



New fees delayed

Roads, drainage fees start July 1

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

Yielding to concerns from the construction industry, the Las Cruces City Council agreed to delaying starting impact fees to help cover the costs of major roads and drainage in new developments.

Although councillors still voiced skepticism that the fees would make new homes more difficult to sell, they were willing to put off the new road and drainage impact fees until July 1, 2013, in order to close up some procedural "loopholes" staff found for accessing the fees.

While those in the construction industry say the fees will make new homes less affordable, councillors responded that the city's current method of having developers build for only their share of new roads has resulted in wildly inconsistent roads. Under the new impact fee system, the city would borrow money to build complete roads with money from the fees paying off the loans.

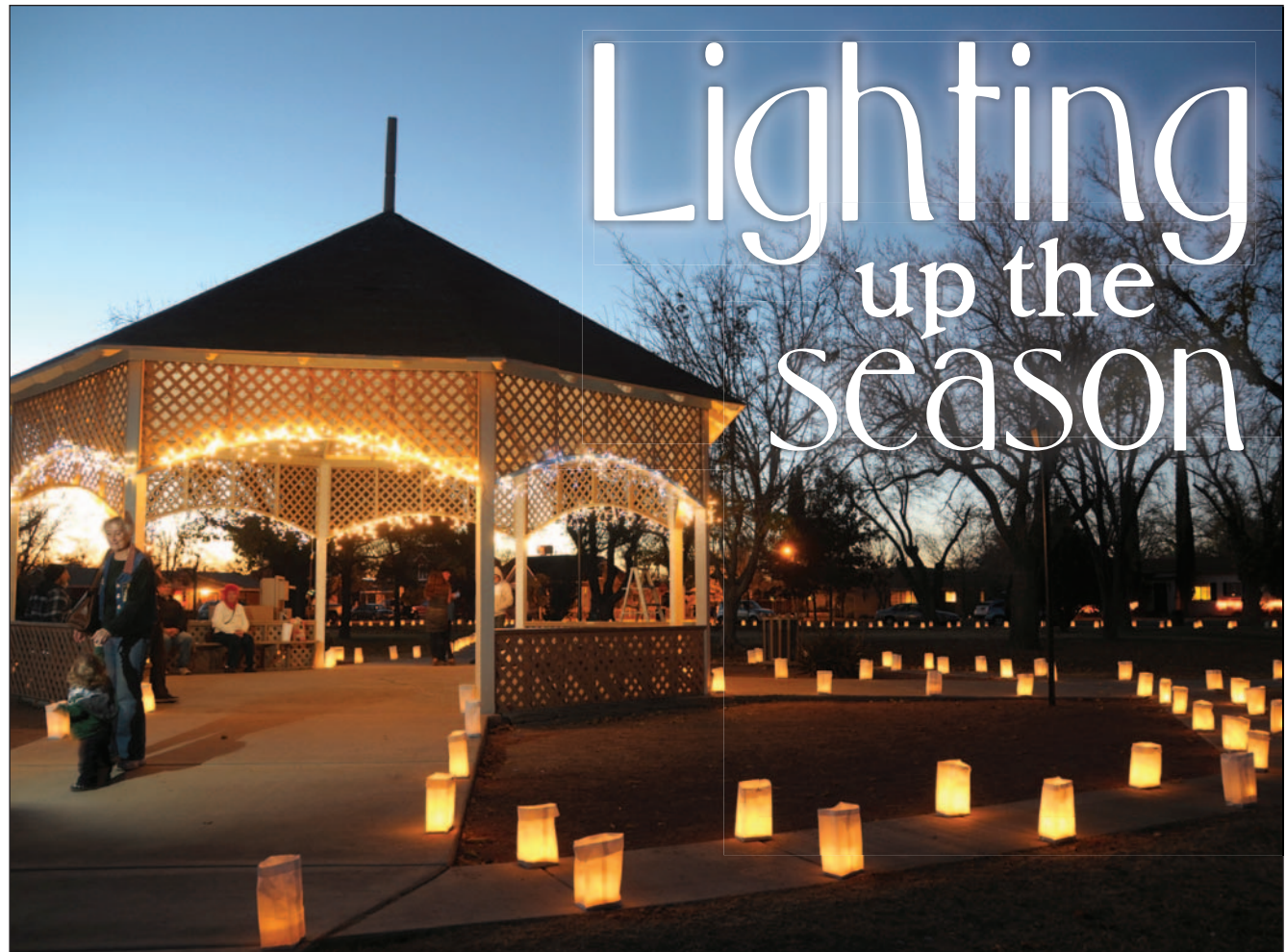
Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas said the new proposed fees don't really cover the full cost of city services brought on by new development. She blamed the increased demand for city services on city officials who are not focused on improving public transit or providing more affordable housing.

"We need some way of looking at the impact of new development's effects on the whole the city," Thomas said.

The city's current method has resulted in major roads left unfinished for years. Having these main new arterial roads constructed in a more complete form in the future would improve the attractiveness of the city to everyone's benefit," Thomas said.

Councillor Nathan Small said he looked at the impact fees as a starting place toward crafting a more long-term policy for new development. Impact fees made for a good starting place, Small said, but there needed to be more work done on long-term policy to help the city's infrastructure.

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Lighting up the season

Hundreds of luminarias lit up Pioneer Women's Park Friday, Dec. 7, as part of the Winterfest celebration in the Downtown and Alameda districts. For more photos, see page C4.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Steve Macintyre

All out for Trout

Las Cruces-based champion boxer honored with parade

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

A short parade Saturday, Dec. 15, was followed by long lines of fans seeking to congratulate Austin Trout – and get pictures taken with the World Boxing Association champion along with his autograph.

Anthony Gonzalez, 15, was one of the last ones to get a few moments with Trout in the Police Athletic League's gym, where Trout has trained since he was 10 years old.

"It was cool," Gonzalez said. Trout's Dec. 1 triumph in Madison Square Garden over

Puerto Rican Miguel Cotto shows that anyone can achieve their dreams if they work hard enough, Gonzalez said.

"That's what Austin was telling me, that 'If I can do it, you can do it, too,'" Gonzalez said.

"That is the message that I'm trying to get out there," Trout said ringside as he signed the last autographs of the day. "I'm not Superman, I'm just a man. But if you apply yourself, and are determined, you can achieve your dreams."

Besides winning a major fight in Madison Square Garden,

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Mesilla Valley Hospice nurse wins state honor

Bruce describes care for dying patients as a calling and a gift

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

Mesilla Valley Hospice nurse Monique Bruce is a welcomed presence for the patients and family she serves, but she said it is her privilege to help the terminally ill spend their final days as comfortably as possible.

Bruce knows what it is like, after caring for her parents in their final days.

"I didn't have hospice care when my mom and dad were dying, so when I'm there in (my patient's) homes, I treat them

as if they were my own mom or dad," Bruce said. "Each one of these patients are my parents."

Bruce's devotion as the night on-call nurse for Mesilla Valley Hospice has earned the La Verne Fincher Hospice Nurse of the Year award for New Mexico for 2012.

"She deserves it," said Lila Bridgers, a patient at La Posada, Mesilla Valley Hospice's residential care facility in Las Cruces. "She is very personal, very caring. She's the next best thing to family. All the staff here

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Holiday closings

Most city and county offices will be closed to the public Monday, Dec. 24, Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013, to allow employees to spend time with their families during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Emergency services such as fire and police will not be affected.

The following is a list of closures for Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1:

- Meerscheidt Recreation Center
- East Mesa Recreation Center
- Frank O'Brien Papen Community Center
- Henry Benavidez Community Center
- The Life Center (Therapeutics Program)
- Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Frenger Pool
- All senior programs
- Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
- All museums
- Solid Waste offices
- RoadRUNNER Transit administration office
- Foothills Landfill and yard waste recycling

Solid waste and recycling will be collected Dec. 24. There will be no solid waste or recycling collection on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

Service for those days will be made up the following day.

Roadrunner Transit and Dial-A-Ride will operate from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 24. There will be no service on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

El Paso Electric Co. business offices, including customer payment centers, in Texas and New Mexico will close at noon Dec. 24 and all day on Dec. 25. EPE offices will open for business Wednesday, Dec. 26.

In addition, EPE's business offices and customer payment centers will close all day Jan. 1, in observance of New Year's Day.



White Sands spreads the Christmas cheer for Las Cruces Public Schools

Las Cruces Public Schools photos



Employees of Las Cruces Public Schools and White Sands Complex unloaded gifts for families in the LCPS Partners in Education and Migrant Education programs Thursday, Dec. 19, at the LCPS administration building.

LCPS children to receive gifts

Eighty-eight economically disadvantaged children will benefit from the generosity of employees at the White Sands Complex (WSC) this holiday season.

WSC employees delivered toys, bicycles and clothing to the LCPS Partners in Education (PIE) and Migrant Education programs, the Las Cruces Families & Youth Inc.'s (FYI) Transitional Living Program and children identified by the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Wednesday, Dec. 19.

This is the 15th consecutive year that WSC employees have delivered boxes, bags and bikes for needy Las Cruces families. In the past seven years alone, the donations have helped nearly 700 children.

Jessica Wysong, administrative assistant in the Space Complex Software Engineering Department at White Sands, said she and fellow WSC employees organized the 2012 Space Complex adopt-a-child program. Wysong and fellow WSC employees Rita Morock and Nicole Torres made the deliveries. Other participants in the program include other employees at WSC who donated their time and money to help these families, Wysong said.

"The continued generosity and support of our friends and partners at White Sands Complex is such a great gift to the school district," said LCPS PIE Program Lead Yoli Silva. "It means a happy holiday season for many of our families."



LCPS Superintendent Stan Rounds loads gifts donated by White Sands employees.



Christina Werner, LCPS family school liaison, carries Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children in Las Cruces schools.

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From the publisher

BY RICHARD COLTHARP

Christmas time is here

Desert traditions enchant the holiday season

There will be no war on Christmas this year from me.

I love Christmas decorations, Christmas presents, Christmas music, Christmas food – incorporating red and green chile wherever possible – the Christmas spirit, the beauty of midnight Mass and the true meaning of Christmas. I'm frequently saying "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Christmas."

Neither will there be a war from me on people who say, "Happy holidays" or "Season's greetings." I use those terms sometimes, and it doesn't mean I'm degrading Christmas.

I like the term "Happy holidays." A holiday is a holy day. If you're one who celebrates Hannukah or Christmas or Kwanzaa, you find those days holy.

So "Happy holidays" fits. Sometimes Merry Christmas does not fit.

I still feel little awkward about last December, when I saw former and future state representative Jeff Steinborn, who's Jewish, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

I said, "Hello," and shook his hand. We chatted briefly and I turned to go and said, out of habit, "Merry Christmas." I was already to my car when I realized my faux pas.

Season of Enchantment

Christmas in the desert may take some getting used to if you come from other parts of the country. New Mexico, though, with its blend of cultures, brings wonderful traditions. After a season or two, you'll believe nowhere is Christmas better.

Tamales. These milagros of masa, meat and chile raise the spirit and lower the chill of the season. They're best when your family can take off a day and make your own.

It's too late this year, but next year consider placing an order at City Barber Shop. They're doing another batch Jan. 26, 2013.

Plazas. Plazas with shops, restaurants and lodging, and anchored by an historic church, dot our state's landscape. At Christmastime they're at their most beautiful. None are more beautiful than our own Mesilla Plaza.

Luminarias. These lighted bags are so simple, yet so beautiful and emotional. I'll never forget driving years ago through Tularosa, where every Christmas Eve they line the village's main street with luminarias.

Everyone's coached to slow down and turn off their main headlights.

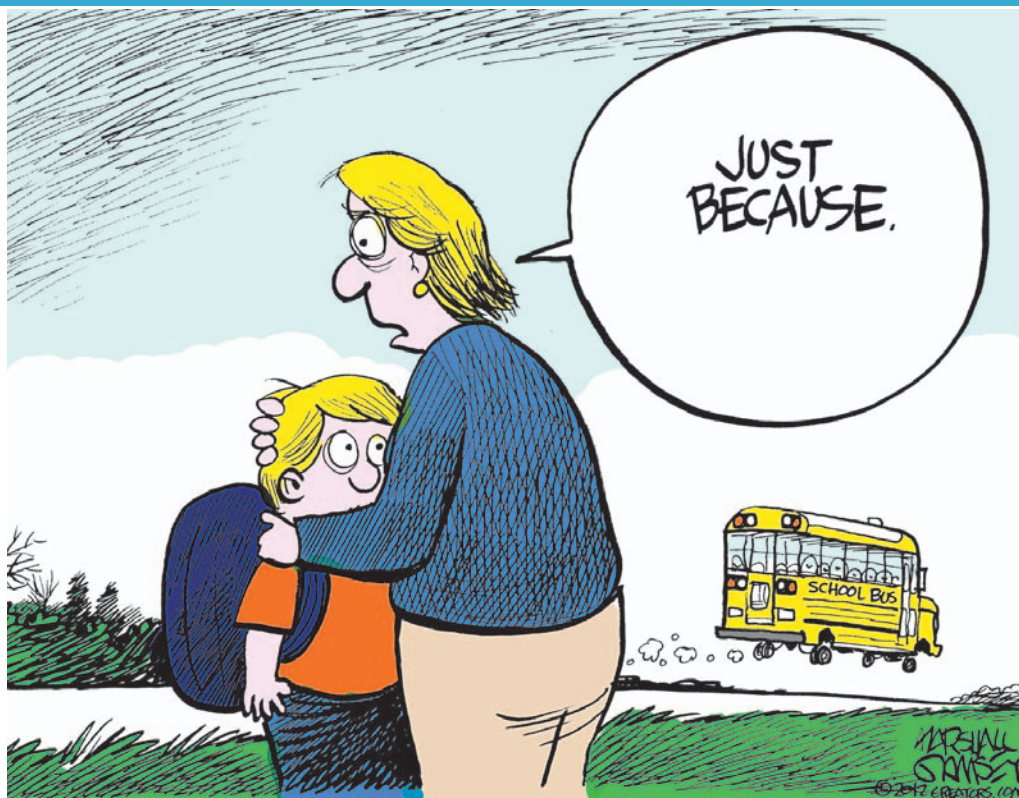
This night was especially poignant because snow was falling. I imagine a lonely truck driver coming through, forced to be away from family at Christmas, and unexpectedly encountering that scene. What a moment to be forever linked with New Mexico.

What it's all about

All of those things create a great texture to enhance the season. But the season stands pretty well on its own merits.

Sometimes, especially at Christmas, it's good to listen to the wisdom of a child – in this case, a cartoon child – Linus Van Pelt (who's quoting Luke, chapter two, of the King James Bible): "That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." – Luke 2: 1-14



Letters to the Editor

Informed consent

Think about it. Participating in sporting or athletic activities, we often sign waivers. Seeking medical attention, we sign similar waivers for things that just might happen under those circumstances. Sometimes it's in the small print, such as "By purchasing this ticket, I have waived all rights to sue. . . ."

The waivers are forms of "informed consent," allowing providers of products and services to continue to provide those things, without threat of lawsuits, so that we continue to enjoy the things we do without interruption.

So, also, the tenants of Spaceport America and their suppliers, bringing multiple opportunities to put the Land of Enchantment on the map while taking people out of this world, would seem to need protection from lawsuits.

In 2010, our Legislature understood that space travel requires some risks while breaking new ground; so, legislation was passed protecting the space flight operators. Thus, "informed consent" was in place for the operators. Other states have since passed similar legislation that includes suppliers, making it clear that New Mexico is going to lose its edge and perhaps its only tenant if the same protections are not extended to the suppliers.

Please be sure our legislators understand.

Gregory Z. Smith
Las Cruces City Councillor

Helping seniors

If you are interested in helping support seniors in our community, please take the time to look at a new report from Con Alma Health Foundation.

As New Mexico's largest private foundation dedicated solely to health, Con Alma looked at issues facing seniors. While we have a strong history of caring for our elderly, we need to do more.

One in eight older New Mexicans doesn't know where they will get their next meal. The public and private systems of health care and long-term care services in New Mexico are severely stressed.

We can shift our attention to this growing population and overcome barriers to care in our state. We need public and private partners to learn about the trends and needs of our elders and develop innovative solutions that strengthen support to our elders.

When Con Alma talked to seniors about their needs, they told us they anticipate needing more help with energy assistance, household chores, respite care and discounted meals.

To read more about the needs of our seniors and how you can help, visit, www.conalma.org and look under, "Beyond Grant-making."

Louise Tracey-Hosa
Con Alma Health Foundation

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Spaceport's future uncertain

Lack of liability law pushes business to other facilities



Jay Miller
Inside the Capitol

Is Virgin Galactic preparing to rip off New Mexico? Maybe so, but my view of how the spaceport came about argues for Richard Branson not being the heavy in all of this.

As I remember it, 20 years ago the city of Las Cruces, the local chamber of commerce and New Mexico State University began a joint effort to build a spaceport somewhere in Doña Ana County.

I went down to Cruces for some conferences attended by business people, scientists and politicians. They got a bill introduced into the Legislature to fund a modest spaceport near White Sands Missile Range, which promised to provide what assistance it could.

Small aerospace companies testified to legislative committees that they were ready to start testing and, if we would build it, they would come. Evidently the companies also testified in other states, because soon there was a committee of the National Lieutenant Governors' Association devoted to spaceports. Lt. Gov. Casey Luna was New Mexico's representative.

In 1995, Gary Johnson became New Mexico's governor. He wasn't interested in rockets. He wanted to widen roads in Republican areas of the state that he felt had been ignored under Democratic administrations.

Eight years later, Gov. Bill Richardson was elected and the spaceport talk picked up again. Other states hadn't gotten hopelessly ahead of us because they were still talking about remodeling old airports.

Richardson envisioned a purpose-built spaceport for New Mexico. The idea appealed to Virgin Galactic's Sir Richard Branson. An elegant, futuristic terminal building would perfectly suit his identity.

The situation at this point becomes cloudy. Richardson and Branson huddled behind closed doors. Both were excited about the possibilities. From all indications, there was an atmosphere of trust as they imagined what could be. The two were both hustlers. They talked each other's language.

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The timetable for completing the spaceport and Branson's spacecraft were unrealistically compressed. Initially, Richardson still would have been in office when the first flights took place.

There appear to be no good records of what commitments were made. It was at about that time that Branson signed a deal with Scaled Composites, which had just won the Ansari X-Prize for flying to the edge of space twice in three days.

Did Branson promise Richardson that if he built a spaceport, Virgin would be the anchor tenant? The evidence suggests that is what happened, since Virgin participated heavily in design of the terminal

building. It also organized dedication of the runway and the terminal.

Scaled Composites was to make Virgin a five-seat plane that would take paying passengers on the same trip. An accident involving three deaths early in the development phase slowed the pace for Virgin. Numerous delays slowed the spaceport construction.

As a result, Gov. Susan Martinez is two years into her term and neither the spaceport nor spacecraft is completed. To complicate matters, Martinez has never been on the same page as Sir Richard regarding the spaceport.

It would be difficult for two people to have more different personalities. Martinez was unsure about the spaceport from the beginning. Branson seemed to take over as chief spokesman and promoter for the spaceport.

This column has warned for the past two years that many other countries and states are back in the game since Richardson left office. New space companies start testing every month and none of them are coming here.

Branson is not pleased. The emirate of Abu Dhabi not only is building a spaceport, it has bought a big chunk of Virgin Galactic. Branson already has said that will be his headquarters for the Eastern Hemisphere.

Virgin Galactic is also upset that the Legislature has not limited liability for spacecraft parts suppliers. Martinez says if the Legislature passes it, she will sign it. But she needs to hustle that through the Legislature rather than spending so much time and political capital on immigrants' driver's licenses.

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Defenseless

Terror time for people made intentionally defenseless

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



The attacks in our society are driven by the media attention while we send our kids to schools made intentionally defenseless by politicians who themselves are defended with guns. Our president talks about taking away the rights of citizens to defend themselves while he, himself, is protected by dozens of armed guards.

It is a terror time for people made intentionally defenseless. The Second Amendment is bantered about, but the core of the Constitution is about the rule of law and property rights. We own ourselves and therefore have a fundamental right to defend ourselves without any interference by government, including the methods we use to defend ourselves. The founders of our country did not intend for us to be slain like fish in a barrel with no means of defense.

Winston Churchill had that great speech in World War II where he said they would fight

the Nazis on the beaches, in the streets, etc. It was a great speech, but his country had taken all of the guns away from the population. The citizens were without weapons since their own government made them defenseless. Regardless of the way Churchill spoke, the citizens did not have any means to fight an invasion.

Years ago I awoke to a sound in the middle of the night and was confronted with my lack of ability to protect the ones I love. My duty was in the hallway with the intruder. I could not wait for the police because I could not let my daughter in her bedroom be defenseless. I was armed only with my determination, but no weapons. It was minutes until the police would

arrive but I only had seconds. Since I am writing this column, obviously I survived, but not because I was defenseless. And, it was the last time I was defenseless. Now I have options if the police are minutes away, but I

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only have seconds.

That is the debate on everyone's lips, given the attacks on defenseless citizens. How do we protect the ones we love?

One debate we are not having is my duty to stop attackers so they cannot continue a life of attack. I owe it to their next potential victim to stop them. If I run from the attack, I just condemn someone else to be attacked the next time. I must stay and

fight, even if I am afraid.

There are several types of attackers. One type is a possession predator who tries to not harm you as your possessions are stolen. We have obnoxious intruders that we misdiagnose as a predator. They have no intention of harming us. Likewise parasites grab for our possessions without intent to harm us. But people predators intend to harm us.

They are a handful for even the police. And the mentally unbalanced add to the confusion because they may not wish you harm, but will harm you.

The single thing most likely to harm you is gun-free zones, because criminals understand that there will be no citizens able to shoot back. No one can contend that gun-free zones make anyone safer. They are a political solution to a non-political problem of personal safety.

I regularly work with my weapons. I am not enamored with guns; it is just work for me to keep proficient. Many places I go do not allow me to bring my weapons of defense into their establishment. I wonder what their defense strategy is given that no one in their business legally can have a gun.

Oh, criminals can have weapons since they intend to violate the law anyway. Are these places opening up themselves to lawsuit by requiring us to be defenseless?

There comes a time when you have to defend yourself and others. Will you have a fighting chance to save yours and others lives? You can only do so if our government allows you to defend yourself adequately, including the use of deadly force. Otherwise each citizen in our country is like those citizens in Mexico, where guns are illegal but criminals rule. They live lives of terror because they have no way to defend themselves legally, and the criminals continue to kill innocents indiscriminately.

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Community College Corner

DACC continues to grow

Expansions anniversaries, will highlight 2013

By **Margie Huerta**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This time of year, as we celebrate the holidays, I can't help but reflect on Doña Ana Community College's many accomplishments the past year and look ahead to the exciting opportunities in the coming year.

In 2012, DACC made higher education even more accessible for county residents through the opening of the \$2.5 million Hatch Center in Hatch and the \$2.5 million Chaparral Center in Chaparral.

Students at DACC continue to receive quality education through knowledgeable and dedicated faculty. In fact, this year, DACC was recognized as a "Leader College" by the Achieving the Dream Initiative for its commitment to educational excellence. DACC is the only college in New Mexico to be named a Leader College.

DACC earned this recognition by demonstrating large gains in retention and graduation rates for all of its courses and programs over the last few years. Additionally, DACC was recognized by the magazine *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* as being a "Top 100 Degree Producer" for achieving the greatest success in awarding associate degrees to minority students.

Higher education at DACC is being made even more affordable through the generosity of corporate partners and private donors. This year, Union Pacific gave DACC \$100,000 for scholarships and workforce development programs. Additionally, DACC was the benefactor of the largest scholarship gift in the college's history through the \$2.7 million estate of the late Jon Wynne. His gift established matching scholarship funds for DACC students for many years to come.

DACC is looking forward to 2013, and we invite you to join us in the many celebrations to come.

This spring, we will celebrate the opening

of Phase VI and VII of the East Mesa Campus, which includes the new 66,500-square-foot Student Resources building.

In February 2013, Student Resources including academic advising, admissions, career services, dual credit, financial aid, registration, services for students with disabilities, student activities, testing services and veterans programs will move from the Central Campus to this new building. The education, emergency medical services, criminal justice and new culinary arts programs will find their home in this building as well.

The new culinary arts program will train cooks, bakers, chefs and pastry chefs for positions in restaurants, institutions, resorts, cruise lines, hotels and anywhere quality food is being prepared. The state-of-the-art culinary laboratories will provide students with opportunities to learn, experiment, create and define the future of gastronomy in our area. The new program will be approved through the American Culinary Federation and will provide students with the opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Graduates of the program will receive the title of Certified Culinarian. Specialty certificates will be offered to both serve as milestones and provide students with validation of specialty skills that are sought by the industry.

Most importantly, DACC will kick-off two milestone celebrations in mid-2013: the 40th anniversary of the college and the 10th anniversary of the East Mesa Campus.

We hope you will join us in 2013 for these many celebrations. For more information, contact 528-7070 or jmcintosh@dacc.nmsu.edu.

Thank you for continuing to support DACC, its faculty, staff and students.

Margie Huerta is president of Doña Ana Community College.

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WSMR scientist guides young in model rocket experiments

Stine promotes use of safe engines



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

The Soviet Union's Sputnik successes in October and November 1957 not only ignited the capitalism-versus-communism Space Race, but also the model rocketry craze.

"Despite deaths and injuries – and probably more to come – the 'backyard rocketry' craze among U.S. teenagers continues to grow," Alamogordo Daily News writer Allan Wegemer reported on Dec. 23, 1957. "That booming project seems to promise nothing but death and injury for the nation's 'future scientists.'"

Among the casualties was James McQuillan, 14, of Jacksonville, Fla. While making "a rocket in his 'garage workshop'" he "was killed when a container of chemicals exploded."

A Texas chemistry teacher died as well, and during class.

Larry Larson, 14, of Detroit, "received a broken left leg when he tried to 'launch' a 'tiny Vanguard' rocket in an alley. The leg was broken by a piece of the exploding rocket," Wegemer said.

Such stories were not new. Lt. Col. Wayne Mattson, the volunteer archivist at the New Mexico Museum of Space History before his death in 2012, said in his 1990 oral history that as a teenager he "inadvertently" launched a rocket inside his parents' home.

"We took a glass tube, filled it full of (black gunpowder), set it up at an angle, ignited another mixture of the propellant on the outside because we didn't know anything about fuses," Mattson said, "and lo and behold, it ignited the fuel on the inside of the tube and the tube took off across the room."

A teenage Wernher von Braun built homemade rockets, with calamitous results. Michael Neufeld, in "Von Braun: Dreamer of Space/Engineer of War" (Knopf/2008), quoted von Braun's older brother, Sigismund, describing one launch: "Before we knew it, it had flown out of our hands and crashed through our greenhouse window; the cauliflower was literally covered with broken glass."

Von Braun once strapped rockets to a child's wagon, and lit them on a Berlin thoroughfare. The contraption went "zigzagging" through strollers.

"I yelled a warning and men and women fled in all directions. I was ecstatic. The wagon was wholly out of control and trailing a comet's tail of fire," Neufeld quoted von Braun.



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In the late 1950s, Von Braun, who would build the Saturn V rocket that boosted Apollo astronauts toward the Moon, discouraged such experimentation. He proposed instead a campaign to educate youth. Erik Bergaust wrote in "Wernher von Braun" (National Space Institute/1976 that von Braun remembered "only too well putting a gasoline torch to an experimental rocket motor at the age of 18, so intent upon the outcome of the test that he was altogether oblivious to the hazard." He was thus "strongly inclined to discourage teenagers from risking their necks as he once did."

Right around the same time that von Braun proposed his national campaign, G. Harry Stine set about creating the standard for model rocket safety. Stine was only 29 when shoe salesman Orville Carlisle, 30, of Norfolk, Neb., contacted him.

"In 1957, (Carlisle) sent a sample of his second model (rocket), the Carlisle Mark II Rock-A-Chute, to (Stine), then a rocket engineer at White Sands Proving Ground," a display at the New Mexico Museum of Space History documents. While Carlisle is considered the

inventor of the modern model rocket, Stine is known as the "Father of Model Rocketry." Fans lovingly called him "The Old Rocketeer."

"I began to get a lot of mail from youngsters who wanted to build their own rockets," Stine said in his last interview, published on the website launchmagazineonline.com. "Well, the White Sands Public Affairs Office used to be deluged with these letters. 'Dear White Sands: Tell me everything you know about rockets and guided missiles.' The White Sands Public Affairs Office discovered I would happily answer these letters, so I was saddled with the job. I knew what was going on out there in the minds of the teenagers."

It was in 1957 that Stine also founded the National Association of Rocketry (NAR). Eight years later he published "The Handbook of Model Rocketry." The 1994 edition characterized him as "probably the person most responsible for starting model rocketry and guiding it through its early years as it grew into a highly respected worldwide aerospace hobby and sport."

During construction of the International Space Hall of Fame in Alamogordo, Stine was interim director and

consulting curator.

A prolific science-fiction author, Stine also penned science columns for sci-fi magazines. In the April 1960 *Astounding* he wrote that he'd been creating standardized model-rocket engines.

"Not for myself, and not for the government, but for hobbyists and teenagers," he said.

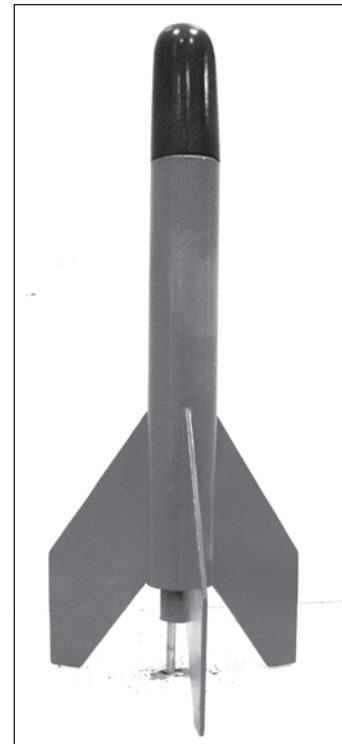
He pointed out that students and even their science teachers were making their own engines, which were often unstable. He called

the concoctions the "nastiest, dirtiest, most unpredictable, and most powerful of all demons: fire." In addition, he said, "newspapers have been full of the unsuccessful results of their experiments. Full of enthusiasm ... they plunge ahead. ... Some of them discover the hard way that a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. They learn right quick that what they don't know will hurt them."

"I don't know how many kids still have their eyes and hands who wouldn't have had them if we hadn't gotten in there and pitched, giving them the word on what to do and what not to do and why."

In the article, Stine listed his 15-point NAR Safety Code, admonishing: "You must follow the ritual exactly. That goes for the safety rules always."

A sidebar of what not to do was titled: "How to Commit Suicide with a Rocket."



Michael Shinabery/NMMSH
Orville Carlisle's model-rocket prototype, called the Mark II Rock-A-Chute.

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Giftwrapping raises funds

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity will partner with Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd., in Mesilla Valley Mall, for a giftwrapping fundraiser through Monday, Dec. 24.

All proceeds benefit MVHFH, which is seeking volunteers to wrap gifts at various shifts related to mall hours. Anyone who would like to volunteer or would like their gifts wrapped may call 525-0475.

Bosque park events announced

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle de Norte, has announced its December events:

- 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays: Ranger-led nature hikes: Visitors can join a park ranger on a guided nature hike and learn about the history of Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Plants and wildlife that live in the park will be identified along the trail. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes.
- 8:15 a.m. Saturdays: Bird tours: Visitors can join a park volunteer and learn about the birds found during the winter at Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes. Tours last one to two hours.
- 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Dec. 29: Holiday Stories: Children and adults are invited to classroom talks about New Mexico culture during the holidays. Stories will be told and shared along with a craft activity.

All events are free with a valid park pass. Daily entrance fee is \$5 per vehicle. Annual day passes are available for \$40.

Winter hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The park is closed Mondays and Tuesdays through March.

For more information, call LuAnn Kilday at 523-4398.

Youth soccer league takes registration through Dec. 22

The Parks & Recreation Department is accepting registration for the Youth Indoor Soccer League at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Registration ends Saturday, Dec. 22. The Youth Indoor Soccer League is composed of two divisions: pre-kindergarten through kindergarten (4 and 5 years old) and first and second grades (6 and 7 years old).

Cost is \$35 per participant, which includes a game jersey. All players must be issued a Parks & Recreation sports ID card to show proof of grade and age. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before they can be scheduled for league play.

A new player/parent meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 10, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. A coaches meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Jan. 17 at the center. Games are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 19.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or visit www.las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2772.

City takes registration for Winter Camp through Dec. 21

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Section will be accepting registration applications for Winter Camp 2012 for students in kindergarten through seventh grades from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Friday, Dec. 21, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 Hadley Ave. Cost is \$95, and includes the entire camp and a T-shirt. Payment must be made before the end of registration.

The camp will run from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates:

- Wednesday through Friday, Dec. 26-28
 - Monday, Dec. 31, and Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 2-4, 2013
 - Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 7-8, 2013
- Activities will include field trips, a medicine ball tournament, guest speakers and other fun events. Lunch will not be provided and participants are strongly encouraged to bring a sack lunch. Water and Gatorade will be provided.

To complete registration, parents or guardians must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate. Acceptable payment methods are cash, cashier's check, money order, traveler's checks and major credit cards. Debit cards are not accepted.

For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2661.

Railroad museum offers Christmas ornament class

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., will offer ornament-making classes from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 22. Visitors can come in any time during the classes and make their choice of ornaments, including foam picture frames, Pearler beads (melty beads) and wooden trains suitable to be painted. The classes are open to all children ages 6 and older, with parental attendance encouraged. Suggested donation is \$1 per child.

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

Needs of disabled focus of survey

The City of Las Cruces is interested in gathering information related to the housing needs for people with disabilities who currently live or desire to live inside the city limits. As part of the survey, the city is also looking to quantify the specific types of housing needs for persons with various disabilities in the community and the prospects of creating a service to connect tenants

with available units.

The survey is available online through Friday, Dec. 21, at www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRB5S5F.

Hard copies are available at the Reference Desk at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 201 E. Picacho Ave.

If you have any questions or need assistance filling out this survey, contact Community Development Department at 528-3022 or TTY at 528-3157. Copies are available in various formats depending on your needs.

Checkpoints planned

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least two sobriety checkpoints and multiple saturation patrols within city limits during the month of December.

LCPD sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols are intended to reduce the number of motorists who drive while intoxicated.

The Las Cruces Police Department encourages those who plan on consuming alcoholic beverages to use a designated driver – someone who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages – for their transportation needs.

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

For Project Home taxi service, call 524-TAXI.

SAR chapter meets in January

The Gadsden Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold its next chapter meeting at noon Jan. 19, 2013, at Uno Chicago Grill, 2102 N. Telshor Blvd. New officers will be installed and some office responsibilities will be changed.

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

Memorial walk Friday, Dec. 21

A 27-minute memorial walk will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at locations throughout the country to honor the 27 victims of the tragedy in Newtown, Conn. A group of New Mexico State University staff will lead the community on a walk that will begin at the NMSU Duck Pond located west of the Educational Services building along the International Mall. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For more information, call 646-4468.

Aquatic center closes Sundays

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has announced the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave., will be closed Sundays from Jan. 6-March 17, 2013.

The center will be reopen on Sundays from March 24 through Sept. 1, 2013, except Labor Day Weekend.

For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center at 541-2782. The TTY number is 541-2772.

Christmas meal at rescue mission

Las Cruces Gospel Rescue Mission, 1050 W. Amador Ave., will serve hot Christmas meals to anyone in need of holiday cheer and dinner from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25.

The mission is in need of volunteers to serve meals and helpers to assist with the annual Christmas toy give-away. Volunteers are also needed to help deliver meals to people who are elderly or disabled who have requested meals. Maps and directions will be provided. For more information or to volunteer, call the mission at 523-7727.

History classes at museum

The popular New Mexico history class at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will be offered again in 2013.

Anyone interested in registering for the class may choose between two sessions:

- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8-March 19
- 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 9-March 20, there will be no class on Feb. 19-20.

Cost is \$45 per person, with a \$10 discount for members of the museum's Friends group. Space is limited to the first 30 people to sign up for each of the two classes, which fill up quickly each year. Registration and payment are required in advance.

The class is taught by retired New Mexico State University professor Jo Tice Bloom. The format will be lecture and discussion with each week focusing on a different aspect of New Mexico history. Beginning with the early Indian settlements and trade, the talks will follow a chronological sequence into the 21st century. Spanish friars and Mexican land grants, water laws and new foods, roles of the military and women, Spanish and American conquest and arts and literature will be among the many subjects covered. Each week participants will receive a talk outline and reading list of fiction and non-fiction books and literature. There are no papers to write, no exams to take.

To register and reserve a spot, visit the museum or call 522-4100.

Flag football league registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department sixth annual Las Cruces "Gridiron Classic" four-on-four adult flag football tournament continues through 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

This year's tournament will include a women's division and two men's divisions; open and 35-plus years. The tournament is open to individuals 18 years and over and will be held Feb. 23-24, 2013, at Legends West Sports Field, at the northwest corner of the Field of Dreams football field parking lot. This will be a non-contact flag football tournament and each team will play pool-play on Saturday, followed by a single elimination tournament on Sunday. Cost is \$200 per team and five games are guaranteed.

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

Astronomy open house set

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21. Astronomy personnel on hand will be professor Jim Murphy and graduate assistants Sebastian Trujillo and Rakesh Nath.

Visitors will have an opportunity to look at the moon, planets

Jupiter and its four large Galilean satellites and Uranus, the M31 (Andromeda Galaxy) and the Double Cluster in Perseus.

Everyone is welcome to come and spend an evening of stargazing. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call 646-4438.

Basketball league registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department Adult Winter Basketball League continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The league is contains one division for women age 18 and older and four divisions for adult men, ages 18 and older, age 29 and older, age 39 and older and age 49 and older.

Cost is \$465 per team. A 50 percent deposit may be made and the remaining balance due by registration deadline. A team roster with player signatures must be turned in at the manager's team meeting. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before they can be scheduled for league play.

A new player/managers meeting will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Games are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013.

For more information, contact Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or visit www.las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2771.

Co-rec volleyball registration

Registration for the City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's Adult Co-Rec Indoor Volleyball League continues through 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. The co-rec league is for adults 18 years and older. There must be a minimum of two female players on the court at all times.

Cost is \$250 per team. A 50 percent deposit may be made and the remaining balance will be due by registration deadline. A team roster with player signatures must be turned in at the manager's team meeting. All documentation will need to be submitted by each team before they can be scheduled for league play.

A new player/managers meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013 at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. Games are scheduled to begin the week of Jan. 14, 2013.

For more information, contact Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or visit www.las-cruces.org. The TTY number is 541-2771.

White Sands events listed

White Sands National Monument has announced its schedule of events in January 2013.

- 4 p.m. daily through Jan. 4, 2013; 4:15 p.m. daily Jan. 5-11, 2013; and 4:30 p.m. daily Jan. 12-Feb. 1, 2013. Sunset strolls. Visitors can enjoy leisurely one-hour, ranger-guided walks through the sand dunes and learn about the geology, botany and zoology of the park. The strolls start at the sign in the park about five miles from the visitor center.
- 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013: Lake Lucero Tour. Visitors can take a tour of Lake Lucero, the source of the white sands, with a ranger. Cost: \$3 for adults age 16 and older; \$1.50 for children and America the Beautiful Senior and Access Pass holders. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting www.nps.gov/whsa.

- 2 p.m. each Sunday: Crafty Kids. Rangers share surprising facts about the creepy crawlers, amazing adaptors and out-of-this-world geology of the park. The program is targeted to kids ages 6 to 10. Parents are welcome to participate.
- 3 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Skins and Skulls. A park ranger presents a 20-minute talk about the animals of White Sands. Skulls, pelts and other items will be on display.
- 1:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday: Map Talks: A park ranger will be available to answer questions and provide tips for enjoying the park.

All programs are free with the paid monument entrance fee, which is \$3 per person 16 years and older, unless otherwise noted. Schedule is subject to change without notice. The White Sands National Monument visitor center is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Feb. 24, 2013. Monument hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Jan. 10, 2013, and from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 11-Feb. 7, 2013.

For more information, call 479-6124 or visit www.nps.gov/whsa.

After school program

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will be accepting registration applications for the After School Program for the 2013 spring session at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 Hadley Ave., from Monday, Dec. 17, through Saturday, Jan 5, 2013, for current participants only (if site is at capacity). Any slots not paid for by the registration deadline will be opened to the public on the Jan. 7, 2013, and remain open until the site is filled.

The schools sites for children from Kindergarten through fifth grade are Alameda, Hermosa Heights, Fairacres, Highland, Monte Vista and Valley View elementaries. Each site can accommodate 60 participants.

Cost per child is \$352 for the spring session and only partial payments of 50 percent will be accepted for a maximum of 30 days. A copy of a birth certificate per child must be provided at the time of payment. If full payment is not made by the specified deadlines, the participant's placement will be forfeited. Acceptable payments include cash, check, money orders and major credit cards. Debit cards will not be accepted.

For more information, regarding the lottery process or general inquiries, call the Parks & Recreation administrative office at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2772.

GFWC meets in January

The GFWC Progress Club will have its annual Card Party fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 19, 2013, at the Belton Bridge Center, 1214 E. Madrid Ave. Tickets are \$10 each and lunch is included. Fun and prizes spice up this fundraiser for scholarship recipients at New Mexico State University.

For more information or tickets, contact Jo Banks at 532-1207 or josiebanks@aol.com.

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Hospice

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are that way.”

Winning the award by the New Mexico State Association of Home and Hospice Care has given Bruce the opportunity to call attention to an area of health care often overlooked or misunderstood, but one she has been gravitating toward her entire career.

Originally from New Hampshire, Bruce worked for 34 years as a nurse in the traditional hospital emergency room. When doctors are unable to save a patient, it is the nurses who are left to help families begin “picking up the pieces” after a death, she said.

In those first moments of providing grief

support and counseling, Bruce said she found she was needed, even creating a weekend overnight camp for children and teens who are grieving called Camp Purple Parachute.

Several years ago, she began working as a traveling nurse, and Bruce said she fell in love with New Mexico. Eventually, her gravitation to hospice work lead her to Las Cruces and Mesilla Valley Hospice, where she has been able to work she said she meant to do.

“Some people think this work is morbid,” Bruce said. “But I feel God has given me this gift and here I have the opportunity to work with people who help me grow this calling and make me a better person.”

