santa Fe, southern New Mexico has been an afterthought at best. That has meant Las Cruces has often seen the short end of a lot of sticks, many of them business related.

Members of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce have been working to raise the statewide profile of the Mesilla Valley. The most tangible example of that effort came earlier this month when nearly 300 Las Cruces business people descended on the state capital for the annual Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Jan. 26-28.

At the Greater Chamber's annual banquet Friday, Feb. 1, chamber board member Kiel Hoffman commented on Las Cruces Day, which always features a strong contingent of the Greater Chamber's Conquistadores. You've all seen the Conquistadores at ribbon cuttings around town, sporting their blue blazers adorned with colorful pins from all over New Mexico. They are great ambassadors for the chamber as well as Las Cruces in general.

"Believe me," Hoffman said, "when those legislators see all those blue jackets with the pins, all over the Roundhouse, they notice. They know Las Cruces is in the house."

The Conquistadores led the charge, as See **Santa Fe** on page B2

Local leaders honored

Chamber cookin' at awards dinner

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

On the night of Friday, Feb. 1, the Las Cruces Convention Center ballroom heated up with the collective energy of an audience that rose to its feet with the announcement of the business and small business of the year, as well as nonprofit, citizen and volunteer of the year.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce extended special recognition to these and others serving the community at the annual awards dinner, "Hot on Business."

Dried red chile pods strewn on the stage under a sculpture of the three crosses, as well as on the 45 round tables filling the convention center ballroom, established the theme for the evening.

Winners and winners

Gary and Anne Marie Ebert of Zeffiro accepted the award for Small Business of the Year, sponsored by the Las Cruces Bulletin and presented by publisher Richard Coltharp.

El Paso Electric Co.'s Rico Gonzales and Clay Doyle accepted the Large Business of the Year award, presented by Van Bullock. Bullock cited the EPE's history of community involvement in causes that include Cowboys for Cancer Research, the March of Dimes, the Las Cruces Symphony, New Mexico State University and the City of Las Cruces holiday light display.

Stacie Allen accepted the Nonprofit of the Year award on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico, which served 231 children this year, an increase of 17



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve Macintyre

Citizen of the Year Laura Mathers Conniff, honored for her service to the community, gets a congratulatory hug from presenter Leslie Cervantes, chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, at the annual chamber awards dinner Friday, Feb. 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

percent.

Long-time volunteer Bruce Drum, chair of the retention committee, was honored as Volunteer of the Year.

Kiel Hoffman presented the Conquistadore of the Year award to the "dependable and passionate" Leslie Martinez, chair of the chamber's retention committee who "pioneered building

and strengthening relationships."

Leslie Cervantes, incoming chair of the chamber board, presented the Citizen of the Year award to Laura Mathers Conniff for her "service for the greater good." Among her many community contributions, she is a retiring NMSU regent, co-chair of NMSU Aggies

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Conference set for Feb. 21

NMSU to host forum on the economy

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jim Peach, New Mexico State University economics professor, won't produce a crystal ball during his Thursday, Feb. 21, presentation at the College of Business Economic Outlook Conference.

He doubts his partner on the dais, Eugenio Alemán of Wells Fargo & Co., will, either. But both will bring to their presentations facts and insights to help Las Cruces better understand the economic context in which business decisions will be made.

The conference from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Health and Social Services Auditorium on the NMSU campus will be its second annual held in southern New Mexico.

Peach is regents professor of economics and international business. He holds a doctoral degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Alemán, senior economist and vice president of Wells Fargo, holds a doctoral degree from Florida International University. Both economists include Mexico among their areas of expertise.

They intend to discuss historical trends that could affect the events of 2013.

Conference moves to larger venue

Conference planners expect to attract attendees from both campus and community.

The audience will include guests of Wells Fargo and students and alumni of the NMSU College of Business.

NMSU College of Business Dean Garrey Carruthers said both Wells Fargo and the university want the event will grow in the way the annual Domenici Public Policy Conference has evolved.

He said the Domenici Conference in 2012 attracted 953 attendees to the Las Cruces Convention Center.

Carruthers said the Economic Outlook Conference already is growing, this year moving from its first-year location in Corbett Center Student Union to a larger venue, the Health and Human Services Auditorium, in the heart of campus where access is easy for students, faculty and guests.

He said there's great chemistry between the two preeminent economists, both of whom have "a great sense of what a popular audience wants to hear."

Presenters mix delight, concern

"It's great fun," Peach said of the event. "Last year I had not met my Wells Fargo partner until five minutes before we went on stage, but our presentations dovetailed very nicely. The banter back and forth between us was swell."

His banter belies the assertion economics is the dismal science, but his comments contain a note of dark humor.

"If the sequester goes through, we're toast," he said of the federally dependent New Mexico economy.

No amount of staring into the crystal ball can predict the kinds of budget cuts federal officials may approve in the next month.

"Your guess is as good as mine or anybody's," he said.

Peach said his concerns are not confined See **Economy** on page B2



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Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Steve MacIntyre

Guest speaker Mike Provenzano, owner of Pro's Ranch Markets, tells the Greater Chamber banquet audience of 450 to prepare for explosive growth in Las Cruces.

Awards

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are Tough Enough to Wear Pink, past president of the NMSU Foundation, a College of Business distinguished alumna and member of the board of Mesilla Valley Hospice.

Heartfelt audience responses followed when supervisors honored a Las Cruces firefighter, police officer, principal, teacher and early career teacher of the year.

Honorees were:

- Honor Guard Commander

Daniel Lyons of the Las Cruces Fire Department with a 15-year history of volunteering for any project where he's needed.

- Officer Mark Nevarez of the Las Cruces Police Department, with 13 years experience on the graveyard shift training and mentoring new officers.
- Brian Peterson, Vista Middle School, formerly principal of Sunrise Elementary School, the Crystal Apple Award winner as principal of the year for his history of engaging both students and parents.
- Tanya Gier, teacher of the year,



Sharing the moment with Small Business of the Year award winners Anne Marie and Gary Ebert are Richard Coltharp, publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin, which sponsored the award; Greater Chamber CEO Bill Allen; and Richard Haas, outgoing chair of the board. See pages B8-9 for more photos.

who teaches third grade at Valley View Elementary School and developed a lesson that involved students in the electoral process and integrated their experience into their classroom studies.

- Morgan Harding, special education teacher at Mayfield High School, named early career teacher of the year for her creative classroom activities and encouragement of family involvement in their children's education.

El Paso Electric Co. sponsored the Crystal Apple awards for Peterson and the teachers of the year.

Provenzano: Hispanic market exploding

Keynote speaker Mike Provenzano Sr., owner of Pro's Ranch Markets, kicked it up a notch when he forecast: "Las Cruces is about to explode."

He displayed chart after chart showing the national and local growth, urging Las Cruces businesses to be ready to make the coming growth work for them.

Hispanic growth exceeds 60 percent in the border regions, he said. Hispanic buying power will exceed

\$500 million in the next 24 months and will grow 167 percent in the next 40 years, he said, citing Nielsen data.

"As we start to move forward now, we will see changes in housing and jobs," he said.

"Why come to Las Cruces?" he asked. "It's time. We've been setting up for years to come here."

He said growth in Las Cruces exceeds that of the state and national average.

"We expect to see Las Cruces grow faster than the U.S. and the state as a whole," he said. "As we look at the growth, there's a super big opportunity. We've got to prepare to protect small business."

He predicted that "by June things will start to happen."

"We need to be ready to plan ahead for our city," Provenzano said.

Family and business

Commenting on his journey, Provenzano said his family is Italian but he was raised on New Mexico chile by his mother, who was born in Las Cruces.

His four sons, all of whom have special skills they honed outside the family business, are all involved in the

business now.

"To me it's always been all about family," he said of his life journey.

Provenzano outlined how he started with one store in Los Angeles, identified the Hispanic market and then expanded his grocery business into Arizona, Texas and New Mexico.

He said in 1992 he and Mike Jr. launched the small business strategy of reaching out to the Hispanic base and competing with the big-box stores.

"We're all about fresh and scratch," he said. "We're able to get the edge – edge – which is probably one of my favorite words. I try to figure our how to be different and work on the other guy's weaknesses."

Following Provenzano's presentation, Greater Chamber CEO Bill Allen shared his list of top chamber achievements of the year, which included raising 50 percent of the funds needed to renovate the historic Armijo House as the organization's future headquarters during the quiet stage of the campaign, recruiting 21 members for the 1st junior leadership class and adding value by creating a tiered membership dues structure.

Santa Fe

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Las Cruces visited every legislative office in the Roundhouse, bringing gifts, smiles and good news about Las Cruces.

One of the great things about New Mexico's citizen legislators is their accessibility.

For the most part, they are open and genuinely interested in citizen input. You should expect that to be the case for our Doña Ana County legislators, who are talking to their direct constituents. In my experience, however, legislators from all over the state will lend an ear.

"Well, what will this mean to you guys down south?" is a question I've heard from more than one legislator from up north.

It's encouraging for them to seek understanding like that.

I believe Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe is a big part of that.

Another big part of that is New Mexico State University. A surprising number of our state legislators are NMSU graduates, or have children who have attended. That gives them a positive feeling about Las Cruces.

It also doesn't hurt that Gov. Susana Martinez is from Las Cruces. Or that Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela is from Las Cruces. Or that – now – the state senate's president pro tem is from Las Cruces, Mary Kay Papen.

Any legislator who may have had his or her head in the sand about Las Cruces in the past, must now stand up and pay attention.

Economy

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to possible cuts in the Department of Defense and Department of Energy but also in other departments that invest in research.

"It's the easiest thing in the world for an agency to cut research," he said.

He acknowledged uncertainty is what also bothers local business leaders.

"They don't ever complain about the debt and the deficit – they complain about the policy uncertainty," he said.

In spite of the national air of uncertainty, Peach advocates paying attention to the economy and policies that affect it.

"The better informed people

are about the economy the better decisions they can make," he said.

"This is an opportunity to hear the perspective of an economist from a very large bank, and that's a good thing for anybody who listens. It's worthwhile to hear other people instead of just listening to our friends and neighbors all the time."

Partnership flourishes

Carruthers said Wells Fargo has shown a "real interest" in working with NMSU, which has two sources of dialogue with outside experts.

One source is a bank such as Wells Fargo that is committed to bringing in their top people, and the other is the Federal Reserve Bank of El Paso and occasionally Dallas, he said.

"It's in the best interest of a college to have good partnerships," he said. "Those connections make business colleges a better place."

"One of our major priorities is to be a part of our communities," said Jennifer Riordan, Wells Fargo vice president for community and media relations. "We are only successful if we involve the community and engage the business community as a resource other than just opening accounts."

"We aim to be a convener and an educator wherever we can."

An annual economic outlook conference debuted in Albuquerque about eight years ago, Riordan said.

To register online and print a free parking pass, go to <http://business.nmsu.edu/events> or call Judy Wetzel at 521-6849 by Friday, Feb. 15.

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



IHOP

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Construction has begun on a new IHOP at Turrentine and University Avenues.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Feb. 1	City of Las Cruces Intermodal Transit Center	Southwest corner of Alameda Boulevard and Lohman Avenue	541-2500
Jan. 25	Jack in the Box	4615 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	522-3740
Jan. 11	Metal-Tech	1600 W. Picacho Ave.	523-7284
Jan. 4	Loma Heights Elementary School remodel	1600 E. Madrid Road	527-5800
Dec. 28	Interstate 10 eastbound ramp construction	Interstate 10-Motel Boulevard exit	525-7300

Our numbers

Spaceport predictions

9
Number of launches planned by UP Aerospace from Spaceport America in 2012 and 2013

2
Number of Virgin Galactic flights per week expected by 2014

4
Number of Virgin Galactic flights per week expected by 2017

200,000
Number of visitors expected to tour Spaceport America per year, once the "visitor experience" has been implemented

Source: New Mexico Spaceport Authority Business Plan 2012 -17

Gas update

Monday, Feb. 4

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 8.5 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.11** per gallon. This compares with the national **average** that has **increased 14.4 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.48** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Feb. 4**, were **4.0 cents** per gallon **lower** than the same day one year ago and are **11.1 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national average has **increased 21.1 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **4.4 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.99
2. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road and 1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.99
3. Valero	2695 W. Picacho Ave., 1305 El Paseo Road and 1401 E. Lohman Ave.	\$3.01
4. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.01
5. Alon	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$3.01

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Feb. 4

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$169.90	US Air
Atlanta	\$246.80	US Air
Austin	\$129.30	United
Chicago	\$250.80	US Air
Dallas-Love	\$168.80	US Air
Houston	\$186.40	US Air
Las Vegas	\$168.30	US Air
Los Angeles	\$158.80	American
Phoenix	\$109.30	US Air
San Antonio	\$119.30	United
New York City	\$207.10	United
Orlando	\$278.30	American
San Diego	\$129.30	US Air
Seattle	\$256.80	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$211.80	Delta
London roundtrip	\$996.80	US Air
Paris roundtrip	\$1,060	US Air
Rome roundtrip	\$1,024.90	Delta

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Feb. 5-19 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.35593 in U.S. dollars
0.73750 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.07895 in U.S. dollars
12.66700 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01079 in U.S. dollars
92.69000 per U.S. dollar

Canadian Dollar
\$1.00270 in U.S. dollars
0.99731 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com, as Monday, Feb. 4



Market snapshot

For the week of Jan. 28- Feb. 1, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	13895.98	14009.79	113.81	.8	6.9
Nasdaq	3149.71	3179.10	29.39	.9	5.3

Strong: Consumer discretionary, utilities
Weak: Consumer staples, energy, financials

Source: http://briefing.com

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Beth Johnson welcomes visitors to her new office in Mesilla.



Janet Acosta takes the role of qualifying broker in Johnson's new endeavor.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by David Salcido

Communication is the key

Independent realtor opens a new headquarters in Mesilla

By David Salcido
Las Cruces Bulletin

According to most sources, the real estate market is back on more solid footing and consumer confidence is rising.

This information bodes very well for local Realtors such as Beth Johnson, who just opened a new office in Mesilla to house her fledgling business Las Cruces Homes & Land, Real Estate, Sales and Rentals. A ponderous name, but one that Johnson believes will be memorable.

"I called it that for regional and national recognition," she said. "Anytime anybody googles Las Cruces, it will come up. Also, I figured it just covered everything and would be easy to remember. It says it all."

Straight-forward, friendly and exuding confidence, Johnson said she believes the time is right for independent brokers like herself to step out and take control of the market situation.

"I believe Las Cruces has seen the worst of the market downturn," she said. "Other parts of the country that were hit a lot worse than we were are coming back. I think we're seeing a trend toward more independent companies that can think outside of the box and do some things that corporate businesses or franchises won't allow. I think if you treat people right and

always do the right thing, you can succeed in an independent situation."

Helping Johnson get her new business off the ground is fellow Realtor and associate broker, Janet Acosta.

"I think Las Cruces Homes & Land is going to grow to be one of the strongest real estate companies in Las Cruces," Acosta said. "Anybody can hang up a sign and call themselves a real estate office, but what makes us unique is the customer service that we provide and the knowledge that we possess. The most important thing is, we listen to our customers. I think that's key."

Johnson agrees whole-heartedly, claiming that the secret both women share, is "good old-fashioned face-to-face" communication with their customers.

"When it comes to dealing with my customers, whether they are looking at a \$60,000 home or a \$600,000 home, it's still me," she said. "I'll still wear jeans to work and I'll still drive my pickup truck. There's nothing fake here. I like to put people at ease. You just have to tailor the experience to what they're looking for and what you can give them. Each customer is different and you just have to think about what's best and most helpful for them."

Originally from Kansas, Johnson moved to Las Cruces in 1994, by way of Dallas, where she lived for 10 years. In 1995, she became a licensed Realtor and spent the next 18 years working for various companies throughout the Valley, including Emerick Real Estate & Construction, Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and Keller Williams Realty. In July 2012, she opened Las Cruces Homes & Land from her home. In January she made the big leap and opened her new Mesilla office.

"I think this office in Mesilla will be a great place for relocation," she said. "There's higher traffic and more visibility than I've had before. I plan to be open extended hours during festivals that are in Mesilla. I have a sign that goes on Avenida de Mesilla that will let people know that I am here, in case they want to stop in and get information about Las Cruces. Whether they're planning on relocating here or just want some information, I hope to be the resource for that."

Now that the office is officially open, Johnson has big plans. Her stepdaughter Cori has come on board to help out as receptionist. Hours for the new office are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but

service is provided beyond that schedule with what Johnson refers to as "24/7 service," for those who call after hours or on the weekends.

She also has a ribbon cutting scheduled for Friday, Feb. 22, with both the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce (GLCCC) and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, a fact she attributes to being a proud member of both. Then, on Wednesday, Feb. 27, Johnson will take a bigger leap and host the GLCCC's monthly Business After Hours.

"We'll do it right here in the parking lot," she said. "I think hosting the business after hours will just be another way to people know that I'm here. Realtors change. In the 18 or 19 years that I've been a Realtor, I've changed companies several times, but this is where I'm at now and I want them to know that I'm still around."

Johnson admits that she could never have come as far as she has without her "support system." Her kids Megan, 25, Katie, 22, and Mark, 21, all grew up here and she is very proud to admit that she is the grandmother of little Tanner, 7 weeks. Her greatest strength, however, comes from her husband, Greg.

"Greg is my rock," she said. "He's why I'm able to do this. It wouldn't have happened without him. I am very, very blessed."

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Profile

George Vescovo: Planning to move

Family-owned dealership passes to son

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

George Vescovo is a normal young Las Cruces businessperson – three kids, a Sienna van, a home on the ridge and a golf game he's been shortchanging.

He also has an unusual set of tools to bring to his new position as president of Las Cruces Toyota – an undergraduate degree in microbiology, an MBA and a JD. He also is a registered patent attorney and licensed pilot.

Vescovo returned to Las Cruces to take over Toyota of Las Cruces upon the retirement of his parents, Paul and Susan Vescovo.

He started his business career at Toyota of Las Cruces, where he worked for 10 years. He left in 2007, when he was general manager, to pursue an MBA at the University of New Mexico.

"I feel I'm back in my element," he said.

Vescovo believes he's returning at the perfect time, with the economy poised to recover from an economic tsunami.

"There is tremendous opportunity," he said "I see this dealership having so much potential."

Growing across the street

His overarching goal at Toyota of Las Cruces is to create a more positive brand experience for the customer.

"The focus now is on expanding," he said. "We have needed to do that for a while. The business has exceeded the capacity of the current site. I hope to break ground within a year or two.

"I want to do it yesterday – but that's how long it will take to coordinate it financially and logistically."

The move will be a short one – across Valley Drive to a parcel between The Children's Garden and The Shed.

Moving will give the dealership seven acres on which to build a more open showroom facility with offices and a larger service area for quicker turnaround time. There will be more outdoor display of inventory and space for customers to park cars. The current site is only two and a half acres.

Meanwhile, he said, the plan is to do everything possible to make the customer comfortable, while continuing to provide the level of service for which the dealership is known.

"We have always had a great reputation for being very customer centered," he said.

Beyond the individual to the community

Vescovo said while remaining customer focused he wants to take on a more outgoing strategy that includes increased marketing and community involvement.

"I want to grow without losing our core values," he said.

"Marketing is a natural interest of mine, something I enjoy. It can be something as simple as communicating effectively with people in the community and telling them what you stand for, then having it align with their experience."

When it comes to the nuts and bolts of marketing, Vescovo said he's moving into search engine marketing. In addition, he's expanding radio and cable advertising, based on listener-ship and targeting the female demographic.

The dealership will continue to partner with Farmers Insurance to give away a car each year to a local student with perfect attendance.

Vescovo said he belongs to and wants to get involved in all three local chambers of commerce.

He noted his law and business degrees should make him well suited to participate in the small business community and encourage economic development in Las Cruces.

From farm to campus

Vescovo's energy and ambition belie his youthful history of lazy days growing up on the family horse farm in Mesilla.

"It was pretty wide open," he said. "We used to walk down to the river and go fishing, ride our bikes all over Mesilla. I spent a lot of time hunting and fishing."

He attended Mesilla Park Elementary School, Zia Middle School and Las Cruces High School, where he played varsity tennis.

He went on to the University of Arizona, where he earned a bachelor's degree in microbiology in 1999 in anticipation of attending medical school.

It was at U of A he met his wife, Amanda, a sociology major who later earned a master's in multi-cultural education.

Meanwhile, the family situation at Las Cruces Toyota shifted when George's brother became ill and was no longer able to prepare to head the family business.

"I came into the dealership and I absolutely loved it," George Vescovo said.

During a later hiatus from the dealership, he earned an MBA and a J.D.

The high point of his law school experience was founding and successfully marketing the business law society at the U of A, which led to his being named the university's first business law fellow in 2010 and "helped spawn the business law program."

In 2011, he joined the firm Hecker Muehlebach PLLC in Tucson, where he was a law clerk/attorney before returning to Las Cruces in 2012.

At home in Las Cruces

Vescovo said although he no longer hunts, he still enjoys fishing and loves golf.

He said he recently played his first round in several years.

Details

George Vescovo

President
Las Cruces Toyota

Education

- Las Cruces High School
- Bachelor of Science in microbiology, University of Arizona
- MBA, University of New Mexico
- J.D., University of Arizona

Family

- Wife Amanda
- Children James, 8, Bradley and Amelia, 5

Organizations

- Founder and president, University of Arizona Business Law Society
- Board Member, Denver Region Toyota Dealers Association
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce
- Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces
- Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce

Honors

- Former business editor, Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law
- Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society
- Toyota President's Award



The result: "Streaks of brilliance but overall terrible."

He said juggling time with three kids and a beautiful wife and devoting time to the dealership means family time will be his "primary activity outside the dealership."

"There are so many kid-friendly things to do in the area – City of Rocks, White Sands,

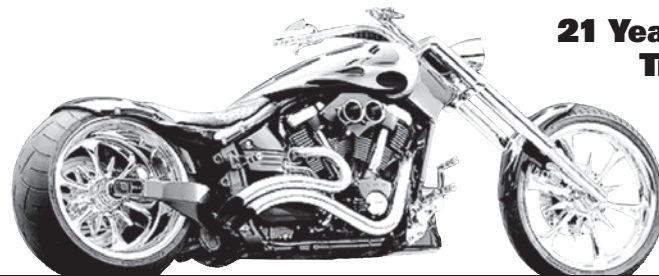
Trackways, the new science and nature museum," he said.

Vescovo said the family moved into its old house when they returned from Arizona.

He said rather than his children having a growing-up-on-the-farm experience such as his, he wanted them to be in a neighborhood, a little closer to other families with kids.

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Briefs

El Paso Electric receives Mayor's Service Award

On Monday, Feb. 4, City of Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima presented the Mayor's Quarterly Distinguished Service Award to El Paso Electric Co. The Mayor's Award is presented to individuals or organizations that have distinguished themselves in service to the community and to others.

