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Mayor touts city progress

Miyagishima sees improvements despite setbacks

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

Though slowed some by an uncertain economy and an unrelenting drought, Las Cruces is still a growing city, Mayor Ken Miyagishima said in the annual State of the City address Wednesday, Feb. 13.

"I am pleased to report that the state of our city is strong," he said. "The state of our city is strong in spite of an uncertain economy and one of the worst recessions our country has experienced in over 80 years. Though there are signs of improvement, this uncertainty, and our ability as a city to negotiate it, has been a major challenge in recent years. I am happy to report that the fiscal condition of the city continues to be good, and that the adjustments we have made have brought real and tangible benefit to the people of our city."

He said city officials are working more collaboratively with the county and Las Cruces Public Schools. He said the city is supporting the county's steps to build a new 911 call center and the school district will engage the city better in the selection of new schools sites, he said.

Even though the county won't likely relocate the emergency and police dispatch center to the city's planned public safety complex on 350 acres of undeveloped land owned by the Bureau of Land Management near the intersection of Lohman Avenue and Sonoma Ranch Boulevard, Miyagishima said there remains the need for police and fire stations on the East Mesa.

Closer to Downtown, Miyagishima pointed to a new affordable housing trust fund the council created with \$200,000 from the reserve fund surplus.

"This small investment by the city will be leveraged by some \$7 (million) to \$8 million in private investment, resulting in 5 acres of attractive mixed-income housing, including both market-priced units and specially financed units for veterans and middle income families," he said. "All

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'Vaya con Dios' Bishop Ramírez

Las Cruces' first bishop performs last formal Mass

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

Bishop Ricardo Ramírez started off his final Mass as leader of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Tuesday, Feb. 12, with an announcement.

"I've decided to change the name of this Mass," he told the packed Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. "I decided to not call this a Farewell Mass, but a Mass of Thanksgiving. That sounds better, doesn't it?"

Joining Ramírez on stage for the Mass were members of his priesthood family – a number of bishops, mostly retired, referred to as emeritus bishops, from places as close as El Paso and as far away as Phoenix and Colorado Springs.

Ramírez joked they were there to help transition him into the "bishop emeritus club." Had he not been required by Catholic law to turn in his resignation to the Pope Benedict XVI when he turned 75 in 2011, Ramírez would have continued being the Las Cruces bishop for the diocese he was assigned to start in 1982.

That makes Ramírez a unique member of the retired bishops fraternity, said Thomas O'Brien, bishop emeritus of Phoenix who was

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Former New Mexico state Sen. Mary Jane Garcia shows her gratitude to Bishop Ricardo Ramírez inside Finley Hall after his Farewell Mass at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Southern spaceport road plans stalled

Better road request may bust budget

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

Officials with Doña Ana County and the New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) are looking at options to keep plans on track to begin work on paving a southern road to Spaceport America.

Currently, the only paved road to the spaceport 45 miles north of Las Cruces is from the north, with access from Interstate 25 via Williamsburg and Truth or Consequences in

Sierra County.

There is a 23-mile dirt road from the south at the I-25 Upham exit that starts in Doña Ana County, but the last two-thirds is in Sierra County. With a limited budget for roads, NMSA was able to find about \$12 million in bonds for the southern road and assigned Doña Ana County the task of engineering the road within that budget.

The challenge was that the budgeting rule of thumb for roads is \$1 million a mile, which would mean the project's about \$11 million short. Doña Ana County officials, however, decided a basic surface paving of the road could be done within the \$12 million budget.

Although the area is in an extreme drought, unpredictable rains – especially during monsoon season – could easily wash out

sections of the road. Sierra County recently notified Doña Ana County that it would have to raise the road and provide better drainage, or it would not accept maintenance responsibility for the road.

At the Doña Ana County Commission meeting, Vice Chair Billy Garrett proposed a resolution to keep the parties talking to get over the impasse. Doña Ana County has done its part by doing the survey and design work as called for in the agreement by the two counties and NMSA. In the review process, Sierra County has concerns about the design based on its experience with the northern road, Garrett said.

"This is not about anybody being wrong," he said. "It's about trying to find a way to

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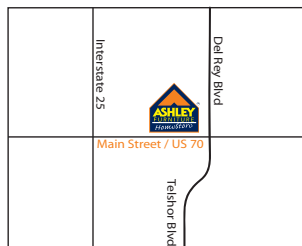
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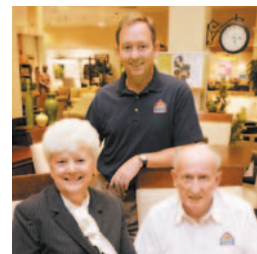
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Udall: Act to protect women should return

Reauthorization passes Senate, now in House

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall, D-NM, issued this statement following the Senate's passage of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization by a vote of 78-22:

"For 19 years, the Violence Against Women Act has helped protect women across the country from abuse. Today, the Senate voted to modernize the law and make sure more women — including those in Indian Country — can benefit from its protections.

"Native women are two-and-a-half times more likely than others in the United States to be victims of sexual assault. But that is only part of the tragedy. Too often, these crimes go unprosecuted and unpunished because of jurisdictional loopholes. Not only is violence inflicted, but justice is denied.

"I'm proud that the Senate voted overwhelmingly to reauthorize and update VAWA and make it easier to prosecute more perpetrators. ... Now it's up to the House of Representatives to act and put women and families ahead of politics."

Internships

Udall invites New Mexico college students interested in gaining legislative or press relations experience to apply for internships in his Washington, D.C., Santa Fe, Albuquerque, Las Cruces and Carlsbad offices. To apply online, please click here, or visit Udall's website at www.tomudall.senate.gov.

Washington internships have two summer sessions: May 28 to June 28 and July 1 to Aug. 2. The deadline to apply for the 2013 DC summer sessions is Sunday, March 17.

Placements in New Mexico offices are available throughout the year. The deadlines to apply for state positions are flexible, but students interested in summer internships are encouraged to submit their applications by April 14.

"As interns, students will play an important role in my office's daily operations while gaining insight into the workings of the 'world's greatest deliberative body,'" Udall said. "Internships are an invaluable experience for anyone interested in government or a career in public service, and I encourage students to apply."

All internships may count toward college credit. Students should check with their respective college or university for requirements. College students who are from New Mexico or attend New Mexico schools are given first preference, and students of all majors are encouraged to apply.

Presidents' Day closures listed

Most Doña Ana County, city, state and federal offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for the Presidents' Day holiday, but the Motor Vehicle Division offices will be open Monday.

Emergency services and law enforcement in the field will not be affected.

There will be no mail deliveries that day, also a holiday for most banks. Public schools will be closed Monday, but New Mexico State University will be open and holding classes.

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A Valentine's wedded bliss



Jessica Hart and Joseph Baker decided to take advantage of the free weddings offered on Valentine's Day Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Doña Ana County Government Center. County spokesman and ordained minister Jess Williams presided over the ceremony for the couple. Hart and Baker were the first couple of the day to say their "I dos."

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

'Back by Noon' outings scheduled

The Southwest Environmental Center has announced its Spring 2013 schedule of "Back by Noon" Saturday morning, guided natural history outings.

The outings are designed to showcase the unique natural and historical features of the Las Cruces and El Paso area. Led by knowledgeable guides, these are informative, family friendly and not too strenuous trips which should over by noon.

Featuring a mix of the new and familiar, the Spring 2013 lineup includes the following trips:

- **Saturday, Feb. 23:** Blast from the past: WWII bombing target. Participants will get a ground level view of what remains of a giant bull's eye as seen from the air.
- **Saturday, March 2:** A Cave in the Robledo Mountains. Participants will visit the pictographs, morteros (grind holes) and abandoned mine shafts of Robledo Cave.
- **Saturday, March 9:** The Hole Story: Kilbourne Hole. A visit to the largest steam crater in New Mexico, created by a massive explosion in the earth's crust.

- **Saturday, March 23:** Dinosaur Tracks of Mount Cristo Rey. Participants will journey around Mt. Cristo Rey in Sunland Park to see the tracks and learn what they tell us about how these creatures lived.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

This rising tide won't help all boats Proposal for minimum wage increase ill-timed

On Wednesday, Feb. 6, I took my daughter to the Pan American Center to watch the Harlem Globetrotters.

Always a great show, the Globetrotters somehow managed to defeat Global Select (for us old-timers, Global Select is the New Millennium name for the Washington Generals, the old Trotters' eternally hapless foes).

During the third quarter, the rules were changed so that every basket was worth double points. A regular bucket counted for four points, and a three-pointer went for six.

It sounded exciting at first and you thought it might help Global Select mount a stirring comeback. Then it dawned on me that, since the rule was in effect for both teams, it only served to widen the Globetrotter lead.

Recent discussion about a proposed minimum wage increase in New Mexico drew a parallel in my mind with that double-points rule.

Though the effect is not as instantaneous as in the basketball game, the eventual result is the same. Over a period of time, all other prices rise to the point the minimum wage quickly settles into the same buying power it had before.

New Mexico's minimum wage is currently at \$7.50 per hour. Debate in the Legislature centers around raising it to \$8.50.

Compare that to the minimum wage in Santa Fe, the City Different, where, starting in 2008, rookie burger flippers earned \$9.85 per hour.

It sounds good, especially to a 15- or 16-year-old, many of whom dropped out of high school, lured by the thought of making almost \$40 in a four-hour part-time shift. Santa Fe's dropout rate, already lagging behind the state's unimpressive rate, fell even further behind by 2010, 53 percent to the state rate of 67 percent.

Unfortunately, not only does Santa Fe lead the way in lousy graduation rates, it also has a terribly high teen unemployment rate. The problem is, a typical 16-year-old high school dropout lacks the education, the maturity, the work ethic and the social skills to dependably perform the duties of even a basic job.

Bored teenagers with no job, no education and no school responsibilities are still able to find things to do. Many of those things are not necessarily productive.

In Doña Ana County, we have the Bridge of Southern New Mexico. We have the Arrowhead Park Early College High School. We have Doña Ana Community College's dual credit programs where high schoolers can earn college credit. We have a lot of people in the community passionately promoting education and the importance of high school graduation. As a result, the graduation rate in the county has risen from 54 percent in 2008 to more than 71 percent. As a result, Gov. Susana Martinez wants to duplicate the programs statewide.

Raising the state minimum wage could, as it did in Santa Fe, cause a serious setback to efforts to improve graduation rates.

Minimum-wage earners – especially in New Mexico – certainly are not limited to teenagers. Many are struggling parents for whom an extra \$40 a week is huge. There are many other downhill effects created by a \$1 minimum wage increase, however, that could make those struggles worse.

Imagine 20 small businesses, each employing 20 full-time people, eight of whom work at minimum wage. That business's expenses just increased more than \$16,000, or more than the annual pay for one of the minimum-wage workers. In most cases, those businesses will not be able to make up that difference and will have to let one worker go.

If all 20 businesses have to make that move, suddenly you have 20 fewer jobs in the community. You also have poorer service at the business as they become shorthanded. That might cause the business to lose customers and revenue and, maybe, another employee.

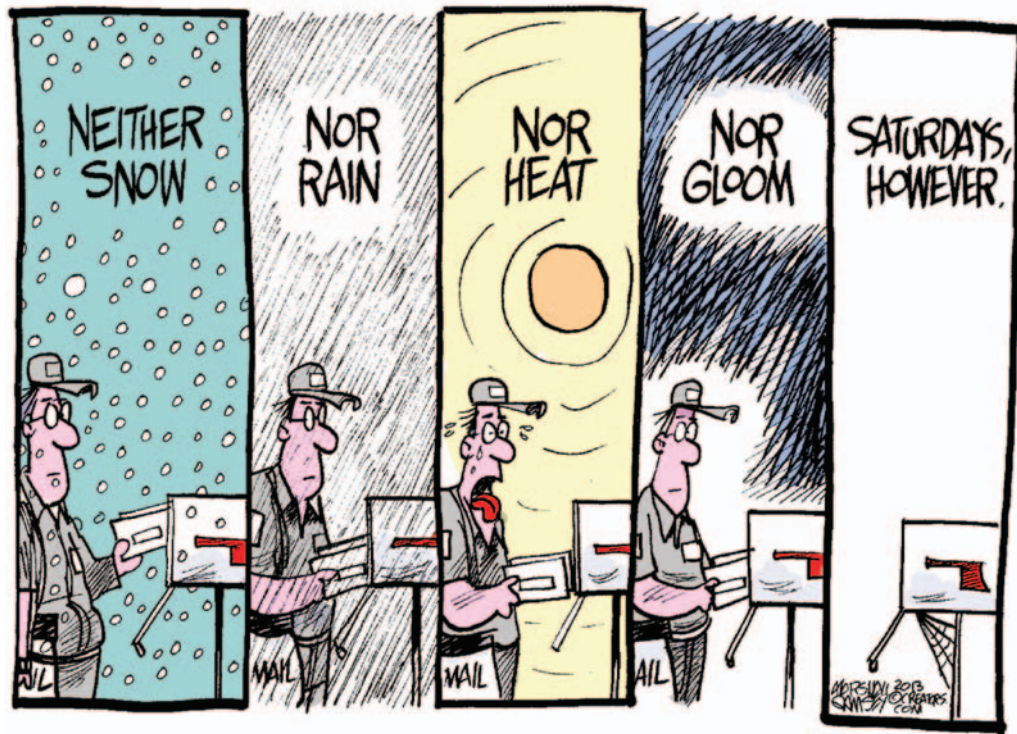
At certain times, a minimum wage increase might be the right move.

However, when our state is gingerly, shakily, trying to slog its way out of a persistent recession is not one of those times.

Many businesses, faced with increased costs from impending health care changes, are wrestling with the decision to cut back, cut employees or shut their doors. When that's happening, it's not the time to increase the minimum wage.

When Las Cruces is in a period of negative job growth is not one of those times.

When we're finally improving our graduation rates is not one of those times.



Letters to the Editor

Protect military funding

It is important for members of Congress to know that they are risking our national security by failing to address, in a timely manner, the fiscal needs of our defense forces. Recently, the Army's Chief of Staff, Gen. Ray Odierno, spoke at the Association of the United States Army's (AUSA) January Institute of Land Warfare breakfast in Washington, D.C., and his message was quite clear – our national security is at risk because of the fiscal uncertainty that we face today.

The numbers are sobering – a \$6 billion shortfall for Fiscal Year 2013 in Army operation and maintenance accounts because Congress has failed to pass appropriations legislation and the Army must spend at the FY12 budget levels.

If sequestration triggers on March 1, another \$6 billion shortfall will occur. Combined with other underfunding, the total shortfall for FY13 could be \$17 billion – in wartime.

Odierno outlined the steps the Army is taking to remain effective while dealing with the lack of funding – cancelling combat training center rotations, delaying depot work, cancellation of maintenance for vehicles that are not bound immediately for the current fight, freezing civilian hiring, potential furloughing of existing employees

and laying off temporary workers.

The bottom line is that training, and therefore readiness, will suffer. He described Army end strength reductions to 490,000 that will occur regardless and said that if sequestration triggers, the number of troops could further dip.

Odierno stressed that what the Army needs most is some budget predictability through several years, so end strength and modernization and readiness can be carefully balanced and a hollow force avoided.

AUSA has been urging Congress to solve the sequestration puzzle quickly and we continue to highlight the significant dangers posed by sequestration and the repeated use of continuing resolutions to fund the Department of Defense. We urge each member of the community to write your representative and make sequestration the No. 1 priority.

Unfortunately, the military-related headlines in major newspapers today focus on side issues that serve only to take the eyes of the American people off of the key issue – the fiscal process must be put back in order so that our defense forces can maintain their readiness and their ability to defend this nation.

Allen Tyree

Association of the United States Army

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How permanent is permanent?

Will rainy days wash away the state's savings?

Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol



New Mexico is very fortunate to have two large permanent funds socked away for a rainy day. In the eastern states most land is privately held. By the time the western states were settled, the government was keeping large chunks for federal, state, county and municipal purposes.

Much is desert land, but is good for grazing or has oil and minerals under it. The revenue from those lands goes into what is commonly called the State Land Grant Permanent Fund. Each entity gets its share. Public schools get the revenue from sections 2 and 32 of each 36-acre township. Part of that money is then transferred to the appropriation amounts for the various governmental units.

These funds were helpful in getting schools started, such as the School for the Visually Handicapped and the New Mexico School for the Deaf.

Back in the early 1970s, New Mexico was experiencing a very healthy economic boom. Severance taxes from oil and gas companies were flowing in at record rates. The mines near towns such as Santa Rita, Carlsbad and Questa also were doing well.

So the Legislature and Gov. Bruce King created a second permanent fund, which they named the Severance Tax Permanent Fund. Previously, severance taxes were used to finance the budget. That fund began growing to a size approaching the original Land Grant Permanent Fund.

As the economy started leveling off in the early 1980s, legislators decided they would begin diverting some of the yearly severance tax receipts into a fund to improve roads, bridges, buildings and other capital needs. The fund still grew from part of the yearly income plus interest on the fund.

The money from this severance tax revenue stream, combined with money from state budget surpluses (which we haven't had much of recently) is then used for what many of us lovingly call pork. Gov. Susana Martinez hasn't been very willing to spend much pork money since the beginning of her term because of

tobacco settlement money we received several years ago. It is used for ongoing cancer research.

New Mexico State University also recently created what it calls a "water permanent" fund for future use in areas with critical water shortages.

The only problem with permanent funds is how permanent are they? To some, they are similar to an endowment, from which only the interest is drawn. To others, they are a savings account for use only when there is a critical need.

The only way to settle the dichotomy is to specifically spell out the terms in the state constitution.

The state Land Grant Permanent Fund was established through revenue obtained from leasing 13.5 million acres of minerals and 8.8 million acres of surface land.

Why does the state own more mineral rights than surface land? There is an old custom in the West that when people sell land, they retain the mineral rights in case there is a huge pool of oil underneath that can put them on easy street forever.

My father's family were farmers. His father and grandfather owned land in New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. Gradually the family sold the land. They always retained the mineral rights. The Texas property was near enough to producing land that oil companies have always been interested enough to occasionally lease it.

They've never hit anything, but possibly because of the current interest in energy independence, my cousins and I leased it again today.

Maybe someday I no longer will be an ink-stained wretch.

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“The only problem with permanent funds is how permanent are they?”

the state's poor financial condition.

It appears some state surplus money may be available this year, if revenue projections are correct. Strong pressure is expected to be exerted on her to fund projects around the state, partly because it means jobs, especially in the construction industry, which has been hit hard since early 1988.

New Mexico apparently likes permanent funds. We created a third permanent fund with the

Making a fortune in the government

How do legislators get so rich?

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



I would not like to live in a society with no government at all, nor a society where the government acts with tyranny. Which would I prefer? That is like asking would I rather be shot at sunrise or sunset? In between anarchy and tyranny is where I want to live.

In theory, that is where we are in this country. We have a functioning government and it does not use tyranny on us citizens. A representative republic is free of tyranny yet protects us from anarchy – in theory.

The legitimate role of government in a free society is to provide government services, such as the military, that are necessary. There would not be a country without our military to keep the dogs of other countries away. Take enough from the military and countries of evil intent will come after us.

Government is good at some things. Still, I do not want government nosing into everything I do. Much of it is none of their business. More important is that my elected servants not command me. The role reversal, where my elected servants tell me what to do, is obnoxious at best and treasonous at worst.

That balance is further complicated by the notion of public service. In theory the reason to be in public service is to serve and

make our society better. In theory, if I am a representative by, of and for the people, I believe in causes that are greater than myself. I should do my work for the greater good of the society and not just myself.

President John Kennedy said, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Our government now seems to have little connection with the founding leaders. Can you imagine the first Congress not producing a budget for four years or the news media of that day giving them a pass on doing their duty?

Can you imagine the first Congress becoming overtly powerful and wealthy in service of the country? Consider the wealth of just retired U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman. What was his wealth when he went to Congress, what was he paid in his 30 years of service and how wealthy is he now?

The Washington Post published Bingaman's wealth in 2010 at \$16.3 million. He built his wealth on a salary under \$200,000 a year for 30 years, which before taxes is \$6 million. It is not surprising to most Americans that our elected servants find ways of getting rich.

Bingaman became wealthy while doing my business in Congress, but I must ask: Is there any law against becoming wealthy while serving? Oh, yes, Congress makes the laws. Does everyone

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Letters to the Editor

Saturday mail delivery

I oppose the elimination of Saturday mail delivery. This means two days without mail for the average person or business and the inability for anyone to have outgoing mail processed on Saturday.

As a former postal employee, I know there will be a build up of mail on Mondays delaying delivery and requiring overtime. I am more concerned about Monday holidays, which will mean three days of no mail in or out. Carriers will definitely be overloaded on Tuesdays, with very late delivery requiring overtime. Outgoing mail as well has already been delayed.

I fail to understand how there would be any savings. It would be more logical to eliminate Tuesday delivery when First Class volume is typically at its lowest.

I urge everyone to send protest letters to their senators and congressmen as well as signing any online petitions.

Andy Whiteman

Protect public lands

I'm writing to applaud former Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt for challenging the Obama administration to put land conservation on equal ground with oil and gas drilling.

There are many treasured places such as the Organ Mountains and surrounding areas that do not have the permanent protection that would guarantee our children and grandchildren would be able to experience New Mexico's unique outdoor heritage.

What Babbitt proposed is that for every acre of our public land leased to the oil and gas industry during President Obama's tenure, at least one acre should be permanently protected. This common-sense principle would ensure that hunting and fishing and the protection of important historic and cultural areas are on equal ground with the interests of oil and gas companies.

For the 6 million acres that have been leased to private industry since Obama took office in 2009, only 2.6 million acres have been set aside for permanent protection as public use land. Both George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton protected as much of our public land as they gave to the oil and gas industry.

Let's not wait until all the land in Doña Ana County has been leased or sold or otherwise cut off from public use. Please support the proposed Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument to protect our access to public lands.

Lucas Herndon

*Friends of the Organ Mountain
-Desert Peaks*

Fortune

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in Congress get wealthy? Not all, but there does seem to be a trend. Likewise, the New Mexico Legislature is a place to hang out and become wealthy in a quiet way.

What interests me the most are the questions: Which of our leaders believe in causes greater than themselves, and how do we measure those beliefs? Now we are getting to the nut of our distrust in government. They make rules for us but not themselves. They go to

Congress with small bank accounts and come home rich.

Is this the legitimate role of government to enrich those who sit in the halls of Congress and the New Mexico Legislature? Further, any attempt at looking carefully at their ability to become wealthy while a servant of the people is not supported by those same leaders.

Hitler nailed it with his quote: "How fortunate for governments that the people they administer don't think."

Would we let those people be our masters if we were a thinking people? I think not.

What to do? I vote a reasoned vote but am constantly outvoted by what seem to be unthinking voters.

On-books and off-books, the "present value" of our debts in our country is nearly \$200 trillion and we are arguing about cutting \$100 billion by sequestration. It will not make any difference.

Yep, Hitler got it right about how fortunate those leaders are to be leading our country.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

My new horse and Tom

I traded for a new horse a while back. He's a buckskin, 11 years old by his teeth, no papers, 15 hands and sound.

It was not long after my friend, Tom, had been diagnosed with cancer. It was a bad one. He was younger than me and, by outward appearances, a healthy man.

I included him on my prayer list and called occasionally.

I put my new horse into the string. He had come from a ranch in California.

"Try him out," they said. "Don't know much about him except he's supposed to be gentle."

Tom's condition continued to crumble. Each call I made he described the treatment he was on, its expectations and alternatives. We also discussed his sister who was in another hospital and suffering through a malignant cancer problem of her own.

Tom was part of her "Circle of Hands and Hearts" that kept her spirits up.

I received this horse sight-unseen. The first 10 yards out of the corral he stuck his head between his knees and started pitching. I let him get in a couple of buck's worth then clamped down. He's never tried again.

Our first trip to the rancho he was a little nervous. It was new country for him; rocks, canyons, mesquite, cactus, rattlesnakes, snakey cows, the scent of strange horses and a new cowboy on his back.

There was lots of snorting, stopping, jumping sideways and asking directions on his part. But as soon as he figured it out, it was OK.

Tom was the kind of person that often served as part of the foundation in his community's enterprises.

A quiet, God-fearing man who worked behind the scenes to get things done. He shared the credit with modesty and

addressed missteps or obstacles with firm resolve, regardless of who was to blame. He was like an offensive lineman, protecting and clearing a path for the flashier MVPs in the game. It took a while to get to know him.

Well, months have gone by and I've made a lot of circles on the new horse's back. I'm getting use to his character. He doesn't really care to be petted. He's touchy about his head.

He stands there waiting while I dump hay in his trough, just watching. Most horses talk to you while you are feeding, indicating you should feed them first. Not him. You do your job, he'll do his.

He cooperates when I shoe him, doesn't kick or lean on ya. I have a term for big footed, cover-the-country horses like him, Nevada Slogger.

Nothing delicate, nothing fancy. One word - "strong."

I got the word yesterday that Tom had passed away. It hurt a lot.

There's no justice, no explanation, just the hope that someday we'll meet again. We each have to handle death in our own way.

This morning we made a 20 mile circle just trying to see where the cows are getting scattered. The buckskin packed me through the brush, up the canyon walls, over the rocky ridges, staying where I pointed him, standing when I got off to warm my toes.

He just soldiered on, crashing through the mesquite, diggin' in, always forward, getting me where I needed to be and getting the job done.

I guess he was doin' it the way Tom would.

It takes a while for me to name a horse. It came to me as I looked down at his ears when we turned back to the corral

I'm gonna call him Tom, I decided. Tom Perry.

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School news

Student aid offered

Oñate High School, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive, will host FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Night, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in Room B-103.

Financial advisors will be on hand to assist in filling out FAFSA paperwork to apply for federal student aid.

If you attend, bring the following:

- A copy of your 2012 taxes
- Social Security number for parent and student or tax ID number
- FAFSA pin number. Visit fafsa.ed.gov and create a PIN.

Federal Student Aid is the largest provider of student financial aid with more than \$150 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds each year.

Bulldawg band to hold pancake fundraiser

The Las Cruces High School Band will hold a fundraising pancake dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, in the LCHS cafeteria, 1750 El Paseo Road.

Tickets are \$6 each.

Foundation offers scholarships

The Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation is offering three scholarships to 2013 LCPS graduates.

One \$500 non-renewable scholarship is provided by each of the following:

- The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Doña Ana Community College Scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to attend DACC full time in the fall of 2013.
- The Debi True Rounds Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student who participated in marching band during his or her high school years and plans to major in music or music education at New Mexico State University in the fall of 2013.
- The J. Paul Taylor Scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to enroll at NMSU in the fall of 2013.

The deadline for applications for all three

scholarships is 5 p.m. Friday, April 12.

For more information on each scholarship, visit the LCPS Foundation website at <http://lcps.k12.nm.us/Committees/Foundation/index.shtml>.

Field of Dreams tours offered to the public

Las Cruces Public Schools will host public tours of the new LCPS Field of Dreams (FOD) baseball complex from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

The baseball complex is located at 2501 Tashiro Road, directly south of the FOD football stadium. The entrance is located at the northwest corner of the complex.

Construction on the \$4.22 million project began in November 2011 and was completed in December 2012. The facility was paid for entirely with bonds approved by LCPS voters.

"We're very proud of this new baseball complex, which will be used by boys' baseball teams from Centennial, Las Cruces, Mayfield and Oñate high schools," said LCPS Athletic Director Ernest Viramontes. "And we're very grateful to the voters who approved the 2010 bond issue that paid for the facility."

The baseball complex has bleacher seating for 910 people, an electronic scoreboard, outside stadium lights, an audio system, four press box room, two outside viewing terraces on the second floor, concessions, dugouts and batting cages, a training room and visitor and bus parking.

Those attending the public tours are asked to park in the parking lot on the east side of the FOD football stadium.

CHS to hold Career and Technical Ed Night

Centennial High School will host its first Career and Technical Education Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, in A, B and C Career Academy buildings on the CHS campus.

Participants will learn about CHS academic, athletics and fine arts programs; certifications; career/technical training; and clubs and organizations that are part of the only high school built in New Mexico during its centennial year.

All eighth-graders and current CHS students are invited to attend.

There will be free food and door prizes.

LCCHS holding showcase for next year's freshmen

Incoming freshmen in the 2013-14 school year are invited to Las Cruces High School's eighth-grade showcase, which will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the school, located at 1750 El Paseo Road.

After an assembly in the LCCHS gymnasium, students and family can meet coaches, teachers, administrators, club sponsors in the LCCHS cafeteria and north commons area.

The event gives incoming ninth-graders an opportunity to learn about athletics at LCCHS, which include football, volleyball, cross country, soccer (boys and girls), basketball (boys and girls), wrestling, swimming, tennis, softball, baseball, track, cheer, poms and bowling; and clubs and activities.

Desert Hills to hold Locks of Love event

Desert Hills Elementary School, 280 N. Roadrunner Parkway, will host a Locks of Love hair-cutting event called "Sharing Hair Because We Care" from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23.

Staff from Wildfire Hair of Las Cruces is partnering with the school to cut hair during the event. Their time will include cutting a style, not just cutting the hair off.

The Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, Dr. Scot Martin and Advance Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico have purchased thank you gifts – stuffed bears with the Locks of Love logo – for the participants.

The money used to purchase the bears goes to the Locks of Love organization to help pay

for medical research.

Jason's Deli of Las Cruces will provide food for participants.

Desert Hills Elementary teachers and staff also will assist with the event. Anyone who wants to donate hair is invited to participate.

Locks of Love is a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

"We meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest-quality hair prosthetics," according to www.locksoflove.org.

Desert Hills Elementary third-grader Samantha Griego read about a little girl last spring who had cancer and was losing her hair. Samantha "decided that day to grow her hair out so she could donate it."

Over the summer, when researching the Locks of Love website, she and her mom read about the opportunity to host an event. In the first week of school, Samantha wrote a letter to Desert Hills Elementary Principal Liz Gonzales requesting to partner with her in hosting this event. Gonzales agreed.

Donation forms will be provided at event.

Audubon accepting teacher nominations

Friday, March 15, is the deadline to nominate a teacher for the Mesilla Valley Audubon Society's Lorraine Schulte Excellence in Teaching Award.

The award recognizes an educator for his or her efforts to teach students to care for the environment. It carries a \$250 cash prize.

Anyone may nominate a teacher from any grade level, and teachers may nominate themselves.

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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. 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.

Work continues on U.S. 70

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

Smith and Aguirre Construction will have 12-foot lane restrictions in two-mile increments. Daily operations will be ongoing from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Motorists will encounter left lane closures as vehicles approach the work zone throughout the duration of the project.

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

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

Girls Can career conference

The Girls Can Career Exploration Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 2, at Lynn Middle School, 950 S. Walnut St. The annual conference is for sixth-grade girls from all over Doña Ana County. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), the conference brings girls together with talented career women from the area who will discuss their professions and provide hands-on activities related to their careers and the educational requirements for their particular professions.

Girls should pre-register with their teachers or school counselors by Friday, Feb. 15. A \$5 registration fee is charged to cover

expenses, and each girl gets breakfast and a T-shirt.

For more information or late registrations, contact Deanise Marta at dxmarta@gmail.com or at 496-0192.

HTC meeting is Feb. 15

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 N. Telshor Blvd.

The featured speaker will be Davin Lopez, president and CEO of the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. Lopez will address ongoing MVEDA initiatives to attract technology-focused enterprises to the Mesilla Valley.

Membership meetings are free to the public and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Terry Jack at 522-3868 or terry@imac.us.com.

Science Bowl competition

Teams of students from Oñate and Las Cruces high schools are participating in a regional competition of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science's National Science Bowl Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Albuquerque Academy, 6400 Wyoming Blvd., NE, in Albuquerque.

The winner of the regional competition will receive a fully paid trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the Office of Science's National Science Bowl April 25-29, and the winner of the national competition will win prizes for the team members and their schools. The prizes will be named at a later date.

For more information, call 202-287-6990.

Mule Deer Foundation fundraiser

The newly formed Las Cruces and El Paso chapter of the Mule Deer Foundation will host its first conservation banquet and fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Sunland Racetrack & Casino, 1200 Futurity Drive in Sunland Park, N.M.

A social hour starts at 6 p.m. and the dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m. Fundraising activities include games, raffles and auctions. All those interested in supporting mule deer conservation projects are invited to attend. Seating is limited, so RSVP by calling Jim Bates at 644-7751 or Tom Hansen at 915-497-2496.

Clay target challenge

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

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

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

Compassion & Choices

Compassion & Choices Las Cruces will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17, at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Julie Stanton, physician liaison at Mesilla Valley Hospice, will speak about advanced directives and hospice care. The meeting is open to all.

For more information, contact Judith Scott at 527-8432 or jnaomiscott@comcast.net.

GOP women meet Feb. 22

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

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

For information call, Caren Lulich at 373-0828.

Primetimers meet Feb. 19

The Farm Bureau Primetimers, a group seeking to promote the importance and awareness of agriculture in the Mesilla Valley, meets the third Tuesday of each month at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

Their next meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. Gregg Carrasco will speak on "Credit and Agriculture." Lunch, catered by Dickerson's Catering, is \$10, including dessert and tip.

For more information, call John or Povy Bigbee at 233-4820.

Senior golf tournament set

Mesilla Valley Senior Men's Golf Association will hold an open-to-the-public tournament, Wednesday Feb. 20, at New Mexico State University Golf Course, 3000 Herb Wimberly Drive. This event is open to any male senior 55 and older. A valid handicap is appreciated but not required. The format for this open will be a two-pin putting green. Golfers may putt to the pin they choose. This format is held very infrequently and is sure to be a blast.

For more information, call 644-2319 or email dtini57@yahoo.com.

Minnesota Club lunch is Feb. 20

The Minnesota Club of Las Cruces will meet for lunch at noon Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Golden Corral, 601 S. Telshor Blvd. All former Minnesotans are invited.

SAR group meets

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

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

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Coming Up

German club meets

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

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

High Range meeting set

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

Historical club gathers Feb. 21

The Doña Ana Historical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle in the auditorium.

"FAT Boys," a local group of historians and artists, will give a free presentation on some of the interesting sites local residents pass by every day and don't know what they are seeing. The group has developed a series of "On the Road with the FAT Boys" guidebooks that cover the Jornada del Muerto, Interstate 25 from Las Cruces to Socorro and, their newest book, Interstate 10 from Texas to Arizona. The books are arranged to be easily followed in either direction of travel. Copies will be on sale after the presentation.

For more information, call Jim at 521-8771.

Lunch & Learn at Branigan

Lunch & Learn will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., in the Roadrunner Room. Attendees are encouraged to bring lunch to the free meetings. No food is provided.

Russ Boor, Doña Ana County Master Gardener, will speak about pruning trees, shrubs, grasses and roses.

For more information, contact slh303@yahoo.com or 647-4394.

JPT Academy presents plan

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

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

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

Square dancing club capers

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

For more information, call 524-2471.

Children's book roundup

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

For more information, call 646-3404.

Gem and mineral show set

The Museum Rocks, a gem and mineral show, will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

The Museum Rocks will bring together wholesale and resale dealers of both cut and uncut gemstones, rocks, minerals, jewelry, jewelry making supplies and educational displays on the art and science of rocks and gems.

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

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

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

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

Volunteer fair at cultural center

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

Anyone interested in volunteer opportunities will have the

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

For more information, call 528-3035.

Read Across America event

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

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

The event is free and is open to all LCPS students as well as students in charter and private schools and students who are home schooled. Pre-schoolers are also welcome. The NEA asks that parents remain with their children during the event. The event is a celebration of reading for children of all ages. It will include hotdogs and drinks, prizes for reading and lots of games and activities for everyone.

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

Gym and cheer classes offered

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

Classes are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

In the news

Magnetic track breaks new record

The 846th Test Squadron successfully performed its most ambitious test to date on the magnetic levitation track at Holloman AFB, Feb. 7.

Members of the 846th were able to use the Maglev track in conjunction with a new propulsion system to reach a speed of more than 500 mph.

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The passive system of charging the magnets differs from the active kind of magnetic levitation used in bullet trains that requires a constant source of electricity. As long as the magnets are cold enough and charged, no additional electrical power is required for them to be able to lift the sled.

"If we believe in 'safe and sane,' then we have to have 'safe and sane' for the whole county," said commission Vice Chairman Billy Garrett.

Learning summit taking registrations

Registration is now open for the 2013 Quality New Mexico Learning Summit and New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards Ceremony scheduled for April 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque.

Keynote speakers for the event are David Barger, president/CEO, JetBlue and Terry Holliday, commissioner of Kentucky Department of Education.

The two-day Learning Summit will feature "best practice" sessions on the "7 Keys to Performance Excellence" by outstanding presenters from across the nation and New Mexico. In addition, a special ceremony will be held at noon on April 23 to honor the 2012 New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards recipients.

Learning Summit President's Circle sponsors include: 770 KKOB, Albuquerque Journal Business Outlook, Lockheed Martin/Sandia National Laboratories, Los Alamos National Bank and New Mexico Society of CPAs.

Quality New Mexico, a nonprofit organization, drives performance excellence in New Mexico organizations by providing role models, tools, knowledge, learning experiences and best practices. Quality New Mexico is the official administrator of the New Mexico Performance Excellence Awards patterned after the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

More information about the Learning Summit can be obtained at www.qualitynewmexico.org or by calling 505-944-2001.

Fireworks restrictions remain in place

A majority of Doña Ana County Commissioners weren't willing to make a change to its "safe and sane" fireworks restrictions Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Chairwoman Karen Perez was the lone vote for giving the Bowlin Travel Center an exemption to selling a full range of fireworks to people who don't live in Doña Ana County.

Perez said she wanted to fix an unintended consequence of the countywide fireworks restrictions, which forbids the use and sale of aerial and exploding fireworks.

According to Bowlin, which has a travel center off Interstate 10 in the county, nearly all of its customers are not residents, but travelers passing through. The company estimates it has lost between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in fireworks sales because of the restrictions.

Other than Perez, commissioners said they weren't willing to erode the strength of the ordinance for the sake of one business, no matter how reputable that business may be.

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D'Antonio: Crime rising in county

New DA holds first of Town Hall meeting series

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

Doña Ana County has a growing problem with serious crimes being committed, new District Attorney Mark D'Antonio said at a Town Hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 7, in Las Cruces.

D'Antonio said he would hold the Town Hall meetings on the first Thursday of each month at different locations around the county as part of his philosophy for more pro-active law enforcement.

D'Antonio said he is working on putting plans into place to prevent crime as a way to lessen the burden on the court system and improve public safety.

Using the example of gangs, simply arresting members is a reactive approach to the problem, but a proactive approach is to stem the tide of truancy, he said.

"Our office is dedicated to community policing," D'Antonio said.

D'Antonio promised police officers he would work with them for successful prosecution

Speaking of criticism about no charg-

es being filed in recent deadly accidents, D'Antonio said it's understandable for people to want to hold someone responsible, but law officers could not find evidence of criminal negligence in the cases.

D'Antonio said he can't base the decision to prosecute on emotion.

"The hardest part is to put emotions aside," he said.

D'Antonio said his office is committed to fighting government corruption, but in Sunland Park alone there are more than 20 cases his office is handling.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson
Doña Ana County District Attorney Mark D'Antonio holds his first Town Hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Doña Ana County Commission Chambers. D'Antonio said he will regularly hold Town Hall meetings for greater transparency in the DA's Office.





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A 25-foot sculpture by Seward Johnson modeled after the famous photograph of a sailor and a nurse kissing in Times Square on Aug. 14, 1945 – the day World War II ended – made a stop Friday, Feb. 8, at Barnett's Las Cruces Harley Davidson, 2600 Lakeside Drive. Honor Flight Veterans gathered to send "Unconditional Surrender" on its way. The sculpture is traveling to San Diego for a dedication ceremony. Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico will make its sixth annual trip to Washington, D.C., to visit memorials honoring veterans Oct. 2-4.



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4-H-er wins essay contest

Local student takes public speaking title

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

“Enchanted Past,” 4-H member Elena Davidson’s history essay of New Mexico, won her the championship title in the Public Speaking Contest at the 4-H Western National Roundup held Jan. 9-13 in Denver.

Elena qualified for the Western National Roundup by winning the Prepared Public Speaking contests at the Doña Ana 4-H contest in June 2012 and the New Mexico State 4-H Conference in July 2012, Doña Ana County 4-H agent Eva Madrid said.

“Elena’s speech was titled, ‘Enchanted Past,’ and detailed the rich and diverse history of New Mexico,” Madrid said.

Students were required to memorize and present speeches six to eight minutes long relating to New Mexico youths. The judges’ scoring was based on organization of speech content, quality, voice control, pronunciation,



Elena Davidson holds the ribbon and plaque for winning the Public Speaking championship title in the 4-H Western National Roundup held Jan. 9-13 in Denver.

language, effectiveness and projection to the audience.

Elena is a sophomore at Las Cruces High School and a member of the 4-H City Slickers. Her parents are Carmen and Dean Davidson.

Public Speaking was one contests held during the Western National Roundup, its 93rd year, that was attended by more than 900 4-H youths.

Viewing history



Fernando Avalos gets a kick out of Daniell Ray’s, 7, homemade telescope during Clyde Tombaugh Day Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Las Cruces Museum of Nature & Science. Children made nearly 50 telescopes, as well as heard lectures about the famous Las Cruces astronomer who discovered Pluto. For more about Tombaugh, see the Space Column on page A25.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Foundation awards \$14,400 to 31 projects

Over six years, \$85,000 given to learning efforts

Thanks to grants from the Las Cruces Public Schools Foundation, students in classrooms across the school district will learn more about everything from aeroponic gardening, robotics and butterflies to orienteering, human blood and the Butterfield Stage Line of the 1850s, said Foundation Executive Director Leslie Cervantes.

Based on applications from teachers, counselors, librarians and facilitators, the foundation awarded more than \$14,300 in grants to 31 student learning projects in 21 schools for 2013, Cervantes said. In the past six years, the foundation has awarded nearly \$85,000 in teacher grants, with principal sponsorship from El Paso Electric Co. and other foundation partners. Each grant was for up to \$500.