Most of the work Bruce does with hospice patients is in their homes, which sometimes takes her to many corners of the county. She not only has to help the patients be comfortable,

but she must also interact with family members, who may not agree with the decision to stop aggressively fighting a terminal disease.

Because it is about quality of life at the end of someone’s life, Bruce said she feels a strong sense of responsibility in her work.

“I only have one chance to do this right,” she said. “That’s how I approach it with each of my patients and their families.”

While some family members may want to shield the dying patient from the truth of their condition, Bruce said it’s her responsibility for the patient to know the truth so they can make the necessary preparations.

When a patient goes into hospice care, it is a time for the family to begin the grieving process, she said, but it also provides opportunities for family members to rectify divisions or misunderstandings while the

person is still alive.

“I see miracles happen every day,” Bruce said.

Mesilla Valley Hospice services doesn’t end with the death patient, Bruce said. Hospice services also help surviving family members get through the grieving process as long as it takes.

The span of services provided by Mesilla Valley Hospice is being challenged as the economy is calling for more charity care than it ever has had to provide for in the past. In 2013, the cost of charity care for Mesilla Valley Hospice will be an estimated \$1 million. During the year that Bruce will be the state Hospice Nurse of the year, Mesilla Valley Hospice will begin a fundraising campaign for the charity care.

For more information about Mesilla Valley Hospice, visit www.myhospice.org or call 523-4700.

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Impact fees

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Councillor Miguel Silva said the city already has a backlog of road projects totaling \$85 million, and the new fees are estimated to generate about \$1.8 million a year. Silva said he’d prefer to make the current system work better.

“I am a firm believer that new development should pay for itself, undoubtedly,” Silva said.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he doubted that the impact fees would put new home ownership out of reach, noting that interest rates have dropped drastically and that hasn’t significantly helped the home market rebound.

“I agree,” Thomas said, “it’s not the impact fees that causing the houses not to sell, but the entire economy.”

Steve Chavira, Las Cruces Home Builders Association (LCHBA) managing director, said because interest rates are low, many

buyers are looking at buying their first home and the added cost would push them out.

Chris Hakes, a homebuilder, said that as the economy contracted, those being hurt by it the most are those who worked in the industry now unemployed. No doubt the interest rates have made home more affordable, but “it’s still dead out there,” Hakes said. “This is just not time to increase costs.”

Members of the LCHBA estimate the new fees would add \$1,700 to the cost of a new home, and Hakes said that might just be enough to keep many buyers from getting their loans approved.

“Any time you give money to a third party, it won’t be used efficiently,” Hakes said. “I really think the way to do this is keep it in the hands of developers and have it be highly regulated by the city.”

“Our industry is really on life support out there.”

Longtime local developer Eddie Binns said other communities, such as Rio Rancho, Albuquerque and Santa Fe, have suspended impact fees to help their construction industry be competitive.

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Santa visits store



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Jocelyn Ortega, 8, and her sister Vanessa, 1, visit Santa Claus at his appearance Saturday, Dec. 15, at Albertson's Supermarket, 2501 N. Main St.

Children share comfort



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson
Mission Lutheran School students Peter Martin, fifth grade; Sadie Lang, kindergarten; Rianna Wismer, kindergarten; Bryan Baker, first grade; Logan Wismer, second grade; and Isaiah Reyes, third grade; stand next to a tree they've filled with stockings, mittens and caps for children at Jardín de los Niños, a day-care for homeless and near-homeless children.



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Trout

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Trout also dreamed of returning home a hero. He got to live that dream, too, with a parade down Spruce Street and Solano Drive that featured some 25 floats, starting with Santa Claus and ending with Trout in the backseat of a Mercedes Benz.

"The parade was wonderful," Trout said. "I can't tell how much love and support I've received from the city."

When the WBA Super Welterweight champion held his own in the televised match against Cotto, a four-time world champion, it propelled Trout and his hometown of Las Cruces into the national and international limelight. More than a million viewers watched the fight on Showtime. Cotto was previously unbeaten at Madison Square Garden with seven victories there.

The Dec. 1 fight in Madison Square Garden also showed Trout could put on an entertaining match, in addition to his disciplined boxing.

Trout also was recognized at the Las Cruces City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 18. Trout said he was proud to showcase the "great little-big city of Las Cruces."

Trout and his trainer, Louie Burke, have said they want to bring Trout's future fights to Las Cruces. The next fight they'd like to see is against Saul "Canelo" Alvarez, the World Boxing Council champion from Mexico, to unify the championship title. Burke has said Las Cruces would be an ideal location for the match, as it would draw not only a good home crowd, but pull in fans from El Paso and Mexico.



Trout starts the parade with a fan, 8-year-old Jimmy Casteel, and his coach Louie Burke.

Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Whitney Billings and Todd Dickson

Trout, always humble, gives time to each and every fan.



After a parade, world champion boxer Austin Trout meets with fans Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Las Cruces gym where he trains. Getting his picture taken with Trout is Anthony Gonzalez, 15.



Fans carry Trout's banner in front of his car.



At the end of the parade, a group of cheerleaders chant: "Austin Trout will knock you out! No Doubt! No Doubt!"



Damen Willis announces Dec. 15 as Austin Trout Day.

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Katie's Law bill passes U.S. House

The U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday, Dec. 11, passed H.R. 6014, the Katie Sepich Enhanced DNA Collection Act.

The bill, named after the Carlsbad High graduate and New Mexico State University graduate student Katie Sepich who was raped and murdered in 2003, provides for improved DNA collection for felony arrests.

"With this bill, Katie's memory will live on, and her legacy will help protect countless other would-be victims," Pearce said. "Katie's parents, Dave and Jayann, have worked tirelessly for the passage of Katie's Law. Being able to support their efforts, and sharing in the emotion that went into this legislation, was a life-changing experience for me. The Sepich family and their friends have selflessly worked to save other fathers, mothers and families from enduring what they have. Katie's Law is now a step closer to making that a reality."

Pearce was an original sponsor of the act. Thanks to the efforts of the Sepich family, similar laws have been enacted in 26 states, including in New Mexico.

Toys given to CASA kids



Representative of Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates accept toys Wednesday, Dec. 20, from members of the Doña Ana County District Attorney's Office to pass on to children CASA serves.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

CrimeStoppers

School burglaries



Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that helps investigators determine who is responsible for burglarizing a local elementary school twice within a month.

Las Cruces Police are investigating two burglaries at Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School at 5250 Holman Road. The first burglary was reported Nov. 11 and the second was a month later Tuesday, Dec. 11. Both burglaries appear to have been committed sometime after 11 p.m.

More than \$14,000 worth of laptop computers, projectors and iPads were taken during the burglaries and close to \$2,000 in damages was reported at the school. Investigators have not determined whether the two burglaries are related or if they were committed by the same individuals.

Anyone with information that can help investigators determine who may have committed the two burglaries is asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to CRIMES (274637), keyword LCTIPS.

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Police officers treat kids to Shop with a Cop

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State Police Officer Scott Merrill, Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) President Andres Nevarez, Las Cruces Police Officer Carmen Cenicerros and Lupe Strouse of the FOP stand by the station in the back of the Walmart on Walton Boulevard Saturday, Dec. 15, ready to take children shopping in the annual Shop with a Cop event to improve police relations with the community.

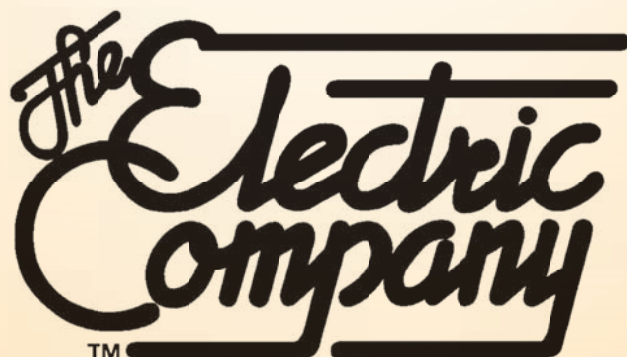


Buch Evenson, FOP vice president, helps Natasha Cornado check out after taking Matthew Portillo, 5, and Isain Cornado, 2, shopping, along with Las Cruces Police Officer J.R. Stewart.



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Alice Turietta fingerprints Neeko Chavez, 5, for Ident-a-Child during the Shop with a Cop event.

Making a memorial



Mayfield High School Trojette dancers put together a memorial that will be placed in the school's courtyard at 1955 N. Valley Drive for the victims of Sandy Hook Elementary. Anyone is welcome to bring flowers, cards, stuffed animals and other items to add to the memorial.

More than 1,000 graduate at the NMSU Winter Commencement

Photos by Steve MacIntyre

New Mexico State University faculty adviser for the College of Education David Rutledge wore his graduate colors from the University of Colorado Saturday, Dec. 15, outside the Pan American Center for the NMSU Winter Commencement ceremony.



NMSU interim President Manuel Pacheco

Jasmine and LEEANNE Flores wave excitedly at Paul Flores as he graduates.



H. Matthias Reiche stands outside the Pan American Center before receiving his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, with his adviser Steve Stochaj.



Huerta to retire in 2014 DACC president will help with transition

New Mexico State University Interim President Manuel Pacheco accepted a letter of retirement Thursday, Dec. 13, from Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta. Her retirement is effective Jan. 31, 2014.

"I want to thank Dr. Huerta for her passion and hard work in moving NMSU and DACC forward during the last eight years," Pacheco said. "In the coming months, I will work with Dr. Huerta and the DACC leadership team to ensure an effective transition."

DACC is the fourth largest higher education institution in New Mexico. Since 2004, when Huerta was named president of DACC, it has become one of the fastest growing community colleges in the nation. Enrollment increased by more than 50 percent from 6,083 students to more than

9,800 in 2011. The college also added satellite campuses in Gadsden, Chaparral, Hatch and the DACC East Mesa campus.

"Serving as president of DACC has been the highest honor of my career," Huerta said. "I want to thank the students, faculty, staff and all our benefactors for the strong support they have given me and our college. Working together we have achieved the largest enrollment increase in the history of the college and received national recognition for our efforts. I am particularly proud of the tremendous expansion we accomplished to serve the needs of our community. Looking forward, there is still work to be done. I am committed to continuing all efforts and ensuring a smooth transition throughout the next year."



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Jim Hilley
Deflections

It's really a shame that you all fell victim to the asteroid/earthquake/planet Nibiru/black hole/Higg's Boson or whatever it was that wiped you out. I'll have mostly fond memories of nearly half of you.

Meanwhile, for a small diversion during in your final hours, here are my holiday wishes.

For Boston McKinley, I wish for an affiliation with a Division I football conference for the Aggies. With the world ending and everything, I guess it might even be the Mountain West.

OK, maybe that is a little far fetched. Better hope for the Sun Belt.

For Marvin Menzies, I wish another Bhullar brother on the roster. Just station one near each goal and they won't have to do that running back and forth thing.

For Tyrone Watson, I wish a jump shot. Hustle, leadership and determination on the court are great, but being able to swish a few of those jumpers could go a long way.

For Daniel Mullings, I wish a big juicy steak. I know the vegetable smoothies are all beginning to taste alike by now. Try your steak with chile con queso. That was my favorite back during my days on Earth.

For coach Mike Jordan, I wish a regular-season conference crown for the Aggie volleyball team. It seems as though every season, there is someone standing in the Aggies' way. Don't worry, the apocalypse will take care of that.

For DeWayne Walker, I wish the same offensive coordinator for two straight seasons. If the world wasn't ending, it wouldn't seem like much to ask for. I also wish for DeWayne an impact player; a play-busting defensive end would be huge.

Oops, did I use "impact" and "end" in the same sentence? I'm sorry, I didn't mean to conjure up images of an asteroid or anything like that.

For Rocky Ward, I wish a good healthy winning streak at the end of the season. Too often, the Aggies crater right before the end of the season.

I guess using "crater" is kind of rude. My bad.

For Oñate High School, I wish a 5-A football championship. With so many of them coming to Las Cruces, it sure would be nice to see one for the Knights.

Of course, I knew all along that aliens from the planet HD 40307 would be along to rescue me just before the apocalypse. I know my view of doomsday as I exit the solar system at warp speed will be spectacular.

I am a little unsure how I will cope with weighing more than 2,300 pounds on their planet, but it is still really nice of them to invite me for dinner.

Merry apocalypsmas!

Aggies take on Bears

NMSU hosts Missouri State in non-conference match up

By **Jim Hilley**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State University men's basketball team will have a final chance to tune up before Western Athletic Conference play begins when they host Missouri State at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in the Pan American Center.

The Aggies are still searching for consistency after losing to the 17th ranked University of New Mexico Lobos 73-58 in Albuquerque Saturday, Dec. 15 and 68-63 Wednesday, Dec. 19, in Las Cruces.

After hosting Missouri State, the Aggies will begin conference play on the road against the University of Texas-Arlington at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, and at Louisiana Tech at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31.

The Missouri State Bears, members of the Missouri Valley Conference, are 2-9 after falling to Alabama A&M Tuesday, Dec. 18, in Huntsville, Ala. The Bears come into the Pan American Center on a seven-game losing streak.

The Bears have three players averaging in double figures, 6-1 senior guard Anthony Downing with 12.4 points per game, 6-7 sophomore forward Christian Kirk at 10.1 ppg and 6-3 freshman guard Marcus Marshall at 10.0. Missouri State is led in rebounding by Kirk and 6-7 redshirt freshman forward Drew Wilson, both at 5.1 rebounds per game. The Bears are coached by Fred Lusk.

The Aggies will again be without the services of junior center Tshilidzi Nephawe. In Nephawe's place, 7-5 freshman center Sim Bhullar and junior Renaldo Dixon have shared time at the center position. In addition, sophomore guard Daniel Mullings is feeling the affects of having his jaw wired shut because of a broken bone.

"He's a warrior and he's fighting through it," coach Marvin Menzies said Tuesday, Dec. 18.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Belarde
New Mexico State's Daniel Mullings drives on the Lobos' Chad Adams during the Aggies 68-63 loss to the University of New Mexico Wednesday, Dec. 19, in the Pan American Center.

"He has lost 10 or 15 pounds. He's gained a little bit back, but it affects his energy level."

Menzies said the Aggies are still waiting for team leadership to develop.

"I think that we have some very good team chemistry, we have very good team synergy in the locker room and the energy is good," he said. "There are a lot of positives."

"The leadership is there but it hasn't really come to the forefront."

"It doesn't have to be one particular guy. Leadership can come in action, it can come from a person that doesn't play a lot of minutes, it can come from a lot of different places."

"There are times you need leadership on the floor and that has been a little bit of a challenge

for us at times."

The Missouri State game will be available on Aggievision, shown live on Comcast in New Mexico, Altitude2, Fox Sports Arizona-Plus, KVIA (7.2 and 7.3) and ESPN3. The game can be heard on the Aggie sports Network and KGRT-FM 103.9 with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon, and in Spanish on Vista-FM 98.7 with Edgar Gardell.

Ward announces tough 2013 schedule

Ags face five NCAA tournament teams

New Mexico State University baseball coach Rocky Ward has announced the Aggies' schedule for the 2013 season.

The Aggies, who are coming off a 35-win season, a Western Athletic Conference regular-season co-championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, will play a total of 51 regular-season games, including 26 games at Presley Askew Field.

"The 2013 schedule is another challenging one for us," Ward said. "We will play a 27-game conference schedule for the first time in

several years, but we still have some quality non-conference opponents as well."

The Aggies will play five teams that made the NCAA Tournament last season, including two teams that won a regional at the tournament and were part of the final 16-team field, two teams that will be part of the WAC this season and in-state rival New Mexico. Five of NMSU's opponents also finished in the Top 40 of the NCAA Division I rankings, including three that finished in the Top 25.

NMSU's non-conference home schedule is

highlighted by games against Big 12 member Texas Tech on March 25, 2013, and a meeting for I-25 bragging rights with the Lobos a week later on April 1. The Aggies will also travel to Albuquerque April 17, and Lubbock April 23, to conclude the home-and-home series with the Lobos and Red Raiders.

NMSU will also play 15 conference home games that include a three-game series against WAC newcomers Dallas Baptist April 5-7, and UT-Arlington April 26-28, both of whom made the NCAA tournament in 2012. Dallas-Baptist, which finished the season as the 23rd-

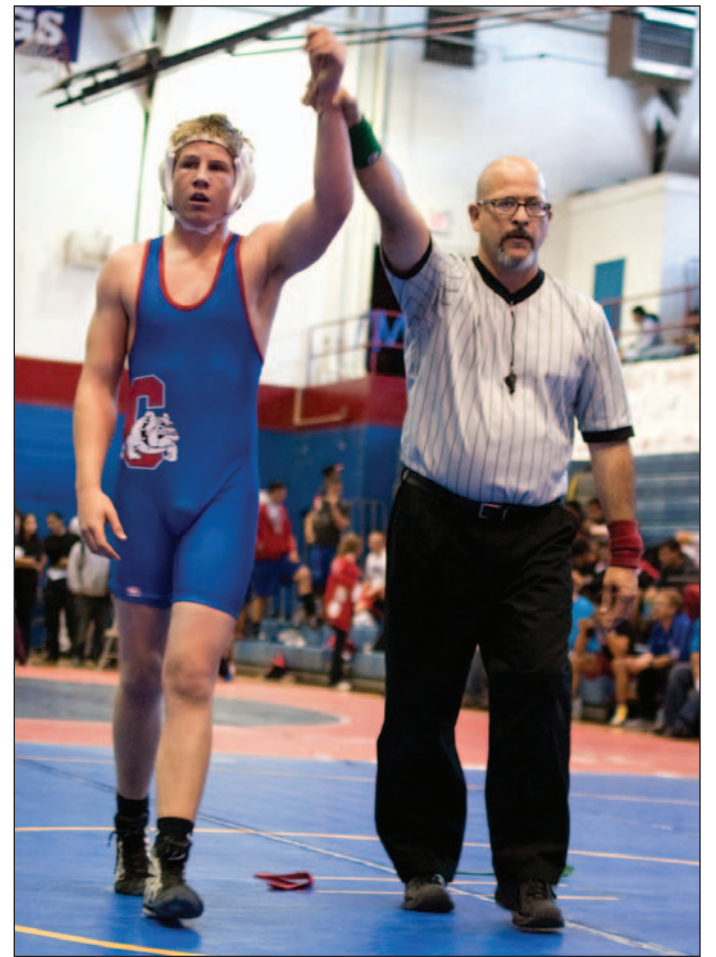
High school grappling at the Las Cruces Invitational

Photos by Chris Belarde

Las Cruces High School freshman Dylan Udero grapples with an opponent in the 102-pound second-round championship match during the Las Cruces Invitational wrestling tournament Friday, Dec. 14, at LCHS. Rio Rancho's Cleveland High School won the tournament while LCHS finished seventh. Mayfield and Oñate high schools were 12th and 13th, respectively, of the 33 teams competing.



Las Cruces High School senior Paul Aguirre battles with a challenger in the 195-pound match.



Las Cruces junior Bobby Hobson is victorious in his 145-pound match.



Neirus Noshiwani squares off with his opponent.



Las Cruces high School sophomore Joe Jeffers works for an escape in his match in the 132-pound weight class.

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NMSU women fall to Lobos 68-44

NMSU basketball hopes to regroup against UMKC

The New Mexico State women's basketball team struggled to find its ground against the Lobos of New Mexico and fell 68-44 in the second game of the Rio Grande Rivalry on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at the Pan American Center. The Aggies moved to 5-4 on the season and picked up their first loss at home.

Freshman Sasha Weber posted 10 points on the night with three rebounds to lead the team. The Aggies shot 30.4 percent from the floor but tallied eight steals as a team with 27 rebounds.

New Mexico opened the game on a 10-1 run before senior Kelsie Rozendaal sank the first layup of the game for the Aggies. The Aggies allowed seven points to the Lobos before Weber made a three-point shot and followed that with a pair of free shots. This helped the Aggies gain some momentum with seven more points.

"We struggled tonight, and I think it just goes to show that we have a lot of work to do in order to be competitive come conference play," NMSU coach Mark Trakh said. "We have to take it one game at a time. I think we can definitely improve and use this as a building opportunity."

With the Lobos leading late in the half, senior Chrissy Fletcher hit a jumper to bring the Aggies to 20 points. Danesia Williamson hit a jump shot to bring the Aggies to 22 before the Lobos picked up a last-second point to make the score 39-22 at the half.

Rozendaal started things off on the right foot for NMSU with the first field goal of the second half. Both teams remained scoreless until nearly the 16-minute mark. The work of Stefanie

Gilbreath and Williamson kept the Aggies moving on the board to 51-33 before Weber collected her first three of the game for NMSU.

Senior Camila Rosen picked up a pair of free shots along with a layup before Elena Holguin came up with a second-chance bucket for the Aggies, bringing the score to 64-44 with 3:05 left in the game. The Aggies stayed stagnant for the remainder of the game, finalizing the score at 68-44.

From the line, the Aggies went 12-for-20 while Weber was 4-for-4. The freshman also picked up two shots behind the three-point arc.

The Aggies host the University of Missouri-Kansas City at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the Pan American Center.



Kelsie Rozendaal goes up for a shot against the University of New Mexico.



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New Mexico State forward Chrissy Fletcher looks for a shot during the Aggies' 68-44 loss to the University of New Mexico Lobos Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the Pan American Center.

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Christmas wishes Gifts for local golfers and celebrities



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

The holidays are for gift giving. I love giving gifts more than I do receiving them – that’s one way I realize I’m getting older.

During this holiday season, I thought I would share with you the special gifts that I would like to see certain people receive. Some of these are golf people, local folks of importance to our community; some are dear friends of mine – some famous and some not-so-famous. Some are organizations.

My motive is to provide humor while at the same time provoke some thinking. Here’s my Christmas wish list for this year and heading into 2013:

Stacy Lewis, LPGA Player of the Year: An even better 2013, topping a fabulous year.

Natalie Gulbis, LPGA star and Sports Illustrated model: More paint.

Paula Creamer, LPGA star: More radiant smiles and even greater play next year.

Lance Armstrong: Lifetime supply of truth serum.

Keegan Bradley, Adam Scott, Fred Couples and a host of other tour players: Lessons with their favorite putting guru on learning to use the conventional putter.

Tiger Woods: A return to his old form leading to a win in a major so he’s back in the “hunt.”

Mary Armstrong, golf course architect and local golfer: More work reworking local courses.

Bart Bryant, former Aggie and PGA Tour winner: Full recovery from wrist surgery.

Rich Beem, former Aggie and PGA Champion: Another hole in one and another free car.

Michelle Wie: A life.

Lou and Pat Sisbarro: A stocking full of appreciation from the community for all you do.

John Moscato and Royal Jones, co-owners of Red Hawk Golf Club, which opened just a year ago: Continued prosperity and for word to spread about your amazing golf course.

Justin Dahrling, head PGA professional at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course, who recently became engaged to be married this coming fall: Beautiful weather for an October wedding.

Dan Koesters, head pro, New Mexico State University Golf Course and now PGA of America Board member: A hearty congratulations on your appointment to such an important board, along with a free seminar on time management with a prescription of Valium.

Matt Edwards, tour player and 2011 U.S. Open qualifier: A season full of money and a tour card.

Mike Bulman, better known as “Boston Mike,” my winning-team partner in the Showdown at Sonoma: I’m hoping for “threepeat” in 2013.

Dave McCollum, former publisher of the Las Cruces Bulletin:

More time to play golf.

Joe Bullock, president of First National Bank: More time to play golf.

Dave Kimble, popular New Mexico legislative lobbyist: More time to play golf.

Kevin McGrath, owner of It’s Burger Time restaurants and organizer of the Sandra McGrath Golf Tournament that benefits all high school students and athletes in sports and activities: An even greater turnout of golfers this coming July – and more time to play golf.

PGA teaching professionals in America: More time to play golf.

Doug Eddings, MLB umpire extraordinaire wearing number 88, and owner of Ump 88 Bar and Grill in Las Cruces: During the baseball season, more time to play golf.

Bob Logefeil, founder of the New Mexico North-South Senior Golf Challenge and esteemed golfing buddy of the Golf Doctor: An 18th hole in one in the New Year.

Donald and Louis Biad, owners, Picacho Hills Country Club: A bumper growing season for pecans in 2013 for both grass and chiles.

Phil Woods, owner of Fairway Golf: No more surgeries.

Herb Wimberly, hall-of-fame Aggie golf coach: Good health and good luck.

Guy Wimberly, longtime PGA professional and golf pro emeritus at Sierra del Rio: Wishes for full recovery from current health challenges.

Rory McIlroy: Lots more of the entertainment that you have given us the past two years.

Bubba Watson: Just one more example of the unbelievable cosmic you hit in the Masters last April.

Las Cruces Country Club

Members: A wish that you may “choose wisely” and spend your good fortune in a way that will benefit the golfers and the community as a whole.

Government politicians: Something actually true and meaningful that will offer hope to us all.

The City of Las Cruces: Three crosses evermore.

Brian Kelly, Notre Dame football coach: A national championship.

Jim Miller, coach of Las Cruces High School football team, 2012 state champions: Congratulations to you and your players on staying mentally tough and bringing home a win.

Aggie football: A miracle.

Michael Vick: A lifetime ASPCA membership.

Tom Watson, newly chosen U.S. Ryder Cup Captain for 2014: A set of dog-training electric shock collars for your Americans players that can be fitted to the neck and used every time a highly ranked tour pro chokes in their match against the Euros.

Ken Miyagishima, mayor of Las Cruces: A City Council, appointees and civil servants who buy into the vision of planned, upscale growth for our city.

NCAA: A legitimate football playoff like they’re supposed to do, were it not for the big-money fat cats who run the BCS.

www.Web.com CEO, whoever you might be: I hope you stay more loyal to golf than Buy.com did.

Tour de France: Best of luck erasing the legacy of the joke professional cycling played for 50 years.

All professional golf: A wish that you are clean and won’t get dragged down by a drug scandal.

The Golf Channel: More golf and fewer infomercials.

David Feherity, CBS golf “color” announcer: Some new, refreshing configuration of chin hair.

Johnny Miller, golf legend and NBC golf analyst: Some kinder and gentler reviews of bad shots.

The rest of the PGA Tour players other than Tiger Woods: A way to get a little closer to a bar that just keeps getting higher and higher.

Gregg Martin, respected head of the Gregg Martin Farmers Insurance Agency, whose father passed just recently: Heartfelt condolences. Ben was truly a military hero.

Wallace Hammond and Bruce Dyer, two dedicated golfers at Picacho Hills Country Club (and really nice guys) who both battled back from life-threatening illness this year: My wish for you to stay strong and continue to carry on.

Jackie Booth and Mike Dirks, coaches of Aggie women’s and men’s golf respectively: Best of luck in the 2013 season tournaments.

University of Oklahoma fans in Norman: An award for the most gracious and courteous hosts.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish: Continued “luck of the Irish” as they play the national championship against Alabama Jan. 7, 2013.

You, my readers, whom I try to entertain, inform, educate and coach each week: I wish you blessings for Christmas and the seasonal holidays, and good will for the coming year. Thank you.

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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Innocence Gamboa

Innocence Gamboa is a 15-year-old sophomore at Centennial High School. She plays guard for the Lady Hawks’ basketball team. Gamboa is the sixth player on the team. Her coach stated that Gamboa is the player they turn to in order to get things jump-started from the bench. A true role player, she is always happy and has a positive attitude. Gamboa has made a big turnaround in her life. Because of her desire to play basketball and be part of the Centennial Hawk environment, she has a new outlook and her future looks bright.

Gamboa has developed into a supportive student on campus and has a 2.5 GPA. She enjoys shooting the basketball and playing with her family dog, Claire.

NM STATE UNIVERSITY

ATHLETE of the WEEK

Daniel Mullings

Sophomore, Basketball

Sophomore guard Daniel Mullings led the Aggies in scoring with 14 points at No. 17 New Mexico on Saturday, Dec. 15. It was the sixth time Mullings has been in double digits this season. He shot 50 percent from the field and 90 percent from the free-throw line.

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Rodolph signs Hawaiian Nakamura will play for the Aggies

New Mexico State head softball coach Kathy Rodolph announced the signing of Brennaly Nakamura to a financial aid agreement to join the Aggies for the spring 2013 season.

Nakamura comes to NMSU after one semester at College of Southern Nevada-Henderson. Prior to CSN, Nakamura played four years at the second base position for Lahainaluna High School in Lahaina, Hawaii. Nakamura helped the Lunas to claim the league championship during her junior and senior seasons. The Lunas finished 18th in the state of Hawaii each of those years. She was named league all-star second baseman in 2009-12 and Player of the Year as

a junior in 2011. Nakamura played a key roll in her team placing second in the MIL league as a sophomore and third during her freshman season.

"We are happy to bring Brennaly (Nakamura) into our Aggie softball family," Rodolph said of the freshman transfer. "Her athleticism, intensity and speed will help our team this upcoming season."

Nakamura's younger sister, Haley Nakamura, signed a National Letter of Intent during the early signing period in November to join the Aggies in the fall of 2013.

NMSU opens the season at 3 p.m. Feb. 8, 2013, against Nebraska at the NMSU Softball Complex.

Baseball

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ranked team in the country, made the tournament as an independent, while UT-Arlington represented the Southland Conference in the tournament.

Aggie fans will get their first opportunity to see the 2013 edition of NMSU baseball at the Annual Alumni Game, Feb. 9, at Presley Askew Field. The game will put the current Aggie team against a team comprised of former NMSU baseball players.

The Aggies begin their regular season at home with a three-game weekend series versus the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Feb. 15-17.

After its home-opener, NMSU will embark on a grueling stretch that will see it play 10 of its next 13 games on the road, including an eight-game road trip to the east coast to play some of the best teams in the country and a trip to Oklahoma to play the Sooners, also one of the nation's best.

"The eastern swing in late February and the two-game set against Oklahoma on the road in mid-March will definitely be the toughest part of our schedule," Ward said.

The eastern trip begins with the Keith LeClaire Classic being held in Greenville, N.C., Feb. 22-24. The Aggies will face East Carolina, who finished at No. 35 in the final NCAA rankings last season, Illinois and Ohio.

NMSU then heads to Raleigh, N.C., for what might be the biggest challenge of the year for the Aggies, a two-game set with North Carolina State Feb. 26-27. Last season, the Wolfpack not only made the NCAA tournament, they hosted and won their regional and finished the season at No. 13 in the NCAA rankings, the highest ranking for any Aggie opponent in 2013.

Things don't get much easier for the Ag-

gies as they conclude the east coast swing with three games against Wake Forest March 1-3, also a top 40 team last season.

NMSU returns home for a three-game weekend series versus LaSalle March 8-10, before heading out on the road again to face Oklahoma March 12-13. For the second time in a two-week span, the Aggies will face a team on the road that won a regional during last season's NCAA tournament and made it to the final 16-team field. The Sooners finished ranked 24th in the NCAA rankings after the 2012 season.

The Aggies finally come home for a sustained amount of time when they begin a seven-game home stand with a three-game series against Alabama A&M March 15-17. NMSU then proceeds to start conference play with three home games versus Texas State March 22-24. A quick trip to California to play CSU-Bakersfield March 28-30, is sandwiched in between non-conference home games against Texas Tech and New Mexico.

After the home games against the Lobos and Dallas Baptist, NMSU also has a three-game home series with Sacramento State April 12-14, before heading to Albuquerque for the start of a six-game road trip which also includes four games at Louisiana Tech April 19-21, and concludes in Lubbock, Texas.

The Aggies' final home stand of the season begins with the three-game series against UT-Arlington and concludes with three games versus San Jose State May 3-5. NMSU then finishes off its regular-season schedule with a three-game series with UTSA in San Antonio, Texas, May 10-12, and another three-game series at Seattle May 16-18.

After their final regular-season game, the Aggies will travel to Grand Prairie, Texas, to compete in the 2013 WAC Tournament, which will be held May 22-26.

Locals earn volleyball awards Oñate's Young on all-state first team

Oñate High School senior middle hitter Leiyona Young has been named to the New Mexico High School Coaches Association 5-A All State Volleyball first team, while senior setter Audrey Velasquez of Las Cruces and sophomore middle hitter Elexias Patterson and junior setter Kat Romanelli of Mayfield High

School were selected as second team NMH-SCA All State.

Young led the Knights to 14-9 record in 2012 and a birth in the state playoffs. The Knights defeated Albuquerque 3-1 Nov. 15 to advance to the second round, where they fell to La Cueva 3-0, on Nov. 16.

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

Centennial High School

Saturday, Dec. 22 Wrestling..... at Tucumcari Tournament 8 a.m.
 Girls Basketball..... at Roswell High School 5:30 p.m.
 Boys Basketball..... at Roswell High School 7 p.m.
 Dec. 27-29..... Girls Basketball..... at Los Lunas High School TournamentTBA
 Boys Basketball..... at Los Lunas High School TournamentTBA



Las Cruces High School

Dec. 21-22..... Swimming (coed)..... at APS Mini Invite 9 a.m.
 Saturday, Dec. 22 Boys Basketball..... Cleveland High School 1 p.m.
 Girls Basketball..... Cleveland High School 2:30 p.m.
 Dec. 27-29..... Girls Basketball..... Hoop-La Holiday TournamentTBA
 Boys Basketball..... at Rio Rancho Tournament.....TBA
 Dec. 28-29..... Wrestling..... at Silver Wrestling Tournament.....TBA



Mayfield High School

Friday, Dec. 21 Boys Basketball..... at Carlsbad High School..... 5 p.m.
 Girls Basketball..... at Carlsbad High School..... 7 p.m.
 Dec. 27-29..... Girls Basketball..... at Hoop-La Holiday Tournament.....TBA



Oñate High School

Saturday, Dec. 22 Girls Basketball..... at Deming High School 2 p.m.
 Dec. 27-29..... Boys Basketball..... at Riverside Basketball TournamentTBA
 Dec. 27-29..... Girls Basketball..... at Hoop-La Holiday Tournament.....TBA



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Dec. 21 Boys Basketball..... Tornillo High School 7 p.m.
 Dec. 27-29..... Boys Basketball..... at Alamogordo VFW Tournament.....TBA
 Girls Basketball..... at Gadsden High School Tournament.....TBA





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WAC report card

UT Arlington, Louisiana Tech have best records as conference play nears



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

A month or so ago, I offered some hunches as to what the leader board might look like in the WAC men's basketball race. In about a week the league race will begin, so let's see where things are before Christmas.

Utah State has the best win-loss record to date, winning six out of seven. Its lone loss came at the hands of the St. Mary's Gaels in the Spectrum.

Like New Mexico State, Utah State opens its conference race in Texas, at UTSA and Texas State. Those one-year visitors to the conference have not had a good start to the basketball season.

The Roadrunners are 3-6. UTSA won the Liberty Tax Classic tournament a month ago, but since that time, has dropped five straight. Texas State has won four and lost six. Texas State won its first two over Fordham and UT Tyler but has fallen prey to a tough schedule. SMU, Utah and Texas have roughed up the Bobcats, who have added wins over UC Riverside and UT Pan American.

I mentioned the Aggies start the conference season away from home. They travel to UT Arlington, where NM State last played the Mavericks in old

Texas Hall in 2001. The Mavs now play in the College Park Center and it has helped them improve their program. They went 24-9 last year and are 5-2 to this point. Most impressive in those five wins are four road victories. Their two losses are to Texas and Oklahoma.

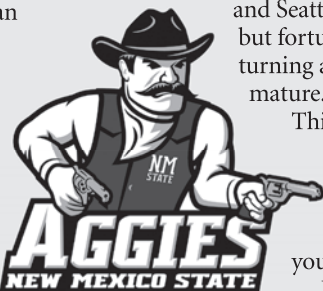
Louisiana Tech is the Aggies' second conference road opponent. The Bulldogs have the most wins of WAC schools, taking 8-of-11. La Tech won the CBE Hall of Fame Classic in Chattanooga, beating Troy, Southeast Missouri and the host Chattanooga Moccasins. Sophomore Raheem Appleby has been their driving force and looks primed for a spot on the all-conference team.

One other WAC team has a winning record at this point. San Jose State is 5-4, mixing home and road wins along the way. The Spartans won at Montana State and UC Davis, but stumbled at home versus Houston and Santa Clara. James Kinney has picked up his shot making again in his senior year, leading the Spartans in that column.

Denver, Idaho and Seattle have been a little slower out of the gate.

The Pioneers are 3-5, Idaho 4-5 and Seattle 3-4, as I write, but fortunes have a way of turning around as teams mature.

This is my last column before Christmas. Please remember, the true first is the gift of yourself. Happy Holidays!



Improving NMSU's image requires a positive attitude

Goals for Aggie athletics are achievable



Dr. McKinley Boston
Athletics Director

One of the significant challenges that Division I, Bowl Championship Series, mid-major universities constantly face is one of identity.

We are Division I universities, and we aspire to win conference championships and participate in NCAA tournaments. No different from those schools with \$130 million athletic budgets, compared with those of \$10 million.

New Mexico State is a land-grant university and is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Tier 1 research university with high research activity. Our faculty is constantly striving to be the best they can be in the areas of teaching, research and outreach, and many have realized they are handicapped by the brand that defines NM State, especially when competing for research dollars.

Our coaches and student athletes are challenged as they aspire to achieve goals that define success no different from faculty and students who are challenged as they work toward achieving academic goals in various areas of the university.

Challenges will always be a part of our everyday lives – to include family, community and yes, fixing a Division I football program.

I came across a statement about attitude a few years ago that I believe is worthy of sharing as we struggle to build a successful competitive Division I football program. We have defined competitive success as being bowl eligible (6-6) on a consistent basis.

Football players at NM State currently graduate at a 61 percent rate, compared to 44 percent of non-student athletes; they contribute

1,300 community service hours and have no social-misconduct issues.

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company, a church or a home.

"The remarkable thing is we have a choice, every day, regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one thing we have, and that is our attitude.

"I am convinced that life is 10 percent of what happens to me and 90 percent of how I react to it. ... So it is with you, we are in charge of our attitudes.

– Charles Swindoll

My attitude is that NM State can and will build a competitive football program. I realize there is a fine line between positive thinking and wishful thinking. I believe so much energy and motivation is generated by positive thinking that it seems like a waste to devote equal time to negative thinking or activities.

You can do three things with a negative: accept it, try to eliminate it; or learn from it by changing it into a positive.

Our positive attitudes, appropriate planning and continued hard work by our coaches and stakeholders will help us achieve our vision of being bowl eligible with quality student athletes. I believe it is a worthy goal.

Upcoming

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Dec. 21
Women's Basketball
UMKC
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22
Men's Basketball
Missouri State
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

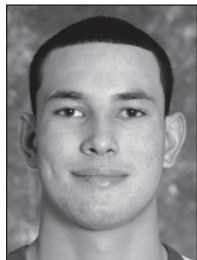
Saturday, Dec. 29
Men's Basketball
UT-Arlington
Arlington, Texas
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball
UT-Arlington
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 31
Men's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
6 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Louisiana Tech
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Terrel de Rouen
Sophomore
Men's basketball

Sophomore guard Terrel de Rouen tied a career-high mark with nine points off the bench at No. 17/20 New Mexico, Dec. 15. He made a pair of 3-pointers, which is the first career game with

multiple 3-pointers. de Rouen also had a career-high two steals in 15 minutes of action.



Kelsie Rozendaal
Redshirt Senior
Women's basketball

Redshirt senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal leads the Aggies with 47 rebounds, and she average 10.3 points per game. She leads the team with a 53.2 field goal percentage. Rozendaal

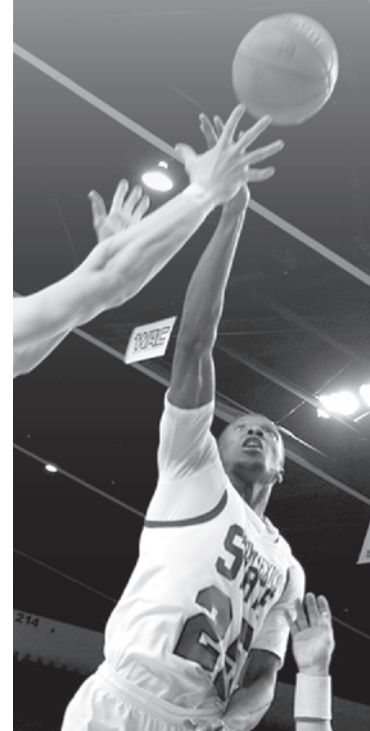
posted her first double-double of the year with 22 points and 11 rebounds in the season opener.



Danesia Williamson
Sophomore
Women's basketball

Sophomore guard Danesia Williamson has proved to be essential for the Aggies after starting seven games. She boasts an average of 14.0 points per game with

her season high coming against I-10 rival UTEP, when she scored 23, helping NM State to a 69-68.



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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley



Jim Hilley
Reflections

100 years ago

1912

• The 17 members of the Aggie football team were guests for a turkey dinner at the home of coach Arthur Badenoch. After the feast, those in attendance gathered around a large fireplace and “enjoyed their Missouri meerschaums,” while being entertained by the College Quartet. Joe Quesenberry was elected team captain for the 1913 season and team members presented Badenoch with a repeating shotgun to show their appreciation for his leadership.

• The State Corporation Commission ruled in favor of Mesilla Park residents who had filed complaints against Mountain States Telephone Company for poor service, charges made for services not performed, arbitrary disconnections for disputed payments and excessive charges.

75 years ago

1937

• L.D. Rutledge opened a new cash grocery store in Mesilla Park. The store, formerly known as Prichard Grocery, was remodeled and featured many new fixtures. Rutledge promised “first-class merchandise at the lowest prices possible.” Rutledge also pointed out that the store had unlimited parking with no time limit.

• Mrs. Emma Rogers of Mertzon, Texas, who was riding a Greyhound Bus to Globe, Ariz., where she had been going to visit her



In December 1912, a Mesilla Valley resident uses a team of horses and a wagon to gather wood along the Rio Grande bosque. No doubt, many a cheery holiday fire ensued. Merry Christmas!

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sons Ben and Bernell, became “mentally unbalanced,” and refused to re-enter the bus after a short layover at the Tortugas Trading Post. Sheriffs officers were called and Rogers was being cared for at the county jail pending the arrival of her sons after the 65- to 70-year-old woman became violent and broke out windows in the emergency room where she was first placed.

50 years ago

1962

• The 104-piece Las Cruces High School band made history for the school when they gave what was termed “an outstanding performance” during halftime at a professional football game between the Los Angeles Rams and the Green Bay Packers in

Los Angeles. The band was given a standing ovation by the 60,000 fans in attendance, something John Boudreai, band director for the Rams, said he had not witnessed the crowd do for a high school band in his 17 years with the team.