El Paso Electric has a long-standing record of community service in supporting events and organizations such as the Electric Holiday Light Show and Habitat for Humanity.

Its long-term support of New Mexico State University athletic and academic programs, especially in the engineering and business colleges, is well-noted, as is its commitment to economic development in the region.

In addition, the volunteer efforts of El Paso Electric employees have assisted events that benefit the March of Dimes and the Las Cruces International Mariachi Conference.

"El Paso Electric is a wonderful community partner, and I am proud to present the company with this most deserving award," Miyagishima said.

"We're honored to receive this award on behalf of El Paso Electric employees," said Tom Shockley, El Paso Electric chief executive officer, who received the award. "It is our pleasure to sponsor and be a part of these community events that enrich the lives of so many."

Pecan Growers conference slated for March

New Mexico State University's Cooperative Extension Service will host 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. This will mark the 47th year the organization, which represents growers in California, Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, has sponsored the event. NMSU is a co-sponsor.

According to Olivia Carver, the association's

deputy director, last year's event attracted about 500 people from the region, elsewhere in the U.S., and even from other countries.

The trade show component kicks off Sunday at noon and goes until 5 p.m., then runs in tandem with the educational program on subsequent days. It will feature about 70 vendors. The popular annual Pecan Food Fantasy contest will also take place on Sunday.

For full information about the 2013 conference or to register and pay online, visit www.westernpecan.org. This year all conference registration is either online or at the door. Online registration closes after Feb. 25. Interested parties can also contact Olivia Carver directly at 640-7798 or oliviakcarver@gmail.com.

SBA/Agility webinar on disaster planning offered

Managing the flow of information about your company is crucial when an emergency occurs. Regardless of your abilities as a leader, it's easy to become overwhelmed when a crisis hits. Get tips on how to plan a communications strategy that will eliminate confusion and support your recovery efforts during a free webinar 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and Agility Recovery.

Titled "Crisis Communications Planning—The Keystone of Disaster Recovery Response" the webinar will be presented by Agility Recovery CEO Bob Boyd, with a question and answer session to follow. The discussion will help you assess your company's needs, identify a good spokesperson and develop fact sheets and talking points.

SBA has partnered with Agility to offer business continuity strategies through its "PrepareMyBusiness" website.

Visit www.preparemybusiness.org to access past webinars and get additional preparedness tips. The SBA provides disaster recovery assistance in the form of low-interest loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations and businesses of all sizes. To learn

Save the date

FRI. 2/8

4 p.m. Mendez Jewelers & Appraisers Ribbon Cutting, 1100 S. Main St., Suite 114. For more information, call the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces at 524-8900.

TUE. 2/12

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Effective Networking Seminar, sponsored by WESST at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. Cost is \$20. Register in advance at 524-8900.

THU. 2/21

3:30 to 5 p.m. Economic Outlook Conference at Health & Social Services Auditorium on the NMSU Campus. Top national and state economists present their economic forecasts for 2013. Register by Friday, Feb. 15, by calling Judy Wetzel at 521-6849.

MON. 2/22

4 p.m. Ribbon cutting for Las Cruces

Homes & Land, Real Estate, Sales and Rentals, 1701 Calle de Mercado, Suite 1. For more information, call 805-4383.

TUE. 2/23

5:30 p.m. Las Cruces Public School forum for school board candidates at Good Samaritan Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, call the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce at 524-1968.

TUE. 2/26

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Speed Networking Event, sponsored by WESST at the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, 2825 N. Main St. 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.

If you have business events or meetings you'd like to publicize in the Las Cruces Bulletin Business section, email them to business@lascrucesbulletin.com or call the Bulletin business desk at 524-8061.

more, visit www.sba.gov/disaster.

Space for the webinar is limited. Register at www.gotomeeting.com/register/119177817.

AIN award ceremony scheduled Feb. 20

Arrowhead Center will host an award ceremony and reception in celebration of the Arrowhead Innovation Network (AIN) initiative, an i6 Challenge project, which will leverage \$2 million from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and NMSU to accelerate commercialization of regionally developed technology to build a sustainable entrepreneurial and innovation environment in southern New Mexico and west Texas.

The award ceremony will include U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and other dignitaries, followed by a morning reception of coffee and pastries.


The AIN award ceremony and reception will take place from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb.

20 at Arrowhead Center, 3655 Research Drive, Genesis Center Building C on the New Mexico State University campus. Please RSVP to Zetdi Runyan at ati@nmsu.edu or 646-7833.

WESST and Hispano Chamber to offer networking seminars

In an effort to encourage and help small businesses network effectively in this community, WESST and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces will offer two events for business professionals: 1. An Effective Networking Seminar (presented by Katia LeMone, a networking coach) where participants will learn techniques on how to network effectively, especially in large groups; and 2. A Speed Networking, Round-Table event where small businesses can quickly introduce

Continued on following page

 City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Jan. 27 - Feb. 1						
Las Cruces Home Builders Association						
PERMIT NO.	PERMIT TYPE	OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL FEE	VALUATION
20130562	REROOF	ANTONIO D. & MARGARITA GARCIA	1860 DEBBY CIRCLE	DE LA PAZ CONSTRUCTION	\$64.58	\$6,250
20130577	REROOF	MULTIFAMILY MTG BRANCH	999 S. TELSHOR BLVD.	DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$132.94	\$17,856
20130593	REROOF	DANIEL D. & NORMA J. RAMONDO	1008 MONDALE LOOP	GILBERT & SONS ROOFING & PLASTERING	\$84.78	\$9,680
20130597	REROOF	ALTA LEE WESCOTT	4225 ELKS DRIVE	ANDY'S CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$47.94	\$3,425
20130607	REROOF	DONALD & BETTY CILLO	2902 CARRETAS COURT	ERASMO'S ROOFING, LLC	\$60.75	\$5,600
20130637	REROOF	MULTIFAMILY MTG BRANCH	999 S. TELSHOR BLVD.	DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$120.67	\$15,772
20130551	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	MISSION SANTA CLARA LLC	1960 CALLE DE FUERTE	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$4,705.82	\$169,166
20130552	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	NM LOTS LLC	3538 CALLE DE SIERRA	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$3,087.80	\$251,740
20130561	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	LOUIS H. & PRISCILLA FREITAS	450 PALMER ROAD	VICA ONE INC.	\$1,439	\$229,026
20130592	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	GL GREEN & ASSOCIATES LLC	1004 CALLE GRIEGA	GL GREEN AND ASSOCIATES	\$4,703.16	\$167,608
20130598	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	ISMAEL SR & SILVIA V. MARTINEZ	1926 STANTON AVE.	ISMAEL SR & SILVIA V. MARTINEZ	\$51.33	\$4,000
20130631	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	MATTHEW P. & JAMIE M. YEAGER	690 SHERRI COURT	LIBERTY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION	\$364.84	\$72,000
20130548	RESIDENTIAL ALTERATIONS	OLGA M. AND ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ	1812 NEWTON ST.	JOSE M. RODRIGUEZ	\$42.49	\$2,500
20130606	RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME INSTALL	HERST/WOLFE LLC	3200 DEL REY BLVD, TRAILER 138	HERST/WOLFE LLC		\$0
20130566	RET ROCKWALL	ELITE VENTURES LLC	840 S. TELSHOR BLVD.	HIGHLAND ENTERPRISES	\$6,743.50	\$134,870
20130534	ROCKWALL	JAMES F. & JACKIE R. WOOD	5875 JORNADA ROAD NORTH	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$261.85	\$5,237
20130543	ROCKWALL	DANDE DEVELOPMENT LLC	3353 VALVERDE LOOP	EMG CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$98.50	\$1,970

* Information provided by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices

Las Cruces Area Home-Sale Data 1996 - 2012

New and Existing Homes - Sold - Las Cruces Area

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
New	245	201	207	134	170	136	185	301	455	604	730	704	406	309	249	160	146
Existing	924	858	918	1,182	1,107	1,196	1,255	1,287	1,316	1,532	1,573	1,173	907	983	900	864	1,109
Combined	1,169	1,059	1,125	1,316	1,277	1,332	1,440	1,588	1,771	2,136	2,303	1,877	1,313	1,292	1,149	1,024	1,255

New and Existing Homes Sold - Average Sales Price - Las Cruces Area

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
New	\$127,492	\$126,690	\$145,613	\$157,665	\$165,184	\$163,868	\$198,336	\$200,690	\$219,729	\$238,343	\$252,208	\$246,580	\$234,928	\$200,834	\$184,474	\$181,407	\$177,211
Existing	\$98,541	\$100,945	\$103,354	\$116,394	\$119,264	\$121,760	\$124,178	\$129,553	\$149,662	\$183,439	\$198,001	\$207,825	\$210,438	\$189,121	\$197,300	\$182,713	\$172,945
Combined	\$104,609	\$105,831	\$111,130	\$120,596	\$125,377	\$126,059	\$133,705	\$143,037	\$167,663	\$198,964	\$215,591	\$222,147	\$218,016	\$191,222	\$194,520	\$182,509	\$173,441

New and Existing Homes Sold - Annual Change in Average Sales Price - Las Cruces Area

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
New	12.2%	-0.6%	14.9%	8.3%	4.8%	-0.8%	21.0%	1.2%	9.5%	8.5%	5.8%	-2.2%	-4.7%	-14.5%	-8.1%	-1.7%	-2.3%
Existing	4.4%	2.4%	2.4%	12.6%	2.5%	2.1%	2.0%	4.3%	15.5%	22.6%	7.9%	5.0%	1.3%	-10.1%	4.3%	-7.4%	-5.3%
Combined	5.7%	1.2%	5.0%	8.5%	4.0%	0.5%	6.1%	7.0%	17.2%	18.7%	8.4%	3.0%	-1.9%	-12.3%	1.7%	-6.2%	-5.0%

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors as of 02/04/2013 © 2013 Gary Sandler Inc.

For sale

New Las Cruces homes at decade-old prices



Oh no,
it's another birthday,
Gary Sandler

If someone suggested you could purchase a new home today for the same price buyers paid in 2002, would you believe them? You should.

According to data from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR), buyers who purchased new homes during 2012 paid an average of \$177,211 for their single-family

homes, townhomes and condominiums.

That's the same price buyers were paying during the summer of 2002; the year new-home prices made their most significant price gains in the history of area recordkeeping. During that year, the average price of a new home rose 21 percent, from just under \$164,000 to just over \$198,000.

During 2012, local Realtors sold a total of 1,255 new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums, roughly the same number sold in 2005. Of that number, 146 were new homes. Not since 2001, when 136 new homes were sold, have sales of new homes been so meager.

Existing homes

Today's existing-home buyers are paying an average of just under \$178,000 for their houses; roughly the same as buyers paid in the summer of 2005. During that year, prices experienced a record-setting appreciation

rate of 22.6 percent, rising to \$183,439 from \$149,662.

If these disheartening numbers aren't enough for you, consider the plight of existing-home sales production. While the 1,109 sales booked in 2012 were a welcomed 28 percent higher than the 864 sales recorded in 2011, they were equal to the number of homes sold in the year 2000.

Year to date totals

According to preliminary statistics for January 2013, the total number of new and existing homes sold exceeded both month-ago and year-ago production levels. Average prices

“Today's existing home buyers are paying an average of just under \$178,000.”

were lower in both categories; however, indicating that values may remain soft – especially in the short term.

Be that as it may, this is still a terrific time to take advantage of low prices and reduced mortgage rates.

After all, both could begin to increase with-out notice.

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 Gary at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Briefs

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themselves before moving on to the next table.

Both events will be held at the Las Cruces Home Builder's Association, 2825 N. Main. The Effective Networking Seminar will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Participants will receive full materials on USB and refreshments. The Speed Networking meeting will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26.

Registration for the Networking Seminar is \$20. Those who attend will also receive free admission in to the Speed Networking Event Feb. 26. Registration for the Speed Networking event is \$15 for WESST clients and Hispano Chamber members; \$30 for non-members.

Event sponsors include: WESST, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, Citizen's Bank, LegalShield and Sam's Club.

“It stands to reason that businesses want to grow and expand,” said Jennifer Craig, WESST's director in Las Cruces. “Unfortunately, they rarely have time to invest away from their businesses and they are missing a huge opportunity by not networking.”

Advance registration is required. Call the Hispano Chamber at 524-8900 or WESST at 541-1583 to register.

WESST is a nonprofit helping to grow small business statewide. They are funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. All opinions, conclusions or recommendations expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of SBA.

Application deadline approaching for HD3 Discovery Day at NMSU

The High Desert Discovery District (HD3) and the Arrowhead Innovation Network are scheduled to host the next HD3 Discovery Day March 20-21 at New Mexico State University.

All innovators, entrepreneurs and technologists throughout New Mexico and the southern Borderplex/El Paso region are encouraged to apply to present their “discovery” to a panel composed of seasoned and veteran entrepreneurs, business trailblazers, management professionals, investors and others involved with the HD3 Entrepreneurs Forum. Previous applicants are welcome to re-apply.

The purpose of the HD3 Discovery Day is to offer New Mexico innovators the opportunity to present and discuss their innovation or business idea, their challenges, strategy and market promise in front of a highly experienced group of business achievers. 10-15 applicants are typically selected to present from all across New Mexico.

Former New Mexico Gov/NMSU Dean Garrey Carruthers and his wife Kathy will host the social gathering for the Discovery Day presenters, panelists, sponsors and the HD3 advisers at their residence on March 20. For more information about HD3 and criteria and instructions for application, visit www.hddd.org.

The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 15. The event will take place March 21 at New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage

Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. For consideration to present at Discovery Day, submit applications to michelleh@hddd.org

Southwest Wine Challenge deadline rapidly approaching

Prescott's inaugural Southwest Wine Challenge is accepting wine entries until Sunday, Feb. 10.

The Challenge is a double-blind tasting event for wines produced in the Southwestern states of Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah. Entries will be accepted for more than 30 wine categories including Vinefera, American grape, fruit, sparkling, fortified and sweet wines. The competition will be held March 10-12 in Prescott, Ariz.

The taste panel will consist of industry professionals and experienced wine enthusiasts with medals awarded to wines based upon individual qualities. Wineries may register and pay for the event on-line.

“With our unique growing conditions in the southwest, and the burgeoning wine industry gaining attention by wine connoisseurs all over the world, it is time for an event that focuses exclusively on the wines of the region,” said Harry Haff, the event's organizer, wine educator and certified executive chef.

For more information, contact Harry Haff at 678-576-0320, winewithachef@me.com or visit www.southwestwinechallenge.com.

Financing extended for the 2013 crop year

The marketing assistance loan (MAL) and loan deficiency payment (LDP) provisions authorized in the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill) have been extended for the 2013 crop year with the passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

MALs and LDPs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, rice, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, peanuts, pulse crops, cotton, honey and wool. Assistance is available to eligible producers beginning with harvest or shearing season and extending through the program year.

The 2013 mohair crop is not eligible for MALs or LDPs because mohair provisions were suspended by the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2012 and the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2013.

MALs provide producers interim financing at or after harvest to help them meet cash flow needs without having to sell their commodities when market prices are typically at harvest-time lows. A producer who is eligible to obtain a loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain an LDP if such payments are available.

For more information about marketing assistance loan and loan deficiency payments, visit your FSA county office or FSA's website at www.fsa.usd.gov/pricesupport.

Las Cruces heats up at Greater Chamber banquet

Photos by Steve Macintyre



Kiel Hoffman, GLCCC CEO Bill Allen and Richard Haas pose with Leslie Martinez, Conquistadore of the Year, at the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony, on Friday, Feb. 1, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



David Lyons, honor guard commander and a member of the department for 15 years, was named Firefighter of the Year.



Stacie Allen of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico, the Nonprofit of the Year, does a celebratory dance while Bill Allen and presenter Richard Haas look on.



Early Career Teacher of the Year Morgan Harding holds her Crystal Apple Award, one of three Crystal Apple Awards presented that evening to local educators, sponsored by El Paso Electric Co.



Allen and Haas flank the chamber's "unsung hero," Volunteer of the Year Bruce Drum.



Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams, Police Officer of the Year Mark Nevarez, Haas and Allen

Allen welcomes to the stage siblings Nikole Avila, Zoey Gier and Zack Gier, who accepted the Teacher of the Year Crystal Apple Award on behalf of their mother, Tanya Gier of Valley View Elementary School, who was unable to attend.



Haas, Principal of the Year Brian Peterson of Vista Middle School and Allen



Bill Allen, Rico Gonzales of El Paso Electric Co., named Business of the Year, Haas and Clay Doyle of EPE

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Fiscal cliff looms again

Sequestration could cost NM thousands of jobs



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Famously, Congress and the President agreed on a deal to avoid the fiscal cliff that the country was due to fall off Jan. 1.

The deal involved allowing the 2 percent payroll tax holiday to expire. It imposed a higher tax rate on those earning more than \$400,000 (\$450,000 for a married couple), going from 35 percent to 39.6 percent. The deal raised the capital gain and dividend top rate from 15 percent to 20 percent. And the deal increased the top inheritance tax rate to 40 percent.

The deal also put off sequestration of federal spending to March 1. Well, March 1 is fast approaching and sequestration is looming before us. A new fiscal cliff is here and it isn't pretty for New Mexico.

Sequestration is the across-the-board cutting of government spending, without regard for the merits of the program being cut. Under current law, federal spending is to be cut \$1.2 trillion. Defense spending is scheduled to be cut 11.3 percent and non-defense discretionary spending is to be cut 8.2 percent. The federal workforce is to be cut 15 percent.

While cuts are to be spread over 10 years, most of the decrease comes in current fiscal year; that is, in FY2013. The Congressional Research Service predicts a 13 percent cut in real discretionary defense spending this year followed by slow growth of less than 1 percent in the nine out-years of the plan. The FY2013 cut for non-defense discretionary spending is predicted to be 11.2 percent. Social Security is not covered by sequestration.

This isn't good for New Mexico. There

are approximately 48,700 federal employees in the state, with an average annual salary of \$68,000. A 15 percent reduction in employment would mean 7,300 fewer jobs statewide. When you include contractors, vendors and also the knock on effect, sequestration is expected to reduce employment growth statewide by 28,000 jobs.

Locally, employees at White Sands Missile Range have been told to plan for furloughs of up to 22 days. Very little hiring is going on. All this is contributing to the slow down the Las Cruces economy has experienced over the last year.

The mood among Republicans seems to be let the fiscal cliff happen. The cuts may not be exactly to the programs preferred, but the magnitude is in line with Republican desires, or so the argument goes.

But this kind of reasoning misses the economic implications of sequestration. It would throw the national economy into a recession. GDP growth was -0.1 percent in the fourth quarter as it was. This drop off in growth seems to have arisen from cutbacks by federal agencies, especially the Department of Defense, as they hoard the budget for the second half of the year in anticipation of sequestration.

If sequestration actually occurs, the impact will be substantially greater. Here in New Mexico, which is more dependent on federal spending than many other states, the consequences will be substantial. If sequestration goes forward as now planned, it will take a decade for private sector employment to replace lost federal jobs.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at NMSU. He has taught economics at NMSU for more than 25 years. The views expressed here may not be shared by the regents or administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.

Nut sales in flux

U.S. consumption of pecans expected to rise

By **Marvin Tessneer**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Marketing conditions and inventories have been causing fluctuations in New Mexico's pecan industry, forcing it into an adjusting "corrective market."

A couple of years ago, the Chinese started importing large amounts of in-shell pecans, and paying as much as \$2.80 per pound, a record high, which drove up the prices to United States consumers.

"We're feeling the effect of higher prices over the last two years, and the pecan market has slumped," San Saba Pecans broker Phillip Arnold said. "The sales of U.S. pecans came down dramatically."

But the market is feeling the effect of these high prices and is forced to adjust.

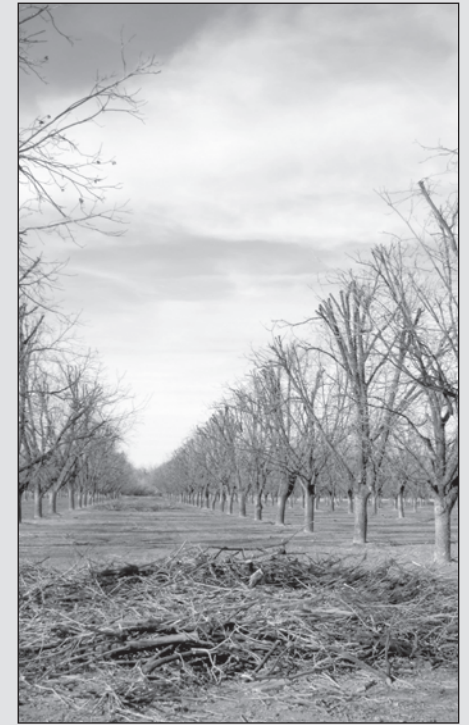
When prices increased in the U.S., consumers bought fewer pecans. The market became more competitive and U.S. consumption in 2012 decreased by 75 million pounds, building up inventory.

It's the familiar story of supply and demand, and is reducing prices to growers.

"Because prices were so high the last couple of years, U.S. consumers were buying less pecans," Arnold said. "The price to growers is coming back down. Maybe to \$1.50 a pound in-shell that we saw in 2008."

"But we're seeing a corrective market taking place. If we see an increase in pecan consumption and a lower inventory, that could change."

In 2012, New Mexico pecan cash receipts ranked third, totaling \$163 million; down 13 percent from the previous year. The 2011 pecan production, a high-bearing year in the alternate bearing cycle, was 61 million



Pecan trees in Las Cruces are pruned and prepared for another productive season.

pounds, according to statistics compiled by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture and the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

New Mexico pecan production comes from 35,700 acres of trees. Doña Ana County leads with 25,600 acres of trees in 1,145 orchards.

Horsing around for charity

Community Foundation annual gala sports Kentucky Derby theme

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is gearing up to run for the roses during its April 27 gala.

The Kentucky Derby themed gala at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum will bring together philanthropy, derby attire, dancing and casino games to benefit 35 nonprofit endowments and CFSNM operating expenses.

"This gala will provide an incredible opportunity for people to have fun, and at the same time benefit nonprofits in our community," said Ammu Devasthali, secretary of the CFSNM Board of Directors and chair of the gala.

Other gala committee members include Karen Bailey, CaraLyn Banks, Amy Buesing, Mandy Leatherwood, Diana Seward and Donna Tate.

Last year's sold-out event brought 330 participants together to play poker, roulette and Texas Hold 'Em after receiving a bag of chips at the front door. With each chip representing one point, participants were able to drop their winning chips off in containers representing their favorite nonprofit. The CFSNM then created matching grants for the amount of chips in each nonprofit



Last year's Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico gala featured a "Run for the Roses" theme. Winning the women's hat competition at the gala in 2012 were **Bonnie Gunderman, most creative; Audrey Hartley, most traditional; and Amy Pollard, best of show.**

container.

