

Baby steps to pay off Lawmakers predict small session wins

By Todd G. Dickson Las Cruces Bulleti

A presentation by the nascent Anthony, N.M., city government to local elected officials Wednesday, Jan. 4, illustrated how tight money will be in the upcoming Legislature, but also revealed strategies that could help local projects

get funding. Among the elected officials and their representatives at the Women's Intercultural Center were state Sens. Mary Kay Papen and Cynthia Nava.

Noting progress the small city has made since it was incorporated July 1, 2010, Mayor Ramon Gonzalez said he and his council have gone through a process to select three pressing projects for their first real effort at getting legislative support and funding.

The three priority projects for Anthony are:

- \$75,000 for Fourth Street roadway drainage management planning
- \$600,000 for a community park
- \$250,000 for a city hall and community center

The street work project is the most needed, with a total estimated cost of \$4 million. Gonzalez said the city already has \$280,000 from the state Department of Transportation for the first phase of work, and the money being asked for will pay for the engineering, planning and design.

Fourth Street is a major collector for the city, which extends from state Highway 404 to the north and the Texas state line to the south. That comes to 8,600 linear feet of road that needs drainage improved and sidewalks brought up to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

It is such an involved project that it will have be done in three phases.

The community park, which will be designed to host a variety of activities from baseball to soccer, would also act as a drainage pond.

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Centennial Spotlight 1912-20 Las Cruces: Where trails crossed New Mexico and city grew together over past 100 years

By Todd G. Dickson

At 11:35 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, military jet fighters will pass over Las Cruces and its Centennial Parade, marking the exact time 100 years ago that President William Howard Taft signed the law creating New Mexico as a state.

In many ways, the high-flying tribute is fitting because it is the movement of people and commerce that has made - and maintains - Las Cruces as the second largest city in the state.

That Las Cruces has grown faster and bigger that other surrounding towns, such as Mesilla and Doña Ana, is largely attributed by historians to the city's position as a transportation hub.

When Las Cruces was founded in 1849 after U.S. Army Lt. Delos Bennett Sackett laid out the town site grid under the direction of Pablo Melendres, Doña Ana was the leading settlement of the area. By 1860, much of the population had shifted to Mesilla, which by then had more than 2,000 residents - more than double the population found in Las Cruces.

That all changed with the arrival of the railroad. Mesilla landowners couldn't come to terms to sell rights-of-way to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad. Las Crucens not only accommodated the railroad's passage, but See Centennial on page A9

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The Las Cruces train depot – now a City of Las Cruces museum recounting the area's railroad history – was key to putting the small town on the track to becoming the second largest city in New Mexico, which became a state on Jan. 6, 1912.

Civility marked Carruthers' term Gubernatorial run gained steam after televised primary debate



New Mexico State University Library Archives Garrey Carruthers celebrates winning his run for governor in 1986

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Editor's note: As we head into the state's centennial year in 2012, the Bulletin is running stories looking at the area's history from the last 100 years. This is the third of a series on each of the four governors who have come from Las Cruces.

To hear Garrey Carruthers tell it, you would think he was drafted into running for governor of New Mexico.

With a master's degree in economics from New Mexico State University, the young Carruthers was active in Republican politics in that it took him to Washington, D.C., first as a special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in the late 1970s and as an assistant Secretary of Interior for Land and Resources in the early 1980s.

It was during his time in the Interior that he created an organization called Amigos to help business people connect with government. With New Mexican Republicans feeling Gov. Toney Anaya was anti-business, Carruthers was approached twice to consider running for governor, so he agreed to run.

As it turned out, six Republicans filed their candidacy, while Ray Powell - father of the current land commissioner - was the only Democrat in the race. With the public sentiment leaning toward electing a Republican governor, "winning the primary was the whole See Carruthers on page A11

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Fromthepublisher HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Happy birthday to New Mexico

New Mexico commemorates 100th anniversary of statehood

On a warm summer's evening back in August 2011, Gov. Susana Martinez returned to her hometown of Las Cruces to officially kick off New Mexico's Centennial celebration. The wellpublicized event was the featured part of our city's annual Downtown SalsaFest!, and commenced a 16-month statewide birthday party in commemoration of New Mexico's becoming the 47th state in the United States of America.

In 1850, the Territory of New Mexico was created. Many people in the territory thought that they would soon be living in a full-fledged state. However, the road to statehood would be longer and more arduous than most expected. Fears by leaders back East that the population of the New Mexico territory was a bit too rowdy for their tastes and concerns that the new territory included a disproportionate number of Indians, Hispanics and Catholics, the territory's bid for statehood was consistently voted down for several decades.

After an uphill battle of more than 60 years to become a state, President William Taft signed an Enabling Act on June 20, 1910. The act provided for a constitutional convention to be held in order to draft a state constitution for voters to approve as a final step toward statehood. The convention was on Oct. 3, 1910, and on Jan. 21, 1911, voters approved the new constitution.

The big day for New Mexico came on Jan. 6, 1912, when, at precisely 1:35 p.m., a large contingent of New Mexico leaders gathered in Washington, D.C., to witness President Taft's signing of the documents that admitted New Mexico as the 47th state. Nine days later on Jan. 15, at the state capital in Santa Fe, William McDonald was sworn in as New Mexico's first governor.

So, here we are, 100 years later, as the fourth youngest state in the nation. Our city of Las Cruces has contributed greatly to our state's success. As the state's second largest city, located at the intersection of two interstate highways, and home of Martinez, our future is as bright as the 350 days of sunshine that we enjoy each year.

Our Bulletin contribution to the centennial is our hardback tabletop book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey." Designated an official centennial project by the New Mexico Centennial Commission, this colorful 288-page, oversized book chronicles, through hundreds of photographs, the development of Las Cruces and the Mesilla Valley as an integral part of New Mexico, decade by decade, over the past 100 years.

We thank the dozens of local citizens who contributed to the book by donating their personal photographs and memories. We also thank the wonderful folks at the New Mexico State University library who also donated their time to assist us in researching and identifying photographs and names that we have included in the book.

Hopefully, this book will serve as a permanent reminder of where we have come from and what we can achieve by working together. Las Cruces is a wonderful place to raise a family. Let's all strive to make our city and our state an even better place to live and do business over the next 100 years.

Let's enjoy the year of 2012 and, for now, just simply wish New Mexico and all our fellow New Mexicans a very happy birthday!

EXICO! Letters to the Editor

Border problems easing

The responses by a couple of members of the Border Patrol to my exposure of a U.S House bill that could, in a single swipe, undo many of the protections of natural resources we now have in place has been interesting, but these responses make it sound as though access to public land has been a primary obstacle to protecting our borders.

There could be nothing further from the truth.

It was recently reported by the New York Times "that the number of illegal immigrants crossing the border is less of a problem now than it has been in four decades.

Also, a recent Las Cruces Sun-News article reported that arrests of those without legal immigrant status during the past year was lower than the previous year and the numbers have been on a path of decline during the past six years.

This tells me that our border security agencies are doing a commendable job, especially for their commitment to protecting the security of our border area. The use of the latest technology, including drones and equipment as sophisticated as any in our military arsenal has provided these agencies with the tools needed to accomplish the mission of securing our border, but with a cost to taxpayers of ap-

proximately \$34,000 per apprehension. Keep up the good work, but maybe a plan toward the use of enhanced technology and

internal efficiencies would make accomplishing the mission a bit less expensive to the taxpayer. There's no time like the present be begin developing such a plan in an effort to tighten the ol' belt.

Nate Cote

Nation being destroyed

If the French started to speak only English, would tourists visit the Eiffel Tower? If the British abandoned English and only spoke German, would tourists photograph Big Ben?

Language is what defines a country. Language is what unites us as a country. Being bilingual is to be admired. Forcing that concept on a nation tears it apart. Case in point: Quebec Province, Canada.

The republic of the United States of America is threatened by an invasion of tens of millions of people entering this country il-legally. I would do the same if it was I, but this tidal wave of illegal immigration is destroying the fabric of what we once liked to call Americans. A bit conceited considered the rest of the Western Hemisphere.

We are different, we were exceptional. I believe that with all my heart and mind. Liberals do not understand exceptionalism means unique, it means individual. Personal responsibility mattered. There used to be a word for it, oh yes, freedom.

Ronald Keith

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Crystal ball observation reveals exactly what may happen, or not

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Jay Miller Inside the Capitol



Happy New Year. Let's see how the crystal ball looks this year. Hmmm. It looks clearer. Maybe that is because we've had a year to get acquainted with the new state administration.

Oh, I see Gov. Susana Martinez pushing her drivers' license bill up another steep hill. Maybe she should wait until next year and hope she has a Republican Legislature.

I don't see any bill to eliminate the \$25 million film rebate cap now that the governor is a supporter of the film industry. Maybe that one is waiting until next year, too.

I see the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer. We started knowing that last year when items from Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Billy the Kid started selling at many times their expected value.

I see Iranian scientists scratching their heads trying to figure out how to reverse engineer the drone airplane they captured.

I see the Aggies beating the Lobos at football once again. That makes how many times in a row?

I see the protest movement morphing several more times to include any cause a group is willing to finance.

I see no more \$10,000 bets made on live television – but much joking about it.

I see Mitt Romney winning the Republican nomination for president.

I don't see Martinez as Romney's running mate. But nice comments are made about her.

The ball has a cloudy spot, but that looks like happy

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 Heather Wilson capturing the GOP nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Somewhere in New Mexico, school will start next year in July – and it won't make kids any smarter.

Cursive writing will be taught next year as a sophomore elective. So will multiplication tables. Albuquerque Mayor R.J. Berry will keep Republicans on

twisted in a knot over whether he will seek re-election. State Economic Development Department Director Jon

Barela already has the GOP on pins and needles over whether he will enter the 1st Congressional District primary. He nearly won it his previous try, but now he has a job he likes and a regular paycheck he probably needs.

The crystal ball is way too cloudy toward November to see general election results. Will it be another Republican landslide, as in 2010? Will it be a Democratic landslide for Democrats, as in 2008? Too much has to happen at the national level between now and then that will affect New Mexico races.

The towns of Anthony, N.M., and Anthony, Texas, no longer will be the Leap Year Capital of the World. For 20 years, they have held that distinction with leap-year babies coming from around the country and even foreign countries. But hard times have ended the celebration unless Santa has a leftover gift for them. Gary Johnson will win the national Libertarian primary in May only to learn

that his is not the only third party vying for the presidency.

Finally, the world will not end on Dec. 21, 2012. The Mayans insist their calendar has ended before and they know how to make a new one. Other groups also believe the 12/21/12 date has something magical to it. But go ahead and make plans for Dec. 22. Don't give away all your stuff unless you want to send it to me – or to the Anthonys.

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A ground blizzard

I looked at my schedule for the first week in December: Jamestown, N.D.; Denver; Laramie, Wyo. and Springfield, Ohio. I asked my secretary why she couldn't book me in Victoria, Texas, or San Diego in the winter? She reminded me she had booked me in Miami last winter. "Yea" Locid "Miami Manitebal"

Yea," I said, "Miami, Manitoba!"

Actually, I don't worry about traveling in cold weather. It would be easier to plan if I could count on global warming, but it's just not reliable. Al Gore found that out. You just can't count on it when you need it. Jamestown started out clear and cool, but Denver turned frosty. I made it to Laramie behind the snowplow. We had a great crowd at the evening show. Winter doesn't stop Wyoming cowboys from comin' to town.

Unfortunately, my "Laramie Turnaround" involved leaving Laramie at 10:30 p.m. in 20-degree weather, icy roads and blowing snow headed for the Denver Airport and a 10 a.m. flight. I was driving a rented Chevy sedan with frontwheel drive. I could have taken the two-lane Highway 287 direct to Ft. Collins. Its advantage was that it was downhill all the way but I chose to stay on the freeway. I counted 3 other passenger cars on the highway (two of them pulled off to the side) and an estimated 2 million, 300 thousand semi's as I coursed east along Interstate 80 toward Cheyenne.

It is only 50 miles from Laramie to Cheyenne but if you flattened out the 8,000 foot passes it's at least twice that far. I drove with confidence and got up to 23 mph once, accidentally, but the semis maintained a steady 40 to 50 miles per hour. I think they calculated the exact speed it took to maintain a cloud of blowing snow at the roof level of a rented four-door Chevy sedan. It took almost two hours to get to Cheyenne and another two hours to reach Denver airport. I was regaling my friend Ken of my Wyoming adventure. He lives in Jackson Hole. He was polite and didn't poo poo my little story, but he put me in perspective. Ken is a veterinarian and was out all day one bliz-

Ken is a veterinarian and was out all day one blizzardy day. His young son sat on the passenger side. In cold country, especially in the mountains, the roads are lined with "blizzard poles." I'm guessing they are 8-feet-high so when the snow pack buries the road you will have a marker to guide you. The trick is to keep the blizzard pole on your right.

They came to a particularly windy swell and suddenly even the blizzard poles disappeared.

"Keep looking, son!" Ken instructed as he slowed to keep his grip on the road.

Suddenly, right in front of them was a pole.

"There, Dad, there!" pointed the 8-year-old navigator. Ken swerved to keep the pole in his right side. Before he could sigh with relief, he nosed over into the bar ditch and stopped like a car-crash dummy. The blizzard pole was still on his right alright, but the bar ditch was on the left side of the road.

Then he told me of Cody's story about crawling along in a ground blizzard in his UPS truck and seeing a small, Volkswagonish vehicle off to the right. It was perpendicular to the road, its nose stuck up against a snow bank, wheels spinning furiously and throwing up a snow cloud behind it. Cody stopped to watch. The compact car continued to whine.

Cody got out and walked around to the left side. The driver was behind the wheel, foot on the gas, peering out the windshield. He thought he was still driving!

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In 1912, most had no time for celebrations

Everyday life was no picnic 100 years ago

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This centennial year of New Mexico statehood we must realize our history is primarily of people who made New Mexico what it is now.

William McDonald was New Mexico's first elected governor and owner of the Bar W Ranch outside of Carrizozo. His neighbor, Bill Gallacher, provides an interesting insight into that era.

In 1977, the 65th anniversary of New Mexico Statehood, I decided to interview someone who was

living in the state that statehood day. I wanted to get an evewitness view from someone in the middle of the statehood celebration. I thought of Bill Gallacher, a 1908 graduate from the college at Las Cruces. In January 1912, Bill Gallacher had been living for four years on his ranch 20 miles from Carrizozo as he was still in 1977. He died years later at age 98.

Bill Gallacher was an interesting New Mexico pioneer. From living in White Oaks before the turn of the century, he lived to see the landing of the space shuttle 60 miles from his ranch. He was 35 miles downwind of the first atomic explosion at Trinity Site, July 16, 1945. He was also one of the few people who could look up in the sky in 1986 and say, "Halley's Comet, what do you know, there it is again."

As I drove out to his ranch on a dirt road, which was dirt in 1912, 1977 and still is dirt, I pictured the celebrations; firecrackers going off, dogs barking and people toasting at the local bar while politician gave speeches. I was sure it was one big party to celebrate New Mexico statehood.

Bill greeted me warmly at the door and we sat over coffee at the kitchen table. We started off by discussing the happenings of the day. Bill was like that, more interested in today than yesterday. After a while I told him my perception about the huge celebrations in New Mexico to mark statehood, Saturday, Jan. 6, 1912. It must

have been a big celebration since the first elected governor was his neighbor William McDonald.

He thought for a moment and then leaned closer, as a school master would a student who was a slow learner, "Celebrations?" He thought back all of those years.

"Michael, on the day we became a state I got up about an hour before dawn, had a little breakfast and at first light went out to tend to sick animals, kill covotes and do all of the chores that used up the entire day so that about an hour after sunset I came back and had a little supper and went to bed. I was cold, tired and hungry. I would not have gone into town for a celebration. "The truth is most of the working folks

back then never even noticed statehood for the first 25 years or so. We were too busy just trying to stay alive, to feed ourselves and to carve out a place that would become our home to notice any politicians, or even celebrate a fine man like McDonald. Every day I got up early and worked late. I had no other energy and did not come into town for months at a time. He noticed my lack

of comprehension so he continued. "Politicians and celebrations were a luxury most of us working people back then could not afford. For 30 years on this land, I worked with all of my energy. It was not a 40 hour a week, it was all day long seven days a week or we just would not have made it. Only after the ranch was on solid footing did I notice the govern-ment and in fact became part of it as a member of the Lincoln County Commission and the school board."

I was thankful Bill brought me back to reality before I wrote something silly about the statehood celebrations by real New Mexicans. It was a hard time back then, more so than most of us can even realize. Jan. 6, 1912, was, for most of the citizens of New Mexico, just one more working day.

The way to celebrate the anniversary correctly is by going to work early and working late.

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It can happen here Right wing launches assault on Constitution

By Michael Hays he Las Cruces Bu

Before the outbreak of hostilities, Americans comforted themselves by saying that what was happening in fascist Italy and Nazi Germany could not happen here.

Guest Column

It did not, but it could have.

Democracies with weak leaders in hard economic times often embolden anti-democratic tendencies, which reactionaries on the right and revolutionaries on the left exploit.

Reactionaries and revolutionaries use propaganda to confuse people about the issues, problems and solutions. They demonize opponents, debilitate opposing organizations and delegitimize democratic institutions and their legal foundations. They obstruct the ability of democratically elected government to address widespread grievances across the entire political spectrum. Then they discredit such government as ineffective.

Given poor leadership, such efforts precede the demise of democracy. Can't happen here? It is happening here.

Of late, the American right has acted likewise. Since Goldwater's 1964 campaign, reactionaries - "conservatives" misleadingly labels those who conserve little, reject the modern world, and seek to re-create an earlier one have sought to redirect America backwards.

There is nothing conservative, but everything reactionary, about political parties seeking constitutional and legislative changes dismantling basic constitutional protections and curtailing voting and legal rights of all citizens, especially minorities, the not middleclass, and the not middle-aged.

Today's most committed reactionaries constitute the tea party, a powerful, often controlling, influence within the Republican Party. Its agenda combines constitutional originalism and states' rights maximalism to shrink the size, scope, and powers of the federal government, lower taxes, reduce or end regulations, stifle health and welfare programs and strangle public education.

The proof of their anti-democratic political philosophy of government, on which I focus, is their rhetoric and record.

The tea party professes allegiance to the Constitution, but its originalism expresses its desire to undermine or eliminate many post-Bill of Rights amendments. These amendments include those ending slavery (13th); establishing citizenship for those born in the United States, due process and equal protection (14th); prohibiting denial of suffrage on basis of race or color (15th); allowing federal income tax (16th), establishing direct election of senators (17th); and abolishing poll taxes (24th).

They do not yet include those extending the franchise to women (19th) or lowering

the voting age to 18 years of age (26th), but efforts to hinder voting by the young, seniors, minorities and the poor suggest that the tea party might attack these two amendments in the future.

The tea party approves diluting Bill of Rights amendments. Despite defense, justice, and state department objections, most of its House and Senate adherents voted for legislation diminishing Sixth Amendment guarantees of a fair and speedy public trial by jury and the rights to be informed of the charges, confront the accuser, obtain witnesses and have legal representation.

Instead, it allows those suspected (without reasons given) of being terrorists or of giving them material support (without terms defined) to be turned over to the military for indefinite incarceration, without charge and recourse to the courts - America's "disappeareds."

Ironically, notwithstanding its professed reverence for the founding fathers, the Tea Party ignores their objections stated in the Declaration of Independence against precisely such abuses of English tyranny. Hypocritically, the tea party reviles our current government as tyrannical over Americans, but reveals its desire to run one tyrannizing the rest of us.

The tea party advocates even attack the rule of law itself, as evidenced by recent attacks on "judicial supremacy." Tea party activists have supported the total abolition of the judiciary established under Article III of the Constitution. They call for the impeachment of all judges of courts that have allegedly overreached their authority. In short, tea party supporters want to eliminate an independent judiciary; failing in that effort, it wants to subordinate all federal courts to the emotions or ideologies of the moment.

If the tea party succeeds, the result, in America, which has long struggled to achieve and sustain a government of laws, would be a government of men run by tea party men.

Tea party deeds match tea party words. It is working within the Republican Party to restrict the franchise and disable opposition. In nearly 40 states, both parties are seeking to disenfranchise Democratic-leaning demographic groups by imposing legal, administrative and financial obstacles to registration and voting. In Michigan, they are replacing elected city officials with governor-appointed managers. In Wisconsin and Ohio, they are attacking labor unions and advancing corporate interests.

If they succeed in achieving one-party rule at state and federal levels, the 2012 elections will not reflect "the consent of the governed." Only the appearance of democracy, Sovietstyle, will survive.

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Statehood events in southwest NM

Walk across Elephant Butte Dam or Pow Wow in Silver City

As the State of New Mexico embarks on its 100th birthday on Jan. 6, - when it became the 47th state in the Union - southwest New Mexican cities such as Elephant Butte and Las Cruces and will have a number of celebratory, centennial-centered events.

In honor of New Mexico's 100th anniversary, the public is invited, for one day only, to walk across Elephant Butte Dam, which has been closed to the public since Sept. 11, 2001. Elephant Butte Dam was completed in 1916 by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and, at that time, was the largest man made reservoir in the U.S. The dam is 306 feet high and more than 1,600 feet long.

The Dam Walk takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at the Dam Site Recreation Area. Along with a flag ceremony, speeches and music, video interviews, historic photos and books will be displayed at the event. Vans will take visitors from the Dam Site to the dam overlook and will return them to the Dam Site restaurant for an optional \$10 buffet lunch. The event is free. For more information, visit campoespinoso. org/walk-across-elephant-butte-dam.

Neighboring Truth or Consequences is also home to natural hot springs which are a welcome break from cold winter temperatures. Visit any one of 10 spas offering soothing soaks. On Saturday, Jan. 14, purchase one-of-a-kind art from local artists at T or C Art Hop, in downtown T or C.

Just one hour south of T or C, the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, will feature the dramatic reenactment of President Taft's signing the proclamation making New Mexico a State, with "Eyewitness to History: New Mexico Becomes a State." The free presentation is from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 6. Following the reenactment, a special fundraising Centennial luncheon is available until 1:30 p.m. at \$25 per person. Proceeds from the lunch will benefit the Friends of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum and New Mexico State University Foundation. Call 522-4100 for tickets or visit nmcentennial.org for more information.

Then at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, people can enjoy the Centennial Parade on Main Street in Downtown Las Cruces. Before and after the parade, find handmade crafts at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market. Then from 6 to 9 p.m., the Amador Hotel will host a Centennial celebration with the unveiling of five restored rooms and dedication of two rooms, champagne toast to the Centennial, hors d'oeuvres, and live music. Tickets are \$45.50 and can be purchased online at amadorfoundation.org.

Silver City – less than three hours northwest of Las Cruces – is known for having some of the darkest skies and brightest stars in the country, some which may have also been visible a century ago. For amateur astronomers who would like to take advantage of ideal star gazing conditions, the Silver City Astronomy Society is offering a program called, "How to Set Up an Observatory on a Shoestring.

The free program will feature several local amateur astronomers who will share tips, trials, and successes on building observatories, along with show and tell plans and photos. The program is being held at Isaac's Grill in Silver City at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. Participants have a chance to win a brand new Celestrong telescope as a door prize.

Silver City is also the homeland for many Chiricahua Apache ("Red Paint People") whose traditions, art and culture will be the main focus of the upcoming "Red Paint Pow Wow



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and Indian Market" Jan. 20-22 at the Western New Mexico University Intramural Gym.

Friday, Jan. 20, will be "Kid's Day," featuring storytellers and dance demonstrations, followed by the opening of and Indian Market at 9 a.m. Later that evening, a fashion show and Native Arts Benefit Concert will take place at the Fine Arts Center Theater at \$15 per person. On Saturday, Jan. 21, and Sunday, Jan. 22, see the contest pow wow and gourd dancing, with an awards ceremony to follow. For more information and admission prices, visit redpaintpowwow.net.

For a complete list of Centennial related events or general information on events in southwest New Mexico, visit www. discoversouthwestnm.com.

MHS graduate to lead UNM

The University of New Mexico Board of Regents has selected Robert G. Frank as the 21st president of UNM.

Frank will succeed David J. Schmidly, who announced in April 2011 he would step down after five years as president. Frank will take office in June.

Frank's selection follows a six-month search by a committee that included regents, faculty, students, staff and alumni. The 29 member-committee was chaired by Jack Fortner, president of the UNM Board of Regents.

Frank has been provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Kent State University since July 2007.

A graduate of Mayfield High School in Las Cruces, Frank received three degrees from UNM. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in 1974 and a master's degree in 1977, both in psychology. He received his doctorate in clinical psychology in 1979. Frank and his wife Janet have two sons, Daniel and

Brian.

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Coming Up January DWI checkpoint

Las Cruces Police officers plan to conduct at least one sobriety checkpoint and four saturation patrols within city limits during the month of January.

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

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

Bridge club meets Jan. 6

Welcome Strangers Bridge and Canasta Club will meet at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the Village at Northrise, 2882 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Hallmark Building. Dessert, coffee and tea is served. For reservations, call Virginia at 373-1911, Bernie at 522-2723, Donovan at 522-5450 or Edie at 523-0509.

Amador Hotel Celebration

The Centennial Celebration at the Amador Hotel, 180 W. Amador Ave., will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.

The cocktail party will be a celebration of the New Mexico statehood centennial and will raise funds for the restoration of the building through the Amador Hotel Foundation (AHF).

The evening will include a champagne toast to the Amador Hotel, catering by Lorenzo's de Mesilla, entertainment, unveiling and the dedication of several rooms that have been restored and the unveiling of a lot of furniture that was donated by board member Pam Creek, who passed away in 2011. Tickets are \$45 in advance

and \$50 at the door.

Tickets can be purchased from any AHF board member, online at www. amadorfoundation.org, by calling 522-1232 or by mailing a check to: Amador Hotel Foundation, P.O. Box 1268, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Zen meditation offered Jan. 7

The Zendo at the Order of Clear Mind Zen will host a one-day meditation retreat from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. The retreat will offer Zen meditation instruction and a teaching by Rev. Harvey Daiho Hilbert-Roshi on "Making a Commitment to Peaceful Living." A vegetar-ian lunch will be included. Seating is limited to 12 persons. For more information or to reserve a space, email clearmindzen@yahoo.com or call Kathryn Soku Shin at 644-8673.

CAFé hosts meeting

New Mexico Comunidades en Accion y de Fe (CAFé) will host a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. The discussion will focus on local home foreclosures. For more information, call Sarah Nolan at 520-1624 or email cafeinfo@organizenm.org.

CAFé is a faith-based, non-partisan community organization that helps train and organize low and moderate income communities to shape public policy at the local, state and federal levels, and is a division of the PICO National Network, the largest faith-based organization in the country.

York Rite meeting set

The York Rite Chapter will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Aztec Lodge No. 3, A.F. & A.M., 180 Boutz Ave.

Visibility Ride will be Jan. 9

A Share the Road Las Cruces Visibility Ride will begin at 7:05 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, starting at the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., and ending at 7:45 a.m. at Starbucks, 945 E. University Ave.

The Share the Road Las Cruces (STRLC) Visibility Rides are monthly events to support the Share the Road Las Cruces Educational Campaign. The ride is a reallife, real-time demonstration of how bicyclists can safely ride with traffic and that cycling is a viable mode of transportation with multiple benefits. Additionally, it has begun to raise awareness among motorists of the presence of cyclists, of motorists' ability to safely share the road with cyclists, and of how cyclists behave while riding among vehicles while following traffic laws. All participants are asked to follow the rules of the road

and must wear helmets. For more information, email visibilityride@gmail. com or visit visibilityride. blogspot.com.

DASWCD holds meeting Jan. 12

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Doña Ana Soil & Water Conservation District will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Elephant Butte Irrigation District conference room, 530 S. Melendres St.

Anyone who would like a copy of the agenda for this meeting, may call the number listed above 24 hours prior to the meeting or visit www. daswcd.org.

Ed retirees meet Jan. 10

A luncheon meeting of Educational Retirees of Las Cruces will be at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The speaker will be announced.

All retirees who have worked in any educational organization, any place in the world and their spouses are welcome to attend. Cost of the buffet luncheon is \$9. Reservations are requested to Nova Jennet at 523-1129.

MV Writers meet Jan. 7 The Mesilla Valley Writers

will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave, in the Roadrunner Room. Following a short business meeting, member Linda Ostrander will display her exceptional talent of setting your poetry to music. All are welcome.

For more information, email domorgan@nmsu.edu.

Archaeological Society meets

The Doña Ana Archaeological Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium.

Society member Pat Beckett will give the presentation "Along El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro with Oñate." His talk will cover various historical aspects of this "royal road" between Mexico City and the Santa Fe area of New Mexico. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 524-9497.

Knitting classes held at library

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host two knitting classes beginning in January.

Basic Knitting for Beginners will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 11, and will continue for 10 weeks. Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed to give beginners and novices who have never knitted before a solid foundation in knitting. Students will develop a solid foundation in ten weeks. Initial supplies will be provided. For more information or to register, call 528-4005. Advanced Beginner Knitting Class will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10.

Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed for those who have some knitting experience and want to learn to make a garment. During the class, students will be advised on what they will need to purchase. For more information or to register, call 528-4005.

Education policy forum

The Rio Grande Foundation will be holding an education policy panel discussion from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The event is free of charge.

Participants will include policymakers and stakeholders from across the political spectrum, including state Sen. Steve Fischmann; Paul J. Gessing, president of the Rio Grande Foundation; Tracey Bryan, president and CEO of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico; and Robert Carreon, executive director Teach For America-Rio Grande Valley.

New Mexico repeatedly scores 49th in the nation in a wide variety of educational measures. Reforms have been proposed – and some adopted – in the Legislature, but what can citizens to to push the issue?

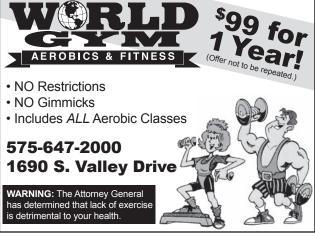
Each participant will be discussing the need for reform and ideas for carrying out those reforms in the Legislature and the political process in general. Audience questions will be welcomed.

For more information, call Gessing at 505-264-6090.











The railroad would be the first transportation link connecting Las Cruces to the greater world.

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provided land for a depot.

That decision quickly made Las Cruces the hub for early commerce, especially the transportation of agricultural crops.

A role for the Fire Department

Las Cruces was first incorporated as a town in 1907 for one specific purpose – to raise tax money to buy fire-fighting equipment. So when Las Cruces celebrated its centennial five years ago, the Fire Department would play a starring role.

Nevertheless, it wouldn't be until 1912 – the same year New Mexico became a state – that Town of Las Cruces Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief A.F. Katzenstein made this report to town trustees:

"I have the pleasure of informing your honorable body that the fire hose has arrived as also the nozzles, and the cart, and the same is now being put together. I am now ready to fight the fires with water."

This was the first known mention of water delivery to a fire scene, according the city's official history of the Las Cruces Fire Department.

In 1912, an ordinance was established for the use of waterworks by the fire department that fined any person using water for irrigation or sprinkling during a fire. Later, in 1913, authorization was given to the fire department to use fire plugs during a fire.

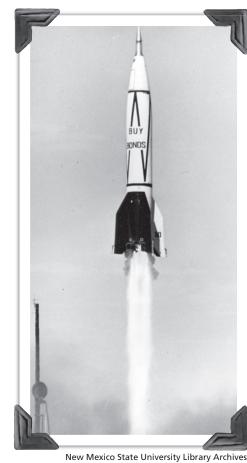
In 1914, a "modern" fire engine was purchased for the town.

By 1920, an ordinance was introduced and passed by the town board of trustees regulating traffic on the town streets in case of fire. The ordinance stated that the Las Cruces Volunteer Fire Department's members and apparatus were given the right-of-way during and returning from a fire.

Highways to the future

At the end of World War II it was trains that brought carloads of German V2 rocket parts to White Sands Proving Ground, which would be the first step in transforming the military expanse of land into one of the most technologically advanced military testing areas in the world. Today, work at White Sands Missile Range contributes more than \$1 million a day to the local economy.

In the late 1950s, another change would prove pivotal to the growth of the city – the creation of the interstate highway system.



A rocket based on the German V2 launches from White Sands Proving Ground.

Original plans were for the east-west interstate to follow the Southern Pacific Railroad from El Paso to Deming – bypassing Las Cruces – but powerful U.S. Sen. Clinton P. Anderson used his influence to bring the route further north to Las Cruces. With two major highways connecting Las Cruces to all points north, south, east and west, the town become a center of commerce in southern New Mexico.

That the junction of Interstates 10 and 25 is at New Mexico State University has played a key role in its growth as a research institution, especially in providing technical support for White Sands Missile Range.

Las Cruces today is poised to be the commercial and industrial support hub for Spaceport America and its companies seeking to create the next revolution in transportation – making space accessible to people and private enterprise.

Once again, Las Cruces is at the crossroads.





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The 1950s brought interstate highways and for many new college students, this bus station was their introduction to Las Cruces.

Virgin Galactic's prototype spaceliner soars during a test flight. Virgin is offering people flights into suborbital space from Spaceport America, which is north of Las Cruces.

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Space program in stamps Postal service helps promote achievements in space

New Mexico Museum of SPACE HISTORY Celebrating the Spirit of Exploration!