“We received requests for a wide range of projects that will enhance student literacy; math, science and technology skills; and provide enhanced outdoor activities and classroom fun that will make our students healthier and happier,” Cervantes said.

A number of teachers got grants to buy books for students to take

home to encourage reading in the classroom and at home.

With her grant, teacher Pattie Burnham will create the Adventures in Reading Club at Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

More than 90 percent of students at the school are economically disadvantaged, so many families “can’t afford to buy books for the home,” Burnham said.

She will buy 551 books to help build home libraries for students and families.

Sierra Middle School librarian Heather Doolittle will use her grant to create a club to read and discuss the novel “Matched,” by Allie Condie, which will encourage students to build “a love and habit of reading.”

Cristina Perea will use her grant to buy reading and writing games to help Doña Ana Elementary School “foster deep and meaningful exploration of reading and writing,” she said.

Mesilla Park Elementary School teacher Gail Lieurance and Desert Hills Elementary teacher Michelle Estrada will use their grants to buy books for kindergarten students.

Arrowhead Park Early College

High School teacher Joshua Silver will use foundation grant funds for his Career Pathway Literature Circles for the study of non-fiction literature.

Hillrise Elementary teacher Michael Gandara’s grant for “Helping Our Students Shine,” will help students develop and improve their reading reading skills.

Centennial High School’s Patricia Bischof was one of a number of teachers who got grants for outdoor gardening projects.

Her “My AVATAR Vegetable Tree” project will help students learn about “the new state-of-the-art vertical aeroponic growing system (which) grows vegetables, herbs, flowers and many fruits in less time than it takes in soil. Student will also learn how to create an environmentally friendly system ... where nutrients and water are recycling,” Bischof said.

Rachel Knight’s tower garden project will help biology and agriculture students at Centennial learn about vertical aeroponic growing systems.

“The produce grown will be harvested and used by the students in my classes as well as the culinary arts students in our cooking classes,”

Knight said.

Teacher Rosalinda Collins got a grant to “raise a greenhouse garden by learning how to plant seeds and yield fruits and vegetables all year long” at Tombaugh Elementary School.

Students will “learn to measure and graph rain and daily temperatures using rain gauges and thermometers, and plant seeds in our school’s courtyard garden ... to observe a full lifecycle of various plants,” Collins said.

Sierra Middle School teacher Ken Major’s project will allow students to reclaim waste material from the school garden and cafeteria for utilization as compost in gardening and science fair projects.

Oñate High School science teacher Lisa Erickson will use her grant to create “Knight’s Greenhouse,” to allow students to raise organic vegetable and flower seedlings in an on-site greenhouse.

Hillrise Elementary’s Phillip Arguello got a grant for “We Can Do Lego Robotics,” to “introduce students to robotics and programming,” he said.

Jornada Elementary School teacher Jennifer Mora’s “Movement in Math,” will help students with autism learn about mathematical and spatial reasoning.

Tombaugh Elementary teacher Bernadine Cotton’s “Invention Convention,” project will help fund a science fair activity.

Central Elementary teacher Robert Estrada’s “Engaging Our Digital Natives” project will increase student engagement, math proficiency and technology skills.

Arrowhead Park Early College High School teacher Kris Vaudrey got a grant for a blood typing lab that will give his students hands-on learning about the anatomy and physiology of human blood.

Tombaugh Elementary School third-grade teacher Mari Cooke will buy books for math instruction.

Highland Elementary School teacher Katheryn Martinez’s project will help students learn about the life cycles of butterflies and lady bugs.

“After the insects’ cycles are completed, the insects will be released into the school’s courtyard,” Martinez said.

Teacher Anna Suggs’ “Understanding Weather” project will provide weather events kits to sixth-graders at Zia Middle School to help them learn about clouds, tornadoes, atmospheric pressure and more.

Sierra Middle School counselor Mary Ann Ellis’ “Good Grief! Helping Students Cope with Loss” project will purchase resources to help teachers work with children grieving the loss of a loved one.

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Protesting hunts



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Marlene Smith was one of many protestors on Dripping Springs Road across from the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum Saturday, Feb. 9, which was hosting the Predator Masters 2013 Convention that the protestors said features an event for participants to kill coyotes. Many of the signs were similar to Smith's that supported a bill introduced by state Rep. Nate Cote to ban contests that involve killing animals, HB316.

Udall touts MVD Express success

New Mexico small business leader Janice Lucero was the guest of U.S. Sen. Tom Udall at a Capitol Hill discussion on best practices creating jobs and strengthening America's economy.

Lucero is the founder and CEO of MVD Express, a public-private partnership with the state of New Mexico that provides high-quality, efficient motor vehicle services throughout 11 locations in the state.

Representatives from the technology, IT, manufacturing and food industries and more from a dozen states attended the meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13, hosted by Udall and the Senate Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee.

"Washington can learn a lot from the success of New Mexico companies like MVD Express," Udall said. "Janice has done a terrific job building a company that creates jobs while providing

important services to New Mexico."

"During a slow economic downtime in 2010, we invested in the development of our real capital – our people," Lucero said. "As a result, we grew from 63 to 100 employees just three years later. MVD Express is committed to growing the economy even more while providing the quick and efficient services New Mexico residents have come to expect."

Sunrise to target archery contest

Albuquerque is location of Feb. 23 state tournament

Twenty fourth- and fifth-grade students from Sunrise Elementary School will compete in the 2013 New Mexico State Archery Tournament, which will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, in Albuquerque.

"Each student will compete in the tournament by shooting in three rounds (five arrows each round – one round at 10 meters and two rounds at 15 meters)," said Sunrise Elementary physical education teacher Daniel Ortega. "Our students will use the bows that were donated to Sunrise Elementary by New Mexico Game and Fish Department Conservation Officer Richard McDonald, who works in the department's Southwest Region office in Las Cruces."

The top team in the elementary division at the state tournament qualifies for the national tournament, which will be held May 11-12, in Louisville, Ky.

The tournament is open to schools



Las Cruces Public Schools photo

Students from Sunrise Elementary School practice archery in preparation of their trip Saturday, Feb. 23, to Albuquerque for a state tournament.

whose students have participated in a two- to eight-week archery unit, instructed by a National Archery in Schools Program certified instructor,

said Ortega. There are three divisions of competition at the state level: elementary, middle school and high school.

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Mayfield High School Air Force JROTC Cadet Marisa Benavidez sits with her mother Leticia, a Doña Ana County commissioner, in the audience of City Council chambers Wednesday, Feb. 13, for the annual Las Cruces State of the City address.



Mayor Ken Miyagishima gives the address, which was also televised.

Mayor

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over the country cities are partnering with private developers to revitalize core urban areas where infrastructure and amenities are already in place or can be more easily developed and shared.”

Miyagishima said the project is part of a larger vision for Downtown with workers and residents better connected through improved roads and public transportation. The city will become increasingly connected by a system of bicycle paths, trails and walkways, he said, such as the new multi-use trail connecting Triviz Drive with La Llorona Park. Eventually, there will be walking and bicycle trails connecting the Rio Grande to the East Mesa.

“Another new addition to Las Cruces is the area being developed behind the Las Cruces Dam, in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers, an area that will feature trails through restored wetlands and remnant cottonwoods, and serve as a major refuge for migratory birds,” he said. “This park, when fully developed, will be larger than New York’s Central Park, and a key recreational resource for Las Cruces and our visitors in coming years.”

The mayor praised city administration for fiscal discipline, enabling city government to replenish its reserves to \$7.1 million, twice the level required by New Mexico state law.

Careful planning looking far into the future

is part of the city’s stability, Miyagishima said. Regional planning is now needed, he said, as areas south and north of the city are seeing large economic development projects that could create thousands of jobs.

“One key to our community’s success is the development of a regional transportation system,” he said. “It’s time to link our valley from Truth or Consequences to Sunland Park, and from Alamogordo to Silver City, through a well-coordinated transport system with Las Cruces and our Intermodal Transit Center as its hub – a system that will bring people to our hospital, educational and business centers, and return them to satellite communities with their own distinct identities and community ties. Plans are under way for a regional transit district for southern New Mexico, a district which would provide a reliable web of transport of all kinds – buses, vans, even an eventual rail connection with El Paso and Spaceport America – for use by our area’s workers and extended families, and by visitors eager to engage more fully the variety of southern New Mexico life.”

Miyagishima said the city should also reach out to El Paso, Ciudad Juárez and northern Chihuahua.

“We should actively cooperate on shared infrastructure and economic growth, planning that will allow Las Cruces to continue to develop its own character and opportunities within a larger supportive regional context,” he said. “I applaud the formation of the new

Borderplex Bi-National Economic Alliance, with business leadership from all three major cities in the region. We will look forward to working with the alliance and other related efforts in coming years.”

Meanwhile, Las Cruces is well positioned for becoming active in the new energy economy, Miyagishima said, especially solar.

With improvements made in city processes, Miyagishima said attitudes to local government are turning for the better.

“My observation is that people across the political spectrum have slowly begun to trust city government, and to value the important

role that it plays in our lives,” he said. “There will always be differences of opinion, but I sense a growing confidence that decisions – good or bad – are being made openly and honestly, that our councillors and staff are trying to do their best, and that we share a very special city with a bright and inclusive future. My hope is that this trust and confidence will continue to deepen, and that we will be able to partner ever more effectively with our residents, with our citizen groups, with our chambers of commerce, and with everyone else who aspires to strengthen this great community.”

Spaceport

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resolve this for all.”

Unfortunately, there is not a lot of time to work it out. The bonds will expire soon, said NMSA Chairman Rick Holdridge. The NMSA already is asking the Legislature for another \$3 million to comply with State Trust Land and Bureau of Land Management requirements for improved fencing and environmental mitigation along the road, he said.

To raise the road over arroyo crossings and provide better drainage on the flat

sections is estimated to raise the cost of the project by at least \$6 million, bringing the total budget for the road now to \$21 million. Also, that would require restarting the environmental assessment process, further delaying the start of the roadwork.

Chuck McMahon, deputy assistant county manager, proposed going ahead with the road as planned, but making it clear that it would only be the first phase of work with improvements to come later.

Other options discussed included building only as much of the road as \$12 million could buy, or having Doña Ana County accept all future maintenance needs for the road.

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Bishop

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the guest speaker for the Mass. Most living bishops are assigned to dioceses that have long been established.

O'Brien said Ramírez's personality has influenced the character of the diocese because he is a people-oriented priest who cares greatly about the poor, immigrants and the most vulnerable in society. These interests characterize the mission of the Las Cruces Diocese, he said.

At one point, O'Brien cautioned himself against turning his review of Ramírez's career as a priest and bishop into a eulogy.

"This is not a funeral," O'Brien said.

"Thank you," Ramírez chimed in to laughter from the congregation.

O'Brien also joked that Pope Benedict XVI's recent retirement announcement was inspired by Ramírez's retirement.

While O'Brien characterized Ramírez as no "common man," Ramírez was humble, acknowledging his talent was in preaching, but not other tasks that others do well, such as making Spanish rice worth serving to dinner guests.

"Everybody has different talents," Ramírez said. "I can preach."

People are called by God to their respective professions and roles into society, he said, and sent out to the world by Him.

Ramírez, who originally planned to be a teacher before finding his calling into church

service, has said he's seen his role as bishop as one of being a teacher.

Born in Bay City, Texas, Ramírez recounted how much he admired Father Max Murphy and gave him credit for inspiring him to go into the priesthood. Since making that decision as a young man, Ramírez said he estimates he has confirmed some 35,000 Catholics.

Although his service has included ministering to those who are hurting, sick and in need of spiritual consolation, Ramírez said his time as an active priest and bishop has been mostly a joyful experience because he has played a role in spreading the "good news" of Jesus Christ as savior.

Where O'Brien ended his talk with "vaya con Dios," Ramírez punctuated his talk with the chant of "Viva Cristo Rey!"

Many of those who attended the Mass gathered for a Mardi Gras-themed reception in the parish hall. Ruth Jiron, who moved to Las Cruces 18 years ago, said the community has been blessed to have had someone such as Ramírez to be its first bishop.

"He's just one of us," she said

Ramírez would agree – he not only plans to live out the rest of his life in Las Cruces, but a crypt was recently added under the Immaculate Heart of Mary alter, along with room for future bishops.

Ramírez's successor, Bishop Oscar Cantú, will be installed Thursday, Feb. 28, Cantú comes from the Auxiliary Diocese of San Antonio, where Ramírez served before coming to Las Cruces. Like Ramírez, Cantú is concerned about issues such immigration and education.



Bishop Ricardo Ramírez sat with other members of the church Tuesday, Feb. 12, for his Farewell Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Steve MacIntyre



Trumpet player Marco Royo from Mariachi Real de Chihuahua plays for Ramírez after his Farewell Mass.



Confirmation teacher at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Tortugas Kathy Paz prays during Mass.



Linda McCamley, mother of state Rep. Bill McCamley, gives her well wishes to Ramirez.

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- Adherence to industry standards for quality and safety
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There are also inherent dangers for one attempting tree care or tree removal. Pruning large limbs, felling trees and especially climbing into trees are hazardous activities even for trained professionals.

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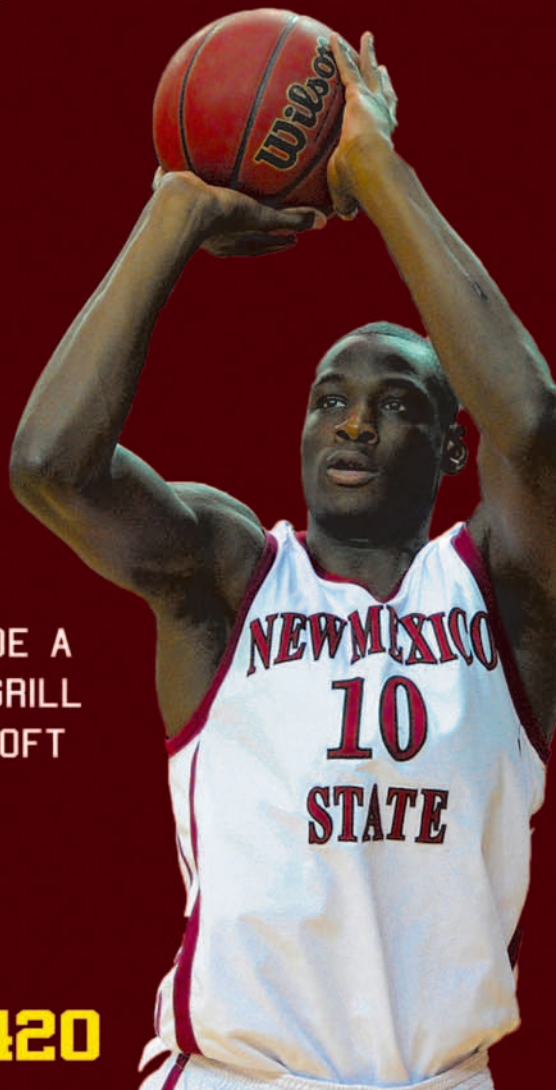
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Tough stretch ahead



Jim Hilley
Deflections

Enjoy the Aggies' winning streak while it lasts. In fact, as you read this, it may already be over, as San Jose State University, who the Aggies visited Thursday, Feb. 14, always gives New Mexico State University a good game.

I am not trying to jinx the Aggies, I am just pointing out that the end of the Aggies' 2012-13 schedule is loaded with tough match ups.

First, comes the "Battle of the Aggies" in Logan, Utah, at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Playing in the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum is never easy – it's one of the toughest home courts in the nation.

Though "them" Aggies, like "we" Aggies, are hobbled by missing players for various reasons, "them" Aggies pulled out of a four-game slump by winning three straight games on the road. Going into the Utah's game against Denver Thursday, The USU Aggies were 10-3 at home this season and the emergence of Spencer Butterfield (WAC Player of the Week Feb. 4-11) means they are still dangerous.

The Aggies will come home for a six-day break before hosting rival UTEP Saturday, Feb. 23. The Miners (or "Muckers," as Aggie sports writers used to call them decades ago), defeated the Aggies by a point in El Paso Nov. 28, 2012. It's a game the Aggies should have won, as they had a late four-point lead.

The Miners (excuse me, "Muckers") were 13-9 as of Wednesday, Feb. 13, and had won 7 of the last 10 games. Coach Tim Floyd always has a few tricks up his sleeve when he comes to Las Cruces, so expect this one to go down to the wire.

The Aggies head up to Denver to play a game that will be huge in terms of the WAC race. The Pioneers, with their Princeton-style offense, don't lose often at home, and just because the Aggies handled them fairly easily in Las Cruces means nothing in the Mile High City.

Say it with me now: "Tough game."

At least the Aggies get to finish up the season with a home stand.

Oh, but wait. It's the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs – as of this writing 12-0 in the WAC and 17-3 overall – coming to the Pan American Center on March 7. This one could be for all the WAC regular season marbles, or the Bulldogs could have the crown all wrapped up by then. Doesn't matter – "Tough game."

The Aggies finish the regular season at home against UT-Arlington March 13, the same UT-Arlington that started the Aggies off in conference play with an embarrassing loss on the road.

If the Aggies keep that loss fresh in their memory, the final regular season game might not be so tough, but don't count on it.

Aggies return to Logan

Game on ESPNU may be last one for NMSU at Utah St.

By **Jim Hilley**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University Aggies will play their final Western Athletic Conference game at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah, at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. The game will be nationally televised on ESPNU.

"It's always great to win there," NMSU coach Marvin Menzies said. "I've only done it once, so I know how good it feels."

Prior to last year's 80-69 win in Logan, the NMSU Aggies had only won once in WAC play in the Spectrum, an 83-77 win in 2006, under then coach Reggie Theus.

"It's an accomplishment to win in the legendary arena," Menzies said.

Both teams are playing short-handed. The Utahs are without three starters from the beginning of the season: Danny Berger (recovering from a heart stoppage), Preston Medlin (broken wrist) and Kyisean Reed (torn ACL). The New Mexico State Aggies will probably also play without three early season starters as well: Tshilidzi Nephawe (torn thumb ligament), K.C. Ross-Miller (hamstring injury) and Tyrone Watson (suspension).

Menzies said there is a possibility Ross-Miller could play.

"We are still in a day and a game time decision," he said. "He's going through therapy and he's practicing part time."

"I am not going to play him until, if he goes really hard, he won't get re-injured."

While the NMSU Aggies had not missed a step without Ross-Miller, Nephawe and Watson with an 11-game winning streak as of Wednesday, Feb. 13, the USU Aggies lost four in a row after losing Medlin and Reed. Since then, the Utahs have won three straight road games before hosting Denver Thursday, Feb. 14.

"The Logan game speaks for itself, as far as that venue and that team being undefeated in the last three games, all of them being on the road," Menzies said. "They are obviously going to do a good job there at home, they are playing with a lot of confidence now and regaining the rhythm they had in the early season."

NMSU point guard Terrell de Rouen,

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve MacIntyre

New Mexico State University guard Daniel Mullings soars over Seattle University's Chad Rasmussen Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Pan American Center. NMSU outlasted the scrappy Red Hawks 60-57.

Newman leads Aggies past rival UTEP

Troy Cox Invitational set for Feb. 15-17

Senior softball pitcher Alex Newman and the New Mexico State Aggies worked their way to a 7-1 win over I-10 rival UTEP after allowing just one run across the plate Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the NMSU Softball Complex.

The Aggies move to 4-1 on the season with four straight wins before hosting the Troy Cox Invitational Feb. 15-17.

Newman worked seven complete innings in the circle for NMSU and threw four strikeouts without allowing any base on balls. Newman moves to 3-1 on the season and lowered her

ERA to 0.79.

With the work of the Aggie defense behind Newman, UTEP was able to get just five hits and one unearned run.

"Alex threw really well for us tonight," coach Kathy Rodolph said. "I thought about trying out one of our other pitchers, but she was relaxed in there and did a great job. She was able to finish it out for us."

NMSU started things off with a bunt for a base hit from senior Amber Olive, who came up with two stolen bases early in the opening

inning. A single up to third by Kristi Covarrubia to follow Olive set the stage for sophomore Staci Rodriguez to come to the plate with two on and two outs. Rodriguez smacked her third home run of the young season with a soaring shot over the center field fence for three RBI.

The Aggies put the Miners away in order in the first two innings, bringing up sophomore Lacey Rother for a single up the third base line before junior Alyssa Ruiz came to the plate in the bottom of the second to bring herself and Rother around the bases with a two RBI home run, giving the Aggies a 5-0

See **Newman** on page A21

Aggies down Red Hawks in the Lou Henson Classic

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



New Mexico State University forward Bandja Sy leaps for a rebound with Seattle's Deshaun Sunderhaus Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Pan American Center.



Aggie Center Sim Bhullar throws down an emphatic dunk against Seattle University at the Pan American Center.



Sy breaks for the basket as the Aggies defeated Seattle University 60-57.



NMSU men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies and assistant coach Keith Brown were joined on the bench by former Aggie coach Lou Henson.

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NMSU nets seven soccer players

Quinn confident signees will fill Aggies needs

New Mexico State soccer coach Blair Quinn added eight athletes to the Aggie roster. Midfielder/forward Gabby Campbell, defender Melissa Canizalez, goalkeeper Tayler Hammack, forward Devin Hart, defender/midfielder Stephanie Petre and goalkeeper Taylor Rice signed National Letters of Intent, while defender Maggie Sabik inked a financial aid agreement to play for the Aggies in fall 2013.

"It's a seven-member class, which is a relatively large for a recruiting class, but it is my first full class since I've been at New Mexico State," Quinn said. "It really covers every position, goalkeeping, defenders, midfielders and

forwards. It's a really dynamic class in terms of their athleticism and the diversity of size. It covers every aspect that we need to keep making our team better."

Campbell arrives in Las Cruces from Albuquerque's St. Pius X High School. The midfielder/forward directed the Sartans to the state semifinals in 2012. Campbell led the team in points with eight goals and 15 assists as a senior. She ended her career with 35 goals and 42 assists. As a senior, she was a first team all-state and first team all-metro selection.

A defender, Canizalez joins the Aggies from Las Vegas, Nev., and Shadow Ridge High School. During the 2011-12 season, she led the Mustangs to a 13-4-2 record. Canizalez earned All-Northwest League honors.

Hammack, a goalkeeper from Socorro, N.M., earned five letters and started playing high school soccer in the eighth grade. In her junior and senior seasons at Socorro High School, she led the Lady Warriors to two district championships.

An Albuquerque native, Hart joins the Aggies as a forward after a successful four-year career at Hope Christian. As a senior, she earned both district player of the year and state player of the year honors after scoring 107 goals in her high school career. Hart set the scoring record at Hope Christian for both boys and girls.

Petre, a defender and midfielder, arrives in Las Cruces from Tempe, Ariz., and Corona Del Sol High School. She is currently in the midst of her senior season with the Aztecs, and she has 16 goals and 29 assists. As a junior, Petre led Corona Del Sol to a 10-10-1 record, and she earned second team all-central region honors.

A goalkeeper, Rice joins the Crimson and White after spending two years at Chandler-Gilbert Community College. In 2012, she led the Coyotes to a sixth-place district finish and a 9-9-1 record. As a freshman, Rice anchored Chandler-Gilbert to a 16-5-0 record in 2011 and a second-place finish in the district.

A defender, Sabik graduated from La Cueva High School in Albuquerque in December and is currently enrolled at NMSU. Sabik led the Bears to state championships in 2011 and 2012.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jim Hilley

New Mexico State University soccer coach Blair Quinn announces his 2013 recruiting class.

Aggies

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who has benefited from more playing time since the injury to Ross-Miller, said he expects the Utags to be "hungry" when New Mexico State rolls into town.

"They came and played us here and we got them their first loss in the WAC," he said. "Then they went and played Denver and got their second loss in the WAC, so these are two big games for them, and you know they don't want to lose on their home floor, especially to us."

"It's a rivalry, 'Who's the better Aggies?' They are going to be real hungry for us, especially since their two best players got hurt when

they came and played here. That's something they are mad about so they will have it out for us."

De Rouen will make his first appearance in Logan.

"It's going to be my first time playing there, so I am really excited," he said. "I always like going into games where you have crazy crowds, like UNM at the Pit. Those are the games you always dream of playing in when you are a kid."

"I didn't make the trip last year because I was already hurt by then and had my surgery, I was already at home."

The Oñate High School product said he expects a tough game.

"It's not going to be easy. Everybody's got to go in there and work," he said. "We got to play for 40 minutes and try to get a 'W.'"

Newman

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lead after one and a half innings played.

UTEP came back in their half of the second to get a runner on base off an error in right field. A miscalculated throw moved freshman Kawehi Natane into scoring position for the Miners and brought up senior Kayla Black, who drove in the only Miner run with a shot to the shortstop that went down as a fielder's choice.

The Aggies kept the Miners quiet for the remainder of the game, but Rodriguez came up in the home half of the third for an RBI single back to the right-field wall. The sophomore

finished the day with one run on two hits and four RBI.

With the Aggies well ahead going into the bottom of the fourth, Ruiz and Olive walked their way on base before Covarrubia struck out to bring up sophomore Kelsey Dodd. She hit a sacrifice fly out to center field to bring in Ruiz and a 7-1 lead.

NMSU claimed the first win in the three-game series, but the teams meet two more times at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex in El Paso, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24 to close out the series.

Next up for NMSU is the Troy Cox Invitational that will include Texas Tech, Colorado State, Penn State and UMKC. First pitch for the Aggies is at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.



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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Question: We've had a lot of really windy days recently, and it's not even spring yet. I've been struggling with the wind, miss-hitting shots, picking the wrong club and ballooning the ball up into the air. I need some help. *Ralph G., Las Cruces*

Answer: Hey, we're in the Southwest, we get wind. Get over it.

Seriously, our windy conditions are with us most of the year, due to our relatively unprotected location, with 200 miles of desert basin to the west, and the Pacific Ocean, with its continual storms, not that far away. It makes golf more interesting, and sometimes more challenging.

Now, it's mid-February and we're really into the windy season, with "brown-outs" happening almost weekly.

There's an old saying in golf: "When it's breezy, swing easy." And it holds true. Over-swinging causes most of the problems for high-handicappers on windy days. You think you have to hit it harder into the wind, or you really want to kill it when you finally get the wind at your back. Either way it often spells trouble.

Get used to taking more club. There isn't any hard-and-fast rule, but a rough guide may be using one more club for every 10 mph of wind you're facing. What that means is, with gusty winds maybe 25 to 35 mph, you may need to pull a five iron on a shot that would be an eight iron on a calm day. Crosswinds usually require more club, as well.

Around the greens, remember that a strong tail wind will make the ball run faster and farther. Conversely a putt directly into a strong headwind will slow the ball down. Try to get a sense of how much run out to expect on chip shots as you keep playing under blustery conditions.

Here are three additional hints to help you cope with our ever-present zephyrs.

Anchor yourself with a slightly wider stance on gusty days, a posture you'll need to practice some, both on full shots and putts.

Next, it's practically a must to keep your ball flight down to reduce the influence of a strong wind. Often a big draft from behind will knock the ball down, causing havoc with your club selection. Use lower lofted clubs, tee the ball a bit lower and play it slightly back in your stance. These moves tend to produce a lower launch angle.

Lastly, play for position. For example, some long holes might not be reachable into a strong gale. Forego the heroic shot, which is low probability, playing a shot for good position near the green. Remember, bogey sometimes is not a bad score. Just avoid the big number.

Question: I played competitively in high school and am currently enrolled in the PGM program. I've heard numerous times about staying in the moment and playing "One shot at a time." I haven't been able to do that. It doesn't compute. Am I missing the translation? Is that bad advice, or is there a "how to" I can really use? *Jason P.*

Answer: What a great question. When watching golf on television we hear a lot of clichés, including "One shot at a time," or "Just trying to have fun." Right.

For the pros, it's a job. For us, it should be fun. As for the "one shot" idea, it is truly a valid pre-swing thought and here's why. The basic premise is that we perform best when we focus only on what we are doing at the moment – right now. We perform less well when we are lamenting what went wrong a few minutes ago, or even last week. Or, when we are thinking about what fearful options lie just ahead.

These are self-sabotaging, self-destructing thoughts, and most individuals, who have not been trained in mental toughness, do it all the

time, whether giving a sales presentation or lining up a winning putt.

A concert pianist plays Mozart's piano sonata best when he focuses all his being and energy on the music as he is playing – right now. An Olympic platform diver is in the moment by concentrating everything in her being by instantly visualizing the dive and seconds later letting muscle memory take over as she sticks the dive from 33 feet.

Since golf is largely about reducing and managing distractions, we tend to execute shots better when we deal with one isolated task at a time, to the exclusion of everything else. That task is making the best swing we can on this shot right now. Not staying irritated at the shot we just blew; not worrying about losing a match; not being distracted by a phone call; not speculating about our final score; not being anxious how the shot will turn out.

I call this strategy "staying in the present." It means the tape player in your head is on "play," rather than on fast forward or reverse. "Play" is present and now.

I recall the work I did a few years ago, with a very talented college golfer who was determined to change her game to go pro. We practiced learning how she could keep from distracting herself with jumbled thoughts of stats (greens in regulation, etc.), text messages, negative emotions (sometimes below awareness) and self-doubt. I coached her to rate herself, during practice rounds, on only one thing – how well she concentrates on each shot. I had her mark her golf ball with "Be present." In other words, she learned to forget the outcome, while being disciplined about playing in the here and now.

I explained that I felt she was talented enough and that the results would happen if she just "plays" golf. The young lady I'm talking about is playing on the LPGA Tour and is making pretty decent money – fulfilling her dreams, in most ways.

So for you, Jason, my advice is this: Play golf with all your heart, body and soul, and play it by living in the present. Not a good idea for estate planning – but the best way to play your most inspired golf when it counts the most.

Question: I've been playing golf for only about a year. My regular golfing partner keeps telling me that I need better "course management." I have no idea what she's talking about. Can you educate me? *Sherry G.*

Answer: I'm so glad you emailed me that question, because a lot of folks are clueless about course management but are afraid to ask. What we're talking about here is where you position your golf ball on any given hole, so that you give yourself the best chance of making a good score. Even if you occasionally struggle to get the ball airborne, you still have to aim your shot and have a target. "Course management" is really an umbrella term that gathers in a whole host of variables, most of which you control.

Think of the idea of "time management." That gets us into how we make personal choices, our priorities, having an organized plan, keeping our target in sight and remaining disciplined.

How we manage ourselves on the golf course is similar. It's all about making good choices in each situation, from shot to shot. It's about playing within our capacity. It's about when to take risks and when to play it safe.

Let's say you have 160 yards to the front of the green, but you have to carry the ball 140 yards over a pond to get there.

You must size up the situation quickly, and assess realistically your probability of pulling off the shot over the water. You must make the right choice; otherwise your two previous stellar shots pretty much go for naught.

Next you should commit to the shot with your full energy, and execute what you decided to do to the best of your ability.

So, the bottom line is this: As with managing your time, course management is all about making intelligent decisions based on understanding your own game and capabilities, while making decisions accordingly.

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.

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Allie Pierce



Allie Pierce is a 17-year-old junior at Mayfield High School. She is team captain on the Lady Trojan basketball team. This season, Pierce has been the team's leading rebounder and second in scoring. She is very coachable, with a great attitude and an overall terrific young lady. Pierce is a dedicated student, with a 3.80 GPA. Outside of the classroom and basketball, she enjoys singing in her church and Mayfield's choir.

Israel Rodriguez



Israel Rodriguez is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He is the team captain on the Trojan wrestling team and in his 132 pound weight class, has had 29 wins and six losses this season. In 2011 he placed third in the state as well as fourth in 2012. Rodriguez is a leader in the mat room and mentors younger athletes/wrestlers. He is a second-semester EXCEL student with the Las Cruces Police Department and was honored in December with the 2012 New Mexico Municipal League Young Citizens Award. Upon graduating, Rodriguez plans to either pursue a degree in business at New Mexico State University or apply for the Las Cruces Police Department's Training Academy.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK



Staci Rodriguez

Sophomore, Softball

Sophomore outfielder Staci Rodriguez went 4-for-11 with seven RBI during the Hotel Encanto Invitational, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 8-10. She hit her first career grand slam in the 8-1 win over Illinois-Chicago, Friday, Feb. 8, and came back during her next at bat to drive in a solo home run. Against the Flames, Saturday, Feb. 9, Rodriguez had a RBI double and scored another run with a walk helping the team to an 11-1 victory in five innings.



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Sports briefs

Baseball season begins

New Mexico State University opens the regular baseball season with a four-game series against UW-Milwaukee beginning with 2:05 and 6:05 p.m. games Friday, Feb. 15, followed by two more games at 2:05 and 6:05 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the 2013 Aggies made

their first appearance and defeated the Alumni Team in the Annual Alumni Game at Presley Askew Field.

The Aggies tallied 13 runs on eight hits and committed two errors, while the Alumni team marked its six runs in the top of the sixth inning. Starting pitcher and Las Cruces native Michael Ormseth pitched a strong 5.2 innings,

striking out seven batters and giving up just one run.

"It was good to get Ormseth out there today, especially because there was that 'in-game' feel today," head coach Rocky Ward said. "We were looking to see how guys would react in game situations, and overall it was a good day."

For complete information on the Aggie baseball team, go to www.nmstatesports.com.

will be a great fit with the other baseball teams in the conference and we believe North Dakota will play a viable role in advancing WAC baseball into the future."

The addition will give the WAC a total of 10 teams for baseball as UND will join CSU Bakersfield, Chicago State, Grand Canyon, New Mexico State, Northern Colorado, Sacramento State, Seattle U, Texas-Pan American and Utah Valley in 2014.

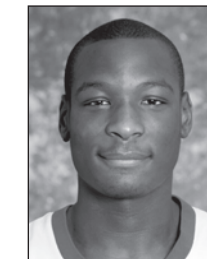
NMSU hosts Utah State

The New Mexico State University Aggie women's basketball team hosts Utah State in Western Athletic Conference play at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Pan American Center.

The NMSU Aggies, who opened conference play 3-1, went into a game against San Jose State Thursday, Feb. 14, hoping to break a 9-game losing streak.

Sy nominated for 'Dark Horse' dunk contest

New Mexico State senior forward Bandja Sy is nominated for the "State Farm Dark Horse Dunker" competition, Intersport announced. "State Farm Dark Horse Dunker" nominees are under-the-radar players who have what it takes to compete against the D-I field in Atlanta. The winner will participate in the Denny's Slam Dunk Competition at the State Farm College Slam Dunk & 3-Point Championships in Atlanta at 5 p.m., April 4 on ESPN.



SY

Sixteen dunkers have been selected to compete in the "State Farm Dark Horse Dunker" Facebook bracket, which is a five-week knock-out competition. Fans will determine the winner by voting during each round at the official Facebook page at facebook.com/collegeslam.

Bandja Sy brings incredible speed, size and strength to the contest. In his submission video, the 6-8 forward violently attacks the rim and, in one dunk, he narrowly avoids slamming his head into the backboard. Sy is facing off against Coker College's Sharod Williams in round one. To watch Williams and Sy in action and to vote, visit facebook.com/collegeslam.

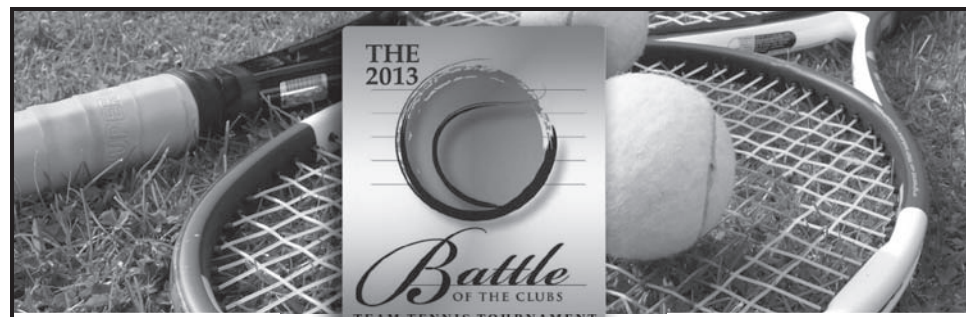
Senior open tournament

Mesilla Valley Senior Men's Golf Association will hold an open to the public tournament on Wednesday Feb. 20. The tournament will be held at New Mexico State University Golf Course. This event is open to any male senior 55 and older. A valid handicap is appreciated but not required. The format for this open will be a two-pin putting green. Players may putt to the pin they choose. This format is held very infrequently and is sure to be a blast. For more information, call 644-2319 or email dtini57@yahoo.com.

North Dakota joins WAC

The Western Athletic Conference announced that an invitation for affiliate membership has been issued to and accepted by North Dakota to join the conference in baseball starting with the 2013-14 academic year.

"We are pleased to announce the addition of North Dakota to our baseball league," said WAC Interim Commissioner Jeff Hurd. "UND



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For more information regarding the tournament contact: picachohillstennis@gmail.com

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

Centennial High School

Friday, Feb. 15.....Boys Basketball.....Chaparral High School.....7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Chaparral High School.....7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 16.....Wrestling.....at District 3-4A Wrestling Tournament.....10 a.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19.....Girls Basketball.....Santa Teresa High School.....7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Santa Teresa High School.....7 p.m.
 Feb. 22-23.....Wrestling.....at State Wrestling Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, Feb. 22.....Boys Basketball.....Deming High School.....7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Deming High School.....7 p.m.



Las Cruces High School

Feb. 15-16.....Swimming (co-ed).....at District 3-5A Swimming/Diving Meet.....TBA
 Friday, Feb. 15.....Boys Basketball.....Mayfield High School.....7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Mayfield High School.....7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 16.....Wrestling.....at District 3-5A Wrestling Tournament.....10 a.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19.....Girls Basketball.....Gadsden High School.....7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Gadsden High School.....7 p.m.
 Feb. 22-23.....Wrestling.....at State Wrestling Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, Feb. 22.....Swimming (co-ed).....at State Swimming/Diving Meet.....TBA
 Boys Basketball.....at Carlsbad High School.....5 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Carlsbad High School.....7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Feb. 15.....Girls Basketball.....Las Cruces High School.....7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Las Cruces High School.....7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 16.....Wrestling.....at District 3-5A Wrestling Tournament.....10 a.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19.....Boys Basketball.....Alamogordo High School.....7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Alamogordo High School.....7 p.m.
 Feb. 22-23.....Wrestling.....at State Wrestling Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, Feb. 22.....Girls Basketball.....Oñate High School.....7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Oñate High School.....7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Feb. 15.....Girls Basketball.....Alamogordo High School.....7 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Alamogordo High School.....7 p.m.
 Saturday, Feb. 16.....Wrestling.....at District 3-5A Wrestling Tournament.....10 a.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 19.....Boys Basketball.....Faith Christian Academy.....7:30 p.m.
 Feb. 22-23.....Wrestling.....at State Wrestling Tournament.....TBA
 Friday, Feb. 22.....Girls Basketball.....Mayfield High School.....7 p.m.
 Girls Basketball.....at Mayfield High School.....7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Tuesday, Feb. 19.....Boys Basketball.....Tulsrosa High School.....6:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 22.....Girls Basketball.....Cobre High School.....6:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball.....at Cobre High School.....6:30 p.m.



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Viva Las Vegas!

The WAC conference tournament promises to be a wide-open affair



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

The WAC basketball post-season tournament is a month away and it is looking more and more like a battle royale between three, or possibly four, schools.

The league on the men's side has a sharp division between the top and bottom. As I write, Louisiana Tech remains unbeaten with the Aggies and Denver in hot pursuit.

Saturday, Feb. 16, NM State faces Utah State, apparently for the last time in regular season play. The Utags are on the cusp of the first division and are building up steam again after losing two starters to injuries. Their bench is now very short, but, as we have seen from the Aggies in the past couple of weeks, a team playing with purpose can overcome the odds against them.

Getting back to the tournament, the Orleans Casino in Las Vegas, Nev., is again the site of the postseason event, and Aggie fans have been picking up tickets at a quicker pace in line with the team's 11-game win streak.

Fans who want to stay at the Orleans with the teams need to act, as space allotted to the Aggies is evaporating. Maria Roth is coordinating things for the athletic department and she can give you the low down on how to

make the scene in Glitter City. Louisiana Tech faces both the Aggies and Denver in the final week of the regular season and that could definitely change the standings with the tournament starting a week later. Knowing that basketball games, like life, seldom go exactly as we plan, a team from the lower rungs of the conference could pull an upset in the final month or in the tourney, and I think Seattle could be that team.

The Aggies have had fits with the athletic Redhawks, who have only won two WAC games to this point, but have the athletic talent to pull off this type of upset. Teams that improve as the season goes along have a much better chance of winning conference tournaments than those that have the talent that makes them a finished product in December.

That is what doomed Nevada last year. The Wolf Pack had a talented starting five and was able to sustain its success up to the semifinal round of the WAC tourney, but did not have anything extra that it developed through the course of the conference season.

If you put me on the spot and told me to name the champion, I couldn't. The differences in team styles and execution make it a fool's game to guess.

Louisiana Tech's win streak gives them an edge, but in a town that made its fame on upsets, the tournament should be a real show.



High school players key to our football success

Coach Brandon a great addition to NMSU



Doug Martin
Football
Head Coach

I wanted to take this opportunity to shed some light on your New Mexico State football program and some of the things we are working on right now.

First and most importantly, I could not be any more excited to be right here, right now. It is an exciting time to be an Aggie, and that is no more evident than with the events surrounding National Signing Day and the great group of future Aggies we have added to the family.

For those who were not able to attend the signing day celebration at Buffalo Wild Wings, it was a real success. Events like these are great ways for us to get together and celebrate the football program and the pieces that make it up.

Successful recruiting is an art just as much as it is a science. It takes a keen eye and understanding to find the right player. It is not necessarily always about finding the best player, but about finding the right player.

One thing I believe is fundamental to finding success in college football is the recruitment of high school players. Often times, mid-level programs believe that junior college players are the answer to their prayers and can facilitate an overnight fix to their problems. This rarely pans out the way the program envisions. The reality is the longer a player can be in the program, the better.