This year's event will be much the same; however, attendees will play the casino games with celebrity dealers.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive in their favorite derby attire and judges will select best hats, including most creative hat, most traditional hat and best of show for both men and women.

Businesses and individuals can purchase ads on life-size carousel horses for \$300,

which will be displayed along the path heading into the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Ticket prices for the gala at 6 p.m. April 27, are \$125 per person or \$1,150 for a table of 10.

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

Details

Run for the Roses

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico Run for the Roses Gala Dinner, dancing and casino games

When

6 p.m. Saturday, April 27

Where

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road

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521-4794

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 see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 South Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201001486

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**MARTHA REYES DE
GALINDO AKA MARTHA
R. GALINDO AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF MARTHA REYES DE
GALINDO AKA MARTHA
R. GALINDO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9M AND 9N IN BLOCK 13 OF ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 OF SUBDIVISION 'C', BLOCKS NUMBER 12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, 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 JULY 17, 1967 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 10 AT PAGES 10-12, PLAT RECORDS.

BEING THAT PARCEL OF LAND TO JUAN M GALINDO AND MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO, HUSBAND AND WIFE FROM MARTHA REYES DE GALINDO, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY BY THAT DEED DATED 9/15/2003 AND RECORDED 9/23/2003 AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 34949 OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGISTRY.

The address of the real property is 5070 Pueblo Trl, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on February 17, 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 \$215,740.96 plus interest from October 26, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended

for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-05304_FC01

Pub # 12636
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02123

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**AARON W. ELZA, NATIONAL
CITY BANK AND FIRST
LIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT
UNION FKA FORT BLISS
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,
Defendant(s).**

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the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot Numbered 76 of Tierra Verde-Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Tierra Verde-Phase 2, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on May 26, 1999 in plat Book 19, Folio 283-284.

The address of the real property is 2003 Via Tesoro, 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 19, 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 \$238,267.35 plus interest from October 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Southwest Support Group
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Pub # 12637
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201200926

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**PAT O. CARDENAS AND
MARIA S. CARDENAS,
Defendant(s).**

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LOTS 14 AND 15, BLOCK 2, J.A. GUSTAFSON SUBDIVISION NO. 2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 310 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 23, 1940, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 6, PAGE 25, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 760 Williams Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88005-2926. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 13, 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 \$199,570.66 plus interest from May 31, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff

may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
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-2012-00989

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DAVID R. RAMIREZ,
MARY RAMIREZ AND
THE STATE OF NEW**

MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 21, LOS VENADOS ESTATES SUBDIVISION PHASE 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 January 18, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 490-491 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 126 Roe Deer Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 19, 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 \$350,847.90 plus interest from November 28, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other

condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-03458_FC01

Pub # 12639
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-01973

**GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MIGUEL A. CANO and,
if married, JANE DOE
CANO, (True Name
Unknown), his spouse;
CODY W. REIDHEAD;
OAKWOOD ACCORP;
TAXATION AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT of the
STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 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 1617 Choctaw Trail, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 1L, Block 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, 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 June 6, 1966, in Book 9 Page(s) 97 of Plat Records,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as: 1998 Golden West DW, VIN No. GWCA21L25630AB.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 21, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$117,008.41 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from July 21, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,000.72. 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



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

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.

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Dates 11/9/12 - 6/28/13

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home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12647
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01595

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Successor by merger to BAC
Home Loans Servicing, LP fka
Countrywide Home Loans
Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JOSEPH N. MAIN, and if
married, JANE DOE MAIN,
(true name unknown), his
spouse, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 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 120 Sun Spirit Lane, Santa Teresa, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2, Block 7, SANTA TERESA SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 5, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 843 on 05/13/1976 in book 12 Page(s) 62 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 4, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$264,186.18 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from September 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,209.03. 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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12648
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. CV-2011-1563

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
successor in interest to
Washington Mutual Bank,
FA, successor to Washington
Mutual Home Loans, Inc.,
successor in interest by merger
to Fleet Mortgage Corp.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PATRICIA M. VAN WART,
if living; If deceased, THE
ESTATE OF PATRICIA
M. VAN WART, Deceased;
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES AND LEGATEES
OF PATRICIA M. VAN WART,
Deceased; and JOHN DOE A,
(True Name Unknown), successor
Trustee of the Patricia
M. Van Wart Revocable Trust
under Trust Agreement dated
May 3, 1991, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 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 2115 S Telshor Blvd, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 12, BLOCK 7, TELSHOR HILLS 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 SEPTEMBER 6, 1963, IN BOOK 1 AT PAGE 22 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 19, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$72,022.82 and the same bears interest at 7.1250% per annum from October 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,912.06. 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,

ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$72,022.82 and the same bears interest at 7.1250% per annum from October 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,912.06. 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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12649
Dates 1/18, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02495

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

vs.
**DAVID R. GONZALES and
DEBORAH GONZALES,
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 1228 Antelope Pass Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 6 IN BLOCK NUMBERED L OF SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 7, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID SANDHILL CENTER HEIGHTS, PHASE 7, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 17, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 625-626.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2013, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, 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 January 14, 2013, in the principal sum of \$149,400.49, plus outstanding interest due on the Note, as modified, through December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$6,013.54 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.00 per diem, plus late charges of \$223.98, plus escrow advances for property taxes of \$430.30, plus an appraisal fee of \$500.00.

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
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12661
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01792

**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.

**MICHELLE D. YATES, and if
married, JOHN DOE A (true
name unknown) her spouse,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 20, 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 4687 Elks

Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 11, BLOCK 1, DEL NORTE COUNTRY ESTATES UNIT NO. 2, 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 6, 1985, IN BOOK 14 PAGE(S) 20-21 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 January 7, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$141,230.67 and the same bears interest at 6.360% per annum from November 3, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,706.99. 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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12664
Dates 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

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

No. D-307-CV-201202068

**JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**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.

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,**

vs.

**MICHELE LEE HUDSON,
AKA MICHELE L. HUDSON-
ARMENDARIZ, ARGENT
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
LLC, JOHN DOE AND JANE
DOE, 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 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.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM12-01956_FC01

Pub # 12674
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

**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.**

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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 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:

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.

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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12675
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 6, 2012, John Clayshulte on behalf of the Clayshulte Brothers, Box 113, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application num-

bered LRG-3864-POD 4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-3864-S, located on land owned by the applicant and located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 27, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, NMPM and using proposed new well LRG-3864-POD 4 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 400 feet with 16-inch casing on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,463,577 ft. Y=465,390 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District required for beneficial use, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 106.83 acres of land located within Tracts 56C(1&2), 57C, 58F and 58G on USRS/EBID Map No. 10. Old well LRG-3864-S and proposed new well LRG-3864-POD 4 are located northwest of Mesilla, NM approximately 0.33 miles south of the intersection of Snow Road and Glass Road. Old well LRG-3864-S 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 88005-6598 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 # 12676
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 17, 2012, Franklin Mountain Polo, LLC, 123 West Mills Ave., Suite 600, El Paso, TX 79901, filed application numbered LRG-8561 & LRG-8617-A 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 be located within the SE1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 56' 28.84"N, 106° 38' 29.87"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-8561 located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 54.55"N, 106° 38' 22.71"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and also to supplement existing well LRG-8617 located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 54.55"N, 106° 38' 22.71"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and also to combine water rights as recorded and on file with the State Engineer in file LRG-8561 and LRG-8617-A 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, from aforementioned existing wells LRG-8561 and LRG-8617 and proposed supplemental well LRG-8561 POD3, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of a total combined acreage of 103.48 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 and the SE1/4 of projected Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and within the NW1/4 and the NE1/4 of projected Section 28, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described in part by Sub file Nos.: LRS-28-018-0087 and LRS-28-018-0135 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed supplemental well LRG-8561 POD3 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 1/3 mile southwest of the intersection of Wallace Road and State Highway 28.

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.

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.

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 # 12677
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

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

CASE NO CV - 2012 - 2714

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GEORGE EDMUND GRUENEWALD FOR CHANGE OF NAME

AMENDED NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 40-8-1 through Sec. 40-8-3 NMSA 1978, the Petitioner, George Edmund Gruenewald will apply to the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District at the Third Judicial District Courthouse in LAS CRUCES, New Mexico at 9:00 a.m. on the 28th day of February, 2013 for an ORDER FOR CHANGE OF NAME from George Edmund Gruenewald to George Edmundo Gruenewald.

Submitted by Petitioner Pro Se:
/s/ George Gruenewald
1410 E. Mesa Ave.
Apt. 2
Las Cruces NM 88001

Pub # 12678
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. 13-0014

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KENNETH O. BECKWITH, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that KATHY JEAN-KESTER BECKWITH has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: January 23, 2013.

KATHY JEAN-KESTER
BECKWITH
4456 Organ Mesa Loop
Las Cruces, NM 88011

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

Pub # 12679
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2013

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

No. PB-13-009

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEATRICE L. PENA, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated: January 7, 2013.

/s/ Steve L. Pena
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Beatrice L. Pena,
Deceased.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 366
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366
(575) 524-0833
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes
Attorney for the Estate

Pub # 12681
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of a Transfer of Ownership and Location of Liquor License No. 2752 to TJW, LLC d/b/a Whiskey Dicks to be located at 101 East Union Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the transfer.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 25th day of January 2013.

/s/ Esther Martinez-Carrillo,
CMC, City Clerk

Pub # 12682
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 13-0021
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. ROLL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Kathy Kitchens, LLC was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary C. Roll, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Mary C. Roll, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 24th day of January, 2013.

Kathy Kitchens, LLC
s/
By: Kathryn R. Kitchens,
Member
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT,
P.C.
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/
(877) 457-7213 facsimile

Pub # 12683
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201201790

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

v.

SEAN M. GATES,
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., JPMORGAN CHASE
BANK, NA AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
SEAN M. GATES, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Sean M. Gates and the Unknown Spouse of Sean M. Gates, 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 2910 Karen Place, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: Lot 6, Block 4, UNIVERSITY ESTATES, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 611 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on March 31, 1964, and recorded in Book 9, Page 23, 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,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason

Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
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 20th day of
September, 2012.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Nancy Heavner
Deputy

NM12-01612_FC01

Pub # 12685
Dates 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2013

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 23419 North Highway 185, Radium Springs, 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 ½" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE N.68deg.51'22"E., a distance of 445.66 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE N.21deg.08'37"W., a distance of 43.55 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE N.68deg.51'23"E., a distance of 144.72 feet to a ½"

iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 21deg.08'37"E., a distance of 136.83 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE S.68deg.51'23"W., a distance of 35.00 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE S.20deg.09'00"E., a distance of 192.65 feet to a ½" 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.

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 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.

Pamela Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12686
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1848

**BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING LP, fka**

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID R. RAMIREZ; MARY HELEN RAMIREZ; and MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., 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 5446 Mirasol Drive, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 17, Block 9, MIRASOL SUBDIVISION PHASE II-C, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2385 thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on June 29, 1992, and recorded in Book 17, Pages 196-197, 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 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 \$162,760.75 and the same bears interest at 5.000% per annum from December 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,140.42. 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.

Pamela Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12687
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-0307-CV-0201202704

REVERSE MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS, INC., Plaintiff,

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
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 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

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

No. PB 2013-004
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY C. THOMAS Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Ste. A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/
JOHN WILLIAM CONWAY
Personal Representative of the estate of DOROTHY C. THOMAS

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.
/S/ Melissa J. Reeves-Evins
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub # 12689
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

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 (objection must be 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, HC60 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.

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tion 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 COURT

SA 2013-02
Judge: Macias

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BERNICE B. ESCOBEDO FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD

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GRACE B. DURAN
Attorney for Petitioner
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Las Cruces, N.M. 88005
(575)541-0329

Witness the Honorable Fernando Macias, 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 25 day of January, 2013.

Norman Osborne
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: Joe M. Martinez
Deputy

Pub #12693
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2013



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold bids at 4 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

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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 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 6th day of February 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC
City Clerk

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Dates 2/8, 2013



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VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day in the Valley

Cupid draws back his bow February 14

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

He's honed his darts, tightened his blind-fold, hitched up his swaddling clothes, taken aim and, in a few short days, Cupid will let fly his arrows across Las Cruces.

Valentine's Day, which arrives Thursday, Feb. 14, has long been an occasion to spoil the object of our affections with heart-shaped cards, roses, teddy bears and, of course, the omnipresent Whitman's sampler.

But those are all so passé. This Valentine's Day, why not treat your sweetie to something different?

Special events, fine dining and live performances across the valley will be in full swing, making sure that you and your special someone have the perfect day to celebrate your love.

A number of high-end Las Cruces and Mesilla restaurants are offering special menus and meals for Valentine's Day, including St. Clair Winery & Bistro, De la Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, Meson de Mesilla, Paisano Café and Savoy de Mesilla. Most are offering four- or five-course meals, usually priced per couple. As a restaurant business veteran, I suggest making reservations early – as in, yesterday – as these places tend to fill up quickly.

If you're looking for something different than dinner, never fear – there are lots of great, one-night-only events happening all around town.

Are you in the mood? For live music, of course – get your mind out of the gutter.

As part of the month-long Music on Main Street program, two special shows will be held

Valentine's evening. Las Cruces Renaissance man Bob Diven will play guitar and Irish percussion while singing original songs "about life, love and road-kill animals" at a performance from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Next door, at the Main Street Bistro & Ale House, Las Cruces' premiere jazz combo, the MST Jazz Trio, will perform from 6 to 8 p.m. While you're in the area, why not take your squeeze to any one of the numerous art galleries or museums found along Main Street?

Want to take a cruise out of town? Well, jump in the car, pull your lady (or gentleman) right up next to you on that bench seat and head out to Sparky's Burgers, Barbecue and Espresso in Hatch, 115 Franklin St., and catch legendary bluesman Andrew Jr. Boy Jones and his band, taking the stage at 7:30 p.m. You'll find great food, microbrews from Mimbres Valley and, of course, some live music perfect for you and your squeeze to step out on the dance floor. Tickets are \$10, and for more information, call 267-4222 or visit www.sparkysburger.com.

After you and your dame or fella have had a bite to eat and heard some live, local music, head to the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St., for a special Valentine's Day-only performance of "Love Letters," considered one of the best American plays of the 1990s. This will be No Strings Theatre Company 13th annual production of "Love Letters," a two-character play that chronicles the lifelong relationship between a man and woman solely through their correspondence. It will feature Sarah Williams and Algernon D'Amassa, fresh off his roles in "The Fantasticks" and the film "Among the Dust of Thieves." Showtime is at 7 p.m. Thurs-

day, Feb. 14, and tickets are \$10 regular admission and \$9 students and seniors.

For those looking to take a larger leap, Doña Ana County will be performing free weddings from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N.

Motel Blvd. Interested couples must reserve an appointment by calling Lydia Chaparro at 525-6115. On the big day, each couple must bring with them two witnesses and a valid New Mexico marriage license.

Long after the roses have wilted, the Hallmark cards have been lost in the junk drawer, the chocolate headache has set in and the dogs have gotten hold of the teddy bear, you'll still have your memories of Valentine's Day – this year, really make them count.



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Blurring the border(s)

Public art project becomes a reality

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A born and raised El Pasoan, artist Peter Svarzbein sees the border much differently than the national media, and general public, do.

"The only thing being represented and being spoken about, border-wise, was a narrative of violence," Svarzbein said. "Violence and death and cartels and immigration.

"Growing up here, that's not the reality of this place. I'm sure it is for some people, but for the majority of people, that's not the case."

One thing that does matter to border residents on both sides, he said, is how to get across.

"From the richest of the rich to the poorest of the poor, on both sides of the border, they find reasons to cross," he said. "For them to be from here, it means to be able to cross."

While attending the School of Visual Arts in New York in 2010, Svarzbein wanted to challenge his East-coast classmates' perceptions of the region he knows and loves. His idea came while taking undergraduate advertising courses.

"I was looking at advertising as a way to deal with ideas," he said. "I found the idea-based approach toward art and expression was something that really interested me, especially as a kind of multi-platform project."

As a way to speak about the truth of the border, of his hometown, Svarzbein designed an ad campaign for a fictional streetcar system, dubbed the El Paso Transnational Trolley.

History buffs and El Paso residents know that, until 1974, a trolley system ran across the border between El Paso and Juárez, the first bi-national trolley system in the world.

The ease of daily commutes between these sister cities, Svarzbein said, was somewhat of a happier time for both communities, and reflected an appreciative, positive relationship between the two countries.

It wasn't just people that flowed back and forth freely across the now reined-in



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen

Oscar de la Cruz and Peter Svarzbein put the last layers of paste on Svarzbein's "Faces of the Frontera," at the NMSU Art Gallery.

border.

"We put up this wall," Svarzbein said, "but so much goes through it. The way the border functions, as I see it, is really not this place of ending or division, but a place of beginnings, of mixture."

"Economies, culture, food – they all mix and create something vibrant and new," and that something new, to Svarzbein, was El Paso.

This idea, of the border region as a place of mixing, of merging, inspired Svarzbein's work on the El Paso Transnational Trolley Project.

"This project, for me, was about taking borders between genres, different artistic sensibilities, and blurring them – the borders between advertising and conceptual art and street art – and asking art to do something more than just look pretty," he said.

"That was the hardest thing to measure: How can a project have an impact in the real world?"

Svarzbein's project incorporated graphic design, in creating logos and signage for his streetcar system, street art, in the form of posterizing several buildings in El Paso – including "The Mansion," an old brothel in the Union Plaza district – and creating television spots for the fictional streetcar system featuring Alex the Conductor, the project's official mascot.

One of his best-known works stands at 210 E. Mills Ave., in Downtown El Paso. "Faces of the Frontera" is a photo collage of the classic PCC Streetcars – those once in operation between countries – made up of 2,154 portraits of people from Juárez, El Paso and Las Cruces.

While taking these more than 2,000 portraits, Svarzbein, in talking to people around the community, discovered that his fictional streetcar system had real, grassroots support in the real world.

As somewhat of a coincidence – or perhaps serendipity – at the same time Svarzbein was working on his fictional, but publicly supported, streetcar system, El Paso City Rep. Steve Ortega was looking into creating a streetcar system connecting the University of Texas El Paso with the downtown area, as a way to promote tourism, build infrastructure and cut down on drunk driving. Svarzbein and Ortega decided to further their goal by joining forces.

In 2011, the city of El Paso began taking comment cards of citizen's input on how to spend a \$500 million quality of life bond. Svarzbein and his friends took to the streets.

"We ended up getting more than 1,300 signatures and another thousand or so online – easily the most of any citizen-generated project," he said.

The majority of signatures for the second and third ranking project proposals – an arena and a soccer stadium – were later determined to have been forged.

"We're talking here about an art project turning into a real world impact," Svarzbein noted.

Along with Ortega, Svarzbein and crew took these signatures to the Texas Department of Transportation, which in turn earmarked a \$100 million grant for transportation and economic redevelopment, "and our project was at the top of the list," Svarzbein said.

While analysis and several studies still need to be completed, the city of El Paso could be laying track as early as May.

Peter Svarzbein's work on the El Paso Transnational Trolley and its real-world counterpart has, for him, taken on a surreal quality.

"Last year, it was this really strange mix of fiction and reality," he said, "and now it's a reality."

Details

Peter Svarzbein

"In This Corner"

When

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6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday
Through Saturday, Feb. 23

Where

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY	ALL MONTH
Southwest Calligraphy Guild show	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 8	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup – Music & Movement ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 8	11:30 A.M.
People & Stories	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 8	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays – Stories & Crafts ages 7-11	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 8	7 P.M.
Feral Root	Rio Grande Theatre
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The Mousetrap	LC Community Theatre
SAT. FEB 9	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstore
SAT. FEB 9	2 P.M.
Cuba: Today & Visions of Tomorrow	Branigan Library
MON. FEB 11	2 P.M.
Computer Class: MS Word 2007	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 12	10:30 A.M.
Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 12	3 P.M.
Computer Class: Know Your PC	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 12	7 P.M.
The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra	Rio Grande Theatre
WED.+THU. FEB 13+14	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. FEB 13	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library
WED. FEB 13	2 P.M.
Computer Class: Advanced Internet	Branigan Library
THU. FEB 14	3 P.M.
iPad Basics	Branigan Library
THU. FEB 14	7 P.M.
Bob Diven	Rio Grande Theatre
THU. FEB 14	7 P.M.
Love Letters	Black Box Theatre



ONGOING EVENTS:

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- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market - Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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A mystery's afoot!

LCCT production of 'The Mousetrap' is a success

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Always up for another theatrical challenge, the indefatigable Ceil Herman, founder of the Black Box Theatre and No Strings Theatre Company, went back to her roots at the Las Cruces Community Theatre, where she directed her first show over a quarter century ago.

This time she has chosen to direct a production of one of her favorite works, Agatha Christie's most famous whodunit, "The Mousetrap," during this 50th anniversary season of LCCT. If the rousing ovation of a full house at its Friday, Feb. 1, opening is any indication, she continues to earn the respect and gratitude of our theater-going community.

Comfort, care and homage are the elements that stood out to me as I took in this classic. The current production boasts a well-rehearsed cast who go through the paces of a play that opened in London in 1952 and has been running continuously in the same theater ever since. In November 2012, "The Mousetrap" played its 25,000th performance, with a guest cast featuring Hugh Bonneville (Lord Grantham of "Downton Abbey") and Patrick Stewart of "Star Trek" fame.

Many productions of "The Mousetrap"

have circled the globe and the current Las Cruces production holds its own, although there are a few small elements that could benefit from some tweaking as the production continues its run through Sunday, Feb. 17.

As the curtain opened, I was mightily impressed by the lavish Monkswell Manor guest house lobby set design by Larry Chandler, Larry Fisher and Doug Roby. In a classic Ceil Herman touch, the large and detailed set is cleverly enhanced by artwork by local artists (which audience members may purchase and take home after the run of the show).

As I watched the performers navigate this complicated set, I realized the amount of detail necessary to make the many elements in the play work well. There are multiple entrances, stair cases that lead all over the place, and secret passages to get all over the house.

This is where Ceil Herman's direction kicks in full throttle. She has worked closely and diligently with her cast to move along at a good pace what can be a cumbersome show (running time is over two hours with an

intermission). In order to do so, it is imperative that there be no unnecessary pauses in dialogue and that actors enter and exit precisely.

In addition, to ensure and underline the mood of an English guest house, audience members should hear the dialogue spoken

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Molly and Giles Ralston (Merissa Bond and Rafael Medina) are questioned by Detective Sgt. Trotter (Sloan Patton) in "The Mousetrap," presented by the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

clearly and in a clipped, proper English accent, save for one character, who is an Italian.