• Attendees for a matinee at the State Theater were admitted with a gift of food for the Christmas Basket charity program.

25 years ago

1987

• With three of the seven members absent, the Doña Ana Planning and Zoning Commission approved a special use permit to allow the Church of the Crosses to erect a 50-foot tower on top of Picacho Peak,

despite vocal opposition from many area residents. Commissioner Lou Gariano said the commission could not deny the request because the tower would be located on private property. “The man who owns the mountain can do whatever he wants with his land,” Gariano said.

• The advisory board for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program selected Virgil Collins for the outstanding volunteer of the year award. Collins was recognized for carrying out public relations projects involving photography for the City of Las Cruces and Munson Center.

• Movie offerings at the local theater included “Three Men and a Baby,” “Throw Momma from the Train,” “Planes, Trains and Automobiles” and “Batteries Not Included.”

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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, Dec. 21, at the Village of Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building.

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

SUPER SENIORS WATER AEROBICS

Super Senior Water Aerobics classes combine cardio with strength building for all fitness levels. Classes are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Participants are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration with senior programs is required. Suggested donation is \$1.

YOGA CLASSES

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

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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. Intermediate classes are from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.

T'AI CHI CLASSES AT MUNSON CENTER

T'ai chi classes are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Exercise and open energy channels, stabilize the knees, loosen the hips, foster internal power, relaxation and concentration. Classes are drop in.

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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.

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.

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.

BINGO TWICE A WEEK AT LEGION POST 10

American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave., hosts bingo on Wednesdays and

Saturdays.

Doors open at 3 p.m., and bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. Coverall blackout pays \$1,000. Food and sodas are available.

For more information, call Chaplain Lawrence Orvis at 526-9139.

GOING SOLO SINGLES

Single seniors; join Going Solo Seniors. The group 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.

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.

BINGO MONTHLY AT SAGECREST NURSING CENTER

Sagecrest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, 2029 Sagecrest Court, is offering bingo from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Seniors must present their Senior Programs ID cards.

For more information, call 541-2550 or 541-2553. The TTY number is 541-2772.

MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for men ages 50 and older is held the last Wednesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up

is from 8 to 9 a.m. and play begins at 9:15 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call 541-2550.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

An 8-ball tournament for women ages 50 and older is held the first Monday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign up is at 8 a.m. and play begins from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Cost is \$3 per person. Gift cards are awarded to first- and second-place winners.

For more information, call 541-2550.

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 on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

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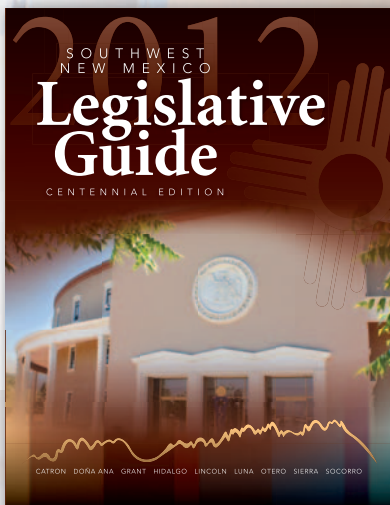
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Motorcyclists bring toys



Toys and proceeds from the Toys for Kids Motorcycle Parade benefited more than 21 agencies that provide services to children and families. On Friday, Dec. 7, proceeds were distributed at the Tresco TOTS office. Those pictured included Mack and Theresa Adams, Kong and Ruben Maynez from the TFK parade committee. Beneficiaries pictured included representatives from FYI Boys and Girls Shelters and Transitional Living, Salvation Army, Las Cruces High School's GRADS Program, Gospel Rescue Mission, Mesa Middle School Multiple Disabilities Program, Prison Family Services, Mesquite Learning Center, LCDF Healthy Start and Tresco TOTS. Not pictured are representatives from Mesilla Valley Court Appointed Special Advocates, Coats for Kids, Doña Ana County Health and Human Services, Oñate High School's GRADS Program, Tresco Respite Care, La Piñon and Mesquite Weed & Seed.

Ben Lujan dies of cancer

Powerful state House Speaker was 77

New Mexico House Speaker Ben Lujan, one of the most powerful and longest serving state legislators and father of U.S. Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, at age 77 after a long battle with lung cancer.

Lujan, a Democrat from Nambé, announced his battle with the illness and his planned retirement at the opening of the 2012 legislative session. He spent half of his life as a state lawmaker, winning his first election to the House in 1974.

As speaker from 2001 to 2012, Lujan was known for his knowledge of legislative rules and procedures to steer bills through the House or keeping measures stuck in committees.

Lujan said he was diagnosed with advanced

stage cancer in late 2009 and had undergone radiation and chemotherapy treatment.

"Speaker Ben Lujan's service to New Mexico spanned four decades and his legacy will live for years to come," Gov. Susana Martinez said. "He fought for causes near and dear to New Mexicans from all walks of life and guided the House of Representatives through some of the most important debates in our state's history. Speaker Lujan's story was one that embodied the New Mexican dream and the American dream. The son of a sheepherder, he made his living as an ironworker at Los Alamos before running for office and rising to one of the most prominent and powerful positions in the state."



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Military recruiters chip in



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New Air Force and Marine recruits and recruiters pass toys into the back of a car for delivery to the Toys for Tots program Tuesday, Dec. 18, in the Arroyo Plaza where the recruitment offices are located.

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Vista College hosts Winter Wonderland

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Elijah Figuero, 9, gets his moment with Santa at the Winter Wonderland event Friday, Dec. 14, put on by The Computer Career Center, a division of Vista College. The school held holiday games and offered visits with Santa for any children and parents.

Becky Urbina's son Josiah, 4, enjoys cotton candy.



Ann Marie Arnold cracks up as nursing student Christy Ortiz plays "Pin the Nose on the Snowman."

Olive gives Vista instructor Sandra Wilcox a kiss while Michael Ponce, program director, holds Olive.

Erin Jeffries, Vista's director of career services, was Santa's lead elf in putting on the Winter Wonderland.



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Neighbors We've Lost

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GLORIA S. QUIMBLEY

It is with deep sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Gloria S. Quimbley, 76, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. She was born June 16, 1936 in El Paso, Texas to Arturo and Neponucena "Chena" Gomez Garcia. Mrs. Quimbley was a teacher's aide and a communicant at St. Albert the Great Newman Center.



sisters, Margarita Grijalva, Marta Garcia and Bertha Minjares all of El Paso, Texas. Other survivors include eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Abelardo Garcia and sister, Martha Garcia.

At Mrs. Quimbley's request cremation will take place and private family services were held at her home on Saturday.

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DEATH NOTICES

ALVAREZ

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, Ernesto "Neto" C. Alvarez, age 93, a lifelong resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, on Tuesday, December 11, 2012. He passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was very proud to have served his country honorably in the United States Army Air Corps during WWII as a Staff Sergeant in the 448th Bombardment Group Heavy.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Albino Cemetery with military honors accorded by a New Mexico National Guard Honor Guard and the Marine Corps League - El Perro Diablo Detachment.

The Alvarez and Tirre Families have entrusted their loved one to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 575-527-2222. Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care."

CREED

Joe Lynn Creed, 77, passed away on Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

A memorial service has been held.

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SALCFAS

Dee Jay Jones Salcfas, 62, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, December 14, 2012 at her home. She was born September 19, 1950 in Pensacola, Florida to Johnny Lee and Donna Jean Slaymam Jones. Dee Jay retired as a Registered Electroencephalographic Technician.

Those left to mourn her passing include a son, Howard Salcfas; a brother, Walter Scott Jones; four sisters, Robin Lee Tharp, Katie Dixon, Joy Lynn Boykin and Lisa Lowman. Other survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

At Dee Jay's request cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

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BURTON

Elizabeth Marie Burton, 48, passed away Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

MARTINEZ

Billy Joe Martinez, 41, passed away at his home on Friday, December 14, 2012.

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NUÑEZ

Carmen Nuñez, age 71, of Hatch, New Mexico, entered eternal life Monday, December 17, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation for Mrs. Nuñez will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church, 611 West Hall in Hatch where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, December 21, 2012 in the same church. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery also in Hatch where she will be laid to rest.

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

VACIO

Viviano Francisco Vacio, 43, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center.

Services have been held. The Rite of Committal and Interment was in the Missionary Ridge Cemetery in Mesquite, New Mexico, where he will be laid to rest.

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

HOLGUIN

Herminia Chaparro Holguin, 81 of Vado, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, December 13, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born April 25, 1931 in San Felipe, Chihuahua, Mexico to Luis and Eduviges Amparan Chaparro.

Services have been held. Interment was at Masonic Cemetery, 760 S. Compress Road where she was laid to rest alongside her husband.

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

PIÑON

Isabel Piñon, 70, of Anthony, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, December 16, 2012 at her home surrounded by her loving family

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

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TARIN

Manuela De Santiago Tarin, 85, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, went to be with the Lord peacefully Saturday, December 15, 2012, in Las Cruces surrounded by her children.

Services have been held. Interment followed in Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas with Pastor Ernest Martinez officiating.

The family wishes to extend their most sincere thanks to Mesilla Valley Hospice for all their kindness and support.

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LIRA

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Emilia Lira, 75, of Fairacres, New Mexico, left her dwelling place on earth and entered eternal life to be with her heavenly Father, Friday, December 14, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center.

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

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In the news

Bingaman, Udall seek answers on REAL ID

U.S. Sens. Jeff Bingaman and Tom Udall recently asked the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide New Mexicans with immediate assurances that their travel plans early in the new year will not be disrupted by a federal law governing driver's licenses.

While the senators support strengthening the standards governing IDs, they are concerned that as many as 38 states – including New Mexico – will not be able to meet the Jan. 15, 2013, deadline to comply with the law.

DHS has previously told the senators that New Mexico driver's license holders will still

be able to travel domestically and enter federal buildings using the state licenses but has not made a public announcement of its plans regarding REAL ID implementation.

In a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, the senators said enforcing the Jan. 15, 2013, deadline could cause a significant disruption in air travel. In their letter, the senators urged DHS to quickly clarify its plans regarding the implementation of the REAL ID Act:

"The lack of guidance by the Department of Homeland Security is causing a great deal of anxiety for our constituents, who are seeing news reports that they may need a passport in order to fly on domestic flights after Jan. 15," the senators wrote. "We have been expecting an announcement that your department will extend the deadline or delay enforcement of the Act, but to date there has been no statement either way. Such delays mean that many people may alter or cancel their travel plans or bear the expense of obtaining a passport they do not need."

In 2005, Congress passed legislation called the REAL ID Act requiring states to tighten requirements related to the issuance of driver's licenses because they are used as a standard form of identification for a variety of federal purposes, including air travel. In 2009, DHS extended the REAL ID Act compliance deadline until Jan. 15, 2013.

"If the department intends to extend the deadline, please make such an announcement immediately," the senators wrote. "If the department does not intend to provide such an extension, please issue a public statement as soon as possible to reassure the traveling public that you will work to mitigate the adverse impact of REAL ID."

The Animal Legal Defense Fund has ranked New Mexico one of the top five states for animal abusers. Rankings are based on punishments for those convicted of animal abuse, preventable abuse, authority given to humane officers, felony charges for animal abuse cases and amount of educational programs and resources to prevent abuse.

New Mexico ranked for animal abuse cases

Other states ranked near the top included Iowa, Kentucky, and the Dakotas.

Santa Teresa in-school health center to expand

U.S. Sen. Tom Udall announced La Clinica de Familia Inc. of Las Cruces will receive a \$500,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to expand medical,

mental health and dental services to residents in southern New Mexico.

The two-year grant will allow La Clinica de Familia to build a new health center next to Santa Teresa High School and strengthen its existing school-based health services. The funding comes from capital projects under the Affordable Care Act.

"As the health care law goes into effect, I'm glad to see resources directed toward school-based health centers in New Mexico," Udall said. "Having these comprehensive, full-time services available in local communities is a model that will result in better care and treatment."

The expanded health center is expected to open some time in the 2013-24 school year.

To date, New Mexico has received more than \$4.5 million in federal funding for school-based health center grants.

La Clinica de Familia is a federally qualified health center that provides health and social service programs throughout southern New Mexico.

APA offers special adoption rates

From now through Jan. 2, 2013, Action Program for Animals (APA) is offering special adoption rates to help place orphaned pets and abused dogs into loving homes during the holidays. During this time, the group's pet adoption fees are reduced to \$50 for dogs and \$25 for cats, and adoptable animals are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped and fully supported post-adoption by the APA family of volunteers and foster parents.

For the Second Chance Dogs (from former abuse cases), there is an added bonus to giving these special dogs a home and a second chance; they come with free in-home, one-on-one transition support from Mike Larson of Canine Behavior Services of El Paso.

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Post-Apocalyptic blues



David Salcido
On second thought ...

It's Saturday morning, the day after the Dec. 21 apocalypse.

Wills have been filed and bomb shelters are well-stocked with water, non-perishable food items and essential DVD boxed sets of "Lost" and "Survivor."

Bucket lists have been tallied and bosses the world over have been told where, exactly, they can file their last minute paperwork. The question now remains, what happens next?

What happens after people wake up to the realization that, once again, doomsday didn't happen, zombies are not running amuck, the alignment of planets did not cause the planet's magnetic poles to flip, the rogue planet Nibiru did not collide with Earth, nor did an angry god of war descend from the sky to mark the end of the 13th baktun on the Mayan calendar?

Well, if you're one of the unlucky few who counted on global destruction to cover your tracks and wash away your last minute indulgences, it's time to start planning for the future. In fact, now may be the perfect time to think about upcoming job fairs and the many conventions that have been booked for the coming year by those a bit more forward thinking than the reactionary masses.

A few to consider might be the Career Connections job fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 5 - 6, 2013, at Corbett Center Student Union Ballroom on the New Mexico State University campus. Our esteemed land-grant institution of higher learning will gather résumés in the areas of business, agriculture, liberal arts and community health in the hopes of finding the next Renaissance man or woman. Word to the wise, don't mention the fact that you went on a rampage and shredded all of the billing for your last employer's end of the year report.

Or, there's the Employment Extravaganza, also taking place at Corbett Center, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13, 2013, as an introductory venture to unite job seekers with employers.

Or you could be one of the 2,500 full-time employees Convergys is looking to hire across the United States in the coming months. Again, don't mention the mass email you sent out to every

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Pecans head for processing

Cold snap prompts December harvest

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The weather has been cooperating and this year's pecan harvest, compared with last winter, is ahead of schedule.

Because of early low temperatures, the pecan hulls started to dry and loosen in early December, Jay Grover, Western Pecan Growers Association president said.

Grover grows pecans on 350 acres in Otero County.

He said that according to reports he is hearing from other growers, the harvest is about average.

"The out-of-the-field harvest is 50 percent complete," said Phillip Arnold of San Saba Pecans.

That means the pecans have been shaken from the trees and still have to be cleaned of orchard debris at a processing plant. Pecans are field harvested by shaking the trees with an erratic tractor boom. The pecans and debris are later swept into windrows so they can be picked up and taken to a cleaning plant.

One reason for the early harvest is an early freeze before Thanksgiving. Pecans need a freezing temperature to loosen the hulls from the nuts.

"Earlier in the year, I drove down the valley, and, as I got in the lower valley, I was surprised – the pecan trees were dropping their leaves," Arnold said. "The temperature was lower in the Anthony and Berino area. And generally, the farther north you go here the colder it gets."

This winter's dry conditions also helped pick up the harvest pace. Since pecans are swept and gathered from orchard floors, it's essential that the soil is dry so producers can move their equipment into the orchards.

Soggy orchard floors interrupted the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Alta LeCompte

Jose Arce rakes the rows Thursday, Dec. 13, at Arnold Bros Quality Pecans north of Las Cruces. The following day, rain halted the local harvest.

harvest last year.

"Last year, we just started to harvest pecans and it rained and we had to stop harvesting until the orchards dried out," Arnold said. "We weren't able to continue harvesting until the end of February and the beginning of March to finish."

But this winter, the weather helped out pecan growers.

"With the early freeze and dry weather the pecan growers were able to speed up their harvest this year," Arnold said.

River surface water was short this growing season. However, the commercial growers were able to irrigate their orchards with ground water wells.

"But the smaller, yard trees that didn't have wells were damaged by the lack of water," Arnold said. "Some didn't even put out a crop."

Greg Daviet, whose orchard is south of Las Cruces, started shaking pecans at the beginning of December and is ending his harvest. And he

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Companies fete employees

2012 closes in festive mood

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Deck the halls – and bars and banquet rooms. It's time to party.

Las Cruces venues report the holiday business party season is in full swing, peaking the week of Dec. 16.

"There's more spirit this year, more joy," said Double Eagle General Manager Jerry Harrell. "Everybody seems to be in a good mood. Nobody seems to be worrying about the fiscal cliff. Last year people were just OK; the year before they were very tense."

Although the spirits are bright, the number of bookings is about the same as in previous years, Harrell said.

Most businesses don't make arrangements until the week before their party, Ashley Springer, director of operations at De La Vega's

Pecan Grill & Brewery, said.

Party goes prefer weekends

The most popular time for business parties appears to be Friday and Saturday evenings.

"December is the most competitive time for party space – to get the date they need," said Suzanne Tent, co-owner and booking coordinator for the historic Alameda House.

"There are only two, sometimes three, Fridays and Saturdays (in the holiday season). Fridays and Saturdays are the most popular because there's no work."

Most restaurants and hotels said their holiday party business is comparable to previous years.

Alameda House, in its third holiday season as a party venue, is

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Jacob Garcia and Chelsi Brown of Andele Restaurant prepare platters to serve family style at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce party Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Alameda House.

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an exception.

Tent said bookings went up about 30 percent over the previous year in 2011 and again in 2012.

One trend this year is earlier holiday parties. Some venues report the action started the last week in November, perhaps because Thanksgiving, Nov. 22, was early this year.

Parties worth waiting for

Even the employees of party venues get to celebrate at company parties. They may, however, have to wait until the December holidays are just a memory.

Pecan Grill will host a party for staff Jan. 13, 2013, and Double Eagle will fete its staff Jan. 6, 2013.

Last year the Pecan Grill hosted a formal sit down dinner for its staff and their guests at Vince's Saratoga Room. It was a festive outing, with a DJ, magician and open mic, Springer said.

"We closed early so everyone could attend and there was a really good turnout," she said.

Springer said she tries to make the party something extra special every year. This year it will be at a venue not scheduled to open until February 2013.

"I like to support another local business," she said.

Double Eagle in Mesilla is its own party venue.

"We close the restaurant and invite some of our regular customers as well as employees," Harrell said.



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Green Chamber party attendees Mac McKay, Cathy Ancheles, Diane Lilley and Mike Lilley, partners at Lilley and O'Connell PA, share a table sponsored by the law firm.

"We have dinner, a DJ and dancing."

Noting that January is a good time to celebrate after the stress of the holidays has subsided, he said a number of companies have shifted their parties to January as well.

They say it's because their employees have family obligations, shopping and other events that make December a difficult time to relax and enjoy a party, Harrell said.

Some popular venues, however, are sandwiching in a holiday

celebration for employees this week.

Andele Restaurant closed early Monday, Dec. 17, for its staff party.

"The owner likes to do it for the employees," said Andele's Catering Director Stephanie Forrest. "We all help set and clean up. It's like family."

Fajitas, a catering menu exclusive, were the main attraction.

Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, scheduled a luncheon the week of Dec. 16 in a hotel banquet room.

"It's nice because it's strictly for employees," said Ana Maria Salazar, event coordinator. "We give gifts, take pictures, decorate the room as we would for an event."

She said the Ramada team has a lot to celebrate this year.

"It's been a wonderful year for us," she said.

Salazar said government agencies and New Mexico State University groups are their biggest customers.

"They are very well organized,

Apocalypse

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single boss you've ever had, telling him or her exactly what you think of his or her business practices.

But, let's say it wasn't as bad as all that. You didn't commit professional hara-kiri, though you may have left a bad taste in a few mouths with your unholy rants and predictions. Make it up to the powers-that-be by attending one of the many conventions and expos taking place throughout the valley in the coming months.

To begin with, there's the Mesilla Valley Outdoor Expo Jan. 11-13, 2013, at the Las Cruces Convention Center for you survivalists who didn't get the opportunity to shine like a contestant on "Survivor."

Then, on Jan. 26-27, 2013, you can dress up as your favorite Japanese cartoon character for the fourth annual Southern New Mexico Anime Con, at Corbett Center. I'm not really sure how that will help your case, but it was there, so I mentioned it. And if you've really been planning for the future, you can stock up on all the necessities for a life of post-apocalyptic wedded bliss at the Las Cruces Bridal Showcase, at the Las Cruces Convention Center on Jan. 27.

As you can see, there are plenty of ways to atone for your over-indulgent, pre-apocalyptic sins and move on like the rest of us. Because you see, not everybody expected fireballs to fall from the sky or alien overlords to reappear and begin harvesting our three super-sized, deep-fried, sugar-glazed, double-cheese gordita Happy Meals-a day

population for their own gastronomical edification.

Truth is, some people had contingency plans. For example, local radio station KXPZ 99.5, The Rocket, decided to go out with a bang by hosting a 24-hour "Rock the Apocalypse Harder" party at Hurricane Alley. They also hosted a fundraiser, gathering "survivor supply items," which they planned on donating to the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope should the party prove anticlimactic. Now, that's hedging your bets.

OK, so the New Mexico centennial will come to a quiet close instead of a bombastic fiery climax worthy of our state's rough-and-tumble history. It doesn't mean it's the end of the world. It just means you need to get over your disappointment and get on with the process of living.

Monday, Dec. 24, is Christmas Eve. If the New Agers were correct and Dec. 21 was a date that ushered in a new era of cosmic peace and understanding, maybe now is the time to start the process of healing, understanding and loving our fellow man.

Sure, it's a hackneyed concept, but one with plenty of merits. And it sure would make "business as usual" seem that much more bearable, wouldn't it? Especially for those who need something to look forward to the day after and all the days after to follow in a world that is not a Hollywood blockbuster, but instead, a garden of possibilities if we just take the time to cultivate them. There's no time like the present to begin, and, let's face it, if this latest doomsday letdown has proved anything, it's that we've got plenty of time to perfect it.



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Pecans fall into the trailer Thursday, Dec. 13, at Arnold Bros. Quality Pecans.

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has been harvesting almost 3,000 pounds of in-shell pecans per acre.

"I'm having a record harvest," he said. "But the pecans are smaller than usual. And I heard that other orchard men are having an off-year in their harvests."

Growers said the pecan market is weak.

"We sell our pecans to domestic sellers," Daviet said. "And they have more pecans than they can sell."

In 2011, New Mexico growers produced, 61 million pounds of in-shell pecans, down from 66 million pounds the previous year. Growers received an average of \$2.67 a pound that brought in revenue of \$162.8 million, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

The figures showed a decline from the previous year, \$2.83 average price per pound and \$186.7 million in value, according to the NASS.

The NASS also reported that growers on the east side of the state are expecting a bumper crop and is predicting 69 million pounds.

know their budget and are very conservative," she said, commenting that government agencies are not at all wasteful.

Companies of all sizes and varieties party at Christmas. Medical offices, manufacturers, plumbers, Realtors, lawyers, beauty salons and Harley Davidson are among those booking holiday parties.

The venue managers said some local businesses hold their parties in the public portion of the restaurant while others, especially those hosting large groups, prefer to book a private room.

Las Cruces restaurants and hotels have rooms for groups of all sizes.

Pecan Grill can accommodate groups of 20 to 100; Ramada Inn 450 in the ballroom and 20 to 150 in party rooms; Double Eagle has rooms for eight to 95 and more. Andele Restaurant's banquet room, decorated for Christmas, seats up to 60. Andele's Dog House can accommodate larger crowds, weather permitting.

Rooms in the main building at Alameda House can serve as many as 50 guests, but the Patio Room seats 300.

Marci Dickerson of Dickerson's Catering, one of the companies that caters for parties at the Alameda House, has decorated the Patio Room for the holidays.

For those who are just getting around to planning a holiday bash, December discounts at Alameda House continue through February, Tent said.

"It looks like we're busier this year than last, busy from Thanksgiving until the end of February. We have about 20 bookings for 2013 already," she said.

By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Conlee Elementary School renovation

Las Cruces Public Schools photo

DND Contractors complete work on the \$2.1 million renovation of Conlee Elementary School, at 1701 Boston Drive, which includes renovation of the school kitchen and student and adult restrooms, as well as a reconfiguration of drop-off lanes. Construction is expected to be finished by January 2013.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 14	Dunkin' Donuts	2513 N. Main St.	781-737-5200
Dec. 7	O'Reilly Auto Parts	2500 W. Picacho Ave.	417-829-5727
Nov. 30	White Sands Federal Credit Union	2755 N. Main St.	647-4500
Nov. 23	Western Heritage Bank	230 Alameda Blvd.	541-0058
Nov. 16	City of Las Cruces Intermodal Transit Center	Southwest corner of Alameda Boulevard and Lohman Avenue	541-2500

Our numbers

Numbers of the Apocalypse

- 394**
Number of years in a baktun, the cyclical measure of time used in the Mayan calendar
- 13**
Number of the last baktun, which ends on Dec. 21, 2012
- AD 300 to 900**
Peak of the Mayan civilization
- 41**
Percentage of people who believe the Rapture will occur before 2050
- 10**
Number of people who contact NASA every day asking about the end of the world

Source: www.pewresearch.org, www.businessinsider.com, www.nasa.gov

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 17

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 9.5 cents** per gallon in the past week, **averaging \$3.08** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 8.0 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.25** per gallon.

New Mexico prices **Monday, Dec. 17**, were **16.1 cents** per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are **22.4 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 18.3 cents** per gallon during the last month and stands **1.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than this day one year ago.

1. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.67
2. Pilot	2681 W. Amador Ave.	\$2.79
3. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road and 1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.81
4. Love's	8993 Robert Larson Blvd.	\$2.85
5. Eagle Quik Mart	440 W. Picacho Ave.	\$2.87

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com, as of Monday, Dec. 17

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$166.80	Southwest
Atlanta	\$246.60	US Air
Austin	\$125.10	American
Chicago	\$170.60	US Air
Dallas-Love	\$130.60	Southwest
Houston	\$145.30	United
Las Vegas	\$102.60	American
Los Angeles	\$152.80	American
Phoenix	\$91.80	Us Air
San Antonio	\$108.60	American
New York City	\$201.10	American
Orlando	\$180.60	American
San Diego	\$126.60	American
Seattle	\$140.60	US Air
Washington, D.C.	\$182.60	American
London	\$1,233.70	Us Air
Paris	\$1,799.20	British Air
Rome	\$1,703.80	British Air

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective Dec. 25-Jan. 01 *Restrictions apply* Holidays

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

- Euro**
\$1.31770 in U.S. dollars
0.75890 per U.S. dollar
- Mexican Peso**
\$0.07838 in U.S. dollars
12.75900 per U.S. dollar
- Japanese Yen**
\$0.01194 in U.S. dollars
83.73000 per U.S. dollar
- Canadian Dollar**
\$1.01694 in U.S. dollars
0.98334 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com as of Monday, Dec. 17



Market snapshot

For the week of Dec. 10 - 14, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	13155.13	13135.01	-20.12	-0.2	7.5
Nasdaq	2978.04	2971.33	-6.71	-0.2	14.1

Strong: Technology, financials, utilities
Weak: Telecoms, consumer staples

Source: <http://briefing.com>



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In Good Company: *Southwestern Eye Center*

The eyes have it

Local eye clinic opens its doors to expansion

By **David Salcido**
Las Cruces Bulletin

There is a big change coming for those who have been patients of the Valley's Southwest Eye Clinics in Las Cruces and Santa Teresa, but it may not be entirely noticeable at first. Both clinics have been acquired by a Mesa-based company called Southwestern Eye Center, which already owns 23 locations in Arizona and one in Deming.

Southwest Eye Clinic was owned by Dr. Robert Villalobos, who has helped patients for more than 20 years at two locations: 2030 S. Solano Drive in Las Cruces and 1245 Country Club Road in Santa Teresa.

Villalobos and his fellow physician, Dr. Paul Gomez, will continue on with the practice, joining Dr. L. Lothaire Bluth, a leading cataract surgeon in the Southwest, in providing medical eye care across New Mexico.

As the founder of Southwestern Eye Center, Bluth has developed one of the largest ophthalmology practices in the United States, celebrating 30 years in business. His concept of bringing comprehensive eye care to rural and underserved areas throughout the state of Arizona was revolutionary when it was first introduced. He plans on continuing that practice here in New Mexico.

"He was a pioneer in that regard," said Shane Armstrong, vice president general counsel of Southwestern Eye Centers. "The first practice that he purchased just happened to be in an airfield out in Mesa, Ariz., and it just kind of made sense to go out into these areas where they don't have hospitals or ready access to ophthalmic surgeons. We take the surgeons to them. It costs them a lot less and they get a higher quality of care. That hasn't changed in the last 30 years. We continue to do that."

That plan, according to Armstrong, is to use the Las Cruces and Santa Teresa locations as bases of operation, beginning with the already strong clientele built by Villalobos and expanding outward.

"In the region around Las Cruces, there are several small, rural communities who would benefit from having this kind of quality care," Armstrong said. "We also offer specialty care for cataracts, surgical retina, glaucoma and those sort of things that patients might have to travel into a larger metropolitan area, like El Paso or even Albuquerque, to get."

The acquisition of Southwest Eye Clinic was more than amicable, in that it was Villalobos who initially approached Bluth at the Southwestern Eye Center.

"Dr. Villalobos was looking to make a transition and our two practices happened to be a good fit," Armstrong said. "Typically we prefer a doctor who wants to formulate an exit strategy, but isn't looking to retire for another few years. Dr. Villalobos is a fantastic doctor and one we have enjoyed working with."

For his part, Villalobos couldn't be happier with the transition.

"I chose Southwestern Eye Center," he said,

"because of their caring and understanding attitude toward patients, the professionalism demonstrated by Dr. Bluth and the other doctors at SWEC and their outstanding reputation in the ophthalmological community in Arizona."

The one thing Armstrong, Bluth and the rest of the staff at Southwestern Eye Center want to stress is that the transition will be as painless as possible. If anything, Armstrong said, it will entail improvements to the practice that will benefit long-time clientele and new patients alike.

"One of the problems that not just ophthalmic doctors but all doctors are facing is increased regulations and cuts in insurance reimbursement," said Armstrong. "What we bring to the table for some of these practices is an increased sophistication on the administrative end, because we have whole departments who watch out for those things regarding updated regulations and new laws."

"As I said, we've done this sort of thing before in other areas and it's been an unequivocal success judging by the patient feedback we've received. I think people will be pleasantly surprised by some of the changes they do see."



Details

Southwestern Eye Center

Address

- 2030 S. Solano Drive
- 1245 Country Club Road
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Profiles

Jacob T. Arnold: In the grove at 21st century farm

Tending good old trees with modern technology

By **Alta LeCompte**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Jake Arnold, third generation manager of Arnold Bros. Quality Pecans at 4120 Shalem Colony Trail, brings family tradition and an MBA to the job.

Not every MBA would be content with his stark office inside a metal building that was the old pecan processing plant.

But then, not every MBA grew up on the family pecan farm, started working in the plant at age 15 and is raising two kids who could some day become the fourth generation to run Arnold Bros.

Pecan farming runs in Jake Arnold's family.

His grandparents, Jay and Georgia Arnold, bought the first 65 acres of the farm in the 1960s. Jay Arnold knew the business end of farming from working with an agricultural lending company and had also been a farm hand.

They started out growing vegetables. "In the 1970s, Grandpa got the pecan bug," Arnold said.

The trees he planted continue to be the main ingredient in the success of Arnold Bros.

"My dad and Uncle Joey formed a partnership. Then Uncle Phillip came back and joined them. That's where the Arnold Bros. comes from," he said.

One uncle had been head of a meat line, the other a mechanic.

"The farm called them all back," Arnold said.

He said his dad had founded Picacho Builders, but came back to the farm. They decided to do custom pecan work, harvesting and processing for other growers as well as themselves.

Two brothers, Joey and Phillip,

continue to be involved in the business as owner/operators.

From economist to farmer

Arnold was not always a pecan farmer. Before enrolling at New Mexico State University, he lettered in football three years at Mayfield High School.

"I wanted to do something different than agriculture, but I didn't really know where my education would take me," he said. "I really just wanted to get an education."

After receiving an MBA from NMSU, he was employed by the New Mexico Public Utilities Commission as a utilities economist.

"It required a lot of business-related decision making, looking at rates and filings to see what would be in the best interest of the public," he said. "It was a little nerve-wracking because I was often testifying before lawyers, but I liked the job a lot."

Arnold said much of what he took away from his formal education was the ability to communicate with people, to motivate or finesse them.

The farm currently employs 12 full-time workers, with 40 seasonal workers on board for the harvest.

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on harvesting days, Arnold hauls truckloads of nuts from grove to plant. He returns to his spreadsheets in the evening.

"My job is to keep everything running," he said.

Everything includes the machines, which he works on in the on-site shop.

Bringing the spread sheet home

"When Joey passed away, I came back in

2007 after three years at the PRC," Arnold said.

The business and computer skills he learned at the university and in his job at PRC are useful in running the farm.

Keeping track of 2 million pecans is a job for Excel.

Computer technology also is at work in the processing plant, rejecting pecans that are bad and blowing out those with no meat.

In spite of technological advances and growing demand, Arnold said he's not sure whether pecan farming will be a viable way of life for his son, Jayce, and daughter, Aubrie. Sometimes he even questions whether he wants it for them.

"It's seasonal, hard work. A lot of times, I don't want to wish it on my kids, but it's a good way of life," he said.

Complicating the future of local pecan farming are many unanswered questions, he said.

"Can agriculture and people co-exist in the Mesilla Valley? he asked. "Can we manage our river and ground water and have enough for people and crops?"

On the other hand, he anticipates food will be "one of the foremost industries in the future."

There will be demand. "We multiply pretty well," he said.

Nuts in general, and pecans in particular, are protein, amino acid and antioxidant-rich foods that "do good things for you," he said.

Pecans for the world

Arnold, who is secretary of the Western Pecan Growers Association, said the organization is encouraging emerging demand in India, the Near East and Asia.

Phillip Arnold, in fact, was among the first to promote the U.S. pecan industry in China, which is expected to buy 50 to 80 million pounds this year.

For the past two years, the Arnolds have harvested more than 2 million pounds of pecans, about one third of which are from their own farm.

Although pecan demand has grown with the entrance of China into the buyers' market, Arnold said Chinese consumers prefer the large nuts grown in Mexico and Georgia.

Arnold said locally grown pecans last year were small, perhaps due to the heat, drought and the affect of irrigation, which leaves salt deposits in the groves.

"This year, we don't seem to have that problem," he said of the size of the pecans.

The harvest is about half completed, he said, but he is watching for the best possible price for himself and the other farmers.

Off the farm

When harvesting is done, the Arnolds likely will head for the mountains to do some skiing. In June they will hit the Padre Island Beach and take mini-vacations for nearby swimming, boating and water skiing in the area.

"My dad is here," Arnold said. "Although he's not as active in the harvest as he once was, he takes over as manager when I'm away."

Details

Jake Arnold

Manager
Arnold Bros. Quality Pecans

Family

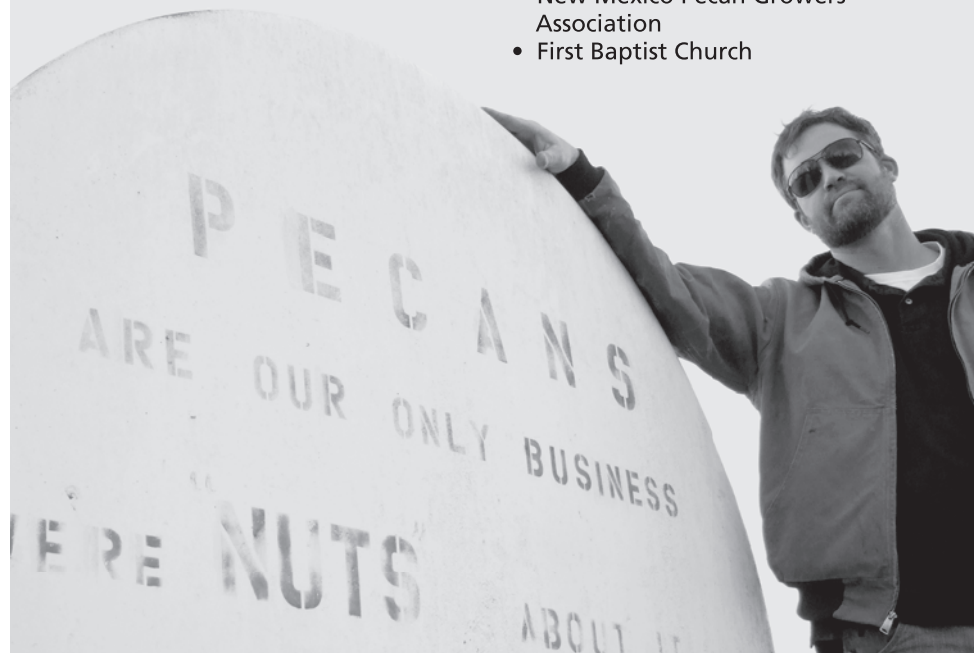
- Wife Missy
- Daughter Aubrie, 6
- Son Jayce, 2

Education

- Mayfield High School
- Bachelor's degree in business, New Mexico State University
- MBA, NMSU

Organizations

- Secretary of the Western Pecan Growers Association
- New Mexico Pecan Growers Association
- First Baptist Church





BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



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January	Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico
February	Las Cruces Toyota
March	City of Las Cruces
April	Mesilla Valley Mall
May	Radio of Las Cruces
June	Dion's
July	Bank of the West
August	Directory Plus
September	Pic Quik
October	El Paso Electric
November	Mesilla Valley Maze
December	Arbors of Del Rey

HOW TO NOMINATE A BUSINESS

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



City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Dec. 9-14

Las Cruces Home Builders Association

PERMIT NO.	PERMIT TYPE	OWNER	ADDRESS	CONTRACTOR	TOTAL FEE	VALUATION
20126827	REROOF	CECILIA M. ASTRY TRUST	3046 CAMINO REAL	DJ WALKER CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$85.23	\$9,755
20126839	REROOF	MARIO G. AND LILLIAN EMILY HERRERA	613 CANYON VERDE	E. AND R. ROOFING CO. INC.	\$78.31	\$8,580
20126868	REROOF	MARGARET L. DAY TRUST	710 COLLEGE PLACE	MARGARET L. DAY FAMILY TRUST	\$51.33	\$4,000
20126875	REROOF	MARY E. TAYLOR & JANINE PEREZ	3242 HIGHRIDGE ST.	GILBERT & SONS ROOFING & PLASTERING	\$141.81	\$19,361
20126856	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	NM LOTS LLC	3502 CALLE DE SIERRA	HAKES BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION LLC	\$2,977.20	\$186,960
20126874	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	THE FLOYD FAMILY TRUST	4349 TEWA COURT	THE FLOYD GROUP INC.	\$4,740.12	\$189,256
20126886	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SCHUELLER HOMES LLC	4476 MARICOPA CIRCLE	SCHUELLER HOMES LLC	\$4,753.70	\$197,210
20126923	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	HUNT DOS LADOS LLC	3911 AGUA AZUL COURT	SUMMIT DEVELOPMENT	\$2,922.60	\$154,980
20126929	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	FLAIR HOMES INC.	4593 RIMROCK DRIVE	FLAIR HOMES INC.	\$3,915.76	\$174,988
20126933	RES NEW SINGLE FAMILY	SIERRA NORTE LAND HOLDINGS LLC	6094 SOLSTICE ST.	VELOZ HOMES	\$4,719.26	\$177,083
20126841	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	RUDY .L & IRMA J. ACOSTA	2089 BRIARWOOD LANE	RUDY L. & IRMA J. ACOSTA	\$90.88	\$3,000
20126915	RESIDENTIAL ADDITIONS	LAS CRUCES 2230 LLC	2230 DONA ANA ROAD	DEBRA M. AGOSTO	\$33.73	\$850
20126859	ROCKWALL	LUCY JANE GONZALES	940 LEES DRIVE	HERNANDEZ FENCING	\$59.15	\$1,183
20126895	ROCKWALL	GL GREEN & ASSOCIATES LLC	1016 CALLE GRIEGA	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$350	\$7,000
20126896	ROCKWALL	MISSION SANTA CLARA LLC	1935 CALLE DE FUERTE	SPIRIT VIEW HOMES	\$300	\$6,000
20126900	ROCKWALL	NM LOTS LLC	3532 CALLE DE SIERRA	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$102.50	\$2,050
20126901	ROCKWALL	GL GREEN & ASSOCIATES LLC	1060 CALLE GRIEGA	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$61.25	\$1,225
20126902	ROCKWALL	SONOMA RANCH SUBDIVISION LTD CO.	2519 MONTICELLO DRIVE	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$70	\$1,400
20126903	ROCKWALL	NM LOTS LLC	3539 SIERRA DEL SOL AVE.	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$85.10	\$1,702
20126936	ROCKWALL	COMPASS BANK	4738 ZACHARY LANE	SOUTHERN COMFORT BUILDERS	\$51.45	\$1,029
20126824	WINDOW/DOOR REPLACEMENT	LUCY JANE DELADURANTEY	1720 CALLE FELIZ	ALL STAR GENERAL CONTRACTORS	\$43.54	\$2,677
20126837	WINDOW/DOOR REPLACEMENT	MADGE E. & RUDY TAPIA SR	1404 THOMAS DRIVE	GOLD KEY BUILDERS LLC	\$38.55	\$1,300

* Information provided by LCHBA from information provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices



SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

2012 SMALL BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

- January**.....Break an Egg
- February**..... Wright Jewelers
- March**..... Kelly Services
- April**.....Zeffiro New York Pizzeria
- May**..... Gift Baskets by G
- June**.....Heart of the Desert Pistachios & Wine
- July**.....Econo Pro Painters
- August**..... No recipient
- September**..... COAS Books
- October**..... Barb's Flowerland
- November**..... LifeSupport Medical
- December**..... Kosh Solutions

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Business of the Year nominations sought

The 2013 Annual Banquet, which allows the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce to honor the citizens and organizations that make the Mesilla Valley a great place to live and do business, has been set for Feb. 1, 2013, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave.