By Michael Shinabery

Space history aficionados visit museums to see relics ranging from the Cold War to the lunar landing and Space Shuttle eras.

In Houston, they can touch a moon rock, and in southern New Mexico see a restored V-2 at White Sands Missile Range. The New Mexico Museum of Space History, in Alamogordo, displays artifacts from the chimpanzee HAM. The Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, honors "Neil Armstrong, first man to set foot on the moon," said the website ohsweb. ohiohistory.org.

However, if you want to own space history, stamps recognize America's off-Earth achievements. NMMSH Curator George House characterized them as "miniportraits of history." One, which commemorated the Space Shuttle Program at the beginning of the 21st century, was issued by the United States Postal Service on Jan. 12, 2000. "Stamps became the 'snapshot'

that every person could easily look at to know what was happening at NASA and how we were measuring up to our Soviet rivals," said nasa.gov.

According to collectspace.com, the first "space-topical" U.S. stamp noting a launched mission was a four-cent stamp released on Dec. 15, 1960, depicting the passive communications satellite Echo 1. The 100foot diameter, 10-story balloon was launched earlier that year on Aug. 12, and was the "first inflatable structure to go into orbit," nasa.gov said. The second such stamp was on Feb. 20, 1962, which at four cents recognized John Glenn's Project Mercury orbital mission aboard Friendship VII. Collectspace.com said these were "secretly held at post offices until his successful splashdown.'

Suddenly, "the USPS became the de facto partner to NASA in helping it stir public awareness, excitement and enthusiasm for America's new era of exploration," nasa.gov said.



This 1948 stamp commemorated Mount Palomar.

Space-stamp clubs sprang up, "many of which were at or near NASA facilities." Enthusiasts "would create specially-themed postal covers, cachets and postage cancellations to help them record the history they were witnessing." Aboard astronaut recovery ships, "sailors running the individual ship post offices ... developed their own special hand stamps."

Robert Goddard was on an eightcent air mail, with First Day Covers postmarked Oct. 4, 1964 at Roswell.

Ed White's venture as the first American to spacewalk was depicted on two five-cent stamps released Sept. 29, 1967: the left one showed White, the right the Gemini capsule. William Anders' famous Earthrise photograph, taken aboard Apollo 8, was on a six-cent stamp postmarked May 5, 1969. The words "In the beginning God..." recalled the astronauts' December 1968 Christmas Eve reading from the Biblical book of Genesis. The die for the Sept. 9, 1969 10-cent "First Man on the Moon" was "flown to the Moon on Apollo 11," collectspace.com said.

In the mid-1970s the USPS depicted post lunar missions that included Skylab, and the Pioneer, Jupiter, Mariner and Viking probes. The July 1975 two-stamp issue for the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project was codesigned by U.S. and Soviet Union artists. According to collectspace. com, "an identical set was issued in the USSR with Cyrillic text."

In August 1994, 500,000 stamps honoring Apollo 11's 25th anniversary "were flown in space aboard (Shuttle) Endeavour." The \$11.75 Shuttle Landing Express Mail on Nov. 19, 1998, had "hidden text (listing) each orbiter's name." Endeavour's name was "misspelled."

Perhaps the most controversial one was on the 400 postal covers the



This U.S. space-related stamp was in honor of rocket pioneer Robert Goddard.

Apollo 15 crew "entered into a financial agreement with a stamp dealer" to carry to the Moon, nasa.gov said. The "sale to stamp collectors prompted outrage and investigations by NASA and Congress." Today, the covers "are worth several thousands of dollars apiece."

Long before the USPS commemorated NASA achievements, however, similar-themes were common worldwide. A six-part series Sky and Telescope magazine published from January-June 1959 featured examples from "more than a dozen countries." Italy released four in 1942 with astronomer Galileo Galilei's image. In 1953, Austria honored Johannes Kepler, and the same year Poland recognized Nicholas Copernicus. France depicted Copernicus and Sir Isaac Newton in 1957.

Many nations touted their own observatories. Sky and Telescope's examples (May 1959) included Korea depicting its 1,300-year-old astronomical observing tower (1948), and a Japanese issue (1949) with the Mizusawa Latitude Observatory. On a 1948 three-cent stamp, the U.S. commemorated the "dedication of the world's largest telescope" at Palomar Mountain Observatory.

Constellations such as the Big and Little dippers were on a "1933 airmail (stamp) of Cyrenaica, a former Italian colony that is now part of Libya," Sky and Telescope said in April 1959. Cuba depicted the Star of Bethlehem and the Crux; and Australia, Brazil and New Zealand the Southern Cross. The May 1959 Sky and Telescope reproduced the northern lights (Norway, 1941), and two 1942 Mexico stamps with photographs of the Sombrero galaxy, and "the planetary nebula in Lyra."

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In 1958, the U.S., France and Hungary commemorated the International Geophysical Year (June 1957-December 1958) which, in the U.S., led to the launching of the Vanguard and Explorer satellites. The next year, Russian and Romanian stamps showed the Soviet Mechta "space probe," later known as Luna 1. Ironically, the probe missed the Moon and ended up orbiting the Sun.

"In years to come," the June 1959 Sky and Telescope predicted, "the science of astronomy will continue its rapid growth into unknown regions with tools undreamed of today. As our science touches everyday life more closely, the number of stamps with astronomical themes should increase accordingly."

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game," Carruthers said.

Carruthers landed statewide exposure by keeping his composure in an hour-and-a-half-long televised debate for the GOP candidates.

With the frontrunners attacking each other, Carruthers recalled getting a note from a cameraman in which a woman viewer from Gallup instructed him to pull his coat down a bit. There was something about that motherly advice that calmed Carruthers, but he left the show feeling he had done awfully.

Instead, Carruthers was given high marks by his staff and the campaign phones began ringing off the hook with voters from all over New Mexico volunteering to help his campaign.

"The debate changed the chemistry of the race," Carruthers recalled, who also described his campaign as one of the last that kept a positive focus and argued issues fairly.

Not all his stances, however, were well-received. During his campaign in 1986, Carruthers promised to reinstate the death penalty. When Carruthers won the general election, Anaya commuted the sentences of all men on death row in protest

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before leaving office.

Carruthers, who is now dean of the NMSU College of Business, said his main focus while governor was reforming education. Although a Republican, he supported an increase in gross receipts taxes to help pay for providing more technology to the schools. In addition to improving funding for the schools, Carruthers said his administration worked to streamline the process and provide measures to make schools more accountable.

To be successful, Carruthers said he reached out to Democratic lawmakers and that made all the difference to getting legislation passed. Carruthers said his focus on education was really a win-win strategy for both sides of the political arguments.

"I believe that if we improve the educational system we will have economic development," Carruthers said. "No question." After serving one four-year term, Carruthers jumped into the private sector by forming one of the state's earliest managed health companies, Cimarron Health Plan.

But Carruthers couldn't stay away from his love of education and returned to NMSU to head the business school. The rest is history – and a lot of it, considering Carruthers is someone who never intends to run for office again or risk the ire of his wife, Kathy.

"After my term as governor, we decided that I had performed my public service," he said.

Besides growing the College of Business, Carruthers created Think New Mexico! – a bipartisan think tank group that has created many policy reforms, such as the elimination of the tax on food. The college's business incubator Arrowhead Park has blossomed under his guidance, and Carruthers is now leading the formation of the Pete V. Domenici Institute on Public Policy at NMSU.

These side duties don't end there. Carruthers was drafted by Govs. Bill Richardson and Susana Martinez to head efforts to streamline government. Carruthers said his goal in the efforts is to bring good management approaches to government, which is never any easy task. Carruthers also is providing guidance in the debate over which government departments should be consolidated to be more cost-effective and efficient.



Garrey Carruthers, New Mexico's 27th governor and the third from Las Cruces, said he always kept an open-door policy when he occupied the governor's office in the Roundhouse.

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Drainage is seen as a critical need after the heavy rains in summer 2006, Gonzalez said.

As for the proposed city hall and community center, the Anthony city government is currently held in offices provided by a church. The request would have the city hall also act as a community center.

"I appreciate the way you've done the whole thing," Papen said.

Nava said it is wise to prioritize and start small. Too many capital outlay projects in the state, she said, are for large projects that too frequently don't get completed.

Papen said there is opportunity for capital outlay funds, but there will be a lot of competition. She said projects with the best shot of getting funds need to be truly "shovel ready," meaning work would start within 90 days of receiving the money.

"Any dollars you get, you need to be ready to spend them," Papen said.

Southern New Mexico lawmakers will be watching carefully, she said, to protect funding for continued improvements to colonias, unincorporated communities lacking in basic infrastructure.

Anthony officials reported they already are making improvements to the water supply and other utilities.

The 30-day legislative session starts Tuesday, Jan. 17, with its primary goal to build a budget.

Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and the Democratic-controlled Legislature are expected to have about \$250 million available for budget increases in the upcoming fiscal year,

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In the upcoming 2013 fiscal year, which starts next July, the state expects to collect nearly \$5.7 billion in its main budget account. That's about \$9 million higher than October revenue estimates, according to a report outlined by top officials in the Martinez administration to the Legislative Finance Committee.

The Associated Press reports state government will have about \$254 million in what's called "new money" next year to allocate for programs, restore recent budget cuts or cover the cost of tax cuts the Martinez administration would like to see to help stimulate the slow economy.

The \$254 million represents the difference between projected revenues and current spending, according to the AP. However, about \$50 million of that will be

However, about \$50 million of that will be needed to pay for expected changes in public employee pensions next year and part of the additional revenues likely will go to cover anticipated growth in Medicaid, which pays for health care for the poor and uninsured children, the AP reports.

State workers and educators started paying an extra 1.75 percent of their salaries for their pensions in July, but those retirement fund contributions will drop – forcing the state to spend an extra \$50 million – starting in July 2012 unless the Legislature approves a change in law. The higher employee pension payments will drop automatically under current law if the state's revenues rebound by a certain amount.

That budget forecast also reported:

• Revenues should be almost \$21 million higher than expected in the current budget year, which started in July. Economists project revenues to grow 2.4 percent over 2011. Finance and Administration Secretary Tom Clifford and Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla told lawmakers that higher-than-anticipated revenues from the oil and gas industry account for most of the improvement.

The state will end the current fiscal year





Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd G. Dickson Douglas Wolf of Wolf Engineering Co. talks about the challenges of making improvements to Fourth Street in Anthony, N.M., in a presentation to area officials Wednesday, Jan. 4, at the Women's Intercultural Center. Sitting in the foreground are state Sens. Cynthia Nava and Mary Kay Papen.

- with cash reserves of \$599 million, which is the equivalent of 11 percent of spending. The finance committee estimates that \$100 million of that could be needed for one-time spending projects and to supplement this year's budget for some programs, including Medicaid.
- About \$130 million should be available for capital projects from bonds backed by severance taxes, which require approval of the Legislature but not voters.
- About \$299 million will be available for capital improvement projects from general obligation bonds, which are repaid with property tax revenues and must be approved by voters. Two years ago, voters rejected a bond issue for projects at colleges and universities.



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Centennial parade ready Plan ahead to find parking Downtown By Todd G. Dickson

The Mesilla Valley New Mexico Centennial Parade will not only be a large parade with 100 entrants, it will be a historical review of the local community over the first 100 years of New Mexico's statehood.

The two-mile parade will occupy Downtown all morning Saturday, Jan. 7, and probably into the early afternoon.

Staging of entries begins at 9 a.m. at the Loretto Towne Center and the parade begin at 11 a.m. The parade route will travel north on Church Street, go around the new roundabout on the north end of re-opened Main Street heading onto Water Street south and back to the staging area. The reviewing stand will be in front of the old Las Cruces city hall, 200 N. Church St.

People can park in the Downtown lots near the Farmers & Crafts Market - which will be extending its hours to 3 p.m. Saturday – but those who choose to park in the midst of the parade route are pretty much stuck there. Those wanting to be able to take off before the end of the parade should find parking in the Mesquite Street and Alameda Depot neighborhoods to the east and west of the re-opened Main Street.

In keeping with the centennial theme, the parade is planned to last 100 minutes, with about 10 minutes of each decade passing the reviewing stand.

Those in the parade and those attending are encouraged to dress in period costumes. The parade grand marshal will be actor Dale Liikala, who is portraying President William H. Taft, and Las Crucen Judy Roscoe who is portraying first lady Nellie Taft.

On hand for the celebration with be Alvina Haillie, born in 1912 in Hillsboro, Kan., who is turning 100 during the centennial year.

Also leading the parade will be Ruben Smith, former Las Cruces mayor, and Teresita Viramontes, who was the centennial queen in 1949 when Las Cruces celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding. Smith, who was a young boy at the time, was the crown bearer for Viramontes at the centennial event more than 60 years ago.

A re-enactment of President Taft signing the legislation making New Mexico a state will start

Parade entrants

Parade participants will not only reference the different decades, but also reflect the variety of people and groups that make up this area. Here is a partial list:

- Almost all Las Cruces Public Schools
- White Sands Missile Range
- 2nd Engineer Battalion
- New Mexico National Guard
- Spaceport America and Virgin Galactic Paleozoic Trackways Foundation
- All branches of the military
- Friends of Fort Selden
- Veterans and Civic Organizations
- 1906 Peter Shutter Covered Wagon
- Several local car clubs
- Relay for Life
- Keep Las Cruces Beautiful
- Honor Flight of Southern New Mexico
- Piro-Manso-Tiwa tribe
- La Sociedad de la Entrada
- Several churches
- Las Cruces fire and police departments
- Doña Ana Sheriff's Office
- Doña Ana Sheriff's Posse
- Chambers of commerce groups ROTC and JR ROTC programs
- March bands Local restaurants and businesses
- Neighborhood associations

the parade on the front steps of the old city hall with Margie Huerta, president of Doña Ana Community College, acting as emcee for the opening ceremonies.

The parade will also include a flyby at approximately 11:35 a.m. by an F-22 Raptor from Holloman Air Force Base, which is meant to mark the time of day in New Mexico when Taft signed the law making New Mexico a state.

For more information, visit mycentennial.org, or call Dolores Archuleta at 524-7873, or Greg Smith at 202-5654.



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Mesilla Valley Kiwanis officers John Northcutt and Jim Vorenberg begin work on the Kiwanis float for the Centennial Parade. The float will include members from all three local Kiwanis groups – the other two are Las Cruces Kiwanis and Sun Country de Las Cruces. The group's float will be in the 1920s portion of the parade as the first Las Cruces area Kiwanis Club formed in 1927.



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A14 | News Las Cruces Bulletin **Change ahead for higher ed** Early college high school lands grant funding

By Todd G. Dickson

State Higher Education Secretary Jose Garcia and Public Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera say they intend to make the public schools and higher education work together to provide a better trained work force.

Speaking before the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA) Tuesday, Jan. 3, Garcia and Skandera said they also will make the educational system more accountable.

Their appearance in Las Cruces was followed up by Gov. Susana Martinez meeting with a large group of regents, governing board members and post-secondary institution presidents in Socorro to discuss the state's new higher education funding formula.

The new formula will reward New Mexico's higher learning institutions based on outcome measures that reflect student achievement and preparedness for New Mexico's work force, as opposed to basing the allocation of funding on measurements like the size (square footage) of each institution.

Also, the current formula funds colleges and universities based on courses and degree programs started. The new formula would be based on courses and degree programs completed.

Garcia said this is about more than making better use of the state's

support of higher education. The idea is to put the money into where there are gaps, especially in skill sets needed in high-tech professions

needed in high-tech professions. At the MVEDA luncheon, Garcia noted that Intel decided to expand its Arizona operations, but not its plant in Rio Rancho. Yet, New Mexico spends more per graduate than Arizona, he said.

Garcia said he took it as signal that New Mexico is not producing the kind of work force that is needed for the United States to be competitive globally.

"The central goal of New Mexico's higher education institutions should be to graduate the students New Mexico's economy will depend on for decades," Martinez said. "In an increasingly competitive global economy, this formula will help us deliver the graduates we need for the jobs of tomorrow, and it serves to intently focus our attention on the achievement of our students."

Under the formula, institutions would receive funding for graduating students in "STEHM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Health Care and Mathematics) fields. A recent study disclosed that New Mexico's economy will require nearly 50,000 employees with STEHM degrees by 2018 and nearly 95 percent of those jobs will require post-secondary education.

"For the first time in the history of New Mexico, the younger generation is less educated than the generations before," Garcia said. "This new formula is our opportunity to make sure today's students are tomorrow's successful employees."

Meanwhile, Skandera said the schools will be changing, too, with a focus on making graduates better prepared for the work force or higher education once they complete school.

Skandera said the schools will be more realistically assessed than the guaranteed failure rates offered by No Child Left Behind standards, which she said has only resulted in schools putting resources into helping borderline students rather than helping struggling students.

"Education is about setting up our kids for success," Skandera said. "Let's honor the successes we see and work on the areas we need to."

At the MVEDA luncheon, a local success story was also highlighted. The Arrowhead Park Early College High School (APECHS) on the New Mexico State University campus will get a boost from a \$345,090 W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant for the public-private workforce development advocate.

The school, created by a schoolbusiness partnership called the Bridge of Southern New Mexico gives students the chance to learn in a higher education environment and earn college credits.

APECHS can tout that none of its students have dropped out, said Tracey Bryan, president and CEO of The Bridge. She said the cooperative efforts between the public schools,



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

State Higher Education Secretary Jose Garcia and Public Education Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera answer questions at a luncheon Tuesday, Jan. 3, sponsored by the Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces.

higher education and the business community is what spurred Kellogg to give the significant grant.

Distribution of the grant money includes \$45,000 to NMSU's Enlace Program that helps minority students succeed in higher education, \$45,000 to NMSU and the University of New Mexico education research centers, \$37,090 to the Arrowhead Center where the school is housed and \$10,000 to the Service Learning Program at the NMSU College of Education.

But the bulk of the Kellogg grant will be used to increase the student capacity at APECHS and to begin work on setting up four more early college high schools in Doña Ana County, according to the grant announcement.

Bryan said the Kellogg grant is a significant award, but The Bridge also has been getting grants from other private foundations and local businesses to help the APECHS effort.

Through APECHS and other efforts, Las Cruces Public Schools is seeing good progress on reducing its dropout rate overall, Bryan said, "and the sky's the limit" for future progress.

Skandera touted APECHS as an example of how to improve schools.

"We didn't point fingers in Las Cruces," she said. "We sat down and said how do we get there, and we partnered."



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With a bad economy and being in congressional crosshairs, this has been a difficult time to be in public broadcasting. But KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM on the campus of New Mexico State University are proving their mettle.

"Some of the things we've accomplished at KRWG during some very turbulent times include staying really true to our vision, which is simply to provide relevant news, a forum for open discussion, a celebration of the arts, while preserving human and natural history," said Glen Cerny, director of university broadcasting, overseeing KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM. "It's a pretty common public media goal, but for us to see some of the things that we have been doing to fulfill that mission is very gratifying."

It's especially gratifying for Cerny he said because his stations have to compete for fundraising dollars against two other public broadcasting outfits in El Paso, Texas: Public Broadcasting Service KCOS-TV and National Public Radio station KTEP-FM on the campus of the University of Texas at El Paso.

"That kind of dilutes some of our exclusivity," Cerny said. "On the other hand, as far as electronic media in southern New Mexico, we are pretty unique. We are unique with TV."

Now entering his sixth year at KRWG, Cerny has devoted himself to keeping the television and radio stations active members of the community. This past summer, both stations launched "Fronteras – A Changing America," a regional radio news magazine and a weekly public affairs TV program that look at the issues affecting the border region. KRWG-FM also is part of a multi-station public media project in the Southwest called "Fronteras – The Changing America Desk," which features reports from stations throughout the region, including KRWG.

"Because we are public media, we have to look at the total public," Cerny said. "Now the fact that (our community is) over 50 percent Hispanic is a little difficult for me to ignore. That's what programs like our participation in 'Fronteras' address. We want to look at ourselves and ask, 'What can we do better to serve the community, even become a better citizen of the community?""

Cerny also is determined to create partnerships between the stations and the community to better leverage each other's strengths. He is particularly keen on building bridges with area schools.

"I think what is terribly lacking is that youth in our community do not have a voice," he said. "I'm old. I don't know what's going on in middle school; I don't have a clue about what it's like to be a high school student. Our young people need to have a voice. They need to have a sense that they can be heard. We're trying to launch some initiatives with some school systems to give them that voice."

Fred Martino, KRWG-TV assistant executive director, also serves as marketing chair for the Las Cruces Mayor's Top Teens Committee. "The committee recognizes area high

school students who excel in their academic work while also giving back to the community," Martino said.

The Top Teens have been featured on KRWG-FM and KRWG-TV, and the TV station maintains a Top Teens YouTube page that hosts archived interviews.

And, of course, there's all the work those Muppets on "Sesame Street" do to enhance pre-K literacy.

"It takes time to build these partnerships. It has to be very clear that you are available for that kind of partnership; that you want to entertain those kinds of partnerships and join in. It's easier to combine two existing programs than it is to create one. The money just isn't there to create," Cerny said. "You also have to be out in the community, so you are visible and show you truly are available. It's easy to sit in an office in Milton Hall and not get the word out."

Cerny and his staff regularly conduct twohour coffee visits out in the community so members of the public can learn more about what the two KRWG stations have to offer. Among those offerings is the television news magazine "Newsmakers," which focuses on the people, issues and events that shape the regional community. Martino hosts the show.

"We also host economic and candidate forums in conjunction with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and other partners," Martino said.

In keeping with NMSU's status as a landgrant institution, Cerny also has developed programming to reflect the university and community's agricultural roots. Prominent among those efforts is the TV show "Field Trip!" which follows products from the farm to the home.

"It took a good four years, but we were able to produce 13 episodes of "Field Trip!" last year," Cerny said.

This year, "Field Trip!" is being distributed nationally.

"The mission of public broadcasting and the mission of a land-grant institution are on a very close, parallel track. The university's mission is to create education opportunities across the entire state," Cerny said. "With two other stations (KNME-TV in Albuquerque and KENW-TV in Portales), I don't cover the whole state. But from Silver City to Deming to Truth or Consequences to Alamogordo, all the way down to even Juárez, we help the university fulfill that land-



grant mission of providing services."

The two KRWGs also serve the student population at NMSU by acting as a learning lab for journalism and broadcast production students.

"Students have access to field cameras and digital editing suites to produce material for a television newscast," Martino said.

During the fall and spring semesters, the student-produced newscast, News22, airs at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday on KRWG-TV. News22 is directed by Nick Miller, a former long-time anchor and managing editor at the NBC affiliate in El Paso, KTSM.



New Mexico State University photo Glen Cerny, director of university broadcasting at New Mexico State University, oversees the operations of public stations KRWG-TV and KRWG-FM.

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Man may still sue Mesilla By Todd G. Dickson

Las Cruces Bulletin

A state appeal court has thrown out a ticket against a local resident who disputed being cited by Mesilla Police for parking by a handicapped sidewalk "curb cut" that wasn't clearly marked.

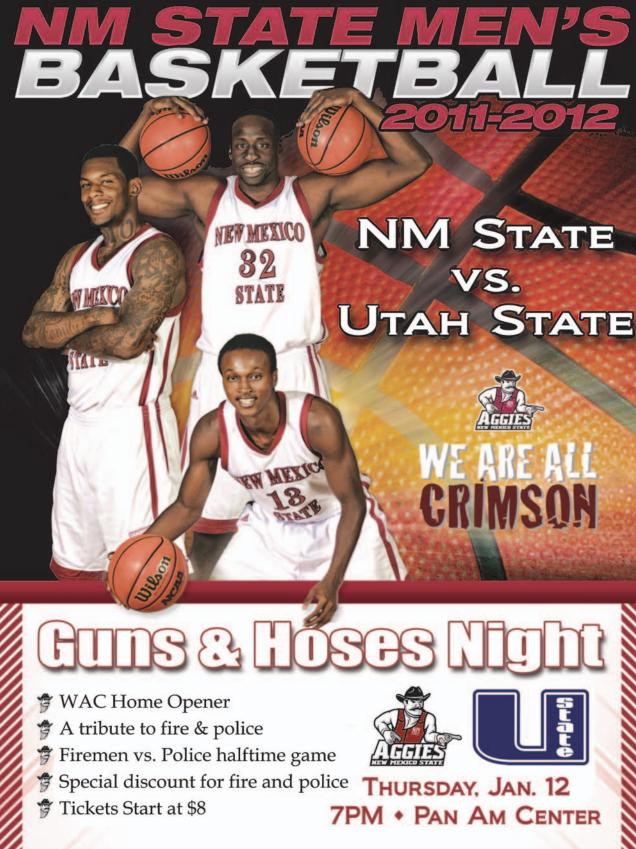
Jacek Rokowski has fought the citation since October 2010, when he was unloading camera equipment to help promote the town's annual jazz festival.

Rokowski tried to fight the ticket locally, but said Mesilla Municipal Judge Lionel Frietze simply set the maximum fine of \$500, which totals \$529 with court costs. After hearing of a similar experience from Robert and Priscilla Ryan, who were also cited for parking near a curb cut by the southwest corner

of the Basilica of San Albino, Rokowski decided to go public with his fight.

The Ryans and Rokowski made their objection known publicly a year ago and the Town of Mesilla responded by improving signage and painting the restricted parking areas blue and red. Their complaints about the zealous parking enforcement became a topic of discussion at a town hall meeting Dec. 7, 2010, held by the Mesilla Board of Trustees. Merchants and residents complained that the publicity was hurting tourism is Mesilla at a time when the tourist town desperately needed the business.

Marshal Jeff Gray said issuing citations has dropped dramatically since the new markings, but he added that the previous citations were the result of people's attitudes when the officers gave them citations. Gray contended his officers weren't trying to generate revenues. Gray said heir focus is public safety and a review of all citations showed him that officers are more likely to ticket for children not being properly secured in a car,



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"They're creating the hazards," Rokowski said. "This is about justice to them, it's about making money."

School break-ins

During the first 11 months of 2010, 42 citations were issued for handicapped parking violations and a total of \$4,822 in

For Rokowski, his fight with Mesilla resulted in an appeals

Rokowski said he was ready to fight the citation because the

court hearing in late December, 2011. Because the citing offi-

cer did not show for the hearing, the appeal was granted, said

Rokowski, who said he still plans to sue Mesilla over the matter.

ordinances the town is using are not clear, and the curb cuts

don't meet specifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

He said the marshal's office should not be issuing "illegal park-

ing" citations until their municipal codes are better written and

than for where that car is parked.

the curb cuts made ADA compliant.

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 re-

ward for information that leads to the arrests of the suspects who committed

two burglaries at an area el-

ementary school. The Doña Ana County

Sheriff's Office is investigat-

ing the two burglaries com-

mitted late last year at An-

thony Elementary School in

occurred during the late evening of Nov. 13, 2011

or the early morning hours of Nov. 14, 2011. Taken

were seven 42-inch RCA

flat-screen television sets.

Investigators believe that

the suspects may have been

driving a small white pickup, possibly a Chevrolet

S-10. It's believed they cut a

fence near the 700 block of

Madison Street to gain ac-

cess to the northeast side of

the school's campus.

One of the burglaries

Anthony, N.M.

fines assessed.

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The other burglary at Anthony Elementary School was committed at around 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 9, 2011. In that burglary, three suspects wearing hoodies took an RCA flat-screen TV and possibly left from the southeast side of the school's campus.

If you have any information on either of these burglaries, or know who the suspects may be, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

The Crime Stoppers number and text messaging services are operational 24 hours a day and you do not have to give your name to collect a reward.





Looks like the usual suspects



Jim Hilley Bulletin in the Zone

The new year has begun, the holiday hangovers are behind us and everything starts new in college basketball.

Well, not totally, but the beginning of conference play give teams a chance to put any non-conference struggles behind them and concentrate on matching up with teams that are, more or less, on the same level of program as your own.

For the Western Athletic Conference – this year's version anyway – it seems the usual suspects will vie for the regular season crown and top seed in the WAC tournament March 8-10 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Easily the hottest team in the league right now is the Nevada Wolf Pack. This will be their last chance for another WAC crown, as next year they will be in the Mountain West Conference – at least that's the plan. The boys from Reno are on a seven-game win streak and have the league's best record at 10-3. Included in those wins are a 64-59 win against Bradley in Chicago and a 69-61 win at Arizona State in Tempe. Losses have come at UNLV (71-67) to BYU in Chicago (76-50) and a 68-46 Veterans Day home loss to Missouri State – ouch.

Nevada is loaded with talent. Malik Story and Deonte Burton are both scoring more than 14 points a game and Dario Hunt is their leading rebounder with 8.8 per game, third in the league.

WAC fans know that Utah State is always in the mix for the conference title, but the Utags are having to play through some difficulties. Senior Brady Jardine was injured three games into the season and is out for the year. Preston Medlin has stepped in as the leading scorer with 14.4 a game, while Brockieth Pane, Morgan Grim and sensational newcomer Kyisean Reed are all averaging more than 10 points a game. Unsurprisingly, the Utags are near the top of the WAC in scoring defense and field-goal percentage.

Never count out a Stew Morrill led team. Utah State has won four of their last five games with their only loss in that stretch at No. 16 Mississippi State 66-64 on Dec. 31, 2011.

Perhaps the WAC's most improved team is the University of Hawai'i. Gib Arnold has brought in a lot of talented players and he uses almost all of them, with eight players averaging 10 minutes or more per game. Hawai'i is led in scoring by Zane Johnson with 15.1 points per game.

While Nevada, Utah State and New Mexico State still look like the teams to beat, the rest of the WAC is right behind in what looks to be a very balanced league.

As WAC fans know, anything can happen.

Ags open WAC at La Tech

Sports

NMSU earns road win at Bakersfield

By **Jim Hilley**

Despite the release of guard Christian Kabongo by the New Mexico State University basketball team, coach Marvin Menzies said he feels his team is moving in the right direction heading into Western Athletic Conference play.

"We've had the whole gamut of experience in non-conference with some big wins, some tough losses, some road wins and some good competition at home," Menzies said Tuesday, Jan. 3. "I think all those scenarios give you some confidence.

"Like every year we will be trying to play our best ball going into conference. I feel pretty good right now that we are headed in that direction."

The Aggies's confidence may have been buoyed by an improbable 73-72 last-second victory at Cal-State Bakersfield Monday, Jan. 2, the Aggies' third road win of the 2011-12 season.

With the game tied 70-70, the Aggies' fate was seemingly sealed by a turnover and foul by Wendell McKines with 2.9 seconds left to play, sending CSUB's Issiah Grayson to the free throw line with a chance to seal the win for the Roadrunners.

Grayson gave his team a 1-point lead on the first free throw, but after a time out, missed the second shot. Aggie forward Tyrone Watson rebounded the miss and in his attempt to get the ball upcourt to McKines, was fouled by Donald Johnson, putting Watson at the free-throw line with .9 seconds left.

Watson connected on both free throws to steal the win for New Mexico State. Going into the game Watson was shooting only 50 percent from the free throw line, but connect on 9 of 10 at Bakersfield.

"Watson had a lot that were bouncing on See **Aggies** on page A21



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey Mando Marshall said he feels most comfortable at the two-guard position for the Las Cruces Highs School Bulldawgs.



New Mexico State University photo High-flying freshman guard Daniel Mullings appears poised to step into a larger role for the New Mexico State Aggies with the departure of Christian Kabongo.

Marshall paces Bulldawgs LCHS standout 'doing the little things'

By Craig Massey Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach William Benjamin and player Mando Marshall each made their Las Cruces High School varsity basketball debut on the same night a little over two years ago.

Everyone knew Benjamin, the team's new head coach. He had been a longtime junior varsity coach at the school, and was a favorite of Aggie fans as a member of coach Neil Mc-Carthy's great New Mexico State University teams in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"Nobody knew who I was," Marshall said with a smile.

He had played on the LCHS freshman team the year before, but skipped the junior varsity when Benjamin decided to make him a varsity starter as a sophomore.

The Bulldawgs lost that first game to Montwood on that November night in 2009, but everyone knew who Marshall was after the game. He overcame being extremely nervous and scored 24 points in his varsity debut. "I knew I could play then," he said. Benjamin already knew.

"When coach Benjamin got the job, he said I would be starting for him," Marshall said. "Me and coach went through a lot together that first year."

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"We sort of got into this thing together," Benjamin said. "I'm really pleased with his development, and happy that he's allowed me to really coach him. It's a credit to him because he's worked so hard on all aspects of his game. I see him doing a lot of the little things now.

"I can't say how proud I am of him. He's a great kid."

Marshall averaged about 14 points per game as a sophomore, about 17 points and seven rebounds per game as a junior, and is averaging about 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists per game this year, Benjamin said.

Regarded as one of the top high school players in New Mexico, Marshall is a match-up See **Marshall** on page A21

Centennial Spotlight

Baseball: 'A way of life' Mesilla Valley villages such as Tortugas, Doña Ana and La Mesa were archrivals

By Jeff Barnet

La Mesa is best known as the home of Chope's Bar and Café, but for many decades, the La Mesa Blue Jays ruled as a semi-pro baseball powerhouse.

Joe Apodaca, owner of Apodaca Farms, built the baseball park in La Mesa and managed the team. A successful farmer, he was able to treat the team to elaborate barbecue parties, said his daughter Emma Jean Cervantes.