This was the only minor shortcoming, which took away a bit of my enjoyment of the overall production. It takes focus and skill to perform a role with a convincing accent. Whether it be a Southern drawl, Italian sing-song, or English clipped diction, this is "one more thing" an actor must incorporate into the development of his or her character. I have suffered through many a performance where an actor's accent started out in one part of the world and ended up by final curtain someplace else.

Bravo to the cast of "The Mousetrap!" In all but one performer, accents are present in one form or another and are not forced. They enhance the cast's portrayals particularly well.

Only Sloan Patton, in the key – dare I say pivotal – role of Detective Sgt. Trotter doesn't even try to muster up an accent, which really would have added an exclamation point to his otherwise well performed characterization. In this regard, he diminishes an otherwise technically nuanced portrayal.

Others in the cast are spot on in their interpretations of their complex parts. Without giving anything away, "The Mousetrap" has many twists and turns and most characters often turn out quite differently than they present themselves in the beginning of the play. There is what is called a "twist ending" and Ms. Christie has instructed audience members not to reveal the ending when leaving the theater.

As Mollie and Giles Ralston, the new Monkswell Manor Guest House innkeepers, who are also celebrating their first wedding anniversary, Marissa Bond and Raphael Medina are nicely paired and emotionally connected. Yet each carries a secret or two in their pockets, which they have hidden from each other and from us.

For me, Donny Prosis's portrayal of the mysterious and eccentric Christopher Wren, is hindered by his Jesus of Nazareth hairstyle. A ponytail might have given more attention to his dialogue and actions. One thing I can say in his defense, is that online portraits of the famous 17th century British architect Christopher Wren, show him as having longer hair than Mr. Prosis.

Nikka Ziemer's imperious Mrs. Boyle is textbook perfection. Her elegance and eloquence as she sweeps around the set is terrific.

My former pastoral colleague Gorton Smith's portrayal of the equally mysterious Maj. Metcalf fits him like a glove. In real life, let me assure the reader that Gorton is no means as stodgy as he comes across on stage.

I especially appreciated the portrayal of Miss Casewell (also of mysterious lineage) by Katie Hulbert, which is spot on. Her ability to project clearly and meticulously in a haughty

persona serves us very well, not to mention the mystery we know she carries with her.

Armando Sarabia has appeared in so many roles and always pleases. In this role as the mysterious snowbound Mr. Paravencini (everyone in the cast has some mystery in their background) replete with an authentic Italian dialect and a demonic laugh, he provides much of the comic relief written into the script.

In sum, "The Mousetrap" is a well-produced, well-performed and delightful play. If you've seen it before, as many have, it is worth a second look. But don't grab for the cheese in this mousetrap, or you'll get snapped up and find yourself crushed in a place you won't want to be.

The Mousetrap runs Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. at the Las Cruces Community Theatre on Las Cruces Avenue and Main Street through Sunday, Feb. 17. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for students/seniors/military, \$8 for groups of 10 or more, and \$7 for children 6 and younger. Reservations for The Mousetrap can be made online at www.lcctnm.org, or by calling 523-1200.

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 NMSU.



Medina and Bond as the Ralstons

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Galleries & Openings



"Cielo Rojo (Red Sky)," by Las Cruces photographer Robert Palacios, will be on display for the month of February at Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St.

OPENING

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." There will be an opening reception from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

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.

ONGOING

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Illegal? A Show of Art All Around Us (But on the Margins)."

"Illegal?" will feature works by SABA, Adi Schwab, 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, Ali Keyes, 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.

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 Bill Gilbert, Diane McGregor, Brian Kluge, Nolan Winkler, Anthony Howell and Michael Berman. The show will be on display through Saturday, 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.

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, as well as during the For the Love of Art Month studio tour Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 9-10.

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.

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.nopalitos-galeria.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 Valentine's Day shoppers. There are several new paintings in, including new 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 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



Glenn Holgerson's "Wisdom of Age," part of his show "Mi Otro Amor (My Other Love)," now on display at Nopalito's Galería.

show will remain on display through 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 STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents the 2013 faculty triennial exhibition, "In This Corner."

"In This Corner" presents faculty and staff exhibition artists with the challenge of making either a site-specific work for display in the University Art Gallery or to install 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.

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.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 2/8

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. Feral Root, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Feral Root, which has been performing in Las Cruces since 2008, will play as part of Music on Main Street. Suggested donation \$3. Call 523-6403.

8 p.m. "The Mousetrap," Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. LCCT presents Agatha Christie's classic murder mystery "The Mousetrap" as its fifth production during its 50th production year. Cost \$10 regular admission, \$9 for students, seniors and military, \$8 per person for groups of 10 or more and \$7 for children 6 and younger. Call 523-1200.

8 p.m. "The Fantasticks," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No Strings Theatre Company performs the longest continually running musical in history, "The Fantasticks." Cost \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors. Call 523-1223.

SAT. 2/9

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 are 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 fmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. Unravelers Knitting Guild, Doña Ana Community College Public Health and Safety building, room 292. For this month's meeting, Linda Kitchel will demonstrate how to add crochet edging. Free. Call 201-3514 or email lasrucesknitting@gmail.com.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Gloria

Hacker will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

7 p.m. "Most Wanted" burlesque show, West End Art Depot, 401 N. Mesilla St. That's What She Said! Burlesque & Variety Troupe presents "Most Wanted," neo-burlesque entertainment with an illegal/urban flair. Age 18 and older. Cost \$5. Call 313-9892.

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3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Concert Band, Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. The concert will include contemporary works for the concert band by Frank Ticheli and Alfred Reed, a set of songs from Richard Rodgers, "Victory at Sea" and Rossini's "William Tell Overture" and a special encore featuring the trumpet section. Free.

TUE. 2/12

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell,



Silver City's Fiddle Club will provide music, along with Bayou Seco, for the Contra Dance held Friday, Feb. 15, at Zia Middle School, 1300 W. University Ave. Fiddle Club members pictured are Karuna Markham, Ella Jaz Kirk, Poppy Dames and Kimberly Medina.

140-A Wyatt Drive. Open to students of all skill levels. Taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

7 p.m. Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. "The Sentimental Gentleman of Swing" Tommy Dorsey is recognized as one of the best all-around of the big band era. Part of the Doña Ana Arts Council's 2012-13 performance series. Cost \$40 and \$45 at www.riograndetheatre.com. Call 532-6403.

WED. 2/13

1 to 3:30 p.m. Life Drawing and Open Studio, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Gesture drawing and detail portraiture. Call 647-5684.

2:30 p.m. Reading Art Book Club, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. The Reading Art Book Club is dedicated to exploring the connections between art and literature by reading and discussing books. As much as possible, books selected will relate, echo and enhance the museum's varied exhibitions. The book selection this week is "The Last Nude," by Ellis Avery, a novel about Art Deco painter Tamara de Lempicka and her most famous muse in Paris between world wars. Free. Call 541-2221.

THU. 2/14

7 p.m. "Love Letters," Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. No Strings Theatre Company presents its 13th annual Valentine's Day production of "Love Letters," a two-character play that chronicles the lifelong relationship between a man and a woman through nothing more than their correspondence. Cost \$10 regular admission, \$9 students and seniors. Call 523-1223.

FRI. 2/15

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7 to 10 p.m. Dress to Impress Dance, Corbett Center Aggie Underground, 1600 International Mall, on the NMSU campus. Sponsored by NMSU Black Programs. Free. Call 646-4208.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance, Zia Middle School, 1300 W. University Ave. The Southern New Mexico Music

and Dance Society (SNMMS), a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams, will hold a contra dance featuring Bayou Seco and Fiddlin' Friends from Silver City. Lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. Cost \$6, youth discount \$1. Call 522-5650.

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3 p.m. New Horizons Symphony Orchestra concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive. Program will feature selections from George Gershwin, Dave Brubeck, Leonard Bernstein and others. Free.

AtTheMovies



"Samsara," a film about humanity in all its forms, spans five years and more than 25 countries.



The cycle of life and death

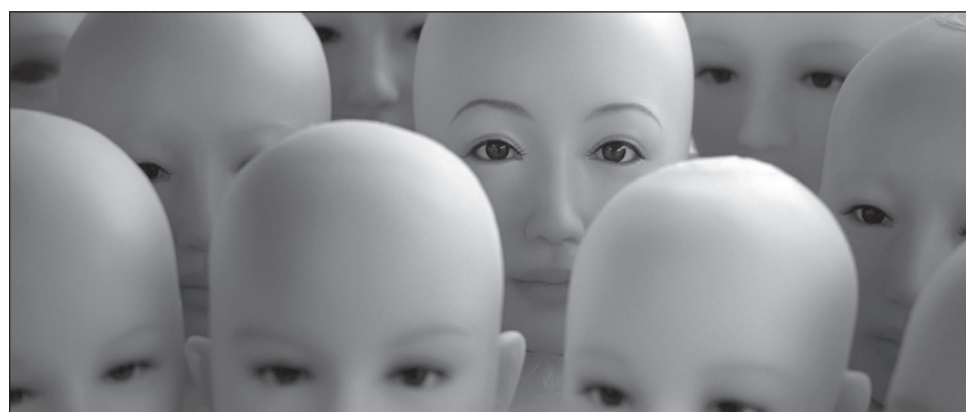
'Samsara' captures our world today

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The title of this beautiful film, "Samsara," is said to come from a Sanskrit word meaning "cycle of life and death." Indeed, this silent (except for music and occasional chanting), documentary does cover those cycles, but perhaps not in the way that one would think it would.

Director Ron Fricke has brought us an amazing array of images from five continents and 25 countries, shot over the span of five years, from the United States (where we visit places including Utah and Mono Lake in California), to Egypt, where the camera shows us tawdry, ugly apartment buildings awash with satellite dishes encroaching on the Pyramids, one of humanity's most unusual accomplishments. He visits slums and huge garbage dumps and pans in on manmade splendor and ugliness as well.

Using short scenes of nature (no animals



The "uncanny valley:" A humanoid-robot factory is just one of the locations visited in Ron Fricke's new film "Samsara," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

in the wild, thankfully), architecture, religion, disaster, and ceremony, along with the curious (and rather unnecessary) short scene featuring a British performance artist, Fricke is resplendent in his capturing of our world.

But around that, Fricke and his cameras, shooting in 70 mm, the first film to do so in many years, takes us to miles of unending

sand dunes and to the world's tallest building in Dubai and on a more human level, to a sex doll factory and to Tibetan monasteries. By leaving the film without narration, Fricke again allows viewers to draw their own conclusions, especially in one sequence featuring factory farming followed by a trip to a warehouse type store and an obese trio overeating

at a fast food emporium.

He also allows for bits of irony, as in one scene several women in burqas are shown standing in front of a large photo ad of some Middle Eastern gents advertising briefs. Later he visits factories where people in developing countries perform mundane and repetitious tasks. He focuses in on traditional costume and placid faces.

Religious practices are also on view, from the teaming masses at the Black Stone in Mecca to some young boys preparing to become monks.

Fricke's earlier film, "Baraka," released in 1992, (which included a brief segment shot in New Mexico) is similar but more world-wide than this piece, and both are sort of companion pieces to former Santa Fe resident Godfrey Reggio's "Koyaanisqatsi" (1982) and "Powaqqatsi" (1988) in scope and depth.

The music for "Samsara" is superb in every respect, and is composed by Santa Fean Michael Sterns. Fricke also used to live in Santa Fe, and worked with Sterns on "Baraka" as well.

"Samsara" is a remarkable visual experience, one that, excuse my repetition of this phrase, is decidedly not for all tastes. But for those who want a vision of the vast beauty and vast ignorance of our world (as shown in a sequence concerning firearms), "Samsara" is surely enough to awaken you or trance you out.

For the Love of Art Studio Tours

As part of ArtForms' For the Love of Art Month, a number of artists will open their own studios to the public. These tours feature special works by artists throughout the area, and feature painting, sculpture, jewelry, photography, weaving and more.

When

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Nancy Frost Begin
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Santos, Digital Prints, Cards
2050 Cortabella

Cally Williams & Friends
Cally Williams Pottery
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331 Capri Arc

Donna Wood
Donna Woods Studio
Watercolor
6884 Alhambra Court

A.me & Mitch Alamag
Rokoko Gallery
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Downtown comes alive at Music on Main Street

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

Trumpet player Ron Leone performs with the Mesilla Valley Swing Band Combo at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History during Music on Main Street Friday, Feb. 1.



One-man band CW Ayon performs at the El Paso Electric Gallery, inside the Rio Grande Theatre.



Glenn Schwaiger and LeeAnn Meadows stand with local musician Randy Granger at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.



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The Music Scene

Featured musician: *Feral Root*

Something for everyone

Feral Root draws fans of all ages

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Many bands have a target demographic that spans 10, maybe 15 years worth of people.

Feral Root, on the other hand, can count among its fans everyone from teenagers to septuagenarians.

"Since we utilize so many different styles and play so many types of music – jazz, rock, Latin, modern and traditional – there's really something for everyone," said Henry Jasso, founding member, vocalist and bass player of Feral Root.

The band's beginnings trace back to the post-grunge rock era of the late 1990s. Jasso, along with future-Feral Root members Rick Hernandez (vocals/guitar) and Steve Selby (saxophone), high school buddies, began performing under the name Nectar.

"We did that for a couple of years, then it kind of fizzled out," Jasso said. "In 2008, we put it back together again."

Since that reformation more than five years ago, Feral Root has kept core members Jasso, Selby and Hernandez, but "kind of did the rounds with drummers for a few years," Jasso said, "so about two years ago we added Mike (Trujillo, percussion) and Ryan (Leyton, drums)."

Feral Root plays a style of music that is difficult to categorize.

"We get that question a lot," Jasso said. "The best I could do in summarizing would be to say Latin rock, but that doesn't quite cover it."

Among its influences, Feral Root counts Latin groups Los Fabulosos Cadillacs, Ozomatli and Café Tacuba right alongside the members' '90s idols in Soundgarden, Tool, Pearl Jam and Incubus.

As Feral Root took shape, Jasso said he and others began to mature, and the music went with it. He said Feral Root's music, more so than previous outings, engages the crowd a lot more, and is much more marketable, allowing them to expand their venues and with it, their audiences.

"People can dance to this – it isn't easy to dance to Tool," he said with a chuckle.

Most of Feral Root's performances stay local, as each of the members have responsibilities to career and family here in town. Jasso, for example, is an elementary school teacher.

"Life kind of seems to take over, but we still always find the time to play," he said.

As Feral Root, Jasso and company have tended to move away



Feral Root saxophonist Steve Selby and guitarist Rick Hernandez, along with band mates Henry Jasso, Mike Trujillo and Ryan Leyton, perform an original song at a private event last year.

“If we could do this always ... I know all of us would be onboard in a heartbeat.”

HENRY JASSO
Feral Root

from the bar scene for shows, and have in recent years started to focus more on restaurants and wineries including De la Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, Josefina's Old Gate and, Jasso's personal favorite place to play, Vintage Wines in Mesilla.

"We really like playing at those kind of venues," Jasso said. "We can actually engage the audience better there. It's a nice, intimate setting."

Jasso credits the friendships between members of Feral Root as an integral part of its longevity, despite the occasional bumps.

"We all know each other, so of course it can become difficult," he said. "We know each other's quirks and personalities, so we have to keep our friendship strong, but we also need to make this work as a band, and as a business. As popularity grows and we start getting more gigs, we

need to keep it professional, even if we disagree.

"We respect everyone's family time, career time. Naturally, there are going to be conflicts, but it's all about understanding and working together."

The nice thing about being in a band full of highly talented friends, Jasso said, is even when conflicts do arise, "we know that we're still going to be friends over anything."

While Jasso and the other members of Feral Root are dedi-

cated to their respective careers, there's still time to dream of a time when music is their only job.

"If we could do this always, do this full time," he said, "I know all of us would be onboard in a heartbeat. We all just love music so much, if we could do it, we would."

Fans from 17 to 70 can catch Feral Root this month during Music on Main Street. They'll be performing at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

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Say 'aloha' to Gina's Cantina

Downtown Hawaiian eatery gets makeover

By Zak Hansen
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Regina Hollars likes to stir things up.

For several years, Hollars has continued to bring the city's first and only taste of Hawaiian food to the Downtown area as owner and operator of Ono Grindz.

Now, in the same location, Hollars is giving her restaurant a makeover and overhauling the menu.

The result of this stir is Gina's Cantina, located at 300 N. Main St., which promises to be a welcome addition to a newly burgeoning Downtown Las Cruces, seeing an influx of businesses, restaurants, boutiques – and the traffic that goes with them.

Those familiar with Hollars' former venture know that it was the only place in town to get Hawaiian food, along with a number of top-quality Asian-inspired dishes. Hollars isn't taking that away from us, though. With the help of new manager Eric Short, Hollars is keeping the best items from the Ono Grindz menu, doing away with the less-popular items, adding a whole host of great new tastes and experimenting with a number of exciting new dishes still to come.

"We're keeping most of the

Hawaiian dishes, and a lot of the Asian stuff," Hollars said, "our best-sellers, really. But we'll be adding a lot to the menu as we open into Gina's Cantina, and it won't stop there."

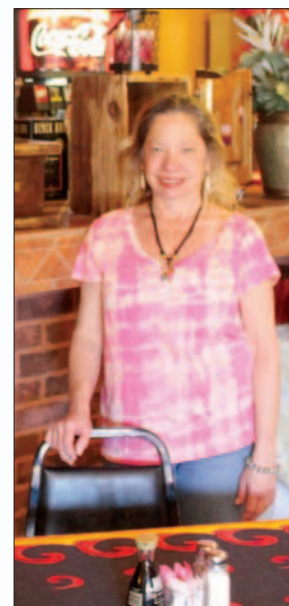
New additions to the already stellar menu will include soon-to-be favorites with a Southwestern flair, such as pulled-pork tacos, smothered in Gina's own homemade queso, Santa Fe blackened chicken wraps and the jalapeño popper grilled cheese sandwich.

To stay on the menu are the old favorites and most popular items, including, but certainly not limited to, stir-fry, spring rolls, crab Rangoon and – my personal favorite – the teriyaki chicken and beef plates.

These hearty plates are served steaming with two healthy scoops of freshly steamed rice and a side of Hawaiian Mac – a cold macaroni salad with carrots and pineapple, a great island twist on an old classic.

Gina's Cantina will also expand its beverage menu, which already features a number of Hawaiian, Mexican and domestic beers and wines.

Hollars said she would like to see Gina's Cantina become not only a great place for food in Downtown Las Cruces, but for entertainment as well. Plans are in the works to feature live music at the cantina, a process



Regina Hollars, owner of the new Gina's Cantina

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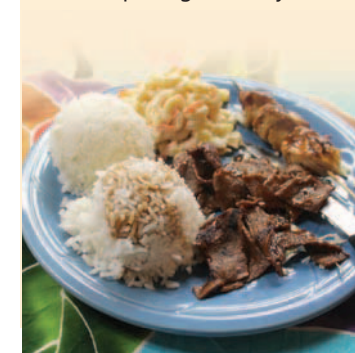
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that began with a performance by the Dusters during Music on Main Street Friday, Feb. 1, and will continue from there. The Dusters return to Gina's Cantina, in fact, on Friday, Feb. 15.

"We'll be having live music here every Friday night, so people can come down, have dinner and a drink and hear some great local talent all in the same place," Hollars said.

The grand opening of Gina's Cantina is set for the evening of Saturday, Feb. 9, where the public will get their first taste of items from the new and improved menu while they catch some fantastic live music provided by local singer/songwriter Natalie McMillan, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Another change patrons can expect is the addition of an expansive breakfast menu, as well as extended hours in the mornings, to accommodate those Downtown employees who rush out of the house and need to stop for a quick bite, not to mention attendees of the hugely popular Las Cruces Farmers & Craft Market on Saturday mornings.

"It'll be great to be able to come Downtown, have breakfast and browse all the cool stuff available at the Market," said Short, who came into his current position just this month, to aid Hollars in the transition. "Between that, the live music every Friday and all the new stuff on the menu, we're really excited to be able to offer all that for the community."

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Yamick D'Hoop views pieces by Roy Van Der Aa at the El Paso Electric Gallery inside the Rio Grande Theatre.



Christina and Wolfgang Kistler admire a varnished pigment ink print by Anthony Howell at the Las Cruces Museum of Art.