Awards will be presented to businesses and volunteers in the following categories: Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Conquistadore of the Year and Crystal Apple Awards for the Teacher, Administrator and Rookie of the Year.

The three new awards from 2012 will be continued at this year's banquet: Small Business of the Year, which will be selected by the chamber, and the Firefighter of the Year and Police Officer of the Year, which will be selected by the City of Las Cruces.

Nomination forms for the Citizen of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Business of the Year and Nonprofit of the Year and are included in the December issue of the Bottom Line on pages 3, 5, 7 and 10, respectively. All nomination forms are also available online at the chamber website, at www.lascruces.org/downloads.php.

Tickets for the annual banquet are now available for purchase at \$75 per person or \$750 per corporate table of 10. Register at the chamber office by calling 524-1968 or emailing relo@lascruces.org.

Business leaders to meet for Leadership NM

Las Cruces will host the Leadership New

Mexico's (LNM) Economic Development session for the 17th year Jan. 3-5, 2013. Participants will explore issues and opportunities within economic development in the state. Scheduled to attend are Craig Buchanan, Las Cruces market president for U.S. Bank; Monte Marlin, chief of public affairs at White Sands Missile Range; Rico Gonzales, director of New Mexico affairs at El Paso Electric Co. and Jay Hayden, chief of systems branch at White Sands Missile Range, among others.

The Core Program sessions include topics such as health and human services, economic development, education, environment and natural resources, government and crime and justice issues. The program sessions are held over 10 months in various locations around the state. The sessions are designed to address the various issues facing the state. Each program session features speakers and panelists that are acknowledged leaders in their specific field. Participants have the opportunity to engage in a discussion with speakers and to explore the issues in-depth. By engaging people in solution-seeking communication, Leadership New Mexico encourages program graduates to assume leadership roles on community and statewide issues, and develop networks for effective leadership.

More information about the LNM program is available at the organization's website, www.leadershipnm.org.

Give the gift of literacy this holiday season

The Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces Junior Amigos are now collecting new and gently used books for children of all ages, including English, Spanish and

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bi-lingual editions. This book drive is a community service project of the HCCLC Junior Amigos, which is composed of high-school students throughout the County. All book and monetary donations will help support the Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County. Drop off locations are the Hispano Chamber office at 277 E. Amador Ave., Suite 305 and Farm Bureau Financial Services at 600 S. Valley Drive. For questions, additional info or to arrange pick-up of books, contact 524-8900 or office@hispanochamber.org.

NMSU's Quality Concrete School set for January

New Mexico State University's Engineering New Mexico Resource Network will start off the new year with its 49th annual Samuel P. Maggard Quality Concrete School that includes workshops and lectures covering various topics such as testing, troubleshooting and transporting concrete.

The Quality Concrete School will be held Jan. 3-5, 2013, for professional engineers and others involved in the construction industry to provide the latest technologies and information used in concrete applications. The workshops encompass a range of competency levels to accommodate those attending. Among the sessions to be offered at the Quality Concrete School are basic properties of concrete, ultra high-performance concrete and quality control case studies.

The Quality Concrete School is a combined effort by NMSU and the New Mexico Ready Mix Concrete and Aggregates Association to improve concrete education within the construction and engineering industries. The course will be held on the NMSU Las Cruces campus.

For more information or to register, visit www.engr.nmsu.edu/outreach_concrete.shtml or email engr-nm@nmsu.edu.

High Tech Consortium to hold year-end reception

The High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico will hold its monthly meeting Friday, Dec. 21, in conjunction with a year-end social event.

The monthly membership meeting will be held at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, San Rafael Room from 4 to 5 p.m. immediately followed by the annual year-end reception from 5 to 8 p.m. The menu will include hors d'oeuvres, deserts, soft drinks, beer, wine and mixed drinks with the first beverage on HTC.

This will be a relaxed evening of networking and discussion of New Mexico's professional science and technology associations and their shared efforts to advance engineering and high technology cooperation in southern New Mexico.

For more information, call Richard Majestic at 521-0018 or email rmajestic@msn.com.

Steinborn announces new member



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and becoming a Steinborn broker.

Steinborn & Associates Real Estate recently announced that Dave Stevenson has joined the growing company of Steinborn Inc. Realtors. A recent transplant from Syracuse, N.Y., Stevenson owned and operated a chain of video stores for 20 years before moving to Las Cruces with his wife

"We would like to welcome Dave to Steinborn & Associates Real Estate and are very pleased to have him. His education and prior customer service experience will serve his customers well," said John Hummer, owner and qualifying broker of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate.

Nominations sought for business awards

The U.S. Small Business Administration is seeking nominations for awards honoring the critical economic role small businesses play in federally funded research and development through SBA's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs.

Two awards will be given: the Hall of Fame award recognizing companies that have an extended period of extraordinary success of research, innovation and product commercialization; and the Tibbetts Award with two categories, one for companies that have participated in the SBIR/STTR programs and another for individuals who advocate on behalf of the programs.

The Tibbetts Awards are named after Roland Tibbetts, who was instrumental in developing SBIR, a highly competitive program to ensure small businesses get a chance to compete for federal research and development funding, along with the opportunities it provides to profit from commercialization of the technologies they develop.

The SBIR and STTR programs currently account for more than \$2.5 billion per year in federal research and development funds and are coordinated by the SBA in cooperation with 11 other federal agencies with large external research and development budgets. The awards are presented to companies and individuals that are beacons of promise and models of excellence in high technology.

Nominations for these awards opened Dec. 17, 2012 and will close 5 p.m. on Jan. 31, 2013. Awards will be presented in Washington, D.C., in May 2013. To submit a nomination, please visit <http://tibbetts2013.challenge.gov/> and <http://sbirhof2013.challenge.gov/>.

Website launched to offer self-employment assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration and the U.S. Department of Labor have jointly announced a new website to support state workforce and unemployment agencies in implementing or enhancing Self-Employment Assistance programs.

This announcement expands on guidance issued in May, which included \$35 million in funding for states to implement or expand these programs made possible through the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

A key component of the new website is the SBA toolkit, which contains several free, online resources available through the SBA to support new entrepreneurs. Helping budding entrepreneurs gain access to SBA's partners and its many resources is key to operating a successful Self-Employment Assistance program. Through the site, the SBA continues to offer free online business courses on topics such as How to Prepare a Business Plan, Franchising Basics, Government Contracting, Green Business Opportunities and more.

Entrepreneurship and Business Planning, Entrepreneurial Marketing and Finding Money to Start a Business are some of the other courses available through this new website. The site also highlights successful practices from states currently operating Self-Employment Assistance programs to assist new states as they implement or enhance their programs.

Save the date

FRI. 12/21

4 p.m. Monthly High Tech Consortium (HTC) of Southern New Mexico meeting, Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, San Rafael Room, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. For more information, call Richard Majestic at 521-0018 or email rmajestic@msn.com.

THU. 12/27

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. NFIB Small Business Issues 2013 pre-legislative session luncheon and roundtable with keynote speaker Gov. Susana Martinez, Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Cost is \$20 per

person. For reservations, contact State Director Minda McGonagle at minda.mcgonagle@nfbib.org or 505-228-3755. Reservation deadline is noon, Wednesday, Dec. 26.

THU. 1/8

5 to 7 p.m. U.S. Bank grand opening open house reception, 3790 E. Lohman Ave. With food, refreshments, giveaways and more. For more information, call 647-7310.

If you have business events or meetings you'd like to publicize in the Las Cruces Bulletin Business section, email them to business@lascrucesbulletin.com or call the Bulletin business desk at 524-8061.

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\$2.4 million grant to help market nutritional benefits of pecans

Study could result in new grower practices

Two New Mexico State University researchers are part of a team receiving a \$2.4 million collaborative grant to help pecan growers in the state – and across the U.S. pecan-growing belt – stay competitive in the market.

Through this project, researchers will attempt to improve long-term pecan production efficiency, productivity and profitability.

Richard Heerema, a specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service, and Jay Lillywhite,

a professor with the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business, received the four-year grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative Program.

The University of Georgia is the lead on the project, with partners at Texas A&M.

"New Mexico is one of the major pecan-producing states in the country," Heerema

said. "Today, this industry comprises about 40,000 acres in the state. It is a major player acreage wise, particularly in Doña Ana County."

Heerema said one of the reasons NMSU became interested in this project is because researchers have seen a major shift in the way consumers and nutritionists have come to look at the nut crop, particularly its antioxidant benefits.

In 2008, the USDA released a study showing that pecans rank in the top 20 of foods with antioxidant content commonly eaten in the United States, which has gotten producers excited about the opportunity to market their crop in a special way.

"We have a very valuable marketing tool for the pecan industry but also a very viable product for consumers to increase their aware-

ness of the nutritional benefits of this food," Heerema said.

Lillywhite said the goal is to find effective marketing techniques so consumers will be willing to pay for nuts that have higher nutritional content.

"We are going to look at consumer preferences and attitudes towards pecans' nutritional components, specifically antioxidants," he said.

"We are going to look at their base knowledge of pecan nutrition. Then, we will share nutritional information with them to see how information influences their preferences and purchasing habits."

The research will look also at cultural practices that can impact these attributes and will also take into account how to package the product in a way to get the information on pecan's nutritional benefits to the consumer effectively.

The research findings will help stakeholders identify cultural practices that may influence pecan nutritional content, strategies for reducing production costs and strategies that can increase efficiency of marketing efforts.

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The nutritional benefits of pecans are just becoming known, thanks to researchers.

Local businessman wins award for civic service

Local businessman William Connor was recently awarded the 2012 Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award (NMDPSA).

Connor, a lifelong resident of Las Cruces and a graduate of New Mexico State University, currently fills the position of supervisor customer contact for El Paso Electric Co., where he oversees Customer Service operations at three offices in New Mexico and two in Texas.



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Military Affairs Committee and is a member of the Alliance for Regional Military Support and the Western Regional Partnership. He currently serves the state of New Mexico as a commissioner on the New Mexico Military Base Planning Commission and as a board member of the New Mexico Border Authority.

The NMDPSA, given for "dedication to public service and to the betterment of life in New Mexico," was

presented at the 42nd annual Governor's New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Awards Banquet on Nov. 1 in Albuquerque. Individuals are nominated for this award by their employers or by private citizens who have knowledge of their exceptional contributions to public service. Nominees are reviewed and screened before final selection by a committee consisting of representatives from federal, state, tribal and local agencies and participating private organizations.

Since its inception in 1979, 439 citizens of New Mexico have been publicly recognized for their outstanding contributions to public service.

Throughout his career, Connor has turned his expertise at customer service toward a variety of civic commitments. Among them are volunteer duties with American Red Cross, The March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, the Las Cruces Home Builders Association and the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance. He has served as the chairman of the board for the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as the president of the White Sands International Film Festival.

In addition to those duties, he is a board member for the Las Cruces Public School Foundation, is the chair of the Greater Chamber's

How not to protect your identity

Don't wait till the horse escapes to close the barn

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You don't have to look far to find someone you know who has signed up for a credit monitoring service after falling victim to some form of identity theft.

But that's like purchasing a home alarm system after the burglars have cleaned out your valuables. Preventing the theft in the first place is a much better idea.

In 2007, the State of New Mexico began making available a new tool designed to help us do just that. That tool is known as

the credit "security freeze." In essence, the "freeze" locks, or freezes, access to our credit reports and our credit scores so that potential creditors, aspiring thieves and other third parties won't be able to poke around in our files unless we give the OK.

Who may take advantage of this newly available safeguard? Any New Mexico consumer is eligible to order a freeze, but keep in mind that freezing a file slows down the approval process for any type of credit you or I may want to obtain.

To place a freeze, we simply submit a request to each of the three credit bureaus: Experian, Trans Union and Equifax. The bureaus are obligated to put the freezes in place within three business days if they receive

the request by mail, or within 15 minutes if they receive the request by secure electronic method or by telephone.

We're then issued a pin number so that we can unlock our files at will.

For those of us who are older than 65 and/or have been the victims of identity theft, the credit reporting agencies will initiate the service at no charge. For the rest of us, however, putting the freeze in place will cost \$10 at each of the three repositories.

The freezes will stay in place until we say otherwise, but certain entities will still have access to our information. Our current creditors and collection agencies acting on their own behalf are two such entities, with other creditors who want to make us offers of credit being another.

Government agencies will also be allowed

to nose around in our files if they're collecting child support payments or taxes or investigating Medicaid fraud. Search warrants, administrative orders and subpoenas issued by government agencies are also keys that can easily unlock our files.

Security freezes can be lifted for a brief period of time by paying a \$5 fee to each repository.

To learn all there is to know, contact any or all of the three credit bureaus and the Federal Trade Commission. They have the definitive answers you and I need.

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

Casa de Peregrinos on the road to ending hunger

Endowment another step toward sustainability

Many Las Cruces and Doña Ana County residents are finding food in place of hunger with help from Casa de Peregrinos, an emergency food program that provides free emergency food to people at risk of hunger while also expanding public awareness of hunger by promoting broad-based activities and programs.

"Hunger is something that we really need to take more seriously," said Lorenzo Alba, executive director of Casa de Peregrinos, an organization that started serving the hungry in the community in 1979. "There are so many people in the area that need food assistance."

Nearly one-quarter of the county's colonia residents live below poverty level, many surviving on family incomes averaging \$5,000 per year. In addition, many of the colonia locations are "food deserts," with access to a small, local, expensive convenience store and miles from a grocery store.

In mid-2011, Casa de Peregrinos established a rural food initiative with the goal of ensuring every colonia resident was within 15 miles or less of a free emergency food pantry.

In addition to the Las Cruces warehouse,

Casa de Peregrinos manages 12 rural pantries in Chaparral, Berino, Tortugas, Radium Springs, Doña Ana, Vado/del Cerro, Mesquite, Rincon, La Mesa, Organ and Hatch.

Since 2011, Casa de Peregrinos has increased the number of rural colonia families provided with free monthly distributions, which average 50 pounds each, from 850 families to more than 2,100. In 2012 Casa de Peregrinos provided more than a million pounds of food to hungry families.

"The increase in numbers gives you an idea of what we are facing in our community," Alba said.

Currently, Casa de Peregrinos offers help through three programs, including the Las Cruces-based Food Security Program, Children's Summer Food Program and the Rural Food Initiative.

With a focus on sustainability, Alba and Casa de Peregrinos partnered with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

(CFSNM) to create an endowment, a permanent fund created through a legal agreement and then professionally managed by the CFSNM.

Once the endowment is created, the principal from the fund lasts forever, and continues to produce earnings. A portion of the earnings is used for programs and specific community needs as determined by endowment organizations. In addition a portion of the money goes toward programs, a portion of earnings is returned to the principal of the endowment and a portion is earmarked for management of the endowment.

Donations to the Casa de Peregrinos endowment can be made by visiting www.cfsnm.org or calling the CFSNM at 521-4794. To donate by mail, note the endowment in the subject line of a check and mail to CFSNM, 301 South Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

"We don't expect anything to happen overnight with this endowment, but we do believe it will turn into something wonderful," Alba said. "Starting



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999 W. Amador Ave., Suite F

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this endowment has been something we've been striving for and we are pleased to be on the road to sustainability."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the Southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn, Ph.D., at 575.521.4794.

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- February**
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- March**
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- April**
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- May**
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- July**
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- August**
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Please return nominations to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce no later than Jan. 1, 2013, or by mail to P. O. Box 519, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0519, or by fax at 527-5546. *For additional space, attach to a separate sheet of paper.

Savoy de Mesilla Ribbon Cutting



Chef Tatsuya Miyasaki cuts the ribbon at his new restaurant, Savoy de Mesilla at 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, while members of his staff, family and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Conquistadores look on.

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The Centennial High School Chorale



The Centennial High School Chorale, under the direction of Ida Holguin and featuring soloist Noelia de la Rosa (far left), sings traditional Christmas carols in the Citizens Bank lobby, 505 S. Main St., on Friday, Dec. 14. The performances, sponsored by Citizens Bank, take place every Friday afternoon through Dec. 21, and feature a different group each time.

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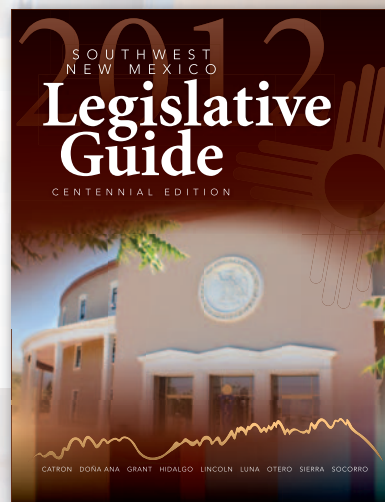
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Alameda House party for Green Chamber Christmas

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Walt and Teresa Westbrook and Regina Wheeler of Positive Energy Solar at the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce holiday party Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Alameda House.



Larry and Rosanne Camunez of Camunez Law Firm.



Marcus Crawford, Las Cruces Academy development director, selects an almond frosted cupcake.

Guitarist Danny Graves and event coordinator Lauren Currey.



Green Chamber President Renee Frank greets attendees at the holiday party.

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The business of dog ownership

Number of bites, amount of settlements rise

By **Tim Query**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It's obvious that Las Cruces love their dogs. Not only have I seen dogs at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market and local parks, but also inside a dry cleaner and a grocery store.

One potential cost of dog ownership that is rarely considered beforehand is the impact on a person's liability coverage. For most people the bulk of their liability insurance coverage is through their homeowner's insurance policy.

According to the Insurance Information Institute (III), dog bites accounted for more than one-third of homeowner's insurance liability claims paid in 2011, costing nearly \$479 million in the United States. The cost of dog bite claims has risen 53 percent since 2004, even though the number of dog bites has remained roughly flat.

Medical costs and the sizes of settlements, judgments and jury awards given to plaintiffs have all outpaced inflation. Other possible reasons for the higher dog bite claims include more people owning dogs, people living closer to each other, and, if a child is bitten by a dog, parents are more likely to have them treated by advancing and more costly medical care.

There are generally three kinds of laws that may impose liability on dog owners, although not all these laws apply in every state. If the state has a dog-bite statute, the dog owner is automatically liable for any

injury or property damage the dog causes, even without provocation.

In about 18 states, the one-bite rule holds that the owner is not held liable for the first bite the dog inflicts. Once an animal has demonstrated vicious behavior, such as biting or otherwise displaying a vicious propensity, the owner can be held liable. The third category of law is negligence laws. The dog owner is liable if the injury occurred because he or she was unreasonably careless (negligent) in controlling the dog.

Neither New Mexico nor Texas has a dog bite statute, which basically means that a dog bite victim has more to prove with the absence of the statute.

There are two basic grounds for liability in New Mexico: scienter (Latin for knowledge) under the one bite rule, and negligence. An owner of a dog is liable for damages proximately caused by the dog if the owner knew, or should have known, that the dog was vicious or had a tendency or natural inclination to be vicious.

New Mexico also imposes liability upon a dog owner whose negligence caused injury to the victim. Texas also permits a dog bite victim to recover compensation on the ground of negligence. There are a number of other causes of action available to the victim of a dog attack in Texas.

How can dog owners financially protect themselves from this risk? If you have a home or rent, most homeowners and renters insurance policies will cover liability related to a dog bite as part of the standard policy. The liability coverage can range from a limit

of \$100,000 to \$300,000. Be aware that once a dog has bitten someone, your insurer may charge a higher premium or exclude the dog from future coverage.

According to III, some companies require dog owners to sign liability waivers for dog bites. A few others will cover a pet only if the owner takes the dog to classes aimed at modifying its behavior.

If a dog bite liability claim is in excess of the policy limit, the dog owner is responsible for all damages beyond the limit, including legal expenses. The liability policy also provides medical coverage on a no-fault basis in the event a dog bites a friend or neighbor. Coverage for such medical bills is generally for \$1,000 to \$5,000. If you need higher personal-liability coverage limits, you might want to consider buying an umbrella liability policy, with coverage that usually ranges from \$1 million to \$10 million and covers broad types of liability.

Of course, an effective way to mitigate this risk exposure is to employ loss-control practices to prevent your dog from biting anyone in the first place. The most dangerous dogs are those that fall victim to human shortcomings, such as poor training, irresponsible ownership and breeding practices that foster viciousness.

Policies regarding which dogs an insurance company will cover or not cover vary from company to company, and some companies will cover almost any dog. Some insurers will not cover certain breeds of dogs, despite protests from canine and animal rights groups who denounce the practice as breed discrimination or profiling.

An extensive Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study of dog bites by breed conducted about a decade ago is considered a source of these lists, although the CDC study did not scale the study by the total population of each breed. At any rate, the types of dogs insurance companies tend to resist insuring most often are: 1. pit bulls and staffordshire terriers, 2. Doberman

pinschers, 3. Rottweilers and 4. German shepherds.

What can dog owners do when they've been turned down for homeowners insurance or renters' coverage?

One step they can take is to shop around. Insurance policies regarding dog liability coverage vary by company and by location. You might also try calling the state insurance commissioner.

Animal-friendly organizations such as the Humane Society, American Kennel Club and national breed clubs may also be a source of information. New organizations are also being created to fill the niche of insuring all types of dogs. For example, the Federation of Insured Dog Owners (FIDO) was launched to offer covered canine liability insurance policies for any breed of dog in Florida.

By the way, do not try to avoid this issue by not telling your insurance company about a new dog. Not only is this a risky and unethical strategy, it could also result in a claim being denied.

Speaking of pets, there is a little-discussed provision in the Affordable Care Act that could cause medical bills for pets to increase on top of the \$12 billion already spent annually by pet owners on veterinary care. According to a recently ruling by the Internal Revenue Service, some medical devices used in veterinary practices will fall under the 2.3 percent medical device tax. A survey of medical device manufacturers indicated that a majority of them will raise prices and pass on costs to customers as a way to deal with the tax.

The tax will not affect devices used exclusively for veterinary purposes. However, there are a number of devices that are manufactured for use by both human health care providers and veterinary practices. According to the Food and Drug Administration, common dual use medical devices include examination gloves, sterile catheters, infusion pumps, etc.

Tim Query, Ph.D. is an associate professor of risk management and insurance at New Mexico State University.

“ New Mexico also imposes liability upon a dog owner whose negligence caused injury. ”

Governor to speak at small business luncheon

Topics include legislation on taxes, insurance

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) will host a pre-legislative luncheon and roundtable on Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2550 S. Don Roser Drive. Scheduled to make an appearance as keynote speaker is Gov. Susana Martinez, who is expected to address many of the issues facing small businesses today.

“The better informed small business becomes, the better able they are to communicate with lawmakers and help them understand our most critical and important priorities,” said NFIB State Director Minda McGonagle. “Hearing from the governor, getting briefed on potential legislation then talking together are powerful motivators to speak up and get involved in the legislative process. We will also be inviting area legislators to participate with us.”

Directly following lunch will be a briefing, with discussions on expected



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legislative proposals impacting small business including taxes, employment, health insurance, unemployment insurance and economic development.

NFIB is the leading small business association representing small and independent businesses. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its members in Washington and all 50 state capitals. A member of the NFIB since 2009, McGonagle will serve the New Mexico members as lobbyist from day one through day 60 of the legislative session, in addition to attending to their legislative and regulatory needs year round.

The luncheon will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27. Cost is \$20 per person and reservations are being taken until noon, Wednesday, Dec. 26. To make reservations, contact McGonagle at minda.mcgonagle@nfib.org or by calling 505-228-3755.

Culbertson stepping down

Livestock Board expects smooth transition

After nearly six years of service to New Mexico's economically and culturally important livestock industry, Myles Culbertson is resigning as executive director from the New Mexico Livestock Board effective Jan. 31, 2013.

“It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this state's livestock industry over the past five and a half years,” Culbertson said. “I want to express my deep appreciation for the support and cordial relationship I have enjoyed with my excellent staff, the members of the board, and the livestock producers of New Mexico.”

The Livestock Board hired Culbertson in July 2007. Under his leadership, the agency undertook successful campaigns to control several livestock diseases that severely hinder trade, including bovine tuberculosis and trichomoniasis. Also during his tenure, the Livestock Board implemented new accounting measures and computer systems, both of which have brought greater efficiency to the agency's operations.

Culbertson is leaving the Livestock Board to assume general management of the New

Mexico operations of a prominent agricultural company. The position will see him commuting less and spending more time with family, and Culbertson said that was a major factor in his decision.

“ He helped put this agency on the right track. ”

BILL SAUBLE,
Livestock Board chairman

“Myles worked hard for the Livestock Board and for the state's livestock industry,” said Bill Sauble, who chairs the board of directors that governs the New Mexico Livestock Board. “He helped to put this agency on the right track and build up a terrific staff, and both of those things will help ensure a smooth transition.”

The board of directors will work with the Governor's Office to establish the process for selecting Culbertson's replacement.

The mission of the New Mexico Livestock Board is to protect the integrity of New Mexico's livestock industry. A team of about 60 full-time inspectors and another 60 full- and part-time deputies patrol and perform inspections across New Mexico to help keep New Mexico's multi-billion-dollar livestock industry free of disease and safe from theft.

Graduation rates in NM drag on economic development

Actions to correct problem need to be implemented



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

A recent department of education report ranked New Mexico 46 out of 47 participating states for high school graduation rates.

Our graduation rate was 63 percent, ahead of only Nevada. The report uses a new, more rigorous method that makes comparisons across states easier. Previously, different states had used different methods for measuring graduation rates, making direct comparisons difficult.

The new study did not rank individual school districts, but other studies have generally ranked the three Doña Ana County school districts – Hatch, Las Cruces and Gadsden – as performing above the state average.

Neighboring states of Arizona, Colorado, Texas and Utah all outperformed New Mexico. Oklahoma did not participate. Texas tied for second place. For Hispanics graduation rates, New Mexico ranked 41st. The average graduation rate is 78 percent nationally.

Failure of our schools to graduate students is not just a tragedy for the students, but also for the rest of us. Economic development is closely linked to graduation rates. The average high school graduate earns \$6,500 or 19 percent more than the average dropout.

The school age population of New Mexico, as of 2011, was approximately 3.1 million people. If we could increase the statewide graduation rate by 15 percent, to the national average of 78 percent, this would increase state income by \$2 billion per year. To give some perspective, the New Mexico general fund revenue is \$6 billion.

What are some reforms that might improve

education outcomes in New Mexico?

Some reforms that would improve graduation rates would cost little, while other expensive programs might not contribute to graduation rates at all.

One recommendation that would be expensive is improved teacher salaries.

Personnel, however, are key for educational success. One study, for example, found that three good teachers could make up for an underprivileged home life. But New Mexico pays teachers less than neighboring states, making it hard to retain high-quality teachers who can move for better pay. Other teachers leave education altogether because of low pay. Low salaries make retaining high quality teachers difficult.

The flip side to higher teacher pay is performance measures that allow administrators to weed out poor teachers. An up-or-out option after five years, as is done in higher education, might be a workable idea here.

Another reform, championed by Think

New Mexico, would be to build smaller schools. Much research shows that smaller schools have lower dropout rates and better educational outcomes. The most effective high school size, research shows, is 600 to 900 students, not the 1,500 plus student behemoths found in Las Cruces.

Smaller schools are also more efficient and cheaper to run. So here is a reform with big payoffs and that also lowers costs.

Raising graduation rates should be a top priority. It is an issue on which the governor campaigned. She has suggested retaining low performance third graders. This might well be a good policy in some cases, although there likely are as many exceptions as applications that making a law requiring retention seems gimmicky.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is a professor of economics at New Mexico State University. The opinions expressed may not be shared by the regents and administrators of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at cherrick@nmsu.edu.

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

Cause No. CV 2012 - 2013
Judge James T. Martin

**GECU, a/k/a GREATER EL
PASO'S CREDIT UNION,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**LARRY L. DURAN,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 27th day of December, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate in the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 25, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-108 and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod found on the West line of Calle Del Arroyo for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described, whence an iron pipe being the Southeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 11A-107A bears S.28°22'12"E., 193.06 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning and leaving the West line of Calle Del Arroyo, S.54°47'09"W., 190.92 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the East line of the Mesilla Lateral for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the East line of the Mesilla Lateral, N.30°31'09"W., 54.15 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the East line of the Mesilla Lateral, N.58°10'44"E., 192.62 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the West line of Calle Del Arroyo for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the East line of Calle Del Arroyo, S.27°27'50"E., 42.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.2130 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record,

with a Parcel ID Number of 04-00232, and which currently has the street address of 2160

Calle De Arroyo, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88046.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, in Rem, and Decree of Foreclosure, entered on November 21, 2012, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$105,681.83 through November 16, 2012, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 7.125% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$20.629672 for 41 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$845.82, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their 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 sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to

do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2012.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-0307-CV-2012-01364

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, as Trustee for
J.P. Morgan Mortgage Trust
2006-SI, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CHRISTOPHER L. PEARCY
and, if married, JANE DOE
PEARCY, (True Name
Unknown), his spouse;
UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 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 5903 Moonview Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 18 in Block B of vista De La Montana, Phase I Correction, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on March 30, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 174-175, 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 November 6, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$156,353.26 and the same bears interest at 6.375% per annum from August 16, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,850.47. 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, 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
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**



**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

No. D-307-CV-2012-00633

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**MICHAEL A. ALVILLAR;
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 3, 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 3842 Marble View Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:
Lot 22, Block 14, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PHASE IV-B, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County, on October 14, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 94-97 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 November 14, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$163,654.74 and the same bears interest at 2.875% per annum from September 29, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,250.39. 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, and zoning violations concerning 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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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-00754


**U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ROBERT DOMINGUEZ,
and if married, JANE DOE
DOMINGUEZ (true name
unknown), his spouse; NEW
MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY; and
TAXATION AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN



City of Las Cruces
PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

PUBLIC AUCTION

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

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

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

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that on January 3, 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 4072 Winters Street, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 8, OF STONEWAY SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN ON PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON APRIL 21, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK 20, AT PAGES 317 AND 318 AS PLAT NO. 3754, RECORDS OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 7, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$123,022.82 and the same bears interest at 4.875% per annum from July 2, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,056.19. 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
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
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**THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2010-02285

AURORA LOAN SERVICES LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

VINH Q. TRAN, a married man as his sole and separate property, Defendant.

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 813 Bonnie Court, Sunland Park, New Mexico 88008, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 45, Block 3, Mason Farms Subdivision Unit 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on January 11, 2013, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District 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 Aurora Loan Services LLC.

Aurora Loan Services LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 6, 2011, in the principal sum of \$133,018.00, plus outstanding interest on the balance through October 22, 2011, in the amount of \$12,025.61, plus late charges of \$268.08, plus recoverable/escrow balance in the amount of \$2,548.89, plus attorneys fees in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through October 22, 2011 in the sum of \$456.37, with interest on the Judgment including late charges, property preservation fees, escrow advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 6.50% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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. Aurora Loan Services LLC and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

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

By:
Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
2222 Park West NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120
(505) 228-8484

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

No. D-307-CV-12-00155

COMPASS BANK, an Alabama banking institution, Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLES A. HOPP, SYLVIA D. HOPP and CHRISTINE A. HURAYT, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of January, 2013, at 1:15 p.m., at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendants Charles A. Hopp, Sylvia D. Hopp, and Christine A. Hurayt in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is described as follows:

Lot numbered 1 in Block numbered A of White Sage Subdivision, Phase 2 at Sonoma Ranch North, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said White Sage Subdivision, Phase 2 at Sonoma Ranch North, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on September 13, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 775-778.

The real property or its address is commonly known as 4520 Russian Sage Dr., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88011.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of a mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Summary Judgment and Default Judgment and Order of Foreclosure entered by the Court on November 29, 2012 (the "Judgment") in favor of Plaintiff in the amount of \$369,503.48 as of October 10, 2012, plus interest at the rate of 52.42 per day from October 10, 2012 until paid, plus costs of collection and foreclosure including reasonable attorney fees, plus additional costs of collection and suit as described in the Judgment.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of the Real Property at the fore-

closure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described Real Property, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The Real Property will be sold as is, subject to any and all easements, encumbrances, covenants, restrictions, taxes and other claims not foreclosed by this action.

SPECIAL MASTER
Douglas R. Boberg
141 Mimosa Lane
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Phone: (575) 644-9469

Pub # 12552
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

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

No. D-307-CV-2010-02655

COMPASS BANK, an Alabama banking institution, Plaintiff,

vs.

BRENT WESTMORELAND, a/k/a W. Brent Westmoreland, STATE OF NEW MEXICO TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, and CITIBANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION f/k/a CITIBANK (SOUTH DAKOTA), N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 4th day of January, 2013, at 1:00 p.m., at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendant Brent Westmoreland and the other Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The real property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is described as follows:

Lots numbered 10K and 11C in Block numbered 12 of Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks #12, 13, 14 and 15, as Corrected, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15, as Corrected, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, on July 17, 1967 in Plat Book 10, Folio 10-12.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of a mortgage, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Stipulated Judgment and Default Judgment and Order

of Foreclosure entered by the Court on November 20, 2012 (the "Judgment") in favor of Plaintiff in the aggregate principal amount of \$375,359.62, plus costs of collection and foreclosure including reasonable attorney fees, plus additional costs of collection and suit as described in the Judgment.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of the Real Property at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described Real Property, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The Real Property will be sold as is, subject to any and all easements, encumbrances, covenants, restrictions, taxes and other claims not foreclosed by this action.

The lots may be sold separately, or together.

SPECIAL MASTER

Douglas R. Boberg
141 Mimosa Lane
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Phone: (575) 644-9469

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

No. D-307-CV-2012-01407

STERLING BANK & TRUST, FSB, Plaintiff,

vs.

GARYTH R. CHARLES, KEAR-CO., INC. D/B/A PAYLESS HOMES and KOKOPELLI MORTGAGE COMPANY, 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 5279 Seminole Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 2J, BLOCK 11, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. SUBDIVISION "C" AMENDMENT NO. ONE OF PART OF BLOCK ELEVEN, IN DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON JUNE 6, 1966, IN BOOK 9 PAGE 97 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 9, 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 Sterling Bank & Trust, FSB.

Sterling Bank & Trust, FSB was awarded a Judgment on November 19, 2012, in the principal sum of \$60,996.67, plus outstanding interest through November 15, 2012, in the amount of \$6,402.10 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$17.54 per day, plus late charges of \$215.40, plus escrow advances of \$73.95, plus an inspection fee in the amount of \$102.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$900.00 and costs in the amount of \$740.58, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 10.500% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

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

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

/s/ John A. Darden, III
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 12554
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 13, 2012, Suzanne Lopez, 905 Wiley Ave, Las Cruces, 88007 filed application numbered LRG-1696 POD3, OSE File No. LRG-1696-B, 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-1696, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 55.69"N, 106° 49' 42.724"W NAD 1983, on land owned by Benjamin Morales, and drilling a new well, LRG-1696 POD3, to a depth of 150 feet with 6 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 55.69"N, 106° 49' 42.724"W NAD 1983, on land owned by Antonio and Melissa Ramirez, 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 1.235 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SE¼ of projected Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM. The site for proposed well, LRG-1696 POD3, is located north of Las Cruces, approximately .35 miles southeast of the intersection of W. Thorpe Rd. and Strange Rd. Existing well LRG-1696 will be retained for other rights.

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Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12556
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 13, 2012, Antonio and Melissa Ramirez, 905 Wiley Ave, Las Cruces, 88007 filed application numbered LRG-1696 POD3, OSE File No. LRG-1696, 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-1696, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 55.69"N, 106° 49' 42.724"W NAD 1983, on land owned by Benjamin Morales, and drilling a new well, LRG-1696 POD3, to a depth of 150 feet with 6 inch casing to be located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 22' 55.69"N, 106° 49' 42.724"W NAD 1983, on land owned by the applicant, located within the SE¼ of projected Section 22, Township 22 South, Range 01 East NMPM. The site for proposed well, LRG-1696 POD3, is located north of Las Cruces, approximately .35 miles southeast of the intersection of W. Thorpe Rd. and Strange Rd. Existing well LRG-1696 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment,

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Pub # 12557
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 18, 2012, Five T Farms, inc. (Contact: Stafford Thurmond), 5737 Burning Tree Drive, El Paso, TX 79912-4105, filed application numbered LRG-4641 POD5, OSE File No. LRG-4641-1, 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 drilling supplemental well LRG-4641 POD5 to a depth of 100 feet with an 18-inch casing to be located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 05, Township 19 South, Range 03 West (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 40' 56.649"N, 107° 9' 52.59"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing wells LRG-4641, LRG-4641 S. LRG-4641 S2, and LRG-4641 S3, located within the S1/2 of projected Sections 04 and 05, Township 19 South, Range 03 West (NMPM), on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 116.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within the S1/2 of projected Sections 04 and 05, Township 19 South, Range 03 West (NMPM), as described by Subfile Order No. LRR-28-007-0001 of the Third Judicial District Court, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico. The site for the proposed supplemental well LRG-4641 POD5 is located north of the village of Hatch, NM and may be found at the physical address of 2710 Highway 187.

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,

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you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12558
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. PB-2012-58
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at 317 E. Mesilla View Dr., Chaparral, New Mexico 88081 or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005.

DATED this 29 day of November, 2012.

/s/ LOUIE JACK HAYES
Personal Representative
317 E. Mesilla View Dr.
Chaparral, New Mexico 88081

KEITHLY & ENGLISH, LLC.
John E. Keithly
Attorney For Personal Representative
Post Office Drawer 1329
Anthony, NM 88021
(575) 882-4500
(575) 882-5000 [FAX]

Pub # 12562
Dates 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201202011

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JEFFREY M. PAULEY, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF JEFFREY M. PAULEY,
DECEASED AND RACHEL C.
PAULEY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF New Mexico to

the above-named Defendants Jeffrey M. Pauley, if Living, if Deceased, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, or Legatees of Jeffrey M. Pauley, deceased.

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 44 Tasmania Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

A Tract of land situate northeast of Los Cruces Doña Ana County, New Mexico in the S1/2 of Section 12, T. 21S, R. 2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. surveys as part of a 30.108 acre tract previously conveyed and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found in the center of a 60 foot wide road easement for the southwest corner of this tract, whence the section corner common to Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T.21S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.G.L.O. Surveys bears the following two courses and distance:

N. 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds W., a distance of 2428.59 feet to the Southwest corner of a 30.115 acre tract previously conveyed on the west line of Section 12; Thence along the west line of said Section 12, S. 00 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds E., a distance of 989.97 feet to the section corner;

Thence from the place of beginning and leaving the center of a 60 feet wide road easement N. 00 degrees 08 minutes 40 seconds W. 989.46 feet to an iron rod found at the northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S. 89 degrees 58 minutes 35 second E., 221.00 feet to an iron rod found at the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 00 degrees 07 minutes 55 seconds E., 989.41 feet to an iron rod set in the center of the 60 foot wide road easement for the southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the center of the 60 foot wide road easement N. 89 degrees 59 minutes 18 seconds W., 220.78 feet to the place of beginning containing 5.017 acres of land, more or less.

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 29th day of November, 2012.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
Deputy
NM12-02170_FC01

Pub # 12568
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-1273

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
successor in interest to ABN
AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
by merger, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAMON T. FLOREZ aka
RAY FLOREZ; RAMONA L.
FLOREZ; BANK OF THE RIO
GRANDE, N.A.; RICK LOOK
dba PARADISE MATERIALS;
BRIAN BOUNDS,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 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 4602 Briareus Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 36, Block C, LA MANCHA ESTATES PHASE 1 AND IIA REPLAT NO. 1, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 24, 2006, in Book 21 Page(s) 537-540 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 November 29, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$459,742.12 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from July 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$15,193.53. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property

by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12569
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2012-01629

**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.

**ED L. FREDERICKSON;
and SUSIAWATI
FREDERICKSON,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 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 1005 Las Mananitas Lane, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, Mesilla Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Parcel 1:
A certain 0.524 acre tract of land, being the west 118 feet of Tract "C" of a certain 14.531 acre tract, a part of Tracts 7 & 8 of subdivision lots 4 & 5 Brazito Tract or Hugh Stephenson Grant, also indicated on the U.S.R.S. Maps as a part of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, lying in Sections 14 & 23, T.24S., R.2E., N.M.P.M., located about 5 miles southeast of Mesilla Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe, the northwest corner of this tract, a point in the west boundary of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B2 Tract 2, whence a concrete monument, the northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, bears North 697.66 feet; thence S.89 deg., 06'E., 118.00 feet to the northeast corner of this tract; thence South 193.64 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence N. 89 deg., 06'W. 118.00 feet to an iron pipe, the southwest corner of this tract; thence along the west side of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, North 193.64 feet to the point of beginning.
Parcel 2:

A certain 0.4445 acre tract of land, being a westerly position of Tract C of a certain 14.531 acres tract of land, part of tracts 7 & 8, Subdivision Lots 4 & 5 Brazito Tract, also indicated as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B, lying in Sec. 14 & 23 T.24S., R.24S., R.24E. N.M.P.M., located about 5 miles southeast of Mesilla Park, Doña Ana County, New Mexico and being more particularly described as follows:
BEGINNING at a 5/8" iron rod, the Northwest corner of this tract, a point in the North boundary of Tract C, whence northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 15-25B bears N.89 deg. 06'W., 118.00 feet and North 697.66 feet; thence along north boundary of said Tract C, S.89 deg. 06'E., 100.00 feet to an iron rod, the northeast corner of this Tract; thence South 193.64 feet to an iron rod, the Southeast corner of this Tract; thence along south boundary of said Tract C, N.89 deg. 06'W. 100.00 feet to an iron rod, the southwest corner of this tract; thence North 193.64 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.4445 acres of land, more or less.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 20, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$86,754.79 and the same bears interest at 5.750% per annum from November 3, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$929.35. 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 # 12570
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-1208

US BANK, NA, Plaintiff,

vs.