"My father loved sports, and he had the funds to really go for it," she said. "He managed the team for about 15 years. Chope (Jose Benavidez) was the marketing partner. He publicized the team throughout Mexico."

When the La Mesa Blue Jays and the Las Cruces Blue Sox would square off for their backto-back home-and-away doubleheader on July 3 and 4 each year, it was always a "knockdown, dragout" event, according to Blue Sox outfielder Jim Bradley.

"They were fantastic teams, athletic teams," he said. "It was an intense rivalry."

Semi-pro baseball in the Mesilla Valley was "just a way of life," according to Patricia Esslinger, wife of the late J.L. Esslinger Jr., one of the most legendary ballplayers to ever come out of the valley. Every town in the valley had a team, she said, and after the game people would gather for a picnic.

"It was a nice way of life, don't you know," she said. "We didn't have that much entertainment in those days, so if people wanted to see each other the ballpark was the best place to do that."

J.L. Esslinger Jr. first played with the La Mesa Town Team in the early 1930s as a teenager. He later played with the famous Blue Jay teams through the 1970s.

At the age of 18, Esslinger was offered a contract to play with the major league

Pittsburgh Pirates. However, his father needed him to stay on the farm, Patricia Esslinger said, and wouldn't sign the contract.

Baseball had already become a popular sport in the Mesilla Valley even before World War I. J.L. Esslinger's mother played on the La Mesa women's baseball team in the teens, and there is evidence that several towns had organized teams by 1915.

Baseball brought together farmers, farm employees and migrant workers for the weekend games, said Gary Esslinger, who served as batboy for the Blue Jays in the 1950s.

Teams from Doña Ana County played as far west as Silver City and all the way into El Paso, Juárez and other cities in the state of Chihuahua – Delicias, Chihuahua and Camargo, Gary Esslinger said.

"It was a family thing to do on Sunday, lots of fun, lots of kids," he said. "The games were very competitive but there was also a camaderie among the players."

Jim Bradley, who admitted he was somewhat of a smart-aleck as a youngster, recalls that J.L. Esslinger Jr. at first did not like him.

"J.L. was a serious competitor," he said. "He was the kind of guy who would take you out in a double play."

Bradley also recalls the game in La Mesa right after one-time Las Cruces Blue Sox player George Garcia had gone over to play for the Blue Jays.

"He had married Joe Apodaca's daughter, Mary Helen, so he had to play for La Mesa, but we still thought he was kind of a traitor," Bradley said.

So Blue Sox pitcher Jim Harty, who once played for the AAA Memphis Chicks, plunked Garcia in the back on his first trip to the plate.

Bradley said a few major leaguers played with the Blue Sox whenever they were stationed at Fort Bliss. Former Philadelphia Phillies and San Francisco Giants pitcher Jack Sanford



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Patricia Esslinger photo

The La Mesa Blue Jays semi-pro baseball team in the mid-1950s. Front row, from left to right: Walter Lewis, Charlie Smith, George Garcias, J.L. Esslinger Jr., Chope Benavidez and Robert Benavidez. The young boy is unidentified. Second row: Roy Lewis, Armando Enriquez, Rudy Estrada, Chico Gonzales, "Chickie" Lopez, Junior Fernandez and J.B. Gutierrez. Back row: Unidentified, Lauro Guaderrama, unidentified, Sammy Vargas, Joe F. Apodaca, "Doc" Humphries and unidentified

pitched for Las Cruces in the years prior to his winning 24 games for the Giants in 1962.

According to George Montoya, who played with the Tortugas Red Caps, every little town used to have a team, including Hatch, Chamberino, La Union and La Tuna, now known as Anthony.

The Tortugas team played from the 1930s until 1968, he said.

"A few years we were pretty good, we had a lot of fans," he said. "We had quite a few championships (in the Doña Ana League). Everyone wanted to beat us."

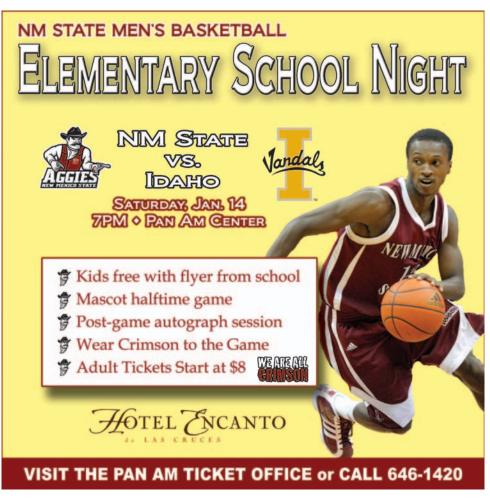
Before she was married to J.L. Esslinger Jr., Patricia Esslinger said she used to take the Valley Bus Line with his mother, Mrs. Esslinger, from Las Cruces to La Mesa. There would be a caravan of cars, she said.

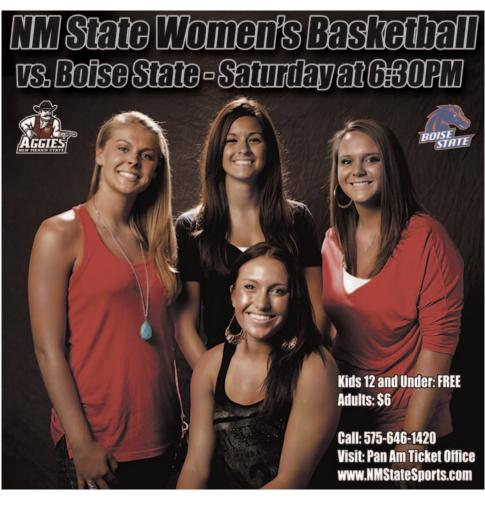
"Mrs. Esslinger was J.L.'s No. 1 fan," she said. "She was just crazy about the game."

J.L. Esslinger Jr., was a longball hitter, said his son Gary, who saw him pinch-hit at a Blue Jays game at El Paso's Dudley Field at age 65 - and hit a home run.

"That was one of the greatest things I ever saw," he said.

At the Kentucky Club in downtown Juárez, the walls are covered with black-and-white photos of baseball teams. Many of those pictures are of the teams from the Mesilla Valley that barnstormed throughout Mexico during the heyday of semi-pro baseball.





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Hang in there

Being a true fan means sticking by your team through thick and thin



I write this as I prepare for the broadcast of the Aggie men's basketball game at Cal

State Bakersfield. It is Jan. 2 and the New Year is fresh. This game brings a mood of reflection to me as I have been to Bakersfield before.

It was for a broadcast prior to my stint as play-by-play man for the Aggies. It was 1975, I was in my second year of broadcasting Hastings College football and basketball, and the visit to Bakersfield was the second leg of my first ever air borne broadcasting road trip.

I had traveled by bus with college, high school and American Legion baseball teams, but we had flown from Grand Island, Neb., to big dog Los Angeles for the three-game sojourn.

In addition to the excitement of travelling like a "real" sportscaster, we would stay in LA, and Las Vegas, which to a naïve 25-year-old sodbuster seemed like the ultimate. I also was at point where I wanted more than prep and NAIA arenas and teams, but wondered if I would ever venture beyond that level in my career. I had faith in my abilities, but wondered why those hiring in larger markets hadn't seen the same thing. It all did work out, but this return to Bakersfield reminds me that you just have to do

your best to follow your bliss. That holds for fans, too. The horizon isn't always rosy for your team, but that doesn't mean doom is at hand.

I landed the Aggies' job nine months after my initial trip to Bakersfield when fate intervened. Fate will do that. I can't say it has been a walk through scented gardens in my career, since I started with the Aggies. I have been out of work three different times, toiled in non-sportscasting jobs with an eye on getting back into the business.

Again, that is what goes into being a true supportive fan. Your team may lose a game, a player or an opportunity at one point, but perseverance is all important.

It is fair to question, to wonder, to grit your teeth in consternation but it is also necessary to stay the course since we never know where the trail will lead.

I almost didn't make the long-distance call that led to this job back in 1976, but the "little voice" inside moved me forward to pursue the unlikely and it paid off.

Sports seasons are just that, times of good and lean. Knowing the harvest will come may not be enough to sustain you, but if your heart is in the project, it will arrive.

A marketing boost can help the community

More fans means more business



Steve Macy Associate AD/ Marketing and Promotions

Marketing is a funny word.

To some, it means sales. To others, it means branding. To a few, it means promotions. Still others believe it is about advertising. Each person holds their own "definition" of marketing, and it filters into their perception of what is being done or not being done.

Truly, marketing is some of it all. In the coming weeks, New Mexico State athletics will be partnering with Ticketmaster to upgrade the ticketing system to allow renewals of season tickets online. Personally, this is a very welcome addition, as I have shared the frustration of many at being unable to renew my season tickets online with a simple credit card transaction.

Further, we are working on ticket sales assistance that has been needed for some time. Major league clubs in the NBA, MLB, NHL and now even the NFL have been relying on ticket sales associates to sell distressed ticket inventory to businesses and fans alike. NCAA schools have been slow to recognize this need, but now we are seeing the trend enter the college athletics arena.

Our goals are lofty: increase football season ticket equivalencies to 15,000 and men's basketball to 5,000. The goal is not simply to increase revenues, but rather to create an environment that makes going to an Aggie game the highlight of our fans' entertainment. No matter how good the atmosphere, facilities, ancillary entertainment, or weather, if a fan has to walk five feet to celebrate a big play with another fan, the overall energy and feel of the game will wane. More people equals more energy and more fun for our fans.

Economically, a better fan base is important to the community. Imagine what 20,000 fans at a football game means to restaurants, hotels, shops and other businesses before and after the game. Fans from surrounding communities means that businesses in Las Cruces could have more traffic, need more employees and purchase more supplies. We want those home football games to become a source of pride – and economic gain for the entire community.

In other words, increasing our attendance through strategic sales efforts is not only important to the athletic budget and our fans, but rather, it is vital to our community. We all share this wonderful community here in the Mesilla Valley, a place I am proud to call home.

The love we have for the area is sometimes only eclipsed by the passion we share for the Aggies. With new sales efforts coming soon, we will be better positioned to directly impact economic development in the Mesilla Valley.

So, marketing may mean different things to different people, but ultimately the marketing we do for NM State athletics has a distinct goal in mind: generating a source of pride and economic development for the entire community.

I hope that 2012 brings you immense joy and happiness. Go Aggies!

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Jan. 6 Swimming and Diving Arizona/Oregon State Tucson, Ariz. 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7 Men's Basketball Louisiana Tech Ruston, La. 6 p.m.

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

Thursday, Jan. 12 Men's Basketball Utah State Las Cruces 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball Utah State Las Cruces Noon

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Wendell McKines Senior Men's basketball

Redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines averaged 23.5 points and 14.5 rebounds per game last week. He scored a gamehigh 22 points and 14

rebounds in the win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff and a game-high 25 points and 15 rebounds against New Mexico.

Hamidu Rahman Senior

Men's basketball

Senior center Hamidu Rahman averaged 15.0 points and 6.0 rebounds in a pair of games last week. He shot 8-of-12 from the field. Against New Mexico, Rahman scored a season-high 19 points.



Tabytha Wampler Senior

Women's basketball

Senior forward Tabytha Wampler posted her fifth double-double of the season versus Shaw, Sunday, Jan. 1. The senior dropped in 15 points and grabbed

11 rebounds in the win. Against UNM earlier in the week, Wampler led the Aggies with 14 points and totaled seven rebounds.





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Eighteen secrets to improving your game



As we begin the new year, we start a new golf season. Unlike our golfing friends up north who suffer in the throes of cabin fever, we are lucky enough to play most afternoons, following morning frost delays.

Let's look ahead to this year, this season and what we are going to do about it.

Will we become stuck in old habits and ways of doing things on the golf course? Or, are we going to get better? Are we motivated to make some changes and improve our golf game? All the club manufacturers have a product line they call "game improvement" clubs. Forget that. The only game improvement you need comes from within you and your golf swing. Here are 18 ways to improve your game for 2012

1. Make a plan – your plan. Get to work and decide on exactly what you need to do to advance forward and become a much better golfer. To start with, make a thorough assessment and inventory of your game, focusing on your important strengths and your glaring weaknesses. You know what they are - or you better. Especially target your problem areas and transform them into strengths.

2. Establish your goals. How much game improvement do you want to attempt? What about scoring average? Handicap? Desire to win tournaments? Are you lazily content with the way you've always played, or are you driven by motivation for achievement? Be prepared to write down exactly what you want to accomplish in specific, measurable ways.

3. Check out your clubs. Are you playing with up-to-date equipment? At golf school, we see all kinds of golf clubs, learning that many

golfers don't grasp what technology has to do with revamping and enhancing your skill level. Some folks are playing with clubs grossly ill-suited to their ability or needs. If money is an issue you can update your equipment on eBay, if (a big if) you know what you're doing and what you're looking for. Think in terms of the type of shots you don't have and what clubs (wedge, hybrid, etc.) are most needed.

4. Get a teacher. Even if it is an occasional lesson to check for some bad habits that have crept in, or just to take care of some basic flaws and fixes," every golfer needs lessons.

5. Think hybrid this year. Hybrids are not reserved for geezers and the senior tour. The regular pros are fast leaving the 2 and 3 irons out of their bags and glomming on to hybrids which give them a higher launch and go farther per club. You should too.

6. Set up a practice schedule. If you don't want to keep losing to golfers who are your equal in terms of talent, organize a practice session a couple of times per week. Start out putting and chipping for 30 minutes, and then go to the range and work on specific shots you will face out on the golf course. Finish with 10 to 12 solid tee shots with a driver.

7. Commit yourself to working out at least three times a week. Do you think the men and women pros were eating bon-bons and taking siestas during the "off season?" Wrong. They were working out. They have their own trainers. They go at it hard, with the understanding that if they don't, they will give up valuable progress to their peers.

8. Join a gym. You can buy a good home gym, but for me, the gym is the best bet. Even if you don't get a personal trainer, the atmosphere and what you learn from watching the most fittest gym rats is valuable.

9. Don't forget cardio. Lifting weights is great and all the machines are super. But if you leave the gym without spending 30 minutes on

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Kaitlyn Soto

Senior, Women's Basketball

Senior guard Kaitlyn Soto matched her career high with 17 points against Shaw on Jan. 1, leading the Aggies to victory. Soto posted 10 points against New Mexico in a one-point loss. She also shot 80 percent from the free-throw line for the week, going 8-of-10. This season Soto leads the team in minutes played and is second on the team in scoring.



you had before. Players who have more great shots in their repertoire usually score the best. Examples would be a "bump-and-run" chip from the light rough around the green or a "flop" shot with a lob wedge to a tight pin.

get you in shape.

cycle, step trainers and other assorted machines

that raise your heart rate to more than 100 will

10. Be creative with new shots. Come up

with at least two more short-game shots than

11. Incorporate drills into your practice routine. The "circle drill" is a good example: put eight balls spaced in a circle six feet from the cup; don't quit until you make all eight. Another is the "nines drill," where you chip to nine different holes on the practice green, then putt everything out and count the score. Or, chip 14 balls from the fringe at a distance of 50 feet using 14 different clubs. Keep repeating this until no ball is further than four feet away from the hole.

12. Get longer. Golf courses aren't getting any shorter. Go out to Red Hawk Golf Club if you want to see what designers are doing with length these days. As we get a year older, we become more challenged for distance with all of our longer clubs. Jack Nicklaus said he would rather see a golfer who hit it long because it's easier to straighten out the drives rather than produce more length.

13. Think pro. This is a new season, and we get a fresh start on our own FedEx cup. The pros have a brief "off-season," where they work hard on their fitness and make some swing and equipment changes. If you prefer, keep your own off-season going a little longer by stepping up your practice and workout sessions.

14. Watch "Seven Days in Utopia" three times. I read the 2007 book by David Cook (and did a 2008 column), but the movie, staring Robert Duval, is the best golf movie ever. It also has a message - about playing the game of golf, and, more important, the game of life.

15. Pressure-proof your putting. Decide to focus on the process of your putting rather than the results. Grade your effort to trust the line and speed you chose every time. Practice this routine by playing "seven-up" and "twentyone" games with your friends.

16. Learn the rules. This is the year to gain a solid understanding of the rules of golf. Visit www.usga.org and order a "Decisions" book, which has some of the most fascinating interpretations on rules you ever saw.

17. Start using training aids, like the Speed Stick, Power-Hitter, Momentus and alignment sticks. On the green use a string line, chalk line and Eyeline mirror. Gadgets really help.

18. Adopt a new attitude. If you used to get upset more often than you ought to, it may be time to get a better attitude. Attitude, which is the inward manifestation of private beliefs and thinking patterns, usually expresses itself in behavior, on and off the golf course. Complaining, bellyaching, arguing, bitterness, hostility, resentment and cheating are all tied to attitude.

If you are the type of surly, antisocial person who pays the bet and quickly vanishes before all handshakes and friendly talk are finished, you need to get a new attitude.

Then there's the matter of sportsmanship. But I prefer to reserve that for a full column. Happy New Year.

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Wrestling	at Don Owen Invitational	9 a.m.
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Girls Basketba	II La Cueva High School	2:30 p.m. `
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Aggies

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the rim but they were bouncing our way," Menzies said.

The Aggies's coach said he did not expect any more roster changes following the release of Kabongo on Jan. 1.

"You never know what the next day holds, but right now, things are status quo," Menzies said. "At this juncture, we are going to go with the guys we got."

Freshman guard Daniel Mullings has started in place of the departed Kabongo, and led the Aggies at CSUB with a career-high 21 points. Walk-on freshman D.J. Lewis also saw action in that game.

The Aggies (10-5 overall, 0-0 WAC) begin WAC play at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Louisiana Tech (8-7, 0-0), before returning home to host Utah State (8-6, 0-0) at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, and Idaho (7-7, 0-0) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. The following week, the Aggies make the long road trip to San Jose State University (6-8, 0-0) on Jan. 19, and a much-improved Hawai'i (8-6, 0-0) on Jan. 21.

Marshall

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nightmare for opposing teams. His 6-5 frame features broad shoulders, long arms and quick feet. He handles the ball well, is a great leaper, has a decent outside shot, is a threat driving to the basket and can also play with his back to the basket as a post.

He has played every position for the Bulldawgs, but he said he feels most comfortable as a two guard.

Benjamin calls Marshall the best high school athlete in the state for his size.

"Mando is going to have a lot of great moments in games because he's so athletic," Benjamin said. "Once he's around athletes as good as he is, I think he's really going to improve. He might even be a better ballplayer at the next level."

Marshall, who said he has heard from NMSU, Eastern New Mexico University and Western New Mexico University, might go the junior college route, he said. He eventually wants to land a scholarship to a strong Division I school.

In the meantime, Benjamin, Marshall and the Bulldawgs have a lot of unfinished business. LCHS, with an 8-3 record, is ranked No. 1 in Class 5A in the state by nmpreps.com, and No. 2 overall. The three losses have come to two of the top teams in El Paso, and an overtime loss to Albuquerque's Hope Christian, the top-ranked team in the state.

Las Cruces plays two more Albuquerque teams at home this weekend – against Valley at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, and against La Cueva at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7.

"It's been rough at times, but coach Benjamin has helped me a lot," Marshall said. "This year, we're putting it all together. Hopefully, we'll win the district title and then the state title."

Sports Briefs

Aggie swim team at Tucson meet

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team opens 2012 with a five-team dual meet in Tucson, Ariz., at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6. The Aggies face Arizona, Oregon State, Iowa and Northern Arizona.

"The next three meets are great opportunities to prepare and get ready the conference," head coach Rick Pratt said. "We'll get to race some of the best out there Friday and that is exciting. We have had some great training since the team returned and getting outside for training has made things extra special."

This is the third consecutive season that NMSU has faced a Pac-12 opponent, while Iowa is the lone Big 10 foe of the year for the Aggies. In its last home meet, NMSU defeated Northern Arizona, 161-138, Dec. 3.

"With the break from classes, we are really being able to get a lot out of our training, and the team is certainly confident from our performances this fall," Pratt said. "This should be a fun trip."

The Aggies concluded the fall semester with a third-place team finish at the 10-team field, UNLV Invitational, Dec. 17-19. NMSU ended the meet with a win in the 400-free relay with the team of sophomore Terrin Seaver, junior Alex Fenton, freshman Victoria Palombit and freshman Aliena Schmidtke. Junior Beth Cate also dominated the individual medley events with victories in the 200 IM and 400 IM, while freshman Jessica Legge followed in second place in both events.

Currently, the Aggies are ranked No. 12 in the country in the www.collegeswimming.com Mid-Major Division I poll. The team was also successful out of the water with a 3.42 team grade point average for the fall 2011 semester.

The Aggies return to Las Cruces for senior day when they host Idaho, at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in the home finale. This season, the Aggies have six seniors on the roster including Rachelle Bassen, Brittney Moore, Gina Palombit, Ana Smith, Carly Smith and Maria Spies.

New Mexico State concludes the regular season at in-state rival New Mexico, Feb. 4, and currently, the Aggies have a fourmeet winning streak over the Lobos. The Aggies then travel to San Antonio, Texas, for the WAC Championships, Feb. 22-25.

Tennis tourney at Picacho Hills

The 13th annual Battle of the Clubs Team Tennis Tournament will be held on Jan. 27-29 at the New Mexico State University Tennis Complex. The annual event is the premier team tennis tournament sponsored by the Picacho Hills Tennis Association.

The tournament draws players from all of southern New Mexico and the greater El Paso area. A kick-off dinner for all entrants catered by Picacho Hills Country Club will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27. Tennis matches will be played on Saturday and



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Tabytha Wampler drives to the basket in the Aggies' 58-59 loss to the University of Mexico Friday, Dec. 30, 2011. New Mexico State University begins a three-game home stand beginning with Boise State at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, in the Pan American Center. The team will offer a free skills clinic for children in first- through eighth-grade at 4:30 p.m., prior to the game. For more information, call 646-5348 or email ladee@nmsu.edu.

Sunday, January 28-29. Traveling and individual trophies will be awarded to winning teams. All entrants will enjoy a tournament souvenir, continental breakfasts and box lunches both Saturday and Sunday. The entry fee also includes the cost of the kick-off dinner. The entry fee for a team of eight (four men and four women) is \$400.

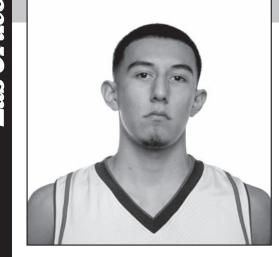
Additional team members may enter for \$50 each. Entries are due on or before Saturday, Jan. 21. NTRP ratings apply.

For entry forms and more information, contact Emery or Jamie Borsodi by email at battleoftheclubs@gmail.com or call 647-9906.



High School Athlete of the Week





Mando Marshall

Mando Marshall is a 17-year-old senior at Las Cruces High School. He is a forward on the Dawgs boy's basketball team and so far this season Marshall is averaging 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists per game. He is extremely coachable and has shown that he is a very unselfish player. Marshall enjoys setting up good shots for his teammates, as shown by his assist average. Marshall's interests outside of sports include spending time with his family and friends and watching basketball when he's not busy playing.

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A22 | News Las Cruces Bulletin A magical New Year's Eve at the International House of Pancakes

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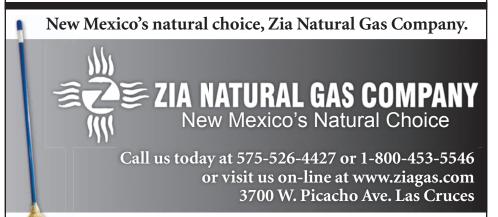
George Ottensen and 4-year-old Isaac Ottensen were entertained by Jamie O'Hara the Magic Guy while waiting for their breakfast at the International House of Pancakes on the morning of New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011.



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Margarito Rogelio, Heather Michelle and Nataly Ortega receive their breakfast at IHOP to prepare for New Year's Eve celebrations. For more pictures of New Year's celebrations, see the Arts & Entertainment Section.

Centennial deadline nears High school decision day is Jan. 13

Friday, Jan. 13, is the last day for students who have been redistricted to the new Centennial High School to declare which high school they will attend during the 2012-13 school year, said Centennial Principal Michael Montoya.

This includes all current eighth-, ninthand 10th-grade students who now live in the Centennial attendance zone.

In December 2011, the school district sent nearly 1,400 letters to the parents of all students redistricted to Centennial informing them of the Jan. 13 deadline.

Any parent who has not received a letter should immediately contact the Las Cruces Public Schools Instruction Department at 527-9330 or visit the department in the LCPS Administration Building, 505 S. Main St., Loretto Towne Centre, on or before the deadline.

"There have been dozens of letters returned as undeliverable during the past two weeks because of incorrect addresses," said Communications Director Jo Galván. "It's important that parents and students have provided their schools with correct mailing information. The deadline to declare a school choice is just around the corner."

"If a student has been redistricted to

Centennial but wants to attend a different high school, his or her transfer request will automatically be approved," Montoya said.

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"But the completed transfer form must be submitted to the student's current school registrar/counselor's office by no later than the Jan. 13 deadline. We need to know how many students we will have at CHS as soon as possible so we can hire the correct number of staff and develop course descriptions."

Centennial High School, located at 1950 S. Sonoma Ranch Blvd., will open in August to freshmen, sophomores and some juniors. There will be no senior class for one school year so that the current juniors can remain at their current high schools for their final year in public school.

Any student who does not live in the Centennial attendance zone but wants to attend Centennial in 2012-13 can submit a transfer request form Feb. 1-April 16.

The standard transfer applications are submitted to the LCPS Department of Instruction, 505 S. Main St., in the Loretto Towne Centre, Montoya said.

For more information, visit the LCPS website at www.lcps.k12.nm.us



LookingBack

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessneer's Out of the Past

100yearsago

1912

• The New Mexico state engineer arrived in Las Cruces to begin work on a road from Las Cruces to Organ. The road would begin at the north end of the Alameda, climb the mesa east of "the Robert's place" and run directly east for 12 miles to Organ.

• Many old-timers said the temperatures reached on Jan. 2 were the coldest they could remember in the area. The thermometer reached zero at the college and near that in Las Cruces. The icy streets were deserted and many vehicles that tried to operate froze up.

• The Las Cruces Livery Stable behind the Amador Hotel advertised "safe, swift horses and rubber-tired rigs."

75yearsago

1937

• The Aggie basketball team was preparing to open Border Conference play against the Lobos. Coach Jerry Hines said the regular line up would start against the Lobos but he wasn't sure how long center Frank Kozeliski or guard Lauro Apodaca could stay in the game because of injuries. Kozeliski injured his ankle during the Aggies' recent road trip to California and Apodaca was still dealing with an injury suffered during the football season.

• The 188 Taxi Stand, formerly of Roswell, N.M., was set to begin operating in Las Cruces at 317 S. Main St. The company was operating two vehicles with plans to add more.

• J.B. Lucero was named chief of police by the Las Cruces Board of Trustees. Lucero was named to replace Jack Robinson, who had become deputy sheriff. Lucero had been with the Las Cruces force for 8 years. Lucero's former position would be filled by John Moore.

50yearsago

1962

• White Sands Missile Range announced it had 1,961 "hot firings" in 1961, making it the nation's busiest missile base. In all, there were a total of 4,816 "operations" carried out, including the "hot firings" – an operation involving a "launch, drop or ejection and use of instrumentation." At least three scheduled operations requiring use of range facilities had been running simultaneously for the two previous years, the base reported.

• Steven Lancaster was the first baby of 1962 born in Doña Ana County. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lancaster of 1820 E. California. Lancaster was born at 8:50 a.m. at San Ramon Hospital. Dr. Lory Baker was the attending physician.

• The travel-weary New Mexico State University Aggies fell to Memphis State 85-70 in Memphis, Tenn. Earlier in the week, the

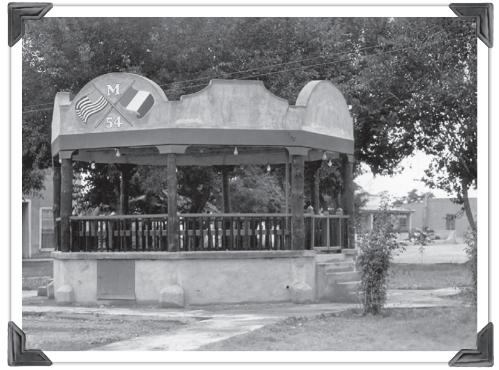


Photo reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection The gazebo in Mesilla Plaza is shown here sometime before it was rebuilt around 50 years ago. News reports at that time said this gazebo had a dirt roof four feet thick, which had to be removed. The current gazebo is also in need of renovations, according to Mesilla Mayor Nora Barrazas.

Aggies lost to UNM 80-76 in triple-overtime before defeating Baylor University in the Sun Carnival Tournament in El Paso.

25yearsago

1987

• After two boll-weevils were found in southern Doña Ana County, New Mexico Department of Agriculture officials mandated a plowdown of Mesilla Valley cotton fields. The plowdown operations were hampered by wet fields, however, after recent rains. Officials said they were not concerned by the delay.

• Senior citizen volunteers planted a Mexican elder tree at Munson Senior Center in commemoration of New Mexico's 75th anniversary as a state. Following the tree planting, seniors at the center enjoyed a birthday celebration, complete with a giant cake.

Information gathered from New Mexico State University Library's Microform Area and Archives and Special Collections. Edited by Jim Hilley.





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A24 | News Las Cruces Bulletin NMSU leads in STEM outreach

Teacher motivates students

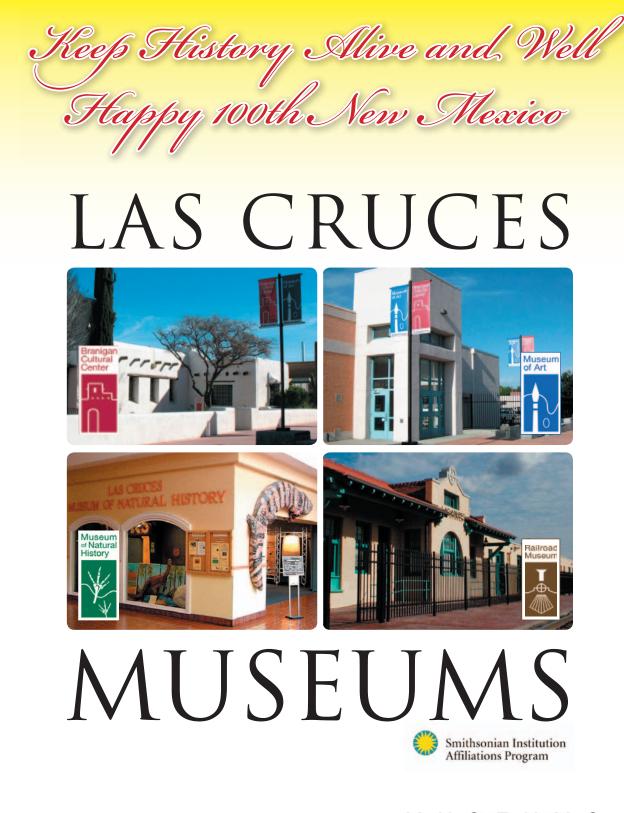
Susan Brown was leery about leaving the classroom where she taught middle school science for 16 years because she loved inspiring students to get interested in science. But the opportunity to develop outreach programs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields lured her to New Mexico State University's College of Education, where she had received her master's and doctoral degrees.

Since joining the graduate faculty full time 12 years ago, she has influenced thousands of New Mexico children to take an interest in STEM fields and garnered more than \$7.5 million in funding for STEM outreach efforts.

Brown's motivation is making sure that more students know they have the capabilities to succeed in these fields, which she said is critical for the future of our nation. She pointed out that fewer than 15 percent of students in the U.S. receive degrees in STEM fields, which is dismal compared to France at 47 percent, China at 50 percent and Singapore at 67 percent.

"Most students do not even think about entering these fields and we have to change that. The key is to make science and math fun is to connect to the world of the student," Brown said. "I have always loved science, but have often been frustrated seeing it taught in a boring and dull manner. We have to help students understand how exciting and interesting these fields can be."

Brown has done just that as the director of the Southern New Mexico Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy at NMSU, a collaboration of NASA, the NMSU colleges of education and engineering, public schools and volunteers. The program is designed to encourage underrepresented youth groups to take an interest in STEM fields through hands-on,





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inquiry-based science activities.

Brown also has garnered funding from the National Science Foundation for the recently completed Academy for Young Scientists program, which focused on reaching out to fifth-graders and their families.

Getting teachers excited about teaching these subjects is important, too, Brown said.

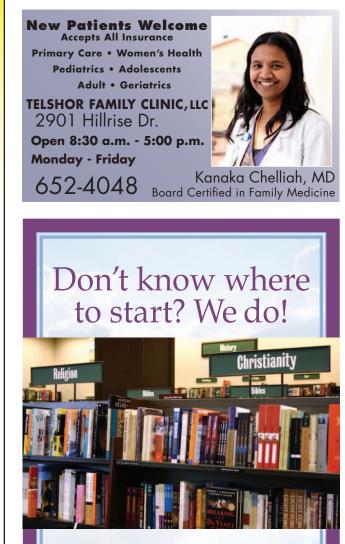
Brown founded Scientifically Connected Communities, a rapidly growing outreach program for science teachers that provides instructional and supply support from professional scientists. More than 500 Pre-K- through 12th-grade teachers have participated in the program to date.