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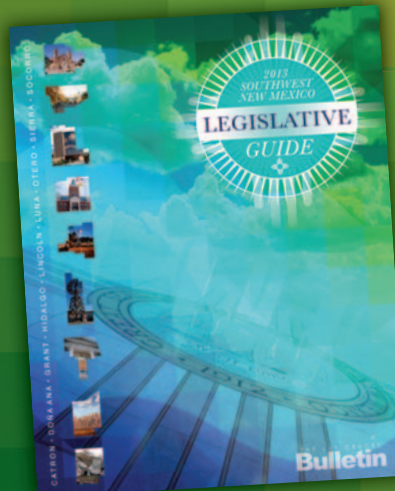
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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Need	Wash	Moyers & Company	Shakespeare	Shakespeare	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Job	The Palm	CSI: NY (N)	Blue Bloods (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Malibu	Shark Tank (N)	(:01) 20/20	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX	8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Touch Jake	is determined to find Amelia.	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News	News	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon					
CW	14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Nikita (N)	The Carrie Diaries	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	Los Angeles Clippers	at Miami Heat.	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls	at Utah Jazz.	(N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2	27	NFL Live (N)	Pacquiao 4	Boxing	Friday Night Fights.	(N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	NBA	Basket					
USA	31	NFL Characters	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Suits	"He's Back"	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene					
TNT	32	The Mentalist	*** "The Bourne Identity"	(2002) Matt Damon.	Dallas	Monday	*** "Assault on Precinct 13"	(2005)							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	** "Valentine's Day"	(2010) Jessica Alba.	There	There	There	*** "Twister"				
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Kroll	Work.	Tosh.0	South Pk	Aziz Ansari	Completely Serious	"Office Space"			
LIFE	39	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	Teen Trouble	(:01) Teen Trouble							
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	My. Din	My. Din	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	My. Din	My. Din	
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Cool Pools	Cool Pools	(N)	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Cool Pools	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Southie	Southie	Southie	Southie	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	
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	Gold Rush	(N)	Gold Rush	(N)	Gold Rush	(N)	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush	Gold Rush		
ANPL	50	Infested!	Fatal Attractions	Infested!	(N)	Fatal Attractions	(N)	Infested!	(In Stereo)	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions		
FAM	51	** "A Walk to Remember"	(2002)	** "The Last Song"	(2010) Miley Cyrus.	Dallas	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Insanity!	Paid				
DISN	52	ANT	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Jessie	Good Luck Charlie	** "The Game Plan"	(2007) (In Stereo)	Dog	Good			
NICK	54	"Fred 2: Night of the Living Fred"	(2011)	See Dad	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC	57	"Demolition Man"	* "Anaconda"	(1997) Jennifer Lopez.	* "Anaconda"	(1997) Jennifer Lopez.	** "From Dusk Till Dawn"	(1996)							
SYFY	59	"Hills-Eyes 2"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown!	(N)	Merlin	(N)	Being Human	Merlin	Continuum						
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Death: It's a Living	Dead Body	American Greed	Mad Money	Death: It's a Living	American Greed							
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show	(N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw		

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ABC	7	Storms	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	House	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
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NBC	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Humorist	Sandra Boynton.	(N)	Chica	Pajanimals	Poppy Cat	Justin	LazyTown	Noodle	
CW	14	In Style	Paid Prog.	Derm	Drop Lbs!	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		
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USA	31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Yng- Skin	Necessary Roughness	White Collar	Monday Mornings	Monday Mornings	Law & Order	(In Stereo)		
TNT	32	Law & Order	(In Stereo)	Law & Order	"Acid"	There Yet?	Jim	Rules	King of the Nerds	*** "Charlie's Angels"	(2000)		
TBS	33	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Payne	Browns	There Yet?	Jim	Rules	King of the Nerds	*** "Charlie's Angels"	(2000)		
COM	35	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Comedy	Tom Papa: Live- NYC	*** "Clueless"	(1995) Alicia Silverstone.	** "Legally Blonde"	(2001)				
LIFE	39	Paid Prog.	Back Fat?	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Skincare	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	"The Pregnancy Pact"	(2010) Nancy Travis.		
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DISC	47	WEN Hair	Skincare	Paid Prog.	P90X	Africa "Sahara"	Africa "The Future"	(N)	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	
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FAM	51	Boy/World	Boy/World	** "Mean Girls 2"	(2011) Meaghan Martin.	** "Ice Princess"	(2005) Joan Cusack.	** "Raising Helen"					
DISN	52	Phineas	Suite/Deck	Good Luck	Phineas	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Sofia	Phineas	
NICK	54	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	Turtles	Adventures/Jimmy	
AMC	57	Rifleman	Rifleman	*** "The Fly"	(1958) Al Hedison.	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	(:27) The Walking Dead	Walk:Dead				
SYFY	59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CarMD	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	** "Open Graves"	(2009) Eliza Dushku.				
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	Jillian	Hair Rest.	Paid Prog.	Temp	Total Gym	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes	(N)	Melissa Harris-Perry	(N)	Weekends-Witt						

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		FEBRUARY 9, 2013											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Kitchen	Mexico	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	College Basketball	Mississippi at Missouri.	(N)	PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am,	Third Round.	(N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
ABC	7	Recipe	Food	Juice and Lose!	The Taste	My Pillow	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday	(N)				
FOX	8	30 Rock	Paid Prog.	'70s Show	Derm	"Snow Buddies"	(2008) Dominic Scott Kay.	** "Showtime"	(2002) Robert De Niro.				
NBC	9	Fishing Major League.	Skiing	FIS Alpine Skiing	Rugby USA Sevens.	From Las Vegas.	(N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
CW	14	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	Mystery	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Bloopers	Bloopers	
WGN	15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	
USA	31	40 Year	** "He's Just Not That Into You"	(2009) Ben Affleck.	** "The Ugly Truth"	(2009) Katherine Heigl.	** "The Back-up Plan"						
TNT	32	** "Con Air"	(1997, Action) Nicolas Cage.	** "Mission: Impossible III"	(2006) Tom Cruise.	** "The Bourne Identity"	(2002)						
TBS	33	Charlies	** "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle"	(2003)	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King		
COM	35	Legally Bl	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	
LIFE	39	*** "The Memory Keeper's Daughter"	(2008)	*** "Mother and Child"	(2009, Drama) Naomi Watts.	"Family That Preys"							
FOOD	40	Sugar Dome	(N)	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant Stakeout	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Rachael v. Guy				
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	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Hoarders	Hoarders	Intervention	"Tiffany"	Intervention	"Andrew"	Intervention	"Sean"	Flipping Vegas	Flipping Vegas		
HIST	44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	
TLC	45	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	
DISC	47	Auction	Auction	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	
ANPL	50	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute! Puppies	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	Too Cute!	
FAM	51	(10:00) ** "Raising Helen"	(2004)	** "A Walk to Remember"	(2002) Shane West.	** "The Last Song"	(2010) Miley Cyrus, Greg Kinnear.						
DISN	52	Good Luck	Good Luck	** "The Game Plan"	(2007) (In Stereo)	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck	
NICK	54	Rangers	SpongeBob	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	To Be Announced	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC	57	Walk:Dead	(:26) The Walking Dead	(:26) The Walking Dead	(:29) The Walking Dead	(:29) The Walking Dead	(:29) The Walking Dead	(:28) The Walking Dead	Walk:Dead				
SYFY	59	** "Roadkill"	(2011) Diarmuid Noyes.	"Scream of the Banshee"	(2011) Lauren Holly.	** "Mothman"	(2010) Jewel Staite, Connor Fox.						
CNN	62	Your Money	(N)	CNN Newsroom	(N)	Gupta	CNN Newsroom	(N)	The Situation Room				
CNBC	63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Jillian	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Skincare	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64	Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live	(N)	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	

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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	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Masterpiece Classic	Masterpiece Classic (N) (In Stereo)	Afropop: Cultural	Dragon	Pedal							
CBS	3	Paid News	60 Minutes (N)	The 55th Annual Grammy Awards	Excellence in the recording industry.	News	Burn Notice								
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Revenge "Union"	Revenge for Real	News (N)	News	Insider	Practice				
FOX	8	14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Burgers	Cleve	Simpsons/Burgers	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX14 News	Big Bang	Office	Two Men	Two Men	
NBC	9	9	News	News	Dateline NBC (N)	Betty White	Saturday Night Live in the '80s	News (N)	Paid	Nieman	Paid				
CW	14		(4:30) *** "Revolutionary Road" (2008)	"Night at the Museum: Smithsonian"	TMZ (N)	"Til Death	"Til Death	Rules	Rules	Scrub	Scrub				
WGN	15	Bloopers!	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules	Scrub	Scrub	
ESPN	26	(4:00) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball	San Antonio Spurs at Brooklyn Nets.	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter									
ESPN2	27	Basket	30 for 30	30 for 30	30 for 30	SportCtr	NBA Basketball: Spurs at Nets								
USA	31	NCIS "Agent Afloat"	NCIS "Silver War"	NCIS	NCIS "Boxed In"	** "It's Complicated" (2009)	Meryl Streep								
TNT	32	"National Treasure"	** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)	Robert Downey Jr.	** "Sherlock Holmes" (2009)	Robert Downey Jr.	"Ocean's Eleven"								
TBS	33	"Father-Part II"	** "The Wedding Date"	(:45) ** "The Wedding Date" (2005)	** "She's the Man" (2006)										
COM	35	"Office Space" (N)	** "I Love You, Man" (2009)	Tosh.0	Work.	Kroll	The Burn	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama				
LIFE	39	Movie	"Twist of Faith" (2013)	Toni Braxton	(:02) Movie	"Twist of Faith"									
FOOD	40	Rachael v. Guy	Chopped	Rachael v. Guy	Iron Chef America	Bobby's Dinner Bat	Rachael v. Guy	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Scoring	Scoring	Hawaii	Hawaii	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	House Hunters	House Hunters				
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage				
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Ax Men	Ax Men (N)	American Pickers	America Unearthed	(:01) Ax Men	(:01) Ax Men						
TLC	45	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Gypsy Sisters	Gypsy Sisters	Here Comes Honey	Here Comes Honey						
DISC	47	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Dual Survival						
ANPL	50	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska	Gator Boys (N)	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska						
FAM	51	** "Twilight" (2008)	Romance	Kristen Stewart.	** "Twilight" (2008)	Romance	Kristen Stewart.	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Amazing Grace (N)					
DISN	52	Jessie	Shake It	Good	Good	Austin	Jessie	Good	Good	Austin	Austin	Gravity	Austin		
NICK	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	See Dad	** "The Last Airbender" (2010)	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	See Dad	George		
AMC	57	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	(:02) Talking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	(:02) Talking Dead					
SYFY	59	(3:30) "Outlander"	Battlestar Galactica: Blood & Chrome	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human	Being Human						
CNN	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Pictures Don't Lie	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	Pictures Don't Lie	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom							
CNBC	63	Princess	On	Dog Show		Dog Show									
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Sex Slaves: UK		Lockup Special	Lockup Special	Lockup Special							

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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)	Half the Sky: Turning	Oppression-Women	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Rules	Broke	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson	
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor	A trip to St. Croix. (N)	(:01) Castle (N)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
FOX	8	14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Bones (N)	The Following (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Biggest Loser	"Tough Love" (N)	(:01) Deception (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon			
CW	14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	The Carrie Diaries	90210 "realness" (N)	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	'Til Death			
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	Scrub				
ESPN	26	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2	27	Women's College Basketball	Women's College Basketball				SportsNation	NBA	NASCAR	NFL	NFL Live				
USA	31	NCIS "The Curse"	WWE Monday Night	RAW (N) (In Stereo Live)	Monday Mornings	Dallas (N)	Monday Mornings	Dallas	Monday Mornings	Monday Mornings	Cold Case				
TNT	32	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	Dallas (N)	Monday Mornings	Dallas	Monday Mornings	Dallas	Monday Mornings	Monday Mornings	Cold Case				
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan		
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	Futurama	Futurama	South Pk	South Pk	Brickle.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Kroll	Daily	Colbert
LIFE	39	Houstons	Houstons	Houstons	Houstons	Rem. Whitney	"Twist of Faith" (2013)	Toni Braxton	Houstons	Houstons	Rem. Whitney				
FOOD	40	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	My. Din	My. Din	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
HGTV	41	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It (N)	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping		
HIST	44	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	(:02) Top Gear	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers				
TLC	45	Cake Boss:Next	Next Baker Ro	Cake Boss:Next	Great Baker	Cake	Next Baker Ro	Cake Boss:Next	Great Baker	Cake					
DISC	47	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Fast N' Loud	Chopper: Faster N'	Fast N' Loud	Chopper: Faster N'	Fast N' Loud	Chopper: Faster N'	Fast N' Loud					
ANPL	50	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot	Gator Boys				
FAM	51	Switched at Birth	Switched at Birth	Bunheads (N)	Switched at Birth	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid					
DISN	52	Gravity	Jessie	Good	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	Good	Good	Austin	Good Luck	Charlie	Good		
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC	57	"Robin Hood"	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Shanghai Noon" (2000)									
SYFY	59	Battlestar Galactica	Continuum (N)	Being Human (N)	Lost Girl (N)	Continuum	Being Human	Lost Girl							
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Dog Show "The 137th	Westminster Kennel Club Show" (N)	Dog Show "The 137th	Westminster Kennel Club Show"									
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Frontline (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS	3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	State of the Union 2013 (N)	Mike	NCIS: Los Angeles	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	State of the Union 2013 (N)	The Taste (N)	Mod Fam	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline			
FOX	8	14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	State of the Union 2013 (N)	Raising	New Girl	KFOX News	Two Men	Mother	30 Rock			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Betty	Betty	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon			
CW	14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	* "When in Rome" (2010)	Kristen Bell.	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	Scrub			
ESPN	26	College Basketball	Kentucky at Florida.	College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Seton Hall at Rutgers.	NBA Coast to Coast (N) (Live)			NFL Live (N)	NFL Live	NASCAR	NBA	NFL Live				
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show 137th	Closing Night. (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	White Collar								
TNT	32	Castle "Lucky Stiff"	Castle	Castle	Castle	Castle "The Limey"	Southland	Southland	"Fallout"	Southland					
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Cougar	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Cougar	Office	Conan			
COM	35	Colbert	Daily	The Burn	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	The Burn	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE	39	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms (N)	Double	Double	Double	Double	(:02) Dance Moms	(:02) Dance Moms					
FOOD	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped					
HGTV	41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Property	Property	Income Property (N)	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Scoring	Scoring	Income Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl		
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage		
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Top Gear "RV's" (N)	Ax Men	(:02) Ancient Aliens	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Top Gear				
TLC	45	Starter Wives	The Sisterhood (N)	Starter Wives	Gypsy Sisters (N)	Starter Wives	Gypsy Sisters	Starter Wives	Gypsy Sisters	The Sisterhood					
DISC	47	Dual Survival	Dual Survival (N)	Dual Survival (N)	Africa "Making Of"	Dual Survival	Africa "Making Of"	Dual Survival	Africa "Making Of"	Dual Survival					
ANPL	50	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia	Wild Russia					
FAM	51	Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	The Lying Game (N)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid					
DISN	52	Gravity	Dog	Dog	Dog	Good	Jessie	Good	** "Sky High" (2005)	Phineas	Good				
NICK	54	Drake	Drake	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC	57	(3:30) "Jumanji"	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Groundhog Day" (1993)									
SYFY	59	Face Off	Face Off	Face Off	Total	Total	Face Off	Total	Total	"Attack of Sabre"					
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Costco Craze	State of the Union 2013 (N) (Live)	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	American Greed								

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PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Nature (N)	NOVA Satellite data of the earth. (N)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor: Caramoan	Fans vs. Favorites	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Neigh	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville (N) (C)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol	Hollywood Week, Part 3	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	Oliver is shot.	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	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball			SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball			College Basketball	Oregon at Washington.	Basket	NBA					
USA 31	NCIS (C)	NCIS "Child's Play"	NCIS (C) (DVS)	Necess. Rough	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	Necess. Rough						
TNT 32	(4:45) **** "The Dark Knight" (2008, Action)	Christian Bale.	Southland (C)	(:05) Southland	(:10) Dallas (C)	Monday Mornings								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) (C)	Office	Office	Conan (C)		
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Work.	South Pk	South Pk	Work.	Kroll	Colbert	Daily	Colbert	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE 39	"My Best Friend's"	** "Made of Honor" (2008) (C)	** "Bride Wars" (2009)	Kate Hudson.	(:02) ** "Made of Honor" (2008) (C)									
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Bobby's Dinner Bat	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Bobby's Dinner Bat							
HGTV 41	First Pla.	First Pla.	Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl			
A&E 43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Barter Kings (N)	Barter Kings (N)	Barter Kings (N)	(:01) Barter Kings	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.			
HIST 44	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	(:02) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People				
TLC 45	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried					
DISC 47	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)				
ANPL 50	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska	Wild West Alaska									
FAM 51	(4:00) "Where the Heart Is"	* "Hope Floats" (1998, Romance)	Sandra Bullock.	The 700 Club (C)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Phineas	ANT	ANT	ANT	Good	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	ANT	Austin	Jessie	Shake It	Dog	Good
NICK 54	Drake	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 (C)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)	** "Happy Gilmore" (1996, Comedy)
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost Mine (N)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Mine	"Wes Craven"						
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	New Wal-Mart	Amer. Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	Amer. Greed	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 14, 2013			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Frontieras	Masterpiece Classic (N) (In Stereo) (C)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	NMSU					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	(:01) Elementary (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Zero Hour "Strike"	Grey's Anatomy (N)	(:02) Scandal (N)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol (N)	Glee "I Do" (N)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News	Commun	Parks	Office	1600	(:01) Do No Harm (N)	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) (C)	College Basketball	Gonzaga at St. Mary's.	Basket	NASCAR						
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Suits	Scottie returns.	Necess. Rough	Law & Order: SVU	Suits	Scottie returns.					
TNT 32	The Mentalist (C)	NBA Basketball: Heat at Thunder	NBA Basketball: Clippers at Lakers	Inside the NBA (N)										
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds	Conan (N) (C)	King of the Nerds	Conan (C)				
COM 35	Colbert	Daily	Sunny	Sunny	Work.	Tosh.0	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	To Be Announced	Project Runway	Project Runway (N) (C)	Project Runway	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Rachael v. Guy	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
FOOD 40	Sweet Genius	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	West End	West End	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	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	Pawn	Pawn	Swamp People	Big Rig Bounty	Larry the Cable Guy	Pawn	Pawn	(:01) Swamp People					
TLC 45	DC Cupcakes:	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	Say Yes	Say Yes			
DISC 47	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (N)	Property	Property	Moonshiners (C)	Property	Property	Moonshiners (C)	Property	Property	Moonshiners (C)		
ANPL 50	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (In Stereo)
FAM 51	"How to Lose"	** "The Wedding Planner" (2001)	Jennifer Lopez.	The 700 Club (C)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Gravity	ANT	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Jessie	Austin	Jessie	**** "WALL-E" (2008)	Phineas	ANT	Good		
NICK 54	Drake	Drake	House of Anubis (N)	Full H'se	Full Hse.	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC 57	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Mad Max		
SYFY 59	(4:30) *** "Sin City" (2005)	** "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"	** "My Bloody Valentine" (2009) (C)	*** "Splinter"										
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Love at First	The Facebook	American Greed	Mad Money	The Facebook	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

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

BEGINNER

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

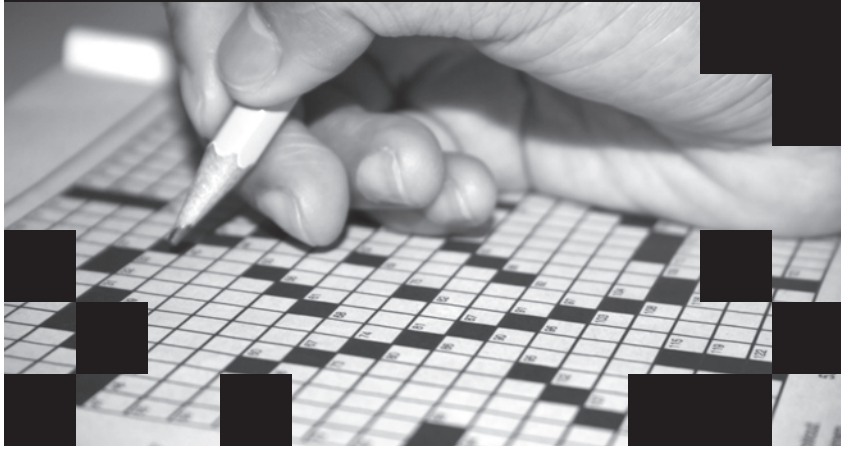
CHALLENGER

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	8					
			7	9		4
6		2	1			3

EXPERT

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

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.

LIKE GLUE

ENGLISH	SPANISH
DURABLE	DURADERO
FIRM	FIRME
IMMOVABLE	INMOBLE
INFLEXIBLE	INFLEXIBLE
LONG-LASTING	PERDURABLE
PERMANENT	PERMANENTE
RIGID	RÍGIDO
SOLID	SÓLIDO
STATIONARY	ESTACIONARIO
STICKY	PEGAJOSO
STURDY	FUERTE
TO ADHERE	ADHERIR

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

Crossword Puzzles

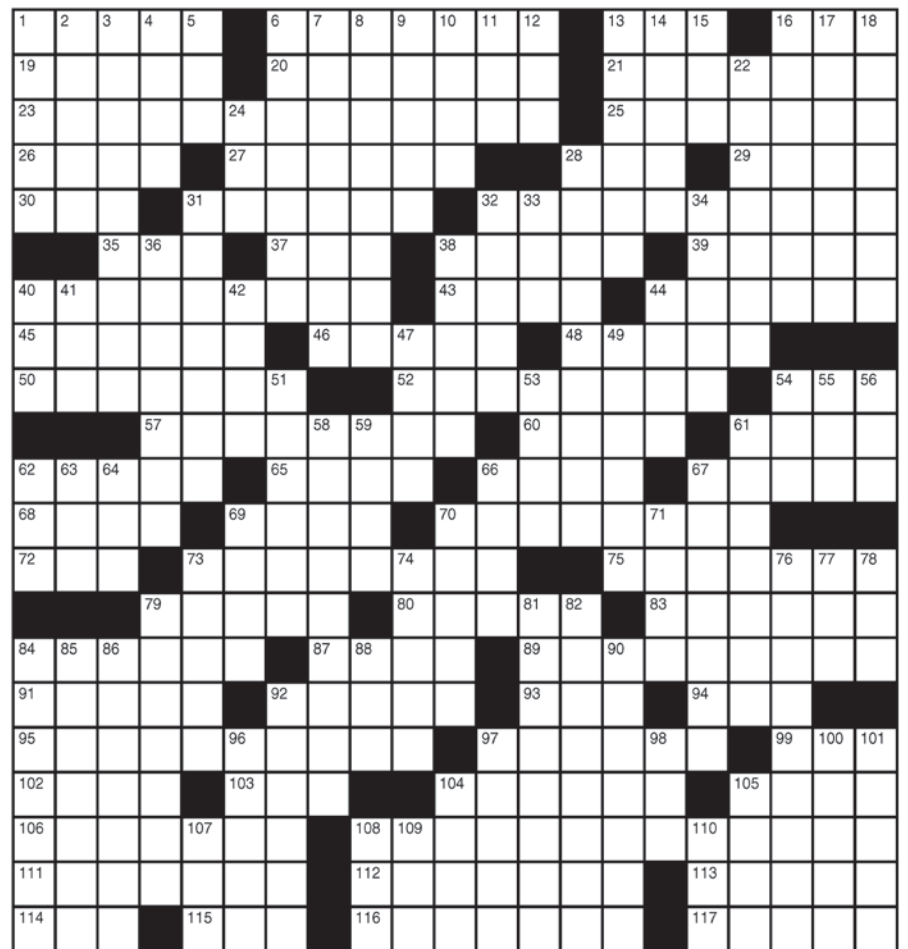
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 | DOWN |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Fitness facility | 1 Fenway layer |
| 4 Actor Holbrook | 2 Come down in buckets |
| 7 Waterholes | 3 Readable lunch? |
| 9 "Water Lilies" painter | 4 Becomes more grating |
| 11 Began with preliminary remarks | 5 Poker fee |
| 13 Buster and Diane | 6 Name for a lion |
| 15 Sri Lanka export | 7 Sphere in a pod |
| 16 Valerie Harper sit-com | 8 Hot |
| 18 Military group | 9 Florence family |
| 19 Rolodex info | 10 Explosive letters |
| 21 Vue or Bronco | 11 Tool for evening |
| 22 Beer picks | 12 Pindar's output |
| 23 "Mila 18" author | 13 Japanese form of self-defense |
| 24 Quid pro | 14 Followup films |
| 26 Assist a bad guy | 15 Edible root |
| 28 Seriously chubby | 17 Under sail |
| 29 Picnic games | 18 Wicked state |
| 31 Being as stated | 20 Moolah |
| 32 Longtime Yankee sports-caster | 21 U.S. Uncle |
| 34 Mike Myers role | 25 Expressions of surprise |
| 37 Meal | 27 Come to a point |
| 38 ___-whiz! | 28 Actor Merlin |
| 39 Figure of speech | 30 Backbone |
| 40 Interlock anew | 31 Pulls from a jug |
| 42 Like MacDonald? | 33 Feeble |
| 43 Photog's strips | 35 Wrinkled fruit |
| 44 Giving up | 36 Seer's sign |
| 47 Camera element | 41 Attila follower |
| 48 Component piece | 42 Having eight plane surfaces |
| 49 Continental cash | 45 Itty-bitty bite |
| 51 Stinging insect | 46 Chewy treat |
| 54 Measure up | 47 Gets off track, in a way |
| 59 NaCl | 50 Obvious toupee |
| 60 Is down with | 51 Stands by |
| 61 Hamburg native | 52 ___ vera |
| 63 Columbus native | 53 Piercing pains |
| 65 Come by | 55 Overfill |
| 66 Fort near Charleston | 56 Reliance |
| 68 Sidewalk surfer? | 57 Thompson of films |
| 71 Beset | 58 Relative degree |
| 73 Acorn trees | 59 Movers' partners |
| 74 Kind of system | 62 Ozzie and Harriet |
| 75 Pluto's path | 63 Authorizes |
| 77 Norway's capital | 64 Midday |
| 78 Ta-ta! | 65 Peter of "Mission: Impossible" |
| 79 Star burst | 67 Switch activator |
| 80 Magician Henning | 68 Weep loudly |
| 81 Type of grass | 69 Hilo farewells |
| 82 Overflow letters | 70 Fishing poles |
| 84 Lucy's friend | 71 Mistreater |
| 85 Japanese entree | 72 Period |
| 87 Even one | 76 Decisive defeat |
| 88 Plath and Pankhurst | 83 Popeye's Olive |
| 90 Sets of four | 84 In perpetuity |
| 92 Yorkshire city | 86 "___ la Douce" |
| 93 Cavorts | 87 Classified ___ |
| 94 Cholera | 89 Island garland |
| 95 Dieter's concern | 91 On the mark |