**STEVE W. LEWIS; and STACY
LEWIS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 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 4100 Camino Belleza, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 2 IN BLOCK NUMBERED E OF PHASE 1 OF MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID PHASE 1 OF MISSION ESPADA PHASE 1 AND 2A FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 24, 2006 IN PLAT BOOK 21, FOLIO 534-536.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 14, 2012, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$498,948.86 and the same bears interest at 6.8750% per annum from October 17, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$7,988.31. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above

described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169
575-642-5567

Pub # 12571
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

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

Cause No. CV 2012 - 02028
Judge Steven L. Bell

**FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**MICHAEL D. AVELAR and
LETICIA B. AVELAR, hus-
band and wife, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 10th day of January, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

LOTS 9 AND 10, BLOCK 34, COUNTRY CLUB MESA ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON OCTOBER 29, 1953, RECORDED IN BOOK 7, PAGE(S) 46, PLAT RECORDS, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,

with a Parcel ID Number of 02-05066, and which currently has the street address of 1520 Sacramento St., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001-2100.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment on the Pleadings, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale, and Appointment of Special Master, entered on December 5, 2012, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$44,189.61, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 5.125% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$6.2047054 for 36 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$223.37, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit their 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 sale.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in her sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 11th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Pamela A. Carmody
Special Master
P.O. Drawer 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004
Telephone (575) 642-5567

Submitted by:

Kelly P. Albers
LAW OFFICE OF KELLY P. ALBERS, P.C.
650 Montana Avenue, Suite D
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Telephone (575) 527-9064

Pub # 12572
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 13, 2012, William J. Frost, 1109 W. Taylor Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-15389-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15389-POD1, located on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 27, T22S, R01E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15389-POD2 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 180 ft. below ground surface with 6-inch casing located within the NE1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 27 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,463,540 Y=496,891 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of 6.75 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court, for the irrigation of 1.5 acres of land owned

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by the applicant located within Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 27. Wells LRG-15389-POD1 and proposed well LRG-15389-POD2 are located approximately 850 ft. east northeast of the intersection of Taylor Rd. and N. Valley Dr. at the physical address of 1109 W. Taylor Rd., northwest of Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-15389-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2012- 95
Judge: Arrieta

In the Matter of the Estate of PATRICIA Y. LAWRENCE, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robert H. Lawrence has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is Bradford H. Eubanks of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., P.O. Box 1837, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-1837.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Robert H. Lawrence
Personal Representative
19886 West Vale Lane
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Pub # 12576
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No.: 12-0258
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNEEN LAUB, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Kathy Kitchens, LLC was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2012.

Kathy Kitchens, LLC
s/
Personal Representative
By: Kathryn R. Kitchens, managing member
Post Office Box 14122
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88013

Prepared by:

LAW OFFICE OF KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, P.C.

Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 2132
255 W. Hadley Avenue,
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-2132
(575) 526-3312 telephone/
(877) 457-7213 facsimile

Pub # 12575
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT

No.: 12-0258
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNEEN LAUB, Deceased

TO:UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ANNEEN LAUB, DECEASED

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND INFORMAL PROBATE

Kathy Kitchens, LLC, Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased, hereby, gives the following notice:

1. By Order filed December 4, 2012, the Court informally appointed Kathy Kitchens, LLC, Post Office Box 14122, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88013, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneen Laub, deceased, to serve without bond, in an informal probate, and admitted Decedent's original Last Will and Testament, dated January 6, 2009, to probate herein; thereafter, Letters

Testamentary and Acceptance were issued to Kathy Kitchens, LLC (hereafter "Personal Representative").

2. No bond was required by the Court and none has been filed.

3. The Court where the papers concerning the administration of the Estate are on file is: Probate Court, County of Doña Ana, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007; Case No.: 12-0258.

4. The Estate is being administered by the Personal Representative in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Probate Code as adopted in New Mexico.

5. Interested persons within the meaning of NMSA 1978, § 45-1-201(A)(26) (2011) are entitled to receive from the Personal Representative information regarding the administration of this Estate, and can petition a court of competent jurisdiction in any matter relating to the Estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

6. The attorney for the Personal Representative is the Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, 255 W. Hadley Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004, telephone: (575) 526-3312.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2012.

s/ Kathy Kitchens, LLC,
Personal Representative
c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC
Post Office Box 2132
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004
Telephone: (575) 526-3312/
Facsimile: (877) 457-7213

Pub # 12577
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012
and 1/4, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT
DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No.
Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL JEAN REHDER, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative in care of The Darden Law Firm, P.A., P.O. Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88004-0578, or filed with the Probate Court of Doria Ana County, New Mexico.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2012.

/s/ Jeannine P. Miller,
Personal Representative

/s/ Steven A. Miller,
Personal Representative

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM,
P.A.
Attorneys for Personal

Representative
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, New Mexico
88004-0578
(575) 541-6655 (telephone)
(575) 524-2059 (fax)

Pub # 12578
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 24, 2012, Tom J. Bagwell and Denise K. Bagwell, 205 Old Mill Road, Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-1273 POD2 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 new well to be located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 27' 33.69"N, 106° 53' 56.06"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, to supplement existing well LRG-1273 located within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM, and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 27' 35.01"N, 106° 53' 55.99"W NAD83, on land owned by Thomas and Shawna Runyan, 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 2.01 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 25, Township 21 South, Range 1 West, NMPM. The site for proposed supplemental well LRG-1273 POD2 is located north of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the property address of 205 Old Mill Road.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12581
Dates 12/14, 12/21, 12/28, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 19, 2012, Jeffrey W. and April L. Pierce, 2210 S. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005 filed application numbered LRG-15410 POD1, OSE File No. LRG-15410, 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 discontinuing the use of existing well LRG-07940, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°13'8.277"N, 106°46'56.127"W, NAD83, on land owned by John M. Fowler, and drill a replacement well, LRG-15410 POD1, located at or near where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32°12'50.971"N, 106°46'23.022"W NAD83, 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 irrigation of 4.10 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of projected Section 19, Township 24 South, Range 02 East and SE1/4 of projected Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East NMPM, as described by Subfile No.:LRN-28-003-0009 of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey. The site of well LRG-15410 POD1, is located approximately .92 miles southwest of the intersection of Hwy 28 and Snow Rd., and can be found at the property address of 6950 Rio Bravo Drive. Existing well LRG-07940 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12583
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 20, 2012 William M. & Norma Jean Provencio, 6342 Bad Archer Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007 filed application numbered LRG-3662 POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-3662 & LRG-3662-S located at Lat/Long 32°24'2.81"N 106°49'37.54"W and 32°24'3.81"N 106°49'25.23"W WGS84 respectively, located on land owned by Godfrey Barala & Verl Wilson respectively, and drilling a new well to the depth of 180 feet for 8-inch

Pub # 12582
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 29, 2012, Roger H. & Sally P. Hunter Family Trust, 2550 Calle Tenebroso, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG1475 under OSE file LRG-12118-1 & 2, 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 discontinuing use of well LRG-12118 and LRG-12118-S located at X=1,472,328 Y=457,328 and X=1,473,995 Y=459,002, NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet , owned by applicants and Carroll Bradford respectively and using existing well LRG-1475, located at X=1472813.5 Y=457573.1 NAD 1983 State Plane New Mexico Central FIPS 3002 Feet, on land owned by John Flexnor 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 2.65 acres of land, as described by Subfile No.: LRN-28-013-0368-A and LRN-28-013-0368-B of the Lower Rio Grande Hydrographic Survey, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 36, T23S, R 1E, and the NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 1, T24S, R1E, NMPM. Existing well LRG-1475 is located at the physical address 2559 Calle Tenebroso, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Wells LRG-12118 and LRG-12118-S will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 12583
Dates 12/21, 12/28, 2012 and 1/4, 2012

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casing to be located at approximately Lat/Long 32°24'2.8"N 106°49'34.68"W WGS84 on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from EBID for the irrigation of 1.27 acres of land, owned by the applicants, located within NE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 01 East, NMPM. The new well site will be located north of Las Cruces and may be found at the physical address of 6342 Bad Archer Lane, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Wells LRG-3662 and LRG-3662-S 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 you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02888

BANK OF THE WEST, Plaintiff,

v.

SONIA M. FABRO, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY G. SEPULVEDA, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN SURVIVING SPOUSE OF ANTHONY G. SEPULVEDA, DECEASED AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SONIA M. FABRO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 219, LEGENDS WEST NORTH, PHASE I, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT

THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON DECEMBER 27, 2006, IN BOOK 22 PAGE(S) 83-91 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2828 San Miguel Court, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 27, 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 \$149,501.75 plus interest from March 1, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home on the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102
NM11-02202_FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-2012-00649

PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

JULIETTA R. DIAZ, LUIS
NOLASCO AKA LUIS C.
NOLASCO AND THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION & REVENUE,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 5 in Block G of Sedona Hills Subdivision 2 at SONOMA RANCH EAST, located in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on November 21, 2003 and recorded in Book 20 at pages 476-478, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 4240 Southern Canyon LP, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on May 21, 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 \$357,373.03 plus interest from May 4, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale,

this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201201687

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
Plaintiff,

v.

BRYAN J. GABITZSCH,
MONICA M. GABITZSCH,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF BRYAN J. GABITZSCH, IF
ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MONICA
M. GABITZSCH, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Dona Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 15, Block D, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 24-PHASE 3, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona 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, 2004, in Book 20 Pages 661-662 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 650 Lori Dr, 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 October 31, 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 \$248,618.65 plus interest from August 27, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM11-00523_FC01

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1/4, 1/11, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201201251

WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,

v.

MARK A. AMEZQUITA,

CRISTA B. PIERCE AKA
CRISTA B. AMEZQUITA,
WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A., COUNTRY CLUB
ESTATES HOMEOWNER'S
ASSOCIATION INC., THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
MARK A. AMEZQUITA, IF
ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF CRISTA B.
PIERCE AKA CRISTA B.
AMEZQUITA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 15, 2013 at 11:30 AM, Front entrance to the Dona 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:

Apartment Unit B, 1020 Ivydale Drive, being situated at Lot 10, Block 109, COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES NO. 3 PLAT NUMBER 4, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 705, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on December 23, 1968, and recorded in Book 10, Page 14, Plat Records, Dona Ana County, New Mexico. As established by Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions dated March 26, 1979, recorded in Book 133, Pages 241-260, Miscellaneous Records, Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 1020 Ivydale Dr, Unit B, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 24, 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 \$125,232.20 plus interest from June 12, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the

Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM12-00973_FC01

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1/4, 1/11, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201201517

JAMES B. NUTTER &
COMPANY, Plaintiff,

v.

THOMAS L. SHAW, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF THOMAS L. SHAW,
DECEASED, UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA BY AND
THROUGH THE SECRETARY
OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
THOMAS L. SHAW, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).

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Lot numbered 2 of the Replat of Lots 41 and 51, in Block numbered B of Second Amended Plat of El Encanto Estates, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Second Amended Plat of El Encanto Estates, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on March 6, 1971 in Plat Book 10, Folio 75.

The address of the real property is 1436 Wofford Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the

described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 6, 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 \$107,538.25 plus interest from September 26, 2012 to the date of sale at the variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02268

BANK OF AMERICA,
N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO BAC HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,

v.

CARL VIGLIONE AKA
CARL T. VIGLIONE AND
FRANCESCA M. VIGLIONE,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 22, Block 1, MESILLA PARK MANOR REPLAT NO. 4C, in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 6, 1978, in Book 12 Page(s) 163-164 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 909 Raleigh Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005-7718. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on March 12, 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 \$334,326.96 plus interest from March 19, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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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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1/4, 1/11, 2013

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201201432

GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC,
Plaintiff,

v.

GILDARDO AVILA JR.,
CLAUDIA CHAVEZ, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
GILARDO AVILA, JR., IF
ANY, HSBC MORTGAGE
SERVICES INC. AND
DISCOVER BANK,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 5A in Block C of Legends West Subdivision Phase 1, Replat No. 1, located in the City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on March 11, 2005 and recorded in Book 21 at pages 159, plat records.

The address of the real property is 2859 Lake Valley 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 November 19, 2012 in the above entitled and

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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 \$152,839.40 plus interest from July 23, 2012 to the date of sale at a variable rate per year, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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1/4, 1/11, 2013

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-201201079

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR
IN INTEREST TO NATIONAL
CITY REAL ESTATE
SERVICES LLC, SUCCESSOR
BY MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY MORTGAGE, INC.,
FORMERLY KNOWN
AS NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,**

v.

**J. BROOKS WOLLE, JR.
AKA J. WOLLE, JR., M.
MICHELLE WOLLE
AND CITIFINANCIAL
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
INC., Defendant(s).**

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Lot 5 in Block A of Mesilla Park Manor, Plat No. 3A, located in the Town of Mesilla, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on January 8, 1962 and recorded in Book 1 at Pages 61, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 105 Capri Rd, 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 November 14, 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 \$76,474.60 plus interest from November 5, 2012

to the date of sale at the rate of 4.875% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

No. D-307-CV-2012-01791

**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.

**SAMUEL JOE HAYS JR.
AND LEANNE J. HAYS AKA
LEANNE JANEL HAYS,
Defendant(s).**

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Lot numbered 128 in Block numbered C of Los Enamorados Estates Final Replat No. 2, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Enamorados Estates Final Plat-Replat No. 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on July 27, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 722-727, ratification of Plat and dedication filed of record on September 12, 2006, recorded in Book 745, Page (s) 801 and in Book 745, page (s) 802, records of Dona Ana county, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 4712 Diamante Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 14, 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 \$136,402.62 plus interest from September 24, 2012 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on October 23, 2012, Kim Lloyd Watne, 1100 Rainbow Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-15407-POD3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2, on land owned by the applicant and located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 30, T23S, R02E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-15407-POD3 to be drilled to an approximate depth of 180 ft. below ground surface with 4-inch casing located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 30 on land owned by the applicant at approximately X=1,475,109 Y=466,314 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the continued diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater or that amount required for beneficial use for domestic purposes associated with a residence located at the physical address of 1100 Rainbow Dr. Wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2 and proposed well LRG-15407-POD3 are located approximately 1,800 ft. south southwest of the intersection of W. Boutz Rd. and Stern Dr. at said physical address, Las Cruces, NM. Wells LRG-15407-POD1 and LRG-15407-POD2 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The

objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights*; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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1/4, 2013

**NOTICE OF VEHICLE
SEIZURE**

December 2012

**TO REGISTERED OWNERS,
SECURED PARTIES
AND ALL UNKNOWN
CLAIMANTS:**

You are hereby notified that the Doña Ana Sheriff's Office has seized the following vehicles and intends to proceed with forfeiture of each vehicle to the County of Doña Ana pursuant to DAC Ordinance #232-07 pertaining to the seizure and forfeiture of vehicles related to DWI Offenses:

Description
VIN#
REGISTERED OWNER

1993 GMC PICKUP BLACK
1GTEC14H4PZ525166
GERMAN AMAYA

1986 OLDSMOBILE 2DOOR
MAROON
1G3GM47AXGR322031
CRUZ CISNEROS

1999 OLDSMOBILE VAN
BRONZE
1GHDX03E3XD119601
SYLVIA MARTINEZ

1990 TOYOTA 4 DOOR
SILVER
4T1SV21E7LU278063
PAUL BARELA

1988 FORD VAN WHITE
1FTDD1479JHA76452
HOMERO URIBE

1996 YAMAHA 4 WHEELER
GREEN
JY44UHA03TA000266
ALBERT SIMMONS

1974 FORD PICKUP BLACK
F10YRT64339
JOSE JIMENEZ

1992 BUICK 4 DOOR SILVER
1G4AG54R0N6447160
MARIBEL SANCHEZ

1985 DODGE PICKUP GRAY
1B7GD14T6FS699371
MATTHEW SAVAGE

1991 TOYOTA CAMRY 4DR
WHITE
4T1SV24EXMU42449
FRANCISCO HURTADO

1994 HONDA 4 DOOR
BLACK
1HGEG8563RL015134
DAVID JAURIAGUE

1996 FORD PICKUP SILVER
1FTEF15Y5TLB38872
MANUEL NIETO

1989 LINCOLN 2 DOOR
GRAY
1LNBM92E4KY757302
NOEL AGUILAR

1997 PONTIAC 4 DOOR
WHITE
1G2NE524VM511128
CELIA HERNANDEZ

2001 FORD MUSTANG
YELLOW
1FAFP40451F151162
MARCIELA FAJARDO

1995 TOYOTA PICKUP
WHITE
4TAUN53B8S2017894
THOMAS HARDING

1995 OLDSMOBILE 4 DOOR
WHITE
1G3AJ55M4S6386237
MARIA GUERRERO

1988 LINCOLN 4 DOOR
SILVER
1LNBM81F8JY823823
NORMA HERNANDEZ

1988 FORD PICKUP BLACK
2FTDF15Y6JCA37889
GABRIEL VILLASENOR

1975 FORD PICKUP BROWN
F15YLW03348
JUSTIN SNYDER

1996 FORD PICKUP WHITE
1FTEF15Y2TLA63354
FELIX VASQUEZ

If you do not demand judicial review within 30 calendar days from the date this notice was published by filing a claim for the described vehicle with the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office or filing a suit in court, you lose the right to a judicial determination of this forfeiture, and you lose any right you may have to the described vehicle.

Pub # 12595
Date 12/21, 12/28, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 27, 2012, Salopek 6U Farms, Inc. (Contact: James Salopek), 5090 Snow Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1241 POD6 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 discontinuing the use of well LRG-1241 and using proposed replacement well LRG-1241 POD6 located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM) and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 18.66"N, 106° 46' 16.93"W NAD83, 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 108.304 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM), E1/2 SE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South,

Range 02 East (NMPM), and S1/2 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM). Move-from well LRG-1241 is located within the SW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 18, Township 24 South, Range 02 East (NMPM), and more specifically described where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 13' 18.829"N, 106° 46' 16.817"W NAD83. The site for the proposed supplemental well LRG-1241 POD6 is located in the southern part of Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address 6038 Snow Road, Las Cruces, NM.

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The Year in Review

Looking back on 2012 in arts and entertainment.



The (possible) last picture show

Our latest – or last – year at the multiplex

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As 2012 (and perhaps humanity as we know it) grinds to a close, we take time to reflect upon the things that are really important – our friends, families, hopes and dreams and, of course, the movies we liked.

2012 saw a number of wildly successful, critically lauded comic-to-film adaptations, including “Marvel’s The Avengers,” “The Dark Knight Rises” and “The Amazing Spider-Man,”

as well as the, ahem, not so successful “Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance” and “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.”

Batman and Spider-Man’s latest silver-screen incarnations were met with mixed to highly positive critical reviews, and both saw huge grosses at the box office: “The Amazing Spider-Man” was the sixth highest grossing movie of the year, pulling in more than \$262 million, while “The Dark Knight Rises” grossed more than \$448 million, coming in at No. 2.

The highest grossing and most critically

adored of these was “Marvel’s The Avengers,” released in May, which broke a number of box office records. Its opening weekend saw ticket sales of more than \$207 million, placing it first in opening weekend grosses; it also took the record for highest second-weekend grosses (\$103 million), daily records for single day, Saturday and Sunday admissions (\$69 million and \$57 million, respectively), highest grosses for three- to 10-day periods, and ranks as the fastest movie to reach \$100 million, which it did within two days.

Our movie heroes continued their trend of getting darker – and less sure of their place in the world – in 2012. Batman’s downward trajectory into a truly tortured, fractured soul took place in the third installment of Christopher Nolan’s trilogy, “The Dark Knight Rises.” Gotham is safe, and no longer needs, or wants, their caped crusader, now reviled as a murderer and coward.

Until the city is threatened, that is. While not as revered as the second installment of the series, 2010’s “The Dark Knight,” Nolan gave the bat-suited Christian Bale the brilliant, gravel-voiced send-off he deserved.

“Skyfall,” the 23rd James Bond movie, released as the franchise celebrates 50 years of film history, saw Daniel Craig’s Bond skewed even further from the globe-trotting, gadget-wielding “shaken, not stirred” international playboy 007 of yesteryear. Battered, broken and betrayed, Mr. Bond is facing a crisis: does the world have any use for him anymore?

007 began to look a little more like Jason Bourne, which was a good thing, as the reboot of the Bourne franchise, “The Bourne Legacy,” just wasn’t nearly as compelling as its earlier incarnations.

Reality-based dramas and political thrillers had a good year overall, as well. Aside from Mr. Bourne and Mr. Bond, audiences got “Argo,” a taut, globe-jumping political thriller (and biting Hollywood satire) directed by its star, Ben Affleck, that followed the extradition of six U.S. diplomats from Iran during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis. “Zero Dark Thirty,” the newest offering from “The Hurt Locker” director Katherine Bigelow, chronicled U.S. military efforts to kill or capture Osama bin Laden, has been met with widespread critical acclaim and early Oscar talk. Daniel Day Lewis’ lauded performance as the eponymous president in “Lincoln” garnered both him and director Steven Spielberg praise.

Stepping from reality for a moment, “Looper” featured Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a hitman out to get ... himself, but from the future, played by a weary-looking Bruce Willis. It shouldn’t have worked – at all – but somehow it really did. Paradoxes be damned.

Novel-to-screen translations had a decidedly tough year in 2012. Many deemed both “Cloud Atlas” and “Life of Pi” unfilmable as novels, and perhaps they were right – while “Pi” did better in terms of critical appreciation than the much-maligned “Cloud Atlas,” both premiered to middling box office numbers, especially compared to their huge budgets. Disney took it on the mouse-ears with their live-action, \$300 million disaster “John Carter,” which saw domestic receipts of only \$73 million (although worldwide grosses did make up a substantial portion of the losses).

Oh, and then there was (speaking of atlases ... atli?) “Atlas Shrugged II,” the second in the nearly unforgivably bad adaptations of Ayn Rand’s absolutely unforgivably bad novel.

Young adult novels, on the other hand, had a banner year, at least in terms of box-office numbers – just ignore nearly every word written from a critical perspective. “The Hunger Games,” based on Suzanne Collin’s series, opened in March and went on to gross more than \$408 million, third highest of the year, and one spot above the other big entry, (and my pick in the category of “most-excruciatingly superfluous title”), “The Twilight Saga:

Breaking Dawn II.” The critically tolerated film grossed a total of \$276 million (and counting) making it the 44th highest-grossing film of all time, one that undoubtedly elicited the most tween and teen squeals of the year.

2012 also saw the wide release of both “2016: Obama’s America” and “Last Ounce of Courage.” The former was propaganda masquerading as (wildly hypothetical) documentary; the latter, propaganda masquerading as an unbelievably bad drama, one whose worst aspects were not that it was smug and zealous (it was), but rather that it was bland, pandering badly written and worse-acted drama about one man’s fight against the “war on Christmas.” Gag me with a candy cane, please. Or, wait – a “holiday-themed peppermint stick.”

A number of successful and – gasp! – good family/children’s movies turned up big numbers on the silver screen this year, as well. “Brave,” “Madagascar 3: Europe’s Most Wanted” and “Dr. Seuss’ The Lorax” saw big box-office numbers, coming in at seventh, ninth and 10th of the year. Disney’s video game homage “Wreck-It Ralph” and “Ice Age: Continental Drift” found themselves just out of the ranking, in 12th and 13th places.

Halloween saw the release of two great (but not very successful) family films, “ParaNorman” and “Frankenweenie,” as well as the astonishingly bad (but wildly successful) “Hotel Transylvania.”

There was also “Ted,” featuring a cuddly main character with a not-so-cuddly mouth. Seth McFarlane’s film was the eighth highest-grossing movie of the year.

I’ve made one glaring omission, it would seem: I’ve said nothing of “The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey,” which opened Friday, Dec. 14 (For a review, see page C18). It’s early in the film’s run, but critical reaction has been positive to mixed so far. Word is, the movie’s mostly walking. Money wise, though, Peter Jackson should be just fine: the movie set records with an \$84.6 million opening, breaking the record for highest December opening and trumping the previous incarnations of the “Lord of the Rings.” Given that it’s only one week into the running, expect this one to see some big returns as we head into 2013.

If the Mayans were wrong, that is.

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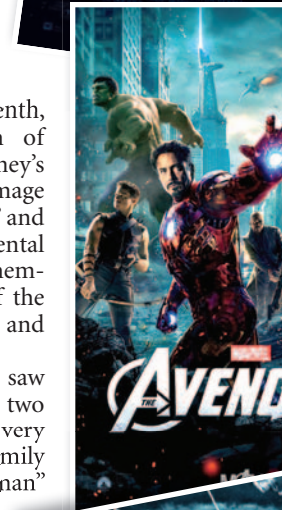
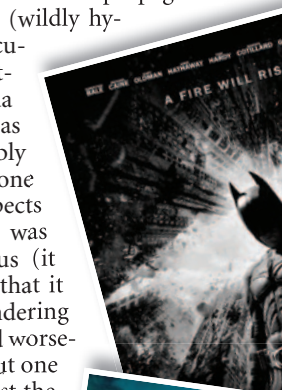


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Stephanie Gallegos stands outside of the gallery she operates, Nopalito's Galería.

Keeping it in the family

Gallegos fulfills family legacy through artistic expression

By **Whitney Billings**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Many locals consider Las Cruces a city of great tradition – local businesses are passed down generations and still manage to keep their legacy intact.

Stephanie Gallegos is just one of many locals who has begun to partake in her family legacy. Her grandmother, Tina Gallegos, opened Nopalito's Restaurant 48 years ago on July 1, 1964.

Today, her son, Victor Gallegos, and her daughter, Silvia Gallegos, continue to run the restaurant in the new location at 310 S. Mesquite St.

Stephanie Gallegos, daughter of Victor Gallegos, has chosen to partake in her family legacy through Nopalito's Galería.

Gallegos began featuring local artists in the Galería in August.

"Participating in the Galería project is my own way of staying close to my family and participating in the legacy of my family name," Gallegos said.

She said she has made a genuine effort to keep the Galería traditional.

"It is very hard work and time consuming," Gallegos said. "While trying to keep it traditional, I also try to keep an open mind and mix it up once in a while."

The Galería has featured many local artists and is constantly looking for new talent. Gallegos hopes that the gallery will reach its full potential, while also being able to express the values and culture of the community.

“What keeps me going is knowing at the end of a long day I get to go home to my son with his big smile.”

STEPHANIE GALLEGOS
Manager, Nopalito's Galería

Gallegos graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in business management and a minor in finance.

While managing the gallery, she also works at Cricket Wireless and stays busy as a single mother to her 3-year-old son, Nate.

Gallegos is a prime example of a modern woman who holds tightly to family traditions.

Running a business and a family of her own is a balancing act that can be difficult for anyone, but Gallegos seems to thrive with a smile on her face.

"What keeps me going is knowing at the end of a long day I get to go home to my son with his big smile," she said. "I know I could not do it without God,

prayer and the support of my family and friends."

Not only has Gallegos provided opportunity for local artists, she has also been actively using the Galería to plan events, many of which have been for charities. When asked how she keeps it together with so much on her plate, she said, "It is stressful to get it all done. But I do enjoy it, especially planning the charity events."

This December, Stephanie helped her family organize a charity event to assist with the preservation of Las Cruces history.

The whole Gallegos family has their history in Las Cruces, and they hold dearly to their traditions and values. They have passed that on, not only to their granddaughter but also to the community by staying involved.

Through Sunday, Dec. 30, Nopalito's Galería is featuring three local artists, Abby Osborne, Krista Kozel and Sarah Spina. Their work will be displayed Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

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Nopalito's Galería

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Volunteer Karen Mathews lights a luminaia.



Volunteer Carol Baker lights luminarias at Pioneer Women's Park. The luminarias were part of the city's annual Winterfest celebration.



Volunteer Zane Slater hangs lights on the gazebo.

Galleries & Openings

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THE TOMBAUGH

GALLERY presents Micah Pearson's "Digital Dreams," a show that moves through space and time, melding the realistic and the fantastical and demonstrating the potential for artistic expression using mixed-media including photography, hand drawing and digital modeling and manipulation. The exhibit will run through Jan. 30, 2013.

The Tombaugh Gallery of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. For more information, call 522-7281.

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presents new works by Lyuba Aleksander Titovets. Siberian

born and was educated in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts from St. Petersburg University College of Fine Arts. Lyuba Titovets began painting at 5, and she earned her Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts from the University College of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, where she worked in stage and costume design and was involved in the development of an art history program.

The Cutter Gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 541-0658.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM

OF ART presents "Las Cruces Collects," an exhibition of pieces from private art collections in the Las Cruces area. The pieces of four collections – from David Sudimack and Phil Born, Ammu and Rama Devasthali, David Sorenson and Charles Townley – will be on display through Jan. 19, 2013.

The Las Cruces Museum of Art is located at 491 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 541-2137 or visit www.las-cruces.org/museums.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY

is hosting a special holiday exhibit. Three artists – Wanda Fuselier, Greta Berger and

Luke Tumblin – will show new items with a Christmas or holiday theme. These range from ornaments made from found objects and fused-glass ornaments to the art of a very young talent.

The 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.

THE POTTERIES OF

MESILLA is having its annual fall exhibit and sale. New ceramic works and paintings are exhibited by Jeanne Rundell and Janice and Bill Cook.

The gallery/studio is located at 2260 Calle de Santiago, two blocks from the Mesilla Plaza, west of the Basilica of San Albino.

The Potteries store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 524-0538.

NEW MEXICO STATE

UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY presents "Rematerialized." The exhibition includes a group of nine contemporary artists from the United States and Canada who challenge conventions about what art can be, what art can be made from and how one operates as an artist. Their work focuses on the use of objects, performances and spaces, recycled, reapplied, recast, recombined and re-contextualized from the

everyday material world. Exhibition runs through Jan. 11, 2013.

The University Art Gallery is located in D.W. Williams Art Center at 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.

MESQUITE ART

GALLERY will exhibit a number of historical photos in conjunction with the end of the state's centennial year.

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 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 640-3502.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE

ARTS GALLERY will feature two local artists for December: Bert Gammill and Naida Zucker.

Gammill is a multimedia artist primarily working in watercolor and oil. Her sketches are motivated by her own livestock and the subtle landscapes of the Southwest.

Zucker's current endeavor is the mixed-media combination of gelatin monoprinting (hctography) with digital photography to produce a one-of-a-kind art piece.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe, across from the Fountain Theatre. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. For more information, call 522-2933.

EL PASO ELECTRIC

GALLERY will display the works of award-winning conceptual artists Marilyn Sahs for the month of December. A professional, working mixed-media artist who spent her formative years in Cuxhaven, Germany, and now resides in Santa Fe, Sahs' work can best be described as "eclectic, sometimes playful, sometimes erotic and often complex."

The El Paso Electric Gallery is located in the lobby of the historic Rio Grande Theatre at 211 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 523-6403.

MOUNTAIN GALLERY

will feature the Las Cruces Arts Association's miniatures show, in addition to co-op members' work. This show will run through the end of January 2013.

Mountain Gallery is located at 138 Mountain Ave. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. For more information, call 652-3385.

NOPALITOS GALERIA

presents "Entwined Freedom," which includes works by Abby Osborne, Krista Koziel and Sarah Spina.

The exhibition runs through Sunday, Dec. 30.

Nopalitos Galeria is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Gallery hours are 3 to 7 p.m. Friday and noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 202-2476.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY

will host artist W. Bruce Stanford to show his limited edition "New Mexico Buckle Set," which will be available in either bronze or sterling silver. Check out Stanford's other buckles, jewelry and bronze sculptures. Also available will be art glass Christmas ornaments.

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.

MAIN STREET GALLERY

presents "2 Sisters One Show" featuring Nancy Frost Begin and Susan Frost Hanssen. The show runs through December.

The Main Street Gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 647-0508.

DOÑA ANA COUNTY

GOVERNMENT CENTER will display more than 100 original pieces of student artwork from the Las Cruces and Gadsden public schools. The exhibit includes paintings, etchings, photographs and drawings. The artists range from elementary to high school students. The student art shows have been a rotating fixture of Doña Ana County's main lobby since 2000.

The Doña Ana County Government Center is located at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Galleries are located in the main lobby. For more information, call 525-5801.



"Orange Fish," an encaustic by Lois V. Smith, is now on display at Mountain Gallery, 138 Mountain Ave., as part of the Las Cruces Art Association's miniatures show.

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/21

2 p.m. "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Come to the Rio Grande Theatre for an afternoon of holiday family fun featuring the classic Dr. Seuss adaptation "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and more. Doors open a half hour before show time. Free. Visit www.riograndetheatre.com.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. An evening of jazz and blues, Ump 88 Grill, 1338 Picacho Hills Drive. With Jazzman Ross on trumpet, Dr. Jack on guitar and more. Free. Call 647-1455.

7 p.m. Holiday Carols with John Nagem, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Free. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. The Nutcracker Ballet, Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 N. Horseshoe Drive on the New Mexico State University campus. Las Cruces Chamber Ballet presents its 29th annual production of the holiday classic. Cost \$19 - 21. Call 527-1893.

7 p.m. "A Christmas Carol," Oñate Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Return to a classic tale this holiday season with "A Christmas Carol," presented by the Alamogordo Academy of Ballet and the Las Cruces School of Music and Dance. Cost \$15 adults, \$10 students and children. Call 437-3810.

8 p.m. Irving Berlin's White Christmas, Las Cruces Community Theatre, 313 N. Main St. The Las Cruces Community Theatre presents its production of the musical version of the classic film. This is the first production of "White Christmas" to ever be produced in New Mexico. Cost \$10 for adults, \$9 for students, seniors and military, \$8 per seat for groups of more than 10 and \$7 for children 6 and younger. Call 523-1200.

SAT. 12/22

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. to Noon Ornament Classes for Kids, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., Drop by any time and make your choice of ornaments. Several types of ornaments will be available, including foam picture frames, Pearler beads and wooden trains to paint. Open to all children 6 and older, with parental attendance encouraged. Cost \$1 suggested donation per child. Call 647-4480.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 1101 S. Solano Drive and 317 S. Main St. Louise O'Donnell will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sonya Weiner will be the storyteller at the Solano location. Free. Call 524-8471.

Noon. "Tubachristmas 2012," Las Cruces Downtown Mall, Griggs and Main Streets. A concert of carols with an ensemble of approximately 40 low brass, including tubas and euphonium players from NMSU, the public schools and the community. Call 646-3114.

1 p.m. Man-made natural rainbow, Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. A 600 to 800 foot natural rainbow will be created in the sky over the park, in conjunction with the end of the Mayan calendar. The event serves as a fundraiser for La Piñon Children Crisis Center. Free. Call 373-9566.

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1 to 2 p.m. Documentary viewing, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The Branigan Cultural Center will be screening the documentary "In Search of History - Pueblo Cliffdwellers." Visit the incredible ancient homes of Chaco Canyon, including the 800 Pueblo Bonito, and search for clues to the lives of their long-vanished builders. Free. Call 541-2154.

4 p.m. "White Christmas," The Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Come to the Rio Grande Theatre to view the classic holiday film "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. Doors open a half hour before show time. Cost \$3 adults and \$1 children 12 and younger. Visit www.riograndetheatre.com

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MON. 12/24

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Christmas Carols and Luminarias on the Plaza, Old Mesilla Plaza. The historic village of Mesilla is aglow with thousands of luminarias and caroling. Bring the family and enjoy some hot chocolate with Santa. Free. Call 524-3262, ext. 116.

TUE. 12/25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

WED. 12/26

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

THU. 12/27

8 to 10 p.m. New Years Ball with Genie and the Starliners, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court St. The Big Band Dance Club invites you to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Join Genie and the Starliners as they ring in the new year. There is a beginner's group dance lesson at 7 p.m.



The Nutcracker Prince (Fayth Franzoy) and Clara (Brigid Walker) stand together as part of the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker," showing through Sunday, Dec. 23, at Atkinson Recital Hall, 1075 Horseshoe Drive, on the New Mexico State University campus.

Cost \$9 non-members, \$7 members. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 12/28

7 p.m. Live music with Alister M, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. Free. Call 527-5310.

SAT. 12/29

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main

Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

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Call to Artists

ARTFORMS ARTISTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

ArtForms Artists Association of New Mexico is calling members to participate in For the Love of Art Month 2013. The member exhibit will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center Feb. 1-23, 2013. One piece completed in the past two years and not previously shown allowed. Artist's statement and 300 dpi .jpg or .TIFF may be submitted for publicity purposes. The deadline is Jan. 12, 2013. Members may also sign up for Studio Tours Feb. 9-10 or Feb. 23-24, Art Around Town and Special Event opportunities. Deadline for these events are Nov.

30. See www.artformsnm.org for submission and membership forms. For more information, contact Joanna Bradley at artformsfloa@gmail.com.

ROKOKO GALLERY

Rokoko Gallery seeks artwork for a group show called "The Refrigerator Art Show." Submissions are due Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013. The basic theme of the show is small, expressive art. Size is limited to 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches and must be hangable unless a sculpture. Adult entry fee is \$10, youth is \$5. Opening reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at

Rokoko Gallery, 1785 Avenida de Mercado. For more information, call 405-8877.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ART GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Art gallery, located at 247-A Calle de Guadalupe, has an opening for fine artists to display their work. Please drop by and pick up an application, or call 522-2933

LAS CRUCES ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Las Cruces Arts Association has spaces available for artists in its cooperative gallery inside the Mountain Gallery, located at 138 W.

Mountain Ave. Artists in all media are encouraged to apply. A three month commitment is required. Please contact gallery manager Pam Bateman at lasrucresarts@gmail.com, or come by the gallery for an application during business hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

MARDI GRAS POSTER CONTEST

The Cloudfcroft Chamber of Commerce invites artists to participate in the "Mardi Gras Poster Contest." Your ideas and artwork could become the official poster for Cloudfcroft's Mardi Gras in the Clouds celebration. Cash prizes will

be awarded to the winner.

Entries should be submitted to the chamber office no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013. Entry size shall be 16 inches by 20 inches. Materials can be canvas or professional grade paper; media will be full color and professional grade. Judging will be based on creative design and theme ("How Sweet It Is") interpretation. Artwork should be signed by the artist, and lettering is optional to the artist. One submission per artist will be accepted.

For more information on how to submit, contact Lisa King, chamber director at 682-2733, or email lisa@cloudfcroft.com.

AtTheMovies

A beautiful and believable love story

'The Well Digger's Daughter' comes to the Fountain

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A number of classic love story movies are coming out soon or are in release now. There is the umpteenth remake of "Wuthering Heights," "A Royal Affair" (coming in February to the Fountain) and the umpteenth hundred remake of "Anna Karenina" also lurking about and coming soon to the Fountain.

Well, you might want to try this film instead of that whole trilogy of repeats ("Royal Affair" is quite good, "Karenina" is terrible, I've not seen "Wuthering").

This is a more believable, accessible film about more common and accessible people. Richly photographed and sharply directed, "The Well Digger's Daughter" is one of the better I-u-v stories I've seen in the last couple of years.

There are no bad or overly mean characters, and all of them pretty much wish for the same thing ... to be cared for.

The story takes place after the horrors of World War I. Daniel Auteuil, certainly one of France's busiest actors of late (his IMDB profile has him shooting three movies at this time, another in post-production and still others pending release), plays Pascal, the well digger of the title. He is an honest hard working man, but is a single dad, trying to raise six daughters

by himself.

One of the daughters, Patricia, has just returned from schooling in Paris and has picked up a bit of the "big city," but is not snobby about it. A benefactor has helped her, and she remains a happy and helpful person. In fact, her return is marked positively by most, but with a bit of derision by her father. Papa has more or less chosen the man he wants her to marry, Felipe, one of his employees. Felipe is a pleasant but reserved fellow, but he has had a crush on Patricia for some time.

Fate intervenes, when Felipe and Patricia are in town for a doing, where she meets the charming Jacques, whose father owns the local store. Jacques has a bigger and better personality than Felipe,

not to mention a fatter wallet. He is a pilot and has a motorcycle, but he is not coy or snooty about his means either. Patricia has changed a bit while in Paris, and a bit of money and more education and personality makes a difference. The two are instantly besotted, and not long after Patricia ends up

“ ‘The Well Digger's Daughter' is a beautiful film that will certainly add to your holiday pleasure. ”

heavy with child. Jacques is called up by the French Air Force for duty in Africa, leaving overnight, literally, and not telling Patricia that he is going.

Her "baby bump" becomes obvious, and it becomes time for the now furious Pascal to bring things back to some state of normalcy. An approach to Jacques' wealthy parents is for naught, as mama is not to believe that her son would bed someone as lowly as the well digger's daughter.

From here, the story takes off, allowing for all of the main characters to partake in a real and loving way. Each one of them is highly believable, and as in all love story movies, there is obstacle after obstacle to overcome for each of the characters, especially Pascal, who refuses to accept his new grandson upon its birth.

Auteuil has also directed this picture, and does very well in that role. His characters are groomed and believable, the cinematography is outstanding (the area of France where it was shot will probably be the new Tuscan if enough people see this picture), and a light but lyrical music score helps move the story, but does not tell you what to feel.

By the end of the film, I was ready to join Pascal's family and help take care of the baby myself ... but only if Jacques gave me a ride in that biplane.

"The Well Digger's Daughter" is a beautiful film that will certainly add to your holiday pleasure.

Well, dig it, man ...
jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com



Astrid Bergés-Frisbey starts as Patricia, the title character in Daniel Auteuil's "The Well Digger's Daughter," now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

A holiday anniversary at the Mesilla Valley Bosque

Photos by Christopher Belarde



Lydia Serafin and Lilia and Joe Sanchez retire from the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park's Holiday and Anniversary Celebration Sunday, Dec. 16.



Willie Briske, 5, beats the cold weather by drinking a cup of hot chocolate.



Lizzie Briske, 6, searches for more free hot chocolate provided by the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park.

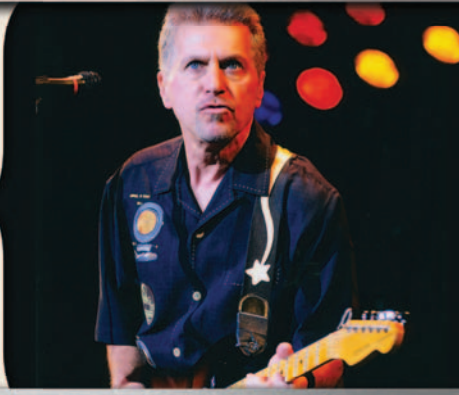


Barbra Rodriguez chats with park ranger LuAnn Kilday at the visitors center.

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A new home for the performing arts

NMSU Center for the Arts opens

By **Zak Hansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After years of planning, fundraising, grant-writing and construction, New Mexico State University and, indeed, all of Las Cruces, finally have a Center for the Arts worthy of their passions, the first in a planned three-part overhaul of the University's arts facilities.

On Friday, Dec. 14, at an official ribbon-cutting ceremony, the brand new NMSU Center for the Arts, on the corner of Espina Street and University Avenue, opened its doors to an excited crowd of faculty, community and arts supporters.

If all goes as planned, staff and faculty to be located in the building will be able to move in as early as the second week of January. With the start of the spring 2013 semester right around the corner, workers are hustling to have the final touches complete on the stunning new structure for the return of students mid-January, as classes are expected to convene in the hall.

Construction of the facility began in the fall of 2010, with a groundbreaking on July 15, and work commencing on Oct. 8.