We are in the business of developing young men on and off the field, and four or five years is just the right amount of time to successfully complete that task.

This particular recruiting class

is highlighted by several explosive skill players and linemen who we expect to provide an immediate impact as well as quality depth. We have a good balance of high school and junior college players on both offense and defense.

While high school players will certainly be the focus of most of our recruiting classes moving forward, there will nearly always be a need to fill gaps and look for immediate difference-makers in the junior college ranks. We feel we have successfully done this in this recruiting class, particularly along the defensive line.

While we feel extremely excited about the recruits we are adding in this class, there may be no bigger recruit captured than our new offensive coordinator, Gregg Brandon. His experience, along with his offensive expertise, makes him an unbelievable addition to our football program.

He has coached at all levels all over the country, but I became very familiar with coach Brandon while I was the head coach at Kent State, and he was the head coach at Bowling Green. If there is one thing I can assure the people of Las Cruces of, it is that this staff knows what it takes to be successful in mid-level college football. I have every faith in this staff, and coach Brandon is just the latest great addition to the Aggie football family.

Spring practice for the Aggies begins April 2 and concludes with the annual Spring Game May 4. Practices will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. We welcome any and every one to come watch your Aggies prepare for the 2013 season. Practice times will be announced in the very near future, and we look forward to seeing you in Aggie Memorial Stadium.

Go Aggies!

Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Feb. 15
Baseball
UW-Milwaukee
Las Cruces
2 and 6 p.m.

Softball
UMKC
Las Cruces
4 p.m.

Softball
Penn State
Las Cruces
6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16
Men's Basketball
Utah State
Logan, Utah
9 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Utah State
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Baseball
UW-Milwaukee
Las Cruces
2 and 6 p.m.

Softball
Penn State
Las Cruces
2 p.m.

Softball
Colorado State
Las Cruces
4 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17
Softball
Colorado State
Las Cruces
11:30 a.m.

Softball
Texas Tech
Las Cruces
1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19
Softball
New Mexico
Las Cruces
5 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 21
Track and Field
WAC Championships
Albuquerque
All day

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Sim Bhullar

Freshman
Men's basketball
Freshman center Sim Bhullar led the Aggies to a pair of wins with 17 points per game, 7 rebounds and 2.5 blocks per game. Versus Idaho, Bhullar posted 20 points on a perfect 8-of-8 shooting. Against

Seattle, he recorded a near double-double with 14 points and nine rebounds.



Daniel Fernandez

Freshman
Men's tennis
Freshman Daniel Fernandez worked his way to an individual record of 6-2 this season with a win in straight sets against St. Mary's Feb. 9 in San Antonio, Texas. The freshman defeated Zach Nicholson

6-3 and 6-0 for the Aggie point at the No. 2 singles spot.



Alishia Perkins

Junior
Track and field
Junior Alishia Perkins improved upon her career record for the 200-meter, when she finished third overall at the Don Kirby Collegiate Open with a time of 24.05. She also improved upon the top overall school record that she previously held.

overall school record that she previously held.

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Broke boy from Kansas reveals elusive Planet X

Discovery remained unannounced for nearly a month



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

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

Secrecy prevented Clyde Tombaugh from even telling his parents he'd made one of the early 20th century's biggest scientific discoveries. They only heard "when the editor of their county newspaper called," Mark Littman wrote in "Planets Beyond: Discovering the Outer Solar System" (Wiley Science Editions/1988).

On Feb. 18, 1930, Tombaugh photographed Planet X, after more than a year of work at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. Percival Lowell, who in 1894 opened the observatory, first postulated in the late 1800s about a ninth planet in the solar system, even though "many astronomers were pessimistic," Tombaugh said in the March 1960 *Sky and Telescope*.

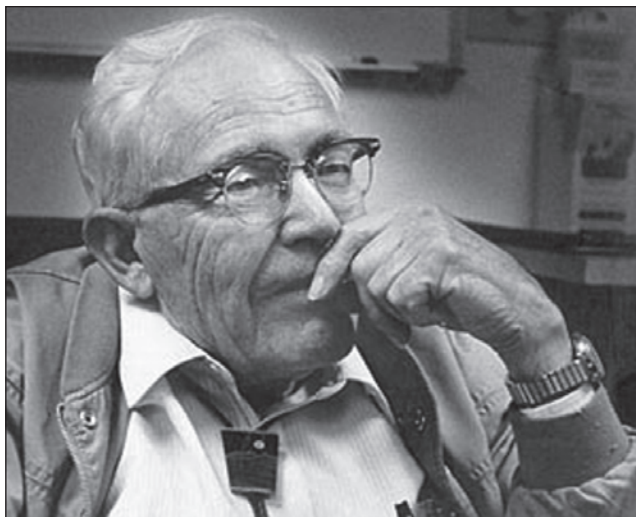
Tombaugh was born in Illinois, but when he was 16, his family rented a farm in Burdett, Kan. They weren't very successful at living off the land. In high school, Tombaugh even dropped out a year to work the farm. After graduation he yearned to go to college, but there was just no money.

His father and uncle, however, nurtured his interest in astronomy, and at age 20, Tombaugh built his first telescope. Littman said the tube was made from pine boards, and the mount from discarded farm machinery; the mirror he ground from a ship's porthole glass. Tombaugh made successively larger scopes, scrounging parts and even using a cream separator, a May 12, 1980, *People* magazine article said. He was 22 when he drew "meticulous sketches" of Jupiter, Saturn and Mars. Wanting a professional appraisal, in 1929, he mailed them to the Lowell Observatory.

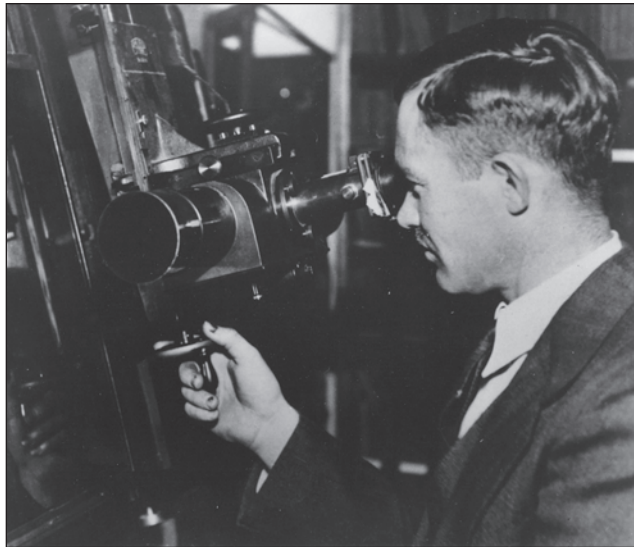
"Interest in the planet Mars first brought me to Lowell," Tombaugh wrote in *Sky and Telescope*.

The director, Vesto Slipher, offered him a job. According to Tombaugh, "Slipher's invitation also mentioned photographic observing, and (he) asked, 'Are you in good physical health?'"

Tombaugh had enough cash for a seat on the 28-hour train ride. Littman wrote he "didn't have enough money to sleep in a Pullman berth," and if he failed he had no funds "to return home." On Jan. 15, 1929, Tombaugh stepped off the train, so broke he couldn't even rent a room. So, he slept in the observatory.



Tombaugh, later in his life



Clyde Tombaugh views photographic plates through the Blink Comparator, at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

"Photography obviously provided the only efficient search technique," Tombaugh wrote in *Sky and Telescope*. "But at the beginning of the 20th century, photographic emulsions were less sensitive and less reliable than they are today."

The observatory first used photography in an "intensive search from 1905 to 1907," with no success, he said. Exacerbating the low quality of film was "Pluto itself was many degrees from the ecliptic, and thus outside the belt covered by the plates."

In 1914, the "hunt" resumed for two years, until "Lowell's untimely death."

Ironically, inspection of the plates years later revealed they "actually contained weak images of the planet." Three years later, "in 1919 at Harvard Observatory, W. H. Pickering concluded a theoretical study of the motion of Neptune, from which he also predicted the existence of a planet beyond it."

Another decade would pass before the search earnestly resumed. Tombaugh described the tedious technical process in *Sky and Telescope*. An undated document in the New Mexico Museum of Space History Archives said he made photographs on 8-by-10 glass plates using "a technique whereby he could take two pictures of the same small part (of the sky) on two different days. Each of them would have from 50,000 to 400,000 stars on it. If the two plates were focused on a given spot on a screen in rapid alternation, none of the stars should seem to move. If one of the 'stars' were really a planet, however, one that had moved against the starry background during the interval between the photographs, it would shift position, and as the photos are alternately thrown upon the screen, the one star would seem to dart back and forth."

Rapidly comparing the two plates was called "blinking" on a device known as the "Blink Comparator." The document stated: "Some of the plates of the Milky Way were so crammed full of stars that three to four weeks of intensive work were required to blink a single pair of plates." On Feb. 18, 1930, after 7,000 hours of photographing and comparing, "Tombaugh found a 'star' in the constellation Gemini that flickered."

"I suddenly spied a 15th-magnitude object popping in and out of the background. Just 3-1/2 millimeters away another 15th-magnitude image was doing the same thing," Tombaugh wrote. "That's it! I exclaimed to myself."

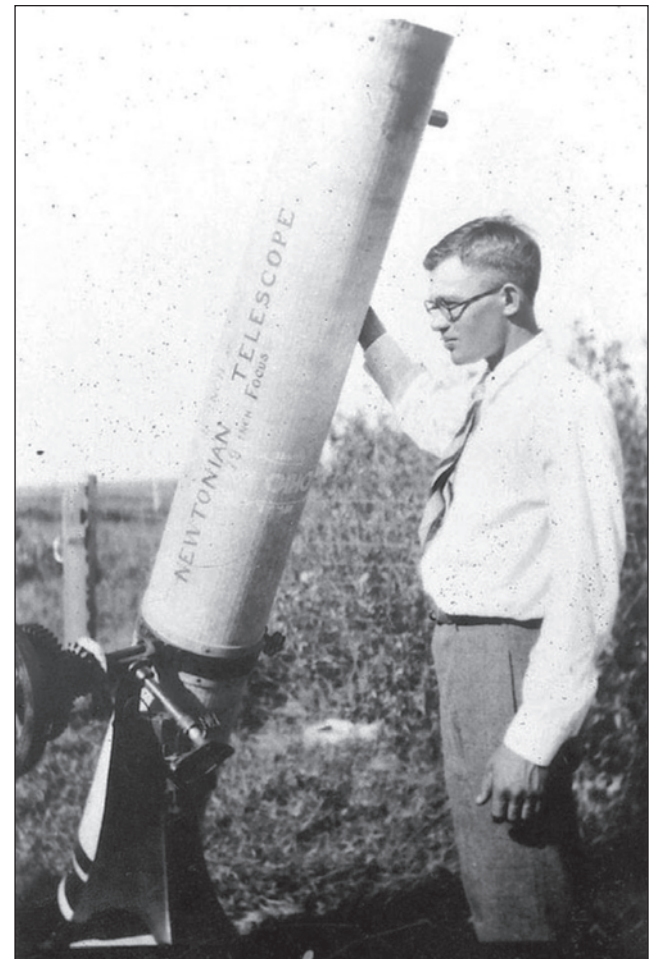
Until the discovery could be confirmed, Slipher ordered secrecy.

"Tombaugh didn't even tell his parents," Littman said.

"It was decided to announce the discovery on March 13, 1930, which was the 75th anniversary of Percival Lowell's birth, and the date of Uranus' discovery 149 years earlier,"

“ I suddenly spied a 15th-magnitude object popping in and out of the background. ”

CLYDE TOMBAUGH,
astronomer



New Mexico Museum of Space History Archive photos

Tombaugh, as a young man, with a home-made telescope.

Tombaugh wrote.

"The next day the news spread out over the world. Soon newspaper and magazine reporters arrived in Flagstaff and swarmed over the observatory on Mars Hill. Letters and telegrams poured in, containing congratulations and suggesting names for the new planet. Around the observatory, all other work was disrupted."

Tombaugh was now famous, and college was a reality. At 26, he entered the University of Kansas on a scholarship to study astronomy. The department head promptly refused him entrance into the beginning class, pronouncing, (Littman quoted): "For a planet discoverer to enroll in a course of introductory astronomy is unthinkable."

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100yearsago

1913

• Frank Campbell, cashier at the Bowman Bank & Trust, became the proud papa of a baby girl. Mother and tot were doing “splendidly.” “Now is the time to get something for nothing by putting down a five and telling Frank to give you two tens,” the Las Cruces Citizen advised. “Frank is so excited he may fall for the old gaff.”

• Judge E. L. Medler returned from Washington, D.C., and said a site for the new federal building would be selected by March 1. Even so, he said, the supervising architect was so far behind that it would be three years before any building would be ready to occupy.



New Mexico Gov. Clyde Tingley takes a picture of the crowd at the dedication ceremony for the impressive new Doña Ana County Courthouse in February 1938.

New Mexico State University Library Rio Grande Historical Collections photo

75yearsago

1938

• Elephant Butte Irrigation District reported 698,000 acre-feet of water in storage, 15,000 less than the year before. Federal engineers “were not overly impressed by either the amount or the density” of the current snow pack in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

• The Aggies split a pair of basketball games against Texas Tech. In the first game, the Red Raiders jumped to an early lead, but the Aggies bounced back for a 66-42 win. The Red Raiders also got an early start in the second

game, but were able to hold off the poor-shooting and poor-passing Aggies 42-36.

50yearsago

1963

• Ruth Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Holden, won the local VFW “Voice of Democracy” contest. Henry Narvaez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Narvaez, placed second. The theme of the essay contest was “What Freedom Means to Me.”

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing “Sampson and the 7 Miracles of the World”

plus “The Lost Continent” with Cesar Romero.

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs upped their season record to 16-5 and their district record to 10-0 with a 62-51 win over Alamogordo. The Bulldogs were set to put their 11-game winning streak on the line against Sandia High School.

25yearsago

1988

• The Las Cruces City Council voted to retain City Manager Dana Miller during a semi-annual evaluation. Miller, who had been manager since 1983, was paid a \$68,000 annual salary.

• State Game Commission Chairman Gerald Maestas was interviewed on “ABC World News Tonight” about the controversial recovery plan for the Mexican wolf. “Keep them in zoos,” he said, “because they are not smart enough to survive in the wild.”

• The Las Cruces Community Theatre’s production of “West Side Story” was enjoyed by most of the audience, although Las Cruces Bulletin reviewer Pamela Bamert said the musical numbers elicited mixed reactions.

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Legislature 2013

Gun show bill clears house

Law would require background checks

By Julie Ann Grimm
The New Mexican

A proposed change in state law to require federal background checks on people who buy firearms at gun shows is on its way to the Senate after clearing the House of Representatives on Wednesday, Feb. 13, by a 43-26 vote.

The bill represents a compromise from the original proposal by Rep. Miguel Garcia, D-Albuquerque. Most notably, the version moving to the Senate wouldn't affect private gun sales.

Federal law already requires background checks on people who want to buy from federally licensed firearms dealers, but not for sales that take place between individuals or collectors in private or at gun shows. The New Mexico Firearm Transfer Act would make state law more restrictive.

Backers praised the bipartisan effort, with several noting that Gov. Susana Martinez has said she is likely to sign it into law, as long as it remains in its current form when it reaches her desk. While all but three of the votes against the House measure came from Republicans, seven votes in favor came from that side of the aisle.

Mental-health records are also addressed in the legislation, but its wording mostly codifies current state practices of reporting involuntary commitments for mental-health treatment to the federal database. Garcia said adopting the law will enable the state to capture federal funding to assist with records collection and transmission.

The initial proposal from Garcia would have imposed background checks in nearly every instance in which a gun changes hands, but amendments hashed out in the House Judiciary Committee softened the bill, so it applies only to what's known as the "gun-show loophole."

"A lot of people have accused those of us who have expressed interest in gun safety as politicizing a tragedy," said Rep. Gail Chasey, D-Albuquerque. "I think this is a response to tragedies that have been staggering in their magnitude. Our job as policymakers is to try to examine what possibly could happen that would prevent not every one of these incidents, but some of them."

Other states have already adopted rules to require background checks at gun shows, and a half-dozen have "universal background check" laws that require checks for every gun purchase. Colorado, which adopted gun-show background checks after the Columbine High School shooting in 2000, is now considering expansion of background checks to include private sales.

The bill approved by the New Mexico House defines gun shows as events where more than 25 firearms are on site and available for transfer. It would require gun-show organizers to arrange for a federally licensed dealer to remain on site during the event to conduct background checks for transfers between individuals. That dealer may charge a fee. Individuals who buy or sell without a background check at a gun show could be charged with a misdemeanor under the proposed law. Antique and relic firearms are exempt from the requirements, as are individuals who already hold a concealed-carry license from the state.

Opponents of the bill argued that expanded background checks wouldn't have prevented highly publicized mass shootings at a Connecticut elementary school in December or a January incident in which an Albuquerque teen shot and killed several members of his family.

Rep. Dennis Roch, R-Texico, used sarcasm in his speech against the bill, asking why Garcia wasn't seeking to impose background checks on buyers of blunt objects such as clubs and hammers that are sometimes used in homicides, or even the flatware knives he saw for sale at a recent wedding event.

"Maybe we should close that all-dangerous bridal-show loophole," Roch said.

Driver's license compromise forged

Martinez endorses change

By Steve Terrell
The New Mexican

After weeks of speculation about a compromise on changing a 2003 law that allows undocumented immigrants to get New Mexico driver's licenses, Senate Republican Leader Stuart Ingle of Portales introduced a bill Monday, Feb. 11, that would alter the state's licensing system.

Senate Bill 521 quickly was endorsed by Gov. Susana Martinez, whose spokesman called it "a very reasonable compromise."

However, Marcela Diaz of Somos Un Pueblo Unido, a local advocacy group for immigrants, complained that "this so-called compromise is an insult to those who are trying to create fair and workable solutions that integrate immigrant families into our state's public safety and anti-(drunken-driving) efforts."

Under the bill, the Motor Vehicles Division would create two types of driver's licenses. One class of license would comply with the federal Real ID Act, which requires stringent proof of citizenship, such as a birth certificate or passport. The license would be good for as long as eight years.

The other type of license would require a foreign national to show proof of identity and proof that they have lived in New Mexico for at least six consecutive months and have completed a driver's education course. These licenses would expire after one year. Applicants couldn't use as proof of identity a driver's license from another state that isn't intended for identification purposes.

Undocumented immigrants who came to this country as children and qualify for "Deferred Action Childhood Arrival" status under an executive order issued by President Barack Obama would be allowed to apply for the non-Real ID license.

Diaz told reporters Tuesday, Feb. 12, that this was no real concession. She said immigrants who qualify for deferred-action status are issued Social Security cards, so they are eligible for driver's licenses.

Diaz said the new bill "is actually worse than the driver's

license bill introduced in the House." That bill, sponsored by Rep. Paul Pacheco, R-Albuquerque, was killed in a House committee last month. Ingle's bill, Diaz said, "manages to discriminate against immigrant youth who are lawfully present in the United States by forcing them to apply for a discriminatory one-year license."

Under the federal Real ID Act, passed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, a driver's license used to board an airline flight or enter a federal building would have to be Real ID-compliant. However, the deadline for enforcing this law has repeatedly been delayed. Only a handful of states – New Mexico not being one – so far have driver's licenses that comply with that law.



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Foreign nationals who have passports or visas could be issued this type of license, though the license would only be valid for the duration of the person's authorized period of admission to the U.S.

Martinez said during her campaign for election as governor that she wants to repeal the law that authorizes licenses for undocumented immigrants.

However, repeal efforts have failed during the past two sessions of the Legislature. In the statement to reporters Wednesday, Feb. 13, governor's spokesman Enrique Knell noted that the governor has worked closely with Ingle and Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, on the new bill.

As he said early in the session, Ingle said Wednesday that he and Smith originally wanted a bill similar to the law in Utah, which issues regular driver's licenses to citizens and a driver's permit to the undocumented. These Utah permits are not supposed to be used for identification.

Ingle said he had drafted one such proposed bill. "John Arthur and I took that to the governor," he said. However, negotiations with the Governor's Office led to the current form of SB 521.

"It's a start," Ingle said of the bill. "There's a process. It can be amended."

SB 521 was referred to the Senate Public Affairs Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

In addition to Smith, the bill's co-sponsors include Senate President Pro Tem Mary Kay Papen, D-Las Cruces; Sen. John Ryan, R-Albuquerque; and Sen. Carroll Leavell, R-Jal.

Unemployment benefit system fails

Snafus outrage lawmakers

By Bruce Krasnow
The New Mexican

A visit to the Roundhouse was looking more like a trip to the woodshed for one Cabinet secretary Friday, Feb. 8.

Fed up with constituent complaints and excuses over a new computer system, two state senators publicly criticized Department of Workforce Solutions Secretary Celina Bussey for long wait times and snafus from the "first in the country" integrated computer system for unemployment claims and benefits.

"Is the department really connected with the reality of what people are experiencing with this system?" asked Sen. Nancy Rodriguez, a Santa Fe Democrat, during one exchange. "We are getting lots of complaints. You explain and explain and explain and explain ... but we don't have answers."

Sen. Jacob Candelaria, D-Albuquerque, said the poor customer service is "intolerable."

"A system that forces people to wait four or five hours is not a system that helps people, but discourages them," he said.

Candelaria said he talked with one constituent who was so frustrated he went to the Workforce Solutions office in Albuquerque for assistance, only to be told he could only get help on the telephone.

"Why is it so hard for people to get what they're entitled to?" Candelaria asked.

Bussey was called to the rare special hearing of the Senate Public Affairs Committee by Chairman Gerald Ortiz y Pino, D-Albuquerque, who also asked members of the public to share their frustrations. But the session on the Senate floor was not widely advertised, and though many people have called The New Mexican and other media to complain, only a handful showed up on the blustery Friday afternoon.

One was Tim Hasson, a Santa Fe attorney who provides low-cost legal assistance.

"My clients tend to be poor, and the idea of being on hold for four hours seems outrageous," he said.

The new integrated system went live Jan. 6 – but the old

interface was shut down a week earlier, so there was an immediate backlog of unemployed people needing to file or certify – and the number of people in the state filing first-time claims dropped 75 percent from the week earlier.

The switch was aggravated by uncertainty over the federal extension of unemployment benefits and who would eventually qualify for the extra money, originally intended to provide economic stimulus. That was finally resolved Jan. 2 as part of the "fiscal cliff" legislation. Then a bank snafu dropped several thousand routing numbers from claimants who were receiving benefits on debit cards. That was not related to the new state computer system, Bussey said, but at first no one was certain.

The biggest change is the security that is now required for access – both unemployed people and business owners have to get new logins and passwords for the new system. January's federal holiday and the fact that many people use the month to change jobs or return to school also helped make for a very tough transition, Bussey said.

In response, Workforce Solutions increased its number of customer service agents and waived fines for businesses that could not file their end-of-quarter data by Jan. 31. Bussey said all the data coming in today shows the new system is working as promised. It has:

- Paid \$33 million in claims.
- Certified more than 96,000 in weekly unemployment benefits.
- Enabled 34,000 employers to file wage reports for the first time, which had been done previously with paper.
- Collected \$18 million in employee contributions to the system.

She also presented data showing call volumes to customer service agents Monday – the busiest day of the week – dropped from more than 100,000 in the first weeks of January to fewer than 24,000 this month. One person can often be responsible for several calls, as people often dial and hang up over several hours.

Ortiz y Pino said the committee would ask the Legislature to audit the new system and analyze what went wrong and how it can be improved.

Legislature 2013

Legislature cautious on tax relief options

Smith is point man on tax policy

By **Bruce Krasnow**
The New Mexican

Not even halfway through the 2013 legislative session, and there are more than 30 bills having to do with state tax policy, and they all have to go through one man: John Arthur Smith.

Smith, the Deming Democrat who is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, is more concerned than ever about economic growth in New Mexico. But his vigilance about state finances is also especially high this year, with the threat of reduced federal government spending, purchasing and possible furloughs or layoffs.

Smith still remembers challenging former Democratic Gov. Bill Richardson and his own caucus several years ago on what turned out to be too-optimistic revenue projections – a scenario that contributed to a state hiring freeze and spending cuts in the year before Gov. Susana Martinez took office.

Today, Smith has the same cautions for Martinez, a Republican who wants to reduce the highest corporate income tax rate by one-third, to 4.9 percent from 7.6 percent, at a cost of \$130 million to the general fund, according to estimates.

It is those estimates that make Smith uneasy as he points out that two recent tax-relief measures for businesses have cost more than ex-

pected: the credit for high-wage jobs (passed under the Richardson administration) and a break to manufacturers on gross receipts tax (GRT) calculations (passed last session). In both cases, the tax cuts far exceeded what lawmakers were told.

Smith supports lowering the corporate tax rate so New Mexico can be more competitive, but he does not want to enact the cut all at once.

“I told the governor I’m apprehensive about what we’re doing because we have to pay our bills,” Smith said. “It’s very, very difficult for me to jump out and say we’ll pass this without knowing what the cost is to the state.”

What Smith aims to do is “more carefully craft a tax policy,” and he is working on a bill that will be dropped before the filing deadline passes Thursday, Feb. 14. His goal

would be the same as his Democratic colleagues in the House: close other tax loopholes and tighten up poorly drafted legislation to find enough revenue for a corporate tax reduction. And do it slowly.

“She (Martinez) will get her corporate, and we will get to tighten it up on some of the others. The balancing act is how much are we tightening it up, and how much are we giving away on the corporate. I know, I’ve got a couple days, I’ve got to get something dropped,” he said Friday, Feb. 8.

The governor is not the only

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JOHN ARTHUR SMITH,
Senate Finance
Committee chairman



Sen. John Arthur Smith, D-Deming, sits among constituents during Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe Monday, Jan. 28.

one seeking tax relief. Dozens of lawmakers from both parties have introduced bills that would give special exemptions to various constituents or interest groups. There are bills that would reduce GRT for college endowment contributions, for aircraft repair businesses, for dialysis services, chile producers, child care services and durable medical equipment manufacturers. There are measures to roll back fuel taxes for locomotives and school buses. The income tax proposals range from reductions for armed forces retirees and graduate students, to rural social workers and primary-care physicians who treat addictions.

All the proposals will go before House and Senate committees, with many eventually ending up in Senate Finance. Smith said some, such as one backed by Martinez to exempt the pensions of military retirees from state income tax, are like “mom and apple pie.” But, Smith asked, is

that really economic development and does it really help the state?

Generally, Smith supports lower rates, but a broader base with fewer exemptions and special credits. That’s why many of the bills will never make it past his committee, including some suggestions from his Democratic colleagues.

“It annoys me we only look at one tax,” he said. “It’s a nightmare issue. And Senate Finance ... the buck has to stop here, and so I take the hit.”

When he finishes drafting his tax bill, it will include a provision already supported by Martinez with changes in the high-wage tax credit. He also wants to roll back the GRT pyramiding measure on manufacturing that has exceeded cost estimates. The Democrats in the Senate also are debating the bill passed last year by Sen. Peter Wirth, D-Santa Fe, that would require companies to report income from all out-of-state operations, a concept known as combined reporting.

“At this stage, our caucus doesn’t have any agreement,” he said. “There is great debate behind the scenes with what is going to generate the additional revenue.”

Even with some of these measures included, Smith said, that will not give the governor all she wants. But he thinks she will get a corporate tax cut in some form.

“It’s a question of trying to strike that balance and still be prudent,” he said. “The governor is trying to take it down all the way to 4.9 (percent). I’m more inclined to look at it every year and see if we can get there.”

The Governor’s Office did not respond to inquiries Saturday, Feb. 9. But Economic Development Secretary John Barela said last week it is possible to close some loopholes and use that money to reduce the tax bracket for corporations.

“There is a way to close some of those loopholes,” he said. “I’m optimistic we can work it out.”

Bill seeks to criminalize bullying

Bullies to face misdemeanor charge

By **Bruce Krasnow**
The New Mexican

Rep. Mary Helen Garcia, a former elementary school teacher and principal, is no stranger to having to deal with some children picking on others they think are weak or different.

But the problem has gotten worse over the years, she said, and increased reports of suicides linked to bullying prompted Garcia to introduce House Bill 234, which would create a new misdemeanor crime of “bullying.”

“As an educator, I used to think that bullying only occurred on the playground,” said Garcia, a Doña Ana County Democrat, said in an interview Friday, Feb. 8. “But now it seems it’s occurring everywhere – middle school, high school, the workplace, online.”

If her bill passes and is signed by the governor, the crime of bullying would apply to

those engaged in “a pattern of intentional conduct ... that creates a hostile environment and substantially interferes with another person’s physical or psychological well being.”

For a person to be convicted, it would have to be proved that the bullying behavior was motivated by an “actual or perceived personal characteristic,” such as race, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, familial status or mental condition.

The state Department of Health, in an analysis included in the bill’s fiscal impact report, said nearly 30 percent of all youth in the U.S. are involved in bullying – either as victims or perpetrators.

“Children and youth who are bullied are typically anxious, insecure and cautious,” the department said in its analysis. “They suffer from low self-esteem, rarely exhibit self-defense or retaliation when confronted by students who bully them. They are often so-

cially isolated and lack social skills. One study found that the most frequent reason cited by youth for persons being bullied is that they ‘didn’t fit in.’”

Citing a 2001 article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Health Department noted, “Males who are bullied tend to be physically weaker than their peers.”

The department contended there seems to be a “strong relationship between bullying other students and experiencing later legal and criminal problems as an adult.” The department cited a 1993 study that showed 60 percent of those labeled as bullies in grades six through nine had at least one criminal conviction by age 24.

“Chronic bullies,” the Health Department said, “seem to maintain their behaviors into adulthood, negatively influencing their ability to develop and maintain positive relationships.”

Not all state agencies that analyzed the bill were positive about it.

The Public Defender Department said the bill “covers conduct that would likely be constitutionally protected,” including public criticism of public officials, celebrities or others who could claim their psychological well-being was affected.

Prosecutors also have some concerns about the bill. The New Mexico Administrative Office of the District Attorneys argued that Garcia’s bill is similar to the existing law against harassment.

In its analysis, the agency also said that proving the motive of a bully could be difficult.

“Offenders who might be charged with bullying could argue that there wasn’t anything personal about it, and – depending upon the facts – that their conduct was not such that it should be considered as threatening or seriously intimidating. They might claim it was, at most, just teasing,” the report said.

Garcia said she is working on a number of amendments, or perhaps a bill substitute, to answer some of the points made in the fiscal impact report.

She said the House Judiciary Committee probably will consider the bill next week.

Senior Activities



SENIOR PROGRAMS

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

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

For registration information, call 528-3000.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

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

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

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

The next available class is from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.

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

THE VOYAGERS TRAVEL CLUB

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

Trips currently being booked include:

- **Australia/New Zealand cruise:** March 4, 13 days, 12 nights. Inquire at Voyagers office.
- **Tucson/Tubac/Major league baseball spring training game:** March 26-28. Cost: \$390 double, \$425 single.
- **San Antonio:** May 5-11, seven days, six nights, cost: \$620 double, \$800 single.
- **Eastern Mediterranean Cruise:** June 15-23, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.
- **Niagara Falls/Toronto:** Sept. 23-26, four days,

three nights. Cost: \$1,647 double, \$1,972 single.

- **Mississippi Steamboat Cruise:** Nov. 8-16, nine days, eight nights. Call for details.

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

AEROBICS

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

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

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

AQUATICS FITNESS

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

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

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga encourages proper body alignment and brings balance, strength and calmness. Classes are from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

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

ZUMBA GOLD

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

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

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

CARDIO, CORE & MORE

The core muscle group is often referred to as your "trunk" and involves all of the muscles surrounding the trunk.

A weak core can contribute to lower-back pain, poor posture and loss of balance.

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

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

50+ SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

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

TAI CHI CLASS

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

SUPER SENIORS WATER AEROBICS

Super Seniors Water Aerobics are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

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

AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

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

For more information, 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 and from 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday through April 12 at 3880 Foothills Road. Tax preparation will also be available from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, Feb. 19. There are no eligibility requirements. For more information, call 527-8799.

THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month. For more information, call Judy at 373-9309, Ann at 522-7240 or Bev at 523-6106.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples,

individuals and guests are welcome, light refreshments will be provided. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing is from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$6.

For more information, call 523-1871.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- 11:30 a.m. each Thursday at Sunset Grill, 1274 Golf Club Road. For more information, call Jan at 522-7133.

- 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Arbors of Del Rey, 3731 Del Rey Blvd. Respite care available during meeting. For more information, call Nicky or Michael at 382-5200.

- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, call Bonnie at 556-6117.

The Alzheimer's Association - New Mexico Chapter has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7.

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

Frequently called numbers

Munson Senior Center

975 S. Mesquite St. 528-3000

Benavidez Community Center

1045 McClure Road..... 541-5185

Eastside Community Center

310 N. Tornillo St.....541-2304 or 541-2305

Mesilla Park Community Center

304 W. Bell Ave. 541-2455

In-Home Services

304 W. Bell Ave. 541-2451

Resource Center

975 S. Mesquite St. 528-3307

Senior Nutrition Program

Reservations and cancellations..... 528-3012
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Camera Club looks at Himalayan architecture

Photos by Nirmala Khandan

NMSU professor will give slide presentation

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.

For more information, visit www.dacameraclub.org or call 524-1288.



The temples of Nepal are ornate.



The monastery in Bhutan on the left was built on the side of a cliff, whereas the Bhutan monastery, below, is much more accessible.



Pearce re-introduces bill for veterans' health care

Legislation aims to improve rural access

Congressman Steve Pearce has re-introduced H.R. 635, a bill to improve health care access for veterans across New Mexico and nationwide.

This legislation, titled the Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare for Your (HEALTHY) Vets Act, will allow veterans to access local health care facilities, saving them time, money, and physical strain.

"I'm proud to introduce the HEALTHY Vets Act," Pearce said. "Veterans in rural areas often have to drive hundreds of miles to receive medical services they need. With only minor adjustments, we can allow veterans to receive care in their hometowns, saving time, difficulty and money for those who have put their lives on the line for our freedom."

New Mexico veteran Kevin Dasing said in his own experience, the Act provides a simple, efficient solution to a problem faced by many veterans.

"I am thankful for Rep. Pearce's willingness to work on behalf of veterans through the HEALTHY Vets Act," Dasing said. "This is a common-sense solution for a problem myself and many other veterans in New

Mexico have faced. The HEALTHY Vets Act will not only save time and effort for America's veterans, but will result in significant savings for taxpayers. I am grateful that Congressman Pearce takes time to listen to the needs of veterans, and act on our behalf in Congress."

Currently, the federal government requires veterans to drive to VA hospitals for many treatments. This is a major roadblock to health care for veterans in New Mexico, who may have to drive for hours to Albuquerque for medical attention. Pearce's legislation would allow veterans to use local health providers in their own hometowns. This allows veterans more convenience and comfort, and provides for quicker, less stressful treatment.

Under the legislation, the VA secretary will contract with local hospitals and doctors on a case-by-case basis to provide medical services, including primary care, for those veterans who live far away from VA medical facilities. Often, treatment could be accomplished using only a portion of travel money provided to veterans under the current approach.

NMSU prof shares love of languages with students

Education is second passion for García

Growing up in Encino, N.M., Hermán García would go to school, come home and help his father work on cars.

García spent his entire childhood in northern New Mexico following in the footsteps of generations of Garcías before him. In fact, his family has been in New Mexico for more than 300 years. His feet were only lifted from their native soil when the military draft led him to serve in Vietnam and Germany.

When García returned from abroad his thoughts immediately turned to school and he attended New Mexico Highlands University, earning a bachelor's degree in education. García taught in public schools and earned two more degrees, a master's in modern languages and literature from Washington State University and a doctorate in education from NMSU.

García is an NMSU Regents Professor and the director of elementary education in the College of Education. Although his job titles have changed over more than 20 years at the university, his passion for education and language remain the same. He believes children should speak a minimum of two languages and stresses the importance of developing and maintaining language skills. García himself speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.

"Acquiring another language includes academic proficiency and social competency so that it doesn't just help one with school or work but becomes a way to experience life," García said.

He also describes how language can express culture in subtle ways. For example, in English, time runs: watches run and people run errands. In Spanish, "el tiempo camina," or time walks; in German, it functions.

"That's just a fraction of ways that languages are different from one another but not better, because each language has its own richness," García said. "I can do things with Spanish that I can't do with English and vice versa."

While much of bilingual education in the U.S. deals with English and Spanish, García has also worked with indigenous communities in New Mexico, Arizona and Sierra Tarahumara, Mexico. He helped teachers develop curricula with a bilingual emphasis that not only focus on keeping children tied to their native languages and culture, but also aim to keep those students academically strong in English.

"One language does not diminish another language," García said. "The number of languages you speak is based on your desire to learn and experience that language. My only regret about speaking four languages is that I don't speak five, six or seven."

García's passion is not limited to language however. He is passionate about his role as director of elementary education and says he wants to ensure that graduate students have a high-quality education and the richest student teaching experience possible.

NMSU's teacher preparation program in elementary education is set up so that future teachers spend a year and half in actual classrooms and García spends much of his time in the field coordinating with classroom teachers, principals, parents and even speaking with children to assure the effectiveness of the teaching environment.

García doesn't only make sure the student-teachers are making progress in the classrooms they run, but he also meets with faculty to make certain what is being taught by NMSU professors is clearly understood by students.


"It's quite an involved process, but one that I find rewarding, especially when we hear from school districts that hired our students and say they were not only 'teacher-ready,' but at the level of a second- or third-year teacher," García said.

Looking back on things, García is confident he chose the right path and looks forward to making continual improvements to NMSU's elementary education program.

"I always wondered what it would be like to be a teacher and when I went to college I immediately chose elementary education because hands down, that's what I wanted to do," García said. "I love my work and it's been a great career."



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DEATH NOTICES

JACKSON

Marita Joyce Jackson, 67, passed away after a sudden illness on February 5, 2013. Services have been held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 575-526-2419.

JACQUEZ

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved daughter, sister and friend Victoria Andrea Jacquez, 27 a resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

Services have been held. At her request cremation has taken place and inurnment of cremains will be at a later date.

The Jacquez family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels and Sunset Crematory, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

MCGHEE

Margaret Louise McGhee, 98, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and formerly of Lordsburg, New Mexico, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2013. She was born Nov. 9, 1914 in Lordsburg to Edward and Mabel Fisher.

She is survived by her three daughters Janet, Jackie and Jane and by many grand and great-grandchildren. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband and son.

At her request cremation will take place and memorial services will be at a later date.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home and Getz Family Crematory. 575-526-2419

REYES

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved sister, aunt and friend Enequina Guaderrama Reyes, 87, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and formerly of La Mesa, New Mexico, on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Cottonbloom Assisted Living Center.

Services have taken place. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where she was laid to rest alongside her husband.

The Reyes and Guaderrama Families have entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222.

BARAY

Carmen Baray, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice.

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

RIOS

It is with tremendous sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Jesus Jose Rios, 73 a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle; a wonderful man.

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

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

KIEHNE

Earl Kiehne, 85, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday February 11, 2013.

A visitation will be held Friday, February 15, 2013 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Getz funeral Home followed by a Funeral Service at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home. 575-526-2419

KREMER

Ross W. Kremer, 70, passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

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

LILLY

Rae Marrietta Lilly, 93, passed away on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

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

DE LA LUZ JIMENEZ

Maria De La Luz Jimenez, 57, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father Monday, February 11, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center.

Visitation for Maria will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. Family and Friends will join together on Friday, February 15, 2013 to celebrate the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Purification Catholic Church, 5525 Cristo Rey in Doña Ana with Reverend Miguel Macaya officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the Doña Ana Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

GUTIERREZ

Sammy Gutierrez, 67, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Casa Del Sol Senior Care Center. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

OBITUARY

MARTHA JUNE MOREHART

January 23, 1922 - February 5, 2013

Martha June Morehart, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2013, after suffering a stroke. She was born January 23, 1922, in Cisco, Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts, and a Master of Library Science. During her 43-year teaching career in Texas, she taught high school English and Spanish, was band director and choir director, and was the high school librarian. After retiring, she lived in Ruidoso, New Mexico, before moving to Las Cruces, New Mexico, in 1996. Martha was a gifted pianist and organist and played her first piano recital at age 3. She was a church organist and played the organ and piano on many occasions. Martha lived independently in her home past her 91st birthday. She demonstrated her great tenacity and independence by fully recovering from a broken hip at age 90, living independently, going shopping, and driving. She enjoyed music, wood carving, reading, and watching sports on TV, particularly professional tennis.

Martha is survived by her nephew Thomas



Morehart, his wife Kaaren, and Paul Cowan of Las Cruces. Other survivors include great nephews and nieces, including Jeff Morehart, Chris Cowan, Lynn Cowan, Pat Cowan, and Jennifer (Morehart) Hartin. She was pre-deceased by her parents Berton E. and Maud Pearl Morehart, brother W. Frank Morehart, sister Mary Jane (Morehart) Borman, and niece Mary Ann (Morehart) Cowan. A graveside service

was held in Cisco, Texas and a Celebration of Life will be held at Trails West Clubhouse on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Friends from outside Trails West should call Tom Morehart at 575-522-2166 about entering the gated community.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces 575-527-2222.



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YEGGE

Arvilla Alice Yegge, 93, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice.

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

ORTIZ

David Ortiz, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Wednesday, February 13, 2013 in Albuquerque. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

ESTRADA

Armando Estrada, 29, of Anthony, New Mexico, entered eternal life Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

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

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

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.

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

DUARTE

Cecilia V. Duarte, 53, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, February 5, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery, where she was laid to rest.

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Katelyn Jeffs, geography major in the College of Arts and Sciences, uses a plotter to print large-scale maps in the New Mexico State University Spatial and Applications Research Lab (SpARC) as part of a project to help the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope tent city.

New Mexico State University photo



NMSU maps homeless tent city

Camp Hope digitally mapped for rezoning effort

A digital map created at New Mexico State University aims to change the landscape of Las Cruces and help rezone a haven for the homeless called Camp Hope.