MVP

- ACROSS**
- Jazz style
 - Wall hangings
 - Yield to gravity
 - Angel dust letters
 - Satellite of Jupiter
 - Daughter of King Minos
 - Jay Leno's former announcer
 - Super Bowl XIII and XIV MVP
 - Name on cakes
 - Play sections
 - Groups of eight
 - Winter mo.
 - Actor Connery
 - Urban rds.
 - City near Rawalpindi
 - Super Bowl XVI, XIX and XXIV MVP
 - You, to Yves
 - Afore
 - Military training unit
 - Moray catcher
 - Bergman's 1956 Oscar winner
 - Practice punching
 - Curmudgeonly
 - Leo of "The Bowery Boys"
 - Nostalgic song
 - Gridiron demarcations
 - Ancient country in Tuscany
 - Provide with a base
 - Tent stake
 - Ethel Mertz, e.g.
 - Orchestra member
 - A way away
 - Ring of plotters
 - "Auld Lang ___"
 - Walesa of Poland
 - Bolivian capital
 - Exploiter
 - Presley hit of 1958
 - Painting, sculpture, etc.
 - "Peter ___"
 - Rebelled against
 - Churned as if boiling
 - Jezebel's husband and others
 - Andes people
 - Chief city of ancient Thessaly
 - Spread open
 - Need
 - Maze
 - Lethal slipknot
- DOWN**
- Slackens
 - Pres. Coolidge
 - Highlands' denial
 - Super Bowl XXXIV MVP
 - Rocker Rucker
 - Old draft letters
 - Hungarian river
 - Designer of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial
 - Plumber's concern
 - Popeye's ___ Pea
 - Cape Tainaron
 - Super Bowl XXXI MVP
 - Astronomer of Alexandria
 - Property recipient
 - Chutzpah
 - Cookbook amt.
 - Island near Naxos
 - Mail by mistake
 - More bizarre
 - Second star designations
 - Vote in
 - Super Bowl I and II MVP
 - Ben and Bobby
 - Remunerate
 - Makes thirsty
 - "Stabat Mater," e.g.
 - Stellar
 - Flavor
 - Old English letters
 - Genetic letters
 - Use needle and thread
 - "___ Street"
 - Hersey's bell town
 - Half of Ger., once
 - Beer choice
 - Charwoman
 - Fully attended
 - Accelerates
 - Amazon squeezer
 - Super Bowl XXIII MVP
 - Verbatim
 - Poked fun
 - Harem room
 - Like computer geeks
 - Pertaining to kissing
 - CBS drama series
 - Span of time
 - Alternative to ready?
 - Hebrew letter
 - Spoken
 - City slicker
 - Oahu hellos
 - Accumulate, as gas on liquid surface
 - Balanced
 - Rank below cpl.
 - Pitcher part
 - Coll. senior's test
 - Super Bowl X MVP
 - Feed the kitty
 - European nation
 - Coffee holder
 - Botanist Gray
 - Crenshaw or Hogan
 - "The Mod Squad" character
 - Thomas ___ Eliot
 - Binary
 - Typefaces
 - Bank (on)
 - Tossed
 - Roadside restaurant
 - Super Bowl XL MVP
 - Superlative suffix
 - Lah-di-___
 - Southern
 - Chicago gangster
 - Architect Eero
 - Slovenly
 - Nutty confections
 - Bangs of a mane
 - Enzyme suffix
 - Struck sightless
 - Alecto or Megaera
 - Texas mission
 - Roosevelt coins
 - Sound of distaste
 - Wait on
 - Passover dinner
 - Greek letters
 - Country near Nor.
 - Canadian prov.
 - Aswan, e.g.
 - QB Manning
 - Lennon's love



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

N O I Z M D A D I L A U N
 B D A F E Y R A L A S I O L N
 E I P E N S I O N I O L P N
 Q G F N O I S S I M M O C O U
 U D O D A G E L É S W E T N I
 E M E S A D A S W A G E S E T
 S U B S I D Y I N T E R E S Y
 T O R E N D C O M I S I O N
 S Ó L A G E R M I S I O N O
 E H E R E N C I A N E R E H I
 R A N U A L E D O I R A L A S
 E S U B S I D I O D L E U S N
 T A C T Q U E S T Ó E I G N E
 N W E Y I N H E R N S O E C P
 I N H E R I T A N C E N R E H

Diagramless

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

Frost Warning

A C T E D E C U L T I G E N G A B O N
 M O O L A M A N O R A L E O R O N O
 B Y W O R K I N G S I L O S L O W E S
 L E T E E R I E R F A I T H F U L L Y
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 U B O A T N O I S E H O U R S A D A Y
 S I D L E D O N U T I T S T R I T E
 A E S I R S T E P S L E T O A S I S

CRYPTOGRAM

YFL WPDE RLOY PO EYVCXL TPV UPVL
 JPOLE, JHGX ZHK HOW CWIL YCUL. YFL
 EIPDHO TPV YFLCV QHUZHCD O RHE: "ILY
 IKCOD WPDE EILLZ!"
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 A large man decided he liked eating too much. He decided to quietly quit, cold turkey.



AtTheMovies

Night of the loving dead

Love bites in 'Warm Bodies'

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

It was only a matter of time before two of America's latest movie obsessions – zombies and paranormal romance – came together.

The result, Jonathan Levine's "Warm Bodies," has a whole lot of heart for a movie about dead things, and manages to tactfully skirt "Twilight" territory.

In a near-future, post-apocalyptic zombie wasteland, R (Nicholas Hoult) spends his days roaming the halls of a decimated airport with a horde of his undead brethren, craving brains and communicating in wails, grunts and moans – you know, doing zombie stuff.

R, however, has retained some level of sentience. While he can only communicate with others through post-mortem moans, his (almost excessively) clever voiceover informs us that he is, in fact, more alive than his craving for flesh and defunct heart may suggest.

Along with his "friend" M (Rob Corddry), R is bored with his life and dragging through his days as a shambling strider – he wants more. He knows his name was longer, he just can't remember the rest, questions his place in the remnants of the world ("Why can't I connect with people anymore?" he asks) and has "almost conversations" – usually little more than "hungry" and "eat" – with his brain-biting buddy.



Julie (Teresa Palmer) compares her new undead beau, R (Nicholas Hoult), to his film companion in "Warm Bodies," now playing at Allen Theatres.

The monotony of R's life is broken when, on a routine brain search, he and his merry band of monsters descend on a group of human survivors, sent out from their walled city stronghold, under the command of General Grigio (John Malkovich), for supplies. The

party includes a couple, Julie Grigio (Teresa Palmer) – the general's daughter – and Perry Kelvin (Dave Franco), among others. In the ensuing melee, R overpowers Perry and, as zombies do, chows down on his cranium, releasing his stored memories into R's consciousness (don't ask – it doesn't much matter) and, along with them, Perry's memories of Julie.

It is, ahem, love at first bite. R, suddenly and irredeemably smitten, saves Julie from the rest of the pack and takes her back to his "home" in an abandoned airplane.

After the initial, understandable awkwardness (and abject terror), R and Julie begin an unlikely relationship. After warming up to the still-cold R, Julie starts to see something in him more than his ghastly surface implies, and – cue montage! – she teaches him to drive, he plays her some Joni Mitchell records,

she makes him try on a menagerie of wacky sunglasses and, wouldn't you know it, they start to fall in love.

The onset of their relationship causes a change of heart (literally) in R. His long-silent heart starts to pump, beat by tentative beat, and he begins to regain his humanity. The change in R triggers a chain reaction and, slowly but surely, the undead horde begins to become a bit more ... human.

Ain't love grand? Like any self-respecting romantic comedy, though, their relationship is fraught with the difficulties we've all come to expect as an audience: Julie gives R the old "my father will never accept you, and also you killed my boyfriend, ate his brains and basically kidnapped me" thing. Women, huh?

On top of all that, humans and newly humanized zombies alike are stalked across the terrain by "bonies," basically the (poorly) animated skeletons of zombies that have given up "hope" on rediscovering their humanity.

While "Warm Bodies" doesn't quite take advantage of it's fullest potential, it's nonetheless a witty, sweet, coolly original take on an old, old tale, loosely – and I mean very loosely – based on "Romeo & Juliet" (R and Julie, get it?), at least ostensibly. Beyond their names, their romantic difficulties and a pretty fantastic balcony scene, though, the Bard is mercifully absent.

While "Warm Bodies" sticks to a fairly familiar premise and doesn't exactly break new ground, it's a welcome twist on both the romantic comedy and zombie genres, and, when all is said and done, is surprisingly sweet without pushing too far into saccharine.

Both Hoult and Palmer turn in great performances as the unlikely couple, imbuing their relationship with something oddly alive. Hoult is charming – slack jaw, shamble and all – and his character effectively equates late-teens angst and uncertainty with being among the living dead. Palmer vaguely resembles Kristen Stewart, but, you know, good at acting and not really mean looking.

Where "Warm Bodies" really succeeds, though, is capturing the awkward, budding romance between these two principles in the face of fairly insurmountable odds.

We've all had that someone who so captivated us that we trip over our words, mumble and groan, or catch ourselves staring, mouth agape – not unlike R ("Don't be creepy, don't be creepy," he says to himself, as if he could do anything to stop it).

At least he has a good excuse.

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Film Review

Grade B

Despite following a predictable path, "Warm Bodies" is a sweet – and occasionally sick – look at young love.

WARM BODIES

Rated: PG-13

Running Time: 97 minutes

Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer

Director: Jonathan Levine



AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

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



Gangster Squad

Rated: R

Plot Overview: In 1949, a secret group of LAPD officers goes after a ruthless mob boss with the protection of politicians and police.

Starring: Josh Brolin, Ryan Gosling

Director: Ruben Fleischer



Broken City

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A former cop turned private eye is hired to spy on the wife of the New York City mayor, but uncovers something bigger.

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Russell Crowe

Director: Allen Hughes



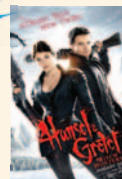
Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters

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



Bullet to the Head

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A hitman from New Orleans forms an alliance with a D.C. detective to avenge the deaths of their significant others.

Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Sung Kang

Director: Walter Hill



Les Misérables

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A classic tale of love, passion, sacrifice and redemption set against 19th century France.

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe

Director: Tom Hooper



Parker

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A thief is double-crossed by his cohorts and left to die. Aided by a beautiful woman, he sets out to take revenge and steal his former associates' latest score.

Starring: Jason Statham, Jennifer Lopez

Director: Taylor Hackford



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



The Impossible

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The true story of a family's terrifying ordeal during the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Naomi Watts

Director: Juan Antonio Bayona



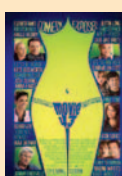
Movie 43

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A comedy featuring 12 interwoven storylines, each by a different director, and starring one of the largest ensemble casts in history.

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Halle Berry, Kate Winslet

Directors: Brett Ratner, Elizabeth Banks, more



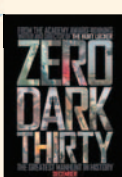
Zero Dark Thirty

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



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

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Side Effects

Rated: R

Plot Overview: The life of a young New York couple, Martin and Emily, comes apart when an experimental drug prescribed to Emily has unexpected and terrible side effects.

Starring: Rooney Mara, Channing Tatum

Director: Steven Soderbergh

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Stand Up Guys

Rated: R

Plot Overview: After being released from nearly 30 years in prison, Val is picked up by a friend and ex-associate, Doc, who has been ordered to kill him by the next day.

Starring: Al Pacino, Christopher Walken

Director: Fisher Stevens

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New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Feb. 12

The Man With the Iron Fists

Rated: R

Genre: Action

Starring: RZA, Russell Crowe

Director: RZA

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

Rated: PG-13

Genre: Drama

Starring: Emma Watson, Logan Lerman

Director: Stephen Chbosky

Skyfall

Rated: PG-13

Genre: Action

Starring: Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem

Director: Sam Mendes

Silent Hill: Revelation

Rated: R

Genre: Horror

Starring: Sean Bean, Deborah Kara Unger

Director: Michael J. Bassett

Top Grossing Feb. 1-3

- 1 **Warm Bodies** (Week No. 1)
\$19,505,000
- 2 **Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters** (Week No. 2)
\$9,210,000
- 3 **Silver Linings Playbook** (Week No. 12)
\$8,113,000
- 4 **Mama** (Week No. 3)
\$6,730,000
- 5 **Zero Dark Thirty** (Week No. 7)
\$5,300,000
- 6 **Bullet to the Head** (Week No. 1)
\$4,500,000
- 7 **Parker** (Week No. 2)
\$3,215,000
- 8 **Django Unchained** (Week No. 6)
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- 9 **Les Misérables** (Week No. 6)
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- 10 **Lincoln** (Week No. 13)
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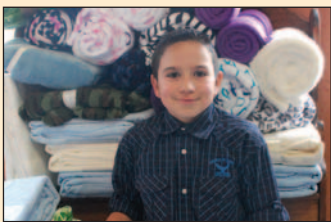


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Featured home: 2344 Tuscan Hills Lane

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Built in 2009, the home at 2344 Tuscan Hills Lane features 4,348 square feet.



Velvet-red Venetian plaster accents the tray ceiling in the kitchen, which also includes granite countertops.



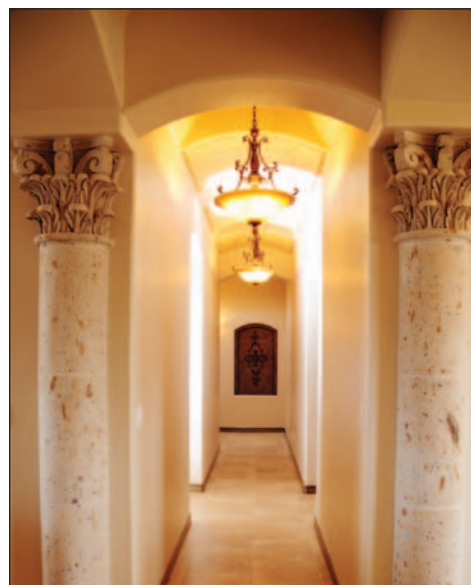
The home showcases an open floor plan for easy living.



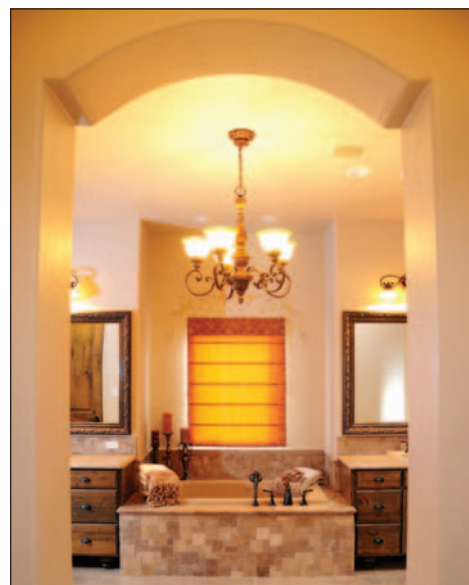
The master bedroom is a relaxing getaway with windows facing the Organ Mountains.



The 18-foot-tall entryway includes a custom-made mosaic from Lebanon.



Architectural details, such as cantera stone and barrel ceilings, fill the home.



Travertine lines the jetted bathtub in the master suite.



A glass sink bowl and chandelier add elegance to a guest bathroom.

Tuscan elements made by hand

Builders put their all into personal home

By **Beth Sitzler**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Oftentimes when building a home, the biggest struggles for the owners are the smallest details.

For Barela Custom Builders owners Jenny Jenkins and Scott Edwards, however, when it came to the construction of their 4,348-square-foot home at 2344 Tuscan Hills Lane in 2009, those details were a breeze.

“It was a relatively quick build because we knew everything that we wanted,” said Jenkins, adding that the home was completed in a little more than six months. “It reflects both our personalities and what we really enjoy and how we want to live.”

The couple selected the .79-acre estate lot on Tuscan Hills Lane because of its location within the gated Sonoma Ranch Estates, convenience to necessities and “of course the mountain views,” Jenkins said.

“When we started to design the home our goal was to build a house that took advantage of the gorgeous Organ Mountain views and had an open and inviting floor plan, then fill it with high-end features and materials,” Edwards said.

For the style of the home, the couple selected a Tuscan appearance, for which they are known, and achieved that look by incorporating cantera stone, wood beams and hand-crafted detailing throughout the home.

“Our goal on the inside of the house was to create a feeling of Tuscan elegance,” Edwards said. “Jenny carried the Tuscan feel of the outside of the house into the inside, where she hand painted a mural on the 18-foot entry ceiling, which is framed with barrel arches, as well as the dining room and the hallway to the master bedroom.”

Wanting something truly their own, Jenkins and Edwards drew inspiration from homes they had seen in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area and in magazines.

“The design and features of the home came from years of experience and thousands of hours of research,” Edwards said. “We took the best of everything we saw in other homes and compiled them into one truly unique home.”

A half-circle driveway loops around the front of the home, taking visitors to the wrought-iron gate that encloses the front courtyard.

“We love to sit out here, drink our coffee and listen to the fountain,” Jenkins said.

Stained concrete cuts through the relaxing area to the front door. Cantera-stone trim accents the arch that leads to the door, an element that is repeated along the exterior windows.

Mimicking the curved shape, a custom-designed, wrought-iron door greets guests and measures 9.5 feet at the top of the arch.

Inside, a large chandelier accents the soaring entry. While the hand-painted detail along the 18-foot vaulted ceiling draws the eye upward, a custom-made mosaic from Lebanon brings attention to the tiled floor.

“We picked the color and the design,” Jenkins said of the mosaic, which features travertine in shades of cream, gray and teal blue.

To the left are three of the home’s bedrooms. Across from the at-home office, which is tucked behind French doors and features hand-scraped wood floors, is a flex room. This bedroom, Jenkins said, can be used as a home theater room and is wired for a projector or mounted TV.

A three-fourths bathroom with a tiled shower and unique sink bowl made from glass is located outside of the flex room.



A breakfast nook peers outside.

Because it has a door to the back patio, it is convenient if a pool is added.

At the end of the hall are two bedrooms, each of which include their own full bathroom.

“It’s very private (for guests),” Jenkins said.

To the right of the entry, at the center of the home, is the great room – living room, dining room and kitchen. Designed with an open floor plan, this space is the couple’s favorite area, Edwards said.

“We have enjoyed having friends and family over with the fireplace going, people sitting at the bar and great food being made in the kitchen,” he said.

Cantera stone columns line the living room, which features a built-in wood entertainment center, Venetian plaster accents and a cantera stone fireplace, which Jenkins designed.

Across from the living room is the dining room. The private space features windows that peer out to the front courtyard and let in natural light. A granite-top buffet is located along a wall and features knotty alder cabinets.

A 17-linear-foot bar covered in granite separates the kitchen and living room.

“I love this kitchen,” Jenkins said.

Featuring two-tone cabinets, an island with prep sink and a Wolfe Subzero package, the kitchen is the hub of the home. The tray ceiling is painted in a velvet-red Venetian plaster with gold stenciling, which glistens in the light.

Designed not only for elegance but also for function, the kitchen features many conveniences such as a pullout spice rack next to the stovetop, deep drawers, a walk-in pantry and a bar area.

A hall leading to the master suite features a barrel ceiling design with several skylights. Inside the master suite, to the right of the entrance are separate walk-in, his-and-hers closets. This area leads into the bathroom.

“It’s got really nice views of the mountains,” Jenkins said.

Another custom-made mosaic from Lebanon is at the center of the bathroom. Between the two square sinks is the square jetted bathtub. Travertine in various shades of cream lines the bathtub and is repeated in the shower.

The master bedroom features a rounded wall of windows capturing the view of the Organ Mountains, creating a relaxing

Details

Featured home

2344 Tuscan Hills Lane

Square footage

4,348

Acres

.79

Bedrooms

Four

Bathrooms

Four and a half

Fireplaces

Two

Price

\$799,900

Special features

Tuscan style with cantera stone, granite, Venetian plaster and wood detailing; surround sound; finished three-car garage with insulated door and Kinetic water softening system; outdoor living in the front courtyard and covered back patio; hand-stenciled accents on the ceilings; three HVAC units with one just for the master suite; Pella wood-cased windows; and views of the Organ Mountains

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environment for a reading area. A door leads to the back patio.

The large covered patio includes speakers and ceiling fans, making the various seating areas comfortable. It also showcases a built-in barbecue and fireplace.

While the rock landscaping is dotted with a variety of vegetation, the couple selected low-maintenance plants such as palms, rosemary, butterfly bushes, bottle bushes and lavender.



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A favorite of mine is CCJ4U (Chile chocolates just for you). OK, I just made it up, but on Valentine's Day, diehard chile aficionados warm <3s with recipes wrapped in decadent chocolate :-xd with chile pepper.