"We can certainly multiply our impact by teaching the teachers," she said. "Professional development for teachers is critical for helping students learn."

Although Brown said it is getting harder and harder to garner grant funding, she continues to work to keep her programs funded and bring new programs to southern New Mexico.

"The opportunities these programs give to children are priceless," she said.

Brown is currently partnering to develop 21st century Community Learning Centers and the NMSU GK12 program.



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SeniorActivities

Programs at Munson Senior Center are for those age 50 and over. Membership is free and required to participate in classes and activities.

Call the Munson Senior Center at 528-3000 or check postings at the facility, 975 S. Mesquite St., for information on ongoing programs.

AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class is from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are walk up, but regis-tration with Senior Programs is required. Donation suggested.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

A registered nurse provides blood pressure checks at the following times and locations. Donation suggested.

- 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St
- 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.
- Thursdays at Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.

TRAVEL CLUB

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

- Trips currently being booked include:
 Amtrak/El Paso to
- Alpine: Two days and one night, Jan. 23-24. \$215 double, \$245 single. **Rockhound State Park/** Adobe Deli Steakhouse
- day trip: Tuesday, Jan. 31 \$15. Day trip.

- Tucson Casino: Feb 22-24. \$225 double, \$295 single. Cattleman's Steakhouse,
- Fabens, Texas, Feb. 10. Savannah/Jekyll Island:
- April 13-23. Motor coach. all for details. New Orleans: Nov. 10-18.
- Motor coach. Call for details Canada/New England

cruise: Oct. 10-20. For more information, call

Helen Glover at 528-3166. **STAINED GLASS**

Beginning and advanced stained-glass classes meet at 8:30 a.m. Mondays,

Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Intermediate stained-glass

class meets at 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center. Registration is required.

AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class is from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CORE EXERCISE

Core exercise classes are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

LINE DANCING

Beginning line dance classes for anyone over 50 are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Monday and intermediate line dance classes are held from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. each Friday at Munson Center, 975

accepted. For more information, call 528-3000.

HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are from 8 to 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai chi classes are from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Classes are drop-in. Donation suggested.

CARD/TABLE GAMES

Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to play bridge, pinochle, canasta. Hands N Feet, chess and Mah Jongg. Call 528-3000 for times and locations.

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will lead a walking group targeted toward those 50 years and older at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per walk. The group will meet at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10: Las Cruces Dam at Lohman
- Avenue Thursday, Jan. 12:
- Downtown Main Street. Moose Lodge parking lot Tuesday, Jan. 17: Young
- Park pavilion Thursday, Jan. 19: Mesilla Valley Bosque, Avenida de Mesilla south to Calle del Norte, right across bridge, entrance to park on left
- Tuesday, Jan. 24: Former Tee Time building at Del

Rey and Telshor boulevards Thursday, Jan. 26: Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., at

the park Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTÝ number is 541-2182.

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.

QUILTERS MEET

The Munson Ouilters meet from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Quilters over age 50 of all levels are encouraged to participate. On Fridays, the aroup works on guilts to be donated to local organizations.

CITY RECREATION

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers. The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

Aerobics: 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays

- Wednesdays and Fridays. **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Core/Floor Exercises: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and
- Fridays Pickleball: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1. Indoor Cycling: 5:30
 - to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- The following class is held at Benavidez Community
- Center, 1045 McClure Road:
- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call
- 541-5185
- The following classes are held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.: Aquatic Fitness: 9 to 10
- a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout:
- 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Water Fitness for
- Non-Swimmers: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- Senior Aquatics Class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in, but seniors must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Services Aqua Fit: 1 to 2 p.m.
- Wednesdays and Fridays. Aqua Zumba: 5:30
- to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdays. Relax and Stretch: 1 to 2
- p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call
- 541-2782. The following class is held
- at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive: **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 382-1662.

All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

SOCIAL DANCERS

The Desperados will

Saturday, Jan. 7, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

A potluck is held from noon to 2 p.m. the second Sunday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Anyone age 50 or over is invited to bring a covered dish along with eating utensils. For more information, call 528-3000.

AARP DRIVER **SAFETY PROGRAM**

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers 55 years of age 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 and a pen or pencil, and the correct change if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership card to receive the discount. Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Classes in January are: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20: Village at Northrise, Hallmark Building, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24: Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

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VIOLA 'VI' CLARK BALLEW October 25, 1921 - December 28, 2011

Oklahoma City - Viola "Vi" Clark Ballew, 90, went home to be with the Lord on December 28, 2011. She was born October 25, 1921 to Edith Daniel Clark & Ben C. Clark in McAlester, Oklahoma. Viola married the love of her life, Harley, on Feb. 27, 1937 in Perry, Oklahoma.

Viola had been a member of Baptist Temple in Oklahoma City for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by three children: daughter, Jaki McCollum and her husband David of Las Cruces, New Mexico; daughter, Clarene Robertson of Oklahoma City; and son, Harley C. Ballew and his wife Kim of Oklahoma City. She enjoyed her children, however, the pride and treasures of her life were her seven grandchildren: Cheryl Armstrong, Houston, Texas; Charlene Smith, Houston, Texas; Jeremy McCollum and his wife Christina, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dana McCollum Campo and husband Mike of Mountainville,



New York; Jeff McCollum of Las Cruces, New Mexico; Jennifer Ballew Pletz and husband Ken of Oklahoma City; and Chris Ballew of Oklahoma City. Viola also was blessed to have five great-grandchildren, Tommy Armstrong, Emilee Campo, Audrie McCollum, Ivy Campo and Hendrix McCollum.

Vi was a "stay at home" mom who was loved by all the children in the neighborhood.

She enjoyed life, laughed a lot and was a fun-loving friend who was at her best when she was with other people. She was a wonderful hostess for family events, and great cook who had a special talent for preparing the wild game that the men in her life brought home after their hunts.

She will be truly missed by many friends and by her family who adored her. Funeral services were held on January 3, at Smith & Kernke Funeral Home, N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City.



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Elsie (Schlosser) Baltensperger February 12, 1927 - January 1, 2012

Elsie (Schlosser) Baltensperger, 84, a long time resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died peacefully at home Sunday, January 1, 2012. Elsie was born February 12, 1927 in San Angelo, Texas to Paul and Odessa (Adams) Schlosser. Several



years later she moved to Midland, Texas where her father worked as a geologist with Phillips Petroleum Company. Elsie spent her childhood and teenage years in West Texas before graduating from Midland High School in 1944. She attended North Texas State University and also Texas Woman's University, historically known as Texas State College for Women, in Denton Texas, the sister school to Texas A&M at the time. She remained a staunch supporter of Texas A&M her entire life.

Elsie married Arden Baltensperger on June 12, 1947 in Denton, Texas and began her journey as a wife and mother. From 1949 to 1953 she lived in Denton where she and Arden had their first two children. Elsie and Arden then moved to Ames, Iowa for four years where she watched after the children while Arden attended the university. After Arden received his PhD in 1958, they spent five years in Tucson, Arizona before settling down in Las Cruces in 1963 where she has lived for the past 49 years. Although Elsie loved to travel, she cherished southern New Mexico and never stayed away from Las Cruces for long.

While raising four children Elsie was also active in the community. She was involved in the NMSU faculty women's organization, was an active member and elder at the Las Cruces First Presbyterian Church, as well as

Death Notices

Shaw

Thomas L. Shaw, 74, passed away Friday, December 30, 2011 at La Posada. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891



a Cub Scout Den Mother numerous times. Elsie was a "grand hostess" throughout the years to many agronomy students, faculty, and church groups.

Elsie was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother

to four children, thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She is survived by her loving husband of 64 years Arden Baltensperger; son Bruce Baltensperger and wife Anna; daughter Cathey Manning; son Paul Baltensperger and wife Rita; son Carl Baltensperger and wife Maureen. She will be forever missed by all her family and many friends who knew and loved her.

The funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Boutz Road. The Rev. Norm Story, Pastor, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the: Arden and Elsie Baltensperger Endowed Scholarship/NMSU Development office, MSC 39G NMSU/PO Box 3003, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003 or First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Boutz Road, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home, 1410 E. Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001 (corner of Solano and Bowman Ave.) 575-526-2419. To sign the local online guestbook go to www.GetzCares.com



Schmeltz

William "Bill" Frances Schmeltz, 58, passed away on Tuesday, January 3, 2011. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

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Business

More bucks for coffee



Samantha Roberts **Business** Editor

Sometimes, I feel I have a love-hate relationship with Starbucks.

I love the coffee, but hate how much I pay for it. Unfortunately, this relationship might take a turn for the worse since the coffee mogul decided Tuesday, Jan. 3, to increase its prices.

Though the price increase won't touch all Starbucks locations, it will affect the Sunbelt region, including Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Other locations to be hit include New York; Boston; Washington, D.C.; Atlanta; and Dallas. According to Starbucks, its adjust-

ments are the result of balancing the cost of doing business with competitive dynamics in these markets.

In layman's terms, coffee, milk and transportation costs are increasing. "We did not take an across-the-board

price change," a Starbucks spokesperson said. "Some items increased in price, while others remained the same.

The average increased ticket is approximately 1 percent. Pricing for a grande brewed coffee, the most popular beverage, remains unchanged across all

markets, the spokesperson said. According to ABC's "11 Things That Will Cost More in 2012," food costs take the No. 5 spot.

'Food prices will jump in 2012 as the costs to harvest, transport and store food will increase, and those hikes will be passed to consumers," ABC reported.

In 2012, food costs will likely rise at least 2 percent on top of the 6 percent increase in 2011.

Starbucks isn't the only corporation adjusting its prices to offset costs.

New digital camera models, hard drives and desktop computers topped ABC's list. Also, mobile users could see higher mobile device data plans as carriers expand 4G services.

Perhaps the most shocking item on the list is also the most needed – water.

Droughts are occurring throughout the U.S. Transporting the commodity is increasing, and distributing the item to places that are lacking will drive up costs.

Maybe it's time to try the no-water chai tea latte. Email me`at samantha@ lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Centennial Spotlight 1912-2012 Local businesses endure

Las Cruces companies, New Mexico celebrate monumental birthdays

By Samantha Roberts Las Cruces Bulletir

"Longstanding, strong and historical companies are the lifeblood of all communities," said John Hummer, president and qualifying broker of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate.

Las Cruces is fortunate to have a handful of companies that have overcome difficult economic times, grown during prosperous moments and lived through rapid changes in technology.

"Without (these companies), new businesses do not gain the historical perspective of what has made our community great," Hummer said.

Here's a sampling:

Allen Theatres

As New Mexico turns 100 in 2012, so does Allen Theatres, a stronghold in the New Mexico movie screening business.

In 1912 in Farmington, Frank B. Allen opened the Allen Opera House, the start of Allen Theatres.

Though many changes have been imple-mented along the way – building theaters, add-ing screens and keeping up with technology – Allen Theatres' Vice President of Operations Russell Allen said the company's high level of customer service has remained the same.

'We have always valued customer service and giving our customers the very best possible that our industry has to offer," Allen said. "We have done that consistently."

To celebrate 100 years, Allen said the company will hold events throughout 2012, giving away a trip to the American Music Awards and



In August 2011, Moy Surveying celebrated its 27th anniversary. As a locally owned company, Moy Surveying, along with many other businesses, is committed to growing the Las Cruces economy and celebrates New Mexico's centennial year. John Hummer, president of Steinborn & Associates Real Estate called local companies "the lifeblood of all communities."

\$2,500 scholarships. "Looking toward the summer, we are going to offer some different candies that were available from different decades," he said, "probably some sold in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. These will be different snack bar items that are not generally in theaters for a limited time.

'Not very many businesses, much less

movie theaters, make it to 100 years, so this is very significant accomplishment, especially with five generations working here.'

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As New Mexico turns 100 years old, the family runs and owns 14 theaters in New Mexico with 96 screens. New Mexico was the 47th state to join the union, and Allen See Centennial on page B2

EBID makes plans for 2012

Water shortages could be repeated

By Marvin Tessneer Las Cruces Bullet

Elephant Butte Irrigation District manager Gary Esslinger has scheduled a meeting on Monday, Jan. 9, with the board of directors and staff to discuss the 2012 irrigation outlook and prepare for a possibly poor water supply -similar to what the district received in 2011.

"We'll try to determine what we can do us-ing what information we have," Esslinger said. "Right now, we'll have to wait to see what hap-pens up north in the watershed."

Part of the board's plans, in anticipation of another water shortfall, is to reduce expenses and staff numbers. Operation expenses will be cut by \$1 million, first by decreasing the basic water rights fee charged to farmers from \$80 to \$75. Other expense reductions are being made in heavy equipment purchases, hydrology and weed control, Esslinger said.

The board also is cutting back staff numbers See EBID on page B2



Elephant Butte Irrigation District will be forced to make difficult decisions in 2012 if predicted water shortfalls are a reality. The district will cut operation expenses by \$1 million this year.

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Theatres continues its connections to the Land of Enchantment, being the 47th largest movie theater company in the U.S.

American Linen ఈ Uniform Supply

American Linen hit a landmark 60th birthday three years ago, and the company continues to grow with Las Cruces and remain true to its principles.

American Linen was founded on Jan. 1, 1949, by Casper Lutz as a small local laundry with two routes in Las Cruces.

Today, the company is in its third generation of family ownership, operated by Michael Lutz, grandson of Casper Lutz. The company now runs 17 routes out of its central office in Downtown Las Cruces.

Though the company has grown nearly tenfold, Michael Lutz said American Linen continuously brings the latest technology to its operations and customers.

"(We want to) continue to be the leaders within our industry," he said. "In 63 years, this company has stayed on the cutting edge technologically and is constantly upgrading our systems and product offerings."

Following the popular saying, "If it isn't broke, don't fix it," Michael Lutz said the company's future plans are to "continue to bring customers the level of exceptional service they deserve and to enlarge our current market area through the coming years."

Business Products Center

Another company celebrating a monumental birthday in 2012 is Business Products Center. Founded in 1952 as the Paper Mill, BPC turns 60 years old this year.

Though the company has changed names and owners, it has remained a hometown office supply store dedicated to supporting the community.

"Customer service has been and always will be our No. 1 focus," said Chris Drumm, BPC vice president. "Our profit margins come second to satisfaction of our customers. Our success is attributed entirely to our customers."

A second-generation owner, Drumm said customer loyalty has allowed their business

to expand, hiring more employees and adding more services, making the store competitive

with larger, national stores. "In order to compete in today's market, a company must continue to re-invent the way it does business," he said. "Our customers understand they will always be able to call up and speak to one of our sales reps, but in our business, online shopping is an absolute must have. "This is why we launched our online store in 2011. The Internet is a tremendous tool that

must be utilized." As the company enters its 60th year of business, changes are being made to better serve its

customers. "2012 will be a big year for BPC," Drumm said. "We launch our new and improved website and online store mid-January. This will give us an entirely new look on the Internet and our new online shopping center will be much more user friendly then our current one. We will also be upgrading our current retail store to function as a premier furniture showroom. Complete with a design center, the customer will be able to sit down with our furniture experts and design their own office layout with our 3-D computer program."

One of the company's most prized accomplishments is "being a locally owned company."

In my experience over this past year, most Las Cruces residents would prefer to buy local," Drumm said. "It is our job to provide these customers with a quality product at a competitive price in order keep that business in the community."

Moy Surveying

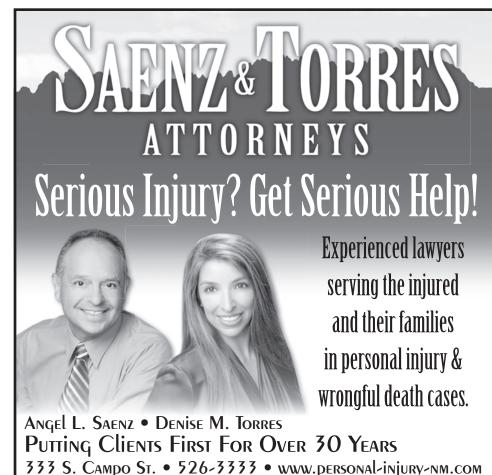
Moy Surveying may seem like an infant compared to other companies in Las Cruces, but the 27-year-old surveying company has been a signature Las Cruces institution.

The company was founded on "providing a service with the proper value to our customers," said Jorge Moy, owner of the business. "Surveying is not a service that you need

"Surveying is not a service that you need on a daily basis," he said. "You ask for a survey only when circumstances demand it."

Throughout the company's nearly 30 years in Las Cruces, Moy said he has kept up with new computer programs and technology, two components vital to the success of a surveying company.

Since 1984, Moy said he saw little change in



the market until 2005, when a big demand for housing hit. "2006, '07 and '08 were the biggest house-

"2006, '07 and '08 were the biggest houseselling years," he said. "As the economy took a dive, my surveying business fell to the bottom. The last months of 2011, we have seen a small recovery and I hope that this will continue in 2012."

Moy said for businesses such as his to see future success, regulations need to be put at ease.

ease. "(The Legislature) needs to consider relaxing on some of these rigid rules," he said. "They really hold back small businesses and not all of them affect areas like Las Cruces. For example, we don't suffer from the same pollution problems as larger cities. We have a different climate and environment."

In the future, Moy said his company will continue to operate under the same principles is was founded on more than 27 years ago and keep the friendly approach to its customers, being of help to them.

"Our future depends on our customers," Moy said.

A friendly approach to customer service is nothing new to Las Crucens, and for some, it has contributed to successes. For others, the hospitable way of doing business has made Las Cruces that much more enjoyable.

"I did not know a single soul in Las Cruces until I arrived," Hummer said. "Joe Bullock, a long-standing banker, reached out and introduced me to business leaders who had been in Las Cruces for years. It was that education of our town's local history that provided the cultural foundation and respect

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to 86 and to rehire as needed, depending on how the water supply develops. Adjustments will be made through staff attrition, cross training and cuts in overtime.

The board will return to its regular meeting schedule in February – the second Wednesday of the month.

During the 2011 irrigation season, the Rio Grande surface water was so short EBID allocated 4 acre-inches of water to farmers. The northern snow pack was so poor the runoff at San Marcial above Elephant Butte Reservoir was 573,000 acre-feet, 16 percent of the 30-year average, according to the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The board will have to consider many items during the discussions. The EBID has rights to irrigate 90,640 acres of land, works with 8,500 farmers and delivers water through 300 miles of canals and laterals.

Last month, while reviewing the irrigation year, Esslinger said the drought changed the way EBID did business. Instead of delivering surface water, it was forced to monitor groundwater. Most farmers had to pump groundwater to irrigate their row crops or pecan orchards.

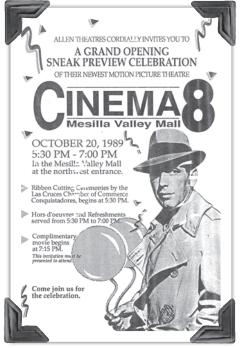
The current storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir is 298,400 acre-feet, about 10 percent of capacity, according to the Bureau of Reclamation. The EBID doesn't expect more until the spring snowpack runoff that normally starts in May. But Mesilla farmers need irrigation water earlier to prepare seed beds for later planting.

Last year, the river flow was so low the NRCS recorded 35 percent of average –135,000 acre-feet – at the San Marcial measuring station above Elephant Butte.

During December 2011, the district received about 2 inches of snow, state climatologist Dave DuBois reported, but the precipitation isn't expected to help crop farmers.

Many farmers left fields fallow or switched from chile, a big water consumer,

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In 1989, Allen Theatres opened the Cinema 8 in the Mesilla Valley Mall, another milestone for the 100-year-old movie theater company.

for the community that was paramount to MountainView's successful opening.

"And now, being the owner of Steinborn Real Estate, which was incorporated in 1969, I firmly believe and respect the fact that it is our past that makes us strong today."

to cotton, which requires less water.

Anthony Pumping and Drilling has been busy keeping up with farmers' orders, according to manager Terry Herring.

"We've been pretty busy because of the drought and lack of surface water," he said. "We've had a lot of calls to drill and to recondition wells this year."

Total precipitation in early this winter in the Upper Rio Grande Basin has been 122 percent of average and the snow water equivalent is 93 percent, according to a NRCS Snow Survey. But the agency qualified its report by noting that although more snow is in the outlook, it's too earl, to predict the snowpack.

The snow survey has nine remote snow measuring stations for the basin – Beartown, Cumbres Trestle, Lily Pond, Medano Pass, Middle Creek, Upper Rio Grande, Upper San Juan, Ute Creek and Wolf Creek Summit.

The north mountains snow packs are important to EBID farmers who irrigate their crop fields with river surface or ground well water. The snow runoff water is stored in Elephant Butte Reservoir and released into the EBID ditch network at Caballo Dam.

The Rio Grande flow also is important to recharge the water table, which row-crop farmers and pecan growers found so important this year when they were granted 4 acre-inches of surface water and had to irrigate with ground well water.

The irrigation allocation is determined by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, but EBID farmers have learned that even with a good snowpack they can't always rely on a good water supply. The snow can be lost through wind and evaporation or an early runoff when water is soaked up by dry arroyos.

In August 2011, 3rd Judicial Judge Jerald Valentine ruled Elephant Butte Irrigation District farmers with only surface water rights are adjudicated to 3 acre-feet of water, annually. Farmers with combined surface and ground are granted 4.5 acre-feet of water. The judgment also provides that farmers, such as pecan growers who can prove they use more than 4.5 acre-feet of irrigation can apply for allotments up to 5.5 acefeet of combined surface and ground water.

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Building Las Cruces



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts Former Western convenience stores at 1685 E. University Ave. and 2200 E. Lohman Ave. received a facelift for the New Year. The gas stations now have "Giant" signage, the same company that owns Howdy's.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 30	Road construction	Valley Drive	528-3125
Dec. 23	Doña Ana Community College	2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-7250
Dec. 16	Eyemart Express	3050 E. Lohman Ave.	521-5970
Dec. 9	Quick Care Clinic	3030 W. Picacho Ave.	524-8061
Dec. 2	Pic Quik	127 E. Amador Ave.	523-5611

Our numbers

In New Mexico ...

1999

was the year the state gained the name the "Land of Enchantment"

545,852

residents are in Albuquerque, the state's largest city

121,356 square miles make up the

Land of Enchantment

counties are in the state

31

state parks are in New Mexico

Source: infoplease.com

Gas update

Monday, Jan. 2

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 1.6 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$2.93** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 2.4 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.25** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday**, **Jan. 2**, were **5.9 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **4.1 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 4.1 cents** during the last month and stands **20.9 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.89
2. Shamrock	901 S. Valley Drive	\$2.89
3. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.90
4. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.93
5. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.93

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com



Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

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FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$106.70	Southwest Airlines
Atlanta	\$229.40	United Airlines
Austin	\$98.90	United Airlines
Chicago	\$179.40	US Airways
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$124.70	American Airlines
Houston	\$128.40	US Airways
Las Vegas	\$149.40	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$123.70	American Airlines
Phoenix	\$69.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$78.90	United Airlines
New York City	\$180.40	American Airlines
Washington DC	\$175.40	American Airlines
San Diego	\$100.40	United Airlines
London	\$713.30	US Airways
Paris	\$772.30	US Airways
Rome	\$884.30	American Airlines

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Jan. 10 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

\$1.29232 in U.S. dollars **0.7738** per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.07281 in U.S. dollars **13.734** per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen

\$0.01303 in U.S. dollars **76.73001** per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com

Market Snapshot

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	12294	12217.56	-76.44	-0.6	5.5
Nasdaq	2618.64	2605.15	-13.49	-0.5	-1.8

Strong: Automakers, apparel and luxury goods, footwear, restaurants

Weak: Investment banks and brokerage, specialized finance, regional banks, food distributors, home entertainment software, data processing, application software, office services and supplies

Source: http://briefing.com



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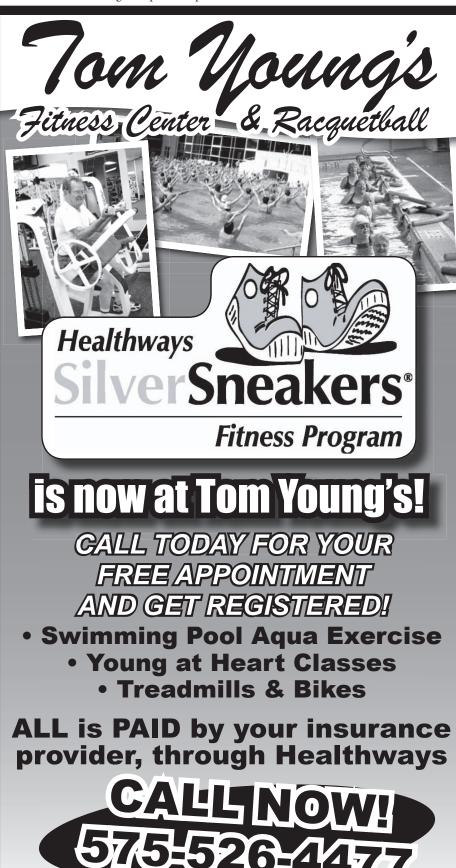
Zia to provide services to Spaceport America

Zia Engineering & Environmental Consultants will provide environmental and safety consulting services to Spaceport America through recent contract awards.

Zia won an environmental policy and cultural resource services contract and will provide expertise on cultural resources and Native American issues. Additional tasks include National Environmental Policy Act and Endangered Species Act compliance document preparation. To complement Zia's capabilities, Innovative Health Applications LLC (IHA) will serve on Zia's team during the operation phase of Spaceport America. Fiore Industries Inc. of Albuquerque is the prime contractor and was awarded a two-year base contract with two one-year renewal options. In addition to Zia's responsibilities, the Fiore team will perform tasks related to site security, badging, firefighting and emergency medical services.

NM triggered off extended benefits

The New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions announced New Mexico has triggered off State Extended Benefits (EB), effective Dec. 31, 2011. Those unemployment insurance claimants with established EB claims



305 E. Foster, Las Cruces, NM 88011 www.tomyoungsfitnesscenter.com on or before Dec. 31 will continue to receive EB payments until Jan. 28 as part of a phaseout period.

"The department is in the process of providing notification to affected claimants," said Celina Bussey, Cabinet Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. "We will also be reaching out to claimants regarding the reemployment services available at the statewide New Mexico Workforce Connection Centers and at www.jobs.state.nm.us."

Girl Scouts ask for help, partnerships

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest are asking organizations and businesses to become a community partner by allowing Girl Scout troops to host a cookie booth at locations from Jan. 28 to March 4. As a partner, organizations will provide a Girl Scout troop the opportunity to work toward a goal and earn the resources needed to support troop programs, events and activities. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is a time honored American tradition and is the premiere entrepreneurial program for girls ages 5 through 17. By participating in the Cookie Program, girls develop skills, such as financial management, goal setting, customer service and team work. A troop may host a booth at a location weekday afternoons or evenings or weekend mornings, afternoons or evenings. To partner with Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, contact Monica at 526-2532 or mjasso@gsdsw.org.

AT&T ends T-Mobile takeover efforts

On Monday, Dec. 20, 2011, AT&T ended its effort to buy T-Mobile USA, acknowledging that it could not overcome stiff opposition by the Obama administration to form the nation's biggest cellphone service provider.

The decision to scrap the \$39 billion takeover – which would have been the biggest deal of the year – is a major setback for AT&T, which had pinned its hopes for growth on the acquisition. The company wanted T-Mobile's cellular airwaves, or spectrum, to relieve its congested network and offer faster service for data-hungry devices such as the iPhone. AT&T said it would continue to invest in expanding its network.

Gas prices break records

2011 surpassed previous year by 21.3 cents

The U.S. average price of gasoline Monday, Jan. 3 - \$3.26 per gallon – has declined significantly in recent months, but still remains 21.3 cents per gallon higher than the U.S. average price recorded last year at this time.

"As 2011 has come to a close, that's cause for concern," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com. "Why? For the past seven years, the average price movement from the beginning of the year to the peak price posted during the year has been 93 cents per gallon, and as high as \$1.31 per gallon.

"Last year was actually a good snapshot of what we've seen for the past seven years. 2010 ended with the national average at \$3.05 and we saw the annual spring 2011 climb push the national average 91 cents higher to its peak level as early as May 11 when it reached \$3.96 per gallon.

"In three of the last seven years, the spread between the yearly starting price and the peak exceeded \$1 per gallon and only once in the past seven years was the spread below 82 cents per gallon," said Patrick De-Haan, a petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. "And, while we typically anticipate peak prices to occur in the midst of the summer driving season, sometimes the peak can even come after summer has concluded, as was the case nationally during 2006 and 2009. While past performance is no indication of future prices, if the national average doesn't move closer toward or under \$3 per gallon by the year's end, we could be paying over \$4 per gallon next spring.

New Mexico average "start price" to peak retail gasoline prices:

2007

Start price: \$2.22 per gallon Peak price: \$3.41 per gallon (May 22, 2007)

Difference: 118.9 cents per gallon

2008

Start price: \$2.84 per gallon Peak price: \$4.07 per gallon (July 15, 2008)

Difference: 122.6 cents per gallon

2009

Start price: \$1.60 per gallon Peak price: \$2.67 per gallon (Oct. 27, 2009)

Difference: 106.8 cents per gallon

2010

Start price: \$2.56 per gallon Peak price: \$2.87 per gallon (Dec. 29, 2010)

Difference: 31.4 cents per gallon

2011

Start price: \$2.86 per gallon Peak price: \$3.82 per gallon (May 11, 2011) Difference: 96.5 cents per gallon



Board, E.D. look to sustain the future Flickinger Center in Alamogordo creates endowment for sustainability members met with CFSNM Executive Direc-

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Three years ago, board members at the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts in Alamogordo began working on a plan for sustainability with Executive Director Jim Mack. They knew they wanted to meet current needs of the center, as well as future needs.

"We have been talking about funding for the past three years," Mack said. "First we set up an annual support campaign, and then we started talking about the future."

The annual Support Campaign helps to cover the operational costs of the Flickinger Center for Performing Arts, while ticket sales for events cover the cost for artist fees, productions costs and other expenses associated with presenting events.

We get great support from the community, but we still have a lot of facility issues," Mack said of the 590-seat theater that opened in 1991.

Since opening, the Flickinger Center has offered a variety of entertainment including concerts, plays, musicals, dance recitals and beauty pageants, both by professional stage companies and by local amateur groups.

To meet the needs of the center, the group set up the Flickinger Center Endowment at the end of 2011 with the

Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM). "We had been look-

ing for some sort of vehicle to set up an endowment," Mack said. "We knew we needed to set something up for sustainability.'

Mack and board

tor Luan Wagner Burn and learned more about long-term planning, as well as the history of the CFSNM. "Our focus is to use the endowment primarily to sustain the facility. The center has proven to be a very vital part of the community

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and this endowment will allow us to continue, and even improve, what we are offering the community," Mack said, noting the choice to open the endowment within the CFSNM was the best choice. "The Community Foundation staff is available to help us grow the endowment. They didn't just take our money and say we are ready to go. They will offer education and training to help along the way.

> The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the estab-lishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that

are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

What is the alterative? Anniversary of the fall of the Soviet Union highlights the dominance of capitalism



The struggle between capitalism and communism effectively ended with the fall of the Soviet Union, of which the 20th anniversary occurred Dec. 25, 2011, Christmas Day.

Capitalism has won the day. Yet people continue to have concerns, especially in this era of continuing crisis.

Capitalism comes in several flavors. Anglo-American capitalism – which emphasizes financial services - a moderate safety net and rewards to innovation, is the dominant form globally. It has a lot to recommend it, but a by-product is a level of inequality that is increasingly undermining its legitimacy.

Continental capitalism as practiced in Euro zones, periphery includes employment security, reasonable working hours, good pensions, long vacations and free or subsidized health care. This form of capitalism mitigates incentives, so is less successful at generating innovation, but also is suffers less from inequality.

At the other extreme, China's Darwinian capitalism is characterized by fierce competition, a weak social-safety net and widespread government intervention. China has managed to raise the standard of living of millions, but the Chinese system is cut throat in a way that is ironic given that China's official status as a communist country.

China's rapid growth over the last two decades is the envy of the world. It has caused some to view China as a model for the future of Western capitalism. Others

question the political sustainability of China's system. If history is any indicator, the more likely outcome will be for China, as its citizens' incomes rise, to adopt the norms of the advanced capitalist countries rather than the other way around.

Capitalism has achieved great success in creating wealth and raising the standard of living for much of the world. This success is particularly evident when compared with communism and heavy-handed socialism. Still, especially in this era of financial crisis, there is considerable discontent with the current system.

Changing technology is likely to acerbate capitalisms problems. The Internet, for example, has allowed one retailer Amazon – to gain an increasing share of the retail market while employing a small, well-paid staff. Thus, a small, well-paid elite benefit from Amazon's technology; meanwhile, unemployment remains high in the Seattle region, where Amazon is based.

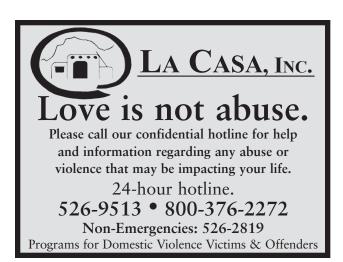
Historically, technological progress has made labor more productive, but improvements in pattern recognition have allowed technology to replace labor. Computers play chess, compete on game shows, perform legal document searches and make medical diagnoses more efficiently than humans.