The three-story, 59,000-square-foot facility will hold be instrumental for both the theater and dance departments, whose faculty, classes and performances will be moving into their fancy new digs early next year. Art history seminar labs will also be held in the new building.

The Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre, housed inside the Center for the Arts, holds 466 seats, 400 of them permanent, and features an orchestra pit, trap room, orchestra level, two balconies, fly tower, a large rehearsal room, classrooms,

offices and back-of-house supporting areas, not to mention a stunning ceiling mural, titled "Salida del Sol," by Philadelphia artist Meg Saligman.

The building is expected to earn a silver or higher LEED certification as well, and boasts state-of-the-art, energy-saving features including solar collectors and cooling system.

“ It demonstrates a great deal of community support for the University and of the arts ... ”

CHRISTA SLATON,
College of Arts and Sciences

The first official production staged at the center will be "Our Town," a three-act play by the American playwright Thornton Wilder, which is slated to open in late February 2013.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Christa Slaton, who took her current position in July 2010, arrived after the planning phase, just a few days before construction began. Though she came in

a bit late, Slaton praised the community at large for its support of the building.

"The vision for this center was really a community vision," she said. "I think if it had not been for the community and the board, we would not have had these phases of development."

Slaton also credits those who carried out their patriotic duty this past November and cast their votes in support of general obligation Bond C, which earmarked \$120 million to support colleges and universities.

"I'm also really appreciative of the voters supporting the bond issue, which is helping us refurbish our classrooms on campus," Slaton said. "It demonstrates a great deal of community support for the university and of the arts, and we're hoping we can move into phase two."

Phase two Slaton referred to will be the construction of a new facility to house the NMSU Art Department and University Art Gallery.

Phase three, which is still in the earliest of planning stages, would include a new, comprehensive music hall situated on the NMSU campus. The proposed music hall would accommodate between 1,200 and 1,400 people – giving Las Cruces and NMSU audiences hungry for music a venue to find it.

All three of these facilities are to be built within the same area on campus, giving NMSU an arts "district," a place for its musicians, writers, painters, dancers and thespians to call their own.

While only in its earliest stages, the progress on this consolidation, construction and renovation of the university's centers for art and culture, the opening of the NMSU Center for the Arts marks an important new era for the performing arts in Las Cruces.



A guest looks up in awe at the newly opened interior of the building.

NMSU Center for the Arts



Golden shears wait to be used at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the New Mexico State University Center for the Arts Friday, Dec. 14.



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Zak Hansen
Community members get their first look inside the Mark and Stephanie Medoff Theatre following the ceremony.



Volunteer and donor Ammu Devasthali, architect Malcolm Holzman, ASNMSU President Breeana Sylvas, NMSU Interim President Manuel Pacheco and NMSU Regent Michael Cheney cut the symbolic ribbon.

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La Nueva Casita, 195 N. Mesquite St., offers diners homestyle New Mexican food in a cozy environment.

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A timeless tradition with modern-day flair

La Nueva Casita offers homestyle border cuisine

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

The great cuisines of the world are, more often than not, the simplest.

With what limited ingredients they had on hand, the chefs and torchbearers of the best food cultures in the world – Mexican, Chinese, Japanese, Italian and French – learned to make easy, delicious meals using only ingredients naturally and readily available to them.

The foods we know and love, picked from these regional cuisines are, to perhaps over-simplify, what the commoners ate.

Now, in the era of easy access to goods and sundries from anywhere in the world, many have abandoned the food that their forefathers ate, that grandma perfected and we all grew up loving, in favor of flash and flair all in the name of new or edgy – but change isn't always good.

Anyone who has watched even a few minutes of the numerous food-related networks on television has seen expensive, boundary-pushing dishes prepared by the "best" chefs in the world – dishes that more resemble modern art than a good meal.

In the world of comfort food, the simple "kiss" rule is all you need – keep it simple, stupid. In the historic Mesquite district, just across from Klein Park, diners looking for simple, delicious food can often be found congregating inside La Nueva Casita, and with good reason: This little café offers some of the best Mexican/American border cuisine I've found – and I've found a lot.

Opened in 1957, La Nueva Casita has been serving hungry Las Cruces for more than five decades. Seven years ago, the restaurant came under new ownership, purchased by Jaime Salazar, who had previously acted as the executive chef of the Holiday Inn Las Cruces.

Tired of working in someone else's kitchen, Salazar thought he'd try his hand at his own restaurant, and it looks like he's been successful – La Nueva Casita is

beloved by locals and tourists alike.

Father and daughter Jaime and Melissa Salazar continue to operate the restaurant just the way it should be. The service is fast, the wait staff is friendly and the dining room is small and cozy – more like eating at grandma's house than going out. A wood-burning stove warms patrons from one corner and, around this time of year, lights, ornaments and a small Christmas tree make this place feel even more like home.

A smiling staff, a quick ticket time and a comfortable, inviting atmosphere are all vital aspects of a successful restaurant, but all of it means little without good food to match – and La Nueva Casita's is some of the best in the city.

All the Mexican favorites are here – burritos, enchiladas, tacos, flautas and the like – and boy, are they good. La Nueva Casita takes simple, high-quality food very seriously. There isn't a wasted seasoning or unnecessary sprig of parsley to be found. Most dishes contain only a few select ingredients – the fewer the better. Instead of piling on superfluous spices and sauces, La Nueva Casita serves straightforward, easy and delicious food – following the tried-and-true "less is more" model of cooking.

The house specialty, for example, is Tacos Estrellas, and good luck finding anything quite like them anywhere else in town (you won't). A seasoned blend of shredded pork and shredded beef, melted cheese and a sprig of cilantro are all these tacos need to set them apart from the rest of the pack. They are served with homemade pico de gallo, guacamole and a dollop of sour cream, so diners have their choice of how to dress them up, though they're good enough on their own.

Another thing La Nueva Casita offers that isn't found elsewhere is the variety of side dishes available. Of course Spanish rice and refried beans are available, and they're as well done as can be. I recommend you try the more unusual options though – fideo, borracho beans or calabacitas.

Fideo, a small Mexican noodle, is simmered and served in a delicious chile broth, perfect to warm up hands and hearts after braving the winter winds. Borracho beans (literally "drunken beans") are beans seasoned and cooked with chile and – you guessed it – beer, kicking up their savory flavor.

While a few other cafés in town offer fideo and borracho beans, I've never found anything like La Nueva Casita's calabacitas. A classic New Mexican side dish, calabacitas is prepared with zucchini, squash, sweet corn, chile, garlic and cheese – almost like a vegetable stew. It's rich, creamy and downright delicious.

La Nueva Casita also offers a surprising sandwich menu packed with Mexican/American favorites such as the turkey and avocado melt, the BBQ beef sandwich and, of course, a green chile cheeseburger.

To close out your meal, make sure you ask your server about their dessert. I had a layer cake, half chocolate, half tres leches, topped with whipped cream, which was the perfect way to end a superbly simple meal before I headed back out into the cold.

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Singing Out performed its holiday program "Share the Love" Sunday, Dec. 16, at Peace Lutheran Church. Singing Out is a LGBTQA (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender and allies) chorus that aims to impact the community through song.



Ruth Ann Hanlin receives applause in her last performance conducting the Singing Out chorus.

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Bonnie Smith signs lyrics while the choir sings its holiday-themed program.



Vocalist Randy Granger accompanied the choir on a wooden flute.



The Singing Out choir performs Christmas classics.

Television Listings

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Sports News Movies

FRIDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 21, 2012														
		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	Christmas-Bel	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Good Wife	The Good Wife	The Good Wife	News	Letterman	Ferguson					
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Malibu	Back to the Beginning-Amanpour	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe (N) (CC)	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons				
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Michael Bubl�	White House	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	'Til Death		
CW	14		Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	The Happy Elf	Reindeer									
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN	26		Football	College Football: Beef 'O Brady's Bowl St. Petersburg					SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)					
ESPN2	27		College Basketball		College Basketball	BYU at Baylor. (N)			NFL Kickoff (N)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	NBA	Sports				
USA	31		Law-SVU	Law & Order: SVU	** "The Game Plan" (2007)	Madison Pettis (CC)			Burn Notice (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene					
TNT	32		The Mentalist (CC)	Christmas 2012	** "Four Christmases" (2008)				Christmas 2012	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999)	Fantasy					
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	*** "Hitch" (2005)	Will Smith. (CC) (DVS)		* "Fool's Gold" (2008) (CC)				
COM	35		Colbert	Daily	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"		(:15) Chris Hardwick: Mandroid	Ralphie May	Natl Van					
LIFE	39		"Perfect Hol"	"Finding Mrs. Claus"	(2012) Mira Sorvino.	** "Christmas Crash" (2008, Drama) (CC)			(:02) "Finding Mrs. Claus" (2012) (CC)							
FOOD	40		Diners	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant Stakeout	My. Din	My. Din	Diners	Diners	Restaurant Stakeout	My. Din	My. Din			
HGTV	41		Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Country Stars	White House	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	Hunt Intl	White House	Hunters	Hunt Intl			
A&E	43		Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty (CC)	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty			
HIST	44		Apocalypse Island	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	How the Pickers				American Pickers	American Pickers				
TLC	45		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes
DISC	47		Gold Rush (CC)	Gold Rush (CC)	Gold Rush (N) (CC)	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush (CC)	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush (CC)	Bering Sea Gold	Gold Rush (CC)	Gold Rush (CC)				
ANPL	50		Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)	Infested! (CC)				
FAM	51		"National Lamp. Christmas"		*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)			The 700 Club (CC)	*** "Holiday in Handcuffs" (2007)							
DISN	52		Good	Austin	Austin	Austin	Phineas	Good	Shake It	Jessie	Phineas	Phineas	Good	Dog	ANT	Good
NICK	54		Drake	Drake	"Merry Christmas, Drake & Josh" (2008)	See Dad	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC	57		"Miracle-34 St."	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) Premiere.	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) (CC)	"Miracle-34 St."										
SYFY	59		"12 Disasters"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)	Haven	Haven	"Silent Night"	Haven	Countdown, Doom.							
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper							
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report	Apocalypse 2012	Crime Inc.	American Greed	Mad Money	Crime Inc.	American Greed							
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup	Lockup							

SATURDAY MORNING		DECEMBER 22, 2012											
		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 (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Liberty	Liberty		
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.	Back Fat?	House	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Sixth grade love story; food. (N) (CC)	Noodle	Pajanimals	Poppy Cat	Justin	LazyTown	Wiggles		
CW	14		In Style	Free	Fat Loss	CarMD	Rescue	Rescue	Spike's	Gummibar: Yummy	Transform.	WWE	Dragon
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Matlock (CC)		Law Order: CI				
ESPN	26		SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)			College Football				
ESPN2	27		NFL Great	English Premier League Soccer: Wigan Athletic vs Arsenal	First Take Weekend (N) (In Stereo Live) (CC)				College Basketball				
USA	31		Defrosting	Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	DeepClean	Royal Pains	The nuptials of Evan and Paige.	Burn Notice (CC)	** "Next Friday"			
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Leverage (CC)			Rizzoli & Isles (CC)	Law & Order (In Stereo)			
TBS	33		Earl	Jim	There Yet?	Browns	Payne	Jim	Raymond	Raymond	** "The Mexican" (2001)	Brad Pitt. (CC)	
COM	35		Paid Prog.	Insanity!	(:15) ** "Youth in Revolt" (2009) Michael Cera.	(:14) ** "Scary Movie 4" (2006) Anna Faris.			"Shaun of the Dead"				
LIFE	39		Perfect Bra	No.1	Back Fat?	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	My Life, Movie	"Very Cool Chr."		
FOOD	40		Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant: Impossible			Restaurant: Impossible	Chopped "On the Line"			
HGTV	41		Bryan	Elbow	Buying and Selling	Property	Property	BathCrash	BathCrash	YardCrash	Kit. Crash	Hse Crash	Hse Crash
A&E	43		Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Criminal Minds (CC)	Flip This House (CC)	Flipping Vegas (CC)	Flipping Vegas (CC)	Flipping Vegas (N)			
HIST	44		Modern Marvels (CC)	Life After People	If humans were to disappear.	Mankind The Story of All	of Us "Inventors"	Mankind The Story					
TLC	45		Zumba Fit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Christmas Lights	Invasion: Lights	Cmas Lights	America's Doomsday	World End?			
DISC	47		Breathe!	Cook Safe	Narcolepsy	American Chopper	American Chopper	America's Doomsday					
ANPL	50		Hillbilly Handfishin'	Must Love Cats (CC)	Dogs 101 (CC)	Dogs 101 "Puppies"	Cats 101 "Kittens"	Bad Dog! (CC)					
FAM	51		"Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas"	"Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas"	Landing	Prep &	Mickey	Winnie	Chipmunk	Rudolph			
DISN	52		Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck	Fish Hooks	Phineas	Octonauts	Mickey	Never Land	Doc McSt.	"Sofia the First"	Phineas	Fish Hooks
NICK	54		T.U.F.F.	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Turtles	Kung Fu	T.U.F.F.	SpongeBob
AMC	57		Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	*** "No Name on the Bullet"	(:45) ** "The Shakiest Gun in the West" (1968) (CC)					
SYFY	59		Cook Safe	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	DeepClean	Tw. Zone	Star Trek: Next	** "Star Trek: the Motion Picture" (1979) William Shatner.				
CNN	62		Early Start	Sat. Morn	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	Bottom	CNN Saturday Morning (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)					
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Temp	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	No.1	Cindy C	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	New Keurig	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Weekends-Witt	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)				Melissa Harris-Perry (N)					

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		DECEMBER 22, 2012											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	P Allen	Garden	Kitchen	Mexico	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Liberty	Liberty	FIM Preview Show	College Basketball	Kansas at Ohio State. (N)	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
ABC	7	7	Recipe	Food	Juice and Lose!	Wipeout (CC)	Does Your Bra Fit?	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)					
FOX	8	14	30 Rock	Paid Prog.	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Best Gift	** "The Invisible" (2007) Justin Chatwin. (CC)				
NBC	9	9	Juice and Lose!	Notre Dame Special	Snowboarding	Boxing Fight Night. From Bethlehem, Pa. (N)			Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
CW	14		Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Animal	Adventures	Mystery	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Edgemont	Bloopers	Bloopers
WGN	15		Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI			
ESPN	26		College Football: R&L Carriers	New Orleans Bowl	College Football	Maaco Bowl Las Vegas -- Boise State vs. Washington. (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27		College Basketball	College Basketball	Texas at Michigan State. (N)	College Basketball	Marshall at Kentucky. (N)	College Basketball					
USA	31		(10:00) "Next Friday"	(11:55) ** "How Do You Know" (2010) Reese Witherspoon.	** "The Game Plan" (2007, Comedy) (CC)	Ugly Truth							
TNT	32		** "Monster-in-Law" (2005) Jennifer Lopez.	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999) Patrick Stewart.	** "Four Christmases" (2008) Vince Vaughn.								
TBS	33		Mexican	*** "Hitch" (2005) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. (CC) (DVS)	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	King	King		
COM	35		"Shaun of the Dead"	(:09) ** "The Cable Guy" (1996, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC)	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
LIFE	39		"Very Cool Chr."	** "Holiday Wishes" (2006) Amber Benson.	*** "The Christmas Hope" (2009) (CC)	"Nanny-Christ"							
FOOD	40		Diners, Drive	Restaurant: Impossible	Restaurant Stakeout	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	The Next Iron Chef				
HGTV	41		Love It or List It (CC)	White House Christmas	White House	Famous House	Billion	Billion	High Low	Hunt Intl			
A&E	43		Flipping Boston (CC)	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Storage	Storage			
HIST	44		Mankind The Story	Mankind The Story of All	of Us "Survivors"	Mankind The Story of All	of Us "New World"	Mankind The Story					
TLC	45		Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme		
DISC	47		Apocalypse 2012	Zombie Apocalypse	Amish Mafia (CC)	Amish Mafia (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)	Moonshiners (CC)					
ANPL	50		Bad Dog! (CC)	Bad Dog! (CC)	Too Cute! (CC)	Too Cute! (CC)	Too Cute! (CC)	Too Cute! (CC)					
FAM	51		Rudolph/Misfit Toys	Rudolph's Shiny Year	Miser Brothers	Year Without a Santa	Santa Claus, Town	"The Santa Clause"					
DISN	52		ANT Farm	Shake It	Good Luck	Dog	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Austin	Shake It	Good Luck
NICK	54		Power	SpongeBob	*** "A Fairly Odd Christmas"	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Marvin	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC	57		(:15) ** "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken" (1966)	(:15) ** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams, Bonnie Hunt. (CC)	(:45) "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947)								
SYFY	59		Star Trek	*** "Star Trek III: The Search for Spock" (1984) (CC)	*** "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home" (1986) (CC)	StarTrek							
CNN	62		Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			Gupta	CNN Newsroom (N)	The Situation Room				
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Defrosting	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cook Safe	Cindy C	WEN Hair	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Weekends-Witt	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)	MSNBC Live (N)	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera					

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PBS	22	Globe Trekker	NOVA (In Stereo)	Luther: Tidings	Masterpiece Classic "Downton Abbey"	Jazz Festival	Dragon	Pedal							
CBS	3	News	News	60 Minutes (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles	The Good Wife	The Mentalist	News	Burn Notice	Paid					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	*** "The Sound of Music" (1965, Musical)	Julie Andrews. (In Stereo)	News (N)	News	Insider	Practice						
FOX	8	14	Football	The OT	Star Wars: Clone	Simpsons/Burgers	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX14 News	Big Bang	Office	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
NBC	9	9	Football Night in America (N)	(:20) NFL Football	San Francisco 49ers at Seattle Seahawks. (N)	Sports	News (N)	Paid	Nieman	Paid					
CW	14		(4:00) ** "The Soloist" (2009, Drama)	*** "Chicago" (2002, Musical)		TMZ (N)	Til Death	Til Death	Rules	Rules					
WGN	15		Bloopers!	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	30 Rock	30 Rock	Rules	Rules	Scrubs	Scrubs
ESPN	26		30 for 30	SportsCenter (N)	SEC Storied (N)	30 for 30				SportsCenter (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) (Live)		
ESPN2	27		Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker	World/Poker	College Basketball					Poker	
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Duplicitly"			
TNT	32		*** "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003) Elijah Wood. (C)					(:15) *** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002)							
TBS	33		"Dick and Jane"	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell.	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell.	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell.	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell.	(:04) Wedding Band	"Dick and Jane"						
COM	35		Dunham	Jeff Dunham	Dunham	Jeff Dunham	Jeff Dunham	** "National Lampoon's Van Wilder"	(:02) "Bad Santa"						
LIFE	39		*** "Crazy for Christmas" (2005) (C)	*** "The Christmas Blessing" (2005)	(:02) *** "Crazy for Christmas" (2005)	"Christmas Bless"									
FOOD	40		The Next Iron Chef	Sugar Dome (N)	The Next Iron Chef	All-Star Family	Iron Chef America	The Next Iron Chef	All-Star Family						
HGTV	41		Million Dollar Rooms	Extreme Homes	Property Brothers	House Hunters	House Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	House Hunters					
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	(:01) Be the Boss	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage			
HIST	44		American Pickers	Ax Men (C)	Ax Men "Sabotage"	Bamazon (N) (C)	Outback Hunters (N)	(:01) Ax Men (C)	(:01) Ax Men (C)						
TLC	45		Sin City Rules	Sister	Sister	Sister Wives (N)	Sin City Rules (N)	Sister Wives (C)	Sin City Rules	Sister	Sister				
DISC	47		Amish Mafia (C)	Amish Mafia (C)	X-Ray: Yellowstone	Zombie Apocalypse	Amish Mafia (C)	X-Ray: Yellowstone	Zombie Apocalypse						
ANPL	50		Finding Bigfoot	Rattlesnake	Gator Boys	Finding Bigfoot (N)	Lost Treasure	Finding Bigfoot	Rattlesnake						
FAM	51		** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	J. Osteen	Shook	Keurig	Paid							
DISN	52		Phineas	Fish	Good	Good	Austin	Shake It	Dog	Good	"Santa Clause 3"	Good	Shake It	Austin	
NICK	54		Sponge.	Sponge.	See Dad	"A Fairly Odd Christmas" (C)	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	See Dad	George	
AMC	57		"Miracle-34 St."	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) (C)	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) (C)	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) (C)	*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1994, Fantasy) (C)	*** "Miracle-34 St."							
SYFY	59		(4:30) *** "Star Trek: First Contact"	*** "Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country"	*** "Star Trek: Insurrection" (1998) (C)	Mutant									
CNN	62		CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom						
CNBC	63		Princess	Wall St. (Dis)Service	Mob Money:	American Greed	60 Minutes on	Hotel: Marriott	American Greed						
MSNBC	64		Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Chained to My Ex	To Catch a Predator	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado	Lockup: Colorado						

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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Antiques Roadshow	Choir	Independent Lens	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	3	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS: Los Angeles	Hawaii Five-0 (C)	News	Inside	Home	Xmas				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Landing	Shrek	** "Shrek the Third" (2007) (In Stereo)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	14	News	Simpsons	Big Bang	Big Bang	Raising	Raising	Raising	Raising	News	Simpsons	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Treas	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart.	News (N)	River Parade	Xmas					
CW	14		Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	"Christmas Is Here Again"	Star	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	'Til Death		
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos					
ESPN	26		SportCtr	Football	College Football: Sheraton Hawaii Bowl			SportsCenter (N)	NFL PrimeTime (N)	SportCtr					
ESPN2	27		NFL Live (N) (C)	SportsCenter (C)	E:60 (N)	My Wish	SportCtr	E:60	SportsCenter (N)	NFL					
USA	31		NCIS: Los Angeles	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (In Stereo Live) (C)	** "A Christmas Carol" (1999, Fantasy)	CSI: NY (C)	CSI: NY (C)	CSI: NY (C)	Cold Case (C)	Treasure					
TNT	32		The Mentalist (C)	The Mentalist (C)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	*** "A Christmas Story" (1983)					
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)	**** "A Christmas Story" (1983)					
COM	35		Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	It's Always Sunny	(:02) *** "Bad Santa" (2003) (C)	It's Always Sunny	(:02) "Semi-Pro"					
LIFE	39		"Holly's Holiday"	"The March Sisters at Christmas" (2012)	"The Road to Christmas" (2006) (C)	(:02) "The March Sisters at Christmas"									
FOOD	40		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	My. Din	Health	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV	41		Lightmares (C)	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Hunters	Hunt Intl				
A&E	43		The First 48 (C)	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty (C)	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	
HIST	44		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
TLC	45		Medium	Medium	Long Island Me	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Long Island Me		
DISC	47		Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Moonshiners (C)		
ANPL	50		Cutest Cat	Cutest Dog	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (C)	Cutest Dog	Too Cute! (In Stereo)	Too Cute! (C)						
FAM	51		"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	*** "Home Alone" (1990) Joe Pesci	The 700 Club (C)	"National Lamp. Christmas"									
DISN	52		Good	Jessie	ANT	Shake It	Dog	Dog	"Disney's A Christmas Carol"	Fish	Phineas	Phineas			
NICK	54		Victo	iCarly	See Dad	Full H'se	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George
AMC	57		**** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947)	(:15) **** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) (C)	** "Prancer" (1989, Fantasy) Sam Elliott. (C)										
SYFY	59		"Star Trek 6-Undiscovered"	*** "Starship Troopers" (1997) Casper Van Dien.	*** "Serenity" (2005) Nathan Fillion.										
CNN	62		CNN Heroes	Best and Worst	Piers Morgan	After Jesus: The First Christians (N)	Piers Morgan	The First Christians (N)	Piers Morgan	The First Christians					
CNBC	63		60 Minutes on	Costco Craze	Hotel: Marriott	American Greed	Costco Craze	Hotel: Marriott	American Greed						
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word						

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PBS	22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Vatican City/Papacy	European	Downton	Frontline (C)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	3	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS (DVS)	NCIS: Los Angeles	Vegas (C)	News	Letterman	Ferguson				
ABC	7	7	NBA Basketball	News (N)	Ent	Grinch	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8	14	News	Simpsons	Big Bang	Big Bang	New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	New Girl	News	Simpsons	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Treas	*** "Horton Hears a Who!" (2008)	Blake Shelton-Xmas	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon				
CW	14		Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Hart of Dixie (C)	Emily Owens, M.D.	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	'Til Death		
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	WGN	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs	
ESPN	26		(4:00) SportsCenter	NBA Basketball	Houston Rockets at Chicago Bulls.	NBA Basketball: Nuggets at Clippers				SportsCenter (N)	NBA	NFL			
ESPN2	27		Sport Sci. College Basketball	College Basketball											
USA	31		"Indiana Jones"	* "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra" (2009)	(7:52) **** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)	"Indiana Jones & the Temple"									
TNT	32		(:07) Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	Leverage (C)	Rizzoli & Isles	Leverage (C)	Leverage (C)	Cold Case (C)					
TBS	33		"A Christmas Story"	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (C)	Office	Office	Conan (C)			
COM	35		(4:00) "Bad Santa"	Dunham	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	"Beverly Hills Cop"		
LIFE	39		"Christmas Con"	"The Merry In-Laws" (2012) Shelley Long.	"Holiday Spin" (2012) Ralph Macchio.	(:02) "The Merry In-Laws" (2012) (C)									
FOOD	40		Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped					
HGTV	41		Hunters	Hunt Intl	Love It or List It	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Million Dollar Rooms	Property	Property	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44		Hatfields & McCoys	Hatfields & McCoys	(Part 2 of 3) (C)	Hatfields & McCoys	(Part 3 of 3) (C)	(:01) Hatfields & McCoys (C)							
TLC	45		Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss			
DISC	47		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			
ANPL	50		Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	
FAM	51		*** "Home Alone" (1990) Joe Pesci	"National Lamp. Christmas"	The 700 Club (C)	*** "The Santa Clause 2" (2002)									
DISN	52		New Year	Phineas	Shake It	Good	Jessie	ANT	Shake It	Dog	"Good Luck Charlie"	Good	ANT	Phineas	
NICK	54		Sponge.	Sponge.	Full H'se	Full Hse.	Full Hse.	See Dad	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC	57														

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PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Elementary	The 35th Annual Kennedy Center Honors	News	Letterman	Ferguson					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Neigh	Mod Fam	Suburg.	Nashville (In Stereo)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	Ben-Kate	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons		
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Whitney	Guys-	Law & Order: SVU	Chicago Fire	News (N)	Jay Leno				
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	Arrow	Supernatural	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs		
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	Rules	Rules	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	Football	College Football: Little Caesars Bowl						SportsCenter (N) (Live)						
ESPN2 27	NFL Live (N)	Sport Sci.	ProFILE	ProFILE	NFL's Greatest Games			Sport Sci.	NFL Live					
USA 31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS "Family"	NCIS	NCIS "Chimera"	NCIS		NCIS	NCIS					
TNT 32	Castle	Castle	Castle "Punked"	Castle	CSI: NY "Boo"	CSI: NY		CSI: NY	CSI: NY					
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan		
COM 35	Chap	Chap	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Brickle.	Brickle.	Brickle.	Brickle.	
LIFE 39	"Must Love Dogs"	*** "Pretty Woman"	(1990) Richard Gere.				(:01) Biography	(:02) *** "Pretty Woman"	(1990)					
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Wedding: Impo.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Wedding: Impo.							
HGTV 41	House Hunters	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Property Brothers	Buying and Selling	Hunters	Hunt Intl					
A&E 43	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck Dynasty	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Shipping	Duck D.	Duck D.	(:01) Duck Dynasty			
HIST 44	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun	Cajun		
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Best Funeral Ever	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection (N)	Toddlers & Tiaras	Cheer Perfection	Best Funeral Ever							
DISC 47	Fast N' Loud	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Amish Mafia	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners			
ANPL 50	Tanked: Unfiltered	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked	Tanked			
FAM 51	** "The Santa Clause 2"	(2002)	*** "Elf"	(2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	The 700 Club	** "Unlikely Angel"	(1996) Dolly Parton.							
DISN 52	Good	ANT	ANT	ANT	Phineas	Good	ANT	Jessie	Gravity	*** "Spy Kids"	(2001)	ANT	Phineas	
NICK 54	Marvin	Marvin	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George
AMC 57	(3:30) "Appaloosa"	** "Four Brothers"	(2005) Mark Wahlberg.	*** "Casino"	(1995, Crime Drama) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone.									
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	"Amityville Horror"			
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				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Mexico's Drug War	Filthy Rich	American Greed	Mad Money	Filthy Rich	American Greed	Mad Money	Filthy Rich	American Greed				
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word				

THURSDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 27, 2012			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS 22	News	PBS NewsHour (N)	Business	News	Fronteras	Memories	Travel	Coach	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Two Men	Person of Interest	(:01) Elementary	News	Letterman	Ferguson			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Charlie Brown	Grey's Anatomy	(:02) Scandal	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 14	KFOX News	Big Bang	Big Bang	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	Mindy	KFOX News	Two Men	30 Rock	Mother	Simpsons		
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	30 Rock	All Night	Office	Parks	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	J. Fallon		
CW 14	Ricki Lake	Access	Million.	The Vampire Diaries	Beauty & Beast	TMZ (N)	Baggage	Excused	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs		
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Funny Home Videos	Rules	Rules	30 Rock	Scrubs			
ESPN 26	College Football Belk Bowl -- Cincinnati vs. Duke. (N)	College Football Bridgepoint Education Holiday Bowl -- Baylor vs. UCLA.	(:15) SportsCenter											
ESPN2 27	Audibles (N) (Live)	NFL Live	College Basketball					SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	(:15) Audibles				
USA 31	Back	** "Couples Retreat"	(2009) Vince Vaughn.	* "The Back-up Plan"	(2010) Jennifer Lopez.	** "Couples Retreat"	(2009)							
TNT 32	The Mentalist	NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Thunder	NBA Basketball: Celtics at Clippers											
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan	Office	Office	Conan			
COM 35	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	The Comedy Central Roast	** "Jackass: The Movie"	(2002)	South Pk	Work.				
LIFE 39	To Be Announced	Project Runway	Project Runway	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway	Project Runway				
FOOD 40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped				
HGTV 41	Hunt Intl	Hunters	Buying and Selling	Extreme Homes (N)	Hunters	Hunt Intl	Extreme Homes	Extreme Homes	Hunters	Hunt Intl				
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	After the First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	After the First 48							
HIST 44	Cults: Dangerous	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Bamazon	(:02) Ax Men	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn			
TLC 45	My Big Fat	Sin City Rules	Four Weddings (N)	Wives With Bee	Wives With Bee	Four Weddings (N)	Sin City Rules							
DISC 47	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier	Last Frontier							
ANPL 50	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys	Gator Boys							
FAM 51	(:05) *** "Hercules"	(1997, Adventure)	(:10) *** "Pocahontas"	(1995, Fantasy)	The 700 Club	** "Serendipity"	(2001) John Cusack.							
DISN 52	Good	Good	Good	Phineas	Good	ANT	Jessie	Shake It	Gravity	ANT	Phineas			
NICK 54	Kung Fu Panda	Turtles	Turtles	Full H'se	Full H'se	Nanny	Nanny	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George	
AMC 57	"Poseidon Adv."	** "Poseidon"	(2006) Josh Lucas.	*** "Predator"	(1987) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Poseidon"	(2006)							
SYFY 59	** "Jeepers Creepers"	(2001)	** "Jeepers Creepers 2"	(2003)	"Boogeyman"	(2012) Eddie McClintock.	"The Cursed"							
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				
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Trash Inc: The	Mark Zuckerberg	American Greed	Mad Money	Mark Zuckerberg	American Greed	Mad Money	Mark Zuckerberg	American Greed				
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word				

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER

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

CHALLENGER

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

EXPERT

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

BEGINNER

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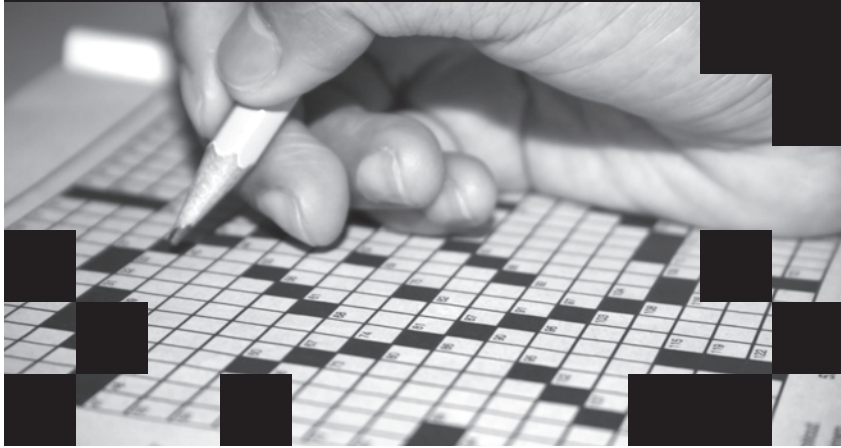
CHALLENGER

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9	5	6	8	1	7	2	3	4

EXPERT

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

BrainGames



Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

LOOK TO THE NORTH

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ABOVE	ARRIBA
CEILING	TECHO
CLOUD	NUBE
DIRECTION	DIRECCIÓN
HORIZON	HORIZONTE
NORTH	NORTE
NORTH STAR	ESTRELLA POLAR
OVERHEAD	ENCIMA
SKY	CIELO
SKYLINE	HORIZONTE
TO POINT OUT	SEÑALAR
ZENITH	CENIT

R A S H T R O N R I D R B A S
 A T U O T N I O P O T E Z K T
 R B D I R E C C I Ó N Ó Y I D
 A D O G N I L I E C O O P Ó T
 L I O V E R H E A D Z T O U T
 O R O A E N Ó I E C I E V B A
 P E L E N Z T Z N Ñ R T Ñ U R
 A C E S C E N E I O O N E O T
 L T I T I N O N L H H O S L S
 L I C R M E Z I Y C Ñ Z E C H
 E O L E A T H T K E T I Ñ E T
 R N O N O R T H S T A R A R R
 T M U S E O R A Ñ E S O L I O
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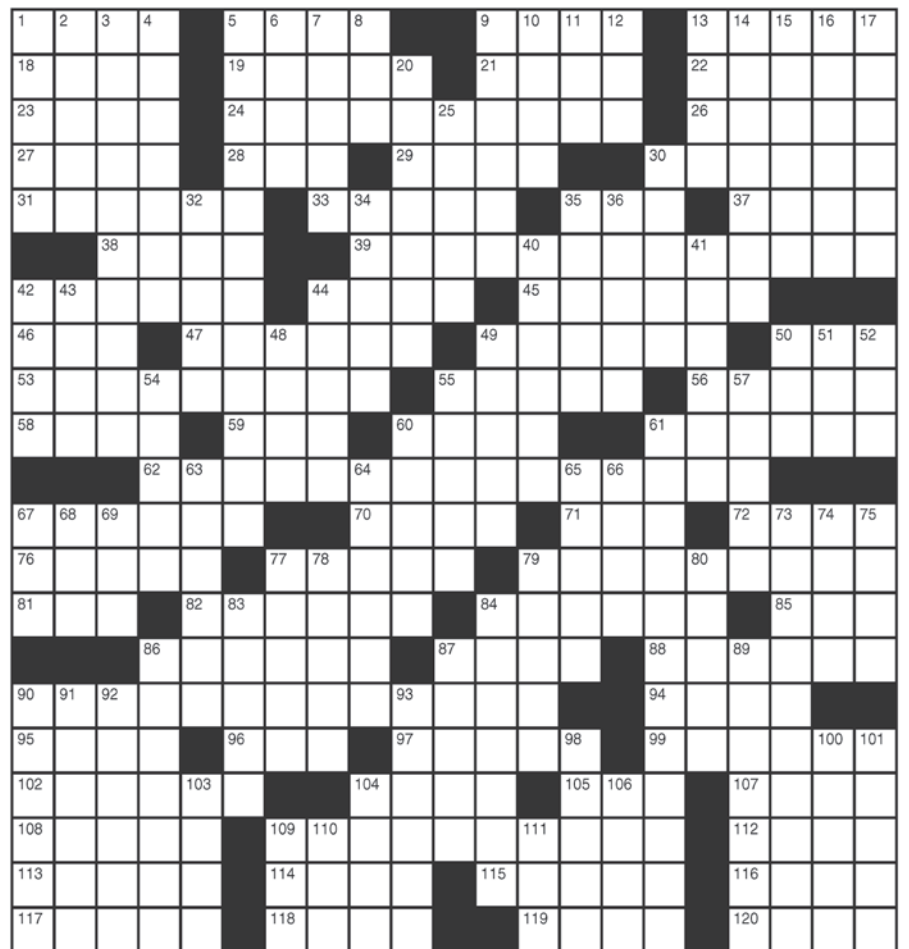
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- 1 Wolfed down
 - 4 Show hosts
 - 7 Self-righteously complacent
 - 11 "A Perfect Spy" writer
 - 13 Depend (on)
 - 14 Calcutta condiments
 - 17 Frozen expanse
 - 18 Sing like Bing
 - 20 Stitched connection
 - 22 Kepi or shako
 - 23 Writer Sartre
 - 26 Holier-than-thou
 - 29 For what ___ worth
 - 30 Hot and dry
 - 31 Move emotionally
 - 33 Scale unit
 - 34 Gyro bread
 - 36 Lead
 - 37 Lincoln or Fortas
 - 38 Even off
 - 39 Mad. Ave. output
 - 40 More tightly stretched
 - 41 Skirt edges
 - 43 Lilly or Wallach
 - 44 Asian holiday
 - 45 Horse operas
 - 46 Set afire
 - 47 Knight's address
 - 48 Exclamation of doubt
 - 49 Med. picture
 - 50 Land east of Eden
 - 52 Pointed end
 - 54 DiCaprio, to pals
 - 56 Tight or split follower
 - 58 Mountainous
 - 61 Bring to maturity
 - 62 AOL, for one
 - 63 Rick of "Disco Duck" fame
 - 65 Discontinues
 - 66 Grave engraving
 - 67 Raced
 - 69 Viewed
 - 70 After-shower powders
 - 71 Await
 - 72 "Un-Break My Heart" singer Braxton
 - 73 Sarcastic rebuke
 - 75 Taking it easy
 - 76 Bikini top
 - 77 Comic Martin
 - 79 Trademark underwear
 - 81 Craving
 - 82 Lion's comment
 - 84 Contaminate
 - 85 Fitness facility
 - 86 Passages
 - 89 Thailand formerly
 - 90 Laces
- DOWN**
- 1 Suffering dull pains
 - 2 Decade count
 - 3 Squiggly swimmer
 - 4 Kicks out
 - 5 Lawn pest
 - 6 Motion supporters
 - 7 Finnish baths
 - 8 A-Team member
 - 9 Large vase
 - 10 Lift-off pressure
 - 12 Use an ax
 - 13 Pampas lasso
 - 15 Informal affirmative
 - 16 Dulia recipient
 - 18 Vivid purplish red
 - 19 Corporate shark
 - 21 Mary Tyler and Clayton
 - 22 Satisfies perfectly
 - 23 Natty condition
 - 24 Beehive State
 - 25 Published slander
 - 27 Practical
 - 28 Somewhat stiff
 - 32 Shares recollections
 - 34 Trodden way
 - 35 Utopians
 - 36 Equipped
 - 40 Male cat
 - 42 Rocks
 - 51 ___ Plains, IL
 - 53 First name in cartoon skunks
 - 55 First game
 - 57 Bargains
 - 58 Political doers
 - 59 Intro
 - 60 Straw bed
 - 64 Letters on love letters
 - 68 Chunk of fairway
 - 71 European fish
 - 74 Feels sorry for
 - 76 Way around
 - 78 Jug handle
 - 80 Fermenting tanks
 - 83 Hoarse sound
 - 85 Audible breath
 - 87 Avalanche org.
 - 88 Old French coin
 - 89 Impediment
 - 91 Butt
 - 92 April 15 org.

CLASSIC PERFORMANCES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fisherman's hook
 - 5 Finish line
 - 9 SAT section
 - 13 Unicellular critter (var.)
 - 18 Curved molding
 - 19 Speak pompously
 - 21 Muse of history
 - 22 Is worthy of
 - 23 Bear in the sky
 - 24 Dracula
 - 26 "Lara ___: Tomb Raider"
 - 27 Time out
 - 28 Map dir.
 - 29 Falco or McClurg
 - 30 ___-than-thou
 - 31 Lawman's aide
 - 33 Imperial
 - 35 Greek letter
 - 37 ___ podrida
 - 38 Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
 - 39 Nick Charles
 - 42 Venus's sister
 - 44 Bow-stern connection
 - 45 Paper fastener
 - 46 Wapiti
 - 47 Common moths
 - 49 Souped-up car
 - 50 Miss Piggy self-referentially
 - 53 Delights
 - 55 Drug addiction
 - 56 Do ghost work
 - 58 Pucker-inducing
 - 59 Saturn model
 - 60 Mystique
 - 61 Kidder of "Superman"
 - 62 The Penguin
 - 67 Not finish a sentence?
 - 70 Elemental unit
 - 71 Time off work: abbr.
 - 72 Circle segments
 - 76 Saw point
 - 77 Better trained
 - 79 Expensive wrap
 - 81 Psychic's letters
 - 82 Vitiate
 - 84 Martyred archbishop of Canterbury
 - 85 Pinup's leg
 - 86 Jimmy Carter's birthplace
 - 87 Beer ingredient
 - 88 Aden native
 - 90 Sherlock Holmes
 - 94 Rump
 - 95 Spooky-sounding lake
 - 96 African antelope
 - 97 Cow feature
 - 99 Gary of "Prick up Your
- DOWN**
- Ears"
 - 104 Withdraw formally
 - 104 Eleven's numerals
 - 105 Just as I suspected!
 - 107 Potion portion
 - 108 Setting of "Lost in Translation"
 - 109 Peter Pan
 - 112 Butterfingers' exclamation
 - 113 Burstyn of "The Exorcist"
 - 114 Land measure
 - 115 Enchilada amount?
 - 116 Sandy particles
 - 117 Feats
 - 118 Spinks or Uris
 - 119 Paris airport
 - 120 Parts of a min.
 - 1 Natural drinking vessel
 - 2 See eye to eye
 - 3 Davy Crockett
 - 4 Prominent aspect
 - 5 Spider-man
 - 6 God of war
 - 7 More pallid
 - 8 LAX posting
 - 9 Montreal university
 - 10 Cosmetic additive
 - 11 "___ the season..."
 - 12 ___ polloi
 - 13 Exxon competitor
 - 14 Chandler's private eye
 - 15 French star
 - 16 Came to pass
 - 17 Stellar
 - 20 Mournful poems
 - 25 Morris or Stewart of Arizona
 - 30 River horse
 - 32 Melodies
 - 34 Decorative jugs
 - 35 Page of music
 - 36 Agent 86
 - 40 Line on a weather map
 - 41 So last year
 - 42 Clan division
 - 43 Singer Fitzgerald
 - 44 New Hampshire city
 - 48 Rum drink
 - 49 Seraglio
 - 50 Kisser
 - 51 Lennon's Yoko
 - 52 Morticia's cousin
 - 54 Awaiting the pitch
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 - 57 Enlightened Buddhist
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Diagramless

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 B R I D E G R O O M S
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 A very nervous woman kept having the macabre feeling she was a clock because she felt so wound up all day.