Expect a (((H))) with chile chocolate chili smoking with chipotle, a chocolate martini pinched with cayenne, chocolate crème brûlée sweetened with orange zest and mini heart sugar cookies draped in a chile chocolate glaze. HVDCH! (Happy Valentine's Day chileheads!)

Chile Chocolate Chili

- 2 medium dried ancho chiles, rinsed, patted dry, split lengthwise, seeded
- 1 dried chipotle chile, rinsed, patted dry, split lengthwise, seeded
- 1 teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 to 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 3 yellow summer squash, quartered lengthwise and cubed
- 3/4 pound kale, stems, ribs discarded, leaves chopped
- 1 teaspoon grated orange zest
- 1/8 teaspoon sugar

- 1 ounce unsweetened chocolate, shaved or grated
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can whole tomatoes in juice, drained, reserving juice, chopped
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 3 (15-ounce) cans pinto beans, drained, rinsed

Cook chile peppers flat in a skillet on both sides over medium heat until just tender, about 30 seconds. Cut into small pieces. (Note: Turn oven fan on high to reduce chile pepper vapors.)

Combine chile peppers and cumin seeds in a coffee or spice grinder and process until finely ground. (Or use a mortar and pestle.) Combine chile mixture with oregano, cinnamon and salt.

Heat oil in a large pot and sauté onions until softened. Mix in garlic and cook, stirring, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in chili mixture and cook 30 seconds. Add zucchini or squash and kale and cook 5 minutes, covered. Stir in orange zest, sugar, chocolate, tomatoes and juice and water.

Place lid on pot and cook 15 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring chili often. When vegetables are cooked through, add beans and cook another 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt, if needed. Serve warm. Makes 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://chefsexpressions.com>.)

Chocolate Cayenne Martini

- 3/4 cup half-and-half or light cream
- 8 ounces (1 cup) dark chocolate liqueur
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper or to taste (or for a bigger pepper kick, substitute 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon habanero powder)
- 2 ounces (1/4 cup) vodka
- Ice cubes

In a pitcher, stir together the half-and-half or light cream, chocolate liqueur and vodka. Place ice cubes in a martini shaker. Add liqueur mixture; shake. Strain mixture into four to six

chilled martini glasses. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Sweet Chile Chocolate Crème Brûlée

- 3 cups whipping cream (or half and half)
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 dried ancho chile with seeds, stemmed and roughly chopped
- Pinch of ground cumin
- 1 ribbon of orange zest
- 1/3 cup plus 6 teaspoons sugar
- 6 ounces bittersweet (not unsweetened) or semisweet chocolate, chopped
- 6 large egg yolks
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first five ingredients and 1/3 cup sugar in heavy, large saucepan and bring to boil, stirring occasionally. Let simmer for a minute or two and then remove from heat.

Strain the heated mixture into the chocolate and whisk until melted and smooth. Whisk egg yolks in large bowl to blend. Gradually whisk in chocolate mixture.

Divide custard among eight 3/4-cup custard cups or soufflé dishes. Place cups in heavy, large baking pan. Add enough hot water to pan to come halfway up sides of cups. Bake custards until almost set in center, about 35 minutes. Remove cups from water and cool completely. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat broiler. Mix remaining 6 teaspoons sugar and ground cinnamon in small bowl. Sprinkle sugar mixture over custards. Broil until sugar melts and caramelizes, watching carefully and turning often, about 2 minutes.

Alternatively, custard tops can be caramelized with a kitchen torch. Let it sit a minute or two to make sure the top hardens and then crack it with a spoon. (Recipe adapted from Bon Appétit magazine.)

Valentine's Day Sugar Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup superfine sugar (or granulated

sugar processed in food processor for 30 seconds)

- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg yolk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract, optional
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Chocolate glaze (recipe below) or favorite chocolate frosting
- Red decorating gel

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter, sugar and salt at medium speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg yolk and beat until fully incorporated. Mix in the whole egg, vanilla and optional almond extract. Beat until fully mixed. Add the flour, and then beat at low speed just until combined. Be careful to not over-mix. Divide the dough in half and wrap in plastic wrap. Store in fridge until firm, at least one hour and up to two days.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. On a floured work surface, roll the dough to 1/4-inch thick, sprinkling with additional flour as needed to prevent sticking. Use cookie cutters to cut into shapes and place on parchment or silicone-lined pans. Bake until cookies appear dry on the surface and are light golden brown on the edges, about 10 minutes (or a few more minutes for larger cookies).

Let sit for 2 minutes before removing from cookie sheets. Allow to cool completely on cooling racks before decorating. To decorate, using a pastry brush, brush each cookie with the glaze, almost to the edge. Cool. Add flair with swirls of red decorating gel. Makes about 36 average-sized cookies, more if using heart-shaped cookie cutter.

Chocolate Glaze

- 2 cups chocolate chips
- 1/4 cup half and half or milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Melt 2 cups chocolate chips over hot water; stir in half-and-half or milk and cayenne pepper.

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Solar mole and gopher repeller

Soundwaves upset rodents

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With spring just around the corner, you probably have your vegetable garden or lawn on your mind.

While thoughts of seedlings, compost and ample supply of water might be swirling in your mind, there is one issue you may be forgetting – gophers.

A burrowing animal ranging from 6 to 12 inches long, gophers are found mostly west of the Mississippi River. These small rodents are often confused with ground squirrels, however, because of their strong digging claws and sharp teeth, they can do much more damage to your lawn or garden.

Although burrows can be as small as 3 inches in diameter, gophers can do a lot of damage to not only plant life, but also household utilities. The pocket gopher, which is found in New Mexico, can chew through irrigation lines and utility cables as well as undermine and weaken a home's foundation.

Also, the soil brought to the surface by the pocket gopher can potentially smother plant life and has a greater chance of erosion by rainwater.

Rather than having your weekends turn into a scene from "Caddyshack," stop those gophers from making a home on your property with the solar mole and gopher repeller.

What is it?

If you're looking for a no-kill way to hinder moles and gophers from going near your garden and yard, then the solar mole and gopher repeller is for you.

Rather than scattering poisons or setting traps, insert a few of these bad boys around your garden or lawn and they'll keep those pesky rodents at bay.

Measuring about 11 inches in length, the solar mole and gopher repeller produces an underground sonic tone, or vibration, which is unpleasant to the burrowing rodent's ears. It's a humane way to drive them away.

Created from a heavy duty plastic or anodized aluminum, the solar mole and gopher repeller features a solar panel on top, which will fuel it during the day and at night, keeping your garden and yard protected without the need of batteries.

And don't worry about those overcast New Mexico skies that are common this time of year – the mole and gopher repeller will still work.

How does it work?

The reason the solar mole and gopher repeller works is because it emits high-frequency ultrasonic sound waves that bother the rodent's ears – discouraging infestation in an environmentally friendly way.

While rodents can hear the ultrasonic sound waves, humans cannot, so it won't interfere with your daily activity. The sound waves emitted by the solar mole and gopher repeller are higher than 20 kilohertz (kHz), well above the hearing range of humans and even common pets, such as dogs, cats, birds and fish.

The repeller is designed to emit the sound waves every 30 seconds or so, and, depending on the model, can be effective up to 7,500 square feet.

To ensure that the rodents stay away for a long period of time, most – but not all – solar mole and gopher repellers use a complex swept frequency that changes frequencies – usually between 32 and 62 kHz. By changing the frequency, intensity and complexity of the sound wave, the rodents will not "get used" to the sound.

Where can it be found?

Solar mole and gopher repellers can be purchased in the garden section of stores including Target, Home Depot, Walmart and Sears.

How much does it cost?

The Solar mole and gopher repeller costs between \$20 and \$30.

Featured gadget:
Solar rodent repeller

The microwave and its many magical wonders

Zap away problems with this common kitchen appliance

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The modern age has provided consumers with a variety of conveniences, one being the microwave oven.

Found in just about every college dorm room and apartment of budding adults everywhere, the microwave was "accidentally discovered" in 1945.

As the story goes, Percy Spencer, an American self-taught engineer with the Raytheon company, was working on an active radar set when he noticed the Mr. Goodbar stashed in his pocket started to melt – thanks to microwaves.

Spencer explored microwaves and used them to first cook popcorn and then an egg, which exploded. By 1947, Raytheon built the "Radarange," the first commercially available microwave and in 1967, it introduced the first popular home model sold for a whopping \$495 – \$3,450 in today's dollars.

Luckily for us, the microwave oven has come down in price and can be found at your local kitchen appliance shop for as little as \$30.

Whether you're a cooking novice, reliant on your microwave, or a jet setter in need of quick meals on the go, your handy-dandy appliance can do more than heat up your meals. Here are some other ways the microwave oven can make your life easier.

1. Get help peeling vegetables: Although the temperatures have been pleasant in Las Cruces, a potential cold front is coming this weekend, making it a great time to whip up a hearty stew recipe. If your favorite stew calls for a mountain of peeled vegetables, particularly tomatoes, get help peeling the heaping pile. After washing and cutting the tomatoes in half, place them on a microwave-safe dish, cut side down. Place them in the microwave oven and heat for five minutes. You'll know they're done when the skin has shriveled around the edges. Gently slide off the skins with a fork or even your fingernails.

2. Heat up bath towels: After a nice, hot shower, the last thing you're looking forward to is the zap of cold air hitting your skin. Keep yourself warm by warming your bath towels in the microwave. Place slightly damp towels into a large resealable plastic bag and put it in the microwave for a couple of minutes. Be sure to check that your plastic bag is microwave safe prior to heating.

3. Remove gum from clothing: How that gum ended up in your pants pocket might be an unsolvable mystery, but removing it won't be. Remove chewing gum from clothing by warming a cup of vinegar in the microwave for a minute or so and then dabbing it on the area until the sticky substance

is gone.

4. Make a heating pad: To soothe whatever aches and pains might ail you, create your own microwave-safe heating pad at home. Fill a large – clean – cotton sock with a mixture of grains or lentils and sew it shut. Put it in the microwave for two minutes and then apply to the troublesome area.

5. Sterilize soil: If your green thumb is more of a brown thumb, it may not be your fault. Seedlings need a sterilized environment to thrive, so use a microwave oven to remove any bacteria lurking in your soil. Spread the soil onto a non-metal dish and heat in the microwave until it starts to steam. This generally takes about 90 seconds.

6. Dry herbs: If you want your thyme and oregano to stay fresh, dry them in a microwave after washing. Place them on a paper towel and pop them into the microwave oven. It takes about 30 seconds for them to dry.

7. Freshen packaged foods: Has that box of crackers been sitting on your shelf a bit too long? Rather than tossing out stale crackers and cereal, give them a burst of freshness with the microwave. Pour them onto a plate and zap them for about 30 seconds. They'll be crunchy again.



Around-the-house item: Microwave

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Getting to know: *Hale Huber*

Making a name in solar, water

Sun Tech celebrates
31 years in Las Cruces

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Hale Huber has made a name for himself in solar hot water and solar pool heating, and in 2013 he celebrates the 31st anniversary of his company, Sun Tech Services Inc.

Huber's previous career experience was in civil and environmental engineering, as well as anthropology and counseling.

"I had worked in the summer of 1962 as an environmental engineer with the U.S. Public Health Service with the pueblos around Albuquerque," said the Michigan native. "That's when I fell in love with New Mexico."

After a year living in Yucatán, Mexico, the opportunity arose for Huber to return to the Southwest when his then wife was offered a research position at New Mexico State University in bilingual education research.

"We both loved Mexico and spoke Spanish, and with my previous love of New Mexico, it was a win-win situation for us to come back to New Mexico and here to Las Cruces," he said.

Upon arriving in Las Cruces, Huber began volunteering with the Southwest Counseling Center, which turned into a paid position. He then was offered a spot in a doctoral program at NMSU in counseling and educational psychology with community mental health programs evaluation and research.

From 1972 to 1976, Huber trained community health program evaluators, but after money ran out, he had to find new work.

After working with a domestic violence program in El Paso, he was offered a position at El Paso Community College as director of the Native American outreach program.

"One thing I did was work with students to help them get financial assistance to go to El Paso Community College," he said.

He was then offered the directorship of the counseling program at the community college.

"I found that I really enjoyed teaching, counseling and interacting with students, and the administrative side was less fun," he said.

Huber said he had thought about creating his own business and did just that in 1982 when he and another fellow created Sun Tech Services.

"In 1980, solar energy started to boom because of solar tax credits," he said. "We focused on solar energy and swimming pool construction. After two years, we split the partnership and I continued to focus on solar energy."

Huber said he decided to pursue entrepreneurship in solar energy because of feedback he received after taking an aptitude test at the Johnson O'Connor Research Foundation.

"After completing three college degrees, I was having a difficult time deciding what I wanted to be when I grew up," Huber said with a laugh. "The summary showed I had a high aptitude in the area of engineering sales. That meant working with technological ideas and selling those ideas."

"(Starting Sun Tech) was absolutely the best decision I could make for myself. I enjoy people and interacting with technology and this is the teaming of the two."

Finding his niche in solar hot water and solar pool heating, Huber said business hit a



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Hale Huber began Sun Tech Services Inc. 31 years ago and has been a Kinetico water softener system dealer for 25 years.

snag in 1985 when the solar tax credits came to an end, and "the interest in solar dried up."

Looking to diversify, Huber became a dealer for Kinetico, a company specializing in high-quality home water softening systems.

"We use potassium as an alternative to sodium," Huber said of the Kinetico home water systems. "It does the same job, but it's a great option for people with high blood pressure who are usually on a sodium restricted diet. And we all need potassium. It's a great alternative."

Business remained steady over the years, and got another shot in the arm in 2008 when the solar tax credits returned and interest increased.

"I had kept my foot in the solar door," he said, "and my sales in solar energy substantially increased."

Throughout the years, Huber said he has discovered his previous life in the counseling sector has come into play.

"If someone is very unhappy with their current water treatment system or equipment, I can communicate with them and help them

through their problems and concerns," he said.

This willingness to help is one characteristic Huber looks for in employees. When Sun Tech began, Huber said he handled the sales and had help from two service and installation technicians and an office manager. Now, there are three technicians, a supervisor, office manager and two sales personnel, as well as a sales representative for Kinetico at Home Depot.

"We've pretty much grown slowly over the years," he said.

Two additions to the Sun Tech business are returning sales manager Art Rodriguez and Josh Corral, grandson of office manager Margo Medina and a civil engineering senior at NMSU.

"(Art) became an entrepreneur himself and has a lot of training and experience in sales and business management," Huber said. "Those are helpful skills."

Because Sun Tech Services doesn't handle photovoltaic systems, Huber teamed up with Sunspot Solar Energy Systems three years ago.

“(Starting Sun Tech) was absolutely the best decision I could make for myself.”

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- Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces
- Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce
- Las Cruces Home Builders Association
- Better Business Bureau

Family

- Wife Barbara Bishop
- Son Dan Casanova and daughter-in-law April
- Daughter Debbie Hixon and son-in-law Carry

"I refer people interested in solar electricity to them and they refer people interested in solar hot water and solar pool heating to me," he said. "It's been a good working relationship. It's a really positive thing."

Forming partnerships such as this and hiring trustworthy people who bring ideas to the table have helped Sun Tech weather the economic downturn.

Huber said 2011 was the slowest year for Sun Tech and changes were made in 2012, such as increasing advertising, looking at how time was spent and how materials were used.

"2012 was substantially better," he said, adding that Sun Tech saw a 10 percent increase in productivity last year. "I pride myself on the relationship I have with our customers, the community and the work that we do."

While he has been busy in solar, Huber said the real joy of his life is his involvement with the Las Cruces Sister City International program. Through the program, of which Huber has served as president and chairperson at one point, he has been able to visit sister cities Nienburg, Germany, and Lerdo, Mexico, as well as host visitors.

"I've developed close, personal friendships with families in both Nienburg and Lerdo," he said. "It's absolutely the joy of my life. I never would have imagined how such positive relationships could be established so quickly. It's a very exciting program."

In addition to the sister cities program, Huber is also a supporter of KRWG FM radio and donates water to various community activities, such as March for Babies and the Coyote Challenge.

Coming together at the LCAR Realtor Rally

Photos by Beth Sitzler



Steinborn & Associates Real Estate Realtors Vanessa Espejo-Martin, Jennifer Goude, Owner Amy Hummer, Ceil Levatino, Administrative Officer Brenda Parish and Elsie Bonfantini chat during the Realtor Rally Thursday, Jan. 31, held by the Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR).



Bonfantini, chair of the Community Service Committee, asks association members for Easter dinner donations that will be given to the Gospel Rescue Mission.



2013 LCAR President Dan Delaney welcomes everyone to the first quarterly Realtor Rally of the year.



LCAR Association Executive Doris Nurenberg discusses the Realtors Association of New Mexico (RANM) Benevolent Fund. The proceeds of the Realtor Rally went to the fund.



As chair of the Legislative Committee, Levatino updates members on issues LCAR and RANM are keeping an eye on.

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Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	3	2
Closed Sales Existing Homes	25	11	16
Pending Home Sales (All)	162	165	154
Average Days on Market (All)	148	128	102

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$153,690	\$204,000	\$130,000
Median Price Existing	\$149,900	\$142,000	\$150,775

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,043	1,020	1,101
Real Estate Agents	374	374	399

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Preparing your veggie garden

The ins and outs of planting during this season

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



We still have cold freezing nights in February, so don't be tempted by the warm days to plant items that are not frost tolerant. This includes, but not limited to, tomato plants, peppers, squash and melons.

If you still insist on planting the fore mentioned now, you can use a product called "Wall O Water" season extenders.

These are clear plastic columns that, when filled with water, will provide frost protection and will allow fruit development and harvest up to 30 to 40 days sooner.

Vegetables that are safe to plant now are broccoli, peas, lettuce, collards, radish, mustard, spinach, onions, kale, kohlrabi, turnips, celery, Chinese cabbage and Brussels sprouts. These plants will take our typical February cold temperatures without damage. Just make sure the plants you use are "hardened off," meaning they are acclimated to cold temperatures before they are planted in the ground. In other words, they are not just out of "greenhouse" conditions.

After the likelihood of frost is over, which is typically late March and early April, but don't quote me on that, you should

be able to plant tender veggies.

One of the best indicators that we have had our last frost is when the local native mesquite shrubs begin to leaf out. Keep in mind nature can break its own rules, so use this as a guideline only. You should be prepared to cover new seedlings just in case Mother Nature changes her mind.

That said, tomatoes, cucumber, melons, squash, corn, okra and sweet potato are some vegetables that should be safe to plant, again after the leaves on the native mesquites have emerged. Peppers and eggplant are usually better off when the soil warms up and the nighttime temperatures are consistently above 50, so you may want to hold off on these until mid to late April or after.

Before planting a vegetable garden, it is most important to apply generous amounts of organic material. You can use compost, manure, peat moss and or any combination of the above.

Do not use fresh manure, the salt content in the manure could burn tender seedling roots and may have weed seed to boot. If you use fresh manure, it is suggested to apply it in the fall months so that it has time to break down.

Our soil, if you can call it that, has very little nutrients in it. In most cases you will have to supplement the ground with fertilizer. There are many forms of fertilizer application. There are water soluble, granular, dry organic, liquid organic and vegetarian organic forms available. Choose whichever works best for you.

Some granular or powder forms typically last longer in the soil, but may bother allergy sufferers when applied during breezy days. Water soluble fertilizer can help avoid this problem, but will have to be applied more often. Organic fertilizers come in dry and liquid forms as well. Some organics may be in all vegetarian form as well. Some of the drawbacks of organic fertilizers are that they may take a longer time to work, and are generally more expensive to use. Whichever fertilizer you choose, read and follow the recommendation on the label.

Knowing how much water to use is always a challenge. We live in a very dry climate, so some soils can dry out very quickly. As a rule, it is best to keep the soil evenly moist, but not soggy. Sandy soils need frequent light watering, while heavy clay soils benefit from slow irrigation.

The use of mulch is recommended for any soil. This can be anything from plastic film, landscape cloth, shredded bark or compost to name a few. The use of mulch will help maintain soil moisture and will also help reduce or even prevent weeds. The use of organic mulch, in my opinion, is best because as this breaks down it helps build up the soil.

So, if you do your homework on vegetable gardening, the warm days and freezing nights can't fool you.

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February is the month for love. What better time to share your literary passions with your family?

Family reading time fills your home with love and provides necessary literary experiences for everyone in the family. The tiniest baby needs to hear millions of words before beginning to talk. Toddlers' ears seek the cadence of different kinds of speech. Their brains are connecting the sounds of speech to meaning. Children of all ages learn new vocabulary and gain knowledge of the world. Adults as well as children are soothed when they are read to.

How does reading together look in your family? Take turns sharing something you read this week. You might share a magazine article you found interesting, your child can read a chapter of a library book and great-grandma can recite a poem she memorized in her youth. The idea is to share and talk about what you read. Make this literary conversation part of daily dinner conversation or use it a good night ritual.

Jan Reed is Community Reading Foundation of Doña Ana director of volunteers and book donations. Reed explained how she learned to love reading long before she learned to read.

"I still blissfully recall Sunday mornings and the comics. Half a century ago in Los Angeles, the paper boy would pull a wagon full of papers down the street calling out 'Times, Examiner, get your papers!'

"Pajama clad, my brother and I would rush out, change in hand, to make the purchase. Discarding all the rest of the paper's contents along the way, we'd dive into bed and snuggle between our parents. There, Dad, in his most dramatic voice, would go falsetto for Little Orphan Annie, guttural for Daddy Warbucks and 'Arf, Arf' for Zero bringing to life each comic character.

"Later in the day, I'd spread the paper on the floor and pretend to read each strip to my dog. I knew I was a reader at the age of 3, before meeting Dick, Jane and Sally or phonics lessons. Years later, that warm fuzzy feeling remained as my grown son and I drove to Massachusetts and traded driving and reading aloud 'Watership Downs.' It is a family legacy we treasure."

Our cold, dark, winter evenings provide a great time to start or rekindle a family reading tradition at your house. You and your children are never too old or too young to enjoy getting cozy together to share the adventures of well-loved characters in books. Take a moment to remember your favorite series when you were your child's current age. Is it time to share those tales with the next generation? Show the whip-persnappers that Harry Potter and "The Hobbit" are even better in the author's own words.

The classics have timeless appeal.

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Respecting your partner

February is teen dating violence awareness month

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Entering teen years often comes with new experiences including dating.

Without knowing what to expect, it can be difficult for teens to know what types of behaviors are appropriate and which are dangerous.

February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. During the month of February, it is important to spread awareness not only about teen dating violence, but all forms of intimate partner abuse.

In New Mexico, 13 percent of abuse victims reported were younger than 22 years old, according to the New Mexico Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository.