If, as I suspect, computers continue to displace workers, surplus labor will push down wages while the return to capital will increase. The consequence will be ever increasing income inequality, that is unless there is government intervention to prevent this.

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Cashing in on builder incentives can be challenging



The following is a true story.

It was a beautiful November weekend in Las Cruces. My first-time buyer clients and I were out shopping for their new home.

After zigging and zagging between the various builders' directional signs, we stopped at Builder A's sales office. During the sales pitch that preceded our tour, the new-home representative mentioned that Builder A "was offering up to \$2,500 toward closing costs."

Sound familiar? It should, because builders routinely offer incentives to help move their inventories. What wasn't routine, however, is what took place after the buyers decided to take Builder A up on his offer.

The first order of business was to obtain a list of the builder's allowable closing costs. After all, it's impossible to know how much mon-

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Edward Jones® Making sense of investing ey the buyer will have to work with in relation to the \$2,500 credit from the builder without first knowing the amount of the actual hard costs. We received a written list of allowable costs, but the aggregate value of the charges totaled only about \$400 on the "open market." When asked how the buyer could spend the remaining \$2,100, the salesperson made it clear the builder would not allow the buyer to utilize any of the remaining funds.

After some discussion, Builder A agreed to add in another \$1,000 or so, of additional "allowable" costs, but still refused to allow the buyer to utilize the full \$2,500.

Is it legal, ethical or morally acceptable for a builder to offer a particular dollar amount and then limit the payout to a fraction of the amount originally offered? Frankly Scarlet, I don't think so. Neither did the buyers, who quickly abandoned the builder due to what they referred to as the builder's "bait-andswitch" scenario. By the way, the builder in question is alive and well and doing business in Las Cruces as we "speak."

Amazed? Try this true story on for size.

It was a beautiful January weekend in Las Cruces and, yes, I was again helping buyers locate and purchase a new home. These buyers were in a different price range than the November buyers, so we followed the directional signs to the sales office of Builder B. During Builder B's presentation, the sales representative mentioned the builder was offering a \$5,000 cash bonus – to be used as the buyers see fit. Included in the allowable uses were closing costs, upgrades, buy-downs and mortgage insurance. The catch? The buyers had to obtain their mortgage loan from the builder's wholly owned lending subsidiary. No loan from the wholly owned lending subsidiary – no \$5,000 incentive.

As a mortgage broker licensed to work with in-house clients, I took a loan application from the buyers and submitted copies to Builder B's lender as well as to a local bank. Each lender agreed to review the buyers' income and credit, and to provide a good faith estimate (GFE) of the best rates and fees they're able to offer. In a nutshell, the rate and terms offered by the local bank simply blew away the rate and terms offered by the builder's lending subsidiary.

Now what? Does the buyer have to forego the local bank's superior offer and accept a more expensive mortgage in order to take advantage of the \$5,000 offer? Absolutely not, according to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

This type of scenario, called a "tie-in" in industry jargon, may violate federal antitrust laws, according to the Federal Trade Commission's website www.ftc.gov.

According to the site, "The sale of one product on condition that a customer purchase a second product, which the customer may not want or can buy elsewhere at a lower price, is a tie-in. Requirements such as these are illegal if they harm competition."

Additionally, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's), Real Estate Settlement and Procedures Act (RESPA) "requires that consumers receive disclosures at various times in the transaction and outlaws kickbacks that increase the cost of settlement services".

How do tie-ins hurt competition? Here's how. When a lender receives a yield on a mortgage that exceeds the yield the lender would have normally received, the lender could well afford to funnel back to the lender's parent company – the builder – a substantial portion of the extra profits derived from charging the additional interest. This practice is illegal because it both increases the buyer's borrowing costs and prevents the buyer from choosing a lower-cost financing alternative – thereby harming competition.

How can new-home buyers protect themselves from falling victim to a "tie-in" scheme? It's easy. You'll know you're in the soup when your builder links an upgrade or closing cost rebate to the required use of his "in-house" lender. At that point, it's time to take a proactive position. First, qualify with both the builder's lender and with a local bank. Ask each lender to provide a GFE so you can compare the rates and fees offered by each institution.

You'll know in two-shakes of a lamb's tail which lender is offering the better deal. If it's the builder's lender, you need only worry about locking in the better rate and terms. If the bank has the better deal, you need only remind the builder's lender that it is against the law for the builder's lender that it is against the law for the builder to require that you forego the superior loan in order to obtain any incentives. In the end, the builder's lender would be wise to match the bank's lower rate.

A buyer can add an additional layer of protection to his or her new-home purchase by enlisting the services of a qualified Realtor. Since the price of a new home is the same whether or not a buyer's agent is involved, and the buyer's agent is paid from the seller's proceeds, newhome buyers would be foolish to overlook the advantage that free representation can bring to the transaction.

In the final analysis, the builder cannot tempt you with misleading benefits or supposed discounts that you're actually paying for somewhere else in the deal. If he does, he may find that he's the one who actually ends up in the soup.

See you at closing!

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Building Industry	Association of Southern New Mexico					
Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20116935	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Milton M. and Carol A. Dunham	Reroof	1720 W. Hadley Ave.	\$1,613	\$41.90
20116936	GS Roofing	Nathaniel L. Espinosa	Reroof	3029 Camino Real	\$7,800	\$73.71
20116947	Jared Curry Construction LLC	Jared Curry Construction LLC	Res/New	2013 Villa Napoli Loop East	\$172,118	\$4,071.86
20116948	Jared Curry Construction LLC	Mission Santa Clara LLC	Res/New	2017 Villa Napoli Loop East	\$170,888	\$4,069.76
20116943	Lannick Construction	Jonathan E. Porsberg	Reroof	710 Sundown Court	\$4,500	\$54.27
20116941	Gilbert & Sons Roofing	Ralph Baldonado	Reroof	527 E. Juniper Ave.	\$8,885	\$80.10
20116964	Veloz Homes Inc.	BPS LLC	Res/New	4692 Big Springs St.	\$158,424	\$3,248.48
20116963	The Floyd Group Inc.	Floyd Group Inc.	Res/New	5189 San Carlos Court	\$178,985	\$3,250.92
20116966	Veloz Homes Inc.	Camino Real Builders Inc.	Res/New	3513 Luz Bonita Lane	\$153,012	\$4,039.24
20117010	De La Paz Construction	Dina Marie Richardson	Reroof	1880 Debby Circle	\$6,000	\$63.11
20117000	B and L Roofing Inc.	Paula Rodriguez and Antonia Minjares	Reroof	1205 Poplar Ave.	\$4,000	\$51.33
20117065	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Carroll G. and Cecilia M. Bunting	Reroof	1718 Royal Drive	\$6,900	\$68.41
20117039	GM Builders Inc.	Meraz Guadalupe Duarte	Res/New	3903 Monte Lindo Court	\$214,512	\$2,385.24
20117030	Flair Homes Inc.	D W Development LLC	Res/New	1672 Neleigh Loop	N/A	\$4,031.54
20117054	Erasmo's Roofing LLC	Calvin L. and Francis G. Traylor	Reroof	1555 Candlelight Drive	\$10,971	\$92.39
20116994	Mesa View Homes LLC	BPS LLC	Res/New	1386 Cabin Creek Ave.	\$197,620	\$3,315.40
20117002	GS Roofing	Marjorie H. Stacker Trustee	Reroof	2011 Windsor Place	\$2,500	\$42.49
20117029	Flair Homes Inc.	Winton & Associates Inc.	Res/New	4266 Salvia Loop	\$186,550	\$4,096.50
20117038	Adrian A. and Maricela S. Galaz	Adrian A. and Maricela S. Galaz	Res/New	4104 Calle de Estrellas	\$264,614	\$4,229.78
20117062	GS Roofing	Edward E. Milkovich Trustee Et Al	Reroof	1505 La Fonda Drive	\$7,500	\$71.94
20117061	GS Roofing	Edward E. Milkovich Trustee Et Al	Reroof	1505 La Fonda Drive	\$7,500	\$71.94
20117059	GS Roofing	Edward E. Milkovich Trustee Et Al	Reroof	1505 La Fonda Drive	\$7,500	\$71.94
20117072	Spirit View Homes	Rinconada Development of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	3860 Calle Arriba	\$142,926	\$3,222.02
20117077	Veloz Homes Inc.	BPS LLC	Res/New	1390 Cabin Creek Ave.	\$149,568	\$3,233.36
20117051	De La Paz Construction	Jeffrey M. and Kate E. Garcia	Reroof	1600 Dorothy Circle	\$5,000	\$57.22
20117053	Lucas Robert Roofing	Joseph V. and Judith A. Baca Rev Tr	Reroof	1833 Juniper Ave.	\$5,200	\$58.40
20117031	De La Paz Construction	Joyce L. Guthrie	Reroof	3395 Wesley Drive	\$5,400	\$59.58
20117071	Salas Homes	Salas Homes	Res/New	1938 Mercury Lane	\$98,940	\$230.86
20117076	Veloz Homes Inc.	BPS LLC	Res/New	4675 Big Springs St.	\$147,272	\$3,229.44
* Information fro.	m BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces	and Doña Ana County permit offices				

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Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico					
Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
37047	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson Properties	Res/New	119 Apache Brave St.	\$540
37048	Professional Contractor	Ricardo and Josephina Padilla	Reroof	5828 Quail Drive	\$90
37050	Approved Rofing & Construction	Ali and Guadalupe E. Alabayad	Reroof	2421 San Andres Drive	\$80
37052	Arrowhead Construction	Thayenda L. White	Res/New	1737 Roadrunner Lane	\$814
37053	Self	George Gonzales	Res/New	104 Aries Ave.	\$408
37055	GL Green & Associates	David Arnold and Linda Lee	Res/New	1328 Techo Alto Place	\$981
37059	L&M Custom Homes	Hamlet MTG Investment LLC	Res/New	182 Casas Lindas Lane	\$321
37060	L&M Custom Homes	Hamlet MTG Investment LLC	Res/New	184 Casas Linda Lane	\$371
37063	Self	Casillas Aureliano	Res/New	1225 Rusty Lane	\$526
37068	Self	Jerome Dodson	Reroof	1235 Villita Loop	\$55
37071	n/a	David and Kirsten Guerra	Res/New	2395 Wildwind Road	\$794
37072	Radium Springs Construction	Bill and Teena Goodin	Reroof	5055 Copper Bar Road	\$70
37073	Self	Fernando and Prudencia Briseno	Reroof	5782 Crest Drive	\$90
37076	R Builders	Pete Gallegos and Susan Kirker	Res/New	240 Providence Road	\$1,163
37077	Medina Homes	Juan and Fabiola Lujan	Res/New	120 Ranchitos Lindos Court	\$900
37078	Stearns Custom Homes	Brad and Shonna Achens	Res/New	1980 Tapestry Circle	\$1,298
37079	Gilbert & Sons	David Evan Merewether	Reroof	1071 Boling Lane	\$140
37081	Stearns Custom Homes	George and Marguerite Ford	Res/New	530 Lark Spur Way	\$604
37083	Quinones	David and Sandra Richter	Res/New	4990 Vinton Road	\$1,425
* Information from	m BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and L	Doña Ana County permit offices	· · · ·		

A look at the landscape Investing in 2012 could be brighter than 2011

As an investor, you know that 2011 was a somewhat "choppy" year, with the financial markets going through many ups and downs. So what can you expect in 2012?

As baseball Hall of Famer Yogi Berra said: "It's hard to make predictions – especially about the future." These words are certainly applicable for anyone who would like an accurate forecast of the investment climate.

Yet we do know some factors that may affect your portfolio in the months ahead. Here are a few of them:

Strong business fundamentals. This past year, all the noise about the debt ceiling debate, the size of the U.S. deficit and the European financial situation tended to drown out some fairly good news: U.S. businesses' balance sheets were strong for the most part. Borrowing costs remained low, and corporate profits were good – and corporate profitability remains a key driver of stock prices. Heading into 2012, these fundamentals continue to look positive, which may bode well for investors.

Europe's debt crisis. Greece's economic problems made a lot of news in 2011, but they weren't the end of the story in Europe, as major financial difficulties also face Italy, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. It's by no means clear how these problems will be resolved, so don't be surprised to see them lead to intermittent, if short-lived, shocks to the markets.

Election-year patterns. As you're well aware, we're voting for president in 2012. But you might be surprised to learn that the S&P 500 index has shown negative returns in only three of the last 21 presidential election years. Coincidence? No one can say for sure – and at this point, no one can say if this pattern of positive returns will continue during this election year. Still, it's an interesting phenomenon.

So there you have it: the good, the bad and the quirky. Take them all together, and you still may not be able to foresee what will happen with the markets this year, but you'll have a lot to think about.

Instead of trying to predict what will happen in 2012, you may be better off following these tried-and-true investment strategies:

Diversify your holdings. By spreading your money among a wide range of investments, you can reduce the effects of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.

Don't ignore your risk tolerance. If you worry excessively about market fluctuations, you may have too much risk in your portfolio, which means you may need to make some changes.

Always look at the "big picture." Financial markets will always fluctuate. But if you can keep your focus on your long-term objectives, and make decisions accordingly, you can avoid overreacting to short-term events.

2012 will bring periods of turbulence and smooth sailing, but making the right investment moves, you can chart a course to move closer to your future goals.

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What grade do you deserve?

Teacher gives class in business lesson

Jim Spence *Business Matters*

We learned of an excellent teaching strategy

in a business class at a United States university. The lesson began while the class was

engaged in a broad economic discussion on the first day of the semester. A fundamental philosophical assertion was made by the vast majority of the students.

The system of "free market capitalism" was failing, according to the students. Relying on more government intervention to control the business sector was the most equitable way to provide for the greater good. Most of the students agreed with the principle that no one should be too poor or too rich. Most expressed agreement with President Obama's recent declarations that everyone should be required by law to pay their "fair share."

Admiring the student's sincere and heartfelt desires for advancing the greater good, the professor offered the students a proposal. The grading system for the entire class would be based on the goal of making sure that not a single student be allowed to fail the final exam.

A vote was taken on the grading policy and despite some misgivings by a few, the vast majority of students approved of the system.

After the first unit exam the grades were averaged and everyone in the class received a "B." Most students were satisfied. Those who did not show up for some of the classes and studied very little were quite content with their "B's." But not everyone was pleased. The students who had come to class every single day and studied extensively were upset. However, since they were in the minority, and the majority had ruled, they decided it would be unwise to grumble out loud about the system and give the appearance of being greedy.

During the second unit of study, students who had skipped class frequently before the first exam decided they could afford to spend even less time studying. These students skipped even more classes before the second test. Most of the students who had studied quite hard for the first exam only to receive a "B" grade, decided it would be wise to concentrate their efforts more on getting "A's" in their other classes rather than bear down for the second exam in the business class.

When the second unit test scores were averaged, collectively the class achieved a "D." After the results were released every student was furious. Finger pointing dominated the dialogue. Everyone was upset that nobody was willing to study for the benefit of the entire business class.

Some of the students took steps to identify classmates who had decided on their own to concentrate on getting "A's" in other classes. These classmates were targeted for the harshest criticisms of all by the vocal majority and repeatedly chastised for being greedy and selfish.

When the all-important comprehensive final exam was taken class performance went from bad to worse. The class average was a very low "F." To the great surprise of most students in the class, this particular business professor made good on his part of the agreement. He failed every single student.

Some students paid a visit to the professor after grades were released seeking mercy. In these meetings the lesson was explained. In the real world, the professor counseled, when presented with a similar situation, rational hard working business people would have had the foresight to understand the importance of properly structuring performance incentives, project the inevitable outcome of the flawed grading system, drop the class and simply sign up for the same course the following semester.

The industrious students reconciled themselves to the idea that at least they had the "A's" they had earned in other classes to help their grade point averages.

Some of the students who believed in the inherent fairness of the grading system but made little or no effort to contribute blamed the professor, the university or their greedy classmates for their failing grade. They solemnly vowed to continue to fight for social justice and sign up for easier classes in the future.

Jim Spence is the Portfolio Manager at Spence Asset Management Inc., a federally registered investment advisory firm in Las Cruces. He has been involved in the investment business since 1983.



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Centennial Spotlight

Profile

Heather Pollard: Advocating success

Organizations, nonprofit thrive with Pollard's help

By Samantha Roberts

Las Cruces Bulletin

Many in Las Cruces know Heather Pollard from her involvement in various organizations, but what some don't know is her innate ability to get things done.

Pollard was born on the east coast of Canada to a military family.

"While my family was in France, I met my husband, an Army officer," said Pollard, adding that his career brought the couple to White Sands Missile Range, making Las Cruces their new home.

"Her husband Warren is a strong person, and she just adores him," said Mike Beckett, owner of Coas Books. "Any recognition Heather gets, her husband is just as worthy. I've learned a lot about marriage from him. He lets her be her, and his patience is amazing."

For Pollard, "being her" means having a very busy schedule, and her volunteer experiences surpass her paid jobs 7-to-1.

"It's funny how many do-good organizations she is part of. I don't know where she finds the time," Beckett said.

In 1981, Pollard worked at New Mexico State University KRWG-TV station as the auction coordinator. Two years later, she started a 15-year career at the Doña Ana Arts Council as the executive director. This position allowed her to utilize her arts studies.

"I must say, my studies abroad were fairly frivolous, but I learned to love all the professional and visual arts, so the Doña Ana Arts Council provided a perfect place for me," Pollard said.

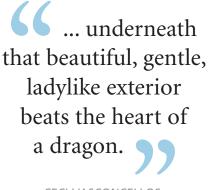
Though she left the arts council in 1998, her legacy remains, and her efforts can be seen Downtown.

"Heather's role in restoring the historic Rio Grande Theatre, driving Downtown revitalization and continuing participation with the arts council show how big her love is for this city and her passion for arts and culture," said Ceci Vasconcellos, executive director of DAAC. "I admire the tenacity and brilliance that enables Heather to move mountains when needed to make important changes for the better of our community.

"Heather is the quintessential steel magnolia – not because she comes from the South, but because underneath that beautiful, gentle, ladylike exterior beats the heart of a dragon." In 1999, Pollard took the reins of another executive director position. This time, it was for Las Cruces Downtown, a MainStreet USA revitalization program, known as the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership, another perfect fit for Pollard.

"My husband and I have traveled the world and learned the vital importance of downtowns and town squares as the heart and soul of a community," Pollard said. "Plus, I live Downtown and have always worked Downtown, so my Main Street connection was a great fit.

"The opening of Main Street was probably the fiercest challenge and has impacted, I hope, the most people in a positive way."



CECI VASCONCELLOS, Doña Ana Arts Council executive director

Those who helped Pollard re-open Main Street agree her role in the movement was crucial.

"Heather was instrumental in assembling the building blocks upon which our current Downtown revitalization efforts are based," said Gary Sandler, a former DLCP board member. "Without her vision, commitment and leadership, Downtown would not be enjoying the renaissance that's taking place today."

As the final stretch of Main Street is reopened, Pollard said she feels a great relief that the original vision has become a successful reality.

"The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market presented the greatest challenge, and I am so delighted the market has actually quadrupled in size and has received a covetous national award," she said. "Thanks to our great City Manager Robert Garza, who always believed in Downtown. I served on an ad hoc Downtown



Revitalization Committee last year, and it was terrific to be with the original movers and shakers who have never given up their Downtown quest."

Pollard's impact also extends deep into the nonprofit sector on a volunteer basis.

"My efforts with helping build La Casa, assisting with the renovation of the Rio Grande Theatre and helping get the Hospice facility up and running were very fulfilling," she said.

Although she is retired, Pollard is not slowing down. She currently serves on several boards and is active with her church – St. Paul's United Methodist Church – teaching a class for adults with developmental disabilities.

"This is my 32nd year with the class, and spiritually, it is the most nourishing thing I have ever been blessed to be a part of," she said.

Pollard also volunteers two days a week at La Tienda de Jardín and Tutti Bambini, two thrift stores that benefit children in need.

She is also currently doing the public relations portion of Mission of Mercy, a free twoday dental clinic.

"I am learning a great deal about this huge dental outreach to the community," she said.

"Heather is a master of language; she's got a great mixture of French-Canadian fight to her that but also has a Southern gentleness," Beckett said. "She's a master at making me do things, and I don't realize she is making me do it. Political savvy like that is very rare. Her work with the arts council alone is legendary."

Even those who have only worked with her on a small level agree she has helped, and continues to help, Las Cruces.

"Heather is passionate about whatever it is she is involved in," said Susie Horton, a longtime friend and local business owner. "Her enthusiasm is contagious and she draws you in. Because of her and folks like her, Las Cruces is regaining its 'heart."

Details

Heather Pollard Retired executive director

Organization

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Doña Ana Arts Council, Downtown Las Cruces Partnership

Education

- Certificate in arts management, Southern Oregon State University
- Courses at Sorbonne University (Paris, France)
- Courses at Ecole International (Fontainebleau, France)

Organizations

- City of Las Cruces Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee
- Doña Ana Arts Council board
- member and development chairNew Mexico State University's
- Center for the Arts advisory board member • Amador Museum Foundation
- Amador Museum Foundation executive board member
 Las Cruces Federal Courthouse
- Art Selection Committee
- St. Paul's United Methodist Church Meet and Greet Team
- Lamb's Class teacher
 La Tienda de Jardin Thrift
- Boutique volunteerFriends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library member

Awards

- Governor's Award for Outstanding Women in New Mexico, 1994
- Doña Ana Arts Council Papen Family Award, 1997
- Las Cruces Citizen of the Year Award from the Las Cruces Association of Realtors, 1997
- New Mexico Main Street Award for downtown revitalization, 2003
- New Mexico Governor's Public Service Award, 2002
- YWCA Reach Award, 2003Paul Harris Rotary International
- Award, 2007 • Heather Pollard Downtown
- Revitalization Award, 2010

From serving as the president of the Doña Ana County Humane Society or the Professional Women's Association to supporting the Las Cruces Symphony Guild, the Eastside Community Center or the City of Las Cruces Economic Advisory Council, no project is too big or too small for Pollard.



CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION

NUMBER TWO, DOÑA ANA

COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN

AND DESIGNATED ON THE

PLAT OF SAID CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, FILED IN THE OFFICE

OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF

DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW

MEXICO ON FEBRUARY

15, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10,

(the "property"), which is com-monly known as 508 Amparo

Road, Chaparral, New Mexico

88081 (if there is any discrep-ancy between the property

address and the legal descrip

tion, the legal description shall

The property will be sold subject to rights of redemption;

environmental contamination

if any; and zoning violations

AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED

This action is a suit to fore-

close a mortgage secured by the real property described above.

The total amount awarded by

the Judgment to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.,

with interest to the date of

sale, is \$75,932.54; plus its costs

and attorney fees through the

date of sale of the property

and any amounts advanced by Vanderbilt Mortgage and

Finance, Inc. to protect its

interest in the property before sale, including insurance, main-

tenance, taxes, assessments or

other expenses relating to the

The proceeds from the judi-

cial sale will be applied first to

the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale; then to the

payment of the Judgment in

expenses as stated in the fore-

going paragraph. Any excess funds shall be deposited with

the Clerk of Court. Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

may apply all or a portion of its

shall be cash or certified funds.

Plaintiff's attorneys

property.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-127

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff,

KENNETH E. DRESSER, and if married, JANE DOE DRESSER, (True Name Unknown), his spouses nd UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IRS), Defendants

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 608 Missy Court, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows

Lot 40, Block 1, 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 FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$154,032.90 and the same bears interest at 6.5% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,825,35. 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 manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamina tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at

such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption. Defendant United States of America (IRS) shall have a 120-day right of

redemption. Pamela A. Carmody. Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

Pub # 11387 Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 & 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No

vs.

Special Master CV-2010-2406 CITIMORTGAGE, INC., 575-642-5567

redemption.

Pub # 11389

& 1/6, 2012

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EMILIO ENRIQUEZ and

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 12th day

of January, 2012, at 10:00 AM, 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

Lot 1, Block 15, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company

Subdivision (B), in the County

of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and desig-

nated on Plat Number 144A

thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of

said County on June 2, 1911, and recorded in Book 4, Page

Said sale will be made pursuan

foreclose a note and mortgage

against all secured real prop

erty by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged

to have a lien against the above

described real estate in the sum of \$133,483.31 through

November 29, 2011, on which

post-judgment interest shall run at 8.75% per annum until

satisfied in full, which the

Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$31.999421 for 44

days to the date of the Special

Master's sale (the "Sale"), for

\$1,407.97, together with attor-ney fees incurred and costs of

sale to the date of sale, and

a reasonable Special Master's

24, Plat Records.

and State:

GLORIA ENRIOUEZ.

NOTICE OF SALE

Defendants.

SAVINGS, Plaintiff,

essor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,

EDWARD R. FRIETZE; and JOSIE D. FRIETZE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the under-signed Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 3901 Elks Rd., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Country Club Manor No. 1, 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 March 11, 1957, recorded in Book 1, ige 32, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$63,411.15 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from May 17, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,553.83. 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 assess-ments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for,

and the purchaser at the sale fee. The Plaintiff has the right takes the property subject to, to bid at such sale and submit the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real his bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or or personal property, affixture any part of his judgment to the of any mobile or manufactured purchase price in lieu of cash home to the land, deactivation at the sale.

of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamina-Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment tion on the property, if any, and permitted to be bid in lieu of ash, must bid cash at the sale. zoning violations concer the property, if any. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the win-NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale ning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the shall take title to the above described real property sub ject to a one month right of amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either Pamela A. Carmody, accept the next highest bid, or PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 the Special Master may, in his sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale. using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bid-THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT der submitting the telephone number. Cause No. CV 2011-1550 Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

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 bid-ders 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

Submitted by /s/ Kelly P. Albers, Special Master 650 Montana, Suite D Las Cruces, NM 88001 Telephone (575) 527-9064

Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

bered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Brenda Lum and The Unknown Spouse of Brenda Lum, if any.

CREETINGS. You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you total post-judgment interest of in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3756 Damonite Court, Las

Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particu-larly described as: Lot 42A in Block 24 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development, Phase VI-B, Replat #1 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 October 2, 2002 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 144, Plat Records. Unless you serve a pleading or

motion in response to the com-plaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publicaon date, judgment by default will be entered against you. Respectfully Submitted

Elizabeth Mason Keya Koul Steven Lucero 20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602

CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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 8 day of December, 2011.

James H. Demps CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Deputy

NM11-01694 FC01 Pub # 11397b Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No. D-307-CV-201102358

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,

ROBERT E. ROBERTS. ANN ROBERTS AND

AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Defendant(s).

> NOTICE OF SUIT STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s)

> Robert E. Roberts and Ann Roberts. 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 locat-ed at 142 Key Deer CT, Las Cruces, NM 88007-5236, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 57 of Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown

and designated on the plat of said Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 18, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 488-489.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publica tion date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submittee CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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 7 day of December, 2011.

Gregory Toomey CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

Deputy NM00-03286 FC01

Pub # 11398 Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,

No. CV-10-2652

vs. EDWARD R. FRIETZE; JOSIE D. FRIETZE; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Defendants

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 18, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 2065 O'Donnell, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block 5, College Park Replat, 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 March 18, 1963, recorded in Book 8, Page 91, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will LOT NUMBERED 17 be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court BLOCK NUMBERED H OF

bered cause on February 14, 2011, being an action to fore-close a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtors made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$100,105.34, plus interest thereon at the rate of 5.750% per annum from January 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$283.86. The Plaintiff and/ or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

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easements, reservations and restrictions of record; taxes NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN and governmental assessments; that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any liens or encumbrances not foreclosed in this proceeding; the valuation of the property any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed by the County Assessor as real or personal property; affixture of any mobile or manufactured herein, and all recorded and home to the land; deactivation unrecorded special assess-ments and taxes that may be of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property; due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for and the purchaser at the sale concerning the property, if any. takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property No representation is made as to the validity of the rights of ingress and egress. Transfer of title to the highest bidder shall be without warranty or by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation representation of any kind. ALL of title to a mobile or manufac-tured home on the property, if PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS any, environmental contamina tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND TO CONSULT THEIR the property, if any. OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property sub ject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

Pub # 11399 Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF Doña Ana NO. D-0307-CV-201102429

favor of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., includ-Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff, ing additional fees, costs and

Charles Gonnell, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

judgment towards the purchase price. Otherwise, terms of sale NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Judgment in Favor of Plaintiff entered on December 6, 2011, the undersigned Special Master will sell McFarlin Firm, PLLC (Jeremiah at public auction, for cash or certified funds, at the hour of Hayes appearing), 5646 Milton Street, Suite 895, Dallas, Texas 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2011, 75206; telephone (972) 630at Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las 6193 Cruces, New Mexico, the real Pamela A. Carmody, property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico described as follows:

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Special Master

IN

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Mexico, this 12th day December, 2011. 1/6, 2012 COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA Pub # 11395 & 1/6, 2012 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No.

D-0307-CV-0201102474

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

to the Judgment for Plaintiff entered on November 29, 2011 in the above-entitled and num-

BRENDA LUM, CHATTEL VENTURES LLC AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRENDA LUM, IF ANY, Defendant(s)

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NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2011, Innovative Communications Systems, PO Box 6160, Las Cruces, NM 88006, filed application numbered LRG-506 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 abandoning the use of exist-ing well LRG-506 located where Latitude and Longitude inter-sect at 32° 15' 53.68"N, 106° 46'0.97"W NAD83, on land owned by Britta Armstrong, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 350 feet for 18-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 38.31"N, 106° 45' 5434"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, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.575 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-506 POD2 is located within Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 4010 Old River Road. Existing well LRG-506 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 num-ber and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, ou must specifically identify water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or con-servation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substan-tially 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 pro-test 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 # 11401 Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6.2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2011, Mark Lawrence and Michelle Gutierrez, PO Box 6160, Las Cruces, NM 88006, filed application numbered LRG-8 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of exist-

ng well LRG-8 located where sion of an amount of water reserved for future determina-Latitude and Longitude inter-sect at 31° 55' 47.58"N, 106° tion by the May 24, 1999 Order 39' 33.18"W NAD83, on land owned by Triple D Farms, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State and drilling a replacement of New Mexico, combined with well to a depth of 350 feet fo surface water from the Elephant 18-inch casing to be located Butte Irrigation District, for the where Latitude and Longitude irrigation of 40.0 acres of land intersect at 31° 55' 18.87"N, 106° 39' 19.44"W NAD83, on owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected land owned by the applicants, for the continued diversion of Section 23, Township 24 South Range 2 East, NMPM. The for replacement well LRG-1261 an amount of water reserved for future determination by POD2 is located northwest the May 24, 1999 Order of the of Mesquite, NM and may be Third Judicial District Court, found approximately 250 feet Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface west-northwest of the inter-section of Harper Road and water from the Elephant Butte county road Calle De Brazito. Existing well LRG-1261 will be plugged. Irrigation District, for the irri-gation of 2.5362 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located Any person, firm or corpora-tion or other entity having standing to file objections or within the NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-8 POD5 protests shall do so in writ-ing (objection must be legible is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approx signed, and include the writer's imately 950 feet northeast of Alvarez Road and Egret Road. complete name, phone num-ber 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 con-servation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must

show how you will be substan-

tially 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 pro-test 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 objec-tion is filed, the State Engineer

will evaluate the application in

accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and

NM, 88072, filed application numbered LRG-15067-POD

1 with the State Engineer for

Permit Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio

Grande Underground Water

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retained for other rights. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-ing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone num-ber 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 postmarked within 24-nours 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.

Existing well LRG-8 will be

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Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8432 located on NOTICE is hereby given that on December 5, 2011, Ollie Mae Griffith and Columbus Jack Griffith III, 8454 Calle land owned by Amaya Isaias, Jr. and Elisa A. Lopez within the NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 De Brazito, Mesilla Park, NM of Section 28, T25S, R03E NMPM and drilling new well LRG-15067-POD 1 on land 88047, filed application num bered LRG-1261 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of within the Lower Rio Grande Section 29, T25S, R03E, NMPM Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abanat approximate Latitude/ Longitude N32d05m59.22s doning the use of existing W106d39m07.40s (NAD83) well LRG-1261 located where for the continued diver-Latitude and Longitude inter-sect at 32° 12' 5.9"N, 106° 42' sion of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in that 44.6"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of amount required for beneficial 220 feet for 16-inch casing to use for the irrigation of 11.49 acres of land owned by the be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12 applicant located in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 29. Well LRG-8432 and the proposed loca-tion for well LRG-15067-POD 6.0"N, 106° 42' 46.5"W NAD83 on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diver-

1 are located approximately 2,725 ft. and 1,120 ft. northeast, respectively, of the intersection of HWY 478 and Franco Rd. approximately 1.0 mile southeast of Vado, NM, Well LRG-8432 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that vou will be substantially effected. The written protest must be fled, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11404 Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6.2012

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

VEY FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,

ROBERTO A. BLANCO. CASSANDRA BLANCO, BURN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. and TG TIERRA GRANDE, LP, Defendants,

BURN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. Counter-Claimant.

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2011, Robert Brooks, 35 Franco Rd., Vado,

VEY FINANCE, LLC., Counter-Defendant.

BURN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., Cross Claimant,

ROBERTO A. BLANCO, CASSANDRA BLANCO, and TG TIERRA GRANDE, INC.,

Cross-Defendants.

BURN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., Third Party Plaintiff.