AtTheMovies

An unexpectedly exceptional journey

'The Hobbit' pays off with patience

By Zak Hansen
Las Cruces Bulletin

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," the first of Peter Jackson's three-part film adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's 1937 novel "The Hobbit," finally saw release this past weekend, nearly a decade after the release of the final film of his "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Fans, detractors, critics and casual audiences alike have waited to see how Jackson's new film stands up against the critically adored and commercially successful "Lord of the Rings" saga, and now they have the chance.

I'll be honest – and I may lose a few friends in the process – but I wasn't a huge fan of the first films. They were good, yes, but to appreciate them in their entirety, which included extended editions of the films that topped the four-hour mark, in addition to hours upon hours of supplemental material, I just couldn't spare the 15 hours of my life. When I saw them, I was thoroughly engaged and entertained, but never felt the need to, say, have a sunrise-to-sunset marathon, as many of my peers did.

Going into this film, then, I admit I had modest expectations. I try to ignore the babble, but alas, it was unavoidable: I heard it was overly long. I heard it was paced horribly. I heard it was pretty much just three hours of



Gollum, nee Smeagol, played by Andy Serkis, still loves his "Precious" in Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," now playing at Allen Theatres.

walking.

I can say, thankfully, that only the third may be true – and that isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" is long – nearly 169 minutes – and is paced more like, well, a novel, that woefully under-appreciated medium, rather than a typical Hollywood blockbuster. And yes, the sheer number of paces taken by the characters in this movie may rival any that have come before – including the "Lord of the Rings" films. What this all means, of course, is that you may have to endure extended periods of time

(up to 40 minutes) between bone-crunching fights, frittered away on those increasingly needless elements of narrative, character development, location, setting and emotional complexity. Heck, you may have to just sit back and enjoy the scenery for a bit before someone hits a goblin with a war hammer.

If you have the Adderall-added attention span of many of today's moviegoers, who grew up bottle fed on the "films" of Michael Bay, well, maybe you should sit this one out.

"The Hobbit" takes patience. A great deal of it. But if by some miracle you have the wherewithal to devote three whole hours of your time to just one thing (sarcasm translates poorly to the written word), you just might enjoy this film, whether or not you know the difference between Sauron and Smaug.

The story, for the uninitiated, follows the Hobbit Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), happily lazing away his days in solitude in his Hobbit hole. One day, he's visited by the wizard Gandalf (Ian McKellan), who attempts to recruit him for an undisclosed adventure. Baggins refuses and is left once again in his hole.

That is until a number of dwarves show up, led by Thorin Oakenshield, and start to party – food, wine and lots of drunken singing – much to Baggins' chagrin. They hope to enlist the Hobbit as a burglar on their cross-Middle Earth trek to reclaim Oakenshield's family riches that were taken by the

evil dragon Smaug.

Got all that? You may think so, but don't worry, director Jackson will prove you wrong. The film dives into back-story every, oh, 20 minutes or so, to catch the audiences up on the shockingly complete universe Tolkien created almost 80 years ago. Pay attention, or you may not be able to tell the difference between, say, Thorin and Thrór Oakenshield.

None of this requires any real knowledge of the LOTR universe, nor does it demand much intellectually from the audience; it just requires more than a lot of big-budget slop.

The action sequences are impressively staged and surprisingly brutal. The fight inside Goblin Town (guess who lives there) near the close of the film is one of the more exciting action sequences I've seen in some time. If you're willing to stay focused in the time between them, they're all the better.

The real standout for me character-wise is Andy Serkis' reprisal of his role as Gollum, the Precious-obsessed creature driven mad by the power of the One Ring. Though many of his expressions are CGI-enhanced, Serkis really outdoes himself in this film. It just takes a few hours to get there.

Which brings us to the chief complaint voiced about the film: It's simply too much walking. Yes, they take a ton of steps, and

steps in-and-of themselves aren't as interesting as say, an orc riding some kind of giant hyena-beast chasing down a cadre of dwarves and a wizard.

It's not the steps they take in Jackson's film that matter – it's where they take them.

The settings, as anyone familiar with the other LOTR films, are truly stunning. From the mountains and waterfalls of the Elven outpost Rivendell, to Erebor, the underground fortress and Dwarven treasure hoard, Jackson's camera soars and plummets, drifts in the wind, studying every inch of the terrain. The landscapes and locales are beautiful, if you can get over the fact that you may have to wait a few extra minutes to see more dwarf-on-goblin violence.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" stands up in the canon of LOTR films, although it's unlikely to win over many new converts. If you're opposed to the idea of focusing on one story (that doesn't involve drift racing, spooky child ghosts or drug cartels) for nearly three hours, it won't be your cup of chamomile. If you're a fan of the series, rabid or casual, though, you'll likely leave the theater satisfied.

“ You may have to just sit back and enjoy the scenery for a bit before someone hits a goblin with a war hammer. ”

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Film Review

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" is a lengthy but rewarding return to Middle Earth.

Grade **A**

THE HOBBIT

Rated: PG-13

Running Time: 169 minutes

Starring: Martin Freeman, Ian McKellan

Directed By: Peter Jackson

AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

Skyfall

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: James Bond returns to investigate an attack on M16 by former operative Raoul Silva, but this time the stakes are personal.

Starring: Daniel Craig, Javier Bardem

Director: Sam Mendes



Life of Pi

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



Here Comes the Boom

Rated: PG

Plot Overview: A high school biology teacher looks to become a successful mixed martial arts fighter in an effort to raise money to prevent extra-curricular activities from being axed.

Starring: Kevin James, Salma Hayek

Director: Frank Corac



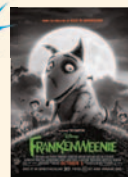
Frankenweenie

Rated: PG

Plot Overview: Young Victor conducts a science experiment to bring his beloved dog Sparky back to life, only to face unintended, sometimes monstrous, consequences.

Starring: Winona Ryder, Catherine O'Hara

Director: Tim Burton



Wreck-It Ralph

Rated: PG

Plot Overview: Ralph is a video game villain who turns his back on being the "bad guy" and tries to become a hero.

Starring: John C. Reilly, Jack McBrayer

Director: Rich Moore



Rise of the Guardians

Rated: PG

Plot Overview: The Nightmare King threatens to cover the world in darkness, so the Guardians join together with Jack Frost to stop him.

Starring: Jude Law, Hugh Jackman

Director: Peter Ramsey



Lincoln

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: "Lincoln" depicts the president's last months in office as he attempts to end the Civil War and reunite the country.

Starring: Daniel Day Lewis, Tommy Lee Jones

Director: Steven Spielberg



Red Dawn

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: When Spokane, Wash., is invaded by a foreign army, a group of young people band together to defend their hometown.

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck

Director: Dan Bradley



Paranormal Activity 4

Rated: R

Plot Overview: A family witnesses strange and terrifying events when a mysterious woman and child move in down the street.

Starring: Katie Featherston, Brady Allen

Directors: Henry Joos, Ariel Schulman



Playing for Keeps

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A romantic comedy about a down-on-his-luck soccer star who comes home to pick up the pieces of his former life.

Starring: Gerard Butler, Jessica Biel

Director: Gabriele Muccino



Breaking Dawn II

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: The final chapter in the wildly successful Twilight Saga follows Bella as she begins her life as a vampire and a mother, and an ancient clan declares war on the Cullens.

Starring: Robert Pattison, Kristen Stewart

Director: Bill Condon



The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: Bilbo Baggins is sent on a quest by Gandalf the Grey to retake the Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor, long under the control of the dragon Smaug.

Starring: Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman **Director:** Peter Jackson



This is 40

Rated: R

Plot Overview: In this sort-of sequel to "Knocked Up," Pete and Debbie continue to make their uncertain way through the struggles of family and marriage.

Starring: Paul Rudd, Leslie Mann **Director:** Judd Apatow

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Jack Reacher

Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A former Army officer turned drifter is recruited by a defense attorney to investigate a ruthless Russian killer.

Starring: Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

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Guilt Trip

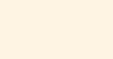
Rated: PG-13

Plot Overview: A struggling inventor brings his overbearing mother on a cross-country road trip while he tries to sell his creation.

Starring: Seth Rogen, Barbra Streisand

Director: Anne Fletcher

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Monsters, Inc. 3D

Rated: G

Plot Overview: Sully and Mike are followed back from their child-scaring duties by a precocious child, and then exiled to her world.

Starring: Billy Crystal, John Goodman

Directors: Peter Docter, Andrew Silverman

OPENS FRIDAY, DEC. 21



New this week on DVD

Tuesday, Dec. 25

The Words

Rated: R

Genre: Drama

Starring: Bradley Cooper, Zoe Saldana

Directors: Brian Klugman, Lee Sternthal

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Looper

Rated: R

Genre: Science Fiction

Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis

Director: Rian Johnson

Cosmopolis

Rated: R

Genre: Drama

Starring: Robert Pattinson, Juliette Binoche

Director: David Cronenberg

Little Birds

Rated: R

Genre: Drama

Starring: Juno Temple, Leslie Mann

Director: Elgin James

Top Grossing Dec. 14-16

- 1 **The Hobbit** (Week No. 1)
\$84,775,000
- 2 **Rise of the Guardians** (Week No. 4)
\$7,420,000
- 3 **Lincoln** (Week No. 6)
\$7,244,000
- 4 **Skyfall** (Week No. 6)
\$7,000,000
- 5 **Life of Pi** (Week No. 4)
\$5,400,000
- 6 **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part II** (Week No. 5)
\$5,175,000
- 7 **Wreck-It Ralph** (Week No. 7)
\$3,273,000
- 8 **Playing for Keeps** (Week No. 2)
\$3,247,000
- 9 **Red Dawn** (Week No. 4)
\$2,394,000
- 10 **Silver Linings Playbook** (Week No. 5)
\$2,084,000

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To shoe or not to shoe?



Katharine Lark Chrisley
Stable Woman

The horse's hoof is a remarkable structure. It carries the weight of a thousand pound animal and is at the end of a single digit that makes up the horse's leg. It is as if the horse walks, trots and canters on four "fingers."

The hooves are designed to expand and remain flexible as the horse "loads" them with his weight, and then releases the pressure with each stride. The internal structure is composed of intricate little bones that need to be in alignment to support the leg and maintain soundness.

Ideally, horses should be kept barefoot whenever possible to allow the expansion of the hooves and to keep the V-shaped "frog" connecting with the ground with each stride. That frog helps keep the blood pumping back up the horse's leg.

Because the hooves grow continuously, the horse that is not active enough to wear them down (as would happen in a wild, natural situation), will need the hooves trimmed and cared for when growth becomes long or uneven. If the horse wears the hooves too quickly or is working on rocky ground, some sort of protection is needed.

A hoof professional is needed for the trimming and "shoeing" of horses' hooves. Metal horseshoes have been commonly used to protect the hoof and are "hung" onto the insensitive hoof wall with nails. For decades they have been the accepted method – but modern hoof science is recognizing the possible ill effects of the unyielding metal shoe and the damage done by nails. It is often the "lesser of two evils" when a working horse is on damaging footing and the bruising it would cause would be much worse than the shoe's affect.

There is also the alternative of "hoof boots." With literally dozens of possibilities, the boot replaces the shoe by being strapped on the well-trimmed hoof for protection. It can be removed when the horse is not being ridden which allows the hoof to expand and get air. Boots can be really important for injuries and treatments as well.

If your horse is not ridden hard and is on soft ground, shoeing him would likely be a detriment to his hoof health. Proper trimming that aligns the hoof angle to the horse's shoulder and pastern angle

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Filling a gap in services

MECA grows with the community

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Starting small can have a big payoff. For Jeff Flores and Roberta Martinez-Flores, this couldn't be more accurate.

Twelve years ago, the couple started MECA Therapies, a New Mexico-based company that focuses on pediatric therapy services from birth to 21 years old. MECA's services strive to bridge the gap that some nonprofits are unable to fill due to age limitations. By working together, MECA and organizations providing similar services, such as Tresco TOTS and Aprendamos, can ensure that children in Southern New Mexico have access to the therapeutic services they need.

Some services are unable to provide therapy to children from 4 years old until they begin kindergarten. That gap in services, Martinez-Flores said, can negatively impact a child's progress, that's where MECA steps in, by filling that gap and allowing children to continue their services.

"Fifteen years ago, we started out of our house," Flores said. "We converted our porch into an office. There were five of us. Today, we have 120 employees."

Those 120 employees cover Doña Ana, Lee, Curry, Roosevelt and Quay counties providing services such as speech, physical occupational therapy and special instruction. They also provide aquatic therapy, access to a pediatric outpatient facility and partner with New Mexico State University to provide access to Hippotherapy, therapy that involves working with horses.

"We also have other components – nutrition, service coordination and family therapy," Martinez – Flores said.

Both Flores and Martinez-Flores bring years of experience to their business, and understand the importance of the services they provide. Martinez-Flores is a speech and language pathologist and has a background in administrative work. Flores worked as a special education teacher with an emphasis in early



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

MECA Therapies CEO and Co-owner Jeff Flores and Executive Vice President and co-owner Roberta Martinez-Flores pose together in one of the waiting areas of their business. The couple grew their pediatric therapies company of five employees to 120 in six counties.

childhood and has a business background.

"There is a large need in the community," Martinez-Flores said.

"Health care, in general, has changed significantly," Flores said. "One of the biggest changes is that there is a sense of community in terms of taking care of our kids and, more than ever, how families and companies like ours work together."

MECA Therapies services are free, and the business is state and federally funded through the Family Infant Toddler Program.

"(Companies and organizations like ours) share a common goal of giving our children all

the support they need to maximize their fullest potential," Flores said.

It is important to provide children at a young age with therapies needed to correct delays so they don't develop into a larger issue down the road and interfere with their education.

"We see a big difference with the early childhood program," Martinez-Flores said. "We see the successes. Many don't need to continue services beyond the age of 3. But, we have children who have significant delays who need to receive services their entire life."

The couple said their emphasis isn't only on

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Meeting the demand for dance

Studio adds ballroom, jazz, modern and more

By **Lorena Sanchez**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With growth comes opportunity.

Although Las Cruces Fitness and Dance opened in July, it has already seen an increase in clientele.

"I think people have realized this is an intimate setting, it's less intimidating," said Kristie Garcia, co-owner and instructor. "They want more one-on-one attention."

With the success Las Cruces Fitness and Dance has received, it had the opportunity to address some of the requests from the regular clientele and beginning in January 2013 will offer more dance classes for children, teens and adults.

"We've been fortunate to bring on some quality instructors from New Mexico State

University, from professional companies to teach kids and adults," Garcia said.

When the studio first opened, its focus was mostly on fitness, now, there's the opportunity to not only get children active in a creative way, but adults, as well.

"You're never too young or old to dance," Garcia said. "Sometime exercise is challenging (for adults) because they have to have the time. This is a way for them to enjoy it. A way to move the body and be active."

The same principal applies to children, Garcia said. Dance is one way to get kids who may not be interested in sports active in a creative, artistic way.

"People don't typically associate dance and fitness, but you do get a workout," Garcia said.

Beginning in the new year, swing and latin

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Las Cruces Fitness and Dance photo

Anne Bishop joins Las Cruces Fitness and Dance teaching the creative movement dance class for 4 to 9 years old.

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A celebration of thanks at the American Red Cross open house

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Rebecca Sellars, director of development at the American Red Cross of Southwestern New Mexico, presents a certificate of appreciation to Allen and Dinah Downs Wednesday, Dec. 12 during the American Red Cross of Southwestern New Mexico open house.



Deborah Ivey stands in front of the blanket she made in a traditional Red Cross pattern from the World War I era, which she donated to the center.



Dinah and Allen Downs receive a certificate of appreciation for their volunteer work on the new renovations and maintenance to the Red Cross building.



Local American Red Cross disaster responder Dinah Downs, housing and feeding expert Jim Ivey and national disaster responder David Freedman mingle during the open house.



American Red Cross volunteer Deborah Ivey speaks with New Mexico State University aquatic instructors Michelle Mason and Sasha Garcia.



The American Red Cross of Southwestern New Mexico held an open house to thank their volunteers and community for their support.

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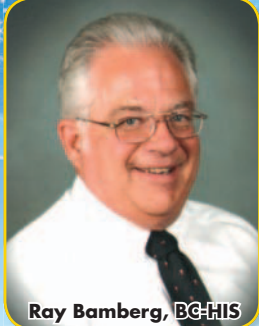
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TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 381

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the main room.

For more information, call 523-6240.

TOPS MEETING CHAPTER 219

Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 219 meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. This support group assists members in achieving and maintaining healthy weight loss goals.

For location information, call Doris Fields at 524-7461.

ART OF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

Art of Recovery, a support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mondays and Wednesdays at The Bridge, 2511 Chaparral St.

The group matches those in need of support with volunteers to help build bonds, share experiences and create arts and crafts to sell in a supportive environment.

For more information, call Kathy or David at 522-6404 or email bridge@nmsu.edu.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step, spiritual program for those with a desire to stop eating compulsively. There are no fees. The program meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door.

Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684.

GLBTQ CENTER OFFERS SUPPORT

The Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St., provides a variety of groups and services for Las Cruces' gay, lesbian, bisexual,

transgender and questioning community.

For more information, call 635-4902, email info@newmexicoglbtccenters.org or visit www.newmexicoglbtccenters.org.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

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.

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 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.

HATHA YOGA

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

MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., offers T'ai Chi Chih sessions taught by Rose J. Alvarez-Diosdado 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.

Sessions are taught in the Women's Resource Room, and 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 505-359-5256 or 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

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 Enchanted Park, 1000 Coyote Trail, and from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave. Donations are accepted.

For more information, call 522-0011 or 640-7614.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more

information, contact Solomon at 522-5350 or wildyoga@yahoo.com.

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 on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer Care, a support ministry for anyone in the community affected by cancer: patients, survivors, family, friends and care givers, meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., Room 9. Newcomers are welcome.

For more information, call

Betty Harris at 524-3994 or University United Methodist Church or 522-8220.

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.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

If you drink, that's your business. If you want to stop drinking and can't, that's ours.

For more information including a schedule of meetings, call 527-1803.

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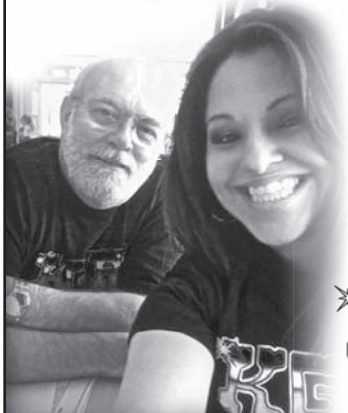
A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are asked to join.

There is no cost to participate. For more information, call 528-3301.

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People needed for health fund evaluations committee

County now accepting applications

Doña Ana County is now accepting applications for individuals interested in evaluating external agency health-services funding applications.

Members selected will serve on the committee for three consecutive years, beginning in fiscal year 2013-14.

The committee will assist Doña Ana County in evaluating collaborative proposals under funding priorities for countywide maternal child health and parenting education and promotion services.

To be considered, each applicant must submit a current résumé in addition to the application. Applicants who meet the following Health Fund External Agency Evaluation Committee criteria will be considered:

- Applicant cannot be a current member of the Health and Human Services Alliance.
- Applicant cannot be associated with, employed by (or related to an employee who is) an agency that has received funding from Doña Ana County in the past two years, or is applying for funding in the current year.
- Must be a resident of Doña Ana County for at least three years.
- Demonstrate familiarity with the health care system and/or services in Doña Ana County.

- Applicant must not have served on an evaluation committee for three consecutive years.

Prior to public recommendations to the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, each applicant selected to the evaluation committee will be required to:

- Attend a training orientation
- Sign a conflict of interest form
- Read all proposals (individually to include a weekend or from Friday to Monday)
- Score each of the proposals individually
- Meet a minimum of three times to discuss scoring/funding and strength/weakness, to be done in a group setting facilitated by Doña Ana County staff

- Attend a Doña Ana County Board of County Commissioners meeting

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners will appoint the evaluation committee from among the qualified applicants.

Applications can be downloaded from the county website, www.donaanacounty.org/health. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Jan. 23, 2013.

Applications can be sent to Stacey Madson, Contracts Coordinator, Doña Ana County Purchasing Department, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dance

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ballroom dance will be open to all ages. Hip-hop and jazz will also be available to teens and adults. Children from 4 to 12 years old also have the opportunity to take hip-hop, modern dance, ballet and creative movement.

"You don't have to bring a partner, you can learn with whoever's here," Garcia said.

Garcia, who has a background in dance, is eager to see the response to these new dance classes.

"As a dance student, you take classes to learn how to teach dance," Garcia said. "We are providing a venue for students to have practical experience (teaching dance)."

There is also some news on the fitness side of things.

Joe Garcia, co-owner of the studio, will begin working with local athletes on an individual or partner to improve their performance. He is a speed, agility and quickness coach.

The studio will also be adding evening and early morning classes to accommodate work schedules. Classes offered will include pilates, body conditioning and core strength.

For more information, call 496-1250.

Beginning in January 2013 the following classes will be offered:

Ballroom classes:

Eight-class sessions

Instructors Ariel Freilich and Zachary Pohl

Session I: Swing, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays (all ages), from Jan. 23 through March 20.

Session II: Latin, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays (all ages), from April 3 through May 22

The fee for each 8-class ballroom session above is \$50. The per-class drop-in fee is \$10.

All of the 16-class sessions listed below



are \$100 for the entire session. The per-class drop-in fee is \$10.

Hip-Hop:

Instructor Jermy Edmonson

Session I: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Fridays (age 12 to adult), from Jan. 14 through March 15

Session II: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Fridays (ages 7 to 9), from April 1 through May 24.

Creative Movement:

Instructor Anne Bishop

10:30 to 11:20 a.m. Saturdays (ages 4 to 6) from Jan. 19 through May 18
11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Saturdays (ages 7 to 9) from Jan. 19 through May 18

Modern:

Instructor Colette Kerwick

1 to 2 p.m. Saturdays (ages 9 to 12), from Jan. 19 through May 18

Ballet:

Instructors Colette Kerwick and Sara Jackiewicz

2 to 3 p.m. Saturdays (ages 9 to 12), from Jan. 19 through May 18

Jazz:

Instructor Sara Jackiewicz

3 to 4 p.m. Saturdays (teen to adult), from Jan. 19 through May 18

MECA

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the children but "reinforcing that parents are the best teachers for their kids, and help parents tap into that," Flores said.

Both owners also note their Hispanic, family-owned business as a factor that makes their company unique along with their skilled staff.

"We get commended for our dedicated,

skilled staff," Martinez-Flores said. "We have longevity with our staff. It's not about the quantity of staff, but the quality."

This year MECA Therapies also received the honor of being named business of the month from the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces.

As a pediatric-focused company, MECA's therapeutic services cover home and community including early childhood, developmental disabilities waiver and an outpatient clinic.

December is _____ Month

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F.Y.I.

Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Choking is a particular risk for kids ages 3 or younger.

The most important thing a parent can do is to supervise play.

Some general rules:

- Toys made of fabric should be labeled as flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Stuffed toys should be washable.
- Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint.

- Art materials should say nontoxic.
- Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- Steer clear of older toys, even hand-me-downs from friends and family. The toys may be so worn from play that they can break and become hazardous.
- Make sure a toy isn't too loud for your child. The noise of some rattles, squeak toys, and musical or electronic toys can be as loud as a car horn can contribute to hearing damage.

Sources: www.nationalwellness.org, <http://healthfinder.gov>, <http://kidshealth.org>



Katie McGinn leaves for a trial ride on mare Penny. Penny is prepared for the ride, wearing hoof boots, an alternative to horseshoes.

Shoe

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while keeping the underside intact and the external "wall" of the hooves rasped on a bevel to prevent chipping, will be all that is necessary for him. If the hooves are not wearing down, the trimming will need to be done every four to eight weeks.

The horse that is shod (wearing shoes) will need those shoes removed and the hooves trimmed, then shoes replaced every four to eight weeks as well because the hoof cannot wear down. The shod hoof will hold debris more than the bare hoof and will

need daily observation and care.

We are fans of the bare hoof and hoof boots at Dharmahorse. There are also glue-on shoes, composite plastic shoes, hoof wraps and hoof pads to put into boots for cushioning. Your hoof professional can advise you on these.

Katharine Chrisley is a lifelong horse-woman, equine specialist, instructor and trainer who owns and operates Dharmahorse, a company based upon simple training methods and natural healing for horses and the people who love them. Her "Stable Women Program" connects women and horses. For more information, visit www.dharmahorse.org.

In the spirit of the holidays at the Breakfast with Santa for CCC of SNM

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Volunteer Sophia Musman from Oñate High School sits and draws with Seven Caretto, 3, during Breakfast with Santa Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Calvary Baptist Church.



Santa asked Jasal Holguin, 4, what she wanted for Christmas. "A Dora rocking chair," Holguin said.

Isaiah Arzabal, 11, and Jasal Holguin, 4, sit with Santa and Mrs. Claus for a photo Saturday morning during Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces and Calvary Baptist Church.



The event was in support of the Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico. Not only was breakfast served, but photos were taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and there were activities for the children and balloon animals.



Mayfield High School football players Philip Ely and Isaiah Lerman volunteered Saturday morning during the breakfast, which included pancakes, sausage and drinks.


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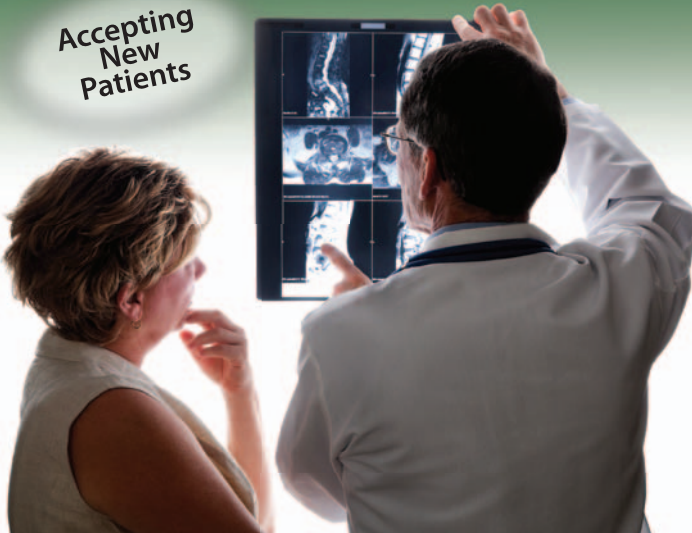


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By **Jake Sims**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"It takes a lot of commitment," Jeff Hollenbeck said.

Now that the Coalition for Pets & People has dramatically stepped up the drive to make our community "No Kill," all its members are building up their cadre of volunteers and fosters.

Once again, we are learning from the other cities and counties that launched comprehensive life-saving programs. Places like Washoe County, Nev. where their volunteer group grew from 30 in 2007 to more than 1,300 by 2012. Their kill rate dropped 51 percent for dogs and 52 percent for cats.

Saving lives is heavily dependent on active and committed volunteers. There is a wide range of jobs that need to be done and just about every organization has a wish list for volunteers.

Action Programs For Animals (APA): APA operates a pet food bank to help out people who are having difficulty buying food for their pets. The effort requires people to physically handle containers for storage and to deliver the supply.

APA also needs assistance with fund raising, client contacts and soliciting supplies for the

pet food bank.

In May, APA took on the added job of rescuing animals from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV). To date, they have taken out 53 cats and 107 dogs for a total of 162 animals rescued and fostered. The group also took on placement of about 30 dogs brought in by the public, and 10 from the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office court-held pets. Valina Hamilton, APA's foster coordinator stressed that, "without foster homes to place them in, we would not have been able to save that many animals."

APA does regular offsite adoption events and is in need of volunteers willing to help walk the dogs, show the cats and talk with the visitors. For more information or to volunteer, call Hamilton at 621-5994.

ASCMV: The shelter has need for a whole range of volunteers, including 50 dog walkers at the shelter and offsite adoption events; caretakers for the cats and kittens at their permanent adoption site inside Pet's Barn; and Saturday adoptions at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.

ASCMV has as a high priority increasing the number of foster homes for its foster home program. Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock said the shelter could use 50 more foster homes.

This area of volunteering pays off in im-



Nikki, Jeff and Corey Hollenbeck hold their recently acquired shelter foster puppies Honey Bun, Amaya, Comet and Vixen from the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. The Hollenbecks have been fostering shelter dogs since they moved to the area three years ago from Las Vegas, Nev. In those three years, the family has fostered more than 20 dogs, and own four or their own. Nikki Hollenbeck, who cares for the dogs during the day with help from Corey, recommends anyone interested in fostering should start with older animals before taking on puppies and kittens, which require more care.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Lorena Sanchez

mediate life saving since pets can be taken out of harms way quickly placed in a safe environment where they can live until adopted.

For more information, call 382-0018.

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM): HSSNM operates the cat and kitten adoption center at PetSmart, among many other activities they are always looking for more volunteers to join. The Humane Society is also engaged in an extensive spay and neuter project in Chaparral, where several volunteers are needed.

For more information, call Frank Bryce at 523-8020.

Coalition for Pets & People: The Coalition

needs volunteers to serve on the special interest committees, help with spay and neuter clinics, work to develop a data system to guide the Coalition and its members in setting priorities, marketing and internet uses, to name a few.

For more information, visit www.zeroin7.org.

The opportunity to transform a major aspect of a community in a short time is rare. Remember, a mighty undertaking is not fulfilled by one grand act, but is the result of a mass of small achievements.

Any time you can commit even one hour, do it.

Holiday Pet Safety Tips

- **O Christmas Tree:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water – which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset – from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.
- **Tinsel-less town:** Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.
- **No feasting for the furrries:** Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- **Forget the Mistletoe and Holly:** Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.
- **Leave the leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends.
- **That holiday glow:** Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out.
- **Wired up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth.
- **Put the meds away:** Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.
- **Careful with cocktails:** If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.
- **A room of their own:** Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.
- **New Year's noise:** As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and may cause damage to sensitive ears.

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Pets and People



The need is great, resources lacking Options for spaying and neutering



Jake Sims
Pet Connection

A key element of the No Kill Equation is low-cost spay and neuter on a massive scale. The Coalition for Pets & People has estimated that to significantly reduce intake at the shelter, there must be 1,000 spay and neuter surgeries a month. Compare this target of 12,000 surgeries per year to the current level of approximately 3,600 per year.

A consistent characteristic of the shelters all over the United States that are achieving "No Kill" status (90 percent or better live release) is a sharp decline in the intake of animals. This is largely due to widespread spay and neuter programs in the communities.

Not only is spaying and neutering effective in saving lives, it is also good business. According to the best data gathered, right now every dog and cat brought into the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley costs a staggering \$292. This includes the cost of operating the shelter and the city and county animal control functions. Compare this to the costs for spay and neuter being done by some of the community nonprofits:

Spay and Neuter Action Program (SNAP): Total number of spay and neuters through November was 1,056 at an average cost of \$57.52. If a surgery prevented just one animal from going to the shelter, there is a savings of \$234.48. This is not a far-fetched reasoning because this is just exactly what has been happening in those communities where the number of pets entering the shelter has declined.

SNAP uses a voucher system to help low-income pet owners care for their pets. The program is completely dependent on donations, grants and fundraisers to carry out its work.

For more information, visit www.snapnewmexico.org and click donate.

Big Kitty Fix (a program by the Coalition for Pets & People's Persian Team): Started in mid-2012, the team held seven clinics resulting in 187 cat spays/neuters at an average cost of approximately \$50. The program is scheduling 12 clinics in 2013 with a goal of 300 surgeries. This program is funded by private donations. For more information, visit <http://dacbigkittyfix.com>

Humane Society of Southern New Mexico (HSSNM): Using funds from a PetSmart grant targeted at the Chaparral area, 121 spay and neuters were performed in 2012.

Under the same grant, HSSNM is planning an additional 629 surgeries in 2013. In addition to grants, HSSNM depends on donations and fundraisers to accomplish its work. For more information, visit www.hssnm.org.

Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley (ASCMV): ASCMV is known as the local animal shelter. At the shelter, 1,944 spay and neuters were performed through November, with a target of 2,400 in 2013. ASCMV provides these services at a fee of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. While the overall operations of the shelter are taxpayer funded, they augment their services through donations.

For more information, visit www.ascmv.org.

Coalition for Pets & People-East Mesa Project: Using funds from a grant/service contract from Doña Ana County, the Coalition has targeted the East Mesa with a campaign to bring low- or no-cost spay and neuter services to this high-need area. As of Monday, Dec. 17, it has held three mobile clinics with 71 surgeries completed. There are currently 2013 clinics scheduled for Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and Feb 25, 2013. The Coalition also depends on donations to do its work.

For more information, visit www.zeroin7.org.

As a community, we have a challenge that requires the public's commitment. There is a target of 12,000 spay and neuter surgeries needed in 2013, to realize the goal of reducing shelter intake to a level that allows a 90



Owner George Babb hands his dog Daisy to volunteer Linda Hall during a free spay and neuter clinic Monday, Dec. 17, at the VFW Post 6917, off U.S. Highway 70. The clinic was organized by the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico and the Coalition for Pets and People. The only charge was an \$8 fee for vaccinations and a \$7 donation for a microchip.

percent, or better save rate. At the current number of approximately 3,600 spay and neuters for 2012, this year's goal is by 8,400 procedures. At an average estimated cost per surgery of \$50, (this assumes some costs covered by co-pays) we need \$420,000 to meet the challenge. The payoff from our success is hundreds of pets lives saved and potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars freed up for other purposes.

Jake Sims is the facilitator for Animal Welfare And Responsibility Education (AWARE). He is passionate about educating the public on animal welfare and lowering euthanization rates in Doña Ana County. Sims is a volunteer with the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley and part of the center's strategic planning committee. He is also part of the county's animal ordinances review committee. Sims can be reached at info@awaredac.com.

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Pet Briefs

A home for the holidays

All pets deserve to have a home to call their own for the holidays, and for those who wish to give a pet a home this weekend, it's easy and, best of all, free.

Anybody who adopts a pet from one of the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley, 3551 Bataan Memorial West, or from either of their two off-site adoption locations this weekend will have their adoption fee covered courtesy of the Doña Ana County Humane Society (DACHS), which is raising money for this event.

Off-site adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end of Main Street. Cats can be adopted from the

offices of the Center for Spiritual Living at the north end of Main Street, across from the site where the dog adoptions take place.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, adoptions also will be facilitated at Petco, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

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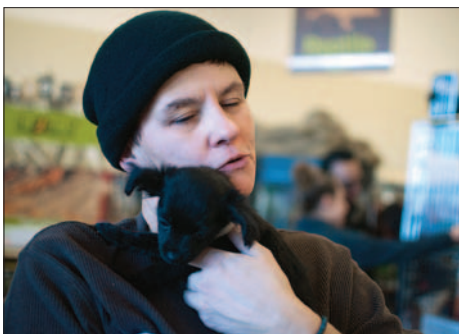
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Barbra Miller holds on to Killer.



Jerry Northcliff holds his newly adopted dog Friday, Nov. 27, at the Black Friday adoption at Petco. Northcliff will name his new pup Friday.

Morgan Kenzorski, 2, enjoys seeing the many pets available for adoption.



One of the first adopters, Michelle Brewer, nestles with her new dog, Bennie.



Primarily black dogs were available for adoption, not only in honor of the holiday, but to ensure they find a home. Black dogs have a more difficult time being adopted.



Nicole Klunder, office assistant at the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley, aids patrons with pet adoption paperwork.



A dog at the Black Friday adoption peers outside its cage for a potential adopter.

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A tree of giving



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Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces and volunteers stand around a tree of canned goods donated by the community Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Walmart on Walton Boulevard. Donations of canned food, nonperishable items and dry goods were being accepted Friday evening through Sunday for the Gospel Rescue Mission, El Caldito Soup Kitchen and Casa de Peregrinos. The Kiwanis Club of Las Cruces has sponsored the holiday drive for the past 10 years. Approximately 1,300 pounds of goods were donated at this year's event.

Health Briefs

Kickoff to help local cancer patients

The Southern New Mexico Cancer Patient Assistance Foundation is hosting a kickoff celebration for the foundation. The purpose of the foundation is to provide assistance to cancer patients, children and adults, through transportation, help with co-pays, supplies and more.

The fundraiser also will assist the foundation in receiving nonprofit status and providing the services the community's cancer patients are most in need of.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m. and a dance at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21, at the American Legion, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Entertainment will be provided by Phat Soul. Tickets are \$25.

For more information, call Yoli Diaz at 649-0598 or Leticia Soto at 650-2019.

100 percent pass rate for public health master's students

The New Mexico State University Department of Public Health Sciences has been informed that 100 percent of the public health students who took the Master Certified Health Education Specialist exam in April and October passed. Also, 80 percent of the undergraduate students who took the Certified Health Education Specialist exam passed. When these numbers are combined, 92.3 percent of NMSU students passed the CHES or MCHES. The national pass rate was 71.32 percent. These percentages are almost identical to the numbers reported to the department after the spring 2012 testing.

Students from 284 universities and colleges took the exam.

"Of course this is great news for those students, but it's a real testament to the dedication and emphasis on quality of instruc-

tion from our faculty. From a point of preparing students, I'll match my faculty to any program in the country – we're that good," said Dr. Mark Kittleson, academic department head.

La Casa in need of holiday gift donations

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- Perfume/cologne for teens and adults – both for women and men
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All gift donations need to be received by Monday, Dec. 24, and may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, at 800 S. Walnut St.

For more information, call 526-2819.

Celebrating Chanukah at Temple Beth-El

Photos by Temple Beth-El



Members of all ages prepare to light their Chanukiot (Chanukah Menorahs) at the beginning of the Temple Beth-El Chanukah Sabbath service Friday, Dec. 14.



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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Christmas service schedule for First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, includes 9:15 a.m. Spanish worship service Sunday, Dec. 23; 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Advent worship service Dec. 23; 4 p.m. informal family candlelight worship service Monday, Dec. 24; and 7 p.m. lessons and carols candlelight worship service Dec. 24. Child care will be provided during both Dec. 24 services.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., will hold

a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, and Christmas Day service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 522-7119.

CHRISTMAS AT EL CALVARIO

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St., invites the public to a Children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21. Gifts will be given to children ages 12 and younger who attend. The church will also hold a Christmas program at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Praise Sunday will be at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 30. For more information, call 524-1230.

CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING CELEBRATION

Wellspring Church will take its choir, minister and congregation to the Center for Spiritual Living, 575 N. Main St., for its holiday celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23. Rev. Sam Ritchey will speak on "The Power of Knowing." After the service, two Religious Science groups will hold a luncheon prepared by members of the center. For more information, call 647-2560.

UNITY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, invites the community to the following

Christmas services:

- 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 23: Fourth Sunday in Advent
 - 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24: Christmas candlelighting service
 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 30: Burning Bowl service
 - 10:30 a.m. Jan. 6, 2013: 12th Night, White Stone service
- For more information, visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Jan. 26, 2013, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Living Life as a Spiritual Exercise."

EL CALVARIO STUDIES

Paul Edwards will hold a series of studies on the Bible and immigration at 7 p.m. Wednesdays throughout January 2013 at El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N. Campo St. Members of the community are encouraged to attend. There is no charge. For more information, call 524-1230.

UNITY BOOK STUDY

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, holds a book study group from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays. The current book discussed is "The Third Jesus," by Deepak Chopra. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

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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SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

DIVORCECARE

Sonoma Springs Church, 3940 Sonoma Springs Ave., now offers an ongoing DivorceCare support ministry from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The ministry is devoted to helping people find support, healing and becoming whole again. Child care is available. For more information, call 526-4907.

OPEN SPIRITUAL GROUP

The Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE) Edgar Cayce Studies holds group meetings from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. The meetings are hosted by local chapter leader Linda Aragon and are open to the public. Anyone seeking spiritual study, knowledge and awareness is encouraged to attend. There is no fee. For more information and location, call 382-6400.

SATURDAY VESPERS

St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, located at the Kendrick Chapel at 518 N. Alameda Blvd., invites visitors and inquirers to Vespers at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. This evening service of prayer and praise is a good introduction to the Biblical foundation and spirituality of Eastern Orthodox Christianity and includes a sermon, occasionally with discussion afterward. For more information, visit <http://stanthontlc.org>.

KELP RADIO MINISTRY

Calvary Chapel Las Cruces hosts a radio ministry at 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on local station KELP 89.3 FM. The program features the ministry of Pastor Robert "Bob" Ortega Jr., as he teaches from the Word of God. For questions, comments or prayer regarding the program, call the church fellowship at 524-0985.



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Singing, fundraising at Phillips Chapel

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



Bobbie Green directs the New Mexico State University Gospel Choir at the Phillips Chapel Friday, Dec. 14. The concert was a fundraiser for the chapel, which is currently undergoing restoration.

Green sings "In all his glory" with Orlando Jimenez.



Volunteer and local musician John Hyndman speaks to the crowd about donating money for the restoration of Phillips Chapel.