The detailed map, created by NMSU's Spatial and Applications Research Center lab (SpARC), depicts a proposed layout of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope's (MVCH) temporary campsite, Camp Hope. The mock-up, which will be used in a presentation to the City Council in a rezoning request, incorporates the requirements established by the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. The public hearing to approve a planned unit development is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the City Council chambers at City Hall, 700 N. Main St.

"We were especially happy to do this project, because

it gave us an opportunity to help the MVCH advance a very noteworthy effort, and in doing so, give back to the Las Cruces community," said Christopher Brown, geography department head and SpARC lab director. "This was also a chance for one of our student staff members to take on this project as their own, do all of the work needed to complete the project, and learn more about the good work that the MVCH is doing to advance Camp Hope."

Camp Hope was founded in 2011 as a temporary living facility for homeless adults not able to stay at the Gospel Rescue Mission for various reasons. The campsite, referred to as a tent city, provides a safe place for up to 50 homeless persons to sleep overnight while working toward transitioning from homelessness.

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Arrowhead lands \$2 million grant

Check presentation Feb. 20 at NMSU Genesis Center

New Mexico State University's Arrowhead Center will host an award presentation to accept a \$1 million check from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration, with NMSU and its partners matching the awarded \$1 million. The ceremony will take place from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the Genesis Center, Building C, on the NMSU campus. The public is invited.

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall and U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce will be featured at the presentation, along with Pedro R. Garza, Economic Development Administration's southwest regional director, and other federal, state and local dignitaries from New Mexico and Texas.

The award to NMSU is a result of the i6 Challenge, a national competition to spur innovation, accelerate commercialization of ideas to market, and create companies and jobs through support of proof of concept centers. In addition to expanding Arrowhead Center's proof of concept program, Launch, the \$2 million grant will fund the creation and development of the Arrowhead Innovation Network, a support network for Launch that will provide technical assistance from experienced business people, connections, better access to investment funds and other services.

"This confirms what we at EDA have known for a long time, that New Mexico State University is one of the premier educational institutions in this region," Garza said. "NMSU received this i6 Challenge Award following a rigorous national competition that involved many of the leaders in the proof of concept center field. The award serves to affirm New Mexico State's emergence as a leader in technology commercialization and business development in the region. It is a tribute to the dedication, vision and commitment of former Gov. Garrey Carruthers and Dr. Kevin Boberg that the university has received this acknowledgement, and we're confident the Arrowhead Innovation Network will generate lasting returns to the region."

"I am pleased the Department of Commerce is recognizing New Mexico State University's innovative work and exceptional leadership," Udall said. "Combining the expertise of our educational communities with private sector innovation is exactly the kind of partnership we need to create a sustainable hub for high-tech job growth in this area. I am eager to thank all of the partners in person and look forward to the great work that will come out of Launch and the Arrowhead Innovation Network programs in the future."

"I commend all those who have made the Arrowhead Innovation Network a reality. As an Aggie myself, I'm proud to see NMSU continue to lead the state in economic development and innovation. Business is the key to growth and job creation in New Mexico, and I am confident that the results of this project will have a powerful impact on the state and region for decades to come," Pearce said.

"The i6 Challenge, along with other innovation-driven initiatives in the region, signal unprecedented collaboration taking place to build the regional economy," said Boberg, director and chief executive officer for the Arrowhead Center.

As part of the i6 Challenge grant, El Paso's Hub of Human Innovation is teamed with Arrowhead Center to provide entrepreneurial mentoring to start-up businesses in the region.

Carruthers, vice president for economic development and dean of NMSU's College of Business, said the grant is important to the economic growth and development of the university, state and region.

The joy of taxes



Alta LeCompte
Around the valley

Do you hear the bell?

It's the tax filing equivalent of the start of the third quarter in the NFL. Not as desperate as a two-minute warning, but time to get serious about meeting the April 15 filing date.

Ironically the IRS itself kept people from filing basic returns before Jan. 30 in order to rewrite their programs to incorporate changes in the law.

Want to file now? You still can't if you're taking general business credits or home energy credits. Your first day to file is March 1.

Even so, local tax preparers say, it's time to get to work.

But not so fast. While there are good arguments for doing your taxes now, the confirmed procrastinators among us can cite some valid reasons for stalling a while longer.

In the file early camp are those who want a refund pronto.

One small business owner said he filed last week. The father of five, he anticipated (and sure could use) a refund.

According to genxfinance.com, 82 percent of early filers get refunds and those who file early are more likely to get refunds of at least \$2,000.

Other reasons for filing early include "getting it over with" or avoiding being late and possibly owing more money. I've heard from worriers – even those who usually procrastinate – that they're filing early this year, just in case Uncle Sam runs out of money for refunds.

Another argument for starting early applies to taxpayers who want a professional tax preparer to do their taxes. The professionals won't take you if you show up after their cutoff date, typically somewhere between March 15 and April 1.

The arguments for stalling, as outlined by investopedia.com, include:

- Employers, investment companies and mortgage holders can make mistakes on the forms they send out. If a mistake is discovered after you file, you will have to file again.
- Laws may actually change between now and April 15. If that happened, you would have to correct your return.

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Tax countdown begins

Equipment purchases to pay off for businesses

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Farmers, manufacturers and other businesses with the foresight to invest in equipment in 2012 will be rewarded when they file federal income tax returns for the year.

Those who prepare taxes for them will see their reward April 16.

"It's the tax accountant's national holiday," said Ken Shaw of Kriegel/Gray/Shaw & Co.

Meanwhile, tax preparers will be increasingly busy.

"Right now is the calm before the storm," said his colleague and fellow Kriegel/Gray/Shaw CPA Kristi Granados. "Now is the perfect time" to contact your tax preparer.

New for this year ...

Shaw described the IRS Section 179 bonus accelerated depreciation credit as the biggest tax change for small businesses this year.

"In 2010-11, there was a \$500,000 equipment write-off," Shaw said. "In 2012 it was supposed to drop to \$139,000, but the Taxpayer Relief Act pushed that back for 2012 and 2013."

He said the credit is scheduled to drop to \$25,000 in tax year 2014.

Accelerated depreciation means a business can write off the specified amount of equipment purchases immediately, rather than spread it over several years, Granados explained.

"In our area there are quite a few small businesses, including manufacturers and farmers, that can take advantage of the tax credit," she

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Zak Hansen

One local tax preparer recommends that taxpayers who work on their own returns pick a time when there are no distractions and get the job done in one sitting. To ensure meeting the April 15 filing deadline, the alternative is to contact a professional, preferably before March 15.

Urban living, Las Cruces style

Moderate-priced rentals planned

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Shovels stand ready to break ground for a new apartment complex in the heart of the city, designed to meet the rental housing needs of working families.

Harlo Dynek of Summit Building & Development said as soon as the city gives final approval for Phase I of a planned five-phase complex, construction will start at a 9-acre site on Three Crosses Avenue between North Alameda Boulevard and North Main Street.

The location is zoned for multi-family residential development, Dynek said.

He said Phase 1 of the community, Wyndchase, will consist of two 20-unit, three-story buildings consisting of two- and three-bedroom units.

"The third-floor apartments are for the younger people," he said, noting that a third story is somewhat unusual in Las Cruces.

"I grew up on the third floor in Chicago, we didn't think anything of it," he said. "But this is Las Cruces."

Designed for efficiency

The three-bedroom units are designed to rent for about \$800 per month, he said. The goal is "Las Cruces affordability."

Most apartments being built in the city are more expensive units in the Telshor Boulevard-Roadrunner Parkway area, he said.

"There is a shortage of apartments in our target price range," he said. "We are trying to fill a niche."

If he's right in judging the local market, Wyndchase will be built out in phases with a total of 200 units valued at a little more than \$14 million.

Dynek said Wyndchase LLC will own the

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A preliminary drawing of a two-unit apartment complex Summit Building & Development anticipates will be under construction in March on Three Crosses Avenue

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said. "Agriculture has a huge amount of capital investment."

About 15 percent of the firm's clients are farmers, Shaw said.

He said many small Las Cruces businesses are attorneys, dentists and physicians.

"A big piece of scanning equipment can cost a doctor \$250,000," he said. "This year they can deduct the full cost."

Social Security taxes rise

Social Security tax changes also will have an impact here, Granados said.

She said historically the tax was split, with employers paying 2.2 percent for their employees and employees paying 6.2 percent of their pay. On the employee side, the percentage was reduced temporarily as a spending stimulus during the recent recession.

That party is over, as of tax year 2012. "Employees will see a 2 percent reduction in their net pay," Granados said. "For a \$50,000 gross income that means net pay will be down \$1,000."

Shaw said sole proprietors, just like those employed by others, will feel the change. For them it will be in the self-employment tax they pay.

Granados said the really big tax changes are scheduled to kick in during tax year 2013, something taxpayers should keep in mind as they manage their finances throughout the year.

More in store for 2013

"The biggest change is if your adjusted gross family income is more than \$250,000 you may be subject to a 3.8 percent income surtax," she said.

Granados said interest, rent, dividends and capital gains that are subject to income tax will be subject to the surtax.

"A lot of companies that pay dividends were looking at that in December and gave dividends in December rather than January," Granados said.

In addition, taxpayers will face a .9 percent increase in the hospital insurance tax for families making more than \$250,000 and individuals with incomes exceeding \$200,000.

"Another thing to look at is what type of capital gains you might have if you were to

sell property. For example, if you were getting ready to retire, you might not want to sell stock or property this year," Shaw said.

He said families whose gross income could be in the \$250,000 range might want to work with a tax preparer during 2013 to prevent an unpleasant surprise April 15, 2014.

There are many options for dealing with a decision that could cause a jump in income, Shaw and Granados pointed out.

These include installment sales or carrying a note for two or three years for the buyer of a piece of property.

“We keep up on law and can guide you through the year so you don’t miss anything.”

KEN SHAW,
CPA

Some good news as well

Granados said 2013 also offers some good news:

- Extension of the child care tax credit, previously set to drop \$500 in 2013
- Undergraduate tuition tax credits of \$2,500
- A tuition deduction of up to \$4,000 set to expire at the end of 2011 was retroactively extended through 2013
- A \$500 home energy efficiency credit was extended to 2012 and 2013
- State and local sales tax deductions have been extended through 2013
- Standard business mileage of 56 and a half cents per mile, medical or moving mileage of 24 cents and mileage for traveling to work at a charity, 14 cents.

"My big suggestion is to keep a mileage log, something we've been saying for years," she said. "People would be amazed how far they travel."

The biggest take-away may be the importance of keeping records all year long and working with a tax preparer during the year to plan for a good outcome in April.

Details

For information about tax changes, tax return preparation pointers and forms to download, visit www.irs.com.

"We keep up on tax law and can guide you through the year so you don't miss anything," Shaw said.

Season gets in gear

Granados said that while tax prep season started slow this year, people now are beginning to send their information in, many of them electronically.

"We had an 85-year-old man get all his records to us electronically," she said. "Folks are utilizing technology."

"Procrastination is always a problem" Shaw said. "That's why we pre-schedule appointments."

He said the first of February tax preparers in his office start working Saturdays and their work week inches up to 54 to 60 hours.

"It gets progressively longer," he said. "By the first of March we're working Sundays as well. March 15 we hit the panic button, but every year it works."

"All of us here doing taxes become very close to each other," Granados said. "We know what each of us likes to eat for dinner."

The big day arrives

Asked how the team copes with the mounting pressure during tax season, Granados said: "We have a lot of wanna be athletes. Ken and I are in that pool. I'm a runner and Ken's a runner."

She said she and one of the firm's bookkeepers also do Zumba.

"I'm on the treadmill every morning doing my three miles," Shaw said. "I get up at 5 a.m. 'You've got to take care of body and the mind.'"

Granados said everybody takes April 16 off.

"The ladies in the past got together to go for a manicure, pedicure and wine," she said. "We don't take the guys."

"A group of guys from all the firms in town used to get together and play golf," Shaw said, looking wistfully ahead, perhaps at the first fairway.

IRS shares tips

How to choose a tax preparer

- **Check the preparer's qualifications.** All paid tax return preparers are required to have a Preparer Tax Identification Number. In addition to making sure they have a PTIN, ask if the preparer belongs to a professional organization and attends continuing education classes.
- **Check on the preparer's history.** Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if the preparer has a questionable history. Also check for any disciplinary actions and for the status of their licenses. For certified public accountants, check with the state boards of accountancy. For attorneys, check with the state bar associations. For enrolled agents, check with the IRS Office of Enrollment.
- **Ask about service fees.** Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of your refund or those who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers can. Also, always make sure any refund due is sent to you or deposited into an account in your name.
- **Make sure the preparer is accessible.** Make sure you will be able to contact the tax preparer after you file your return, even after the April 15 due date. This may be helpful in the event questions arise about your tax return.
- **Do not use a preparer who is willing to e-file your return by using your last pay stub before you receive your Form W-2.** This is against IRS e-file rules.
- **Never sign a blank return.**

Source: www.irs.gov

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- If you owe the government money, you might want to keep earning money in your account until the last minute.

Both procrastinators and early filers may be found among the ranks of professional tax preparers.

Ken Shaw said he will probably file an extension and send a check April 15.

"That's you," his CPA colleague Kristi Granados said.

To get to the joy on the other side, we all we have to tackle our taxes sometime in the near future.

Whenever you decide to take the plunge, you will need to open the Rubbermaid container (whatever happened to shoe boxes?) and organize your information.

The IRS website advises taxpayers who are considering preparing their own returns to go to their website to determine their e-filing options.

Those with gross family income of \$57,000 or less can access free software at the IRS website to calculate their tax liability. A number of programs provided by major software companies are available there. (To get a quick gross income estimate to find out if you're eligible for the free software, consult last year's tax return.)

If you're not eligible to use the free

software, you still can e-file for free after calculating your tax liability the old-fashioned way and filling out an online version of an IRS paper form.

Commenting on whether to do your own taxes or work with a professional tax preparer, Granados said: "If you have a good head on your shoulders, a W-2 and you're 23 years old, you can do it yourself. Or you can have it done – but nobody can mess it up."

She said she's tried Turbo Tax at the IRS website and found it user friendly.

"They ask the right questions and you don't have to have a degree in accounting," she said.

"Organizing is the key," she advised the

DIYs. "Set up a time when your kids, your spouse your dog aren't there, so you don't have to touch it more than once."

Not everybody who's young and smart is a good candidate for DIY, however.

If you have tuition expenses or you buy a house, you'll pay a fee to file online, and you might not make the right choices to (legally) minimize your tax liability.

If you think you need help, consider the IRS's tips on how to choose a tax preparer outlined on page B2.

"The overall idea is to find someone with the experience and competence who has the education to help with your specific needs and minimize, within the law, the amount you pay," Granados said.

Apartments

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apartments built by Summit and designed in house and by Stephen Green.

Washington Federal is financing Phase I and is committed to fund the remaining phases if the project attracts enough tenants, Dynek said.

He described the style as "modern splash," with external surfaces of stucco, metal and stone.

The buildings will have R-40 and R-21 insulation, with interior walls insulated for sound control and energy efficiency. They may incorporate some solar, Dynek said.

Units will feature fully equipped kitchens with built-in microwave ovens. There will be a washer and dryer hook-up in each unit. Floors will be tile throughout, except in the bedrooms, which will be carpeted.

Builder rooted in region

In 1979, Dynek moved to Las Cruces, where he continued his teaching career at Alameda Junior High School. He earned a

master's degree in counseling and educational psychology.

Dynek said he had always been interested in construction and had worked construction jobs during summer when he was in high school and college.

"I just needed the opportunity and the role models, which I never had," he said.

His next-door neighbor in Las Cruces gave him the impetus he needed to get into the business in the late 1980s.

Since that time, he has built homes, apartments, a church, a school, a factory, motels, restaurants and light commercial structures in an area from Las Cruces to El Paso to Lordsburg.

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Renovations at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Insight Construction of Albuquerque continue work on exterior garden and pool area renovations at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Feb. 8	IHOP	Turrentine and University Avenues	522-8240
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

Our numbers

Latest business numbers

27.5 million

Total number of businesses reported in the United States as of August 2012

5.9 million

Number of businesses with employees

21.6 million

Number of businesses without employees

99.7

Percent of businesses with fewer than 500 employees

120.9 million

Number of nonfarm private sector workers in the United States

Source: Small Business Association, U.S. Department of Labor

Gas update

Monday, Feb. 11

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 7.8 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.22** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 5.7 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.55** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Feb 11**, were **0.9 cents** per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are **27.4 cents** per gallon **higher** than a month ago. The national **average** has **increased 28.2 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **7.2 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$3.09
2. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$3.11
3. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$3.11
4. Valero	2695 W. Picacho Ave., 1305 El Paseo Road, 1252 El Paseo Road, 2501 N. Main St., 3101 N. Main St. and 1401 E. Lohman Ave.	\$3.13
5. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$3.13

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Feb. 11

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$83.90	US Air
Atlanta	\$170.80	US Air
Austin	\$121.80	United
Chicago	\$233.80	US Air
Dallas-Love	\$127.80	US Air
Houston	\$186.40	US Air
Las Vegas	\$79.80	US Air
Los Angeles	\$88.90	American
Phoenix	\$68.30	US Air
San Antonio	\$99.30	United
New York City	\$169.80	American
Orlando	\$149.80	US Air
San Diego	\$98.30	US Air
Seattle	\$109.80	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$148.30	American
London roundtrip	\$996.80	US Air
Paris roundtrip	\$1,060	US Air
Rome roundtrip	\$1,024.90	Delta

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Feb. 19-26 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro

\$1.33744 in U.S. dollars
0.74770 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.07820 in U.S. dollars
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Source: www.msn.com, as of Monday, Feb. 11



Market snapshot

For the week of Feb. 4- Feb. 8, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	14009.79	13992.97	-16.82	-.1	6.8
Nasdaq	3179.10	3193.87	14.77	.5	5.8

Strong: Financials, technology

Weak: Energy, materials

Source: http://briefing.com

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In Good Company: *WESST Enterprise Center*

Turning skills into businesses

Las Cruces office offers success to the underserved

By Alta LeCompte

Las Cruces Bulletin

Some advisers consider their work with a client completed when the client walks away, never to return.

That's not how the staff feels at the WESST Enterprise Center. Jennifer Craig, regional manager, and Jo Ann Garay, program coordinator/trainer, are delighted when someone they've mentored, trained and helped finance a business of her own comes back, eager to expand into a new venture.

Some of their best clients are chronic clients. Consider, for example, Diane Barrett of Silver City.

Barrett started in 1996 with a \$5,000 micro loan from WESST to open a small restaurant.

"Then a year later, we helped with a Women's Prequalification Loan through SBA," Craig said. "She got her loan through a bank to expand. She doubled and then tripled her space. Then she bought the building. Next, she opened a bakery and deli across the street and turned a dining room into a wine and pizza parlor. Now, she employs about 42 people."

Diane's Restaurant was listed in the New York Times Travel Section as "the place to eat in the Southwest" and was included in Fodor's Travel Guide.

Barrett, who has been cooking gluten free for her family for years, is gearing up to do gluten-free cooking classes at her location and online.

Training and technology

Craig said WESST serves 200 to 400 active clients each year.

She said WESST's mission is to reach out and target low-income and minority people, especially rural women, who "may not know the ins and outs of how to get a loan" and start a business.

"Many of the women we work with have been told they're not good with numbers or can't do this or that," Craig said. "We do a lot of hand holding. A lot of the stuff we deal with is real grass roots."

She said many women say they don't have any skills. But during a training, a light bulb goes on and they say, "I can do that."

Often a new enterprise grows out of traditional skills of child care, cooking and sewing.

The office in Las Cruces brings business savvy to seven

southern New Mexico counties, including colonias.

When Craig opened the office in 1995, she was a modern-day circuit rider, traveling as much as three hours out and three hours back to work with clients in remote areas.

"I would travel as far as Rodeo, which has a population of 70," she said.

In recent years, WESST has done more consulting by phone and email.

Garay has been with WESST since 2000 and has developed a computer and business curriculum and trained in both English and Spanish.

Classes that integrate technology and business skills are taught at the office and on location in the field.

Social media marketing and search engine optimization are a big item in the training repertoire.

"A lot of clients are looking for social media and blog training," Garay said.

Finding clients

Craig and Garay know where they are needed because they keep close contact with community organizations throughout their service area.

"We're involved through United Way meetings and Diocesan meetings and we're members of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce," Craig said.

The New Mexico Department of Human Services alerts them to community needs.

In Anthony, they were asked to help in-home child care providers who were caring for four youngsters and needed to take their businesses to the next level in order to make a living for their families.

In order to expand their businesses, the women would have to qualify to care for 12 children, which includes meeting requirements such as having a separate building for the business.

"We found that some were not pricing their services right, or not keeping good records or not collecting from the parents," Craig said.

WESST did an assessment, brought in the materials and did training tailored to the women's needs.

The world is their market

WESST is funded in part by the Office of Women Business Ownership of the Nationwide Women Business Centers. It is affiliated with the Small Business Administration and works closely with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and SCORE, the Senior Core of Retired Executives, Craig said.

She said WESST puts newly minted entrepreneurs in touch with resources they need to succeed. Clients rely on such local resources as New Mexico State University for nutritional analysis to determine content for food product labeling and The Truck Farm or Old Gringo to make the product.

The world is both a market and a factory for emerging southern New Mexico businesses.

Craig related that one local innovator who has a food blog was contacted by Europeans interested in her product. With the help of The Truck Farm, she came up with a dried version of her product for ease of shipping and developed a niche international market.

Craig said in recent years about 80 percent of their clients



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Jo Ann Garay and Jennifer Craig of WESST Enterprise Center in Las Cruces assist southern New Mexico residents with training and financing to start small businesses.

who developed products have the products manufactured in China.

Some entrepreneurs opt for manufacturing in Mexico or Canada, while others insist on making their products in the U.S.

"We are working with a gentleman now who wants to use only U.S. veterans," Craig said. "The profit margin will not be that large, but it's what he wants to do."

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FRI. 2/15

11:30 a.m. High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico membership meeting, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Featured speaker will be Davin Lopez. For more information, call 522-3868.

6 p.m. Heart of My Life Ball, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. For more information, call 556-7665 or email janet.clifton@mountainviewregional.com.

TUE. 2/19

12 p.m. Haciendas at Grace Village Ribbon Cutting, 2802 Corte Dios. For more information, call the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces at 524-8900.

WED. 2/20

5 p.m. M FIVE Ribbon Cutting & Hispano Chamber Mix 'n Mingle, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. For more information, call the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces at 524-8900.

THU. 2/21

3:30 to 5 p.m. Economic Outlook Conference, Health & Social Services Auditorium on the NMSU campus. Register by Friday, Feb. 15, by calling Judy Wetzel at 521-6849.

FRI. 2/22

4 p.m. Ribbon cutting for Las Cruces Homes and Land Real Estate Sales and Rentals, 1701 Calle de Mercado, Suite 1. For more information, call 805-4383.



City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Feb. 3-9

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

PERMIT NO.	PERMIT TYPE	OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL FEE	VALUATION
20130657	REROOF	MARY L. & REV. T.R. SIMMONS	750 HORIZON VIEW DRIVE	ERASMO'S ROOFING LLC	\$80.23	\$8,906
20130660	REROOF	ANTHONY D. & DONNA M. CARDEN	3940 RAMROD FORGE	GILBERT & SONS ROOFING & PLASTERING	\$95.49	\$11,498
20130689	REROOF	MULTIFAMILY MTG BRANCH	999 S. TELSHOR BLVD.	DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$120.67	\$15,772
20130696	REROOF	JUAN & EDUVINA NAJERA	1724 SELDON AVE.	ALLSTATE ROOFING LLC	\$67.48	\$6,742
20130677	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	NM LOTS LLC	3587 SIERRA DEL SOL AVE.	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,947.80	\$169,740
20130678	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	NM LOTS LLC	3581 SIERRA DEL SOL AVE.	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$4,706.80	\$169,740
20130704	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES INC.	5099 GENESIS LANE	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$4,642.54	\$132,102
20130743	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	COMPASS BANK	4760 WHITNEY PLACE	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,917.98	\$152,274
20130744	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	COMPASS BANK	4756 WHITNEY PLACE	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,977.20	\$186,960
20130760	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC.	6051 ATLAS ST.	NETSOLAR CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$3,150.94	\$288,722
20130761	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	JENNIE N. MONTOYA	1775 STANTON AVE.	JENNIE N. MONTOYA	\$51.33	\$4,000
20130699	RET ROCKWALL	LAS CRUCES HOTEL LTD PARTNERSHIP	705 S. TELSHOR BLVD.	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$629.55	\$12,591
20130659	ROCKWALL	RICHARD J. & ALMA D. WYMAN	4170 TELLBROOK ROAD	HERNANDEZ FENCING	\$144.05	\$2,881
20130661	ROCKWALL	BPS LLC	4705 RIMROCK DRIVE	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$83.55	\$1,671
20130662	ROCKWALL	BPS LLC	4729 RIMROCK DRIVE	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$78.40	\$1,568
20130663	ROCKWALL	BPS LLC	4725 RIMROCK DRIVE	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$82.10	\$1,642
20130667	ROCKWALL	PHILIP M. & MARLA J. ARELLANO	5078 MIDWAY AVE.	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$164.65	\$3,293
20130668	ROCKWALL	PHILIP M. & MARLA J. ARELLANO	5070 MIDWAY AVE.	ROKAS CONSTRUCTION	\$105.85	\$2,117
20130688	ROCKWALL	SIERRA NORTE DEVELOPMENT INC.	6051 ATLAS ST.	M. AND M. INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTORS	\$156.80	\$3,136
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20130758	ROCKWALL	CHRIS ARMENDARIZ	330 WALL AVE.	CHRIS ARMENDARIZ	\$46.55	\$931

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Briefs

Small businesses helping small businesses

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces will be offering a new program called "Small Businesses Helping Small Businesses" as part of its 2013 Our Business is Your Success campaign. The program is open to current small business members (10 employees or less) who are asked to recruit five new businesses to join the Hispano Chamber by July 31 in exchange for a free membership to the Hispano Chamber for 2014.

The newly recruited businesses will then be invited to participate in a small business roundtable discussion every quarter to discuss

the issues impacting them. In addition, these new businesses will be offered new information and training that can be accessed through various advisory recommendations from critical components of the business community, such as the lending industry, health professionals, governmental agencies and small business workshops.

Chamber President Kirk Clifton said, "this is part of our continued outreach to an often overlooked sector of the local and national economy – small business. Our members and their needs are very important to the Hispano Chamber and we are committed to continue advocating for small business and all business throughout Las Cruces and the region."

Contact the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces at 524-8900 for additional information.

High Tech Consortium announces luncheon

This month's High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico membership meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 702 S. Telshor Blvd.

Featured speaker will be Davin Lopez, president and CEO of Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA). Lopez' presentation will address ongoing MVEDA initiatives to attract technology-focused enterprises to the Mesilla Valley.

Membership meetings are free to the public and anyone interested in growing technology in southern New Mexico is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Terry Jack at 522-3868 or email terry@imac.us.com.

NAI Global honors NAI 1st Valley, McMillan

One of Las Cruces' leading real estate brokerages won top honors and its founder, local businessman Randy McMillan, won major honors at the NAI Global 2011 Convention in Las Vegas, Nev.

NAI 1st Valley won the NAI Global Eagle Award for Tertiary Markets. The award is given to the company with a "composite of leadership, capital and resources, and a demonstrated commitment to quality, the desire and energy to grow and a sharing of the NAI Global Vision for excellence in commercial real estate services." NAI 1st Valley General Manager Louis Edwards said he was especially proud of "Randy's leadership, the hard work of great brokers and the crew who makes it all happen – 1st Valley is a great family."

McMillan, NAI First Valley's owner and qualifying broker, was named the Top Producer for Tertiary Markets. McMillan said he believes the networking opportunities of NAI Global gives him the opportunity to match Las Cruces properties with investors around the world.

McMillan was joined at the convention by Walter "the Leasing Machine" Skowronski, Broker; Louis Edwards; Jake Redfearn, broker and Senior Executive Assistant Laura Verburg.

This year's convention included

presentations by new NAI Global President Jay Olshansky, CIII Principal Andrew Farkus and Henry Silverman – Guggenheim Partners Global Head of Real Estate.

National Guard announces awards ceremony

The New Mexico National Guard will hold its annual Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Awards Friday, Feb. 22. The awards are given to local employers for supporting their employees who are members of the Guard and Reserve, as well as others who have supported the program. The event will take place at the New Mexico National Guard Armory, 249 Armory Road at 2 p.m. Dress is business casual. For more information, call 647-2400.

New Lincoln County Extension agent no stranger to agriculture

New Mexico State University's new agricultural agent with the Cooperative Extension Service in Carrizozo is ready to bring fresh ideas and fun, educational programs to Lincoln County, along with knowledge gained through years of personal experience participating in Extension activities when she was young.

Growing up in Sierra County, Audra Lyon actively participated in 4-H and FFA – showing a variety of animals and livestock – and took part in shooting sports activities. She and her family also raised animals on a farm, including Brangus cattle.

"I'm really excited to be in this position," Lyon said. "I believe I bring a lot of background and hands-on knowledge to the role of agricultural agent and will be a good asset to the county. My goal is to build on the past successes of the Extension program and bring in some new ideas that will hopefully spark new interest and participation in what Extension offers."

Lyon, who graduated from NMSU in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in animal science, is continuing a family pattern of working with Extension; her father, Albert Lyon, was an agricultural agent in Sierra County, and her sister, Aspen Achen, is the county program director in De Baca County. Lyon's mother, Jan Lyon, served as a 4-H volunteer in Sierra County for many years.



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Water woes continue

Valley prognosticators prepare for limited irrigation allocation

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Most indicators warn that irrigation farmers should prepare for a short surface-water supply for the coming season, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the National Water and Climate Center.

Based on reports the two agencies are working with, the Rio Grande flow at San Marcial this spring is forecast for 197,000 acre-feet, or 39 percent of normal. San Marcial is a NRCS station located above Elephant Butte Reservoir.

"With the snow pack runoff we're looking at now, water users should be planning for a limited irrigation allocation," said Wayne Sleep, NRCS hydrologic technician.

The snow pack for the Rio Grande Basin

is 75 percent of normal, a decrease from 85 percent last year for this period of time, the agencies reported.

Elephant Butte Reservoir continues to decline, and the last measurement was 183,000 acre-feet, compared with 333,300 last year at this time and about 14 percent of the 30-year average of 1.3 million acre-feet, according to the combined agencies' reports.

Most of the basin reservoirs' storage also continues to decline. The latest recording was the total 585,000 acre-feet, a drop from last year's recording at this time of 896,700 acre-feet. The figure is only 29 percent of the 30-year average of 2,008,900 acre-feet.

Winter precipitation was 65 percent of normal, but most of it was rain.

The climate center forecast weather models indicate that winter storms will probably pass around New Mexico.

"Many models indicate that the dry pattern will probably continue to dominate through the spring, which will not be favorable for building snow packs as we head toward our normal snow pack period," the report said.

Last ditch enterprise

NMSU to present a global perspective in acequia symposium

By **Jay Rodman**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico takes pride in its acequias, the age-old system of ditch irrigation – and social organization – especially prevalent in the northern part of the state.

But this approach is actually not unique to the region, nor are the challenges faced by residents involved in acequia-supported agricultural activities.

With this in mind, New Mexico State University will host a unique two-day symposium, “Acequias and the Future of Resilience in Global Perspective,” Saturday and Sunday, March 2-3, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

The term “resilience” in this context refers to the ability of ecosystems to recover from extreme circumstances, such as the prolonged droughts and higher temperatures anticipated as Earth’s climate changes.

“Given the similarities among ditch irrigation systems in many parts of the world, we have developed a program with international scope,” said Sam Fernald, New Mexico Water Resources Research Institute interim director and a professor in NMSU’s Department of Animal and Range Sciences. “We are looking for clues to sustainability from our acequias here in New Mexico and their analogs around the world. Presenters will address issues relating our system to ones in Mexico, Peru, Chile, Spain, Morocco and Bali.”

While many of the scheduled presenters and panelists take a scholarly approach to the topic, the organizers stress that the event is meant to appeal to a wide variety of participants.

“In addition to scholars and students, our target audience includes parciantes – the farmers and ranchers who are the users of acequia-supplied water – environmentalists, elected officials, policy makers, journalists and the general New Mexican public,” said co-organizer Sylvia Rodriguez, a professor emerita of anthropology at the University of New Mexico.

“I believe this may be the first such event to place the multidisciplinary study of acequias in a comparative global context,” she said. “It will also bring scholars and activists together to talk about future research and policy agendas during a special workshop on Sunday afternoon.”

The Sunday workshop is being coordinated by Quita Ortiz of the New Mexico Acequia Association and Jose Rivera, a research scholar at UNM.

The symposium is an outgrowth of a \$1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation through its Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems Program. Fernald is the lead investigator on that grant, which fosters an integrated approach to issues.

The symposium will incorporate not only biophysical and ecological dimensions, but also the interacting sociocultural and economic factors.

In addition to NMSU, NM WRRI, NSF, UNM and NMAA, the symposium is supported by New Mexico Tech, NSF’s New Mexico Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research and Sandia National Laboratories.

The registration fee, which includes lunch both days, is \$50 for general admission, \$25 for students. Participants are strongly encouraged to register by Monday, Feb. 25, to ensure sufficient food and beverages.

For more specific information and to register, visit <http://globalperspectives2013.wrri.nmsu.edu/> or contact Bobbie Jo Fossberg at fossberg@nmsu.edu or 646-5141.

“We are looking for clues to sustainability from our acequias ...”

SAM FERNALD,
WRRI interim director



New Mexico’s acequias will be the subject of a two-day symposium at the Las Cruces Convention Center in early March.

A growing industry

Agriculture still vital part of New Mexico

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The agriculture industry continues to grow as the revenue during 2011 added more than \$613.5 million in field crops and livestock to the Doña Ana County business economy.

The information was reported by Terry L. Crawford of New Mexico State University, Department of Agriculture Economics and Business Service.

As a growth indicator, the county’s 2007 value of agriculture products was \$388,787,000, according to the department. The increase was traced to pecan revenue.

“In 2011, New Mexico orchard men produced 61 million pounds of pecans and 48 million pounds were produced in Doña Ana County,” Crawford said.

An increase in the Chinese market in recent years also brought more revenue to New Mexico pecan growers, he said.

In 2011, the pecan revenue ranked third in the state total at \$163 million, according to New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Bill Allen, president of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, commenting on the agriculture industry said:

“First off, we are an agricultural community. We shouldn’t lose sight of that. This industry is vital to our area in terms of employing residents and the investments and purchases that the farmers make here. The agriculture industry is the focus of the Chamber for 2013. We want to be of service to this group and help it grow.”

In 2011, state field crops and livestock cash receipts totaled \$4.2 billion, an increase of 21 percent from 2010, according to New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Another indicator of the importance of agriculture to the state economy, farmers and ranchers purchased \$2.32 million of supplies and services in 2011 to produce crops and livestock.

Livestock production increased to \$3.1 billion in 2011, up 27 percent from 2010. But the statistical report also noted that cattlemen were selling off breeding stock, because of the high cost of feed.



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Investing in futures at Schwab ribbon cutting

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Kathy Faubion and Laura Smart



Mayor Ken Miyagishima delivers a few words of praise for Jackie Mitchell Edwards prior to the ribbon cutting.



Gage Gilham from Charles Schwab in San Francisco and L.J. Roetzel from Charles Schwab in Orlando, Fla., attended the Thursday, Feb. 7, grand opening ceremony for the new Charles Schwab branch in Las Cruces, operated by Jackie Mitchell Edwards at 141-C S. Roadrunner Parkway.



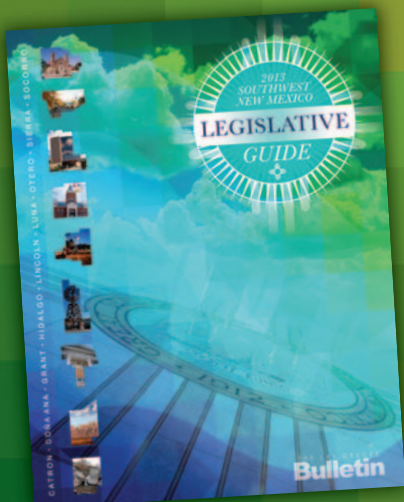
Independent Branch Leader Jackie Mitchell Edwards prepares to cut the ribbon at the new Charles Schwab branch.



Gilham, Roetzel and Edwards visit with Miyagishima while Avalon Coltharp looks on.

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Making connections at NMSU winter career event

Photos by Alta LeCompte

Computer science junior Alqassem Hussam and junior information science major Francisco Hatay visit with an HP recruiter at the New Mexico State University Career Connections Event Feb. 5 at the Corbett Center Student Union.



Jonathan Ybañez of State Farm outlines opportunities in El Paso and other communities for Rhonda Baldorado, a student at Doña Ana Community College who is exploring a career in business.



Marcie Martinez, Jennie Chavez and Birdie Sadberry, director of planning and administration – mechanical for BNSF in Ft. Worth, Texas, attended the career event to meet engineering students interested in transitioning to management careers.



Joshua Preston, associate National Bank examiner with the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency, acquaints NMSU students with entry-level bank examiner positions in his office.

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Waging the wrong war

Increasing minimum wage may not help those most in need



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

There is a move to increase the minimum wage in New Mexico.

At \$7.50, the minimum wage is already 25 cents above the national minimum wage. And the minimum wage in Santa Fe is \$10.29, the second highest in the nation, just behind San Francisco. Albuquerque voters just approved a minimum wage of \$8.50.

House Joint Resolution 6 would index the New Mexico minimum wage so that each July 1 those earning minimum wage would receive a wage sufficient to account for inflation. Meanwhile, Las Cruces City Council is considering enacting a new minimum wage.

The purpose behind these increases in minimum wage is to help the working poor, and I support this goal. I think that anyone who works 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year (with two weeks off for vacation) should earn more than the poverty line.

So, the question is not whether workers should earn a decent income, but how best to achieve that goal. Minimum wage, I would argue, is not the best way to do this. Minimum wages force employers to pay more for workers than they would otherwise, effectively acting like a tax on hiring.

For those workers who have a job, minimum wage is a good deal. A single worker can earn \$15,000 annually, well above the

poverty line. The problem comes for those workers who see their hours cut, are laid off, or never get hired in the first place after a minimum wage increase.

Moreover, minimum wage increases benefit all low-income workers, not just the working poor. The child of a physician, working a first job at McDonalds, benefits as much as a single mother of two trying to raise her children.

The better way to help the working poor is not to impose a tax but to subsidize employment. The mechanism for doing this is the earned income tax credit, a policy first proposed in its modern form by Milton Friedman (he called it the negative income tax), and supported by George McGovern and Ronald Reagan.

The earned income tax credit can be targeted to benefit the poor. It can be calibrated so those with large families receive larger benefits. As low-income workers gain skills and move up the wage ladder, the earned income tax credit phases out until the worker becomes a tax payer. Other programs have a kink when the worker reaches a particular income level. Don't work at all, you are eligible; get a job, you lose eligibility.

Imposing minimum wage laws at the state or local level introduces additional problems. If an employer can substantially drop their costs by moving business outside the city limits or across a state line, of course, they would be silly not to. Especially for a state like New Mexico, with a low-income workforce, the cost of unilaterally increasing employment costs would be disproportionately negative.

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First time buyer's market

First timers can purchase a home with \$500 down

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate
Connection



Since 1975, the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority (MFA) has helped upwards of 80,000 low- to-moderate-income New Mexicans become homeowners for the first time.

The programs are well promoted throughout the lending and real estate communities, and deliver straight-forward and easy to understand benefits to first-time homebuyers. While most first-timers are aware that "first-time buyer loans" exist, very few know that, in most cases, MFA buyers need only \$500 to close on a new or existing home.

Before we get into the meat of this subject, let's get some definitions out of the way. A first-time buyer is one who has not lived in a home he, she or they have owned during the past three years. A home is described as a single-family home, townhome, condominium or permanently attached mobile home that is taxed as real estate. People who own a manufactured home and the land on which it sits will also be considered first-timers if the home is not permanently attached to the ground and not taxed as real estate.

On the other hand, people who own a multi-unit apartment complex and live in one of the units would not be considered first-timers.

The term "first-time buyer loan" is really a misnomer. First-timers who qualify for regular VA, FHA, Rural Housing and conventional loans, through local MFA approved lending institutions and who meet the MFA program guidelines, are eligible for downpayment and closing cost assistance. Local lenders qualify the buyers and make the loans. MFA simply adds the first-time buyer features. Here's an example of how the programs work:

A first-timer contracts to purchase a \$150,000 home. A Las Cruces area lender approves the buyer for a typical FHA loan that requires a downpayment of 3.5 percent of the purchase price. That's \$5,250. Add to that

another couple thousand dollars for closing costs and the total amount of cash required to close climbs to about \$7,250.

The next step is to determine which MFA program best closes the \$6,750 gap between the \$7,250 required to close and the \$500 the buyer is actually putting up. The buyer has three first mortgage and three second mortgage programs to choose from. All MFA programs require that first mortgages be 30-year, fixed-rate products.

One of the first mortgage programs, the Mortgage Saver Plus, gives the buyer a grant that's equal to 3.5 percent of the buyer's loan amount. The grant never has to be paid back – ever. If the amount of the grant isn't sufficient to bridge the cash gap, as is the case in our scenario, buyers can instead use a combination of first and second mortgage programs to get the job done.

A good example is the Helping Hand Program. It's a second mortgage of \$8,000, and is for households in which a member has an ADA disability. In our case, the buyer would need a loan of only \$6,750 to close the gap. This loan includes a bonus. MFA will forgive the entire balance, reducing it by 20 percent per year during the sixth through 10th years.

MFA can use grants or various combinations of first and second mortgage programs to bridge just about whatever gap may exist between the downpayment and closing costs required by the regular loan program and MFA's \$500 downpayment. If you have a steady job, \$500 bucks and a 620 or better credit score, it may be well worth your while to check out these programs. Especially since Las Cruces home prices are hovering at prices not seen since the year 2000.