LOGOS DEVELOPMENT,

INC., et, Third Party Defendants. NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, hav-ing 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") situ-

ated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follow The address of the real property Lots numbered 2, 5, 8, 11, 24

27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 61 and Tract A in the subdivision plat of Tierra Grande Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Tierra Grande.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 25, 2011, in front of the main door of the Third Iudicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Vey Finance, LLC.

Vev Finance LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 13, 2011, in the amount of \$749,558.11, as of July 10, 2010, with preand post judgment interest on the sum of \$590,203.23 at the rate of thirteen and one half (13.5%) per annum until paid. The sale is subject to rights and

easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments. id 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 то BIDDING.

/s/ John A. Darden, III Special Master P.O. Box 578 Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578 (575) 541-6655

Pub # 11409 Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No.

D-0307-CV-201102153 PHH MORTGAGE

CORPORATION, Plaintiff, ROSARIO RUEDAS

AND MIGUEL RUEDAS, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and inter-est of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 4, TIERRA BONITA SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, 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. 2444

on, September 23, 1993 in Book 17 Pages 341 and 342 of Plat Records

is 17 Tierra Bonita Ct. La Mesa NM 88044. 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 28, 2011 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 \$261,484.89 plus interest from October 19, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keep ing 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 condi-tions 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 assess ments 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 manufac tured 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 abovedescribed 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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Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201102123

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, Plaintiff,

LEOPOLDO RIOS. GRISELDA RIOS AND SUNPORT FINANCIAL, LLC,

Defendant(s) NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and inter-est of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 26, BUENA VISTA SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and desig-nated on Plat No. 2626, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of county on February 14, 1995, and recorded in Book 18, Page 199, Plat Record

The address of the real property is 111 Sun Court, Sunland Park, NM 88063. 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 being sold 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 17, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mort gage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$97,733,15 plus interest from November 3, 2011 to the date of sale at the variable rate 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.

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 contamina-tion 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 abovedescribed real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Special Master Southwest Support Group 20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20 Albuquerque, NM 87102 NM11-01231 FC01

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201101915

OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff,

FELIPE CORTEZ AND

CLAUDIA ELENA CORTEZ, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and inter-est of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

tract of land situate in Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 9, T.19S., R.3W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract G1-113 and more particularly described as follows, to wit.

Beginning at an iron pipe found for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; being identical to the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract G1-113;

Thence from the point of beginning, N. 81°37'17" E.,

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through November 1, 2011,

in the amount of \$4,035.52

and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$16.58 per diem, plus late charges of \$161.40, plus

escrow advances of \$1,212.00,

plus fee and cost advances in the amount of \$700.00, plus

of \$950.00 and costs in the

amount of \$540.15, with inter-

est on the above-listed amounts. plus attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.500% per annum

from date of the entry of the

The sale is subject to rights and

easements of record, to unpaid

and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the

Defendants as specified in the

Judgment until paid.

attorney's fees in the am

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122.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract; Thence S. 14°28'45" E., 96.99

feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract; Thence S. 70°39'46" W., 104.92 feet to a ¹/₂" iron rod set on the East line of U.S. Highway

85 for the Southwest corner of

Thence along the East line of Highway 85, N.22°30'41" W., 120.02 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.279 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

The address of the real prop

erty is 531 Hall Street, Hatch, NM 87937. 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 descrip-tion, 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 29 2011 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 abovedescribed real estate in the sum of \$71,727.71 plus interest from September 30, 2011 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.

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 mort-gagee 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 manufac tured 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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Master may specify.

a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause

the cancellation of this sale.

Further, if any of these condi-tions 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 mort-

gagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful

due. Plaintiff and its attorneys

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tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale

shall take title to the above-

described real property subject

Southwest Support Group 20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20

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Case No. D-307-CV-201101075

CHERIL BANNING.

CITIZENS BANK OF

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

LAS CRUCES AND THE

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

Plaintiff,

to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake

Special Master

the property, if any.

bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the abovedescribed real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake Special Master Southwest Support Group 20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20 Albuquerque, NM 87102 NM00-04793 FC01

Pub # 11412

Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012 STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No.

D-307-CV-201101781 CITIFINANCIAL, INC.,

Plaintiff,

FELIPE DEL HIERRO AND LORI DEL HIERRO. Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 17 OF BERINO TOWNSITE, LOCATED IN 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 DECEMBER 7, 1909 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 3 AT PAGES 65, PLAT RECORDS.

> The address of the real property is 308 San Benito St, Mesquite, NM 88048. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described prop-erty; 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 otice that it should verify the location and address of property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 28, 2011 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 \$20,371.56 plus interest from November 16, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.3200% per annum, the costs of sale, including the

Special Master's fee, publica-

tion costs, and Plaintiff's costs Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and all the right, title, and inter-est of the above-named defendants in and to the following submit its bid verbally or in described real estate located in The Plaintiff may said County and State:

apply all or any part of its judg TRACT OF LAND ent to the purchase price in SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LOCATED IN SECTION 33, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off,

BEGINNING AT A IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF DRAGONFLY ROAD AND FOX ROAD FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT: WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 33, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS BEARS S. 89°57'00" W., 1332.11 FEET;

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF DRAGONFLY ROAD, N.89°57'00" E, A DISTANCE OF 333.02 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NODTHEAST CORNER 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 THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be

THENCE, LEAVING DRAGONFLY ROAD, S. 00°07'54" W., A DISTANCE OF 330.55 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT:

THENCE S. 89°55'48" W., A DISTANCE OF 332.94 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD SET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF FOX ROAD FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT:

THENCE, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF FOX ROAD, N.00°07'07" E., A DISTANCE OF 329.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 2.527 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF FASEMENTS RECORD.

Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT A.P.N. 03-10526 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

> erty is 9520 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particu-larly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective pur-chaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the prop-erty being sold. Said sale will

ment entered on November 28, 2011 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 abovedescribed real estate in the sum of \$330,861.23 plus interest from November 1, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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.

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. tions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the abovedescribed real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrev Lake Special Master Southwest Support Group 20 First Plaza NW. Suite #20 uquerque, NM 87102

NM00-01482 FC01

Pub # 11414 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6. 1/13, 1/20, 2012 STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201001548 WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,

Plaintiff, DORA MURILLO AND THE

UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF

DORA MURILLO, IF ANY, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defen-dants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 3 in Block 17A of Dale Bellamah Manor Section 2, Plat 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dale Bellamah Manor Section 2, Plat 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 11, 1958 in Plat Book 8, Folio 21

A.P.N. 02-13643

The address of the real property is 1221 Skyway Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particu-larly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective pur-chaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the prop-erty being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on December 3 2010 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 \$92,602.58 plus interest from November 19, 2010 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 keep-ing the property in good repair Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid ver bally 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 mort gagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

granted BOKF, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with BOKF, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded herein will be sold subject to a Judgment on December 19, any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and 2011, in the principal sum of \$110,059.27, plus outstandunrecorded liens not foreclosed ing interest due on the Note

herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assess-ments 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 manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamina tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN property taxes and assessments that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the abovedescribed real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrev Lake

Special Master

Southwest Support Group

Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-01452 FC01

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE 20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20 AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani,

Special Master

(505) 858-3303

Judgment filed herein

Pub # 11415 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

c/o Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C. 5120 San Francisco Road NE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109 THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02417

BOKF, N.A. dba BANK OF

REBECCA K. DWAKE and DENNIS DWAKE,

NOTICE OF SALE ON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that

the above-entitled Court, hav-ing appointed me or my des-

ignee as Special Master in this

matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real

property (the "Property") situ-

ated in Doña Ana County, New

Mexico, commonly known as 1924 Calle de Suenos, Las

Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as

LOT 14, BLOCK 12, DALE

BELLAMAH ANNEX, 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. 429 ON 6/29/1954 IN

BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 56 OF PLAT

The sale is to begin at 11:45

a.m. on February 3, 2012, out-

side the front entrance to the

Doña Ana County Courthouse

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

of Las Cruces, County

FORECLOSURE

Defendants

follows:

RECORDS.

OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

Pub # 11416 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

> STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA AN THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-1346

CITIMORTGAGE, INC., successor in interest to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. by merger, Plaintiff,

RAFAEL A. ARREOLA; RAQUEL ARREOLA; COUNTRYWIDE BANK, N.A., Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

vs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 25, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 6029 Lourdes Road, Sunland Park, and is situate in Doña Ana County,

described as follows: Lot 15. Block 1. 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

New Mexico, and is particularly

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the

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INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED JANUARY 23, 2004, IN BOOK 492, PAGES 1419-1420, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB NO.04-05-0431. FIELD NOTES BY SCANLON WHITE, INC., LICENSE NO. 9433. The address of the real prop-

CHERIL BANNING, IF ANY, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las be made pursuant to the judgNOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

Further, if any of these condishall be returned, and the Special Master and the mort gagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations easements, all recorded and inrecorded 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 manufac tured home on the property, if any, environmental contamina-tion on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning

THE FOREGOING SALE

foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The

Plaintiff's Judgment, which

includes interest and costs, is \$127,190.03 and the same bears

interest at 5.750% per annum

from December 1, 2011, to the

date of sale. The amount of such

interest to the date of sale will

be \$1,823.35. 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

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

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by the County Assessor as real

or personal property, affixture

of any mobile or manufactured

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tured home on the property, if

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zoning violations concerning

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN

that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above

described real property sub

ject to a one month right of

Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169

Dates 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE BANK OF NEW YORK

MELLON, fka The Bank of

New York as Trustee for the

Certificateholders CWABS

Series 2005-14, Plaintiff,

RUTH L. FLOREZ, and if

married, JOHN DOE A (true

name unknown), her spouse;

AMERICA (IRS), Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on February 1, 2012, at the

hour of 10:00 a.m., the under-

signed Special Master will, at

the main entrance of the Doña

Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell

all the right, title and interest of

the above-named Defendants in

and to the hereinafter described

OF SALE

nd UNITED STATES OF

Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates

any, environmental contan

the property, if any.

redemption.

Pamela Carmody,

PO Drawer 16169

Special Master

575-642-5567

Pub # 11429

No. CV-10-1265

2012

the Special Master.

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date of the last publication of

this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid pro-

test as long as the hard copy is

hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of

the facsimile. Mailing postmark

will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can

be faxed to the Office of the

State Engineer, 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer

will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions

of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

No. D-307-CV-2011-02298

CITIMORTGAGE, INC. dba

Citicorp Mortgage, Plaintiff,

THIRD IUDICIAL DISTRICT

Pub # 11423

1/13, 2012

above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$138,661.34 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from December 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,329.63. 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 assess-ments 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 oning 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 # 11417 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6. 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 11-0271 Judge Alice M. Salcido

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNELIESE CASWELL, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Shirley Goins a/k/a Shirley G.D. Goins was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneliese Caswell, deceased, without bond in an infor-mal probate of the Estate of Anneliese Caswell, 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 20th day of December, 2011.

Shirley Goins a/k/a Shirley G. D. Goins Prepared by: LAW OFFICE OF KATHERINE N. BLACKETT, 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 # 11418 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,

Personal Representative

P.C.

/s/

2012

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Location of State Liquor License #4004 to Brewer Oil Co. d/b/a Holiday Chevron, located at 2645 South Valley Drive, Las Cruces, New

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 21st day of December 2011.

Deputy City Clerk Pub # 11419 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

/s/ Linda Lewis, CMC,

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership of State Liquor License #2752 to Sunilaben Patel d/b/a Best Western Mission Inn, located at 1765 South Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 12th day of December 2011

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC, City Clerk

Pub # 11420 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to dis-

cuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership and Location of State Liquor License #0097 to RJ's Red Hawk License d/b/a Red Hawk Golf located at 3600 Arroyo Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Public Hearing will be held

in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensin Department may approve the nce

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 12th day of December 2011

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC, City Clerk

replace

and Longitude intersect at

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 irri-

gation of 121.80 acres of land,

owned by the applicant, located

within the NE1/4, the SE1/4

and the NE1/4 SW1/4 of pro-

jected Section 1, Township 26

South, Range 2 East, NMPM.

The site for proposed replace-ment well LRG-1788 POD3 is

located north of Chamberino,

NM and may be found approx-

imately 135 feet northwest

of the intersection of State

Highway 28 and Veterans Road

Existing well LRG-1788 will be

Any person, firm or corpora

tion or other entity having

standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-

ing (objection must be legible

signed, and include the writer's

complete name, phone num

ber 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 con-servation of water within the

state of New Mexico, you must

show how you will be substan

tially and specifically affected

The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop,

Suite L Las Cruces, NM 88005

within ten (10) days after the

plugged.

Pub # 11421 Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that IOEL R. GALVAN and, if maron November 3, 2011, Perelli-Minetti Trust III, 2815-A ried, JANE DOE GALVAN, (True Name Unknown), Lafayette Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663, filed application numbered LRG-1788 POD3 his spouse: MELANIE A. GUERRA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location Unknown), her spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE of Well within the Lower Rio FINANCE AUTHORITY; Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO. abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1788 located where Latitude and Longitude inter-Defendants. sect at 32° 4' 34.89"N, 106 NOTICE OF SALE 41' 1.53"W, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a ment well to a depth of 500 feet for 16-inch casing to be located where Latitude

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 25, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the under-signed Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña 32° 4' 36"N, 106° 41' 2"W, on land owned by the applicant, Ana County Judicial Complex, 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 4172 Calle Nuestra, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follow

> Lot numbered 60 of Mi Tierra Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Mi Tierra Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 8, 1999 in Plat Book 19, Folio 258-259,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a 2000 Schult DW, VIN SB450919AB, title to which has been deactivated with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of New Mexico

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$91,055.99 and the same bears interest at 5.810% per annum from December 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$811.68 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 personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufac tured home on the property, if any environmental contamina tion 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 # 11424

Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012 NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2011, Pablo Canales, on behalf of Maria Laura Canales, 108 Hwy 28, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-15143

Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15143- POD1, on land by Raul and Maria Laura Canales located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 34, T27S, R03E, NMPM and drilling proposed well LRG-15143-POD2 to an approximate depth of 200 ft. below ground surface with 6-inch casing, located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 34 on land owned by the applicant, at approxi-mately X=1,524,650 Y=334,308 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use, of shallow ground-water for domestic and livestock purposes on land owned by the applicant within Pt. SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 34 at the physical address of 108 Highway 28. Well LRG-15143-POD1 and proposed well LRG-15143-POD2 are

respectively, of the intersection of Westside Rd. and NM Hwy 28, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Santa Teresa, NM. Well LRG-15143-POD1 will be properly plugged. Any person, firm or corpora

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tion or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-

ned, 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 con-servation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substan-tially 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 with-in 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 pro test or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978 Pub # 11425

ing (objection must be legible,

Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accor-

dance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act To be held at: DISCOUNT SELF STORAGE 2499 El Camino Real

Las Cruces, NM, 88007 575-382-0000 POD2 with the State Engineer On Saturday January 7th 2012, for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio BEGINNING AT 10 A.M. THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF STORAGE UNITS storage, per statute.

UNIT #232 Evaline Bryd located approximately 450 ft. east, southeast and 475 ft. east, UNIT#688

Misc.bags, Clothes

Esther R Vasquez PO Box 511 549 Thorpe Rd

Las Cruces, NM, 88032 UNIT CONSISTING OF Misc. Household Items, Boxes **UNIT #207** Oscar E. Valles 335 W. Van Paten Apt C1 Las Cruces NM 88001

UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc. Household Items, Bookshelves

Roberta Y Morales 1012 Bison Trail Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Furniture

Marv L Holt 2301 El Camino Real # 707 Las Cruces, NM, 88007 UNIT CONSISTING OF Misc Household Items, Bins, Boxes

UNIT #415 David J Heilesen 4009 Calle Estados Las Cruces, NM 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF:

UNIT #161 Rocio Enriquez 2301 El Camino Real # 708 Las Cruces, NM 88007 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc household items

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IPMORGAN CHASE BANK, National Association,

WILLEFORD, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that on February 29, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the under-

signed Special Master will, at

the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex,

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 2190 Foxtail

Pine Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County,

New Mexico, and is particularly

Lot 28 in Block 8 of The Pines

Unit 7, 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 December 2, 2004

and recorded in Book 21 at

Pages 48-49, Plat Records.

described as follows

JOAN E. WILLEFORD, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse and THE ESTATE OF JACK

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Salvador C. Ortega 915 Utah Apt B Las Cruces, NM, 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc. Household Items, Boxes Wedding Dress

UNIT #418 Cyndi L. Davis P.O. Box 15058 Las Cruces, NM, 88004 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc. Household Items, Boxes

1007 Glendale Las Cruces, NM, 88005 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc, Household Items, Boxes Furniture computer dest,

UNIT #631

Misc. Household Items, Boxes,

CASH SALES ONLY

No. CV-2011-01537

Plaintiff. 398, 418, 232, 688, 631, 207, 138, 268, 415, 161, 315, Tenant addresses are 'last known'; unit contents may have been removed to management

UNIT #398

Angelica M Villalobos 1865 W. Picacho #116 Las Cruces, NM, 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF:

will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 21, 2011, being an action to

UNIT #138

UNIT #268

Misc household items

UNIT #315 Maria Montano 1900 N Solano #81 Las Cruces, NM 88001 UNIT CONSISTING OF: Misc household items

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real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5160 Nizhoni Trl, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2 of Raasaf Hills Estates Number One, located in 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 December 9, 1986 and recorded in Book 14 at Pages 309, Plat Records

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judg-ment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on August 24, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$216,308.63 and the same bears interest at 9.375% per annum from August 14, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$29,835.05. 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 assess-ments 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 manufac-tured 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 sub-ject to a one month right of Pamela A. Carmody, Special Master PO Drawer 16169 Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169 575-642-5567

redemption.

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the applicant located within the

NW1/4 SF1/4 NW1/4 of Section

35, T25S, R02E, NMPM and

drilling proposed well LRG-

1006-POD2 to an approximate depth of 400 ft. below ground surface with 16-inch casing, located within the SE1/4 NE1/4

NW1/4 of said Section 35 on

land owned by the applicant

at approximately X=1,497,719

Central Zone, NAD83) for the

combined diversion of up to

663.0 acre-feet per annum of

shallow groundwater and sur-face water from the Elephant

Butte Irrigation District or

as determined by the Third

Judicial District Court for the irrigation of 110.5 acres of land

owned by the applicant within the N1/2 of said Section 35.

Well LRG-1006 and proposed

well LRG-1006-POD2 are

located approximately 1,825 ft. and 1,460 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection

of Rattlesnake Rd. and County

Rd. B-010, approximately 2.75 miles southwest of Vado, NM. Well LRG-1006 will be properly

Any person, firm or corpora-

standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-ing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's

complete name, phone num-ber 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 con-

servation of water within the

state of New Mexico, you must

show how you will be substan-

or other entity having

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(N.M.S.P.,

Y=398,511 ft.

mailed and postmarked with-in 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. NOTICE is hereby given that on November 18, 2011, Nelson F. Clayshulte, PO Box 430, Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid pro-Mesilla, NM 88046, filed appli-cation numbered LRG-1006 POD2 with the State Engineer test or objection is filed, the for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with provisions of Chapter 72 Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by NMSA 1978. discontinuing the use of well LRG-1006, on land owned by

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tion of this Notice. Facsimiles

NOTICE is hereby given that on May 2, 2011, Mario Samaniego 2944 Lucerne, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application num-bered LRG-1 1472-1 into LRG-14965 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by transferring that quantity of shallow groundwater, used historicair in combination with surface indwater, used historically water received by the EBID, required for beneficial use ir the irrigation of 5.0 acres of land owned by the applicant located within Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 01, Township 23 South Roman Communication 23 South, Range 01 East NMPM from well LRG-11472-POD1 located on land owned by the applicant within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 01 to well LRG-14965-POD 1 located on land owned by Samaniego Commercial Properties, LLC and the Maria E. Samaniego Revocable Trust within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of said section 34 at approxi-mately X=1,463,221 Y=493,315 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone NAD83) for the diversion of shallow groundwater in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 5.0 acres of land owned by said own-ers located within Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 34, Township 22 South, 01 East, NMPM. Well LRG-11472-POD1 is located

approximately 800 feet north

of the intersection of Carlton Rd. and El Camino Real on the east side of El Camino

Real. Well LRG-14965-POD1 is

located approximately 1,430 ft.

tially and specifically affected southeast of the intersection of The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Westwind Rd and Northwind Rd., north of Las Cruces, NM. Well LRG-11472-POD1 will be Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publicaretained for other water rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the applica-tion: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if pub-lic welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that 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 will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the fac-simile. 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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NOTICE is hereby given that on November 18, 2011, Nelson F. Clayshulte, PO Box 430, Mesilla, NM 88046, filed application numbered LRG-1006 and LRG-6688-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Combine and Comingle Water Rights within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County. Water right LRG-1006 has been declared for the irrigation of 110.5 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. N1/2 of Section 35, T255, R2E, NMPM, irrigated via shallow ground-water combined with sur-face water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. The groundwater component has been historically exercised from well LRG-1006 located on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 35. Water right LRG-6688-1 has been permitted for the irrigation of 111.59 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. said Section 35 and Pt. SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 26, T25S

R2E, NMPM, of which 107.51 acres are irrigated via shallow groundwater combined with surface water from the EBID and the remaining 4.08 acres are irrigated via groundwater only. The groundwater component has been historically exercised from wells LRG-6688 POD2 and LRG-8792 located on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 NE1/4 SW1/4 and SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 35, respectively. The combined water rights propose to divert a total of 1332.54 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater combined with surface water or as determined by the Third Judicial District Court. The subject application includes new well LRG-1006-POD2 recently proposed under separate applica-tion and located within the SE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 35. The general vicinity of all acreage is approximately 2.75 miles southwest of Vado, NM between Rattlesnake Rd. and W. Afton Rd., west of the West Drain.

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 num-ber 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 con-servation 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 with-in 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 pro test or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. DM 2011-1706 JUDGE Jacinto Palomino Dalila Torres, Petitioner, vs. Christopher A. Sims, Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUIT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED **RESPONDENT:**

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County by the above-named Petitioner, requesting Divorce/ requesting a Divorce/ Dissolution of Marriage on the grounds of incompatibility, and a division of property, debts, and a determination of child

support. You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be entered against you and the relief requested in the Petition will be granted. Dalila I Torres

custody, visitation, and child

4105 Harrison St. Las Cruces, NM 88005

WITNESS the Honorable Jacinto Palomino, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 14th day of December, 2011.

James H. Dempsey CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

DEPUTY Pub # 11434 Dates 1/6, 1/113, 1/20, 1/27, 2012

BY: /s/ Rosie Stewart

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

No. PB-2011-124 IN THE ESTATE OF PATSY JEAN MEYER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Barry D. Meyer has been appointed personal representa-tive 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 William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 23rd day of

December, 2011 /s/ Barry D. Meyer Personal Representative

Pub # 11435 Dates 1/6, 1/13, 2012

No. 11-0196

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DONA ANA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF James E. Higby, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first pub-lication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the

Probate Court of Dona Ana, UNIT A40 County, New Mexico, located Betty Clark at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd. 1-201, Las Cruces, P.O. Box 793 Fairacres, NM 88033 NM 88007. Unit Consists of: Boxes

Dated: December 20, 2011

/s/ Meribeth A Turner

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Dates 1/6, 1/13, 2012

NO. DM 2011-1834

NOTICE OF SUIT

RESPONDENT:

support.

JUDGE Jacinto Palomino

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

COUNTY OF DONA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Bertha A. Guzman, Petitioner,

Luis A. Guzman, Respondent,

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED

You are hereby notified that a

suit has been filed against you in the said Court and County

by the above-named Petitioner, requesting a Divorce/ Dissolution of Marriage on the

grounds of incompatibility, and

a division of property, debts, and a determination of child custody, visitation, and child

You must file a Response or responsive pleading within 30 days of the date of the last

publication of this Notice or judgment by default will be

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

WITNESS the Honorable

Jacinto Palomino, District Judge of the Third Judicial

District Court of the State of

New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 14 day of

James H. Dempsey CLERK OF THE DISTRICT

BY: /s/ Rosie Stewart

Pub # 11438 Dates 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the

following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise

lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

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Bertha A. Guzman

December, 2011.

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UNIT C16 Daniel Pena 2100 Isaacks Ln #69 Las Cruces, NM 88007 Unit Consists of: Sofa & Chair

UNIT C37 Stella R Ostendorf 707 E Bowman Las Cruces, NM 88001 Unit Consists of: TV, Mattresses, Chair & Computer

UNIT J04 Isela R Avitia 2200 Holiday Ave #414 Las Cruces, NM 88005 Unit Consists of: Boxes & Toys

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Pub # 11439

A40, B02, C04, C15, C16, C37, Dates 1/6, 1/13, 2012 J04, N04, P23, V40, & V50 Tenant addresses are "last

City of Las Cruces PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE INVITATION B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION) Number Opening Description sal Meeting Non-mandatory January 19, 2012 / 11:00 am Rm. 3138, 700 N. Main, Las Metropolitan Planning Organization Management January 31, 2012 / 11-12-414 Plan Development 4:00 pm Cruces Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations: http://www.govbids.com/scripts/nm1/public/OpenBids/viewopentitles1.asp?agency=1757&AgencyName=City+of+Las+Cruces Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134. Copies of solicitation documents may be inspected or obtained at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM. Additional information/clarification regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Section at (575) 541-2525 or by email to bidclerk@las-cruces.org

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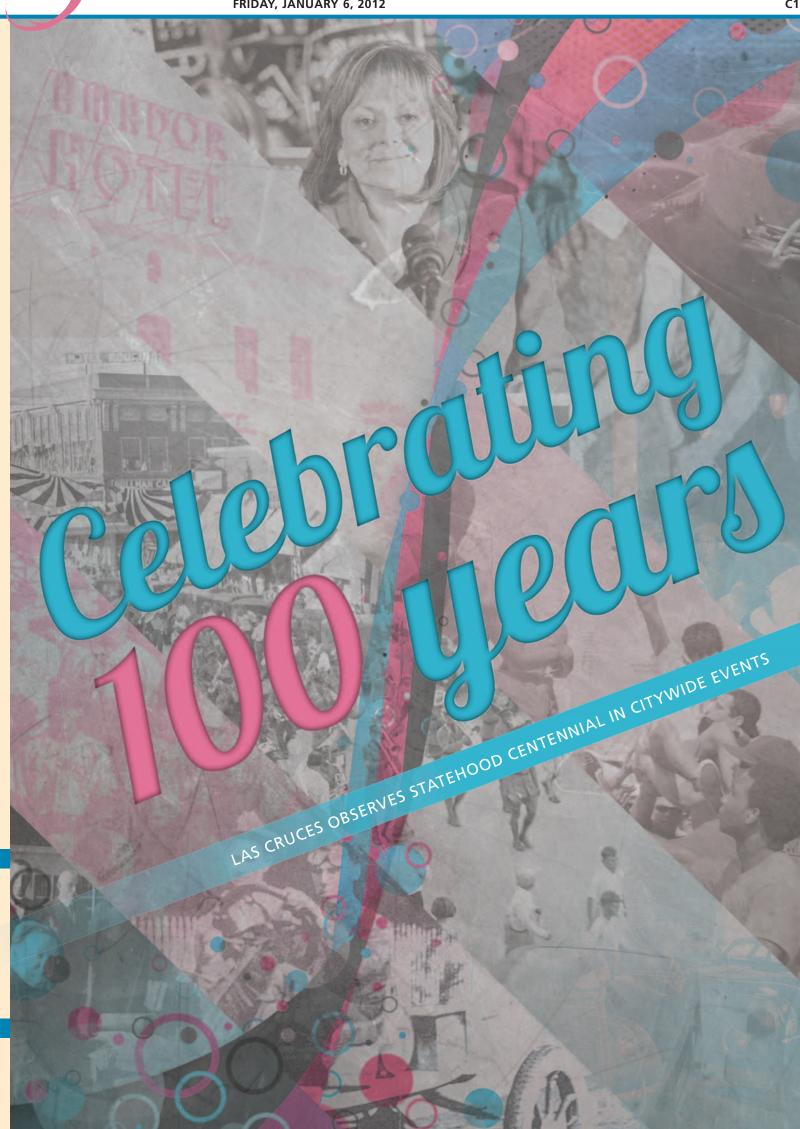
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NEXT WEEK

Local celebs will compete for bragging rights on Jan. 27



Centennial Spotlight

Dale Liikala portraying President William Howard Taft. After a performance from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at the museum, Liikala will again play Taft during "Eyewitness to History: New Mexico Becomes a State" from 11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 6.

The event is a re-enactment of Taft's meeting with New Mexico delegation and signing the proclamation. The museum event will be held 100 years to the minute after the actual event in Washington, D.C. The event is free.

The re-enactment of the signing will be immediately followed by a centennial luncheon, which is also a fundraiser for the museum. Jon Hunner, a history professor at New Mexico State University, will speak about New Mexico's struggle for statehood during the luncheon. Tickets are \$25.

While at the museum for its special centennial events, take the time to peruse its two new exhibits that look back into New Mexico's first 100 years.

'Land of Enchantment: Commemorating New Mexico's Centennial" features the largest collection of memorabilia from previous New Mexico statehood celebrations. The exhibit also includes highlights from New Mexico's first 100 years a state.

"It's All Symbolic: The State Symbols of New Mexico" reviews the icons, images and emblems that make New Mexico a unique state.

From 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, galleries participating in the monthly Downtown Art Ramble along Main Street will celebrate the centennial. Many galleries will feature art work that reflects the important historical date and others will simply feature New Mexico works. It is encouraged for ramble hosts and visitors to dress with a hint of "vintage."

Downtown Las Cruces will again come alive for the main event – the Centennial Parade at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. The 100-minute Centennial Parade will include 100 floats representing the first 100 years of New Mexico statehood. To add to the history, the parade route follows the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro.

A flyover by an F-22 Raptor from Hollo-man Air Force Base will pass over the parade at approximately 11:35 a.m. During the pa-rade, there will be re-enactment of Taft sign-ing the proclamation with Margie Huerta, president of Doña Ana Community College, acting as emcee for the opening ceremonies.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market will stay open until 3 p.m. on Saturday to accommodate the heavy traffic in the Downtown area.

The Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., also will host centennial events following the parade.

parade. In addition to serving birthday cake for centenarian Alvina Haillie, the theater will also relive New Mexico's past on film. Film historian Jeff Berg, also a board member for the Mesilla Valley Film Society, will present portions of his "Made in New Mexico" film corrige footuning align on a member of the second series, featuring clips and narratives concerning the history of New Mexico filmmak-ing – which can be traced back to 1898. Berg will present "Westerns Part 4" at

1 p.m. and "The Good, the Bad and the Curious" at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door on the day of the show. All proceeds go toward renovations at the Rio Grande Theatre. For more information, call 523-6403.

tion, call 525-6405. President Taft – played by Liikala – will make a special stop at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St., to read "The President and Mom's Apple Pie," a children's book about a parade of people following Taft through the streets during a 1909 whistle-stop tour. The event if free. For more information, call 541-2154.

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Centennial events

Eyewitness to History: New Mexico Becomes a State

When

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11 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 6

Where

New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum

4100 Dripping Springs Road Cost Free

Contact 522-4100

Centennial Luncheon

When 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Where New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum 4100 Dripping Springs Road

Cost \$25 Contact

522-4100

Downtown Art Ramble

When 5 to 7 p.m.

Where Galleries along Downtown Main Street

Cost Free

Contact 522-4100

Centennial Parade

When 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7

Where **Downtown Main Street** Cost

Free

Film in New Mexico

When 1 and 3 p.m.

Where **Rio Grande Theatre** 211 N. Main St.

Cost \$5

Contact 523-6403

Book reading and performance

When 2 p.m.

Where Branigan Cultural Center 501 N. Main St.

Cost Free

Contact 541-2154

100 years of statehood Las Cruces hosts centennial festivities

By Natisha Hales For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As New Mexico celebrates 100 years of statehood Jan. 6, Las Cruces is joining the festivities with once-in-a-lifetime events hosted all weekend long.

It was a struggle for the New Mexico territory to finally be admitted into the union as the 47th state, but after more than 60

years, New Mexico finally got its star on the flag. For many Las Crucens, it's a milestone

worth celebrating, and statewide events kicked off in August 2011, with Las Cruces' SalsaFest! held on Downtown Main Street. Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, hosting statehoodrelated events featuring professional actor



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by NMSU Library, Archives & Special Collections Much of Las Cruces turned out for the Las Cruces centennial celebration, which included a parade down Main Street. As Las Cruces celebrates New Mexico's centennial, Main Street will again serve as the route for the centennial parade.



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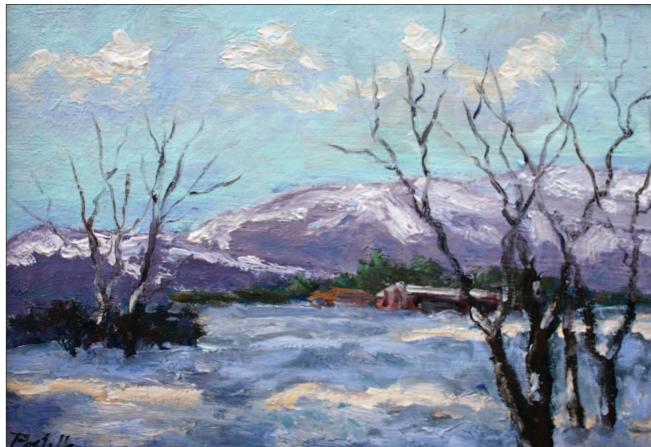


The events continue with the New Mexico

Friday, January 6, 2012

Las Cruces Bulletin

Featured artist: Yvonne Postelle



This oil painting by Yvonne Postelle is on display at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery in Mesilla. Postelle has been a member of the co-op gallery for 19 years.