"We want to start by reaching out to teens," said Theresa Armendariz, executive director of La Casa Inc. "(The campaign) is not going to stop in February, we want to increase our reach beyond that."

Intimate partner abuse includes those who are dating, engaged, married, gay or straight.

"Anybody can be a victim," Armendariz said.

The Las Cruces Police Department reported serving 503 victims of domestic violence within city limits. The Doña Ana County Sheriff's, Hatch police, Las Cruces police and State police departments reported 1,924 domestic violence incidents in 2011, which is equal to 10 percent of the total reported in the state.

2013 senior games begin

Athletes compete for a spot in state games

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Senior athletes are fierce competitors – if there's any doubt, attend a 2013 Doña Ana County Senior Games event and witness it firsthand.

The 2013 games had its official registration kick off and awards ceremony Jan. 26 and registered 56 athletes during the event.

The 2012 games proved a success with 390 participants. Of those who participated, 175 went on to compete in the state games.

There are 26 sports and activities seniors have the opportunity to participate in.

Activities include swimming, cycling, a talent competition, golf, track and more.

2012 was the first year chess was added to the roster of activities, and it will return for a second run at this year's games.

"We think the physical activity associated with participation is healthful for seniors, both physically and mentally," said Jack Welch, first vice president of the Doña Ana County Senior Games.

Not only do the games promote friendly competition, but camaraderie, as well.

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jessica Grady

La Casa Inc. kicked off its February campaign to spread awareness about intimate partner abuse, starting with teens who find themselves in an abusive relationship. February is National Teen Dating Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. In New Mexico, 13 percent of victims reported were younger than 22 years old.

Physical, verbal, emotional, sexual and economic are all types of abuse a person can experience.

"Generally what we see is a history of learning that abuse," Armendariz said. "It's not all about the physical, it can be coercive."

Armendariz describes it as a type of control in which the behavior forces the partner into doing something they don't want to do, or comments that make the partner feel less than

they are.

"That's how emotional and physical abuse happens," she said. "It can be subtle or obvious."

There is a misconception that abuse begins with the first date, which is not the case.

"Usually a relationship is built there before the abuse starts, which makes it hard to leave (the relationship)," Armendariz said. "It's not

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Veronica Galaz makes her way to the finish line during the women's 100-meter run in the 60 to 64-age group during the 2012 Doña Ana County Senior Games. Galaz placed first with a time of 15.3 seconds. The first games of the 2013 senior games will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, with women's 8-ball pool, at Q-Time, 1201 E. Amador Ave. The games will run through May. From there, the winning athletes will go on to compete in the state games in Roswell.

Senior games

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“Our sports are great social events as well as athletic competition,” Welch said.

Welch speaks from experience, having competed in the swimming competitions.

“I competed in high school and college, so senior games gave me the opportunity to get back into the sport I love so much,” Welch said.

Unlike Welch, who has had prior experience with the sport, novice athletes comprise most of participants in the games.

“The one message I’d like to get out there is that our organization is very user friendly.

So first timers should feel free to contact us and we’ll be as helpful to them as we can.”

Each year there are a lot of competitors who return.

“They have a positive experience and your competitors also become your friends,” Welch said.

The first competition of the 2013 games is women’s 8-ball pool beginning at 10 a.m. at Q-Time, 1201 E. Amador Ave. The public is invited to attend all senior game events.

Athletes are limited to competing in a maximum of 10 events. Those interested in participating are asked to register by Friday, Feb. 22. Those who register after will have an added \$5 late fee. Welch said it is helpful for participants register early so everyone can be more easily accommodated. To register or for more information, call 541-5171.

Reading

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They provide the kind of literary language that builds vocabulary and strengthens the attention span. One of my favorites for children in the early elementary grades is “The Adventures of Pinocchio, Tale of a Puppet” by Carlo Collodi translated from Italian by M.L. Rosenthal.

For the most fun, read aloud with lots of expression and different voices. Beware: this is not the Disney version so some of the characters and adventures may surprise you. Each chapter is just long enough for a bedtime story, involves the misadventures of a bad boy and there’s a morality lesson hidden within. It’s fun to predict what choice Pinocchio will make next. Anticipating the next chapter each night can make it easier for all members of the family to wean themselves off of electronic devices before bed.

For small children, choose short colorful books that can be completed in one sitting. Your children will want to hear their favorites over and over again, especially those written with rhythm and rhyming words. The repetition is an important part of language development. So bite your lip, snuggle together and know that you are building literacy skills for a lifetime. Don’t worry if toddlers can’t sit still for a whole book. The important thing is for them to see you enjoying it.

Reading together 20 minutes every day is like getting a great big multi vitamin of love.

Reading aloud to your child strengthens skills by exposing your child to words and ideas not often found in day-to-day conversations or electronic screen time. Reading aloud gives children the opportunity to practice listening – a crucial skill for kindergarten and beyond. Reading aloud builds imagination, curiosity, communication skills and memory, which are necessary skills for school success.

Even tiny babies profit greatly from being read to everyday. They learn to associate reading with the love and security of being in your arms. You can share the value of reading with your child from birth forward by singing

songs, reciting nursery rhymes and talking about pictures in books and magazines.

Here’s what experts have to say on the subject.

According to the National Research Council and The Institute of Medicine, National Academy Press, what happens during the first months and years of life matters because it sets either a sturdy or fragile stage for what follows.

When a child is born, only 25 percent of the brain is developed, and the rest develops within the first year of life. This is an extremely crucial time in a child’s life, where reading aloud and simply talking to the child will help tremendously with brain development along with their speaking skills. Research shows that the more words parents use when speaking to an 8-month-old infant, the greater the size of their child’s vocabulary at age 3.

The landmark Hart-Risley study on language development documented that children from low-income families hear as many as 30 million fewer words than their more affluent peers before the age of 4.

Have fun reading and make it a special time for both of you. Tell us about the books you remember fondly and the person who read them to you so we can share your favorites in future columns.

Special note to my Bulletin readers who don’t have someone to read with at home: Reed can help match you to your own reading valentine. Become a treasured reading partner at your neighborhood elementary school and share the joy of a reading legacy. Email Reed at roriecrf@gmail.com.

The Children’s Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County (CRF-DA) is a community-driven, countywide project that promotes the message “Read with a child every day” and focuses on improving literacy throughout Doña Ana County. The column will promote literacy by offering ideas for family activities, featuring community projects, and exploring local resources that help your children succeed. Rorie Measure serves on the Board of Directors of (CRF-DA as Director of Public Awareness. She is a reading specialist and train teachers. Measure taught in Las Cruces Public Schools and the Gadsden Independent School Districts. Contact Measure at roriecrf@gmail.com.

Bringing a little heart to health



Joshua Hinte and Julie Clark enjoy their time together at the 2012 Heart of My Life Ball. The event benefits the American Heart Association, and will be held this year at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. There will be dinner, dancing and live entertainment from the Blues. There will also be a Silent Purse-onaity Auction.

The keynote speaker will be Jared Fogel, spokesman for Subway and special guest of Oprah. Formal attire is required. A corporate table for 10 is \$1,200. Individual seating is \$130. For more information, contact Janet Clifton at 556-7665 or janet.clifton@mountainviewregional.com.

Teen dating

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cut and dry, it’s about power and control.”

It is important to remember that abuse can take many different forms – just because one behavior isn’t present shouldn’t discount other abusive behaviors.

Men can also experience abuse.

“You don’t have to be physically bigger than someone to be abusive,” Armendariz said. “Often times men have a hard time standing up as victims.”

Some abusive behavior men commonly experience include, stalking, using children against the victim to gain control, calling an employer repeatedly in an attempt to get the victim fired, or verbally berating the victim to their friends and family.

Teen dating violence includes all the same elements of abuse as adult.

“I think it’s scarier for teens because they’re experiencing (dating) for the first time,” Armendariz said. “They may not have anything to compare the behavior to, to let them know what’s healthy and what isn’t.”

Technology is one way Armendariz said she’s noticed teens use to assert control over their victim. One example is purchasing a cell phone for the victim that the abuser uses to contact the victim.

“If you’re not comfortable telling you’re parents about the relationship or are making excuses for the behavior it might not be OK,” Armendariz said. “I think teens have a whole other set of problems than adults. Teens tend to care more about what people say and think. It may be harder for them to know who to go to for help.”

For any teen who feels they are in an abusive or unhealthy relationship, La Casa offers resources to help.

Free counseling is available for those who feel they are experiencing abuse or those who think they might be perpetrators and want help. Teens don’t need a parent’s permission to contact La Casa or call the hotline at 800-376-2272.

“They don’t need to know if they are in an unhealthy relationship to call us,” Armendariz said. “We won’t judge or laugh at anybody. They can just ask questions and they don’t have to give their names.”

La Casa is a resource not meant to break up relationships, which Armendariz said is a common misconception.

“A lot of people think that if they come

Details

Teen dating violence

- Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.
- One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.
- One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
- One quarter of high school girls have been victims of physical or sexual abuse.

Source: www.loveisrespect.org

(to La Casa) we’ll tell you you need to leave and that’s not the case,” she said. “That’s not always the safest option. The most dangerous time for a victim is when they leave. A lot of times when the victim is killed it’s when they leave or try to leave (the relationship). We’ve seen cases when there is no violence until the person leaves.”

La Casa’s campaign beginning with the teen dating violence and expanding into all intimate partner relationships, is to gain the support of the community to hold abusers accountable for their actions.

“What the community can do is start holding offenders accountable (for the abuse) not the victims,” Armendariz said. “Instead of asking, ‘Why does the victim allow this?’ ask, ‘What can I do to support attempts to make things safe?’ The more we blame the victim the more isolated they feel and the less power we give them to leave.”

La Casa is in need of support, as well, to continue to meet high demands and expand the reach of their campaign and is asking the community to support their cause.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/lacasalc.

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Healthy teeth are important to a child’s overall health. From the time a child is born, there are things you can do to promote healthy teeth and prevent cavities. For babies, clean teeth with a

soft, clean cloth or baby’s toothbrush. Avoid putting the baby to bed with a bottle and check teeth regularly for spots or stains.

For all children:

- Brush teeth with fluoride toothpaste
 - Provide healthy foods and limit sweet snacks and drinks
 - Schedule regular dental check-ups
- Forming good habits at a young age can help your child have healthy teeth for life.

Sources: www.nationalwellness.org, www.nlm.nih.gov, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

Healthy Happenings



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

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

HATHA YOGA AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non-competitive. Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket.

For more information, call 522-7119.

T'AI CHI CHIH AT MOUNTAINVIEW

T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado are from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at MountainView Medical Plaza, 4351 E. Lohman Ave., in suite 404. Classes are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members, or a \$2 donation is requested.

Free classes are also available to Senior Circle and Healthy Women members from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, call 312-8320, or email rositaad4@gmail.com.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those raised in alcoholic or dysfunctional family situations deal with their issues and move on to a healthier, happier life through

a 12-step program.

For more information, call 647-5684.

YOGA CLASSES BENEFIT JARDIN

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email Nichols at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

YOGA CLASSES BY BETH LEBLANC

Mixed gentle yoga sessions for men and women – with and without chairs – are taught by Beth Le Blanc from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Laughter yoga sessions by Le Blanc are taught from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursdays.

Both classes are at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the Women's Resource Room, and are free to Senior Circle and Healthy Women Members. For others, a \$2 donation is requested.

Yoga sessions are also available from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

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.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$4. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience.

For more information, email McKay at harmei@zianet.com or call 382-8978.

SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO DIABETES OUTREACH

Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach will hold its monthly Diabetes Educational Support Group meeting from 10 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at Munson Center, 775 S. Mesquite St., in Meeting Room 3. The meeting

will provide open discussion, a short teaching and a question-and-answer period.

The event is free and no pre-registration is required. The meeting is intended for those informed they have diabetes, family and friends of those with diabetes and all who are interested.

For more information, contact the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289, snmdo@snmdo.org or visit www.snmdo.org.

LAS CRUCES PARKS & RECREATION FITNESS SCHEDULE

Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department fitness class schedule:

The following classes are at Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. For more information, call 541-2782:

- **Yoga:** 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays
- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays; 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays; 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Saturdays; and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Circuit Training:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Aqua Zumba:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Aqua Fit:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays; 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

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- **Safe and Gentle Cardio:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays
- **Aquatic Fitness:** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Cardio Core & More Basic:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Super Seniors Water Aerobics:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- **Lunch Break Yoga:** Noon to 12:50 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Tai Chi:** 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Indoor Cycle:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays
- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays

The following classes are at Meerschiedt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. For more information, call 541-2653:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 - **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
 - **Zumba Gold:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
 - **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- The following class is at Benavidez Recreation Center, 1045 McClure Road. For more information call 541-2550.
- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays The following classes are at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. For more information, call 528-3000:

- **Enhance Fitness:** 8:45 to 9:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays
- **Tai Chi:** 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

MINDFUL EATING

Mindful Eating Class meets from 3 to 4 p.m. the second Saturday of each month through April at Tesero Integrative Health Center, 1605 S. Main St. Cost is \$10.

The class, instructed by Katia LeMone, teaches the principles of mindful eating, which include: becoming aware of the positive and nurturing opportunities available through food preparation and consumption; choosing to eat food that is pleasing and nourishing; using all your senses to explore, savor and taste; acknowledging responses to food without judgment; and learning to be aware of physical hunger and satiety cues.

For more information, call 541-5660.

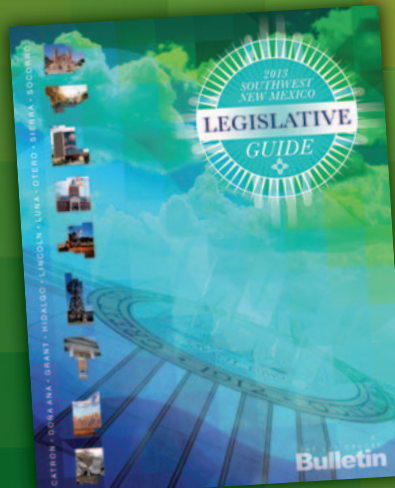
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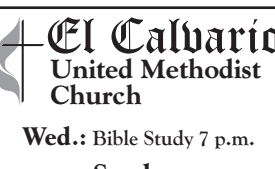
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Local student gives much-needed blankets

Gospel Rescue Mission the recipient of donation

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As a nonprofit organization, the Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission depends on the generosity of community members to keep its doors open and to serve those in the area in need.

The organization received a heaping of generosity on Friday, Jan. 25, when 10-year-old Gerald Beck Jr. and his parents, Katina and Gerald Beck, brought bagfuls of blankets to the mission, located on Amador Avenue.

Gerald said one day, after watching the Disney Channel and the local news, he got the idea to raise money to buy blankets for those in need.

"He saw on KFOX a little girl who did something like this on her birthday," Katina Beck said. "We were talking one day when he was doing his homework and he said he wanted to do this. I asked if he was serious and he said yes, so I posted it on Facebook. We had a good response."

In less than a week and a half, Katina Beck's

request on Facebook was reposted by loved ones and donations were coming in, some as far away as Alaska.

"It felt pretty good," Gerald said. "(I chose the Gospel Rescue Mission) because when I was cold, I thought, 'If I'm cold, they'd be cold.'"

While he found support on the Internet, some of his classmates had their doubts and laughed when he announced his giving idea.

"They thought I wasn't really doing it," he said. "But a girl stood up and said, 'What if you were homeless?'"

In total, Gerald raised \$150, which was used to buy about 50 blankets in a variety of shapes, colors and patterns.

"That first night I posted, the phone was ringing off the hook," Katina Beck said. "People we didn't know were giving him praise. He did good."

Gerald said this has become his new hobby and he plans on doing another blanket drive around Christmas. Gerald encourages others to help, adding that not everyone is as fortunate.



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Gerald Beck Jr. sits among the 50 blankets he purchased and gave to the Gospel Rescue Mission Friday, Jan. 25, thanks to generous donations made by loved ones and strangers.



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Church News

MUSIC AT ST. PAUL'S

The Music at St. Paul's series will continue with the Alaska String Band at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 22 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call 526-6689.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH GUEST SPEAKER

First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road, presents guest speaker Rev. Dr. Bentley de Bardelaben during its 10:15 worship service Sunday, Feb. 10. For more information, call 524-3245.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE EVENTS

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces will hold the following events related to the installation of the Most Rev. Oscar Cantú as its second bishop:

- 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12: Farewell Mass celebrated by retiring Bishop Ricardo Ramirez at Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St. A public reception will follow.
- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27: Evening prayer open to the public at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A public reception will follow.
- 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28: Installation Mass at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. This event is by invitation only, but streaming video will be available online. A public reception will follow. For more information, call 523-7577.

BISHOP AT EL CALVARIO

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., invites the public to attend a sanctuary dedication at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, with guest speaker Bishop James Dorff, head of the San Antonio Episcopal Area, Rio Grande Conference. For more information, call 524-1230.

MULTICULTURAL MANNERS

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will hold "Multicultural Manners" at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17. The interactive presentation is based on the premise that all can benefit from expanding their knowledge of other cultures. For more information, contact 652-3124 or wanderingjeb@gmail.com.

Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 13, include Mass and Distribution of Ashes at 12:15 and 7 p.m. For more information, call 644-5025.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will hold an Imposition of Ashes during its Ash Wednesday service at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. For more information, call 526-5559.

FREE VALENTINE'S DAY WEDDINGS

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold free spiritual weddings, renewal of vows and spiritual commitments officiated by an ordained minister on Valentine's Day Thursday, Feb. 14. For more information or to reserve a time, call 640-3476 or visit www.unityoflas Cruces.org.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will hold Ash Wednesday services at 12:10 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. Both services will include Imposition of Ashes. For more information, call 522-7119.

HOLY CROSS ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1327 N. Miranda St., will hold Ash Wednesday services at 7:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13. For more information, call 523-0167.

VOWS RENEWAL

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine during its Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Those who are in a committed relationship are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to renew their vows. For more information, call 644-5025.

YEAR OF FAITH SERIES

Holy Cross Catholic Church Community will hold its "Credo - I believe" Year of Faith series from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays in the gathering space, 1327 N. Miranda St. Msgr. John Anderson will lead discussion on praying the Apostles Creed. Bring your Bible, a copy of the Catechism of the Catholic church (available for a small donation) and any "goodies" you'd like to share. There is no charge, but registration is required. For more information, call 523-0167.

Tackling a Super Bowl day run at the Super Sunday Road Race

Photos by Christopher Belarde



Emily Mouchette, 11, sprints off at the sound of the air horn Sunday, Feb. 2, on a closed course from Sonoma Ranch Boulevard at Lohman Avenue south to Centennial High School.



Super Sunday Road Race-goers run the 5K. The Super Sunday Road Race included a FunRun, 1-mile race/walk, 5K and 5-mile race.



Nine-year-old Victoria Trevino stretches before kick off of the 1-mile fun run.



A runner and his dog grab a drink of water during the 5-mile road race.

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Medical community mingles at the *LifeSupport Medical's A Night to Remember*

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Magician Christopher Mitchell entertains New Mexico State University nursing professor Sherry Lombardi, Louis Lombardi and Judy Tipton from Village at Northrise.



Guests enjoyed an evening at the Las Cruces Convention Center Saturday, Feb. 2, for A Night to Remember for Healthcare Professionals sponsored by LifeSupport Medical.



LifeSupport Medical El Paso dealer Tony Morris and his wife, Brenda Morris, stand with LifeSupport Medical CEO Anthony Dohrmann.



LifeSupport Medical CEO Anthony Dohrmann presents a check for \$12,000 to NMSU Department of Human Performance researcher Robert Wood to help fund the university's Fall Prevention Laboratory.



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Health Briefs

Charitable dental care available Feb. 8

For a seventh year, Bright Star Dental will offer free cleanings and fillings to adults from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at its offices, 2010 E. Lohman Ave. Dentistry From The Heart is Bright Star Dental's annual day of charitable dental care in Las Cruces.

Many of the people who attend Dentistry From The Heart have difficult financial situations and some come from great distances in order to receive free dental care. Treatment provided can be worth up to \$400. The free dental care is limited to adults aged 18 or older with a government-issued photo ID.

In the last six years, Bright Star Dental has provided free dental care for more than 850 patients, adding up to \$220,000 in services. Dentistry From The Heart is an international program, with more than 70,000 patients served and \$12 million in free dental care provided.

For more information, call 640-3147.

Heart of My Life Ball set

The Heart of My Life Ball, to benefit the American Heart Association, will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. There will be dinner, dancing and live entertainment from the Blues. There will also be a Silent Purse-osity Auction. The keynote speaker will be Jared Fogel, spokesman for Subway and special guest of Oprah. Formal attire is required. A corporate table for 10 is \$1,200. Individual seating is \$130.

For more information, contact Janet Clifton at 556-7665 or janet.clifton@mountainviewregional.com

Fifth annual Cupids Chase 5K Run is Feb. 9

Registration for the fifth annual Cupids Chase 5K Run is now open. The run will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, beginning at the Mesilla Plaza. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the race will start at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. with an awards ceremony, folklorico dancing and Mariachi Herredero.

Funds raised assist people on the

Developmental Disabilities Waiver program to raise awareness of this population segment. Eight hundred people are expected to participate.

To register, visit www.active.com. For more information, call 521-2213 or visit www.comop.org.

Nursing honor society holds meet, spring rush

Sigma Theta Tau's New Mexico State University's Pi Omega chapter, a professional nursing honor society, will hold its third annual networking meeting and spring rush from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 18, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Guest speaker Geri Schmotzer will speak about "Understanding clinical trials: What do nurses need to know?" RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 12. For more information, call 646-3812.

Anxiety and phobia info session on Feb. 19

An Anxiety and Phobia Mastery information seminar will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 151 S. Walnut St., Suite A-1. The seminar will provide information on individual and therapeutic educational groups to overcome fears, phobia and panic attacks. Kathy Roybal, a therapist with 20 years of experience, will lead the discussion. For more information, call 639-0304.

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. 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 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

Dee Harris Award honors senior athletes



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Dee Harris, center, poses with the 2012 female and male athlete award winners Veronica Galaz and Capt. Walter Baker at the 2013 Doña Ana County Senior Games kick off registration and award ceremony Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Trails West Senior Community Club House. The Dee Harris Award is presented to a male and female athlete each year who have made outstanding contributions toward enhancing the quality of life of seniors in Doña Ana County.

and support the decorators, as well as take part in the silent auction. For more information or to register, visit <http://cakesforacauselc.blogspot.com>.

APA Pet Food Bank hours change

The ACTION Program for Animals will change to the hours of operation for its Pet Food Bank hours beginning March 1.

Pet food and animal-welfare information will be available to qualified recipients from 5

to 6 p.m. Fridays and 2 to 3 p.m. Sundays at 901 Piñon St.

The pet food bank will also be closed Feb. 22-24.

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