See you at closing.

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, broadcast each Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@gary-sandler.com.

Giving UP! to help youth

CFSNM receives comprehensive grant to end underage substance abuse

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) was notified earlier this month that the Unified Prevention! (UP!) Coalition for a Drug-Free Doña Ana County, an initiative within the CFSNM, will be awarded a grant to reduce underage drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse by youth and young adults.

The three-year Partnerships for Success II (PFS II) grant providing \$128,300 per year to the CFSNM for UP! was awarded by OptumHealth New Mexico (OHNM), which serves as the award's fiscal agent for the state. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) PFS II grant is housed in the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), in the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) of the Human Services Department (HSD).

The PFS II grant will require the CFSNM to address two of the nation's

top substance-abuse-prevention priorities in high need communities – underage drinking among youth ages 12 to 20 and prescription drug misuse and abuse among youth and adults ages 12 to 25. As a grant recipient, the CFSNM and UP! are required to participate in and use the Strategic Prevention Framework planning model to include: needs assessment, capacity building, strategic planning, implementation and evaluation with cultural competency and sustainability infused into each step. Year one will focus on needs assessment and capacity building.

Year two to three will focus on planning, implementation and evaluation. Doña Ana, Grant, Lea, Luna and McKinley counties currently are participating in PFS II.

UP! was created as an initiative within the CFSNM when the foundation received a five year grant from SAMHSA and the need for prevention services

among youth was increasing.

Between April 2010 and April 2011, the Las Cruces Police Department and Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office made a combined 289 arrests for minors in possession of alcohol (MIP), and of those arrests, 149 were youth under the age of 17.

UP! works with coalition partners to end substance use and abuse among area youth while highlighting the seriousness of underage drinking, including the fact that a young person's brain and body are still growing, and drinking alcohol can cause learning problems or lead to adult alcoholism. People who begin drinking by age 15 are five times more likely to abuse or become dependent on alcohol than those who begin drinking after age 20.

UP! representatives will attend the first PFS II recipient meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 26-27, at Partners in Wellness in Los Lunas.

The New Mexico HSD/BHSD/OSAP and OHNM support a comprehensive system of prevention services that are community driven, strategically focused, research based and culturally relevant to individuals, families and communities in New Mexico. These services are designed to contribute to the health, safety and economic well-being of people in New Mexico by reducing the incidence of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and related problems.

Details

The public is invited to attend monthly UP! meetings at 10:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at 301 S. Church St. in the boardroom to provide and find resources to end underage drinking and binge drinking.

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the Foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information 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.



LEGAL NOTICES

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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,
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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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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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

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
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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

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Lots 56, 57 and 58, Block 1, Peterson Place, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on April 15, 1909, in Book 3 Page(s) 29 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1022 North Armijo Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 20, 2012 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged

to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$128,145.43 plus interest from September 17, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 18, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$103,718.82 and the same bears interest at 6.875% per annum from December 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,738.71. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00092

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka

Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

JASON T. CROWSON, and if married, JANE DOE CROWSON (true name unknown), his spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 27, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1500 Roberts Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate 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.

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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Pub # 12675
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NOTICE is hereby given that on July 6, 2012, John Clayshulte on behalf of the Clayshulte Brothers, Box 113, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered 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 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 post-marked 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' 24.16"N, 106° 38' 28.03"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° 56' 28.84"N, 106° 38' 29.87"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 Doris Fulbright, and also to combine water rights as recorded and on file with the State Engineer in files 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




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.

Pub # 12509
Dates 11/9/12 - 6/28/13

LEGAL NOTICES

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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 post-marked 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

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:

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.00deg.22'53"W., a distance of 305.84 feet to a ½" iron rod set for this tract;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.68deg.51'22"E., a distance of 445.66 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.21deg.08'37"W., a distance of 43.55 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

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 set for this tract;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.68deg.51'22"E., a distance of 445.66 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N.21deg.08'37"W., a distance of 43.55 feet to a ½" iron rod set for a corner;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, 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 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 # 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 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,

v.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEWISEES, 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, Devises, 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
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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, 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 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 the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12691
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 2012, Jason Franzoy, HC 60 Box 33-B, Hatch, NM 87937 filed application numbered LRG-3956 POD2, OSE File No. LRG-3956-1, with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-3956, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°41'15.008"N, 107°13'34.586"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, and drilling a new well, LRG-3956 POD2, to a depth of 70 feet with 18 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°41'14.932"N, 107°13'34.269"W WGS84, on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 38.84 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the Pt. NW1/4 of Section 02, Township 19 South, Range 04 West NMPM, as described

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 the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

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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 04 West NMPM, as described

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Pub # 12692
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

by Subfile Order No.: LRR-28-006-0011 of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico. The site for proposed well, LRG-3956 POD2, is located northwest of Hatch, approximately 0.75 miles northwest of B.B. Romig and Sunday Dr., and is further identified by the physical address of 801 Sunday Drive. Existing well LRG-3956 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and post-marked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12692
Dates 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 2013

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

SA 2013-02
Judge: Macias

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BERNICE B. ESCOBEDO FOR THE ADOPTION OF A CHILD

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: YOU are hereby notified that the above-named Petitioner has filed in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, a verified Petition seeking to adopt a child.

You must file an Answer or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Complaint will be granted.

GRACE B. DURAN
Attorney for Petitioner
705 N. Alameda Blvd.
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

LEGAL NOTICES

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

No. D-307-CV-2013-00018

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROBERT L. MONTOYA AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF ROBERT L. MONTOYA, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant Robert L. Montoya.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5991 Cortez Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 37 of Hacienda Acres (Revised), Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Hacienda Acres (Revised), filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 22, 1961 in Plat Book 8, Folio 77.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE CASTLE LAW GROUP,
LLC

By:
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of February, 2013.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02878

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**WILLIAM E. MCCOY AKA
WILLIAM MCCOY AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
WILLIAM E. MCCOY AKA
WILLIAM MCCOY, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendant The Unknown Spouse of William E. McCoy aka William McCoy, if any.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1835 Ash Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 25, Block 6, of Unit No. 9 Loma Heights South, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on August 27, 1973 in Plat Book 11, at Page(s) 62-63 as Plat No. 785, records of Doña Ana County.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
THE CASTLE LAW GROUP,
LLC

By:

Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven J. Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the HONORABLE JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7th day of February, 2013.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

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

Case No. D-307-CV-201201921

**PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**DINA E. VALLE AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
DINA E. VALLE, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to the above-named Defendants Dina E. Valle and the Unknown Spouse of Dina E. Valle, if any.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 4672 Mesita Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 13 in Block numbered E of PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said PARKHILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1997 Masterpiece doublewide, VIN No. MP154526AB, License Plate Number 6999MHL.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the First Amended Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd.
1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400

By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District

Unless you serve a pleading or

motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney For Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19th day of October, 2012.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01037

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

AURORA CHAVEZ; SAMMY CHAVEZ if living; If deceased, THE ESTATE OF SAMMY CHAVEZ, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES OR LEGATEES OF RICHARD R. CLOUD, Deceased; WALLACE A. GARVEY; CAROL A. GARVEY; BAHNS BANK OF AMERICA FSB; and TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Sammy Chavez if living; if deceased, The Estate of Sammy Chavez, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises and Legatees of Sammy Chavez, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1035 East Poplar Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 4 in Block C of Washington Heights, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Washington Heights, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on July 25, 1957 in Plat Book 7, Folio 57.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the First Amended Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd.
1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400

By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 1997 Masterpiece doublewide, VIN No. MP154526AB, License Plate Number 6999MHL.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the First Amended Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd.
1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400

By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District

Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:

Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd.
1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 248-2400

January 31, 2013
By /s/ Cody R. Lujan
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of Ne Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 5th day of February, 2013.

(SEAL)

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01037

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

AURORA CHAVEZ; SAMMY CHAVEZ if living; If deceased, THE ESTATE OF SAMMY CHAVEZ, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGATEES OF SAMMY CHAVEZ, Deceased, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Sammy Chavez if living; if deceased, The Estate of Sammy Chavez, Deceased and The Unknown Heirs, Devises and Legatees of Sammy Chavez, Deceased is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1930 Mahogany Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 38, Block (17), UNIT NO. 11 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 805 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on January 24, 1975, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 8-9, Plat Records.

That unless you respond to the First Amended Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd., 1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, 505-248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 4th day of February, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT (SEAL)

By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

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

Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 6th day of February, 2013.

(SEAL)

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 12701
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. D-307-CV-2011-02733**

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

THE ESTATE OF WESTON C. WOLFE, Deceased, and if married, JANE DOE WOLFE, (true name unknown), his spouse; UMEKO WOLFE, Personally and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Weston C. Wolff, Deceased; CLIFFORD CHRISTIAN WOLFF; CHRISTINA RENE WOLFF; KIMBERLY ANNE WOLFF; TAMELA KAY WOLFF; and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVEISES AND LEGATEES OF WESTON C. WOLFF, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs, Devises and Legatees of Weston C. Wolff, Deceased

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1930 Mahogany Drive, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot 38, Block (17), UNIT NO. 11 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 805 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on January 24, 1975, and recorded in Book 12, Pages 8-9, Plat Records.

That unless you respond to the First Amended Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, Ltd., 1700 Louisiana NE, Suite 300, Albuquerque, NM 87110, 505-248-2400.

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 4th day of February, 2013.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT (SEAL)

By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

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

COURT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01235

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

vs.

NESTOR TORRES and BLASA TORRES, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1003 4th Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

THE SOUTH ½ OF LOT 7 AND ALL OF LOT 8, BLOCK 4, PALMERS SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 7, 1912, IN BOOK 4 PAGE 44 PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on March 22, 2013, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 6, 2013, in the principal sum of \$43,461.70, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through February 1, 2013, in the amount of \$4,177.80 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$9.16 per diem, plus late charges of \$231.57, plus escrow advances of \$1,040.11, plus fee and cost advances in the amount of \$1,935.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$784.17, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 7.690% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

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

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

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

COURT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02505

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

vs.

JENNIFER GUERRA and ABRAHAM R. GUERRA, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5013 Kensington, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 7, BLOCK A, RINCON MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 3, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 2, 2007, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 210-211 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on March 20, 2013, in front of the main entrance to the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 5, 2013, in the principal sum of \$170,986.87, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through February 1, 2013, in the amount of \$8,620.59 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.46 per diem, plus late charges of \$280.14, plus escrow advances of \$1,880.07, plus property preservation costs of \$90.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$496.90, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.000% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-02528

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

vs.

GARY E. SULLIVAN and CAROL SULLIVAN, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 2802 San Elizario Court, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 494, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE 1, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4509 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 22, PAGES 83-91, PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:50 a.m. on March 22, 2013, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on February 6, 2013, in the principal sum of \$163,990.51, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through January 1, 2013, in the amount of \$6,832.90 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$22.46 per diem, plus late charges of \$280.14, plus escrow advances of \$1,880.07, plus property preservation costs of \$90.00, plus reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$950.00, and costs through January 1, 2013, in the sum of \$496.90, with interest on the aforesaid amounts at the rate of 5.000% per annum from date of the entry of this Judgment until paid.

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-00289

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., successor in interest by purchase from the FDIC as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., Plaintiff,

vs.

ELMER L. SCHROEDER, JR., and, if married, JANE DOE SCHROEDER (true name unknown), his spouse; BRENDA SCHROEDER, and, if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse; COMPASS BANK, successor in interest by merger to State National Bank; ELMER L. SCHROEDER, SR.; SHIRLEY SCHROEDER; FRISTOE AND COMPANY, P.A.; NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS; TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 13, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6000 Dry Canyon Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 6, PICACHO CANYON ESTATES, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 3205 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MARCH 19, 1999, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 19, PAGE 253, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 6, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$165,594.36 and the same bears interest at 6.000% per annum from September 16, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$4,872.56. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit

its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-02171

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD N. OWEN and, if married, JANE DOE OWEN, (True Name Unknown), his spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 13, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 309 Richard Avenue,

Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 9, BLOCK B, ALAMEDA ESTATES SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 607 THEREOF, FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 20, 1964, AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9, PAGE 19, PLAT RECORDS.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 5, 2013, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$87,808.24 and the same bears interest at 7.500% per annum from February 1, 2013, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$739.75. 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

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PROCLAMACIÓN ENMENDADO PARA ELEGIR AL CONSEJO DE DIRECTORES

Fecha de la elección:
el martes, 2 de abril de 2013

El martes, 2 de abril de 2013 tendrá lugar una elección regular de la Autoridad de Agua Pública del Río Grande Más Bajo (la Autoridad).

El propósito de esta elección será: (1) elegir a siete (7) miembros del Consejo de Directores, uno para representar cada uno de los siete (7) distritos de la Autoridad. También, (2) los miembros de la Autoridad que votan van a decidir si se cambie o no la Sección 2.02 H del documento de gobierno de la Autoridad así [el propósito del cambio está en letras bastardillas; las palabras nuevas del documento están subrayadas]:

“SECCIÓN 2.02. Cuerpo de Gobierno, Párrafo H

H. Miembros del Consejo de Directores no recibirán ni salario ni otro dinero por su servicio. La Autoridad puede reembolsar a directores por gastos que se les incurran mientras estén cumpliendo servicios de parte de la Autoridad si aprueba esto antes el Consejo, según Política y Procedimientos de la Autoridad. Se puede reembolsar a un director por las millas que viaja para asistir a una reunión planeada del Consejo.”

Una persona puede establecer una declaración de candidato para servir como director por dejar esa declaración escrita en la oficina de la Autoridad situada en 521 Calle de Valentine, La Mesa, NM para las 5:00 de la tarde el martes, 19 de febrero de 2013. Los que quieren ser candidatos pueden verificar su elegibilidad, o establecer su elegibilidad, por hablar con Martín López, el oficial de elección/gerente general de la Autoridad.

Ésta es la primera elección para elegir a directores del Consejo; por eso, se necesita seleccionar a un director de cada uno de los siete (7) distritos de la Autoridad. Se puede votar en dos lugares:

1. La oficina de la Mesa del Este, 9774 Butterfield Blvd., en la comunidad de Butterfield Park, Las Cruces, NM; o
2. El Centro de la Comunidad de El Cerro, 180 La Fe, Mesquite, NM.

Cada lugar estará abierta el día de la elección, el martes, 2 de abril de 2013, desde las 7:00 de la mañana hasta las 7:00 de

la tarde,

Se terminará la registración para votar a las 5:00 de la tarde, el lunes, 4 de marzo de 2013. Los miembros de la Autoridad pueden verificar o establecer su elegibilidad de votar por hablar con Martín López, el oficial de elección/gerente general de la Autoridad, para esa fecha e hora.

Para registrarse para votar, uno necesita:

1. Ser dueño de una parcela que está situada en el área nombrada oficialmente de la Autoridad;
2. Recibir o servicio de agua o de albañal de la Autoridad; y
3. Ser miembro de la Autoridad según las reglas de la Política y Procedimientos de la Autoridad.

Para Votar Temprano (balota avanzada): Hay que presentarse en la oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM [County Complex of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM] entre el 8 de marzo - 29 de marzo de 2013, durante las horas regulares de operación.

Para Votar en Ausencia: Es necesario conseguir una forma oficial de balota de ausencia del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM, o por correo o por mensaje telefónico [575-647-7428]. También se puede pasar por la oficina del Oficinista durante las horas regulares de operación desde el viernes, 8 de marzo hasta las 5:00 de la tarde el viernes, 29 de marzo de 2013 para recoger una balota de ausencia. Comenzando el 8 de marzo se mandará la balota de ausencia por correo.

El Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM tiene que recibir todas las balotas de ausencia llenadas competa para el 2 de abril de 2013 durante las horas regulares de operación. Se puede enviar la balota por correo o dejarla personalmente en la oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM.

La oficina del Oficinista del Contado de Doña Ana, NM contará todas las balotas avanzadas y de ausencia; y también todas las balotas echadas el día de la elección el 2 de abril de 2013. Balota de ausencia llenadas competa tiene que recibir para las 7:00 de las tarde.

Esta proclamación enmendada publicada por orden del Consejo de Directores de la Autoridad de Agua Pública del Río Grande Más Bajo este 1 de febrero de 2013.

AMENDED PROCLAMATION FOR ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election Date:
Tuesday, April 2, 2013

On Tuesday, April 2, 2013, there shall be a regular election of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority (Authority).

The purpose of the election is to elect seven (7) members to the board of directors of the Authority, and to submit a question to the voters regarding a proposed amendment to Section 2.02 H. of the Authority's Governance Document.

The positions on the board to be filled are for seven (7) members to the board of directors, one to represent each of the seven (7) Authority voting districts.

The question to be submitted to the voters reads as follows (proposed changes are in italics, strike-thru indicates deletion, underline indicates new language):

“SECTION 2.02. Governing Body, Paragraph H

H. Members of the Board of Directors shall receive neither stipend nor any other compensation for their services. Directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred by activities or functions performed as part of their service as members of the Board of Directors, as pre-approved by the Board of Directors or as set forth in the Authority's Policies and Procedures. Travel to scheduled meetings of the Board of Directors is not considered a reimbursable expense for mileage.”

Declarations of candidacy for the positions may be filed in the La Mesa Office of the Authority, 521 St. Valentine, La Mesa, New Mexico no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013. Potential candidates may contact the Authority Election Official, General Manager Martin Lopez to verify or establish their eligibility prior to that date and time.

This is the initial election for members of the board of directors of the Authority, and all seven (7) positions are to be filled. Two consolidated polling places for Authority districts 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 will be located at the Authority's East Mesa Office, 9774 Butterfield Boulevard, Butterfield Park, New Mexico and the Del Cerro Community Center, 180 La Fe, Mesquite, New Mexico.

Each polling place will be open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013.

The voter registration list of the Authority shall be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2013. Authority members may contact the Authority Election Official, General Manager Martin Lopez to verify or establish their status as an eligible voter prior to that date and time.

In order to register with the Authority as an eligible voter, a person must:

- (1) Own real property within the Authority's recorded designated service area;
- (2) Receive services provided by the Authority to that property; and
- (3) Be a member as defined in the Governance Document of the Authority

Absentee and Early Voting: Applications for absentee ballots may be made only on a form available from the Doña Ana County Clerk. Applications may be requested by mail or telephone message directed to the Doña Ana County Clerk's business office at the County Complex of Doña Ana County, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico, telephone 575-647-7428. Applications for absentee ballots may also be obtained in person at the Clerk's office beginning Friday, March 8, 2013 during normal business hours until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013. Absentee ballots will be mailed commencing March 8, 2013. Completed absentee ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Completed absentee ballots may be delivered by mail or courier, or may be delivered in person to the Clerk's office during regular business hours from March 8 through April 2, 2013. Early voting will be held in the Doña Ana County Clerk's office from March 8 through March 29, 2013 during regular business hours. The office of the County Clerk will tabulate all early and in-person absentee ballots, and all ballots cast on April 2nd at the two polling locations.

This amended proclamation is made and published by order of the Board of Directors of the Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority this 1st day of February, 2013.

Roberto Nieto, Board Chair

Pub # 12708
Dates 2/15, 2013

MESILLA VALLEY PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority invites the public to review and provide comments on the proposed FY 2014 Annual Plan, including the Capital Fund Program (CFP). Management Staff will conduct a Public Hearing as follows:

Hearing Date and Time:
March 22, 2013 from 3-4 p.m.

Location:
Conference Room –
Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority
926 S. San Pedro,
Las Cruces, NM 88001

The proposed FY 2014 Annual Plan and supporting documents, including the CFP, will be available for public review at the Administrative Office as indicated above. Reasonable accommodations will be provided as necessary.

Public Review and Comment Period:
February 1, 2013 through March 22, 2013
Business hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Comments concerning the proposed FY 2014 Annual Plan can be given orally at the Public Hearing or written comments can be submitted during the review period to:

Robbie R. Levey,
Executive Director
926 S. San Pedro
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone: (575) 528-2000
Fax Number: (575) 526-8452

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NOTICIA PÚBLICA

La Autoridad de Vivienda de Mesilla Valley invita al público a revisar y proporcionar sus comentarios para la propuesta del Plan de la Agencia del FY 2014, incluyendo el Programa del Fondo de Capital. Los Manejadores Administrativos de la Autoridad de Vivienda van a conducir una Audiencia Pública como se indica abajo:

Fecha y Hora de la Audiencia Pública:
22 de Marzo del 2013 de las 3:00 p.m. hasta las 4:00 p.m.

Lugar:
Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Salon de Consulta
926 S. San Pedro,
Las Cruces, NM 88001

La propuesta del Plan de la Agencia del 2014 y los documentos de apoyo estarán disponibles al público en la Oficina Administrativa como se indica arriba.

Periodo de Revisión y Comentarios:
Del 1 de Febrero del 2013 al 22 de Marzo del 2013 durante las horas de negocio que son de las 7:30 a.m. hasta 4:30 p.m. de Lunes a Viernes.

Comentarios en referencia al

Plan de la Agencia del 2014 podrán hacerse verbalmente en la Audiencia Pública o entregarlos por escrito durante el periodo de revisión a:

Robbie R. Levey,
Directora Ejecutiva
926 S. San Pedro
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Telephone (575) 528-2000
Fax Number (575) 526-8452

Si necesita una acomodación especial para usar nuestros servicios, por favor llame al 575-528-2000 a lo menos 24 horas antes del evento.

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Dates 2/15, 2013

HATCH VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FEBRUARY 5TH, 2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
DISTRICT 1	
ELVA J. GARAY	164
STEVEN BERNARD BOUVET JR	90
ARTHUR J. TARIN	42
DISTRICT 4	
BOBBY R. CORDERO	138
CHRISTOPHER A. MONTEZ	154
FOR	214
AGAINST	44
FOR	168
AGAINST	85

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GADSDEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FEBRUARY 5TH, 2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
DISTRICT 2	
JENNIFER M. VIRAMONTES	22
DISTRICT 5	
STEPHEN RANDALL MONCRIEF	69
CRAIG E. FORD	85

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Dates 2/15, 2013

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION FEBRUARY 5TH, 2013 OFFICIAL RESULTS

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
DISTRICT 1	
BRIAN KING MARSHALL	66
CHUCK DAVIS	221
LENWOOD P. HAMPTON	86
DISTRICT 2	
BARBARA S. HALL	93
MARIA A FLORES	641
BEVERLY K. HINE	209

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Dates 2/15, 2013

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on March 4, 2013:



City of Las Cruces

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

INVITATION BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)/REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Pavement Replacement	12-13-408	Mandatory February 26, 2013 / 2:00 pm 700 N. Main, Rm 2104, Las Cruces, NM	March 12, 2013 / 2:00 pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations:
<http://www.govbids.com/scripts/nm1/public/OpenBids/viewopentitles1.asp?agency=1757&AgencyName=City+of+Las+Cruces>

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Section, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Unless otherwise noted above, copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

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Dates 2/15, 2013

LEGAL NOTICES

Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

1. Council Bill No. 13-023; Ordinance No. 2678: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on 4.412+ Acres of Land Located 2600 S. Valley Drive. Submitted by Borderland Engineers and Surveyors, LLC on Behalf of Reliance Lodging, LLC, Property Owner (Z2857).

2. Council Bill No. 13-024; Ordinance No. 2679: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) on 4.412+ Acres of Land Located on 10 Different Parcels and a Portion of One (1) Other Parcel Located on the Northeast Corner of Main Street and Picacho Avenue. Submitted by Bohannon Huston, Inc. (Z2858).

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 13th day of February 2013.

Esther Martinez-Carrillo, CMC City Clerk

Pub # 12713 Dates 2/15, 2013



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Proposals at 2:00 p.m. local time in the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Admin. Office located in Bldg "C" Room 101 Academic Research Center at 1620 Standley Drive Las Cruces, NM for the following:

Request for Proposal #: 201302010-P Reidlinger Science Classroom Building Re-roof

Proposal Due Date: 03/28/13 @ 2:00 PM (local time)

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Conference Room 201 in the Classroom Building located on the NMSU Alamogordo Campus on Thursday February 28, 2013 at 1:30 PM

Proposal documents will be available on Friday February 15, 2013 from the Offices of Williams Design Group Inc 1014 S. Main St. Las Cruces, NM Tel: 575-528-0022.

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scquest.ionwave.net/prod/>

Default.aspx?company=nmsu
Pub # 12714
Dates 2/15, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on January 18, 2013, Dipp Farms, LLC., 100 N. Ochoa, El Paso, TX 79901, together with AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co, filed application numbered LRG-1674 POD7 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by drilling supplemental well LRG-1674 POD7 to an approximate depth of 1,100 feet with a 16-inch casing, located within the SW1/4 SW1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E, and more specifically at Lat/Long: 32°00'45.05"N 106°37'49.14"W WGS84, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement wells LRG-1674 and LRG-1674 POD5, located within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E and well LRG-1674-S, located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Sec.28, T26S, R3E and well LRG-1674 POD6, located within NW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Sec. 27, T26S, R3E, all on land owned by applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irri-

gation of 363.41 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 and SE1/4 of projected Section 28, T 26S, R 3E, Pt. SW1/4 of projected Section 27, T 26S, R 3E, and Pt. NW1/4 Pt. SW1/4 Pt. NE1/4 and Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 34, T 26S, R 3E, NMPM as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0151 & LRS-28-014-0156 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. Proposed well LRG-1674 POD7 will be located approximately 4,697 ft. north of the intersection of Dairy Farm Rd. and Washington St. The new well site may be found at the physical address of 800 Washington St.

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 post-marked 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 # 12716
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on February 5, 2013, Hucso Bolson Realty, Inc., 301 Paseo Real Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081, filed application numbered LRG-46 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change an Existing Water Right within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by drilling a supplemental well to a depth of 1,000 feet with 16-inch casing to be located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 0' 26.6"N, 106° 37' 19.2"W, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-46-S, located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and well LRG-46 POD3, located within the SE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 35, Township 26 South,

Range 3 East, NMPM, both on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 284.60 acres of land owned by the applicant, located within the E1/2 of Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM within the W1/2 of Section 35, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, and the SE1/4 of Section 27, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, NMPM, as described by Subfile No.: LRS-28-014-0202 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site for proposed supplemental LRG-46 POD4 is located west of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 1,100 feet south-southwest of the intersection of Green Meadows Road and Gannet Road.

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

Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and post-marked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12717
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 2013

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT**

No. DM 2012-1155
Judge Schultz

Julio R. Chavez, Petitioner,

vs.

Marcela A. Ogle, Respondent

NOTICE OF SUIT

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/ Dissolution of Marriage on the ground of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child support.

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted.

Julio R. Chavez
4400 Carter Dr.
Las Cruces, NM 88011

WITNESS the Honorable Lisa C. Schultz, District Judge of the Third Judicial Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County this 15th day of November, 2012.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
By: /s/ Maria Hayes
DEPUTY

Pub # 12718
Dates 2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 2013

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Stewardship saluted

Wolslager Foundation dedicated to student success at NMSU, DACC

By Julie M. Hughes
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The generosity of the Wolslager Foundation, which has been supporting non-traditional students through scholarships at New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College since 2002, was celebrated by the NMSU Foundation at a Stewardship Story Feb. 1.

The Wolslager Foundation has given more than \$2 million to support NMSU and DACC students. The foundation awards 70 scholarships to students at both campuses each year. The scholarships are available to full-time students at DACC and NMSU students who transferred from DACC to complete their undergraduate work.

Support from the foundation also has funded Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives, including the Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy or SEMAA, a partnership between the NMSU colleges of Education and Engineering. NMSU has been able to engage public school students in southern New Mexico in the fields of science, engineering, mathematics and technology.

The foundation also has made a difference in the lives of students in the NMSU College of Engineering summer PREP program. The Pre-Freshman Engineering Program is

an academically intensive six-week summer program for seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders that includes hands-on laboratory experiments and projects such as building robots and rockets.

"This is one of those stories that deserves recognition," said NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco. "It is an honor and a pleasure to celebrate this foundation and the work that they do. These scholarships make a difference in whether a student can finish their education."

Linda Aguirre, an NMSU student in special education and a recipient of the Wolslager Foundation Scholarship, said the scholarship made it possible for her to take care of her five children and keep going to school during difficult times.

"I am extremely honored to be a recipient of this scholarship. It has made such a positive impact in my life," Aguirre said.

Another scholarship recipient, Valarie Valencia, a senior majoring in business management, said the scholarship made it possible for her to get a bachelor's degree. Valencia said she had to work full time while earning her associate's degree at DACC and it took her five years. The Wolslager Scholarship made it possible for her to go to school full time while pursuing her bachelor's degree.

"Going to school full time makes such a difference," Valencia said. "I wouldn't have been able to get a bachelor's degree without this scholarship."

The Wolslager Foundation was established to improve the quality of life for individuals in the area where J.W. and the late Josephine S. Wolslager owned and operated their Coca-Cola bottling franchise. Since 1996, the Wolslager Foundation has distributed more



New Mexico State University photo

Stephen Wolslager, right, vice-president of the Wolslager Foundation, talks with scholarship recipient Colette Brunhoeber during a meet and greet for the foundation.

than \$38 million to more than 190 nonprofit organizations in southeastern Arizona, south-central New Mexico and West Texas.

Stephen Wolslager, the grandson of J.W. and Josephine and president of the foundation, said his grandfather reads every letter from scholarship recipients.

"It makes him feel good about helping these students with their future. He says it is the most rewarding thing he has been involved in in his life," Wolslager said. "It is important for people in the community to understand the obstacles that these students overcome to achieve their dreams."

In addition to Stephen Wolslager, board

members and officers of the foundation include: J.W. Wolslager Jr., founder; Shirley Rogers, treasurer and director; Trey Wolslager, director; and James A. Carter, director.

"It is important to identify individuals who are truly making a difference at NMSU through their gifts and we must honor them for their support," Dennis Prescott, NMSU vice president for university advancement and president of the NMSU Foundation, said.

This event is part of a series of Stewardship Stories to highlight the programs that have been established at the university thanks to the generosity of its donors.

NMSU welcomes scholarship

Fund honors California hospitality and tour entrepreneur

New Mexico State University's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management received a new endowed scholarship in honor of the late Giovanni DiPonzio, a Southern California businessman and owner of Giovanni Tours Inc. He passed away in 2010.

Max Myers, a member of the school's advisory board along

with his wife, Linda, took the initiative to start the endowment to honor their friend and professional colleague.

"Giovanni was a gifted and devoted professional who had so much passion for the hospitality and tourism profession. This endowment is a tribute to his work in the industry," Max Myers said.

The endowment was started with an initial gift from Max and Linda Myers, with additional contributions made by those who also remember DiPonzio's commitment to the industry. For the next five years, the Myers have pledged to grow the scholarship so that it reaches a total of \$10,000.

Janet Green, director of the School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management, said the endowment is significant to the students, but more importantly it preserves the legacy of a great individual.

"Those who had the opportunity to travel with Giovanni were students of the world, its culture and the intricacies of fine food and wine," Green said. "Max and Linda Myers, NMSU alumni, have provided great leadership in assisting students who want to walk in their shoes, by one day traveling and experiencing other cultures."

Linda Myers said DiPonzio became a friend to everyone who met him and he made a positive impression on people's lives. She said he made every effort to accommodate his clients and always exceeded people's expectations. "He had this special gift to make people feel special," Myers said.

“ Giovanni was a gifted and devoted professional who had so much passion for (his) profession. ”

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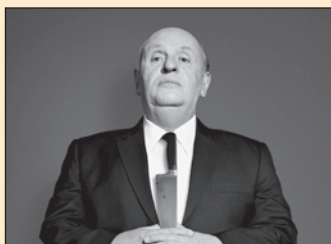
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For the Love of Art Show & Fair

Where

Las Cruces Convention Center
680 E. University Ave

When

- 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16

Cost

Free

Performance Schedule

Friday, Feb. 15

- 2 p.m. Frank Lovato
- 3 p.m. Anthony James
- 4 p.m. Yolanda Martinez

Saturday, Feb. 16

- 10:30 a.m. Alma d'arte Flamenco Dancers
- 11 a.m. Alma d'arte Choir
- 1 p.m. Laura Humphrey's Steel Drums
- 2 p.m. Percussion 10+1
- 3:45 p.m. Yolanda Martinez

Showing some love

FLOA show and fair comes to convention center

By Zak Hansen

Las Cruces Bulletin

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico has been a presence in the Las Cruces art community for the last 15 years, sponsoring a number of events, gallery shows, performances and studio tours throughout the year.

The annual jewel in ArtForms' crown is For the Love of Art Month, a 28-day celebration of all things art in the Mesilla Valley and surrounding areas.

Its pinnacle event, the For the Love of Art Show & Fair, held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, brings together artists and performers from across the region for a weekend dedicated to art lovers of all manners.

In the first 12 years of For the Love of Art Month's existence ArtForms never had a group show.

"For the past 12 years, we've had studio tours, theater shows, gallery shows and performances, but we were really waiting for the community to come together for one big function," said Cherie Gamboa, artist, jeweler and dedicated ArtForms member.

Three years ago, all that work and waiting finally paid off.

"In 2011, we had our first combined show, at the Amador Hotel, to see how many people would participate," Gamboa said. "We got a really positive response."

The following year, they went bigger.

"For the group show in 2012, we invited everyone," she said. "Artists from all over New Mexico, even El Paso, came to exhibit and sell their art at the convention center."

Unfortunately, a lack of publicity and a huge influx of eager artists held last year's show

back from its fullest potential.

"We really didn't have much publicity last year," Gamboa said, "and so many artists. There just wasn't enough of a crowd to support it, and none of the artists want to just sit around for two days."

Undeterred by this hiccup, ArtForms members set to work on making this year's Las Cruces Convention Center show better than ever.

"This year, the show is a little smaller, so we have just over 40 participating artists, and we've really worked to get the word out about it," she said.

Exhibitors at this year's show run the gamut, working in nearly every imaginable medium and style covering a wide berth of artistic expression.

"We have a lot of talent in Las Cruces," Gamboa said. "It's amazing, the variety of artists we have in our community."

Painters, sculptors, photographers, weavers – creators of all kind – will be on hand to proudly display not only their own works, but their support of the artistic community, as well.

"This show is a really great way to gather together artists and the community at large," Gamboa said.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, three artists will be honored for their contributions to the arts in Las Cruces – Bob Diven, Yolanda

Martinez and, in memoriam, Ramon Escalante. Additionally, Diven and Martinez will have art available at the show and will be on hand to discuss their current and past projects, for those interested in learning more about some of Las Cruces' best and brightest.

In addition to the more than 40 artists showing work, the weekend promises to be filled with all kinds of great local, live entertainment.

Performances by some of Las Cruces' most established musicians – and a few new faces – will keep crowds entertained while they browse the available wares. Musicians, singers, dancers and performing artists of all walks will show off their talents throughout the fair.

Gamboa said she is confident this year's show and fair will be a success and lead ArtForms head first into the future.

"We want to make For the Love of Art Month, and this show, bigger and better every year," she said. "We're really striving to attract more artists and more of the public to participate, to become a presence in the community."

The key to the successful future of For the Love of Art Month lies in community response.

"If our attendance is good this year, we can make next year's show better than ever," she said. "Eventually, with the support of the community, this event will be a big success for Las Cruces."

For the Love of Art Month would not be possible without the dedication of its members as well.

"We have really high hopes," Gamboa said. "None of us have lost our enthusiasm for this show, and we know that pretty soon, this will be a major annual event for the city."

"It's going to be great for Las Cruces."



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Featured artist: Roy van der Aa

Pieces form the whole

Van der Aa's art makes order out of chaos

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Roy van der Aa has been a lot of things in his 56 years. He's been a multinational.

Until age 4, he was Dutch. For the next 28 years, the young van der Aa was Canadian, growing up, going to school and, later, pursuing his arts education at John Abbott College and then Concordia University. In 1989, he left Montreal and arrived in Las Cruces, where he's been ever since.

He's been a musician.

In 1979, van der Aa was a member of the Montreal punk band The Electric Vomit, along with "three other kids who thought we could do anything," he said. Their four-song EP still finds airtime on college radio stations in Montreal, thanks to the interest of a young Québécois producer and a 2006 reunion of all four members of "the Vomit." The remastered album was released in 2008, and all 500 copies sold out within a month.

He was also a member of Montreal punk band the D-Vices and new wave act The Spoons and Forks.

Once settling in the Mesilla Valley, van der Aa continued this streak, lending his talents to Warp 10, an alternative/metal band, and Impulse, performing original folk. From there, he's been in four classical choral groups – and the Regurgitators, another punk band.

An avid music fan, van der Aa said he always listens while he works, opting usually for minimalist music, whose notables include American composers Phillip Glass, Steve Reich and John Cage ("the pioneer of indeterminacy"), ambient music innovator Brian Eno, rockers Lou Reed and Iggy Pop and, of course, the old punk greats.

As we begin our interview, he asks if I'm OK with music; I assent, and seconds later, the first sharp guitar stabs of the Clash's "London Calling" drift from the speakers.

He's been a writer and newspaper publisher.

Since December 1998, van der Aa, with the help of his wife, Robin Baxa, a writer, has single-handedly produced content for and published The Ink, a monthly arts newspaper serving Las Cruces and southern New Mexico.

According to van der Aa, his mission with The Ink is "to promote and galvanize the artistic community, to turn them into a cohesive whole."

In the past, van der Aa said, that's been a problem. To change it, "we as artists need to leave our own egos behind and work for the good of the community," he said.

"I think we're finally at that point. It's been a long haul, but we're there."

He's been an archaeologist.

Van der Aa participated in four archaeological excavations in the 1980s and '90s, and "just had a knack for it."

"Every one I went on, I found something," he said. "It was a blast."

Of course, he's been an artist, too. Even here, though, there are delineations.

Early on in his career, in the 1970s, van der Aa was a landscape painter. He soon broke with that style to paint what he termed "big abstracts."

This "big abstracts" period in van der Aa's work gave way to an interest in process art during the 1980s. Process art is an artistic movement in which the end result, the final product, the "objet d'art" is not the focus; rather, the process by which the artwork is created takes central importance. It often involves elements of randomness, improvisation, imperfection, chance and human choice, as well as natural processes.

After his forays into process art and arrival to Las Cruces, van der Aa's art took a political- and social-oriented tone, which continued for several years, until 2008, "when the political climate got ugly and it was impossible to have real political discourse of any kind," he said.

"Every time I left the house, I was tensed up and pissed off. One day I thought, 'I'm not in art work to be angry or stressed out.'"

At the time, van der Aa belonged to the Society of Layerists in Multimedia and was working on a group show with a stringent rule: Artists were limited to the use of three colors, black, white and red.

Van der Aa, always an experimenter, organized his



Two of van der Aa's pieces, "Black & White & Red All Under" and "Singin' the Blues," now on display at the El Paso Electric Gallery inside the Rio Grande Theatre.

paintings on a grid and painted in tones of the three colors. Within a month, both were sold. From that moment, van der Aa had found his medium – at least, for the time being.

"This body of work is really an extension of two things: the sentiments of process art and archaeology and found objects," he said. "Something about taking something that already exists and breathing new life into it and putting it in a different context really appeals to me."

Another major influence on van der Aa's work is the music he listens to, not to mention created.

"The music I've really been listening to, the minimalists, were about taking all these fragments and building a larger whole," he said.

This, in some ways, is telling of van der Aa himself; a unique, larger whole, somewhat even and controlled but fundamentally random; a cohesive construction of seemingly disparate pieces (punk rock versus choral music, landscape painter versus process artist); a self-identified, old-school punk in a corded sweater to beat the February chill.

"I keep friends that are usually 20 years older or 20 years younger than me," van der Aa said. "It keeps me on my toes – I don't want to grow complacent."

"Life is way too damn short not to be engaged."

Details

Roy van der Aa

Where

- Aa Studios, 2465 Doña Ana Road
1 to 5 p.m. the second Friday and Saturday and
2 to 4 p.m. the second Sunday of the month, or by
appointment
- El Paso Electric Gallery, 211 N. Main St.
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Contact

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FEBRUARY	ALL MONTH
Southwest Calligraphy Guild show	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 15	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup – Music & Movement ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 15	11:30 A.M.
People & Stories	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 15	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays – Stories & Crafts ages 7-11	Branigan Library
FRI.-SUN. FEB 15-17	(SUN 2 P.M.) 8 P.M.
The Mousetrap	LC Community Theatre
SAT. FEB 16	10:30 A.M.
Storytellers of Las Cruces	COAS Bookstore
MON. FEB 18	ALL DAY
LIBRARY CLOSED – PRESIDENT'S DAY	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 19	10:30 A.M.
Read to Me – Storytime ages 3 & Up	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 19	10:30 A.M. + 6:30 P.M.
Branigan Book Club	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 19	3 P.M.
Computer Class: Know Your PC	Branigan Library
TUE. FEB 19	5 P.M.
Soulshine	Rio Grande Theatre
WED. + THU. FEB 20+21	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. FEB 20	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time	Branigan Library
THU. FEB 21	NOON
Lunch & Learn	Branigan Library
THU. FEB 21	2 P.M.
BiFolkal Program – AUTOMOBILES	Branigan Library
THU. FEB 21	6:30 P.M.
Club del Libro Carlos Fuentes	Branigan Library
FRI. FEB 22	7 P.M.
Hard Road Trio	Rio Grande Theatre



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Bradburd ventures into fiction with his latest book

Novel looks at the world of college basketball

By **Richard Coltharp**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Thirteen years ago, Rus Bradburd quit a successful career to write a book.

That book is now published.

In the meantime, Bradburd wrote and published other books, including "Forty Minutes of Hell," a biography of longtime college basketball coach and native El Pason Nolan Richardson Jr.

The new book, "Make It Take It," is a novel about the fictional college basketball team Southern Arizona State, and its players,

coaches, coaches' wives and even custodians.

Bradburd lives in Las Cruces and teaches at New Mexico State University. An old saying for writers goes, "Write what you know." If Bradburd knows anything, it's college basketball.

He was an assistant coach at both NMSU and the University of Texas at El Paso.

"I originally quit coaching in 2000, after 14 years in the business, to write this book," Bradburd said. "But I simply was not ready to finish it for a long time. Then I got distracted by Ireland and Nolan Richardson. The first stories – it's really a novel in stories – were written back in 1998. I was making great money then, more

than I deserved, so when I quit, I felt tremendous pressure to succeed on this project."