Part of something big Postelle finds love of art in Las Cruces

By Natisha Hales Las Cruces Bulletin

While many artists discover their passion at an early age, the need for practicality often takes precedence, and art is usually placed on the backburner.

For local artist Yvonne Postelle, a member of the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery in Mesilla, such was the case.

Postelle said she always knew she had an inner drive to paint, and harnessed her talent during the fifth and sixth grades, growing up in El Paso since her parents moved to the border city in 1946.

"There was an older high school girl that lived two houses from me, and we used to draw together," she said. "As I matured, I was interested in fashion drawing, even modifying some dress patterns to fit my drawings."

After Postelle graduated from high school, she entered the business world, married and had three children. She revisited her passion in the 1980s when an artist friend – and member of the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery – introduced Postelle to Las Cruces. She was convinced to apply to become a member of the gallery and was accepted.

"By then, I had retired from the business world, divorced and met and married the love of my life in 1987," she said. "He was very supportive of my art and was always there for me (until his death in 2008)."

Now pursuing art on a more regular basis, Postelle prefers painting with oil, she said In addition to the gallery in Mesilla, she has exhibited her work throughout El Paso – in the Sunland Gallery, Sun Bowl International Exhibit – and Sunspot Gallery in Silver City. Her work has also been featured in Scottsdale, Ariz.-based Zanadu Gallery's art collector's guide. Art selected by the gallery is screened by a jurying committee.

Though Postelle is an established artist, she said she continues to stay educated and has taken several continuing education classes at the University of Texas-El Paso and is currently attending one. She was one of 12 artists to attend monthly critique classes with international artist Alexsander Titovets for 18 months. She also has studied with Earline Barnes and Nina Walker.

Her knowledge of art techniques and her passion for

Details

Yvonne Postelle

Now showing Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery 2740-A Calle de Guadalupe

Contact 522-2933

painting landscapes are on display throughout January at the Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, which she joined the year after it was incorporated and will celebrate 20 years in 2012.

"This is a co-op gallery, and everyone has a say in the daily activities," she said. "We have a lot of tourists who purchase paintings, prints, jewelry, stained glass, decorative gourds and cards. Las Cruces and Mesilla are very unique and artistic communities."



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ONGOING EVENTS:

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- Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market Wed. and Sat. Morn.

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Patrons mingle outside the Fountain Theatre during its early days. Col. Albert Jennings Fountain. For more than 100 years, the Fountain has hosted theatrical performances, movie screenings and other entertainment.

A fountain of history

Theater has been entertaining for more than a century By Jeff Berg , Bulletir

The historic Fountain Theatre in Mesilla is the oldest, continuously operating movie theater in New Mexico, and is the only adobe theater still in use in New Mexico, perhaps the country.

Built on a site that once housed and treated wounded Confederate soldiers stationed in the area during the Civil War, the theater was owned by the noted Fountain family from 1905 until 2007.

Inside the theater, hand-painted murals adorn the walls and are said to have been done by a grandson of Col. Albert Jennings Fountain, who arrived in the area in the late 1870s. The murals were done in the 1920s, depicting what the artist thought his grandfather saw when he arrived in New Mexico territory.

Fountain and his family ran the theater, putting on plays, vaudeville acts, performances and candlelight films -from which the term "flickers" originates. Spanish films also were shown there, with Fountain translating them for English-speaking members of the audience.

The Fountain family kept the theater go-ing long after the colonel. It maintained its purpose throughout the 20th century and was leased to local theater companies, including the Las Cruces Community Theatre, which started its performances in the 1960s in the churchyard of St. Genevieve's. The Fountain Theatre was LCCT's main venue in the 1970s until they set up shop in the State Theatre on Downtown Main Street.

Currently, the theater is leased by the Mesilla Valley Film Society, a nonprofit organization that presents weeklong runs of foreign,



Two young patrons wait outside the Fountain Theatre. According to the promotional poster, the Fountain was hosting Bobby Fountain shows twice daily.

independent, classic and documentary films. A number of special events take place

as well, mostly centered on films that being screened at the theater.

Upcoming is a bittersweet event, as the film society is teaming with the Preston Contemporary Art Center for a screening of the "Last Picture Show" in at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, in conjunction with the gallery's final show of the same name.

ArtsBriefs



Local artist Michael Poncé, who created "The Chase," will serve as a painting instructor for classes offered by the Las Cruces Museum of Art.

Register for art classes Getaway package

Registration for winter and spring art classes at the Las Cruces Museum of Art is ongoing. Class schedules and registration forms are available at the museum, 491 N. Main St., and on www.las-cruces.org/museums. The first session begins the week of Jan. 9. The second session begins the week of March 5.

Classes for adults include weaving, ceramics, drawing and painting. Older teens are welcome to attend all adult classes. Classes for young artists also are of-fered. "Saturday Art Fiesta" combines art and fun for kids ages 5 to 12. The schedule includes ceramics classes for students 6 to 8 and those from 9 to 12 years old. "After-School Art Explorers" includes new projects using a combination of watercolors, pastels, tempera and inks.

For more information, call 541-2137.

Student showcase at Black Box

A public showcase of scenes from the 17th-century farce "Tartuffe" by Moliere will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

Performers are students who have undergone an intensive six-week master class in voice and movement for the stage, in preparation for working on Moliere.

Moliereisexhaustingmaterialforactors," said instructor Algernon D'Ammassa. "The language is incredibly dense and rich, and on top of that, the actors are physically involved all the time, whether they are chasing each other, or seducing someone or hiding under the furniture."

The showcase will amount to an abridged performance of Moliere's uproarious farce. A narrator will bridge the scenes and introduce the actors, many of whom play two characters.

This is the first theater workshop and scene showcase directed at the Black Box by D'Ammassa, and plans are under way for more workshops, including a Shakespeare workshop and a course in improvisation.

An actor since early childhood, D'Ammassa is an alumnus of the Trinity Repertory Company in Rhode Island and has taught theatre for children and adults for 20 years. The showcase is open to the public. Tickets are \$5. For more information, call 523-1223.

up for raffle

The Friends of Branigan Library are sponsoring a "Getaway Package" raffle to raise money in support of the Children's Room at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library.

The package theme is a post-holiday "Stress Relieving Getaway: Relax, Play, Rejuvenate & Dine" at the Hot Springs of Truth or Consequences.

Included in the package are an overnight stay, massage and soak at the Sierra Grande Lodge and Spa, a round of golf and lesson with pro Guy Wimberly at Sierra del Rio Golf Course, dining at Café Bella Luca and Pacific Grill and other goodies to make rejuvenation complete.

The drawing will be held Jan. 26, during the Friends annual meeting at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Court. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased Saturday, Jan. 14 at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Downtown Main Street or from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, at the Books & More store located in the Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

The winner need not be present to win. For raffle tickets or information about joining the Friends of the Library, call Maryellen at 528-9891.

Tile-decorating workshop scheduled

Las Cruces potter Deborah Moore will host a one-day tile-decorating workshop Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Adobe Patio Gallery, 1765 Avenida de Mercado in Mesilla.

Each participant will receive three 8-by-8-inch tiles and all the necessary materials to finish their tiles with underglaze and clear glaze. Moore will then fire the tiles at her studio, and the students can pick up the completed tiles at the gallery the following Wednesday.

Moore has been successfully hosting tiledecorating workshops in Albuquerque using dry line and black wax resist line techniques for decorating.

The cost for the workshop is \$60 for a three-hour class including materials and firing. Class will be limited to 10 participants.

To reserve a space in the workshop, call Moore at 650-4320 or Carolyn Bunch at 532-9310.

Arts & Entertainment | C5 bachelor's degree from the

University of Iowa and came to the Southwest after retiring

as an educator. Her love of landscapes fascinated her to

communicate in color, shape. line and texture the miracle of seeing and the joy of sharing

with the public. Sugarman is

primarily a landscape painter. Postelle, a native Texan,

works primarily in oils as a

landscape painter. The love

of art has been a constant

passion as long as she can remember. She retired in 1989,

to pursue her love of art. She

has exhibited regularly in both

in different capacities in the

group and juried shows, serving

local art association. A reception

will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the gallery.

new member, jewelry artist

2470-A Calle de Guadalupe

in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

hosts "Layers," an exhibit of

Melanie Stone Jack. Jack has

exhibited locally since 2006.

paintings by local watercolorist

She has paintings in collections

in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kansas and New Mexico. The

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The gallery is located at

326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are

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NEW MEXICO FARM

MUSEUM hosts "It's All Symbolic: The State Symbols of New Mexico." The exhibit reviews the icons, images and

emblems that help make New

Mexico stand out from all the

others. The exhibit will be on

display in the museum's North Corridor for about seven or

The museum is located at

4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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GALERÍA TEPIN will host a sale of Mexicano, Chicano and Latino art and books. The sale will run through

Jan. 8. Featured in the sale will be papel picado by master artist Catalina Delgado Trunk, who grew up in Coyoacán, México, and is considered to be the Picasso of papel picado, one of the world's top artists. Delgado Trunk recently gave a stellar workshop of papel picado in Mesilla and will return to offer a workshop at the book festival in April.

The gallery is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m Friday through Sundays. Call 523-3988.

MESQUITE ART

GALLERY shows the work of Harvey Daiho Hilbert. The exhibit will run through Jan. 7. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY features "Toys: The Inside Story." The exhibit includes

12 different hands-on stations illustrating the simple mechanisms commonly found in toys and lets visitors create their own toy-like combinations of gears, pulleys, linkages, cams and circuits. The exhibit runs through Jan. 8. The museum is located

at 700 S. Telshor Blvd. inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

OPENING

SB'S LATE-NIGHT LUNCHBOX features the fantastical, colorful work of David Carbojal through Feb. 3. SB's Late-Night Lunchbox

ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

405-8877

Call to Artists

Rokoko Gallery seeks art pieces or creations for a group show called "Mixed Nutz." Artists

are encouraged to submit pieces inspired by the

idea of nuts or nuttiness. All interpretations and

Gallery by Jan. 8. The entry fee is \$15 for adults

medias welcomed. Entries are due at Rokoko

and \$5 for children. For more information, call

The Las Cruces Community Theatre is seeking submissions for the 2012 One Act

and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m.

Festival to be held March 8-11. Thursday, Friday

and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m.

10. Submissions should be sent to Kathi-Jane

Alvarado at 8925 N. Valley Drive, Las Cruces,

NM 88007 or emailed to southam97@gmail. com. Directors of plays chosen for the festival

Submitted plays should run no longer than 45 minutes. Props and set pieces should be

minimal and fit in an offstage storage area

no larger than 8-feet-by-8-feet. No special

will be notified Tuesday, Jan. 24.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday Jan

ROKOKO GALLERY SHOW

Coming soon

To the Moon: Snoopy Soars with NASA Las Cruces Museum of Natural History

700 S. Telshor Blvd. 522-3120 Opens Saturday, Jan. 14

Mixed Nutz

Rokoko Gallery 1785 Avenida de Mercado 405-8877 Opens Friday, Jan. 13

is located at 120 S. Water St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Call 412-623-9556.

MESQUITE ART

GALLERY will feature woodcut prints and oils by Charles Beck. The 87-year-old artist is especially well-known in the Midwest. The exhibit opens Thursday, Jan. 12, and runs through Jan. 28. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday Visit www.mesquiteartgallery. com

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM

OF ART displays Paul Van Hoeydonck's statue "Fallen Astronaut" through Jan. 21 as part of the "NASA | ART: 50 Years of Exploration' exhibit. The statue is a replica of the sole piece of art on the moon. In 1972, and during the Apollo 15 manned mission to the moon, astronaut David Scott placed the original sculpture in Hadley Base, a small crater of the moon. A commemorative plaque was placed beside the piece, and both remain on the moon today.

The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137

BLUE GATE GALLERY will celebrate the Centennial by premiering special New Mexico centennial works by Barbara Howe, Phil Yost and Don Sanders, opening with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, as part of the Downtown Art Ramble. Additional skyscapes and works in progress will round out the exhibit that continues through Jan. 31.

The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Call 523-2950.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL

CENTER presents "Enchanted Visions of New Mexico," an exhibition of quilts. Quilts in the display will highlight events and memories of the first 100 years of New Mexico's statehood. The exhibit opens Friday, Jan. 6, and runs through Saturday, Jan. 28. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, featuring local musicians presenting the concert "Music For Winds and Piano.

The Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

M. PHILLIP'S GALLERY

will be showing work by New Mexico artists and art of New Mexico during January. The gallery will also have the Centennial Belt Buckle by W. Bruce Stanford available. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6. M. Phillip's is located at 221

N. Main St. Call 525-1367.

lighting will be available except for a spotlight. The director can provide a spotlight operator if needed. The director will have access to the costume shop as well as any props and set pieces on LCCT premises. Other special props and set pieces will be supplied by the director. The stage will be bare, and a black curtain will be upstage from the performing area. Each show must be able to set up in 5 minutes and take down in 5 minutes. LCCT will provide a small budget for purchase of some props and these props become the property of LCCT after the festival. LCCT will purchase scripts, pay royalties for performances and keep all proceeds from admission fees.

Submissions must include a copy of the play as well as a cover letter stating the director's name, contact information, title of the play, publisher of the play, number and gender of characters, royalties for the play and a brief synopsis of the play. Unusual costumes, props or set pieces not commonly found in the theatre's inventory must be listed if the director wishes LCCT to provide these items. However the acquisition of unusual items will ultimately be the responsibility of the director. For more information, call 523-1200.



A replica of "Fallen Astronaut" by Paul Von Hoeydonck will be on display in the Las Cruces Museum of Art through Jan. 21. The original, pictured here, is located on the moon.

MAIN STREET GALLERY kicks off 2012 with "Material Matters," the second annual fiber arts exhibit featuring the Material Girls – Lynn Unangst, Joanna Bradley, Ann Angelo and Judy Licht. They are exhibiting their original weaving, quilting constructs, gourd art and dyed silks. Many creations are wearable art pieces. The opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, during the Downtown Art Ramble. The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES host the

two- and three-dimensional Kachina art of Las Cruces native Bobby Johnson during January. Johnson uses Native American myth and legend as a springboard for his original creations. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, as part of the Downtown Art Ramble.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403

UNSETTLED GALLERY opens "Tucson Paints With Colored Pencil" with an artists' reception from 3

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to 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7. Featured artists include former Las Cruces artist Wendy Blackwell and four other members of the Tucson Colored Pencil Artists Association – Jill Dredge, Virginia Carroll, Maureen Lueck and Becky Neideffer. Each artist achieves amazing results with colored pencil. The exhibit concludes Saturday, Jan. 28. The Unsettled Gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 635-2285.

ONGOING

TOMBAUGH GALLERY presents "Friends - Art - Food" by Cally Williams and friends for January. Friendship is the link that unites this group of six Las Cruces artists – Cally Williams, Michelle Arterburn, Kathryn Holmes, Jessica Kurtz, Steve Hornung and Elaine Ouerry.

The gallery is located in the United Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY'S

featured artists for January are Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle. Sugarman, a New Englander, received a





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two for \$1. Volunteers will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free

admission. Call 649-5591.

"Eyewitness to History:

New Mexico Becomes a

State," New Mexico Farm

& Ranch Heritage Museum,

4100 Dripping Springs Road. A re-enactment of the signing

of New Mexico into statehood. Free. Call 522-4100.

12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Centennial luncheon, New

Museum, 4100 Dripping

\$25. Call 522-4100.

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5 to 7 p.m. "Music for Winds and Piano" concert,

Branigan Cultural Center, 501

N. Main St. Internationally acclaimed pianist Robert Miller

and others will play the music

Poulenc. Free. Call 541-2154

5:30 to 7 p.m. Literary open

mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is

sponsored by Sin Fronteras.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote

Free. Call 521-9314.

Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read.

Coffeehouse and open mic,

of Mozart, Reinecke and

Ramble, along Downtown Main Street. Area galleries

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Las Cruces Bulletin

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Opening

Student Showcase: **Scenes from** Moliere Black Box Theatre 430 N. Main St. 523-1223 \$5

Opens Sunday, Jan. 8

Coming Soon

The Sisters Rosensweig Black Box Theatre 430 N. Main St. 523-1223 \$7-\$10 Opens Friday, Jan. 20

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 521-7311.

WED. 1/11

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 and much more. Free, Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. Bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email meadows@zianet.com or visit http://lascrucesstitches. multiply.com.

7 p.m. Film Las Cruces, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Trailers for locally made films are screened with short films by student filmmakers, followed by Q&A sessions with filmmakers and news as it pertains to the area. Free. Call 523-6403

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Led by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 1/12

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance **Club,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance to live music of the High Society Orchestra. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

SAT. 1/14

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 and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N Main St. Featuring musicians, singers and songwriters with family-appropriate material. Free, Call 523-6403.

EventsCalendar

7 to 10 p.m. Live classic country music by The Spur Ride Band, Cattleman's Steakhouse, 3375 Bataan Memorial West. Cost \$5. Call 649-7165

7 to 10 p.m. Coffeehouse and Open Mic Night, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Enjoy talents of musicians, poets comedians, and drag queens. Free. Call 635-4902

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band **Dance Club,** Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Dance lesson at 7 p.m. with paid admission. Beginners, singles and couples welcome. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

adoptions, Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

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 fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. Centennial parade, Downtown Las Cruces. Las Cruces celebrates the 100-year anniversary of New Mexico becoming a state. Free.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Overstock



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Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free

admission. Call 649-5591.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pet

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are dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call

317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas

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and Sonya Weiner will be

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1 and 3 p.m. "Centennial

Cinema: Made in New Mexico" lecture series,

Rio Grande Theatre, 211

N. Main St. Film historian

Jeff Berg will discuss the

history of films made in New

"The Good, the Bad and the

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541-2154.

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5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A

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6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Mark Courtney,

Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging

\$2. Call 526-9509

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9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pet Downtown Main Street. Available are dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost

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Local singer-songwriter Lillis Urban will perform at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., as part the theater's free "Every Other Tuesday" series.

MON. 1/9

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas Free Call 522-4499.

TUE. 1/10

Noon, Brown Bag Lecture, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Garland Courts, museum director, will present "Fred Harvey's Indian Detours of the Southwest. RSVPs requested. Free. Call 647-4480.

1:30 p.m. Book review, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Cherry Patrick Jamison will discuss her book "Two Ways of Seeing: Two Sisters." Free. Call 526-3678.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509

6 to 7 p.m. "Creating a Chemical-Free Home **Environment,"** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Presented by Wendy Robin Weir. Free. Call 650-7543.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday: Lillis Urban, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Urban is a local singer-songwriter. Free. Call 523-6403.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$8-\$10. Call 642-1699.

Broadway artists, Christiane Noll, Rob Evan and Capathia Jenkins. Call 646-3709. 8 p.m. Live music featuring Audra Rodgers and Lillis **Urban**. SB's Late Nite Lunchbox, 120 S. Water St. No

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p.m. Cost \$5. Call 523-6403. **SUN. 1/8** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday **Growers Market**, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Featuring local vendors. Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. President Taft, Free. Call 523-0436. 2:30 p.m. Student showcase: Scenes from

State University. Presented

by the Las Cruces Symphony

artists. Christiane Noll. Rob

Evan and Capathia Jenkins.

Call 646-3709.

Orchestra featuring Broadway

Moliere, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Performers are students who have undergone an intensive six-week master class in voice and movement for the stage at the Black Box taught by Algernon D'Ammassa. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

3 p.m. "Broadway Rocks!" concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. Presented by the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra featuring

Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000. 7:30 p.m. "Broadway Rocks!" concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico Plan your event with me!



AtTheMovies

A look at corrupt investment banking

'Margin Call' includes strong cast led by Spacey

Review by **Jeff Berg** For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Kevin Spacey, a most unappreciated actor, in my opinion, leads a good cast of known and unknown thespians in "Margin Call," an intriguing, tense look at 24 hours at an investment company about to help lead the way into financial obscurity.

As the company coldly dispenses of employees, one has figured out that the billions they thought they had, don't exist at all. As the CEO, portrayed by Jeremy Irons. says, "Money is just paper with numbers on it that we use to keep from killing each other for something to eat."

Date night in Coyote County NM film is oddly charming

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan 7, is "Coyote County Loser" (2009, 90 minutes, rated PG, made in New Mexico). The screening will include special guest, director Jacob Roebuck.

"Coyote County Loser" is an unexpected and oddly charming independent film. Jack is on his way to Los Angeles to assume the mantle of a syndicated talk radio host heard by millions of listeners. Unfortunately, his car breaks down in the middle of the desert town of Coyote County (actually Roswell, N.M.).

Rather than acting as though he is trapped in the middle of a virtual nowhere town, Jack employs his conversational skills and quickly makes friends – and one very feisty enemy.

Soon, Jack enters into a playful battle of wills with a DJ who dishes out relationship advice when he caught an earful of Dr. Lauren Hartford (Nikki Boyer) on K-RAP radio. When the deal on Jack's L.A. job proves DOA, he takes a temp job at the local station and he immediately clashes with the local love doctor.

Nonplussed by Dr. Lauren's eagerness to challenge his expert advice in a public forum, Jack cooks up a contest that has the local losers competing for a date with Coyote County's most eligible bachelorette. Later, as the ongoing feud between Jack and Dr. Lauren plays out over the public airwaves, the locals remain riveted to their radios and the ratings shoot through the roof.

Based on Jack's advice, the entire town begins bathing for what seems like the first time in centuries. Flowers are sent to everyone's crushes and the hearts of Coyote County are set afire. In order to prove a point and rid the town of its newest and best host, Dr. Lauren agrees to challenge Jack Proctor, the "Love Doctor," to a contest. They choose from a myriad callers the "biggest loser in Coyote County" to compete in their game.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – the new West, Old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us," notable films that never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment. At least one film a month in this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1.

The Fountain Theatre is located at 2469 Calle de Guadalupe, one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287, and leave a message. Director J.C. Chandor – who has received numerous accolades for his first-time work, along with a nomination from the Independent Spirit Awards – successfully melds suspense with disbelief and what almost appears to be an insider's look at how the financial system operates.

In other reports, Chandor said he wrote the script for the story he had been carrying around in his head for about a year-and-a-half in just four days, filling time between job interviews in Boulder, Colo. His father worked for the nowdefunct Merrill Lynch for 30 years.

"Margin Call" opens at the corporate offices of a large financial group, on the dawn of a day where many people are about to become unemployed. Among them is an analyst played by Stanley Tucci, whose brief argument of longevity with the firm are for naught.

As he leaves the building, he hands off a flash drive to a young subordinate, superbly played by Zachary Quinto. His mumbled instructions on what to do with the drive are what leads to chaos and lie after lie.

Sullivan (Quinto) checks the information on the drive and finds out that, essentially, the financial figures the company is using are either false, wrong, distorted or all of the above.

Information of this looming catastrophe soon reaches the top man in the early-morning hours, one who has all the perks of such a position, while having none of the knowledge of how he gets them or of the way the numbers are manipulated to

make things happen. Furthermore, by his own admission, he hasn't a clue as to how the schemes and codified "programs" work.

The strong cast – besides an all-tooshort appearance of Tucci – includes Spacey, who is, more or less, an honest middle manager with plenty to lose if the company secrets are revealed; Irons as the know-nothing CEO; Demi Moore as the only female executive who struggles with her own ethical code



Kevin Spacey plays a middle-manager at a corrupt investment company who has plenty to lose if secrets come out of the bag in "Margin Call."

when push comes to shove; Penn Badgley as Sullivan's trusted friend and co-worker; and Paul Bettany.

Decisions must be made before the opening of the stock market on the next day, and it comes down to a moral decision for most of the characters – do they want to carry on the

charade, or do they want to do the right thing, which would result in the loss of their own livelihoods?

"Margin Call" expertly runs the gauntlet in giving us an honest, refreshing look at what is probably going on somewhere, with your money, as you read this review.

Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society and freelance writer for several publications. His reviews reflect his own opinion and not that of the film society or the board. Contact Berg at jeff@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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C8 | Arts & Entertainment **Las Cruces Bulletin NMSU** assists with book Children's graphic novel is about odds-defying horse

By Tonya Suther For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Born with a maimed foot and 50-1 odds against him, Mine That Bird produced the second largest upset in Kentucky Derby history in 2009 and inspired adults and children alike when he won by several lengths.

New Mexico State University Creative Media Institute storyboarding and directing instructor and well-known "indie" filmmaker Rod McCall has created a trilogy of lesson-filled graphic novels for children based on the inspirational tale of the 135th Kentucky Derby winner.

"It's a real kind of 'Rocky' story," Mc-Call said. "They thought he was worthless, and through sheer force of will and nature he kept going and he won. So, it's sort of a classic Greek drama, and it really is a hero's journey."

The project was born after film producer Price Hall contacted McCall about doing an animated film for Mine That Bird's story. Hall, who is listed as co-author on the book, researched the material and consulted with McCall to maintain accuracy and authenticity.

The first book in the series, "At The Gate," introduces a tiny green hummingbird, Howard, that acts as Mine That Bird's conscience and protector. McCall completed it in the summer of 2011, and it is available for purchase. The 48-page story depicts Mine That Bird's life, challenges and victories.

They wanted us to make it something

that would inspire the public," McCall said. "I came up with the idea of doing these children's books, because I think it is indeed an inspirational story for children. There are bully incidences in the story, which is a very hot topic right now, and we try to use those to show kids how they can get out of that or deal with it."

The novels are a collaborative effort among a varied group of NMSU College of Arts and Sciences faculty, staff and students. Beth Pollack, associate dean for academics in the college, translated the Spanish version.

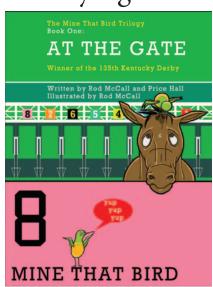
"It's not just a translation," McCall said. "She understands the humor and the whimsy in the translation. She really gets it. She uses the words in a really clever way with the Spanish language."

Derek Fisher, the director of animation and visual effects, and Aaron Flores, a former animation and visual effects student who recently graduated, are also involved in the project. Fisher created the cover of the graphic novel and Flores colorized it.

If you look at the images of him on that day, he's the number eight horse and he's wearing pink," Fisher said. "I grabbed colors and shapes that were inspired by jockey silks. I wanted it to be very colorful and eye catching." The Mine That Bird project is just one

example of the wide scope of NMSU's Creative Media Institute.

"A lot of times people think of the CMI as film school, but it is really is a creative media institute", said CMI Director Phillip Lewis. "The creative media



takes on many, many different roles and can have many, many different outcomes, and I believe that this is an example of how CMI faculty and students can work together to make something completely different from a movie. Something that is just as appealing and has a great shelf life, and something that contributes to the education of a young person." The second in the series, "In The

Stretch," has been completed and became available Jan. 2, and "At The Finish Line," the final book of the trilogy, is due out the following month.

For more information about the graphic novels, visit www.minethatbird.

OHS student wins centennial contest

A student from Oñate High School and another from Estancia High School are the winners of the New Mexico Centennial Essay Contest, as selected by the New Mexico State University Statehood Centennial Committee.

They will each receive a scholarship valued at \$2,500 during the New Mexico Centennial Luncheon Friday, Jan. 6, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road.

"It was a joy to read the wonderful essays that were sent in," said Jon Hunner, chair of the NMSU Statehood Centennial Committee. "Some were lyrical and lively, while others were full of facts and statistics. Overall, the high school seniors who sent in essays were engaged with the history and agriculture of New Mexico and showed a firm grasp of what it meant to live in the Land of Enchantment."

Hannah Hopper of Oñate High School was awarded the heritage scholarship funded by the NMSU Alumni Association for her essay on "What does it mean to be a New Mexican?" The scholarship may only be used at NMSU.

Aylissa Lujan of Estancia High School was awarded the agriculture scholarship donated by Mesa Farmers Cooperative for her essay answering, "What does agriculture mean to New Mexico?" The scholarship may be used at an institution of higher learning of Lujan's choice.

The Jan. 6 luncheon will start with a re-enactment of the signing of the Enabling Act by President Taft that created the state of New Mexico. It will be followed by lunch with a 1912 menu, presentation of the awards and a lecture by Hunner titled "Becoming a State Different: New Mexico's Stumble to Statehood."

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased through the NMSU Foundation Office or the farm and ranch museum.

The essay contest attracted 32 essays from high school seniors from around the state. It was open to all seniors within the state of New Mexico. It is part of the university's centennial celebration of New Mexico's statehood that began in October 2011 with the NMSU homecoming events.

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by Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst, Ann Angelo & Joanna Bradley

Hot air balloons to paint the skies

Celebrating the 19th year of flying high

By Amanda Green

Up, up and away.

A rainbow of colors is expected to drift across the sky of the Mesilla Valley Jan. 14-15. Beginning with the desert sunrise, the first wave of piloted balloons will take off from Brown Farm field, which is located north of town just east of El Camino Real and southeast of Armstrong Road.

"This is our 19th year," said Lance Smith, an organizer of the MVBR. "We welcome everyone who is interested in balloons to come out and celebrate with us."

Each year since its conception, the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally has provided a safe and fun family-oriented event that can be enjoyed by hot air balloon enthusiasts of all ages. This year, the rally has been included into wrap up the Las Cruces Centennial Celebration events happening around the city, beginning with the parade down Main Street, Saturday, Jan. 7.

The event was first launched in 1982 as part of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta, according to the MVBR website. In 1988, the balloon rally split off into a separate celebration and was officially named the Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally.

The original launch site for the rally was next to Burn Lake, but was moved to Mayfield High School in 1993, and eventually to an open area owned by Southwest Cotton Growers near to Valley Drive and Amador Avenue. In 2005, the rally was moved to its current site.

"We attend the rally and others like it in the area because of our love for ballooning,"



Colorful hot air balloons will speckle the blue skies above Las Cruces on Jan. 14-15 during the 19th annual Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally.

said Janette Stone, whose husband is a balloon pilot. "It's a huge part of the entertainment in our lives."

The MVBR has 34 participating hot air balloons this year, with launchs starting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday mornings of the rally, and again for the hot air balloon glow on Saturday evening, just after sunset. Food vendors and amusement rides will also be available for attendees on both days of the rally.

Tethered balloon rides will be offered to visitors, and the British Motor Club of Southern New Mexico and West Texas will be displaying their collection of vintage and unique motor coaches near the launching field. Volunteer paragliders will also take to the skies after each balloon launch to add their own splash of color.

"We always need volunteers," Stone said. "People to crew the balloons, to prepare the field and folks to sponsor the event."

The MVBR is free and open to the public. A workday for volunteers will be held 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, to help prepare for the rally the following weekend.

For more information or to volunteer, visit www.mvbr.com.

Details

Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally

When

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15 First launch at sunrise, evening launch at sunset.

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Where

Brown Farm field; just east of El Camino Real and southeast of Armstrong Road.

Cost Free

Contact www.mvbr.com





RestaurantGuide



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The three Lorenzo's restaurants owned by Vince Vaccaro have been merged with Lorenzo's Pan Am location. The same high-quality Italian food is offered, as well as several additions to the restaurant's popular nenu.

to retain 90 percent of the dinner

It's easy to see why – Lorenzo's Pan Am has a quaint ambiance that is perfect for a date, business meet-

"I try to appeal to all crowds," Vaccaro said. "At one table we'll have a family, and the next table, we'll have someone in a suit and tie on a date. It's fine dining, but we're

I can proudly say I've been to Lorenzo's Pan Am on all occasions can think of – business meetings. dates and family events, the largest being the rehearsal dinner for my sister's wedding (my out-of-town relatives fell in love with the food, wanting to go back the entire week end they were in town).

Though we held the rehearsal dinner in Lorenzo's Avanti Rose Room, the Saratoga Room is also a great venue to host dinner parties.

people and includes a full bar. If vour event only had 30 or so in attendance. Vaccaro said it's easy to change the space to a more intimate setting. Business Editor Samantha Roberts, who coordinates luncheons for Young Philanthropists, said she's pleased with the choice she made to host the events in the Saratoga

"Vince has been verv flexible with our attendance – whether we have 12 people or 30 people, Roberts said. "He does a good job in making our event fit really well."

Vaccaro said he will continue to accommodate organizations and others hosting events in town for years to come. He's a "huge" supporter of New Mexico State University, and not just because it's across the street from his restaurant. He's a big athletics booster, and rarely

"To me, this is home," he said.



Las Cruces celebrates New Year's Eve

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



The dance floor was filled with party-goers who rang in the New Year Saturday, Dec. 31, at the grand opening of Passion UltraLounge inside Ramada Palms de Las Cruces.



Aldo Sias helps himself to prime rib sliders served by Sunset Grill waiter Zeke Meraz on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31.



Wendy Nolte with Molly Malone, Daniel Flepcher and Clarissa O' Conner share a toast to the beginning of 2012.



A couple shares a romantic dance at Passion UltraLounge.



Sunset Grill served several dishes for dinner on New Year's Eve.