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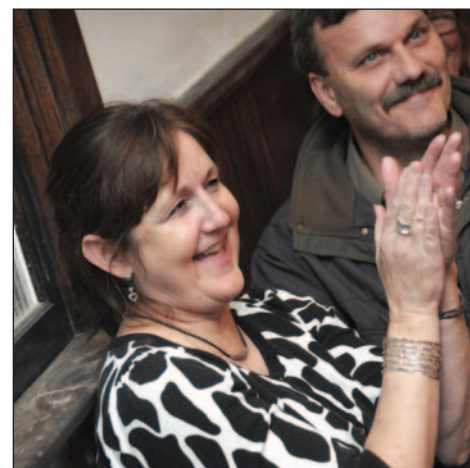
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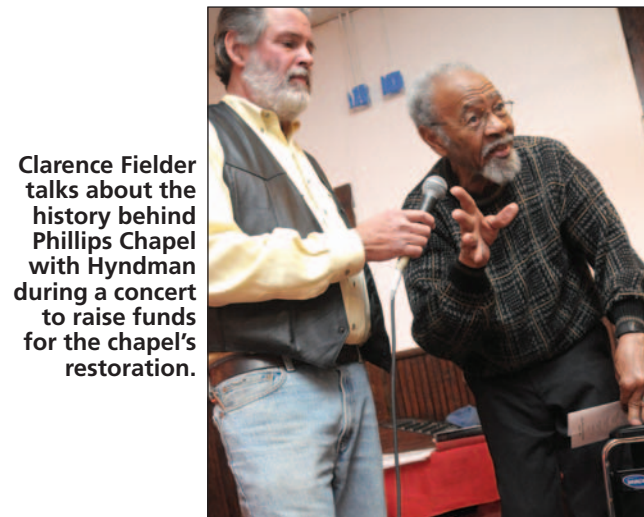
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City Councillor Migel Silva tips his hat to Jimenez after Jimenez donated money for the restoration of Phillips Chapel.



Las Cruces resident Dara Mathew claps for Clarence Fielder, whose grandfather, Daniel Fielder, built the chapel in 1917.



Clarence Fielder talks about the history behind Phillips Chapel with Hyndman during a concert to raise funds for the chapel's restoration.

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SPACE IN

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LARGE BACKYARD THE HIGHLIGHT OF FAMILY HOME

See featured home on pages E2-3

Featured home: 1141 Cave Springs Trail

Photos by Steve MacIntyre



The home at 1141 Cave Springs Trail, built in 2000, features approximately 2,700 square feet.



The fireplace features a kiva-inspired design.



The covered patio was extended, enhancing the outdoor opportunities.



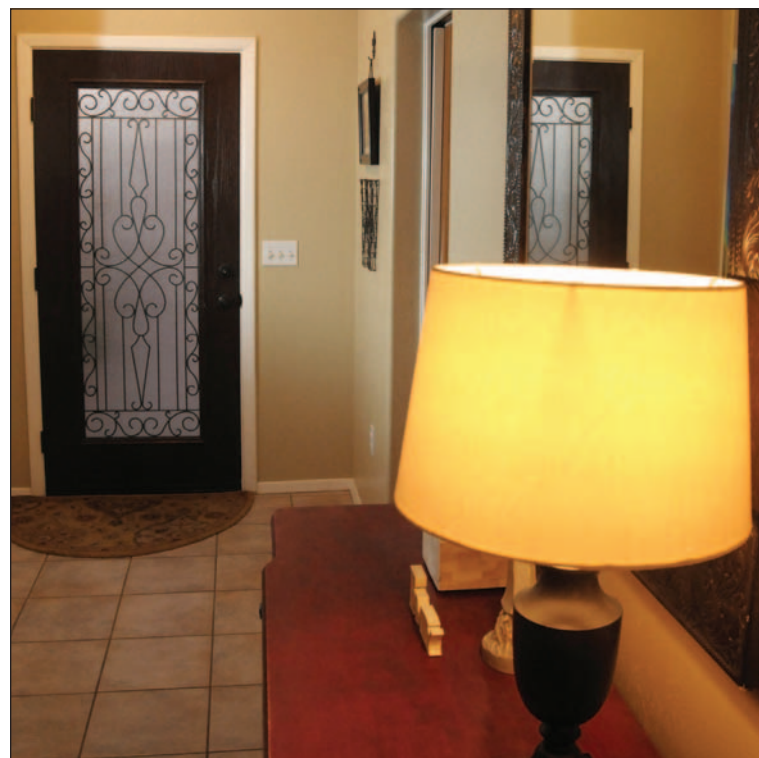
The formal dining room is separated from the rest of the house for privacy.



The master suite features a soothing color palette.



The appliances and granite countertops were added to the kitchen during a remodeling project a few years ago.



Beside the tile-lined entrance are two bonus rooms.



The large living room is the center of the home, which sits on .3-acre in Sonoma Ranch.

Putting the family into family home

Cave Springs Trail resident has one large backyard

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Scott and Melanie Watson were drawn to the Sonoma Ranch area for many of the same reasons other residents have made the neighborhood home – the convenient location, access to the golf course and picturesque landscaping.

What made the home at 1141 Cave Springs Trail stand out to the couple, however, was its larger-than-usual lot size.

“The main thing (we liked about the home) was the backyard,” Melanie Watson said. “It’s hard to find a lot that size in Sonoma Ranch.”

Located on a small cul-de-sac off Cave Springs Trail, the approximately 2,700-square-foot home sits on a .3-acre lot. Set up higher than the residences to the south, the lot features a scenic view of the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course – a popular feature for Scott Watson and his daughter – and the Organ Mountains.

The home’s façade features a pueblo style with a flagstone pathway leading past the rock landscaping and various plants to an arch enclosing a small courtyard.

Melanie Watson said the couple updated the courtyard of the home, which was built in 2000. In addition to laying more flagstone in the area, they also installed a fountain, creating a relaxing location to sit outdoors.

Inside, the home features a contemporary design with some Southwestern elements.

“It’s not completely Southwestern,”

Watson said. “There is a little bit, but it’s not completely overdone.”

Off the entrance are two bonus rooms. Great additions to the family home, the bonus rooms were used by the Watsons as a home office and game room for the kids.

At the center of the home is the living room. The tall ceiling adds openness to the room, a feeling that is continued thanks to the large sliding glass door to the back patio. In the corner is a kiva-inspired fireplace. Painted in a darker shade of tan, the fireplace stands out against the surrounding neutral-colored walls.

Off the living room is a hallway that leads to three of the home’s four bedrooms. While one is painted in white, the other bedrooms are brightly colored – one in blue and the other in pink.

Near the bedrooms is a full bath with two sinks set in a speckled granite countertop. The shower features detailed tile work. There also is a door to the side of the home. This was a convenient element for the Watson family, who had an above ground pool.

The living room opens to the kitchen. Melanie Watson said the couple redid the kitchen, installing new appliances and granite countertops, which feature a patch-like design in various earth tone shades.

The rich colors of the granite complement the dark cabinets, which contrast with the white tiled backsplash. These features of the kitchen are well lit, thanks to a window to the backyard and the track lighting on the ceiling.

Across the way of the kitchen is a buffet area, which was also updated by the Watsons. Above the granite countertops and dark wood cabinets are white shelves that extend to the ceiling.

A large arch outside the buffet area encloses the formal dining room. The separated space gives occupants privacy while allowing them to easily access other areas of the home.

Wood covers the floors, a departure from the tile found throughout the rest of the home. A wrought iron chandelier hangs in the room’s center, illuminating the space. The dining room also includes a door to the home’s three-car garage.

Down the hall is the master suite. The bedroom features a sage accent wall. A pocket door leads into the bathroom. A deep jetted bathtub is covered in tile as two travertine vessel sinks in speckled granite complete the room. Another pocket door shuts off the walk-in closet.

“The layout of the home (makes it special),” Watson said. “It’s a great family home.”

With the backyard being one of the highlights of the home, the Watsons made several improvements to the area, including adding more concrete to extend the patio and putting in a hot tub and fire pit as well as raised flowerbeds.

Grass covers the center of the yard while flagstone paths lead through the rock landscaping to various other features. A play set can be found next to tiered levels filled with a variety of plants.

Details

Featured home
1141 Cave Springs Trail

Square footage
Approximately 2,700

Acres
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Getting to know: *Dan Delaney*

A familiar face leads LCAR

Dan Delaney takes on presidency role for a second time

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In January 2013, the Las Cruces Association of Realtors will see a familiar face at the helm of the board of directors when Dan Delaney takes over as association president.

Delaney was born in El Paso, but quickly moved to Las Cruces, where he has lived for 36 years total, among various other places in the Southwest.

"You know the song, 'I've been everywhere man,' well, I've lived everywhere," he said. "I've lived in 17 cities in New Mexico, Texas and Arizona."

Delaney's father, Jerry, traded farms and ranches, which took the family to the Texas Panhandle and Oklahoma. He also had a career with the Bureau of Land Management, which brought the family to the Roswell area.

Delaney worked for the American Quarter Horse Association and spent his time traveling around the United States, Canada and Mexico.

"If it has an interstate through it, I've been to it," he said. "I kept maps of where I had been. ... I went through three or four atlases because the lines became muddled."

During his various journeys throughout North America, Delaney said he was searching for a place to call home.

"After 16 years, I couldn't find any place better than where I had come from," he said.

In 1993, Delaney moved back to the Mesilla Valley, and earned his real estate license and broker's license simultaneously.

"My daddy had his license and told me that if I worked the hours and as hard as my paying job, I would make twice as much money (in real estate)," he said. "And I did in the first year."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

Realtor Dan Delaney will take over the role of Las Cruces Association Realtors president for the second time in 2013.

Because of his background, he sold many farms and ranches. His relationship with the Cox family also brought about the opportunity to get into development.

"I've done 22 subdivisions," he said, adding that most of them were small, consisting of five to 15 lots. "Residential came naturally because

of my friends and family connections."

In 1997, he was asked to be president elect for LCAR and in 1998 he became president during a time when real estate was flat and the association wasn't seeing any growth.

"1998 was following a big run from 1993 to 1996," he said. "There was a correction phase from 1997 to 2001. It was similar to what it's like now, but without the recession."

During his first run as LCAR president, Delaney said they faced many of the same issues the association is seeing now, such as continuity, however, it allowed the new Realtor to learn some valuable lessons.

"It taught me that in real estate, there are a lot of different and valid opinions and beliefs," said Delaney, who served on nine committees, boards and councils at one time during his term.

At the beginning of the year, the new LCAR Board of Directors saw a sudden change in leadership, which resulted in the president elect position being vacant.

"They needed someone with past experience," Delaney said. "There was nobody on the board who wanted to move into that position mostly because they wanted more experience first."

That was when 2012 LCAR President Teri Camacho and board member Joe Arnone approached Delaney about taking another shot at president. While he was hesitant at first, Camacho assuaged Delaney's fears and

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- Parents Jerry and Erelene
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- Sister and brother-in-law Linda and Dan

he accepted the position.

"I decided it had been a dozen years since I had given back to the organization which I make my living from," he said. "I thought it was time to pay it back again."

"I have a real strong belief that you have a responsibility and obligation to give back to those organizations which you make a living or participate in."

For 2013, Delaney selected the theme "We Are Family."

"These have been some tough times for everyone involved, not just Realtors," he said, adding that remodelers, appraisers and other related industries have been affected by the housing market hit. "When times are tough, it's your family you lean on. I want to emphasize that we truly are a family."

Delaney said this atmosphere of support has already come back to the association, thanks to Camacho and her board of directors.

"The board is a bunch of very intelligent people who discuss things thoroughly and stick by their decisions," he said.

For 2013, the new LCAR Board of Directors outlined several goals they would like to accomplish, Delaney said.

"We're going to review all 10 of our committees and their functions," he said. "It's always good to review your committees' goals, evaluate those things that are working and

improve on them and maybe add some new goals."

In addition, the board will work to keep members at the forefront of technological advancements, streamline functions, stay active and involved in improving the quality of life in the community and make sure the association is financially strong.

"We want to be in a position that we can weather these storms," Delaney said.

“... in real estate, there are a lot of different and valid opinions and beliefs.”

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Must-have furniture pieces include the slipper chair and bench.



Don't forget the occasional chair, ottoman and loveseat.

Furniture must-haves

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Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

It's really hard to think of "forever" today.

We are also busy changing, moving and reinventing our style. Is there really such a thing as furniture that will stay with you throughout the years?

These five essential pieces center on seating. Maybe you don't have room for all five, but as you start investing in your home furnishings – and, by the way, it doesn't have to be big bucks that you invest – here are some pieces that give you flexibility and longevity wherever you live.

Invest in a small loveseat. For the best flexibility, don't get one bigger than 60 inches long. Alone or mixed with a sofa (it doesn't have to match), it can be moved to the end of a bed, a living room, a dining room or be the great beginnings of a great room or family room. If

you keep the color more neutral, it will move more easily.

For durability, it could be leather. Spike with colorful pillows or a throw and you have an essential piece that can last for years and years and move from place to place.

A small bench can be a workhorse. You can add color, character or an extra seat or two without taking up the space of a chair. It can fit in a foyer, a living room, pulled up to a dining room table, at the foot of your bed, under a sofa table to be pulled out when you need it depending on size.

If it's not a small bench, it could be an ottoman or two. Two ottomans can act as a cocktail table. If they have a lift lid or removable top, you have even more flexibility for storage, too. Small ottomans can be easily slipcovered to change the look without much investment.

Their size should be around 18 to 20 inches square if two ottomans are selected. If it is a bench, keep it in the range of 48 to 54 inches long and 16 to 18 inches deep.

An occasional chair is a great investment piece. It should be portable. In other words,

“As you invest in (must-have furniture pieces), think how you could use them in different rooms in the house.”



you should be able to easily pick it up and move it from place to place.

A perfect piece is usually carved or at least has wood arms and legs so it makes it easy to move around. Mine just happens to be in my office now and, depending on where I have lived, it has sat next to my fireplace in the living room, been in a corner of my bedroom, acted as a pull up chair in a formal living room and has given the cat a place to sit in an entry. Think flexibility. If you have a pair of them, they can be used together or split up.

A slipper chair is another piece that offers flexibility. What is a slipper chair? It is fully upholstered and armless. It doesn't take up much space. It shouldn't take up more than a 30-by-30-inch space.

Where can you use it, you ask? Use it in a



bedroom, living room, family room, dressing room and anywhere that a small armless fully upholstered chair could fit. If you have room, they could be in pairs flanking a fireplace or in a bedroom at the end of a bed. Push them together to form a small loveseat. Remember, they are armless.

Above are listed the upholstery that are staple pieces for your home. As you are investing in them, think how you could use them in different rooms in the house. Fabrics can be the same pallet of colors to make it easier to transfer from room to room.

Next time we will talk about another staple ... wood furniture pieces.

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.

High Range Neighborhood Association: Yard of the Month



The High Range Neighborhood Association selected the home of Bill and Colleen Gould on Cody Circle as the December Yard of the Month. The Goulds spend many enjoyable hours working in and improving their yard.

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The village includes numerous buildings, figurines, trees and animated parts.

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For 10 years, Bill Maxey and his family have created a 128-square-foot miniature Christmas Village.

A miniature winter wonderland

Family comes together over Christmas hobby

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Snow covers the ground as shoppers hustle to and fro carrying packages from the grocer, toy shop and baker.

Children, free from the schoolhouse sitting on top of the hill, participate in seasonal festivities, such as snowball fights, ice skating and making snow angels.

Choirs belt out Christmas tunes as ballerinas twirl in "The Nutcracker" and Santa leaves his sled for a relaxing read by a frost-covered tree.

While this winter wonderland isn't commonly seen in the Mesilla Valley, residents Bill and Naomi Maxey get to see it every day during the holidays thanks to their 128-square-foot miniature Christmas village that fills their entire back porch.

"There are 300 trees, 400 people, 80 homes, four churches, 25 to 30 wagons, two singing choirs, a ('Nutcracker' ballet) and a marching

band," said Bill Maxey, adding that this is a true family project with his eldest son, Randy, and his daughter-in-law, Aurelia, lending a hand.

"It just kind of grew, like any hobby."

The Maxey's Christmas-themed hobby began approximately 10 years ago with six to eight homes and about nine figures set up on their kitchen table.

"We saw the displays in the store and thought one or two in the house would look very Christmassy and from that, this sprung up," Naomi Maxey said. "For years we had it in the living room until it got too large and then we moved it to the porch."

This year, the Christmas village took "five weeks and three days" to complete, Bill Maxey said, adding that it had to be ready for their Thanksgiving guests.

The project began with the family enclosing and insulating their back porch, creating a protective area for the figures and various moving parts.

Next, a backdrop of the night sky and 8,000

twinkling stars created from lights was put in place. Over the years, the backdrop had become cracked and weathered, so this year, a new one had to be made by hand.

A 20-foot-long sheet of plywood is placed at the back of the porch and two 6-foot-long pieces protrude from the ends. A sheet covers the surface before the figures are set up.

To set up the figures, Bill Maxey and his helpers climb on the table and work from back to front, with someone handing out the items from the numerous plastic tubs while another helper under the table plugs everything in.

"There is two miles of cord under there," Bill Maxey said.

The village consists of different sections, such as residential, Downtown and business districts as well as ski, hunting and carnival areas.

"We were both teachers, so we had to have a school," said Naomi Maxey, who is also responsible for setting up the farm area. "Every year it looks different."

"There is so much," Bill Maxey said. "Some people come out and will study it for hours. Others will look at it and that's it. But the more you study it, the more you'll see."

While the porch is fully occupied, there is more in the Maxey collection.

"There are 17 houses that we don't have out and two or three gazebos," said Bill Maxey, adding that Randy recently returned from Albuquerque with a police station that will make its debut another time.

Bill Maxey said his favorite piece "depends on the year."

"I come out here and I'll see something different every day," he said.

As a band director for 36 years, Bill Maxey said one item that is near and dear to his heart, however, is the marching band, even though it

doesn't follow the village's Austrian Alps circa 1880 theme.

"There are some modern elements, like the marching band," he said. "I didn't care that it didn't go with the time period. I had to have a band somewhere."

Although the Christmas village is the centerpiece for the family during the holidays, the family's hobby isn't restricted to solely the winter season.

"It's year-round shopping," Naomi Maxey said. "If you see something on sale, you better grab it up."

"Pieces come from everywhere," said Bill Maxey, adding that they have picked up items from Park City, Utah, to San Antonio, Texas, and even as far as Minneapolis. "Wherever we are and if we hear that place has a Christmas shop, we go there."

Because putting together the Christmas village is such an undertaking, it doesn't go up every year, Naomi Maxey said.

"It's a treat for the entire family and our friends," she said. "It's become a tradition even though it's not up every year."

"This is one of Bill's hobbies. He gets personal satisfaction from it."

Bill Maxey's hobby has connected him to other people around the country, thanks to social media networks such as YouTube, which feature videos of the family's

Christmas village.

"People will say, 'Oh, you should try this next time,' or 'I liked what you did there, I'm going to try that,'" he said, adding that a group in Salt Lake City saw one of his videos and contacted him about creating their own Christmas village.

Bill Maxey said the village will remain up until around Valentine's day. Break down will be much easier, with each figure, tree, building and animal being placed in its proper container and packed away in the garage until next Christmas.



In honor of his 36 years as a band director, Maxey included a marching band.

“Some people come out and will study it for hours ... the more you study it, the more you'll see.”

BILL MAXEY,
hobbyist



The Christmas village follows a theme of the Austrian Alps circa 1880 with some modern elements thrown in. Some of the moving items includes children spying on a canoodling couple, twirling ballerinas performing "The Nutcracker" and a Ferris wheel.



The village features a scenic mountain landscape as well as many snow-covered buildings, such as a tavern.

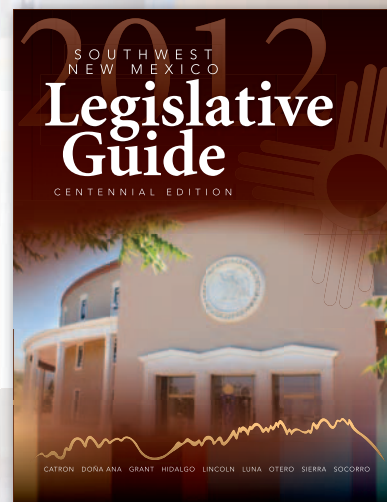


The village, which features hundreds of items, is a favorite holiday tradition in the Maxey household, even though it doesn't go up each year.



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Bulletin shares recipes

Try your hand at one of these holiday baked goods

Bulletin Staff Report

In the spirit of the holidays and baking season, the Bulletin family would like to share the following recipes with our readers:

Pistachio Spirals

Claire Frohs, marketing consultant

1 cup (about 4 ounces) pistachios, finely ground
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup cornstarch
3/4 cup sugar
1 cup butter
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
6 tablespoons apricot preserves, finely chopped

In small bowl, combine ground pistachios, confectioners' sugar and cinnamon. Set aside.

In large bowl, stir together flour, cornstarch and sugar.

Cut butter into flour mixture until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

In small bowl, lightly beat egg and vanilla extract. Add to flour mixture, stirring until dough holds together.

Divide dough in half. On sheet of waxed paper, roll half of the dough into a 10-by-12-inch rectangle.

Spread dough with half of the apricot preserves, then sprinkle with half of the pistachio mixture. Starting with short side of rectangle, roll up dough jellyroll style. Repeat with remaining dough, apricot preserves and pistachio mixture. Wrap and refrigerate 3 hours or until firm.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Unwrap dough and cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place on greased baking sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until edges are very lightly browned. Cool on baking sheet 5 minutes before transferring to wire rack to cool completely.

S'mores Bites

Theresa Montoya Basaldua, art director and special projects manager

6 graham cracker sheets, or 12 saltine or Ritz crackers
6 large marshmallows
12 Hershey's Kisses or Rolos, unwrapped

Break graham cracker sheets in half, then cut each half into a circle using a 2 1/4-inch circle fondant cutter or metal cookie cutter (if using saltine or Ritz crackers no cutting needed).

Using clean scissors, cut each marshmallow into two halves.

Heat oven to low broil and place oven rack two levels below broiler. Align graham crackers in the center of a cookie sheet about 1/2 inch apart from each other (you want them all to be near the center so they are directly under the broiler and cook more evenly at the same time).

Top each graham cracker with a marshmallow with the cut/sticky side down. Place marshmallow-topped graham crackers under broiler (turn oven light on if you have one). Don't walk away, watch them closely as they will toast quickly. Allow to toast until golden, rotating pan with oven mitt as needed (I left the oven door open the entire time to watch them and rotate, just be careful).

Once golden immediately remove from oven, place 1 Kiss or Rolo in the center of each toasted marshmallow and gently press down. For best results serve warm, just like a real S'more.

You could easily double this recipe, but I wouldn't recommend toasting more than 12 at a time for more even toasting. (Recipe adapted from <http://cookingclassy.blogspot.com>.)

Gingerbread Loaf

Pam Rossi, marketing consultant

2 1/2 cups flour
1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking soda
Dash salt
2 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons cinnamon
3/4 cup butter
3 tablespoons dark molasses
4 tablespoons dark corn syrup
2 eggs
Confectioners sugar

Pre-heat oven to 325 degrees. Grease bottom and sides of 9-by-13-inch pan; line with wax paper and grease again.

Combine flour, sugar, soda, salt and spices in large mixing bowl. In small saucepan over low heat, combine butter, molasses and corn syrup. Heat slowly until everything simmers. Pour over flour mixture slowly, stirring constantly. Add eggs one at a time, beating well.

Pour into prepared pan and bake 45 to 55 minutes, or until middle looks done. Keep checking until the center looks firm and try the toothpick test. Cool slightly, turn out and peel off wax paper. When completely cool, sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

Powder Keg Banana Bread

Richard and Avalon Coltharp, publisher and daughter

1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
2 eggs
3 bananas, mashed
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup semi-sweet (or dark) chocolate chips
1/2 cup peanut butter chips

Grease and flour 1 large or 2 small loaf pans. In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar. Add the eggs, blending well.

Add bananas, flour, baking soda, vanilla and chips; mix well. Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until brown. Makes 1 large or 2 small loaves.

Important tip: Do not turn mixer to high speed when bowl is full of dry flour.

Blackberry Cornmeal Muffins

Alta LeCompte, writer

2 cups self-rising white cornmeal
1/2 cup sugar
5 large eggs
1 (16-ounce) container sour cream
1/2 cup butter, melted
2 cups frozen blackberries

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Stir together cornmeal and sugar in a large bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Whisk together eggs, sour cream and butter; add to cornmeal, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Fold in blackberries. Spoon batter into two lightly greased 12-cup muffin pans, filling three-fourths full.

Bake at 450 degrees for 15 to 17 minutes or until tops are golden brown. Cool in pan on a wire rack 5 minutes. (Recipe adapted from Southern Living, November 2011.)

Holiday Fusion Cookies

David Salcido, writer

There are many different flavors associated with the holidays, especially when it comes to baking. Some are more prevalent than others. My goal was to combine as many of those tempting taste tantalizers as possible into one flavor-packed, can't-eat-just-one, power morsel. Even better, the smell that permeates your house during and after the baking process will instantly put you and yours into a seasonal state of mind.

1 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cooking oats
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon all-spice
1/2 cup butter, softened
1 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup pumpkin purée (not pie filling)
1/2 cup walnuts
1/2 cup raisins
1 cup dark chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a medium-sized bowl, combine



flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg and all-spice. For added zing try adding a 1/2 teaspoon ground red chili powder. This is New Mexico, after all. Mix well and set aside.

In a large bowl, whip together the butter and brown sugar until creamy. Add egg and vanilla and mix until smooth. Stir in pumpkin purée. Add dry ingredients, stirring in gradually until the mix is well blended. Add walnuts, raisins and chocolate chips and mix well.

Scoop spoonfuls of the cookie dough onto the ungreased cookie sheet, making sure to keep at least an inch of space between each mound.

Place into preheated oven and bake for 12 to 15 minutes.

Allow cookies to cool and set on the baking sheet for five minutes or so, before removing them carefully to a wire rack. The cookies may take a few more minutes to set, but when they have cooled completely, they should remain moist and cakey.

Recipe should yield 2 dozen cookies. Less if you're like me, and eat the dough before it can ever make it into the oven ...

Thick, Soft Sugar Cookies

Beth Sitzler, Homes & Southwest Living editor

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar
2 eggs
3 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon baking soda
5 1/2 cups flour

In mixer, cream butter and sugar, and then add eggs and vanilla. Add sour cream. Combine salt, soda and flour, and add to mixture.

Roll out on floured surface to about 1/4 to 1/3 inch thick. Use cookie cutters to cut out the dough.

Use a spatula to carefully slide under each cookie and place onto greased parchment-lined cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes. (Recipe adapted from <http://peppermintplum.blogspot.com>.)

Cinnamon Chip Scones

Lorena Sanchez, writer

3 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/3 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, granulated sugar, divided
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup cold butter, cubed
1 cup buttermilk
1 (10-ounces) package cinnamon baking chips
2 tablespoons butter, melted

In a large bowl, combine the flour, 1/3 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in buttermilk just until moistened. Fold in chips.

Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead gently 10 to 12 times or until dough is no longer sticky. Divide in half; gently pat or roll each portion into a 7-inch circle. Brush with butter and sprinkle with remaining sugar.

Cut each circle into six wedges. Separate wedges and place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 to 13 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm. (Recipe adapted from www.tasteofhome.com/Recipes/Cinnamon-Chip-Scones.)

Retire your old cookie sheet

Stone sheet pan offers crisp, even cooking

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

While baking with or for loved ones can be an enjoyable experience, one wrong move and those happy memories can quickly turn into a kitchen disaster. Some of the most common baking mistakes are:

- Not adding grease and flour to the pan. A common step on most baking instructions, adding grease and/or flour to your baking pan will prevent your food from sticking to the pan. If this step is skipped, you won't be able to easily get your baked good out.
- Using out-of-date or stale ingredients. It may be hard to remember, but even ingredients such as flour, baking powder, nuts, dried fruit and chocolate chips have a shelf life. Using expired or poor quality in your recipes will result in a bad-tasting dish.
- Working with your ingredients at the wrong temperature. In many cookie and cake recipes, it's important to let the butter and eggs reach room temperature before using them. This will prevent your batter from being lumpy. On the flip side, pastry requires very cold ingredients.
- Opening the oven during the cooking process. This will let your hot air out and cold air in. This fluctuation in baking temperature won't be good for you baked goods. Opening the door while cooking lowers the temperature by as much as 25 to 50 degrees, which significantly increases baking time.
- Using the wrong size pan. If your pan is too large or too small, then don't expect your recipe to come out as planned. When your pan is too large, your recipe will overcook and not be your desired consistency. If too small a pan is used, then your recipe will most likely overflow, making an unpleasant mess in your oven.

When baking, you should also look at the material your pan is made of. Some materials don't distribute heat evenly, which can result in uneven baking.

To ensure you get even baking every time, invest in a stone sheet pan.

What is it?

By now, most of us know what a baking sheet and baking stone are.

Traditionally made of aluminum, a baking sheet – or sheet pan or baking tray – is a flat, rectangular metal pan designed to be used in the oven, often for baking bread rolls, pastries and flat products, such as cookies, sheet cake and Swiss rolls.

Typically round or rectangular in shape, a baking stone is a flat cooking surface used in baking. Food is placed directly on



Featured kitchen gadget: Stone sheet pan

the stone and placed in the oven. It's ideal for making tortillas and pizza crust.

These two seemingly similar yet different baking utensils have been merged together in the form of the stone sheet pan. A cookie sheet-shaped pan made from stone, this gadget gives users the advantages of cooking with stone in the convenience of a pan.

Cooking on stone has several benefits, including crisper crusts, a more uniform cooking surface with an even temperature profile, reduced thermal fluctuations and faster oven temperature recovery if the oven door is opened.

Most likely the biggest advantage to using a stone sheet pan versus a traditional baking stone is that the small lip will keep items on the pan better than the flat, wall-less surface, as well as increase your baking opportunities. In other words: you no longer have to worry about your food falling into the abyss.

Best Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons hot water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup walnuts, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream together the butter, white sugar and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips and nuts. Drop by large spoonfuls onto ungreased pans.

Bake for about 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are nicely browned. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)

This versatile pan isn't just for baking, however. It can also be used as a cutting board, cheese board or trivet, a plate placed under a hot serving dish to protect a delicate surface. It also can also be placed in the freezer and microwave.

How does it work?

Each manufacturer has their own set of instructions on how to properly use your stone sheet pan and get the most life out of it as possible.

Generally, however, your stone sheet pan will need to be coated in some sort of cooking spray before being used for the first time. Also, while it will most likely be dishwasher safe, it would be best to wash by hand.

Where can it be found?

The stone sheet pan can be purchased from stores including Sears, Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. It also can be purchased online at www.westelm.com.

How much does it cost?

The stone sheet pan costs between \$20 and \$30.

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The name is starch, cornstarch

Gotta problem? Call in the thickening agent

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

'Tis the season for baking. From fruitcake to cookies, baking during the holidays has become almost as traditional as decorating a Christmas tree. This can be attributed to several reasons: There are countless parties to bring gifts to, it's a great way to make memories with loved ones and, frankly, they're tasty and people love to eat.

Be sure to keep your pantry stocked with the baking essentials – flour, sugar, baking soda, baking powder and oil. Another ingredient that should be kept on hand when baking – or for your general cooking needs – is cornstarch.

Cornstarch is a fine, powdery starch made from the endosperm of corn. Also known as corn flour, cornstarch is gluten free and serves many purposes in the kitchen.



When baking, cornstarch is often used alongside flour. Also, since it's gluten free, it is a great way to add structure to a baked good while increasing its tenderness – which is why you often see it in shortbread recipes. Also, it can be added to all-purpose flour to make a substitute for cake flour.

Besides baking, cornstarch is mostly used as a thickener for sauces, gravies and fruit pie fillings, because it thickens quickly and easily. Unlike flour, cornstarch forms a clear sauce for cooking, not an opaque one. Another dissimilarity between the two is that cornstarch will clump if it is added directly to hot liquids – it must be mixed with a small amount of liquid before being added to the entire batch.

A whiz in the kitchen, cornstarch can be useful in other ways, too.

1. Give your dog a dry bath: Has Fluffy decided to roll around in the dead grass minutes before your holiday guests are expected to arrive? Give the feisty pooch a waterless bath by using cornstarch as a dry shampoo. Rub the cornstarch into your dog's coat and then brush it out. The cornstarch will fluff up his coat, remove excess dirt and improve his odor until you have time to give him a real bath.

2. Untangle knots: A knot in your shoelaces or drawstrings can be frustrating to undo. The more you try and the tighter it gets, the more that pair of scissors sitting on your desk will look appealing. But don't ruin your garment by cutting the string. Instead, get the cornstarch. Sprinkle a bit of cornstarch over the knot. It will become easier to separate the different segments.

3. Remove ink stains from carpet: As a klutz, I am well aware that anything can happen, even something as mystical as ink on your carpet. A seemingly impossible stain to remove, ink in your carpet does have a weakness. Get rid of the stain by mixing milk with cornstarch to make a paste. Apply the paste to the ink stain and allow the concoction to dry and sit on the carpet for a few hours. When done, brush off the dried residue and vacuum it up. Another benefit of cornstarch on your carpet: it removes unwanted odors.

4. Make craft paste: The next time the kids are in the mood to get creative, save money by making your own paste. Combine 3 teaspoons of cornstarch for every 4 teaspoons of cold water.

Stir until it has formed a pasty consistency. This paste can be applied with fingers, a tongue depressor or Popsicle stick and is great on construction paper. For something a bit more colorful, add food coloring to the mixture.

5. Craft finger paint: Now that you know how to make your own paste, why not make your own finger paints as well? Another great way to keep the kids busy, make finger paint by mixing 1/4 cup cornstarch and 2 cups water. Bring the mixture to a boil and let it boil until it thickens. Pour the concoction into a small container and add food coloring to each. Stir until blended and now you have a set of homemade finger paints.

6. Clean stuffed animals: A stuffed animal can be a difficult thing to clean. If you toss it into the washing machine, you run the risk of it becoming destroyed. Plus, drying it can be a task in itself. Rather than letting the plush creation go unwashed, use cornstarch. Rub a little cornstarch onto the animal. After about five minutes, brush it clean. For smaller stuffed animal, place them into a bag, sprinkle cornstarch inside, close tightly and shake it. When you're done, brush it clean.

7. Remove grease splatter from walls: When it comes to frying, no matter how skillful of a chef you are, you can never predict where it's going to fly. The next time your wall has fallen victim to grease splatter, easily remove it with cornstarch. Coat a soft cloth with the starch and rub it over the grease spots until they disappear.

8. Polish silver: With Christmas dinner around the corner, now is the time to get your good china and silverware in order. An easy way to polish your silver utensils is by creating a paste from cornstarch and water. Use a damp cloth to apply it to the metal item and let it dry. After it has dried, rub off the cornstarch paste with cheesecloth or some other soft cloth. When you're done, your silver will shine.

9. Shine your windows: Want to impress your houseguests with sparkling windows? Create an at-home streak-free window cleaning solution from 2 tablespoons cornstarch, 1/2 cup ammonia and 1/2 cup white vinegar dumped into a bucket of 3 to 4 quarts warm water. Mix well until it has a milky consistency and pour into a trigger-spray bottle. Spray your windows with the solution, then go over them with a warm-water rinse and then a dry paper towel or lint-free cloth.

10. Keep your books fresh: Moisture can do a lot of damage to your precious and historic books. If your book somehow becomes wet or is stored in a damp area, prevent and kill mildew between the pages with cornstarch. Sprinkle the starch throughout the book. It will absorb any moisture in the pages. Take the book outside and shake it clean. That way the particles won't end up in your house.

Around-the-house item: Cornstarch

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	4	2	1

Closed Sales Existing Homes	22	11	20
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Pending Home Sales (All)	143	149	156
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	124	91	105

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$199,849	\$170,000	\$161,000

Median Price Existing	\$169,500	\$72,000	\$151,250
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,106	1,084	1,129

Real Estate Agents	399	399	366
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Melt-in-Your-Mouth Shortbread

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Whip butter with an electric mixer until fluffy. Stir in the confectioners' sugar, cornstarch and flour. Beat on low for one minute, then on high for 3 to 4 minutes. Drop cookies by spoonfuls 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Watch that the edges don't brown too much. Cool on wire racks. (Recipe adapted from <http://allrecipes.com>.)



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Quiche, it's what's for dinner Give that leftover Christmas meal new life

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A clever strategy for Christmas dinner leftovers is turning them into a savory quiche.

Quiche can be served at breakfast, lunch or dinner, or slice the pie into bite-sized pieces for hors d'oeuvres (think New Year's Eve.). If you're a diehard quiche fan, you know chilled often tastes better than hot-from-the oven.

Each recipe shared this week includes – of course – a bite of chile pepper. (I think you'll especially go for the turkey-serrano prepared with a cornbread stuffing crust.) Although a recipe may call for a particular pepper variety, substituting a favorite will do.

Pair quiche with a beet salad, cole slaw, mixed fresh fruit or sliced strawberries sprinkled with chopped sugared walnuts drizzled with dressing.

Quiche can be calorie-laden, but to ease guilt, consider Julia Child's soothing words: "The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook."

Ham and Jalapeño-Tater Quiche

Crust:

1 cup flour
1/2 cup shortening
1/4 teaspoon salt
4 tablespoons water

In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, shortening and salt. Mix with fork until it is crumbly. Sprinkle just enough water over the top and stir until the dough starts to form a ball. Roll dough onto wax paper. Make about an 11-inch circle. Put crust into a pie plate and trim the edges.

Quiche:

1 1/2 cup cooked ham, diced
1 cup mild Cheddar cheese, grated
1 potato, baked in microwave, cut into cubes
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 jalapeño, stemmed, seeded and minced
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Layer the cut up ham, baked potato, and the mild Cheddar cheese on the crust. Next, mix eggs, milk, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, minced jalapeño and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper together. Pour the egg mixture over everything in the pie plate. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 45 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Red-Hot Butternut Squash Quiche

1 cup uncooked brown rice
2 cups water
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon red chile powder or to taste
Vegetable cooking spray
2 cups butternut squash, cubed, peeled, cooked and divided
1 cup cooked turkey, chopped
2 teaspoons fresh or 1/2 teaspoon rubbed sage, minced and divided
3 eggs
2/3 cup evaporated skimmed milk
1/8 teaspoon white pepper
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons dried cranberries
3/4 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
Sage sprigs, optional

Combine rice and water in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes or until liquid

is absorbed. Let stand, covered, 10 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

Combine cooked rice, 1/2 cup cheese, 1 egg, salt, black pepper and chile powder in a bowl; stir well. Press into a 10-inch pie plate coated with cooking spray, and bake at 350 degrees for 12 minutes. Spoon 1 cup squash, turkey and half of sage into prepared crust.

Combine the remaining squash, 3 eggs, milk and white pepper in a blender; process until smooth and pour into crust.

Combine remaining sage, 1/2 cup cheese, and dried cranberries; sprinkle over quiche. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with cranberry sauce and garnish with sage sprigs, if desired.

Turkey Serrano with Cornbread Stuffing Crust

2 1/2 cups leftover, prepared cornbread stuffing, dressing (or prepared chicken stuffing mix)

1 cup cooked turkey, chopped
1 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1 to 2 serrano peppers, stemmed, seeded and minced
4 eggs, beaten
1 (5 1/3-ounce) can evaporated milk
1/8 teaspoon white pepper
Chopped tomatoes (optional)
Paprika (optional)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Press leftover dressing into a 9-inch pie plate, forming a crust. Bake 10 minutes, remove and reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Spread meat and cheese evenly over bottom of hot crust. In a medium bowl, combine eggs, milk and pepper. Pour this mixture over meat and cheese. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until set. Cool 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with tomatoes and paprika, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

Ham and Poblano Pepper Quiche with Potato Crust

2 medium russet potatoes, unpeeled and sliced very thin
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/2 sweet yellow onion, diced
Salt to taste
1 cup of ham, diced
1 large poblano pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
2 small tomatoes, diced
1 green onion (scallion), sliced
1/4 cup of cotija cheese
8 eggs, beaten
1/4 cup of milk
Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat a pie dish with cooking spray. Layer thin slices of potato all over the edges and bottom of pan, making sure to overlap them. Spray with cooking spray and bake in the oven for 7 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and set aside.

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat; add the onions and season with salt. Sauté the onions until golden brown and tender.

Sprinkle sautéed onion, ham, poblano pepper, diced tomato, and cotija cheese on top of the potato crust. In a small



Whip up a sassy quiche with Christmas Day dinner leftovers.

bowl, beat the eggs with the milk and season with sea salt and freshly cracked pepper. Pour the egg mixture on top of the veggies and ham.

Place in the oven and bake for 30 to 40 minutes or until a tester inserted in the center of the quiche comes out clean – don't overcook. Remove from oven and let cool for a few minutes before slicing. Enjoy. Makes 8 servings. (Recipe adapted from <http://theloveofcooking.com>)

Cayenne Quiche

1 pie shell, unbaked, 9-inch
6 ounces shredded Swiss cheese
6 ounces diced smoked ham or turkey
3 large eggs
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

Sprinkle cheese and ham (or turkey) over bottom of pie shell. In a mixing bowl, beat remaining ingredients together. Pour over cheese and ham in pie shell. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven for 45 minutes, or until a knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cut in wedges to serve. Makes 6 servings.

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A home for the holidays

Marie Schwartz, executive director of Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity, presented Leticia Chavarria and her daughter Leslie, the keys to their new home on Valle del Luz Friday, Dec. 14. Volunteers were present to celebrate. Chavarria also was presented with a quilt made by the Morning Star United Methodist quilters. The home was the 88th home built by MVH4H and the last one completed in 2012.

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Staying warm as well as safe

Tips for furnaces, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves

The Las Cruces Fire Department wants this winter to be a safe one for all and is offering these safety tips for the proper use of home heating systems, fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

- Fireplaces, wood stoves and furnaces should be installed according to manufacturer's instructions and in accordance with all building codes.
- Have your heating system, water heater, stove and other fuel-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician at least once a year.
- Change heating furnace filters often to increase efficiency and avoid overworking the system.
- Ensure adequate ventilation for fireplaces and wood stoves.
- Use only the fuel that's recommended for the specific fireplace or stove.
- Do not burn paper or paper products in a fireplace or wood-burning stove.
- Check chimney or stovepipes often for creosote buildup and clean when needed.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.
- Use a metal container for removing ash and coals.
- Never dump hot ashes or coals into a dumpster or trash can.
- Operate portable heaters according to manufacturer's specifications and keep them, candles and cigarettes away from bedding, curtains and other combustibles.
- Never use a portable heater near bathtubs, showers or other water sources.
- Keep Christmas trees, decorations, furniture and other potentially combustible items away from fireplaces, wood-burning stoves and portable heaters.
- Extinguish fireplaces, candles, stoves and turn off all decorative lights prior to leaving home.
- Install a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Never use generators, grills, camp stoves, chimineas or similar devices indoors.
- Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher in the home and know how to use it.
- Call 911 and vacate the building immediately if you smell gas, toxic fumes or in case of fire.

For more safety tips, visit the Las Cruces Fire Department online at www.clcfd.com.

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