When Bradburd calls it a "novel in stories," that's really how it feels.

The book's chapters each stand alone as short stories and can almost be read independently. There's great variety and diversity in the chapters, and they are told from points of view of different characters. A couple of chapters are presented as the university English composition essays of basketball players.

The variety keeps the book moving at a pace similar to a college basketball game. Depending on who has the ball (or who is featured in a chapter) the game (or the book) moves at a different speed, with different expectations.

There are multiple main characters, each developed fully, and even a few minor characters who are developed more than many major characters in other books.

The primary focus, however, is on Steve Pytel, an assistant coach frustrated for several reasons. The school's head coach is sent packing, and the new boss, Jack Hood, retains Pytel.

Bradburd's Hood is a vile creature, the kind you love to hate. The kind who would make Pytel drive a brand new car 20 miles on a flat tire, doing irreparable damage to the vehicle.

"Jack Hood was originally based on Dick Fick, an old friend of mine who drank himself out of the business and into an early grave," Bradburd said. "Writing about Dick Fick was my way of sorting out my feelings and anguish. But Hood gradually morphed into his own distinct character."

The characters drive the book, but I love the visual scenes Bradburd paints. In a flashback scene, Hood's coaching predecessor, Jerry Conroy, recounts the time longtime arena custodian Sal Rosales skillfully repaired a hole in the locker room wall that was kicked there by Conroy.

The simple scene tells a great deal about both Rosales and Conroy.

Those scenes add texture and density to the relatively short, 188-page book.

Another scene depicts the team in a rented van, driving to an arena on a road trip. During the inevitable flow of conversation, a handful of African-American players amuse themselves by imitating the Caucasian coach.

This scene killed me because, many years ago, as a sports editor in Weatherford, Okla., I witnessed the exact same scene while riding in a van full of Southwestern Oklahoma State University basketball players. It cracked me up then, and it cracked me up in Bradburd's book.

Details

Author Rus Bradburd reads excerpts from his novel, "Make It Take It"

When

7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15

Where

Hardman Hall Auditorium
New Mexico State University

Cost

Free

His previous two books, "Forty Minutes" and "Paddy on the Hardwood," which was about Bradburd's experience coaching semi-pro ball in Ireland, were both non-fiction.

"Neither of the first two books needed any 'plot,'" Bradburd said. "The stories told themselves. But in 'Make It Take It,' I began with a blank page, not a pile of information. Yet in many ways the blank page was much more intimidating than the piles of notes and interviews and facts from the nonfiction books."

Despite the pitfalls that await assistant college basketball coaches – some of them deftly illustrated here – some would think Bradburd goofy for his decision to give that up, study creative writing and try to become an author. He explains how it worked out.

"As an assistant coach, I was incredibly lucky," Bradburd said. "I worked for two Hall of Fame coaches in Don Haskins and Lou Henson. But I was just as fortunate to be mentored at NMSU by the writers Robert Boswell, Antonya Nelson and Kevin McIlvoy. They were terrific teachers and nationally regarded writers."

I've been in tune with college basketball, as a fan, a journalist, or both, since I was 10.

Immense pressure is put on the shoulders of the young men who bounce the ball on the court. Perhaps more pressure is on the people whose jobs depend on which way those balls bounce. Millions of us put our hopes and dreams (and our T-shirt collections) on the outcomes of the games.

One quote in Bradburd's book hammered home the fragility of a whole system relying on these kids in their \$100 Nikes.

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Warmth, love, comfort

'Make a Blanket Day' returns this month

The Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus will hold its annual "Make a Blanket Day" from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at Grace Covenant Church, 3111 N. Main St. Anyone interested in making a blanket, who has made a blanket and would like to drop it off, or who would like to visit and learn more about Project Linus is welcome to attend.

Light snacks, drinks and pizza will be provided. Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks, sewing machines and talents. Some materials, including sewing/quilt top kits, fleece and yarn, will be available to individuals or small groups.

The Las Cruces Chapter was started in 1999 by Linden Ranel. The first blankets

were given to La Casa Inc., a domestic violence shelter in Las Cruces. The chapter donates blankets to more than 40 organizations, and has delivered more than 17,000 blankets since its start. Nationally, through more than 400 chapters, more than 4.5 million blankets have been distributed since 1998.

The Project Linus Mission is twofold. First, to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Second, provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children.

The Las Cruces chapter's Project Linus coordinator is Susan Stoltzfus. She may be contacted at sgstolt13@gmail.com or 526-3695.

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Galleries & Openings

OPENING

LAS CRUCES CONVENTION CENTER and ArtForms New Mexico will hold the third annual For the Love of Art Show & Fair from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. Works by more than 40 artists will be on display, including jewelry, painting, blown glass, gourd art, photography, ceramics, fiber art, metal art, sculpture, watercolors, street art and culinary art. There will also be performances by musicians and dancers throughout the fair, including Yolanda Martinez, Frank Lovato, Laura Humphreys, Percussion 10 + 1 and Anthony James, among others. Admission is free.

The Las Cruces Convention Center is located at 680 E. University Ave. For more information, visit www.artformsmn.org.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING will hold its annual LCPS high school art show through April 24. There will be an artists' reception from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the lobby gallery.

The LCPS administration building is located at 505 S. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 527-9486.

ONGOING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY will feature the work of two Las Cruces artists, Rayma Claessen and Jan Kosnick, for the month of February. Claessen is a landscape painter, and Kosnick creates her pieces with glass, minerals, foils and grout, with pieces that can be framed and hung on a wall or in a window.

The gallery is also holding its annual "My Masterpiece" contest. The artists of Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery join together each year to create "fabulous fakes" for their annual show.

In addition, the 27 gallery artists offer work in many media, including painting, fused glass, jewelry, wood, stained glass, photography, textiles and mixed media.

Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery is located at 2470 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933 or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY will give the gallery over to the City of Artists for the month of February. City of Artists' mission is "to establish and promote Las Cruces, Mesilla and the surrounding areas as a nationally known arts community with the purpose

of educating the public and enticing more tourists and serious buyers of fine art, thus helping the general economy, attracting more artists, assisting resident artists and uniting all area artists into a cohesive community."

Mesquite Art Gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

WEST END ART DEPOT presents "Illegal? A Show of Art All Around Us (But on the Margins)."

"Illegal?" will feature works by SABA, Adi 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.suamartfest.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 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.

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 Galeria is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, visit www.nopalitosgaleria.com.

LAS CRUCES RAILROAD MUSEUM presents the New Mexico Watercolor Society-Southern Chapter's 2013 For the Love of Art Month presentation, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles," which includes 15 works that represent the theme. The show will remain on display through March.

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum is located at 351 N. Mesilla St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 647-4480.

M PHILLIP'S GALLERY is ready for all shoppers. There are several new paintings 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 4 p.m. Wednesday; and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 525-1367.

THE CUTTER GALLERY will present the work of artist and jewelry designer Jo-an Smith.

Smith's show, titled "Exciting Explorations," will include a series of watercolors and oils inspired by outer space, as well as her unique gold jewelry creations. The show will remain on display through Friday, March 8.

The Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more informa-



"The White Hands," by Oñate High School's Chayla de la Garza, is one of several artworks created by LCPS high school students for the annual art show, on display now at the Las Cruces Public Schools administration building, 505 S. Main St.

tion, 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.

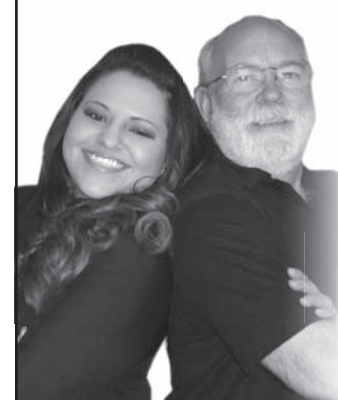
Rokoko Gallery is located at 1785 Avenida de Mesilla. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. For more information, call 405-8877 or visit www.rokokoart.com.

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. 2/15

1 to 7 p.m. For the Love of Art Month show, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. More than 80 regional artists will display works for sale including jewelry, paintings, watercolors, photography, street art, sculpture, ceramics, blown glass and more. There will be live music by Yolanda Martinez, Frank Lovato, Anthony James and many more. Free. Visit www.artformsnm.com.

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 to 10 p.m. Dress to Impress Dance, Corbett Center Student Union Aggie Underground, 1600 International Mall, on the NMSU campus. Sponsored by NMSU Black Programs. Free. Call 646-4208.

7 p.m. Live music with Helen Sachs and Curt Warren, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7:30 p.m. Rus Bradburd reading, Hardman Hall Auditorium on the New Mexico State University campus. NMSU professor and author Rus Bradburd will read from his new novel, "Make It Take It." Free.

7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Contra Dance, Zia Middle School, 1300 W. University Ave. The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society, 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.

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.

SAT. 2/16

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. "Make a Blanket Day," Grace Covenant Church, 3111 N. Main St. Held by the Las Cruces chapter of Project Linus, a nonprofit organization that seeks to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans created by volunteer "blanketeers." Anyone interested in making a blanket that day, has made a blanket and would like to drop it off or would like to visit and learn more about Project Linus is welcome to attend. Free. Call 526-3695.

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 and unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For the Love of Art Month show, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. More than 80 regional artists will display works for sale including jewelry, paintings, watercolors, photography, street art, sculpture, ceramics, blown glass and more. There will be live music by Yolanda Martinez, Frank Lovato, Anthony James and many more. Free. Visit www.artformsnm.com.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. This week, Pat Gill will be the storyteller at the Downtown location and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano location. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 524-8471.

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SUN. 2/17

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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.

6:30 to 8 p.m. Embroiderer's Guild of America, MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The Las Cruces Chapter of the Embroider's Guild presents Marion Scouler, an internationally-known needlework teacher. She will host an exhibit and lecture. Cost \$10. Prepaid advance reservations required. Call 521-4845.

7 p.m. Mesilla Valley Jazz & Blues Society concert series, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The MVJBS presents the New Mexico State University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Pancho Romero. Cost \$5 members, \$8 non-members and \$1 students with ID. Call 525-9333.

TUE. 2/19

1 to 3:30 p.m. Beginning to Advanced Drawing and Painting, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Open to students of all skill levels. Taught by art educator Wayne Carl Huber. Call 647-5684.

6 to 8 p.m. Boba Book Club, Boba Café, 1900 S. Espina St. Meet new friends, read great books. A different theme each month (no religious or political). This club is for ladies of all ages. This month's selection is "A Year of Wonders" by Geraldine Brooks. Haven't read the book? Come anyway, you may decide to read it later. Dinner is optional. Free. Call 521-9404.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Every Other Tuesday concert series presents Soulshine, a two-piece band playing an eclectic mix of originals and covers that encompasses blues, folk,

classic, Southern rock and soul. Free. Call 523-6403.

8 p.m. SPLAT open reading, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. The Society for Poetry, Literature and Alternative Theater holds this monthly open reading. Bring three poems or up to five minutes of prose. Hosted by Michael Mandel. Sign up begins at 7:30 p.m. No cover. Call 521-7311.

WED. 2/20

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.

FRI. 2/22

5 to 8 p.m. Open mic, NMSU Barnes & Noble, University and Jordan avenues. Poetry readers and musicians alternate. Organized by David Rodriguez. Free. Call 646-4431.

7 p.m. Live music with Rein Garcia, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. The Hard Road Trio, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hard Road trio features the songwriting talents of Steve Smith, a mandolin master, Minnesota songwriter Chris Sanders and bassist Anne Luna. Suggested donation of \$10 will be accepted at the door. Call 532-6403.

9 to 11 p.m. Dusty Low Trio, Main Street Bistro and Ale House, 139 N. Main St. This four-piece alternative country band features the Sullivan brothers – Jesse, Sam and Danny – along with local jazz legend Tony Movsesian. No cover. Call 524-5977.

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AtTheMovies



Anthony Hopkins stars as legendary filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock in the semi-biographical "Hitchcock," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

In reel life 'Hitchcock' balances blend of fact and fiction

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Hitchcock" is not an overly ambitious biographical film about Alfred Hitchcock, one of the better known and more capable movie directors of all time, but rather it is an interesting episodic look at how one of his best known films, "Psycho," came to be.

Sprinkled within that is a bit of information about his personal life and peccadilloes, along with that of his wife, Alma.

Anthony Hopkins does a respectable job at playing Hitchcock and there is very good chemistry between him and his co-star, Golden Globe-nominee Helen Mirren, who plays his smart, intuitive wife Alma.

Personally, I'm not a big fan of Hitchcock, and find his work rather hit and miss, but that didn't stop me from thoroughly enjoying this film – contrary to the thoughts of many real reviewers.

Hitchcock's work remains popular, and for good reason. Most of his films are accessible and somewhat timeless in their making and presentation. "Psycho," in spite of far too many imitators, remains his most popular.

In the film, we see that Hitchcock has a taste for blondes, good wine, too much food, is not happy unless making a movie and is interested in macabre characters such as grave robber and killer Ed Gein.

Although Gein was far more disturbed than Norman Bates of "Psycho" fame, Hitchcock is shown to have a great interest in Gein's crimes, which included a couple of murders that were trumped by his "fashion sense," shall we say, that allowed him to create various household items and keepsakes from the remains of victims and the already dead.

The studio heads want nothing to do with Hitchcock's latest plan, even though he has made them boatloads of money. Film critics of the time were wondering aloud if Hitch had lost his edge, and here is where Hitchcock set out to prove them wrong.

Her initial trepidation over the project overcome, Alma becomes the driving force behind the script and the film shoot, even allowing Hitch to mortgage their stately home to finance the film themselves. One might say it was a semi-independent film, since there was studio support, although Hitchcock retained all rights to the finished product.

Blended in, and sometimes overtaking the story, are the emotional issues between Alfred and Alma. His penchant for lovely young blondes and for being a control freak over the actresses who starred in his films almost sends Alma into the bed of a family friend, a cad of a writer, who enlists her help

on editing a screenplay.

Hitchcock makes no bones about his latest crush on Janet Leigh, the short-lived star of "Psycho," mostly convincingly played by Scarlet Johansson. On and off the set, she, along with dreams of the ultra creepy Gein, make Hitchcock a most uncomfortable man to be around.

"Hitchcock" is a well-rounded blend of fact and fiction. I don't think anyone other than Alma knew him very well, as he certainly seemed to revel in the enigmatic aura he created for himself.

During this film, we are given looks at what he might have been like – dry, smart, incapable of passing up a good meal or glass of wine and somewhat obsessive about his craft and the way it was handled.

Alma, the good wife, was his life-long supporter, but also had a sturdy life of her own, not falling for his flirtations and grumbling.

Peppered with darkish humor throughout, "Hitchcock" ends far too abruptly, and the opening scene – which shows Gein at work (nothing gory) should have been shot in a place more like his home state of Wisconsin, as the mountains in the background were a major distraction for a detail freak such as I – is a great way to begin the film. The performances by the cast are all very good, and the closing scene is very fun and clever.

Don't go expecting an in-depth look at the man who directed more than 60 films in his career ("Psycho" was the most successful. It garnered more than \$50 million as of 2004, with a budget of less than \$1 million), but do go see this film for its unique blend of fact and fiction. I suspect you'll be pleasantly surprised.

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Artists in their element at the For the Love of Art Month studio tours

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Savage talks about some of his photographs on display at the Quillin Gallery during For the Love of Art Month studio tours Sunday, Feb. 10.



Photographs by Jay Foster Savage were on display at the Quillin Gallery.



Diana Ayres stands in her gallery on Mesquite Street next to oil paintings by Johanna Mdoe.



Flo Hosa Dougherty stands with fellow local artist Flavio Robles Jr. inside her studio.



Ayres shows off hand-crafted yucca walking sticks created by Linda Whitford inside her gallery.



Dougherty stands in front of her painting "Play Ball" inside her home studio on Chagar Court.



The Quillin Studio and Gallery is located next to Coas Bookstore Downtown.

The Music Scene

Alister M's Steve MacIntyre and Nikki Singleton

Photo by Steve MacIntyre



Featured band: *Alister M*

Freak the folk out!

Alister M boasts new members, forthcoming EP

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Alister M, the long-running musical moniker of Las Cruces' own Steve MacIntyre, is back.

Starting in 2006, Alister M gained ground quickly, becoming one of the better-known local acts. Over the next five years, MacIntyre recruited a more-or-less revolving cast of talented locals to join him onstage, providing additional vocals and instrumentation.

Then, in 2011, MacIntyre took his leave of Las Cruces and made way for Austin, Texas, where he played a handful of shows over the next several months.

MacIntyre returned to the City of the Crosses in September, 2012, "and Alister M picked right back up pretty quickly," he said. This time around, though, he's bringing friends.

In the past few months, MacIntyre's Alister M has taken in two talented locals, Nikki Singleton and Andrew Martinez, to keep its particular brand of folk-pop alive in the valley.

All three musicians have known each other peripherally for years; such is the scene in a town this size. While they've sat in on one another's sets and been supportive audience members, before now they had never considered making music as a unit until a few jam sessions in recent months yielded unexpected and highly-positive results.

"I'm really happy to be keeping Andrew and Nikki as a part of Alister M," MacIntyre said.

Singleton, who's lived in Las Cruces on and off for the past 15 years, became a part of Alister M after running into MacIntyre at one of Las Cruces' premiere arts events.

"I had just gotten back into town, and Steve and I ran into each other at the Renaissance (Arts) Faire," Singleton said. "That same week, we ran into each other at a party and it went from there."

For Singleton, who provides harmonies for the newest incarnation of Alister M, playing with MacIntyre is somewhat of a milestone.

"For years, all of (Steve's) music I had heard was exactly the kind of road I've wanted to go down, musically," she said. "I'm really excited to be a part of it."

MacIntyre shares her excitement. "It's really new," he said, "and I really like the energy."

The trio has been putting in a great deal of work in the studio, prepping for the release of a five-song Alister M EP, which will be the band's fourth album. The EP is slated for completion in March.

Recording is under way at The Yard Recording Studio right here in Las Cruces, under the direction of Luke Dumke. Beginning last year, Dumke transformed his scant apartment space into a professional-quality studio.

According to Dumke, at the Yard, "we love to make music happen (and sound pretty damn good)."

Alister M has holed up at the Yard in recent months, laying down MacIntyre's original tracks with Singleton harmonizing, Martinez playing guitar and producer Dumke providing drum tracks.

For Singleton, learning MacIntyre's work has been exciting and challenging.

"I'm really looking forward to learning all the songs, really getting to the grind and writing harmonies," she said.

Time, however, is always in short supply. "There's so many distractions in life," Singleton said with a laugh, "but we're pulling it together somehow."

Pulling it together is an understatement. A recent show at De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery on Friday, Feb. 8, was only the second time the trio had played together live. The first time was the same day; Alister M joined Jack Lutz and Lynz Green on The Rocket 99.5 for a set that very morning.

"It came together surprisingly well, considering," MacIntyre said with a chuckle.

"Because of everyone's schedules, we've been having sort of 'satellite practices,' where two of us will play together and send it over to the third," MacIntyre said. "I can't wait until we get the chance to write and play all together."

That chance is rapidly becoming a reality. Alister M has a number of upcoming shows beginning Saturday, Feb. 16, at Vintage Wines, 2461 Calle de Principal, and continuing the following Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the Mimbres Valley Brewing Company taproom, 985 E. University Ave.

Further off on the horizon is a possible summer tour with Austin indie/folk friends The Lonesome Heroes, who have played a number of shows in Las Cruces, most at a venue known only as "the house" – Martinez' living room.

Those looking for a taste of what's in store can download Alister M's newest track, "Go Slow," which features MacIntyre and Martinez on guitar, Dumke on drums and vocals by Singleton, free from the band's Bandcamp page.

For the time being, Alister M will focus on finishing the record and reestablishing their newly refined sound around Las Cruces.

"We're trying to play as much as possible around town," MacIntyre said. "We'd really like to be a go-to act in Las Cruces."

Details

Alister M

When

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Tiny place, big taste

El Patron Café packs a lot into a little

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

As a rule, one shouldn't take suggestions from stuffed animals. Those taking a cruise down Solano Drive, though, may break that rule, as a large stuffed bear named Golden affectionately guides hungry Las Cruces to one of the city's best kept secrets.

El Patron Café, 1103 S. Solano Drive, may seem diminutive from outside, but you'll find a heck of a lot to love inside the small space.

El Patron is a true family affair. Owner Paul Tirre operates the café with his wife, Rosella, and his son Patrick. For the past three years, the Tirre family has made it a mission to provide Las Cruces with some of the best traditional Mexican food around, as well as beloved classic comfort foods.

"We're all from Las Cruces," Paul Tirre said, "and we make food for Las Cruces. This isn't just Mexican food; it's Las Cruces food."

Tirre is right; stepping into El Patron is like stepping into a beloved abuelita's kitchen. All of the food is prepared fresh daily, working from family recipes and with as many fresh, local ingredients as possible. There's a palpable sense of community crammed into this small café. El Patron has a devoted local following, and it shows.

"People get to know each other here," Tirre said. "We're a small place, and sometimes when we start to get busy, there isn't enough space

to accommodate everyone."

That's where the homey, family atmosphere comes in. "When we're full, people will go ahead and take a seat with other people, or invite strangers to sit with them. They don't stay strangers long, though," Tirre said with a laugh.

For those in a real crunch for time, El Patron has a drive-thru window, and dashing diners can call and place their order ahead of time.

Taking a short lunch there, one notices that the warm, attentive staff is on a first name basis with nearly everyone who walks through the door or, for those first-timers, will be soon.

The loyalty doesn't end there. Glancing across El Patron's menu, one immediately notices a lot of the dishes have proper names.

"Regulars will come in, order the same thing, or order something all their own, so we name the items after them," Tirre said.

Gracing the lengthy menu are Debbie's Crazy Club Sandwich, Jerry's Western Omelet, Peet's Midnight Special and Mike's Nachos, each inspired by some of the Tirre's favorite customers.

The Gabe Burger, for instance, found its place on the menu after a regular named — you guessed it — Gabe came in and ordered a burger his way.

"Gabe asked for a burger, and then asked if we could put green chile, cheese, bacon and brisket on it. We ended up with this giant

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Golden the bear welcomes diners to El Patron Café. Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Zak Hansen

burger, and named it after him," Tirre said.

One familiar name on the menu is Tom Young, known previously for his eponymous fitness center and, now, as the inventor of Tom Young's Breakfast — egg whites, fresh spinach, whole beans, jalapeños and whole wheat toast.

For me, and for many other El Patron patrons, one of the stand-outs of the substantial menu is the brisket. Paul Tirre slow roasts the meat according to a time-tested family recipe, and then it's prepared to order by Patrick.

"One of our biggest sellers is the brisket nachos," Tirre said, and it's easy to see why.

Fresh tortilla chips are topped with melted cheese and piled high with refritos, jalapeños, lettuce, tomato and, of course, a generous portion of El Patron's signature beef brisket. There's so many options at El Patron Café, it's tough to pick one to recommend, but if I had to, this one would be it.

One bite of the food at El Patron Café and you'll be kicking yourself for not finding it sooner; there's no time like the present to discover a new favorite, though.

If you can't take it from me, at least trust the bear. Golden may not be one for conversation, but his instincts are spot on.

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Showcasing local talent at De La Vega's open mic night

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Nikki Singleton and Natalie McMillan treat the crowd to a rendition of Robyn's "Call Your Girlfriend" accompanied only by handclaps and a cup at De la Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery Monday, Feb. 11.



Las Cruces singer-songwriter Nathan William Graff plays an original song.



McMillan and Singleton provide harmony for Chris Baker as the trio performs a song by Grammy award-winner Mumford & Sons.



Matt Morgan performs an original tune with Rein Garcia playing "drums" on an iPad and Baker playing harmonica.



Evan Pirtle performs a three-song set during the weekly open mic.

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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	Need	Wash	Moyers & Company	Live/Lincoln Center	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Job (N) (CC)	CSI: NY (N) (CC)	Blue Bloods (N)	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Malibu	Shark Tank (N)	(:01) 20/20 (CC)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX	8	14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares	Touch (N) (CC)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno		J. Fallon			
CW	14		Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	** "Paper Heart" (2009) Charlyne Yi.	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	UTEP	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		NBA Basketball All-Star Celebrity Game.	College Basketball				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27		Around	Pardon	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Boxing Friday Night Fights. (N) (CC)		SportsNation (N)	SportsNation (N)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	SportsNation (N) (CC)	SportsNation (N) (CC)			
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Psych (N) (CC)					
TNT	32		The Mentalist (CC)	The Mentalist (CC)	NBA Basketball			In NBA	Southland (N) (CC)	** "Armored" (2009) (CC)					
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	** "Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail"	There	There	There	There	There	"Stomp the Yard"		
COM	35		Colbert	Daily	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	*** "Hot Tub Time Machine" (2010)	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk		
LIFE	39		Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	Hoarders (CC)	(:01) Project Runway	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders		
FOOD	40		Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
HGTV	41		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Spont.	Spont.	Outrageous	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Outrageous	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E	43		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.		
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		Say Yes	Say Yes	Four Weddings:	Say Yes	Say Yes	Borrowed	Borrowed	Say Yes	Say Yes	Borrowed	Borrowed	Four Weddings:	
DISC	47		Gold Rush (CC)	Gold Rush - The	Gold Rush (N) (CC)	Gold Rush (N) (CC)	Bering Sea Gold (N)	Gold Rush (CC)	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush - The	Gold Rush - The	Gold Rush - The	Gold Rush - The		
ANPL	50		Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions (N)	Fatal Attractions (N)	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions		
FAM	51		(4:00) "The Wedding Planner"	** "P.S. I Love You" (2007) Hilary Swank.				The 700 Club (CC)	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Gym	
DISN	52		Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Gravity	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie (N) (CC)	Gravity	Phineas	Dog	Good		
NICK	54		Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	Turtles	See Dad	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC	57		** "A Knight's Tale" (2001) Heath Ledger, Mark Addy.	The Walking Dead	Comic	Freak	Immortal	** "A Knight's Tale" (2001)							
SYFY	59		"Underworld"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)	Merlin (N) (CC)	Being Human	Merlin (N) (CC)	Continuum							
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report	BMW: A Driv.	Ultimate Factories	American Greed	Mad Money	Ultimate Factories	American Greed						
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup Special	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Raw	Orange				

SATURDAY MORNING		FEBRUARY 16, 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
PBS	22	PBS NewsHour (CC)	Builder	Martha	Thomas	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Quilt	Sewing	Liv'g	
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CBS This Morning: Saturday (In Stereo) (CC)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Liberty	March Mad		
ABC	7	7	Storms	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Rescue			
FOX	8	14	King	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Supersmile	House	Derma	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Jillian Michaels; reviewing hotel bills. (N)	Chica	Pajanimals	Poppy Cat	Justin	LazyTown	Noodle		
CW	14		Paid Prog.	Tummy	Fat Loss	Derm	Rescue	Rescue	Sonic X	Sonic X	Transform.	Justice	
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Dragon	WWE	
ESPN	26		SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	College GameDay (N)	College Basketball					
ESPN2	27		Dunks of the Year	College Basketball (CC)			SportsNation (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	College Basketball				
USA	31		Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	M. Williams	Necessary Roughness	NCIS "UnSEALed"	NCIS (In Stereo) (CC)	NCIS "Hometown Hero"			
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Dallas (CC)	Dallas (CC)	Monday Mornings	Southland (CC)	Law & Order "Doped"				
TBS	33		Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Payne	Browns	There Yet? Jim	King of the Nerds	*** "The Pursuit of Happyness" (2006) (CC)				
COM	35		Paid Prog.	Skincare	Comedy	(:45) * "My Best Friend's Girl" (2008)	Dane Cook. (CC)	** "The Goods: Live Hard, Sell Hard." (2009)					
LIFE	39		Back Fat?	Norris Gym	CoreBody	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Chris	Chris	** "Gracie's Choice"	
FOOD	40		Barbecue	Guy's, Bite	Be. Made	Best Thing	Paula	Paula	Pioneer	Trisha's	Contessa	Giada	
HGTV	41		Disaster	Bryan	Buying and Selling	Property	Property	BathCrash	BathCrash	YardCrash	Kit. Crash	Hse Crash	
A&E	43		Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Flipping Vegas (CC)	Flipping Vegas (CC)	Flipping Vegas (N)	Flipping Vegas (N)	Flipping Vegas (N)	Flipping Vegas (N)	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels (CC)	Lost Magic Decoded (CC)			Sold!	Sold!	Sold!	Sold!	Sold!	Sold!	
TLC	45		Zumba Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	
DISC	47		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Africa "Congo" (CC)	Africa "Cape" (CC)	Africa "Kalahari" (CC)	Auction	Auction	Auction	
ANPL	50		Pit Boss (In Stereo)	Must Love Cats (CC)	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	
FAM	51		"Garfield: A Tail of Two Kitties"	** "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" (2008, Comedy)	** "101 Dalmatians" (1996) Glenn Close.	102 Dalm							
DISN	52		Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Phineas	Octonauts	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Sofia	
NICK	54		Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	Turtles	
AMC	57		Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	*** "Planet of the Apes" (1968) Charlton Heston. (CC)	"Beneath the Planet of the Apes"					
SYFY	59		Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	CarMD	Total	Total	Total	"Wrong Turn 4: Bloody Beginnings" (2011) (CC)	Hills		
CNN	62		Early Start	Sat. Morn	CNN Saturday Morning	Bust	Bottom	CNN Saturday Morning	CNN Newsroom (N)				
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Sub D	Paid Prog.	Hair Rest.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64		Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)			Melissa Harris-Perry (N)					Weekends-Witt	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		FEBRUARY 16, 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	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Kitchen	Mexico	Mexican	Lawrence Welk	
CBS	3	3	College Basketball	Kentucky at Tennessee. (N)	PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open, Third Round. (N) (Live) (CC)							Paid Prog.	
ABC	7	7	Recipe	Food	Juice and Lose!	Secret Millionaire (CC)	Anti-Aging	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)				
FOX	8	14	30 Rock	Paid Prog.	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	** "Flightplan" (2005) Jodie Foster. (CC)	*** "Space Cowboys" (2000) Clint Eastwood.					
NBC	9	9	Old House	AAA	Snowboarding	FIS Alpine Skiing	Red Bull Signature Series	From St. Paul, Minn.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
CW	14		Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	Mystery	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Bloopers	
WGN	15		Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26		College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	Purdue at Indiana. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Missouri at Arkansas. (N)	College Basketball				
ESPN2	27		College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	UCLA at Stanford. (N) (Live)	College Basketball						
USA	31		NCIS "Frame-Up"	NCIS "Mother's Day"	NCIS "Capitol Offense"	NCIS "Road Kill" (CC)	NCIS "Heartland" (CC)	NCIS "Silent Night"					
TNT	32		** "Armored" (2009) Matt Dillon.	(:45) * "Biker Boyz" (2003) Laurence Fishburne.	(:45) ** "The Book of Eli" (2010) Denzel Washington.								
TBS	33		Pursuit	** "Stomp the Yard" (2007) Columbus Short.	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King	
COM	35		** "Coneheads" (1993) Dan Aykroyd. (CC)	** "Year One" (2009) Jack Black. (CC)									
LIFE	39		** "Gracie's Choice"	"Girl, Positive" (2007) Andrea Bowen. (CC)	"The Pregnancy Project" (2012) Alexa Vega. (CC)	"Not Easily Broken"							
FOOD	40		Sugar Dome (N)	Rachael v. Guy	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	
HGTV	41		Spont.	Spont.	Love It or List It (CC)	Cousins on Call (CC)	Cousins	Cousins	Cousins	Cousins	Cousins	Hunters	
A&E	43		First 48: Missing	First 48: Missing	First 48: Missing	First 48: Missing	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight (CC)				
HIST	44		Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Pawn Stars	
TLC	45		Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	
DISC	47		Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Property	Property	Fast N' Loud (CC)	Fast N' Loud (CC)	Fast N' Loud (CC)	Fast N' Loud (CC)	
ANPL	50		Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	Pit Bulls and Parolees	
FAM	51		(10:30) ** "102 Dalmatians"	** "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin.	"Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe"								
DISN	52		Good Luck	Jessie	Jessie (In Stereo) (CC)	Austin	Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	
NICK	54		Rangers	SpongeBob	Parents	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC	57		Beneath	(:45) *** "Escape From the Planet of the Apes" (1971)	** "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes" (CC)	"Battle-Apes"							
SYFY	59		(10:30) ** "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006) (CC)	* "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007, Horror)	* "Saw IV" (2007, Horror)	Tobin Bell. (CC)							
CNN	62		Your Money (N)	Newsroom	Fashion: Backstage Pass (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Bust	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Situation Room					
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Skincare	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
MSNBC	64		Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live (N)						Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	

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PBS 22	News	Frontier	Heartland	News	Keep Up	Served?	Antiques Roadshow	Austin City Limits	Underground	Aviators	Curiosity			
CBS 3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Person of Interest	Criminal Minds	48 Hours (N) [CC]	News SMART	Paid	Jdg Judy				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Insider	*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002)			ABC 7	TMZ (N) [CC]	Cheaters				
FOX 14	Space Cb	Simpsons	NASCAR Racing				Castle [CC]	News	Big Bang	(:05) The Following	30S	Star		
NBC 9	3 Wide	News	News (N)	Raymond	Ninja Warrior		Chicago Fire	Saturday Night Live	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)				
CW 14	** "Chances Are" (1989)	Ryan O'Neal	1st Fam	1st Fam	Box Offi	Box Offi	"Cheatin' Hearts" (2011)	Byron McIntyre.	Dog	Dog				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Bones [CC]		Bones [CC]		30 Rock	30 Rock				
ESPN 26	College Basketball	College GameDay	College Basketball	Texas at Kansas. (N)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	College Basketball	Georgia at Mississippi.	NHRA Drag Racing			Basket	World/Poker	Poker					
USA 31	NCIS "Jurisdiction"	NCIS [CC]	NCIS [CC]	NCIS "Recruited"	Suits	Scottie returns.	(:01) NCIS [CC]	NCIS [CC]						
TNT 32	Open Court (N)	Tip-Off	NBA Basketball 2013	NBA All-Star	Saturday Night.	Sir Charles at 50 (N)	** "Men in Black II" (2002)	Biker						
TBS 33	King	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	King of the Nerds	Cougar	Sullivan	"Without Paddle"				
COM 35	(:15) *** "Hot Tub Time Machine" (2010) [CC]				*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005)	Owen Wilson.	A. Jeselnik: Ca.	Amy Schumer						
LIFE 39	"Not Easily Broken"	"Pastor Brown" (2009)	Premiere. [CC]	"Taken Back: Finding Haley" (2012) [CC]	(:02) "Pastor Brown" (2009, Drama) [CC]									
FOOD 40	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks	Iron Chef America		Worst Cooks	Worst Cooks						
HGTV 41	House Hunters	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl						
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Stories from the Road to Freedom (N)	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn
TLC 45	Lottery Changed	Next Baker Ro	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Next Baker Ro	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Next Baker Ro	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake				
DISC 47	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]	Dual Survival [CC]
ANPL 50	Too Cute! [CC]	Too Cute! (N)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (In Stereo)				
FAM 51	"Chronicles-Lion"	"Journey to the Center of the Earth"	*** "Beetlejuice" (1988)	Alec Baldwin	** "Hocus Pocus" (1993)	Bette Midler.								
DISN 52	Jessie	Jessie	Good	Good	Austin	Jessie	Jessie	Good	*** "Despicable Me" [CC]	Phineas	Jessie	Austin		
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Wendell	Marvin	Ninjas	Drake	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC 57	"Battle-Apes"	**** "Planet of the Apes" (1968) [CC]			*** "Beneath the Planet of the Apes"	"Escape From Planet of Apes"								
SYFY 59	* "Saw V" (2008)	Tobin Bell. [CC]	* "The Collector" (2009)	Josh Stewart.	** "The Hills Have Eyes" (2006)	Aaron Stanford.	Toolbox							
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents (N)	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom							
CNBC 63	Money in Millions	Ultimate Factories	Suze Orman Show	Princess	Princess	Ultimate Factories	Suze Orman Show	Princess	Princess					
MSNBC 64	Caught on Camera	Lockup Orange	Lockup Tampa	Lockup	Raw	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup

SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 17, 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
PBS 22	Aviators	Curios-ity	Santa Fe	Contrary	Moyers & Company	Need	Scully	Wash	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin	
CBS 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	Face the Nation (N)		Nieman	Get Sub D	March Mad		
ABC 7	Business	On Money	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week		SMART	Paid Prog.			
FOX 8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Drop Lbs!	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	RECLAIM	Fox News Sunday	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	AAA	RaceWeek	
NBC 9	House	Matthews	Today (N) [CC]		Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Hockey	Hockey	
CW 14	Paid Prog.	Drop Lbs!	Derm	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Drop Lbs!	Paid Prog.	Workout	Free	Derm	Paid Prog.	Drop Lbs!
WGN 15	Paid Prog.	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	*** "Space Cowboys" (2000)	Clint Eastwood.		
ESPN 26	SportsCenter [CC]		SportsCenter (N) [CC]		Outside	Reporters	SportsCenter (N) (Live) [CC]					
ESPN2 27	Announce.	30 for 30 [CC]			SportsCenter (N) [CC]	Outside	Reporters	Basketball		College Basketball		
USA 31	Cook Safe	Jeremiah	Miracles	J. Osteen	Suits	Scottie returns.	** "Crank" (2006)	Jason Statham.	(:29) *** "Casino Royale" (2006)			
TNT 32	NBA Basketball 2013	NBA All-Star	Saturday Night. [CC]		Forensic	Law & Order "Virtue"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)				
TBS 33	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Cougar	King	King	* "Norbit" (2007)	Eddie Murphy.	
COM 35	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Half Hour	Comedy	** "Year One" (2009)	Jack Black. [CC]		** "Coneheads" (1993)	Dan Aykroyd. [CC]			
LIFE 39	In Touch	R Schuller	Jeremiah	J. Osteen	Skincare	Double	** "What Color Is Love?" (2009) [CC]	Disapprng				
FOOD 40	Rachael Ray's	Giada	Trisha's	Pioneer	Paula	Not My	Guy's, Bite	Sand. King	Be.- Made	Anne Burrell		
HGTV 41	Income	Income	Income Property [CC]	Income Property [CC]	Income Property [CC]	Income Property [CC]	Income Property [CC]	Property Brothers	Love It or List It [CC]			
A&E 43	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds [CC]	Criminal Minds "JJ"	Criminal Minds [CC]	** "Out of Time" (2003)	Denzel Washington.						
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	Roads.	Modern Marvels [CC]	America's Book	Secret: Air Force One	Secret Access: Superpower [CC]						
TLC 45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]	Four Weddings [CC]		
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Youssef	J. Osteen	In Touch	Fast N' Loud [CC]	Bering Sea Gold [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	The Devils Ride [CC]				
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101 [CC]	Dogs 101 [CC]	Dogs 101 [CC]	Bad Dog! [CC]	Bad Dog! [CC]				
FAM 51	Boy World	** "101 Dalmatians" (1996)	Glenn Close.	** "102 Dalmatians" (2000)	Glenn Close.	"Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch"						
DISN 52	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Phineas	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Doc McSt.	Mickey	Never Land	Sofia	Phineas	Phineas
NICK 54	Parents	Parents	Power	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	SpongeBob
AMC 57	Mad Men [CC]	The Killing [CC]	The Killing [CC]	*** "The Perfect Storm" (2000)	George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg. [CC]							
SYFY 59	Defrosting	Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Cook Safe	"30 Days of Night: Dark Days" (2010) [CC]	** "Halloween H2O: Twenty Years Later" [CC]						
CNN 62	Early Start	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N)	State of the Union					
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Hair Loss	Norris Gym	Paid Prog.	Loss	Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.
MSNBC 64	Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)		Melissa Harris-Perry (N)							

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 17, 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	News	Frontier	New Mexico In Focus	Legislator	Opinion	Healthy	Teaching Channel	Greener	Antiques Roadshow (N)			
CBS 3	College Basketball	Ohio State at Wisconsin. (N)	PGA Tour Golf Northern Trust Open, Final Round. (N) (Live) [CC]									
ABC 7	Anti-Aging	Derm	** "The Beautician and the Beast" (1997)	Shark Tank [CC]	The Taste [CC]	Entertainment Tonight						
FOX 8	NASCAR Racing	Sprint Cup: Daytona 500, Qualifying. (N) [CC]	The Office	30 Rock	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Star Wars: Clone Wars					
NBC 9	(10:30) NHL Hockey	Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres. (N)	NHL Hockey	Los Angeles Kings at Chicago Blackhawks. (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.						
CW 14	Now Eat!	ChatRoom	Bloopers	Bloopers	Access Hollywood (N)	Paid Prog.	Texas	Crook & Chase	Latino TV	LatNation		
WGN 15	Space Cb	** "The Replacements" (2000)	Keanu Reeves. [CC]	Funniest Home Videos	30 Rock	Funniest Home Videos	Bloopers!					
ESPN 26	College Basketball	Louisville at South Florida. (N)	Bowling	PBA Tour League Qualifier, Round 3.	World/Poker	SportsCenter (N) [CC]						
ESPN2 27	Basketball	Dunks of the Year	Women's College Basketball	Basketball	Women's College Basketball							
USA 31	(9:29) *** "Casino Royale" [CC]	(:28) *** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007)	George Clooney. [CC]	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU							
TNT 32	** "The Book of Eli" (2010, Action) [CC]	(DVS)	(:15) * "Rush Hour 3" (2007)	Jackie Chan. [CC]	(:15) ** "Men in Black II" (2002, Action) [CC]							
TBS 33	* Norbit	* "Our Family Wedding" (2010) [CC]	** "Meet the Browns" (2008)	Tyler Perry. [CC]	** "Why Did I Get Married?" [CC]							
COM 35	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	** "Sex Drive" (2008)	Josh Zuckerman, Amanda Crew. [CC]	** "Dinner for Schmucks" (2010)					
LIFE 39	(10:30) ** "Disappearing Acts" (2000) [CC]	"Sins of the Mother" (2010)	Jill Scott. [CC]	** "My Sister's Keeper" (2009)	Cameron Diaz.							
FOOD 40	Bobby's Dinner Battle	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	My Diners	My Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV 41	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Extreme Homes [CC]	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E 43	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	
HIST 44	Beltway Unbuckled [CC]	It's Good to Be President [CC]	The President's Book of Secrets [CC]									
TLC 45	Borrowed	Borrowed	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Here Comes Honey	
DISC 47	The Devils Ride [CC]	The Devils Ride [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	
ANPL 50	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	
FAM 51	"Chronicles of Narnia: Lion, Witch"	*** "Beetlejuice" (1988)	Michael Keaton.	** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008)								
DISN 52	Good Luck	Jessie	*** "Despicable Me" (2010) [CC]	Dog	Good Luck	Phineas	Good Luck	Good Luck	ANT Farm	Dog		
NICK 54	Winx Club	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	Drake/Josh	Drake & Josh [CC]	iCarly (In Stereo) [CC]	iCarly "iShock America"	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC 57	** "Constantine" (2005)	Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz. [CC]	** "Demolition Man" (1993)	Sylvester Stallone. [CC]	* "Anaconda" (1997)							
SYFY 59	Halloween	** "The Ninth Gate" (1999)	Johnny Depp, Frank Langella.	** "Shutter Island" (2010)	Leonardo DiCaprio, Mark Ruffalo. [CC]							
CNN 62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Newsroom	Next List	Your Mney	Bust	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Insanity!	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC 64	Weekends-Witt	Meet the Press [CC]	MSNBC Live (N)						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	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Path-Violence	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor: Caramoan	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Neigh	Mod Fam	Suburg.	20/20 (N) (C)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline		
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol	Ten female singers perform.	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Whitney	Guys-	Law & Order: SVU	Chicago Fire "Viral"	News (N)	Jay Leno				
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Arrow "Dodger" (N)	Supernatural (N)	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	Til Death			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	SportCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Hornets at Cavaliers			NBA Basketball: Celtics at Lakers				SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2 27	College Basketball		College Basketball			College Basketball	Washington at Arizona.	Basket	NBA					
USA 31	NCIS (C)		NCIS "Faith" (C)		NCIS (C) (DVS)	Necess. Rough	The Moment (N)	CSI: Crime Scene	Necess. Rough					
TNT 32	*** "Gladiator" (2000)	Russell Crowe. (C)	(DVS)		Southland "Heat"	Southland "Heat"	CSI: NY "Prey"	Cold Case (C)						
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	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	Daily	Colbert	Work.	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	Wife Swap (C)		Wife Swap (C)		Wife Swap (C)	Supernanny	(:01) Dance Moms	(:02) Wife Swap	(:02) Wife Swap					
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.
HGTV 41	Elbow	Elbow	Cousins	Cousins	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Big Rig Bounty	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
TLC 45	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried	Hoard-Buried	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried	Addiction	Addiction	Hoard-Buried	
DISC 47	Moonshiners "Secret Summit - Full Proof"		Pot Cops (C)		Pot Cops (C)	Weed Country	Pot Cops (C)	Weed Country	Moonshiners (C)					
ANPL 50	Tanked (In Stereo)	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money	Money
FAM 51	"Bring It On: All or Nothing"		*** "Drumline" (2002)	Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana.		The 700 Club (C)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid				
DISN 52	Good	Austin	Austin	Austin	Good	Jessie	ANT	ANT	**** "Toy Story" (1995)	Dog	Dog	Good	Good	
NICK 54	Drake	Victo	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)	* "Anaconda" (1997)	Jennifer Lopez.		* "Catwoman" (2004)	Halle Berry. (C)	* "Anaconda" (1997)	Jennifer Lopez.						
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost Mine (N)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Mine	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Mine	Haunted Collector	"Heatstroke" (2008)					
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Shadow Billionaire	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

THURSDAY EVENING											FEBRUARY 21, 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	(Season Finale) (N)	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 "Face"	Grey's Anatomy (N)	(:02) Scandal (N)	News (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Nightline				
FOX 8	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	American Idol	Ten male singers perform.	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Commun	Parks/Recreat	1600	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno				
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)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball	BYU at St. Mary's. (N)	Basket	NASCAR						
USA 31	NCIS (C)		NCIS "Masquerade"		NCIS "Jack Knife"	Suits "War"	Necess. Rough	Law & Order: SVU	Suits "War"					
TNT 32	The Mentalist (C)	NBA Basketball	Miami Heat at Chicago Bulls. (N)		NBA Basketball: Spurs at Clippers									
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	The Je	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	Dance Moms (C)	Project Runway	Project Runway (N) (C)		Double	Double	Double	(:02) Project Runway	(:02) Project Runway					
FOOD 40	Sweet Genius	Chopped			Chopped	Anne Burrell	Worst Cooks	Chopped	Anne Burrell					
HGTV 41	Salvage	Salvage	West End	West End	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hawaii	Hawaii	Rehab	Rehab	Hunters	Hunt Intl
A&E 43	The First 48 (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	Big Rig Bounty	Swamp People	Swamp People (N)	Big Rig Bounty	Larry the Cable Guy	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People
TLC 45	Borrowed	Borrowed	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	What Not to Wear	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC 47	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Auction Kings (N)	Property	Property	Auction Kings (C)	Property	Property	Moonshiners (C)					
ANPL 50	North Woods Law	Glory Hounds (N) (In Stereo)			North Woods Law	Glory Hounds (In Stereo)								
FAM 51	(4:00) *** "Drumline"		*** "Remember the Titans" (2000)	Will Patton	The 700 Club (C)	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid					
DISN 52	Good	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Jessie	ANT	Shake It	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999)	Dog	Good	Good			
NICK 54	Drake	Victo	House of Anubis (N)	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC 57	(4:00) "Anaconda"	The Walking Dead	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Comic	Freak	Immortal	Amer Pie	Amer Pie	
SYFY 59	(4:30) ** "The Omen" (2006, Horror)	* "My Soul to Take" (2010, Horror)			"House of Bones" (2010, Horror) (C)	"Stir of Echoes"								
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Crime Inc.	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

Sudoku

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

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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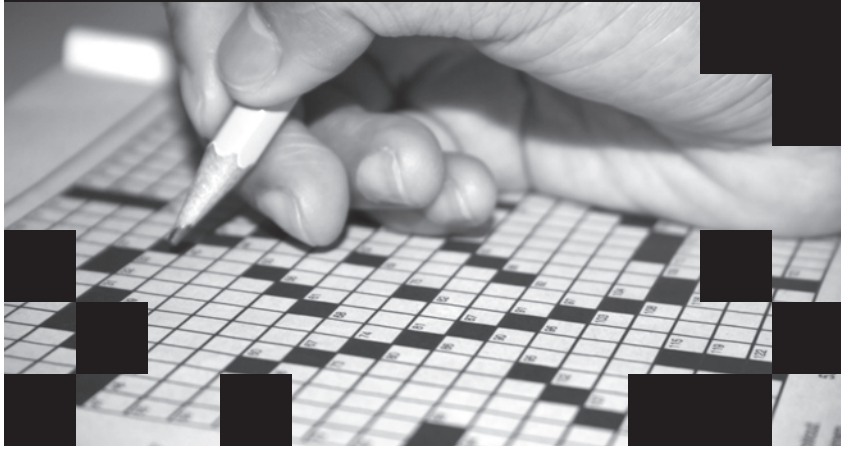
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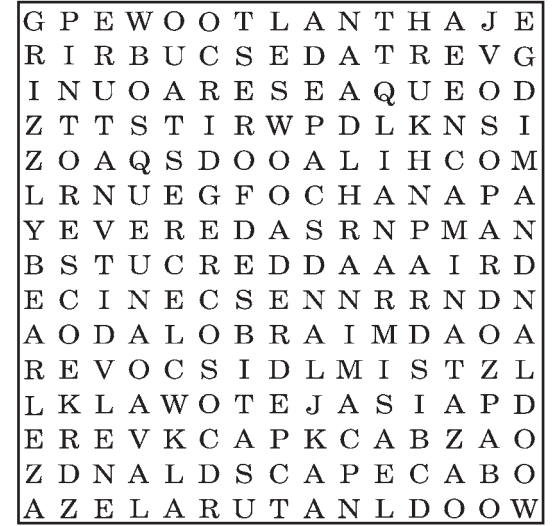


Word Salsa

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.

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| ENGLISH | SPANISH |
| BACKPACK | MOCHILA |
| DISCOVER | DESCUBRIR |
| FOREST | BOSQUE |
| GRIZZLY BEAR | OSO PARDO |
| HIKE | CAMINATA |
| LANDSCAPE | PAISAJE |
| NATURE | NATURALEZA |
| PATH | VEREDA |
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Crossword Puzzles

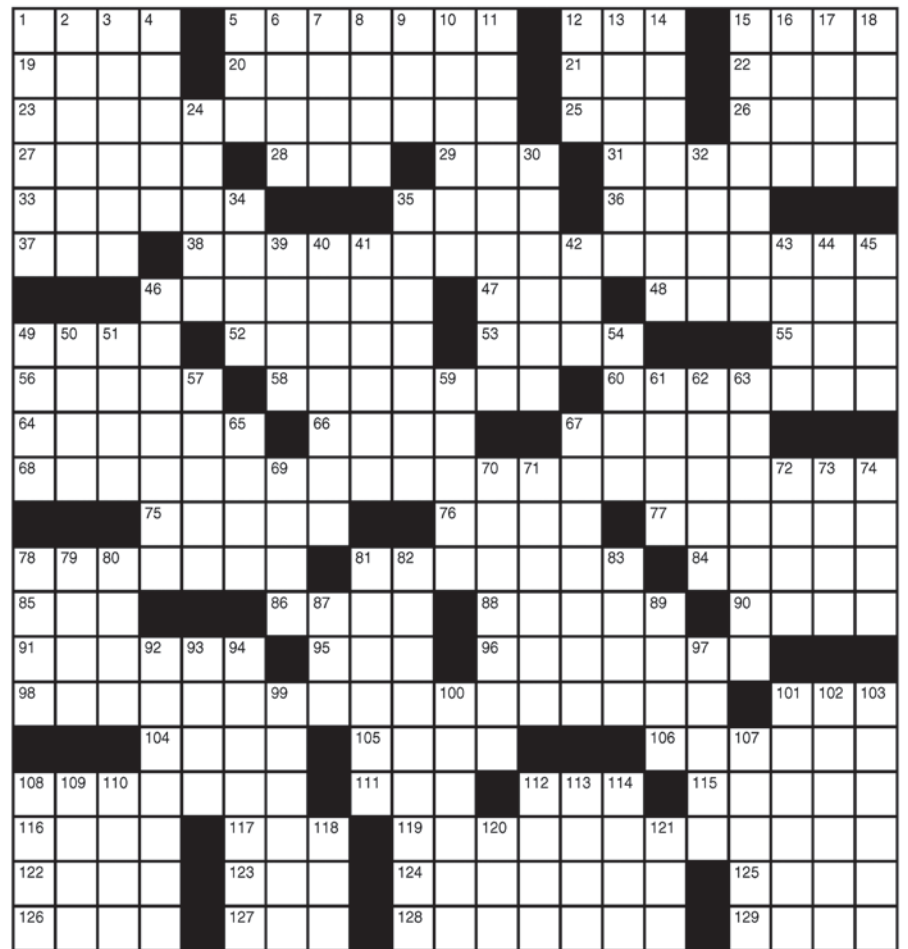
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 N.Y. opera house | 1 Manhattan buyer |
| 4 Wood and Wynn | 2 Show hosts |
| 7 Ten-cent pieces | 3 Twixt 12 and 20 |
| 9 Silvery European fish | 4 Actress Moran |
| 11 Hide | 5 Pockmarked |
| 13 Articulated | 6 Provocative comedy |
| 15 China's first premier | 7 Threshold |
| 17 Middays | 8 Waldorf or Caesar |
| 19 Condor's nest | 9 Leg-up |
| 20 Weaponry | 10 Drug treatment |
| 22 Golfer's gadgets | 11 Rouged areas |
| 23 Writer Jong | 12 Actress Flynn Boyle |
| 24 Examinations | 13 Louis and DiMaggio |
| 25 Most nattily dressed | 14 Read spy reports |
| 27 Interior style | 15 Manx and Persian |
| 28 Emulate Picabo Street | 16 Stalemate |
| 29 Felt ill | 17 Can skip |
| 30 Nev. neighbor | 18 Fleetwood Mac hit |
| 31 Blackthorn | 21 Heavy nails |
| 34 Foremost behaviorist | 22 Fashionable |
| 38 "Auld Lang ___" | 26 Yale student |
| 40 Designer Claiborne | 32 Kind of tanker |
| 41 Apart from this | 33 Hebrew prophet in Babylon |
| 42 Accomplished | 34 Garden bloom |
| 43 Can. province | 35 Becoming fluid |
| 44 Associations of teams | 36 Interweave |
| 46 Element 39 | 37 Continues a lease |
| 48 Fort in Kentucky | 38 Put down |
| 49 Used to be | 39 M-m-m-m good! |
| 50 Showy, rayed flowers | 45 Raggedy doll |
| 53 Crumple | 47 Nettle |
| 56 Charge for service | 50 26th letter |
| 57 Shortened facts | 51 Kabul resident |
| 58 Dryer residue | 52 Grievously |
| 59 Weep | 53 Priest |
| 61 Sense | 54 Cote d'Azur |
| 62 Distresses | 55 Remarkable time |
| 64 Transport by truck | 56 Filmmaker Fellini |
| 66 Top | 60 Seasonal burners |
| 67 Painter Matisse | 61 Course conclusions |
| 68 Indy circuit | 63 Squid fluid |
| 70 Nonreacting | 65 Pub drinks |
| 73 Most like fossilized sea-shells | 66 Pale green bean |
| 77 Artist Rivera | 69 Lobster traps |
| 79 "West Side Story" song | 71 Legal claims |
| 80 Skinny | 72 One of the Society Islands |
| 81 Goose's gullet | 73 Certain radio operators |
| 82 Shoreline indentation | 74 Israeli dance |
| 83 Dante's surname | 75 Epic tale |
| 85 Rabble-rousers | 76 Two peas in a pod |
| 87 Astronaut Wally | 77 Actors' lines |
| 88 Digital alternatives | 78 All told |
| 89 Preminger and Graham | 84 Age after Bronze |
| 90 Catches sight of | 86 Magnetic recording |
| 91 Sermon topic | |
| 92 Freudian concept | |

WHERE I HANG MY HAT

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| ACROSS | 112 \$ dispenser |
| 1 Bausch's lens-making partner | 115 In a dominant position |
| 5 Educational environment | 116 Jazz singer Fitzgerald |
| 12 ___-jongg | 117 NASA's ISS partner |
| 15 Uses a tuffet | 119 Fragile framework |
| 19 Tours to be | 122 Lab medium |
| 20 Capital river | 123 Lip |
| 21 Dallas sch. | 124 Streaking |
| 22 Slangy assent | 125 Winter racer |
| 23 Favorite son | 126 "The Fountainhead" author |
| 25 Knight's title | 127 Wily |
| 26 Facial feature | 128 Despot's reign |
| 27 Cadge | 129 Poetic meadows |
| 28 Mauna ___ volcano | |
| 29 Spanish exclamation | |
| 31 Old Greek currency unit | |
| 33 Gibson of tennis | |
| 35 Frame of mind | |
| 36 Third baseman Chris | |
| 37 Classic beginning? | |
| 38 Nostalgic | |
| 46 City near Belem | |
| 47 "Canterbury Tales" setting | |
| 48 Wonder of music | |
| 49 Family diagram | |
| 52 Pulled strings? | |
| 53 Adages | |
| 55 Mineral in the raw | |
| 56 Secret cache | |
| 58 "The Consul" composer | |
| 60 Having claws | |
| 64 Offer more for | |
| 66 "... the twain shall meet" | |
| 67 Strict herbivore | |
| 68 Naturalization needs | |
| 75 Pester | |
| 76 National sport of Japan | |
| 77 Removes frost | |
| 78 Manet or Monet | |
| 81 Able to be melted | |
| 84 Sturm und ___ | |
| 85 One of the Gershwins | |
| 86 Layer of ore | |
| 88 Florida governor Charlie | |
| 90 Drying kiln | |
| 91 Most wise | |
| 95 J. Hancock? | |
| 96 A la philosopher Immanuel | |
| 98 Heaven | |
| 101 Home of Trojans of coll. sports | |
| 104 Klemperer or Preminger | |
| 105 Busboy's tote | |
| 106 Japanese religion | |
| 108 Swarming grasshoppers | |
| 111 Lith. or Azer., once | |



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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 51 Scarfs down | 78 Tilting tower town | 102 Old-fashioned |
| 54 Hip ending? | 79 Kuwaiti or Saudi | 103 Small woods |
| 57 Failed to | 80 "Othello" role | 107 Leaving nothing out |
| 59 Shock or lock | 81 Exchanges blows | 108 Goneril's royal pop |
| 61 Matured | 82 Fell short of | 109 Gymnast Korbut |
| 62 Hobbled | 83 Superlative endings | 110 Family group |
| 63 Long golf club | 87 Erhard's program | 112 Nora's dog |
| 65 Wooded valley | 89 Equal scores | 113 Ager of parents? |
| 67 Some stringed instruments | 92 Artist Manet | 114 Vocalize an ache |
| 69 Football coach Turner | 93 Sound stages | 118 Actress Irving |
| 70 In a rush | 94 Walks unsteadily | 120 Old Mid-East nat. |
| 71 Eclipse shadows | 97 Committee type | 121 Saute |
| 72 Amateur sports org. | 99 Old fogey | |
| 73 Sawbucks | 100 Domain of a certain nobleman | |
| 74 Certain NCO | 101 Lacking fidelity | |

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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 DAMU KHO KIIYXU KHO VWF ZAYY YASX
 GWK BAIX WYO KMX!

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 The dogs went on strike for more bones, back pay and idle time. The slogan for their campaign was: "Let lying dogs sleep!"



'Stand Up Guys' gets old, falls flat, breaks hip

Crime comedy squanders star cast

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

What a waste. Despite boasting a promising premise and what should have been a dream cast, director Fisher Stevens' "Stand Up Guys" is, at best, a middling, sub-mediocre crime comedy/drama that doesn't quite commit to anything it promises.

Al Pacino plays Valentine, Val to his friends, an aging stickup man released from a 28-year stint in prison to his friend and longtime associate, Doc (Christopher Walken).

Doc has a dilemma: He's been ordered to kill his old friend by mob boss Claphands (Mark Margolis) by 10 the next morning. Torn between friendship and duty, Doc decides to make Val's last day on Earth a good one, and the duo head out on the town, joined by another old gangster, Richard Hirsch (Alan Arkin), whom they bust out of the retirement home.



Christopher Walken, Alan Arkin and Al Pacino star as aging stickup men in "Stand Up Guys," now playing at Allen Theatres.

What could, and should, have been a top-notch gangster comedy is instead a near-joyless slog through "old-guy" jokes and too-familiar tropes, punctuated by moments of nearly inexplicable violence, often played for cheap laughs, and the occasional winning scene.

In many ways, "Stand Up Guys" reminded me of another high-expectation, low-payout crime film, last year's "Killing Them Softly." That film, much like "Stand Up Guys," felt like

a poorly stitched pastiche of ideas and genres, unable to commit to any. Replace "Killing Them Softly's" loud, heavy-handed political commentary with run-of-the-mill jokes about aging, including the (sigh) requisite Viagra goof, and you've pretty much nailed down "Stand Up Guy's" modus operandi.

"Stand Up Guys" just can't decide what it's going for; it's not funny enough to be a

comedy, serious enough to be a drama, gritty enough to qualify as a gangster film or edgy enough to be any of the three.

Stevens may have been going for a combination of disparate genres, a la Quentin Tarantino's and Guy Ritchie's best films (Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction" and "True Romance" and Ritchie's "Snatch" and "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" come to mind), or even a straightforward gangster film with a few funny moments ("Goodfellas" in particular). In unqualified hands, however, this kind of genre exercise just doesn't work.

What really tanks "Stand Up Guys," though, is its reliance on easy, used-up jokes about old guys and bodily functions. None of these three aging amigos knows how to start a car, which utilizes a push-button instead of a key. Doc robs a pharmacy and steals prescriptions for hypertension and heartburn while grumbling about his co-pay and lack of Social Security benefits. See? Old people don't understand technology and are grumpy and have medical problems. Tee hee hee.

Unfortunately, the age jokes don't stop there: Val needs the aid of the little blue pill to perform at one their numerous brothel visits. Ignoring the directions, he takes five and ends up in a hospital bed, propping up the bedding, for the edification of all in the audience who think just one or two erection jokes doesn't quite reach the quota.

It's disheartening to watch Pacino, once the king of the silver-screen gangsters, lying on a hospital bed with a pharmaceutically induced pup-tent as he makes passes at a nurse. This is

Michael Corleone we're talking about. Carlito Brigante. Frank Serpico. Tony "say hello to my little friend" Montana. We should expect better.

Walken, while not completely defacing his good name, still turns in what struck me as a relatively rote, joyless performance as Doc. None of his best attributes are here. He isn't menacing, nor calculating nor oddly hilarious as he so often can be. He just looks bored. Again, it's difficult not to think of better, bygone roles. Walken was Frank White, ruthless New York drug kingpin; he was Vincenzo Coccotti, ahem, ruthless Detroit drug kingpin; hell, he was even the Archangel Gabriel.

The only actor given much to work with here is Arkin, the terminally ill getaway driver Hirsch, who is wasting away in a home. When Val and Doc bust him out, he has a great time driving a brand new stolen sports car and cavorting with prostitutes. Much as he did in 2006's "Little Miss Sunshine," Arkin plays an aging, addled lecher like no one else, and makes it a joy to watch. His scenes in "Stand Up Guys" are fantastic but sadly few.

"Stand Up Guys" does have its moments, certainly. An early scene in which Val blows lines of whatever old-guy medication Doc has off of a bar table is actually pretty funny, if only for Pacino's devil-may-care depiction and Walken's quiet, quasi-disgusted disbelief.

The few moments these three veterans are able to sit at a diner table and talk are largely the only in the film worth seeing. Sadly, one gets the sense that watching these three have bad diner food together in real life would be a hell of a lot more entertaining.

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STAND UP GUYS
 Rated: R
 Running Time: 93 minutes
 Starring: Al Pacino, Christopher Walken
 Director: Fisher Stevens

Grade D

"Stand Up Guys" squanders a solid cast and a promising story on tired clichés and lowbrow old guy gags.



AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

<p>Warm Bodies Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: A relationship develops between a teenage girl and a zombie, and their romance could hold the key to saving the world. Starring: Nicholas Hoult, Teresa Palmer Director: Jonathan Levine</p> 	<p>Identity Thief Rated: R Plot Overview: An accounts rep travels across the country to confront the woman who's stolen his identity and run amok on his tab. Starring: Jason Bateman, Melissa McCarthy Director: Seth Gordon</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters Rated: R Plot Overview: After their childhood encounter with a witch, Hansel and Gretel grow to be witch-killing vigilantes. Starring: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton Director: Tommy Wirkola</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>Life of Pi 3D Rated: PG Plot Overview: A young man survives a sea disaster and enters into an unexpected epic journey with the only other survivor, a Bengal tiger. Starring: Suraj Sharma, Irfan Khan Director: Ang Lee</p> 	<p>Mama Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Two young girls reappear after five years in the wild and are taken in by an uncle – but something came with them. Starring: Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau Director: Andrés Muschietti</p> 
<p>Silver Linings Playbook Rated: R Plot Overview: Pat has lost his job, his wife, his house and his sanity. After eight months in an institution, he returns home to pick up the pieces of his life. Starring: Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence Director: David O. Russell</p> 	<p>Zero Dark Thirty Rated: R Plot Overview: A team of intelligence officers and military operatives go on history's greatest manhunt – to find and eliminate Osama bin Laden. Starring: Joel Edgerton, Jessica Chastain Director: Kathryn Bigelow</p> 
<p>A Good Day to Die Hard Rated: R Plot Overview: John McClane heads to Russia to help his son, who is working as a CIA operative to prevent a nuclear arms heist. Starring: Bruce Willis, Jai Courtney Director: John Moore OPENS THURSDAY, FEB. 14</p> 	<p>Safe Haven Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: A mysterious young woman arrives in a small North Carolina town and begins to put down roots and begin a relationship, but dark secrets from her past threaten her new life. Based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. Starring: Josh Duhamel, Julianne Hough Director: Lasse Hallström OPENS THURSDAY, FEB. 14</p> 
<p>Beautiful Creatures Rated: PG-13 Plot Overview: Ethan, who longs to escape from life in his small Southern town, meets Lena, a mysterious new girl. Together, these star-crossed lovers unearth dark secrets about their families, history and town. Starring: Jack O'Connell, Alice Englert Director: Richard LaGravenese OPENS THURSDAY, FEB. 14</p> 	<p>Escape from Planet Earth Rated: PG Plot Overview: On the planet Baab, famed astronaut Scorch Supernova is a hero to the blue populous. When an SOS arrives from a notoriously dangerous planet, Supernova is caught in a trap when he answers the call. Starring: Brendan Fraser, Jessica Alba (voices) Director: Cal Bunker OPENS FRIDAY, FEB. 15</p> 

New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Feb. 19

- Anna Karenina**
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Kiera Knightley, Aaron Taylor-Johnson
Director: Joe Wright
- Argo**
Rated: R
Genre: Drama
Starring: Ben Affleck, Bryan Cranston
Director: Ben Affleck
- Fun Size**
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Victoria Justice, Chelsea Handler
Director: Josh Schwartz
- Sinister**
Rated: R
Genre: Horror
Starring: Ethan Hawke, Vincent D'Onofrio
Director: Scott Derrickson

Top Grossing Feb. 8-10

- Identity Thief** (Week No. 1) **\$36,593,000**
- Warm Bodies** (Week No. 2) **\$11,500,000**
- Side Effects** (Week No. 1) **\$10,015,000**
- Silver Linings Playbook** (Week No. 13) **\$6,908,000**
- Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters** (Week No. 3) **\$5,750,000**
- Mama** (Week No. 4) **\$4,323,000**
- Zero Dark Thirty** (Week No. 8) **\$4,000,000**
- Argo** (Week No. 18) **\$4,000,000**
- Django Unchained** (Week No. 7) **\$2,288,000**
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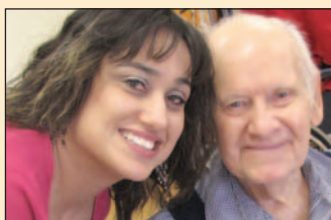
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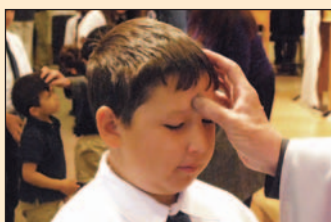


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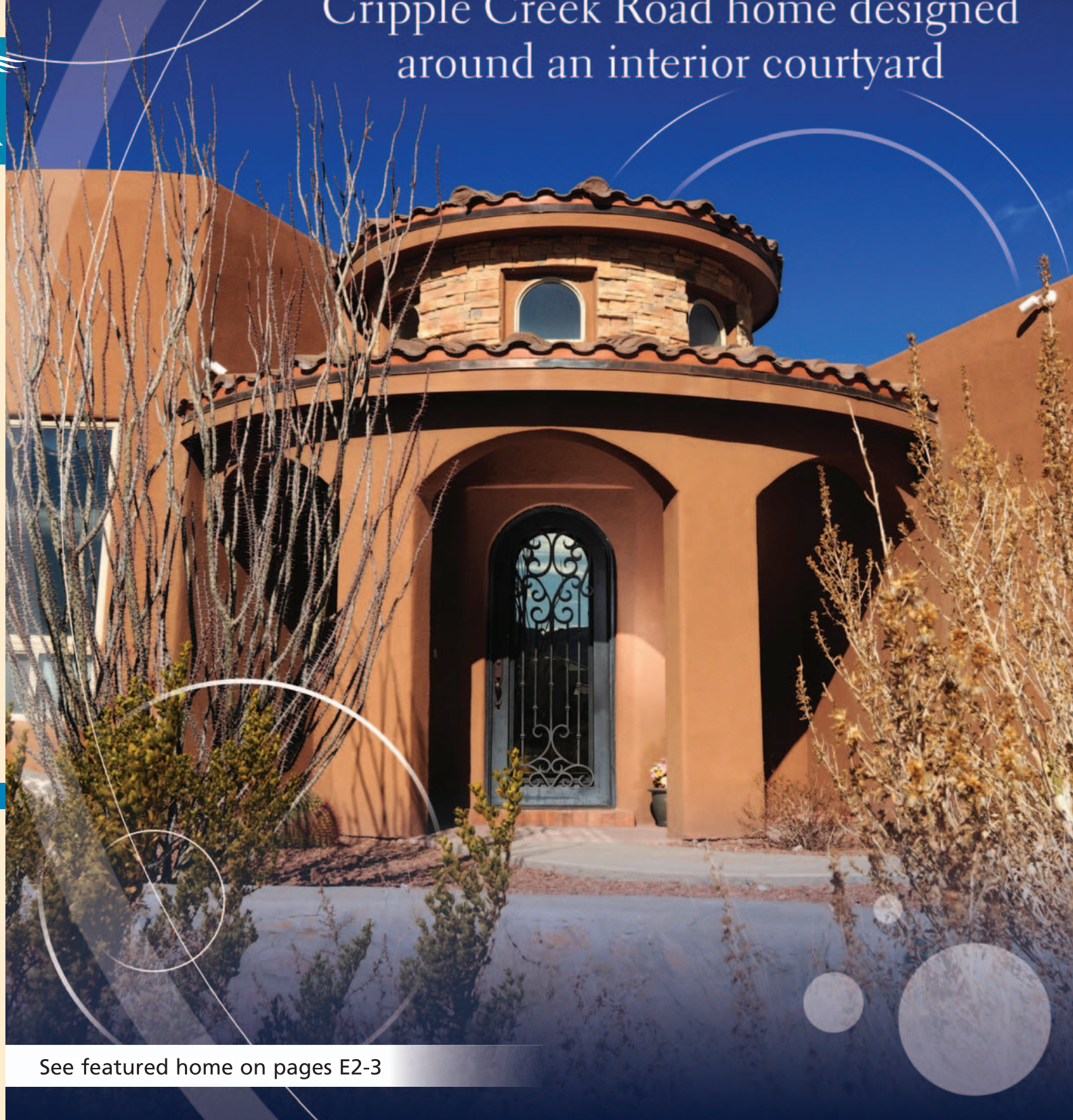
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Running circles around style

Cripple Creek Road home designed around an interior courtyard



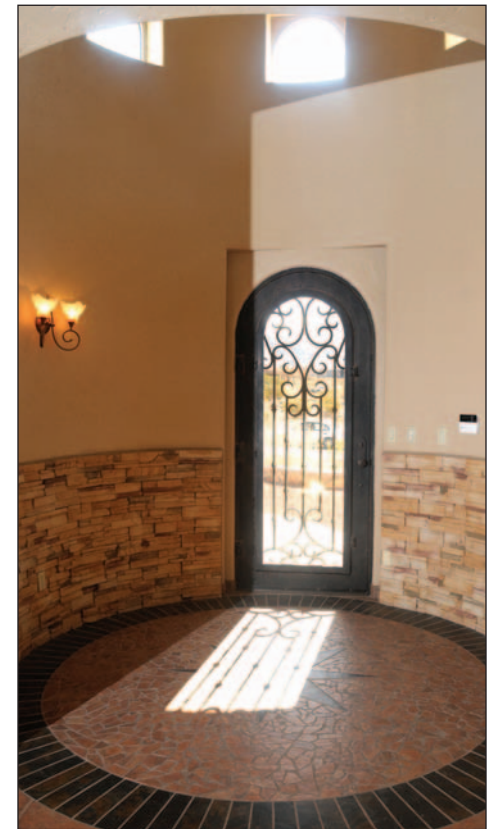
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Featured home: 4940 Cripple Creek Road

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



The home at 4940 Cripple Creek Road, located in the Talavera area, was built in 2006.



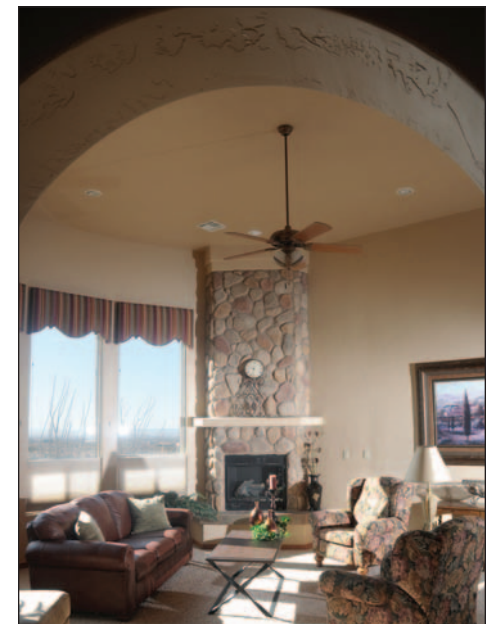
The turret entry features a large medallion as well as rock lining the walls.



Slate tile and granite countertops fill the kitchen, which has warmth, thanks to the rich cabinetry and copper trim.



A bonus room off the master suite can be used as a game room.



The living room features a stone-covered fireplace and large windows for the view.



At the center of the home is an interior courtyard, which features a fireplace and flagstone bancos.



Arches and rock detailing are used throughout the Tuscan-inspired home.



The dining area features a round wall of windows.

Scenic drive leads to scenic home

Cripple Creek Road abode features a mix of living spaces

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley is filled with scenic subdivisions featuring elegant abodes and breathtaking views, including Miners Ridge, home to Cripple Creek Road.

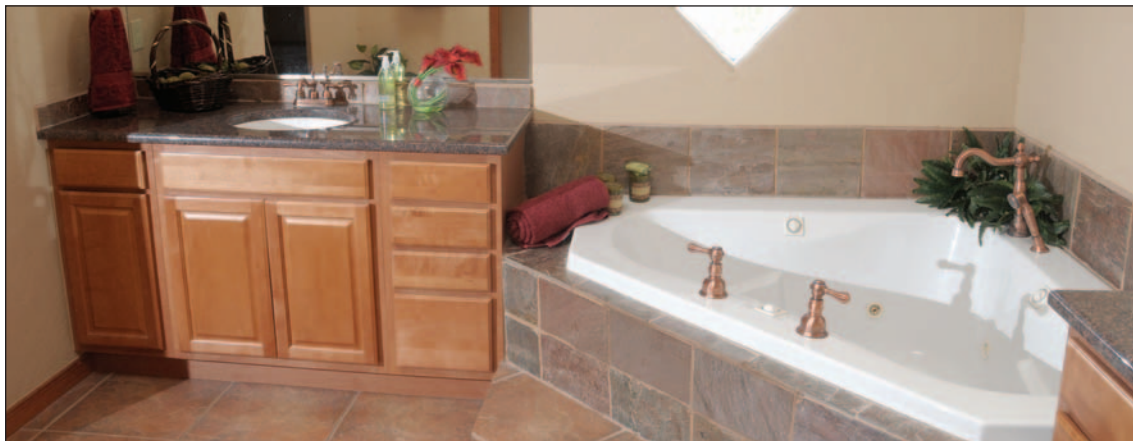
Located in the Talavera area off Soledad Canyon Road, the neighborhood has a lot to offer to residents.

“The perks are you’re near town, but things are more spread out so you have a little more space,” said Realtor Dan Kubiak of Keller Williams Realty. “You’re tucked up next to the Organ Mountains and things are quieter. Plus, you can see the city lights at night.”

Kubiak is familiar with the area, thanks to his Tuscan listing at 4940 Cripple Creek Road, a 3,239-square-foot home positioned facing the Organ Mountains along the winding road.

“The house has pretty much everything you’d want – central VAC, reverse osmosis, water softener, three-car garage, security system, built-in speakers,” he said.

Built in 2006 by Dwayne Parker, the home, which is located



A corner jetted bathtub can be found in the master bathroom of the 3,239-square-foot home.

on 1.04 acres, features elements of Tuscan architecture, such as rock detailing on the façade and interior as well as curved walls and arches.

The curved front porch hides the arched wrought-iron door of the turret entryway. Inside the circular entrance, the walls are covered with stone halfway up. Measuring 20 feet tall, the entrance also showcases clearstory windows and a medallion along the floor, which is repeated inside a niche on an adjacent wall.

A unique element of the home is its layout. “One really nice thing is it’s built around an interior courtyard,” said Kubiak, adding that the home has a circular floor plan.

To the left of the entrance is the living room. Also graced with 20-foot ceilings, the living room features tall windows along a rounded wall that bring in not only natural light, but the expansive view. In the corner is a fireplace covered in stone nearly to the ceiling.

The living room leads to the kitchen. Slate tile and granite countertops line the bar that encloses the kitchen, offering a bit of privacy while keeping the space open for visitors to interact with occupants and have a seat.

In addition to the rock elements, the kitchen includes several luxuries, such as a pot filler, two ovens, a convection oven, rich cabinetry with crown molding and copper trim around the hood, all of which is highlighted by the skylight above.

Attached to the kitchen is a dining room. The rounded dining room is filled with windows that capture the sunset, the perfect place to enjoy the evening, Kubiak said.

The kitchen leads to the master suite. The large room features a recessed area great for reading or a nursery. A fan for comfort can be found on the tray ceiling.

The room features a seamless, doorless entry into the master bathroom. Also grand in size, the bathroom features a jetted

bathtub lined in tile at the corner in the center of the space. Not only drawing in the eye, it also divides the space with a granite-covered sink on each side and a wrap-around shower nearby. A finished walk-in closet completes the room.

Connected to the master suite is a bonus room. Used by the previous owners as a game room, the area, lined in wood laminate, is an ideal flex space, Kubiak said.

“It’s a nice house because other than the three bedrooms and office/workout room is another large area,” he said. “It can be whatever you want – a living room, game room.”

The bonus room opens to a hall, which leads to two bedrooms. A Jack and Jill bathroom connects the bedrooms. Down the hall is a home office. The previous homeowners converted it into a workout area, complete with floor-to-ceiling mirrors along one of the walls. A laundry room is also located along the hall.

The interior courtyard can be accessed from three locations – the kitchen, bonus room and the hall outside the two bedrooms. The courtyard is lined in stamped concrete. Flagstone bancos surround a stone fireplace, set in a recessed area.

“I would be out here all the time,” Kubiak said. “The interior courtyard can almost count as a living space.”

In addition to the interior courtyard, the property has two yards – a side yard off the laundry room with grass and a few trees, great for children or pets, and a backyard, which the previous owners built up to make it flat, Kubiak said.

Details

Featured home
4940 Cripple Creek Road

Square footage
3,239

Acres
1.04

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Two and a half

Fireplaces
Two

Price
\$399,000

Special features
Tuscan style with rock detailing along the interior and exterior walls and a turret, floor plan designed around an interior courtyard, bonus room and home office, located in the Talavera area near the Organ Mountains and on a paved road

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Wraps for Presidents' Day

A week long of celebratory meals

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Presidents' Day, a federal holiday, isn't just about sales and a three-day weekend, although that's what often comes to mind.

We tend to forget that it actually recognizes and commemorates all U.S. presidents, past and present. The holiday originated in 1885 to honor our first president, George Washington, who was born on Feb. 22.

In the early 1970s, as part of the Uniform Monday Holiday Act (think three-day weekends), Washington's birthday was "moved" to the third Monday of February and dubbed "Presidents' Day," although officially it remains "Washington's birthday." (Confused?)

This year the holiday falls on Monday, Feb. 18. Mark the occasion all weeklong with tasty appetizer and entrée.

Presidential-Style Stuffed Filet Mignon Steaks

4 (6-ounce) filet mignon steaks
1 (16-ounce) bottle Italian dressing
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
1/4 cup jalapeño or serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
20 slices bacon, thinly sliced

Slice the steaks into 1/2-inch wide strips. Pound the strips to about half their original thickness. Place the steak in a bowl; pour the Italian dressing over the meat; allow to marinate at least 2 hours.

Mix together the cream cheese and

jalapeño pepper in a bowl; set aside. Remove the strips from the marinade and lay out on a flat surface. Spread about 1 teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture on each strip.

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil grate. Remove the strips from the marinade and lay on a flat surface. Spread about 1 teaspoon of the cream cheese mixture on each strip. Fold the meat around the cream cheese mixture to form a ball. Wrap each ball with a slice of bacon. Secure bacon with water-soaked toothpicks or metal skewers. Cook on preheated grill until steak is no longer pink, about 4 minutes per side. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)

Ham and Mexican 3 Cheese Rollups

5 (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
2 (2-ounce) packages thinly sliced deli ham
1 (8-ounce) package Mexican 3 Cheese, shredded

1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced
1 head butter lettuce, separated into leaves
Bacon bits to taste

1/4 teaspoon favorite chile-spiced Southwest seasoning or to taste

Place a tortilla onto a work surface and spread about 2 tablespoons cream cheese evenly over the tortilla. Layer 3 slices of deli ham over half the tortilla, followed by about 2 tablespoons Mexican 3 Cheese, 3 or 4 cucumber slices, 2 or 3 lettuce leaves, a small sprinkle of bacon bits and a pinch of southwest seasoning.

Starting from the layered half of the tortilla, tightly roll into a log and secure with toothpicks. Slice rolls into 1/2-inch thick slices to serve. Makes 25 rollups.

Sassy Salmon Filet Phyllo Dough Wraps

4 (6-ounce) salmon filets
8 sheets phyllo dough
1/2 cup melted butter
Salt and pepper to taste
4 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cut the filets into log shaped pieces, about 2 inches wide by 5 inches long, keeping the filet portions separate. Take two sheets of phyllo dough, placing one on top of the other, and brush lightly with melted butter, covering the one side completely.

Place a portion of salmon on the edge nearest you of the phyllo dough. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Coat the portion of salmon with 1 tablespoon of Dijon mustard. Fold the phyllo dough over the salmon and make one complete wrap. Take the sides of the dough and fold them towards the center and continue rolling up the dough. Brush all sides with butter, covering completely and place on a cookie sheet. Repeat steps for remaining portions of salmon. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes or until phyllo dough is golden brown. Makes 4 servings.

Grilled Fiery-Hot Pizza Wraps

2 tablespoons margarine, softened
8 (10-inch) flour tortillas
1 (16-ounce) package Mexican 3 Cheese, shredded
1/2 cup pizza sauce mixed with 1/4 teaspoon habanero pepper powder
4 ounces sliced pepperoni

Heat a large skillet over medium-low heat. Spread margarine over one side of a tortilla, and place it margarine-side down in the skillet. Spoon a tablespoon of pizza-habanero sauce onto half of the tortilla. Sprinkle 1/2 cup of shredded cheese over the sauce, and top with a few slices of pepperoni. Fold the clean half of the tortilla over the filling, and cook until golden on each side. Repeat with remaining tortillas. Makes 8 servings.



Commemorate Presidents' Day all week long with spicy bites and wraps.

Spicy Asian Lettuce Wraps

4 cups water
2 cups uncooked white rice
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 pound ground pork
1 bunch green onions, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 (14-ounce) package firm tofu, drained and cubed
2 carrots, shredded
3 tablespoons Hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1/4 teaspoon hot chile paste
1 head iceberg lettuce leaves, separated

In a saucepan combine the water and rice. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer for 20 minutes, until water is absorbed. Set aside and keep warm.

Heat oil in a wok over medium-high heat. Cook the pork, green onions and garlic for 5 to 7 minutes, or until lightly brown. Add the tofu, carrot, Hoisin and soy sauce, stirring frequently until heated through. Remove from heat, and stir in the sesame oil and chile paste.

To serve, spoon a small amount of rice into each lettuce leaf, top with the stir-fry mixture, and drizzle with additional soy sauce or Hoisin, if desired. Wrap the lettuce leaf to enclose the filling. Makes 4 servings.

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LCHBA discusses wilderness



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Fred Huff, district policy adviser of U.S. Congressman Steve Pearce, discusses his presentation "Proposed Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument: A Monument Promoted by Myths, Legend and Outright Lies" with Las Cruces Home Builder Association members Thursday, Feb. 7. Huff said the proposal includes land that should not be listed as a national monument or already has some form of protection. He added that the Organ Mountain National Monument Establishment Act, presented by Pearce, will have a limited size but will still protect the Las Cruces viewscape. He is seeking public input on the proposal.

Is your home being ... infiltrated?

Air infiltration important to the efficiency of a residence

Miles Dyson
Living Green



Infiltration just sounds bad, like a terrorist sneaking through airport security or the neighborhood pit bull crawling under the fence to see your Maltese.

Air infiltration at the walls of your home is bad, too. Building science studies find that 20 to 40 percent of heat loss in most homes can be attributed to air leakage through small (and some not so small) gaps or openings in the building shell. Insulation and its corresponding R-value get our focus when thinking about how we can keep a house warm. It seems logical to think that the more insulation that we add, and the higher the R-value, the more comfortable the home.

When air moves through a wall, ceiling or floor, it does not go alone. It carries energy in the form of heat and water vapor. Insulation materials only provide the rated value of thermal protection when air movement is controlled. A wall stuffed with R-19 fiberglass batt insulation that also includes pathways and openings to the exterior will not perform as effectively as a tightly air sealed R-13 wall.

Detailed and careful air sealing of wall, ceiling and floor spaces prior to insulation installation ensures these assemblies limit heat loss and that insulating material listed R-value per-

formance specifications are achieved.

Even in new-home construction, this symbiotic relationship of air sealing and insulation installation often goes ignored. The predictable result is costly and uncomfortable air infiltration, as well the increased risk of pest entry, bio-organic allergens or mold and introduction of building material respiratory irritants.

I often hear builders worry over the risk of making a home "too tight" when in fact, there are many more critical issues caused by air infiltration.

The Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star for Homes program identified this common and easily resolved air infiltration issue more than a decade ago. The Energy Star for Homes - Thermal Enclosure Checklist is free and available for use on any home (www.energystar.gov). Key air infiltration problem areas of the home envelope are identified and a set of best practice solutions are provided that, when implemented at the framing stage of home construction, ensure a tight building envelope.

The International Code Council (ICC) recognized the value of the Energy Star Thermal Enclosure Checklist and has included a similar list of required Air Barrier and Insulation Inspection Component

criteria (2009 IECC Table 402.4.2) as a prerequisite in the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC).

The State of New Mexico, Doña Ana County and the City of Las Cruces now require that builders follow the Air Barrier and Insulation Inspection Component/Thermal Enclosure Checklist details described by the 2009 IECC. As builders increase adoption of these strategies, new homebuyers will see better energy performance, family comfort and indoor air quality.

All is not lost in our existing homes. Blower door testing simulates and measures the forces of air moving against and through a home structure. This type of testing also helps to locate the most egregious failures in the home's thermal envelope.

Many of the problems can be resolved with retrofit or remodel work that will decrease utility costs, more than offsetting the costs of work required. Energy auditors, hHome energy raters and other weatherization specialists can provide this type of analysis along with detailed scopes of work showing how to resolve infiltration problems.

Take the steps necessary to get control of air leaks at your home – don't be a victim of infiltration.

“When air moves through a wall, ceiling or floor, it does not go alone.”

Miles Dyson is the owner of Inspection Connection LC - Professional Home Energy Rating and Home Inspection Services in Mesilla Park and can be reached at 202-2457. Dyson is a RESNET certified Home Energy Rater and ASHI certified home inspector. For more information, visit www.icenergyrate.com.

RecycleMania begins

NMSU focuses on reduce, reuse and recycle

New Mexico State University has kicked off its participation in the 2013 RecycleMania tournament, a national competition in which college campuses compete over eight weeks to see who can reduce, reuse and recycle the most on-campus waste.

NMSU has been a leader in RecycleMania in recent years, placing fifth in both 2011 and 2012, and second in 2010 in the competition. More than 525 schools from 47 states, the District of Columbia and Canada are participating this year. Schools compete in 11 categories to see who recycles the most on a per capita basis, which produces the least amount of waste and which recycles the largest percentage of their overall waste stream.

"We are educating everyone on campus about the importance of not filling the landfill with things that could otherwise be recycled or reused," said Joni Newcomer, manager of environmental policy and sustainability at NMSU. "Recycling centers can be found in almost every building, typically under stairwells. To request a small single stream recycling bin for under your desk or in your office, call Omar Moreno, the recycling manager, at 993-2130."

"RecycleMania's power comes from the way it taps school spirit to motivate students who may not react to a traditional environmental message," said Bill Rudy, recycling manager at Brigham Young University and president of RecycleMania Inc.

In 2012, 605 participating colleges and universities recovered more than 92 million pounds of recyclables and organic materials, which prevented the release of nearly 150,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. This reduction in greenhouse gases is comparable to the annual emissions from more than 25,800 passenger cars, electricity use of nearly 16,400 homes, or the

burning of nearly 705 railcars of coal.

During RecycleMania 2012, the NMSU Las Cruces campus diverted 10,545 pounds of cans and bottles, 125,120 pounds of cardboard and 360,845 pounds of paper away from the landfill. During that time, the campus still took more than 134,550 pounds of trash to the landfill.

NMSU's Aggie Recycling collects plastic No. 1 (PET and PETE), aluminum cans, paper, cardboard, steel, tires, asphalt, concrete and yard waste. For the RecycleMania competition only, plastic water and soda bottles, aluminum cans, cardboard and paper (all types) are collected and weighed. The weighted amounts get reported weekly to the RecycleMania tournament council.

Items can be dropped off at the Aggie Recycling Center between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Items also can be dropped in the many recycling bins on campus.

NMSU also is focusing this year on the reuse of office supplies, furniture and other on-campus items as part of waste reduction efforts on campus. To learn more about how

to repurpose out-of-date materials, contact the Office of Sustainability at 646-7563 or visit <http://sustainability.nmsu.edu>.

Old cell phones can be recycled through the 911 Cell Phone Bank recycling program. To participate, drop off old cell phones, chargers and batteries at the NMSU Police Department main lobby, at the office of Senior Vice President Ben Woods in the north wing of Hadley Hall or in the ASNMSU office in Corbett Center Student Union.

Used phones will be reconditioned and made available to those in the community with a need. While the phones cannot be used for making regular calls, they provide a lifeline to emergency services without any monthly charges.

RecycleMania 2013 will run through March 30.

The Environmental Science Student Organization is helping the RecycleMania campaign on campus this year. To join in their efforts, contact them at essonmsu@gmail.com.

For more information about RecycleMania 2012, visit www.recyclemaniacs.org or contact newcomer@nmsu.edu.

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Helpful Coca-Cola

Beverage can do more than beat your thirst

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Did you know that Coca-Cola was originally made as a headache and hangover cure?

Produced in 1886, this American drink may not be used for medical reasons any more, but it has become a beverage of choice around the world. An estimated 3.1 percent of all beverages consumed in the world is one of the company's products.

According to Steel Media, Coca-Cola is so well known worldwide that its signature red and white logo is recognized by 94 percent of the world's population.

Coca-Cola, which means "to make mouth happy" in Chinese, has 500 brands and more than

3,500 beverages – including the short-lived Coca-Cola Blak, featuring coffee, and Diet Coke with Bacon.

Whether you prefer Coca-Cola or Pepsi (or RC Cola, depending on who you are), there is at least one thing we all owe to Coke – the modern-day image of Santa Claus.

Prior to 1931, Santa was depicted in many forms including a tall, gaunt man; a creepy-looking elf; and even a huntsman drenched in animal skin.

In the 1920s, Coca-Cola began using Santa Claus in its advertisements. In 1931, the company was using the wholesome image of Santa – big, jolly and draped in red – we know today.

And the rumors are true: Until the 1900s, Coca-Cola contained 5 ounces of coca leaf per gallon of syrup, a significant dose of cocaine. It was removed and replaced with kola nut – caffeine – because of public concern.

Whether you're a Coca-Cola aficionado or not, the sugary drink has more power in its bubbles than just satisfying your thirst. So grab a bottle of your favorite soft drink and give these tips a whirl.

1. Make low-fat desserts: If you're looking to cut eggs and oil out of your baked goods, an alternative is Coca-Cola. Simply add a can of your favorite soft drink to your cake, brownie or bunt cake recipes. For a simple yet delicious sweet treat, combine a box of cake mix with a can of soda. Bake according to the instructions on the back of the box and, in a matter of minutes, you'll have a moist dessert.

2. Tenderize and marinate your meat: In addition to enhancing your baked goods, soda pop can be used to add flavor to your meat – whether it's homemade barbecue sauce using root beer or marinating your chicken or beef in Coke and spices. When used as a marinade, the Coke will help caramelize the meat when cooked, thanks to its sugars.

3. Banish hiccups: Everyone has their own solution for curing the hiccups. But if standing on your head, holding your breath or drinking water upside down doesn't work, give this a try: Gargle a mouthful of Coca-Cola in the back of your

High Range Neighborhood Association: Yard of the Month



The High Range Neighborhood Association selected the home of Barbara Jimenez at 675 Frontier Drive as the February Yard of the Month. Jimenez has enjoyed her yard for many years.

throat. Legend has it, your hiccups will disappear without putting a crook in your neck.

4. Relieve pain from a sting: Living in Las Cruces, there is one thing you probably have to constantly watch out for: jelly fish. You never know when they're going to get you. OK, a jellyfish sting might not be on your list of fears, but what about a bee sting or perhaps a mosquito bite? No matter which of these pests you encounter, if you are stung, get relief from the pain with Coca-Cola. Using a clean cloth drenched in the soda, dab the hurt area and the burning sensation should dissipate.

5. Treat stomach problems: If you're suffering from indigestion, heartburn or another type of stomach-related pain, you can get temporary relief with Coca-Cola. It may come as a surprise, but the bubbly drink will help balance the pH levels in the stomach.

6. Remove gum from hair: "Simpsons" fans may remember the episode in season seven during which Lisa gets gum in her hair. After sitting in the sun with layers of peanut butter and mayonnaise and a spritz of lemon juice in her hair, and an unpleasant encounter with ice and a hammer, she had to have the messy wad cut out of her locks. This could all have been prevented if she had a can of cola on hand. Pour Coke over the tangled gum. After it sits for a few minutes, the soda will make removing the gum easier.

7. Fix a hair dye dilemma: Has that trip to the do-it-yourself hair salon resulted in a darker than desirable dye job? Skip the expensive salon chair and fix your hairdo with a helping of Coca-Cola. Washing your hair with the cola will help the color fade.

8. Cleaning clothing stains: Stores are full of cleaning products promising to get those pesky stains out of your beloved clothing. Help your bank account by using Coca-Cola as an alternative. Pour the soda over the stain. You'll notice the spot begin to discolor. Toss it into the wash and when it's done it will be clean and stain free.

9. Bust through rust: Rust and corrosion don't stand a chance when you have Coca-Cola in the refrigerator. Let the rusty object soak in the cola overnight and then scrub it in the morning. The rust will be weakened and will come off with ease, revealing the shiny metal underneath. This trick also works on stuck or rusted bolts that refuse to move. Just pour the cola over the bolts, let it fizz and give it a turn.

10. Wash your windows: Grease and gunk on your windows can be banished without chemically filled cleaning solutions. Try using an unlikely product: Coca-Cola. Using it to wipe down the windows will remove the grease and dirt and leave your home toxin free.

11. Remove skunk odor: If, horror of horrors, you have an unfortunate encounter with a skunk, resulting in you or a loved one becoming sprayed, skip the tomato bath and pour yourself a Coke. The cola can be used in the shower to wash away the foul smell. Just rub it into the sprayed areas and the odor will break down and rinse down the drain.

12. Wash blackened pots: A burned-on mess can put a damper on that delicious meal you just slaved over. The last thing you want to do is spend hours scrubbing away at your pot. Instead, pour some Coca-Cola into the pot and let it sit for several minutes. Wash the pot as normal and the grime will wipe away more easily.

13. Clean your toilet: When cleaning, don't forget that other pot. Coca-Cola can also be used to clean your toilet. After using your regular cleaning products, pour in some cola and scrub away. It will help remove the grime and rust and speed up the cleaning process.

14. Give your lawn a hand: The secret to a lush lawn or garden? Look in your refrigerator. One can of flat Coca-Cola added to your compost pile once a week will give it a boost in microorganisms. The microorganisms will feed on the cola, and improve their health and strength, which in turn will be more beneficial to your plants.

15. Clean your car battery: One day, my trusted little red truck refused to start, leaving me stranded at the New Mexico State University campus. After a quick call to AAA, help was on the way. When the mechanic popped my hood, he immediately knew what my problem was: corrosion on my battery. He wiped away what he could, gave me a jump and then some words of wisdom: Pour Coke over the plugs. Little did I know that using Coke to clean corrosion off battery terminals is a common trick used by those in the biz.

16. Create your own vintage paper: Giving a vintage look to your paper or photographs can take only 10 minutes and a can of Coke. In a shallow dish, pour out the cola. Submerge your paper and let it soak for 10 minutes. Carefully remove the paper and let it dry. The sheets will be browned to perfection.

17. Make an explosion: It's common knowledge that adding Mentos to Coca-Cola creates an explosion. By now, you've probably seen the Internet videos created by "mad" scientists Fritz Grobe and Stephen Voltz showing just how much fun – and how messy – the combination can be. So, if you're bored, or want to teach your kids a fun science experiment, head outdoors and give it a try. Just be ready for things to get sticky.



*Around-the-house item:
Coca-Cola*

Coca-Cola Cake

2 cups unsifted flour
2 cups sugar
2 sticks butter
3 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup Coca-Cola
1/2 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon baking soda
2 eggs, beaten
1 tablespoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows

Sift flour and sugar into a bowl. Heat butter, cocoa and Coca-Cola to boiling point. Pour over flour and sugar mixture. Add buttermilk,

soda, eggs, vanilla and marshmallows; mix. Batter will be thin and marshmallows will float to top. Pour batter into oiled, floured oblong pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Ice cake while hot.

Icing:
1/2 cup butter
3 tablespoons cocoa
6 tablespoons Coca-Cola
1 box confectioners' sugar
1 cup nuts, chopped

Combine all ingredients and pour over cake. (Recipe adapted from www.cooks.com.)

Learning the trade at the IEC Apprenticeship Class

Photos by Beth Sitzler



Keenan Tegmeyer, a first-year apprentice, participated in a Independent Electrical Contractors Apprenticeship Class at a Hakes Brothers Construction home on Sierra Del Sol Friday, Feb. 8.



Third-year apprentice Brooks Roberts helps wire the kitchen circuits as journeyman Richard Gray watches. Apprentices spent about two days doing the rough-in electrical work on the home.



Aaron Sanchez, a third-year apprentice, handles wire that will be used for a smoke detector.



Mike Gray shows a group of apprentices where they need to drill so the living room circuit can be completed.



Sam Benavidez, a third-year apprentice, was one of the 30 first- and third-year apprentices from Las Cruces and surrounding areas, including Carlsbad, Clovis, Roswell and Alamogordo, to attend the class.



First-year apprentice Justin Taylor participates in the class, which included running outlets, installing the wiring for lights and smoke detectors and installing boxes for light fixtures.

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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	1
Closed Sales Existing Homes	12	25	10
Pending Home Sales (All)	152	162	151
Average Days on Market (All)	169	148	76
Median Price New	\$206,000	\$153,690	\$160,300
Median Price Existing	\$134,000	\$149,900	\$137,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,074	1,043	1,078
Real Estate Agents	374	374	399

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 02/04/13 to 02/10/2013
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Where do I begin?

Find inspiration in your fabric



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

Whether it is a home or a business, your approach to “where do I begin?” is about the same.

I received a call from a hair salon owner who said, “I have a hair salon and I haven’t done anything to it for 20 years.”

I think the specific question was “What color do I paint?”

My answer was along the lines of “The choice depends upon many factors such as the amount of light, existing fixture colors, flooring, etc.”

Colors need to have a purpose and come from somewhere; the other features in the area create “permission” to use specific colors.

After a visit to the salon, I found that she was really trying to change much more than just paint. The salon had not had a “re-do” in some time and she really wanted to update the entire salon.

My first suggestion was to add a top treatment for all the windows to give us a range of colors to make our selection of paint have purpose and meaning. The first thing we did was make a trip to the fabric store where we found a fabric that included all the colors she liked – red, hot pink, teal, black, lime green and cream. We initially selected about four fabrics and narrowed it down to one.

Now we were making progress. We had many options in selecting paint colors. With a commitment made to that fabric, I calculated yardage and we actually bought it that day. I designed the simple top treatment for the windows. It helped us make the decision and a commitment to specific colors. With

this fabric in hand, I now could select tile for the floor, paint colors, lighting, fans and artwork for the salon.

If you would like to see the “after,” take a ride down Solano Drive and at the corner of Idaho Avenue, to The Cut Gallery. The outside of the building was re-colored, as well as the awnings. The color expectation on the inside was reflected on the outside. New awning colors (black and lime green) and new exterior colors made the job complete.

We still have some tile work to do around the front door and the outside posts and the entry floor on the exterior. The little details make the “voilà” statement.

Finally, lighting and artwork were added. We still need some mirrors for the bathrooms and above an entry table.

New waiting room furniture was selected and installed, new tile installed and all the walls painted. The space is so large that we could use one main color and three accent colors. We painted a back wall in the salon teal. It helped bring the wall up to us, since the salon was so long.

Lime green was added as an accent to a wall in the front of the building. Red was added to a wall in a bathroom and office. A more neutral color was added for some of the walls where pictures would be hung, and now the artwork pops off the wall.

It all started with a piece of fabric for the window toppers and everything else came from there. A fabric (whether a new fabric choice or an existing sofa, drapery, picture, area rug, etc) is most often the starting place for a design plan. This is where you begin.

Maureen Villmer is an interior designer in Las Cruces with 35 years of experience. If you have questions you would like answered in her column, email her at maureenvillmer@hotmail.com, visit Environs Interior Design on Facebook or call 496-7605.

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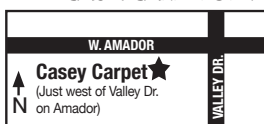


The vibrant window treatment inspired the lime green and black awning at The Cut Gallery.



Teal was added to the interior of the salon.

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Eat like a horse



Katharine Lark Chrisley
Stable Woman

The horse's digestive system is unique and complicated.

Whatever the horse eats has to be able to move all the way through the turns of the intestines, because horses cannot vomit. The natural equine diet of grasses and herbs is designed to keep the intestines working continuously.

When we feed high-calorie, low-bulk items such as grains, we ask the horse to digest that food quickly. This can be useful for the horse that is working extremely hard or racing; expending much more energy than a natural diet can provide, but a lack of roughage will compromise, even damage the horse's system.

All horses require grasses – either as pasture or dried as hay. Along with plentiful water and access to salt, this simple diet will maintain the good health of most horses. The mare in foal (gestation) or nursing (lactation) will need much more nutritionally than the pony kids hop on every weekend. And the competition horse expends more energy than this natural, basic diet can provide.

If you start with a foundation of grasses from the field or fed as hay, and then assess each individual horse's energy requirements, you will build a safe, nourishing feed program. Horses do not have gall bladders (their livers secrete bile directly into their stomachs), so they cannot digest fats in large amounts.

Energy is added through feeding grains and oats or rolled barley are the safest to feed. You add them slowly to the horse's ration as work is increased and you must decrease the grains fed when the horse's exercise decreases.

Many other factors affect a horse's condition. Internal parasites (worms) will suck the life right out of a horse and using a de-wormer (herbal combinations or traditional, older compounds in paste form are what we use) three or four times a year can be necessary. The every six- to eight-week chemical wormer plan of recent popularity is proving to be toxic to the horses.

The teeth are the horse's first organ of digestion and they grow continuously (actually erupting), sometimes forming sharp points where the chewing has been uneven. These points must be rasped (floated) by the veterinarian to return proper alignment and pain-free function to the horse's mouth.

Interestingly, exercise is very important to a horse's digestion. Designed to be in near constant motion in the wild, horses, as prey animals, get an assist from the exercise to maintain gut motility and stimulate peristalsis.

Horses should "eat like horses" and be offered as natural a diet as possible to keep the digestive tract in top form.

Katharine Chrisley is a lifelong horsewoman, equine specialist, instructor and trainer who owns and operates Dharmahorse. For more information, visit www.dharmahorse.org.

Enhancing quality of life

Local activity director accepts state position

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the activity director for Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for two years, Misti Melendez has made quite an impression on its residents and her peers.

"I was asked to be a member at large (of the Association of New Mexico Activity Professionals), which is by invitation only," Melendez said. "You have to be nominated by a member of the board and all the members vote for you."

The association gives certification to activities professionals, whose main focus is to "enhance quality of life," Melendez said.

Activity directors are hired to organize activities for individuals in long-term care facilities, Alzheimer's and dementia units, assisted living and rehab facilities.

Melendez was a representative for the district and was recently asked to become a member of the association's state board.

"It'll be a year in June when we started this district," said Melendez, who was voted the district's first president.

Melendez said the opportunity gave professionals in southern New Mexico a more prominent voice in the association.

Beginning in March, Melendez will assume her duties as part of the state board during the organization's annual conference.

"As a board member, you have the right to vote on behalf of the ANMAP and this district,



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

Sagecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center Activities Director Misti Melendez with resident James Little during a birthday celebration for residents who celebrate their birthday in January.

which hasn't had a voice in a long time," Melendez said. "We're the second largest city in the state and we need the representation."

Melendez received her bachelor's degree in sports management from MidAmerica Nazarene University in Kansas, a degree that's proved useful in her position, she said.

"You have to be flexible, and have a plan B, C and D," Melendez said. "I'm dealing with staff, residents, their families and volunteers, I have to be organized and think ahead. I do my entire calendar a month ahead."

Melendez is continuing her own education
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Beyond the cosmetic issue

Laser treatment is one option to treat varicose veins

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

A new clinic hopes to offer relief for those suffering with varicose veins, a condition that can cause pain and interfere with a person's daily routine.

The Comprehensive Varicose Veins Laser Clinic, 3850 Foothills Road, Suite 6, opened in September 2012.

"There was a huge need for it in Las Cruces," said Oscar Guzman, the clinic's general manager. "We're bringing in a newer technology as far as our laser technology."

The clinic specializes in treating varicose veins and the underlying problem, venous reflux or vein insufficiency.

"There are two misconceptions people tend to have," Guzman said. "People think what they see is the problem. It's usually deeper, because the veins are being damaged. The second is that veins just disappear automatically once you treat the (underlying problem)."

People tend to think that the problem is just cosmetic, which is not the case. Guzman said the issue is a progressive disease. Varicose

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

The treatment room at the Comprehensive Varicose Veins Laser Clinic is equipped with an ultrasound machine used to screen the patient for reflux. The Endovenous Laser is used to treat the root of the problem, by closing down the veins, which then allows the body to break down the veins.

Veins

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veins, when left untreated, can become progressively worse, causing aching, pain and other issues in the legs, which is where they generally occur.

"It's a medical (condition), which can lead to pain, swelling and aching," Guzman said. "If left untreated, it can lead to venous status ulcers, which can be very serious."

Generally, he said, it starts in one vein and can get progressively worse.

"Genetics is the biggest contributor," Guzman said.

Varicose veins result from weak or damaged valves in the veins. The problem is one that is often associated with women, but the issue is also common in men. Guzman said 40 to 45 percent of men and 55 percent of women are affected.

"It's across the board as far as age," Guzman said. "The youngest we saw was a male, 16 years old. The oldest patient was 97."

There are several ways to treat varicose veins, including surgery, compression and more. The Comprehensive Varicose Veins Laser Clinic uses Endovenous Laser Therapy to close the veins. The body will then naturally break up the vein, treating the root problem, which causes pain, aching and swelling. Sclerotherapy is then used to treat the cosmetic part of the problem.

The procedure is done under local anesthetic and is an outpatient procedure that takes about 20 to 25 minutes. Dr. Gilbert Aidinian performs the procedures at the clinic. Those who are interested in treating the cosmetic affects will need more than one treatment.

Although treatment of varicose veins can be very painful, Guzman said, based on his own experience, that he is confident that this new laser technology will reduce some the pain that occurs during and after treatment and will allow patients to get in and out of the clinic quickly.

Details

What are varicose, spider veins?

- Varicose (VAR-i-kos) veins are enlarged veins that can be blue, red, or flesh-colored. They often look like cords and appear twisted and bulging. They can be swollen and raised above the surface of the skin. Varicose veins are often found on the thighs, backs of the calves, or the inside of the leg. During pregnancy, varicose veins can form around the vagina and buttocks.
- Spider veins are like varicose veins but smaller. They also are closer to the surface of the skin than varicose veins. Often, they are red or blue. They can look like tree branches or spiderwebs with their short, jagged lines. They can be found on the legs and face and can cover either a very small or very large area of skin.
- Risk factors include: increasing age, medical or family history, hormonal changes, pregnancy, obesity, lack of movement and sun exposure.

Source: www.womenshealth.gov



Activities

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as an activities director. She received her certification through ANMAP and is in the process of getting her national certification.

The responsibility of planning activities for individuals at care or assisted living facilities might not seem like a big task, but it can have a profound impact on the lives of residents.

"Activities are 100 percent resident driven," Melendez said. "I do what the residents want. (The activities) have to be approved by the residents' council.

I attend their meetings by invitation only."

When a resident enters Sagecrest, Melendez gets a sense of their interests, past experience, likes and dislikes. Not only is it Melendez's job to organize events, but she also introduces residents with similar interests and background to one another.

"When residents are in these facilities, all their independence is gone," Melendez said.

Which is why planning daily activities is so important.

"So they don't become sedentary and isolated," Melendez said.

Melendez plans events such as cocktail hour, poker, Bible studies, cooking activities and more.

"Two weeks ago, we made sopapillas," she said. "A lot of the women used to be homemakers and enjoyed cooking. They loved it. It's about activities that make them realize that just because they're here, doesn't mean they don't have a purpose."

"That part of me feels like I'm making a difference in their life. They may not remember my name, but they remember me as the 'Activities Lady.'"

Melendez credits her success over the past two years to support and encouragement from TJ Johnston-Hicks, her administrator and management team.

“ We’re the second largest city in the state and we need the representation.”



MISTI MELENDEZ, activities director

2013 DOÑA ANA COUNTY SENIOR GAMES SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date & time	Event	Location
Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10 a.m.	8-Ball pool - Women	Q-Time
Thursday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m.	8-Ball pool - Men	Q-Time
Saturday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m.	Shuffleboard - Singles	Johnstone Supply
Sunday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m.	Shuffleboard - Doubles	Johnstone Supply

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- **Sunday, Feb. 17:** Let someone go in front of you in line.

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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., 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.

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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

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.

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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
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 - **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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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For more information including a schedule of meetings, call 527-1803.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Breast Cancer Support Group of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd., Annex A.

Dr. Bishnu Rauth, hematology and oncology, will give a presentation titled "Advances in Breast Cancer Research" as the featured speaker Saturday, Feb. 23.

All are welcome and no advance registration is required.

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Church News

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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.

LENT AT MISSION LUTHERAN

Mission Lutheran Church and School, 2752 Roadrunner Parkway, will hold the Jonah Survivor Series at 10:30 a.m.

and 6 p.m. with a fellowship soup supper at 5:15 p.m. Wednesdays through the Lenten season. Sundays during Lent, discovery of the prayer that Jesus taught will be held at 9 a.m. For more information, call 522-0465.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will hold the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. Fridays

as part of its Lenten services. For more information, call 644-5025.

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.

LENT AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will hold soup suppers and evening services beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesdays throughout the Lenten season. The last service will be March 20. For more information, call 522-7119.

SALT & LIGHT COMPANY

The Salt & Light Company Children's Ministry begins at 4 p.m. Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, for children in kindergarten through high school. Dinner will be served.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 23, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The title of the event is "Dreams: A Source of Truth."

REGISTRATION, OPEN HOUSE

Mission Lutheran School, 2752 N. Roadrunner Parkway, will hold registration for the 2013-14 school year from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and an open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25. For more information, call 532-5489.

I HAVE A DREAM

New Heights Faith Community invites the public to a film showing of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 2425 Jordan Ave. A free dinner and beverages will be served, and a discussion will follow. For more information, contact Rev. Joe Whitley at pastortjoe@newheightsfaith.org or 202-9908.

FILM SHOWING

New Heights Faith Community invites the public to a showing of "For the Bible Tells Me So," at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 2425 Jordan Ave. This documentary includes interviews of Christian families on how they came to accept their LGBT children. It also includes interviews with Protestant and Jewish theologians, showing how religious people can love and accept LGBT people. A free dinner and beverages will be served, and a discussion will follow. For more information, call Rev. Joe Whitley at 202-9908.

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE EVENTS

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces will hold the following events related to the installation of the Most Reverend Oscar Cantú as its second bishop:

- 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27: Evening prayer open to the public at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St. 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.

SERVICE FOR HEALING

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., will hold a special monthly prayer service for healing at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28. Those in need of healing are invited, particularly those who suffer from cancer, their families and friends. For more information, call 524-2296.

SEARCH RETREAT

Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina St., will hold a three-day SEARCH Retreat Thursday through Saturday, March 7-9. The retreat program, for youth in grades 10 through 12, will provide young people with the tools, support, fellowship, prayer and love needed to make a personal relationship with Jesus. A registration form can be picked up at the parish center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is Monday, March 4. For more information, call 524-8563.

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If you've lost someone close to you or know someone who has, Grief Share is a special weekly support group held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Thursday, March 7, at the Morning Star United Methodist Church, 2941 Morning Star Drive, Room 105. At Grief Share, you will learn valuable information that will help you through this difficult time in your life. Each session stands alone. For more information or to register, call the church office at 521-3770. Jackie Sledge at 915-525-2575 or Jim Maxon at 532-9699.

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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.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., offers two prayer groups. A centering prayer group meets weekly at 8 a.m. Saturdays for 20 to 30 minutes. Gathering for Prayer meets Monday afternoons from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 522-7119.

MEN'S CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Catholic men are invited to attend a men's Catholic fellowship breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. the second Saturday of the month at Delicia's del Mar, 1401 El Paseo Road. The monthly gathering is an opportunity for men to fellowship with other Catholic men and renew themselves spiritually. The time will consist of praise and worship, teaching on male spirituality, fellowship and breakfast. The fellowship is sponsored by the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary in collaboration with other Mesilla Valley Catholic parishes. The cost of the breakfast is \$5. For more information, call 524-8563.

GOOD NEWS THRIFT STORE

The Good News Thrift Store, 144 Wyatt St., is now accepting donations, which are tax deductible. Free pick up is available. The store, which helps women after they leave prison, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 649-2922.

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Pets and People



Promise outlines owner responsibilities

Working to achieve Zero-in-7 by 2018

By **Billy G. Garrett**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Like many residents of Doña Ana County, my wife and I are pet owners.

We share our home with two dogs. Dazi looks like a mini-Schnauzer. Luca might be a mix between a German shepherd and a Shar Pei.

Dazi lets us know when someone is at the door or a lizard is basking on the patio. Luca is good at knowing the difference between the two and stirring himself only when the situation merits his involvement. Both came from rescue groups that work with public animal shelters.

Shelters support enforcement of animal control regulations and provide a safe place for lost, abandoned or mistreated animals. Regrettably, some shelters have more animals coming in than they can care for, return or place in new homes. When that happens, a portion of the existing population is killed to make room for newly admitted dogs and cats. The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV) runs a shelter with exactly this type of problem.

ASCMV provides services for both the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. During 2011, approximately 13,600 dogs and cats from this area were taken in by ASCMV. The good news is that roughly 5,100 were returned to their owners, transferred or adopted out. The bad news is that 8,500 dogs and cats had to be put down. Many of these animals were in good health or had treatable medical conditions.

In January 2012, I joined a diverse group that wants to change this situation. Known as the Coalition for Pets and People, the group includes the ASCMV director, city and county animal control officers and representatives from most of the animal welfare organizations in our community.

The coalition's sole purpose is to eliminate killing of healthy or treatable animals at our shelter by the end of 2018. The plan designed to reach this goal of "Zero-in-7" consists of 12 steps. Every step contributes to either reducing the number of dogs and cats going in or increasing the number going out. It's simple math.

During 2012, the euthanasia rate at the

shelter came down by more than 1,400 animals. This achievement is largely due to efforts by the Coalition's initial partners. While our work is off to a good start, we now need serious help from pet owners up and down the valley.

Every day, hundreds of people in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County make decisions that put their animals at risk. Consider the problem of strays brought in by animal control officers. This is by far the largest category of animals taken in at the shelter. In 2011, that number was roughly 9,100 animals. Some of these animals may have jumped the fence and others may have been abandoned, but the vast majority were picked up just because their owners chose to let them run loose.

Most of us try to do the right thing. Unfortunately, what we actually do might be dead wrong. Allowing a cat to run free might seem natural until that cat shows up with six or eight precious kittens that we don't have room for. Not bothering with a microchip is OK until the dog gets lost and we can't find it and those who did find it don't know who we are or where we live.

Thirteen thousand dogs and cats at the shelter are clear proof that thousands of us don't understand our responsibilities, can't manage them or aren't trying hard enough. For those who want to be better pet owners, the Coalition has put together something called the "Promise Card." The card summarizes what each of us should be doing:

"In exchange for companionship, loyalty and love, I promise that every animal I care for will be spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated and treated humanely. I will never abandon my animals or allow them to run loose. I accept this responsibility for the full natural life of my animals."

Cynthia and I have signed a Promise Card and stuck it on our refrigerator. More importantly, Dazi and Luca have had their sterilization surgeries, are chipped and vaccinated and have all the shelter, shade, food and water that they could want. Although both are homebodies, neither is allowed to run free. We have also made it clear during the course of numerous conversations that we will never abandon them and that this is a forever promise.



Cynthia Garrett holds a Zero-in-7 Promise Card and her dog Dazi. The card is a pledge owners can make promising to properly care for, spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinate their pets to bring the community a step closer to achieving Zero-in-7 – no longer euthanizing animals due to overpopulation in seven years.

Buying or adopting an animal is fairly easy and can be truly rewarding. But ownership should not be taken on casually. Pet care requires time, money and the willingness to make the right decisions. Responsible ownership promotes animal health, minimizes public safety risks and reduces the number of unwanted animals. That's a win-win for owners, their pets and the community.

I hope that you'll join the hundreds of pet owners who have already made the Zero-in-7 promise. Dazi, Luca and thousands of their best friends will thank you.

For more information about the promise card, contact the Coalition for Pets and People at talktous@zeroin7.org

Billy G. Garrett represents District 1 on the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, is vice-chair of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Board of Directors and co-chair of the Coalition for Pets and People.

Pet fun facts

Cats:

- A cat will almost never meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.
- A cat uses its whiskers as feelers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through.
- A cat can be either right-pawed or left-pawed.
- A cat can jump as much as seven times its height.
- Cats cannot break a sweat, because they have no sweat glands.
- A cat's brain is more similar to a human's brain than that of a dog.
- A cat sees about six times better than a human at night.
- A cat's tongue is scratchy because it's lined with papillae – tiny backwards hooks that help to hold prey in place.
- A 15-year-old cat has probably spent 10 years of its life sleeping.
- All kittens are born with blue eyes.
- Ancient Egyptians believed cats were sacred animals.
- In Asia and England, a black cat is considered lucky.
- Cat families usually play best in even numbers. Cats and kittens should be acquired in pairs whenever possible.
- Cats can see color. Studies have shown that cats can distinguish between red and green; red and blue; red and gray; green and blue; green and gray; blue and gray; yellow and blue; and yellow and gray.
- Cats have a third eyelid that is rarely visible. If it can be seen, it could be an indication of ill health.
- Cats lack a true collarbone and can generally squeeze their bodies through any space they can get their heads through.
- You should talk to your cat often. Cats love to hear the sound of their own name and your voice.
- Cats, not dogs, are the most common pets in America.
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Pet briefs

ASCMV Pet adoption

Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will hold its weekly pet adoptions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16 at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave. and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Las Cruces Farmer's & Craft Market. For more information, call 382-0018.

ASCMV donation and volunteer requests

Donations of dog crates, dog treats (with no red dyes), collars, leashes, towels and igloos are needed for the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West. Donations can be made during regular business hours, from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or left at the door if closed.

Volunteers are needed at the shelter for dog walking, off-site adoption events, outreach programs and more.

A few hours a month is all it requires. For more information, call 381-0018 or visit the shelter.

APA Pet Food Bank hours change

The ACTion Program for Animals will change the hours of operation for its Pet Food Bank hours beginning Friday, March 1.

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APA Rummage Sale

A rummage sale and pet adoption event to benefit Action Programs for Animals (APA) and its Doña Ana Pets Alive! (DAPA!) campaign as well as the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM) will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 2, at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite St. The event will include the rummage sale, baked goods, enchilada plates, popcorn, drinks and raffle prizes as well as adoptable dogs and cats from both organizations.

The importance of owner responsibility

Decreasing the shelter population, keeping the public safe

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The job of an animal control officer is simple enough: protect the public from animals and animals from the public.

But without a little cooperation from the public, it can turn into a challenge. Brian Goodman, senior animal control officer and executive member of the Community Coalition for Pets and People, is working with the coalition to achieve Zero-in-7 and further educate the public on the importance of responsible pet ownership.

Zero-in-7 is a campaign to stop euthanization in local shelters within seven years. As part of the coalition, Goodman works with other organizations, city and county representatives and other animal advocates toward this goal.

In order to achieve Zero-in-7, Goodman is spreading awareness on the importance of keeping pets safe and secure.

"In seven years, the goal is for there to be no euthanization at the shelter by decreasing the amount of animals entering the shelter and increasing the number of animals coming out of the shelter," Goodman said.

It is important, Goodman added, to keep strays off the street because some can become aggressive or traffic hazards.

"It's all considered part of public safety," Goodman said.

What contributes most to the amount of strays on the street is owner responsibility.

"Leaving the gate open, not fixing holes in the fence, recognizing your pet can jump the fence or dig," Goodman said.

Curbing this problem is simple. "The mistake (pet owners) make is not taking the time to recognize the characteristics of their animals, and what they can and cannot do, and fixing the problem," Goodman said.



Brian Goodman, animal control officer and executive member of the Community Coalition for Pets and People, is spreading the word on the importance of responsible pet ownership, which includes having pets microchipped to avoid over population in the local shelter.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

This includes raising and repairing fences and taking precautions to prevent, primarily dogs, from digging their way out of the yard.

Spaying and neutering pets are also a part of this. When a female dog is in heat, a male can sense it within a 20-block radius, Goodman said.

"Spaying and neutering help this," he said. "These males will find a way to jump in the yard (of these female dogs)."

This also applies to cats, which have become a problem in the area, but aren't reported until they become a nuisance.

"Since the coalition has been in existence, its been looking at ways to remedy this situation," Goodman said. "It received backing from the city to change policies to help reunite animals with their owner, instead of taking them

directly to the shelter."

Animal control recently received computers, which assist officers in identifying a stray and returning it to its owner.

"The policy used to be we'd pick up the animal and bring it directly to the shelter; now, it's a more proactive approach by returning the animal to their home," Goodman said.

The most important thing to ensure a safe return of a pet is identification through a rabies shot tag, pet license or, most importantly, a microchip.

"So, even if the dog somehow loses its tags, we can still identify it," Goodman said. "Identification (of any kind) is beneficial to the pet, owner, shelter and officer - they can return the animal and move on to the next call."

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The imposition of the ashes at Holy Cross Catholic Church and School

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Msgr. John Anderson leads the 8:15 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass at Holy Cross Catholic Church and School Wednesday, Feb. 13. The Mass was organized by the students.



Luke Sandermlin receives ashes from Assistant Principal Carla Vargas as teacher Betsy Harthorn looks on.



Anderson places ashes on Mike Bell, Eucharistic minister for the Children's Mass.



Xavier Holguin bows his head as Anderson makes the sign of the cross on his forehead with ashes.

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