Kelley Shepherd, Tarin Trujillo, Simon Frederick, Mike Neilson, Marco Vigil and Zeke Meraz from the Sunset Grill



Guests at Sunset Grill countdown to the new year, saying goodbye to 2011 and hello to 2012 while watching the ball drop.



Molly Malone strikes a pose.



Newly married couple Wendy and Scott Nolte welcome 2012 together as husband and wife.

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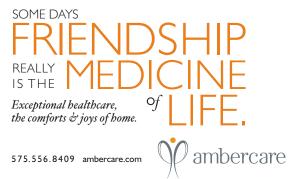
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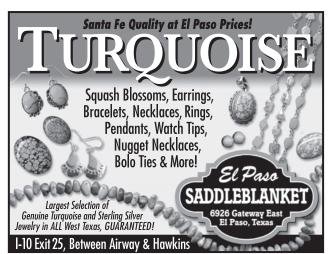


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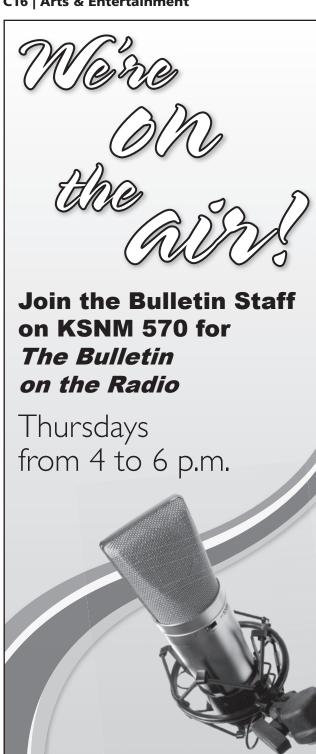
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Sudoku

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

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WEDNESDAY EVENING

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

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Friday, January 6, 2012

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ENGLISH

AIR PILLOW

CHEMICAL

COVER

LADDER

TO CLOSE TO COVER

TO DISCONNECT

TO DRAIN TO PUT AWAY

TO SECURE

TO STORE

WATER LEVEL

101 Korean leader

OLD/NEW THINGS

ACROSS

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Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward

Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en españo que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

CLOSE UP THE POOL

SPANISH ALMOHADA DE AIRE

QUÍMICO

CUBIERTA

ESCALERA

CERRARSE

CUBRIR

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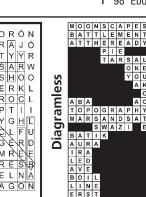
Crossword Puzzles

Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths also create the diagram whe

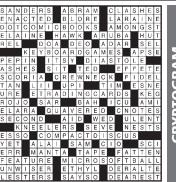
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AtTheMovies

A classic tale lights up the big screen 'The Adventures of Tintin' is a thrill ride for everyone

Review by Amanda Green

A beloved children's book series in Europe, Hergé's "The Adventures of Tintin," was picked up and brought to life by the visionary talent of director Steven Spielberg and the fantasy genius of co-director Peter Jackson.

With a team led by film industry giants and the capabilities of motion capture 3-D technology, this fleshed-out version of the books is a beautiful, fast-paced adventure for all ages.

The hero, Tintin (Jamie Bell) is a young, by-the-book reporter with a nose for digging up danger and unraveling mysteries. Aided by his dog, Snowy, the film borrows a storyline spanning several of the series, bringing the pages to animated life.

The film introduces us to the vibrant, baby-faced Tintin who is wandering through the outdoor markets of London. He spots a model ship at one of the merchant stands, and immediately sets to purchase this mini-sea dweller, a dwarfed version of the historical vessel the Unicorn. As soon as Tintin has the ship in-hand, a variety of shady characters show up to steal it, including the sinister Ivanovich Sakharine (Daniel Craig).

Intrigued by the sudden interest in the mini Unicorn, Tintin's inquisitive spirit, and dumb luck, uncovers a secret coded message hidden in the mast of the model ship. The discovery leads to Tintin's kidnapping and imprisonment aboard a hijacked cargo ship.



The young and intrepid journalist Tintin, hero of Hergé's beloved children's books, "The Adventure's of Tintin" has been brought to life via motion capture technology and the creative genius of co-directors Steven Spielberg and Peter Jackson.

Thanks to the courage and wit of the loveable Snowy, Tintin escapes and meets Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis). A volatile drunk whose crew has committed mutiny and taken over his ship under the treachery of Sakharine, Haddock spends most of the film nursing from a bottle of whiskey.

Joining forces, Tintin and Haddock escape and begin to piece together the mystery of the Unicorn -with direct ties to Haddock's seafaring ancestry- lost at sea and rumored to have taken a huge cache of pirate treasure with it.

From London to Morocco, the adventure never slows or stops, closely resembling the feel of Spielberg's "Indiana Jones" films. The escape scenes are cleverly coordinated, silly and only believable because of the film's animated format. There are plenty of chuckleworthy jokes, mostly from the liquored up Haddock, the reluctant hero and unpredictable comedian.

Tintin is anything but the underdog. On

Film Review

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top from the very beginning, he is clever and resourceful. Rooting for the journalist is like cheering on a winning team, the score is predictable but it's still satisfying to see him race to the end zone, or in this case, the treasure.

Bell does the intrepid young hero justice, adding charisma and humanistic charm to the on-screen character. Serkis is the boisterous, comedic lifeline as Haddock, and delightfully provides the yin to Bell's yang. The odd couple really works for the storyline.

Ćraig's voice work is unremarkable, and Sakharine is a forgettable villain, even when presented as a mutinous, treasure hungry pirate. Fortunately, the story is ultimately about the puzzle, the adventure and Tintin's fastpaced, heroic spirit.

The film pays homage to Hergé's classic artwork, while the motion capture before transitioning into the polished modern visuals. The film, thanks to the motion capture guru, Serkis, responsible for the skin-crawling Gollum in Jackson's "Lord of the Rings," turned flesh and blood actors into living cartoons.

The technology is evolving, and "The Adventures of Tintin" is a stepping-stone for future films as we transition to graphic heavy, three-dimensional flicks. It will no doubt be followed up by a sequel, which is sure to catapult the beloved Tintin into the hearts of children on another continent.

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis and Daniel Craig

Rated: PG

Running time: 104 minutes Director: Steven Spielberg,





The Sitter

Starring: Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor Director: David Gordon Green

Chip-Wrecked

The Twilight Saga:

Breaking Dawn – Part 1

Alvin and the Chipmunks:

overboard and end up marooned in a tropical paradise.

Starring: Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler Director: Mike Mitchell

The Girl with the

Dragon Tattoo

Rating: R

Rating: R

Rating: PG-13

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New this week

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AtTheMovies

Plot Overview: A comedy about a college student on suspension

who is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door, though he is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him.

Plot Overview: The Quileute and the Volturi close in on expecting

parents Edward and Bella, whose unborn child poses different threats to the wolf pack and vampire coven.

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson Director: Bill Condon

Rating: G Plot Overview: While aboard a cruise ship, the Chipmunks go

Plot Overview: Journalist Mikael Blomkvist is aided in his search for

a woman who has been missing for 40 years by Lisbeth Salander, a

Picking the Flicks

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Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thu

Plot Overview: The lives of several couples and singles in New York

New Year's Eve Rating: PG-13



Moneyball Rating: PG-13 Genre: Drama Starring: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill Director: Bennett Miller

Killer Elite

Rating: R Genre: Action Starring: Robert De Niro, Jason Statham Director: Gary McKendry

What's Your Number?

Rating: R Genre: Comedy, Romance Starring: Anna Faris, Chris Evans Director: Mark Mylod

Higher Ground Rating: R

Genre: Drama Starring: Vera Farmiga, Donna Murphy Director: Vera Farmiga

1911

Rating: R Genre: War, Action Starring: Jackie Chan, Bingbing Li Director: Jackie Chan

Top Grossing Dec. 30 - Jan. 1

- Mission: Impossible Ghost Protocol (Week No. 3)
- **Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows**
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2011)
- War Horse (Week No. 2)
- We Bought a Zoo (Week No. 2) \$13,200,000 6
- The Adventures of Tin Tin (Week No. 2) 7 \$11,415,0
- New Year's Eve (Week No. 4) \$6,385,000
- The Darkest Hour (Week No. 2) g \$4.300.000
- The Descendants (Week No. 7) \$3,400,000

young computer hacker. Starring: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara Director: David Fincher War Horse The Darkest Hour Rating: PG-13 Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Young Albert enlists to service in WWI after his Plot Overview: In Moscow, five young people lead the charge against an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply. beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes Starring: Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby Director: Chris Gorak him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on. Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson Director: Steven Spielberg Mission: Impossible – The Adventures *dete* **U**UUUU \$29.580.000 **Ghost Protocol** of Tintin Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: The IMF is shut down when it's Rating: PG (Week No. 3) \$21,010,000 implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin, causing Ethan Hunt and his new team to go rogue to clear their organization's name. Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner **Plot Overview:** Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor. But someone else TINTIN is in search of the ship. Director: Brad Bird Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis Director: Steven Spielberg (Week No. 3) \$16,350,000 **Puss in Boots** We Bought a Zoo **DODDE** Δ (Week No. 2) \$14,800,000 Rating: PG Rating: PG Plot Overview: A story about the events leading up to the sword fighting cat's meeting with Shrek and his friends. Plot Overview: Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. Starring: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek Starring: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson \$14.395.000 Director: Chris Miller Director: Cameron Crowe

The Devil Inside Rating: R

Plot Overview: In Italy, a woman becomes involved in a series of unauthorized exorcisms during her mission to discover what happened to her mother, who allegedly murdered three people during her own exorcism. **Starring:** Fernanda Andrade, Simon Quarterman **Director:** William Brent Bell **OPENED FRIDAY, JAN. 6**

Plot Overview: Colin Clark, an employee of Sir Laurence Olivier's, documents the tense interaction between Olivier and Marilyn Monroe during production of "The Prince and the Showgirl."





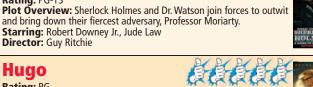


intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve. Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel Director: Garry Marshall

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Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows Rating: PG-13

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law Director: Guy Ritchie



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Rating: PG Plot Overview: An orphan who lives in the walls of a train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton. Starring: Asa Butterfield, Chloë Grace Moretz Director: Martin Scorsese

Moneyball



Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: The story of Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing computer-generated analysis to draft his players. **Starring:** Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill Director: Bennett Miller

My Week with Marilyn Rating: R

Starring: Michelle Williams, Eddie Redmayne Director: Simon Curtis **OPENED FRIDAY, JAN. 6**



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Health & Well Being

Public health meets the Family Medicine Center

By **Mai Oushy** For the Las Cruces Bullet

Public health and family medicine are natural allies. When working collaboratively, both are more effective and achieve better health outcomes for communities. Although this collaboration many

Although this collaboration many times does not occur, the Family Medicine Center of Las Cruces (FMC) sets a great example in our community. Home to the Southern New Mexico Family Medicine Residency Program (SNMFM-RP), it was initiated in 1996 by a heartfelt response from the sponsoring institution, Memorial Medical Center (MMC), to the unmet health needs of the southern New Mexico community.

The FMC offers many preventive health services in the areas of family planning, chronic disease, cancer health disparities, domestic violence, drug and sexual abuse, obesity and HIV care, all through a focus on behavioral health, border health and issues impacting our community.

This is through collaborations with several organizations in the community such as the New Mexico Department of Health, MMC, Ben Archer Health Center, community radiology groups and the faith community.

Resident physicians at the FMC are trained to focus on the behavioral aspects of health. They train with behavioral psychologists and New Mexico State University doctoral psychology students.

Residents work one-on-one with patients through motivational interviewing to effect change, powered by the patients themselves, so they can take control of their own health.

"We train our physicians and encourage them to stay and care for patients and families of southern New Mexico," said Dr. Marco Duarte, one of SNFMRP's many faculty members. "We also teach them to respect every patient's story and history to enhance the health communication process."

FMC provides comprehensive care for all members of the family. It is the kind of care that puts the patient in control.

"We empower the patients to take control of their own health and to create a different realm of medical literacy," Duarte said.

He added that "the NMSU public health program has made an impact on us."

Through the partnership with MMC, FMC participated in the massive flu immunization campaign that took place in October 2011. The center also has a mammogram and cervical cancer-screening program, which is "a continuous institutional effort on making people aware of the need for screening mammography. It is an ongoing campaign," Duarte said.

"In family medicine we deal from birth to death and we educate and involve the entire family in the care of the patient whether it is a newborn or one of our patients in nursing homes," said Dr. Bharath Karnati, a resident physician, See **FMC** on page D2

Centennial Spotlight 1 9 1 2 -40 years of progression

Local faces had a role in the women's movement at NMSU

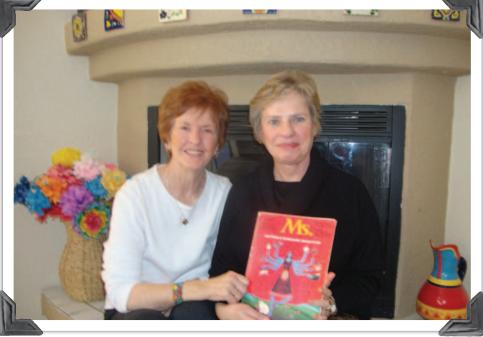
By Rachel Christiansen

There once was a time in our society when detestable crimes against women, such as rape and abuse, went unnoticed, unpunished and unaccounted for.

This was the same time women were considered an inferior gender – in the workplace, in the home and even among one another.

The passage of the 19th Amendment of the Constitution granted women the right to vote in 1920, but the balance of power within the nation was still heavily one-sided for decades to come.

Although national leaders such as Betty Friedan (author of "The Feminine Mystique") and Gloria Steinem (cofounder of "Ms." Magazine) are associated with being voices of second wave feminism in America, gratitude is well deserved for the names and faces of the people who directly impacted local institutions for the



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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christianse Las Cruces residents Sue Lynn Underwood and Nancy Barnes-Smith hold the first issue of "Ms." Magazine, Tuesday, Jan. 2, to discuss their role in the local women's movement in the 1970s.

equalities we enjoy today.

In January 1973, two New Mexico State University professors – Sherry O'Donnell and Charles Duvall – may not have realized exactly what they were getting themselves into when they signed up to teach the first discussionbased women's study class on campus.

It was to both professors' great surprise to walk in and find the two-week, interim class filled to the brim with students, both male and female, and had standing-room availability only. See **Centennial** on page D2

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Students 'get their hands dirty'

Gardening equals healthier choices By Rachel Christiansen

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If you ask someone what their fondest memory of grade school was, it's probably a sure bet none of the replies will contain the word "lecture."

It's also a safe bet that children in America are on the wrong track of nutritional health, as is being highly publicized through national campaigns led by prominent figures such as First Lady Michelle Obama.

More pressure and responsibility is weighing on the shoulders of teachers nationwide to provide a model of education and standards to their students who are not receiving such at home or in the media.

Several teachers at local elementary schools in Las Cruces have taken the initiative to introduce the art of gardening into their daily routines and lesson plans.

The goal, according to Katy Redd, coordinator of Healthy Kids Las Cruces, is to expose students to knowing where their food comes from to, hopefully, initiate healthier eating choices now and into the future.

"The teachers getting involved and engaging the kids, they're all getting jazzed up about it," Redd said.

Redd has worked with three local elementary schools – Conlee, Mesilla and Sunrise – to apply for garden grants available in the state to



Garden Coordinator Sal Melendrez, Mesilla Elementary School nurse Debra Kemp and student Jarrod Guerrero raked and prepped garden areas Saturday, Dec. 3, for Mesilla Elementary School's "crop mob," where students and teachers broke ground on the soon-to-be gardens.

help foster and maintain these gardens.

All three of these schools, and other garden applicants that meet the criteria in town, are applying for the New Mexico Centennial Garden Program, for grants in the amount of \$2,500, to help incur with the costs of fences, tools and other gardening needs.

Even though schools have recruited outside help to plan the gardens, such as Master See **Garden** on page D2

Harlem Ambassadors tour Las Cruces

Team spreads a positive message while having fun

The internationally acclaimed Harlem Ambassadors will hit Las Cruces at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at Las Cruces High School.

The Harlem Ambassadors offer a unique brand of Harlemstyle basketball featuring high-flying slam dunks, dazzling ballhandling tricks and hilarious comedy routines.

The ambassadors feature non-stop laughs and deliver a positive message for kids wherever they play.

"At our shows, we want the kids to know that they're part of our team, too," coach Lade Majic said. "We invite as many kids as we can to come sit on the bench, have a front row seat during the show and get involved in all of the fun stuff we do."

The ambassadors set themselves apart from other Harlem-style basketball teams by working with local nonprofit and service organizations and holding Harlem Ambassadors show as community fundraising events.

For Las Cruces' event, the ambassadors have partnered with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico to help raise funds for the youth of southwestern New Mexico.

The Ambassadors have worked extensively with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters and American Red Cross as well as Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis clubs in communities throughout the U.S. and perform more than 200 shows a year. The shows have helped raise millions of dollars - an accomplishment of which ambassadors President Dale Moss is very proud.

"It feels good to be able to provide quality entertainment and create memories that the fans will take with them," Moss said. "We're able to give even more when we can help provide funding for a Habitat for Humanity house or new computers for the school library, and that feels great."

Local BBBS All Stars, including Jeffrey Silva, Joel Courtney, Lucas Peerman, Chris Drumm, Temo Martinez, Ken Binkley, Vic Villalobos, Ray Collins, Richard Coltharp, Roger Browning, Bill Allen and Mike Withers, will try their own tricks against the Harlem Ambassadors team.

> Tickets are \$5 each. For more information on how to become a player, sponsor or purchase tickets, call 523-9530

from the perspective of providing patients control of their own health.

From a public health perspective, FMC is putting forth a great effort in encouraging the community to become a more active partner in their own health care. They have the tools of change required to create the needed family and social support for our community members.

Mai Oushy is a graduate student working toward her Master of Public Health degree in the New Mexico State University Department of Health Science.

vegetables to be available any time of the year, Humphreys said, without realizing the monetary and environmental impact of having these items shipped.

Redd said both Mesilla and Sunrise elementary schools are focusing their energy toward maintaining a "stir-fry' garden, which includes peas, carrots and other winter hardy crops.

The hopes for starting these good gardening habits at a young age is to not only increase this awareness about the benefits of buying locally grown produce, but to get kids excited early on about making healthier eating choices.

Some schools are already participating in action plans to promote healthier eating, such as fruit and vegetable tasting sessions or providing healthy snacks throughout the day, but combining that with actual gardening, Humphreys said, will really drive the point home, literally.

"We also hope that they may be more likely to get their families to plop a few seeds in the ground at home as well," Humphreys said.



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O'Donnell said the hardest part was forming a syllabus to adhere to the range of issues facing young women on campus as well as the rest of the world at the time.

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"We just had so much material we wanted to cover, we had sample syllabi mailed from other universities," O'Donnell said.

Little did the professors know, their efforts of bringing this first class together would give students the platform they needed to let their voices be heard - and bring about big changes on the NMSU campus.

The class attendees included Sue Lynn Underwood and Nancy Barnes-Smith, both of whom still live and thrive in Las Cruces today.

"Before this, there were sewing circles, quilting bees, card clubs, all of these reasons to meet in the '70s congealed what we met in the class to discuss ... only we didn't have to hide it anymore," Underwood said.

Barnes-Smith said following this large class, smaller "consciousness-raising" groups formed, of which around 10 students would meet on weekly basis thereafter.

"We were ripping off the veneer and finding whole new ways to relate to one another through these discussions," Barnes-Smith said.

These groups, Barnes-Smith said, would look to the national influences, such as Ms. Magazine, to direct their own conversations and actions to positively affect the surrounding community.

And it wasn't just women, as is a common misperception that the women involved in the feminist movement, "hated men," Underwood said.

Quite the contrary, according to Underwood, who said most of the men in the lives of the women involved during these consciousness raising groups recognized that there was definitely a problem, and supported their actions.

Women's liberation was up against tough obstacles, including publications that followed the "fascinating womanhood" idealism that placed women's values as domesticity only.

Gaping inequalities and a range of other issues began to surface, including the mentality that crimes against women, including rape and domestic violence, were continually being blamed on the women themselves.

Barnes-Smith and Underwood remembered a specific incident in which a friend was raped by a well-known athlete on campus, and was subsequently turned away and sent home from the student infirmary.

"We were outraged, and held a meeting with city and university officials who told us to 'Stop going out, walking home late and wearing provocative clothing," Underwood said.

Because of the whole room "coming unglued," Underwood said, efforts were put in place to start the first campus escort services to accompany women who had to walk on campus after sunset.

Meetings between these groups and university officials also led to the first rape crisis and domestic violence shelter on campus in 1975, located in a small apartment in Rhodes Hall.

"This was the start of the first awareness in the city that women are not responsible for their own victimization, that they needed support," Barnes-Smith said.

It was becoming clear that the time of keeping quiet and keeping these issues "hush-hush" was over.

You don't get much done if you're always nice," Barnes-Smith said. "You sometimes have to get a bit feisty, because if you're nice, you get ignored ... so we had to get feisty."

It was through the battles of these groups in the community, as well as the rest of the feminist movement throughout the nation fighting for equality, that allow women's health resources to be so readily available today.

Barnes-Smith and Underwood both heeded warnings to a younger generation who may take these privileges that now seem so natural, for granted.

"You're at more risk of losing those rights we worked so hard for than ever before," Barnes-Smith said. "And it's a domino effect ... if you lose one, you may start to lose them all."

NMSU adopted an official Women's Studies program in 1989, and welcomed the program's first bachelor's degrees in 2005.

La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter, the premier domestic violence shelter in the state, was fostered into existence in 1981, and recognized Ann Gutierrez, a member of one of the consciousness-raising groups, as a founding member, according to Barnes-Smith.

NMSU now has escort services running year-round and a 24-hour emergency hotline.

"You hear the term 'life-changing' so much now it's almost like a non-term, but this really was life-changing," Barnes-Smith said.



has taught him "there is an effective

We apply theory to our practice to

better communicate with and serve

them.

way of communicating with patients.

"I hope and dream to create an em-

powered community," Duarte opined.

poverty and disease. And by working

together with the different aspects of

the community we can achieve a lot."

Karnati added FMC offers

everything the community needs:

Prenatal health services, preventive

services and therapeutic measures

'Our enemies are ignorance, fear,



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who also received his Master's degree in Public Health from NMSU.

Karnati pointed out that their many public health efforts include "educating patients on immunizations during flu seasons, increasing awareness of pap smears and mammograms, encouraging colorectal cancer screening and performing appropriate referrals for further preventive and therapeutic measures.

Having this degree, Karnati said,

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Gardeners to give advice and conduct soil tests on appropriate planting grounds, Redd said it would not have happened without the dedication of the teachers and school staff involved.

"This is something they want to do because they see it as beneficial to the kids ... I think that speaks volumes about some of the teachers at Las Cruces Public Sschools," Redd said.

Laura Humphreys, a fourth grade teacher at Sunrise Elementary School since 2001, is a home gardener who also has seen the benefits of having a school garden when she previously taught fourth grade in Long Beach, Calif.

'Students who grew up in an urban environment were able to dig their hands in dirt, sow seeds for the first time, water, care for and nurture plants," Humphreys said. "It brought our classroom together as a community of enthusiastic, curious growers eager to see the progress of this

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little plot of earth every day." Sunrise Elementary School is still in

the developmental phase, but volunteers are planning to start transforming a plot in the interior courtyard of the school, where a previous gardening project lies dormant.

Third-through fifth-grade students attend Sunrise, and, according to Humphreys, teachers in all grades are interested in incorporating garden activities into daily lesson plans.

"(In Long Beach), we graphed, illustrated and recorded plant growth," Humphreys said. "We conducted science lessons involving plants, photosynthesis and soil right outside of our door with real plants and soil, rather than slogging through a textbook."

Humphreys said she has witnessed a disconnect between people not knowing where their food comes from and the effects it has on choices that impact local environment.

Many people are "programmed" into thinking it is natural for all fruits and

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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 meet-ings, 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.

CARING BRIDGE SUPPORT GROUP

Caring Bridge, an activity support group for adults in recovery from mental illness, meets from 4 to 6 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.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

A family caregiver support group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Café España in the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Co-facilitators with many years of experience in seniorcare issues will be on hand.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Śaturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those who have been 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.

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 Ċruces, 125 Ŵyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. Overeaters Anonymous

is also offered at noon, each

Wednesday at St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

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 both 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.

WATER AEROBICS **CLASSES**

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly. For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfurandfeathers@aol.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 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.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave .: Aerobics: 8:30 to

- 9:30 a.m. Mondavs Wednesdays and Fridays Yoga: 9 to 10 a.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays **Pilates**: 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays **Core/floor exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m.
- Monday through Friday.
- Pickleball: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday

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through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1. Indoor cycling: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays. The following class is held at Benavidez Community

- Center, 1045 McClure Road: Zumba: 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays
- For more information, call 541-5185.

The following class is held at Club Fusion Teen Center,

- 101 E. Union Ave. **Zumba:** 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and
- Thursdays. For more information, call

541-5181. The following classes are

- held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.: Aquatic fitness: 9 to 10
- a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Safe strength gentle car-dio water workout: 10 to
- 11 a.m. Thursdays
- Water fitness for nonswimmer: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- Seniors aquatics class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays Classes are drop in but participants must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Programs
- Aqua Fit: 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays. Aqua Zumba: 5:30
- to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturdavs.
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The following class is held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive:

Zumba: 6 to 7 p.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 382-1662.

All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, call

Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

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 Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email Nichols at

karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

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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 \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information,

email McKay at

harmei@zianet.com or call 382-8978

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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

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 9 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com

RED CROSS CPR, FIRST-AID CLASSES

The American Red Cross will be offering CPR and firstaid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., the first and third Saturday of each month in 2012

Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class. For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 mil-lion Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month, except during the summer, at the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black. The groups next meeting will be Sept. 6. For more information, call 528-3000.



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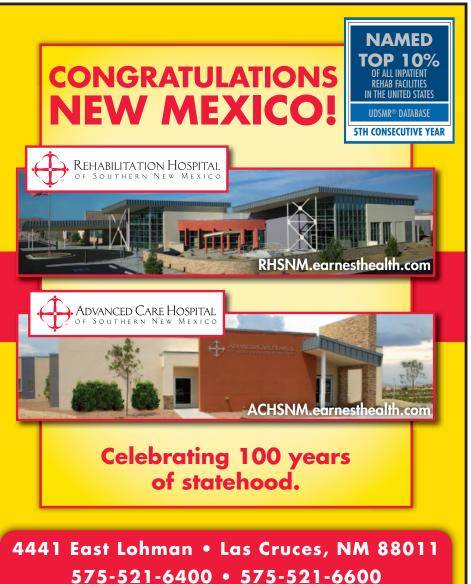
Up until the mid-1900s, women usually delivered babies at home with the help of midwives, using natural remedies, such as hot towels and herbal medicines, for pain.

The nursing graduating class of Las Cruces Memorial General Hospital in 1953 included on the bottom row, second from right, Dolores Archuleta, who would become a Las Cruces city councillor, serving from 2001-09.



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The City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County joined together to build a home for Memorial General Hospital, moving its new location to South Telshor Boulevard in 1971. Friday, January 6, 2012

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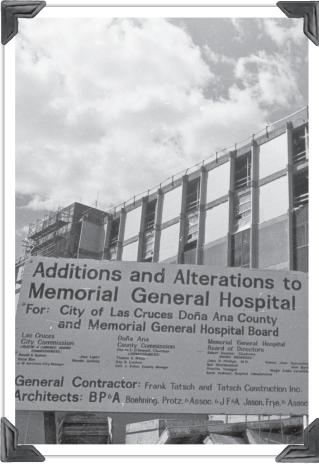




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Construction began, and in August 2002, MountainView Regional Medical Center opened its doors.

In March 2002, Triad Hospitals announced the opening of a second acute-care facility in Las Cruces, MountainView Regional Medicla Center.



Although not changing its name to Memorial Medical Center until 1990, two stories were added to Memorial General Hospital in 1982.

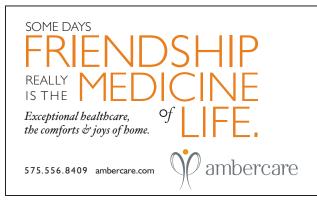


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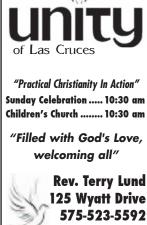


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Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan.

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CANCER CARE

A new care ministry -Cancer Care – will start meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 10, at Morningstar United Methodist Church, 2941 Morningstar Drive. Designed to be a Christ-centered education and support group, Cancer Care will be facilitated by a team with experience in dealing with cancer on multiple levels including spiritual, physical, mental and emotional. Anyone whose life has or is being touched by cancer is invited to attend, such as survivors, those in treated, family members. friends and those who have lost someone to the disease. For more information, call 915-525-2575.

PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP

High school students are invited to attend a Pro-life Workshop in the Finley Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Road, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. For more information, call 524-8563 ext. 20.

ACTS MEN'S RETREAT

Men ages 21 and up are nvited to attend the ACTS Retreat Jan. 12-15, at the Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S Espina

Reconnecting at the World Meditation Day

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Participants raise their hands during the closing ceremony of the 26th annual World Meditation Day Saturday, Dec. 31, 2011, at the Center for Spiritual Living. The ceremony began at 5 a.m. to correlate with other meditation events held around the world.

Rev. Mary Lowry of the Center for Spiritual Living was one of the many local spiritual leaders who took part in the event.

During the ceremony, everyone meditates out loud in unison.





How to snack smart in 2012 once the snack pack is gone, you're done.

Healthy choices ring in the new year

Snacks can either be your worst dieting en-emy or your new weight-loss best friend. The difference is all in the choices you make.

This year, make it your resolution to learn how to snack smarter. To help, here are some tips to develop a healthier relationship with snacking.

Portion control

Hand someone a bag of chips and ask them to eat just 100 calories. Sounds impossible, right? For most people, it is. Not only is it hard to calculate quickly, willpow-

er alone will usually fail. Soon, a few chips become half the bag and the guilt sets in. Don't even give yourself the opportunity to overeat and instead think portion control. Replace full-size snack bags with 100-calorie snack packs. They are the perfect way to know you're only eating 100 calories and resist the urge to eat more.

Snyder's of Hanover offers a variety of 100-calorie pretzel snack packs. Available in mini, snap or pretzel sticks, they're sold in snack aisles of the grocery store. They are quick, easy and perfect for kids or adults. The best part is,

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Smart snacks

Making smart snack choices doesn't mean ou have to give up flavor or your favorite foods. There are a number of products low in fat, that can help satisfy your cravings. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Raisins:** One ounce equals 85 calories. You could even cover them with chocolate, 1. which can be healthy when consumed in small portions.
- Graham crackers: Eight small rectangles is equal to 100 calories
- 3. Celery with peanut butter: Five pieces of celery with 1 tablespoon of peanut butter is equal to 100 calories. This is a satisfying snack packed with protein and is also gluten-free.
- Dried fruits and nuts: A small amount of dried fruits and nuts is a snack kids love to
- **Pretzels:** One ounce equals 100 calories. You can even include cheese with your pretzels for something different with add-5. ed protein.
- **Unsweetened applesauce:** One cup is equivalent to 100 calories and is a great snack idea for younger children.
- Air-popped popcorn: Three cups, or 1 ounce, equals 95 calories. Popcorn is also gluten-free.
- Fruit: All types of fruit are full of valuable 8 nutrients and they also contain no gluten. Baked corn tortillas with dip: Corn torti-
- 9. llas are a great alternative to potato chips. You can eat them with salsa and/or guacamole for a healthy treat.
- 10. Rice cakes: Rice cakes by themselves aren't really nutritious, but they are gluten-free. Try topping them with cottage cheese and fruit, peanut butter with banana slices, or cheese and tomatoes for a more nutritious snack.
- 11. Fat-free, sugar-free pudding: One serving contains approximately 80 calories. Another treat kids really enjoy.
- 12. Lettuce wraps: Fill a big lettuce leaf with tuna, hummus and your favorite vegetables and roll it up. You could even use a ham slice with hummus and vegetables for a change in variety. This is also a gluten-free snack.

Make it simple

Put healthy snacks out so they're easy to grab. Take a bowl, and make sure it's filled with fresh fruit.

For cold snacks, create a healthy snack drawer in your refrigerator. Stock it full of baby carrots, cut up veggies and low-fat dip or puddings.

To give your kids incentive to make healthier choices, give them permission to take any snack from these locations without asking.

Read up

When you're in the store, read the label and look for low-fat, whole-grain or organic options when possible. You'd be surprised to see a lot of snacks you might have overlooked before. Even pretzels, like Snyder's of Hanover Organic Whole Wheat Pretzel Nibblers, are made with whole grains and are low in fat.

Set small goals

Creating a healthy lifestyle doesn't happen overnight, but the process shouldn't be overwhelming either. Setting small goals, like snacking on vegetables for a week, can develop into long term eating habits. It's best to set goals that are obtainable so you see your success early on and you're motivated to continue. Healthy snacking is all about making the right choices. This coming year, it's up to you to make the right decisions, hopefully these tips will help motivate you to a more wholesome and healthier 2012.



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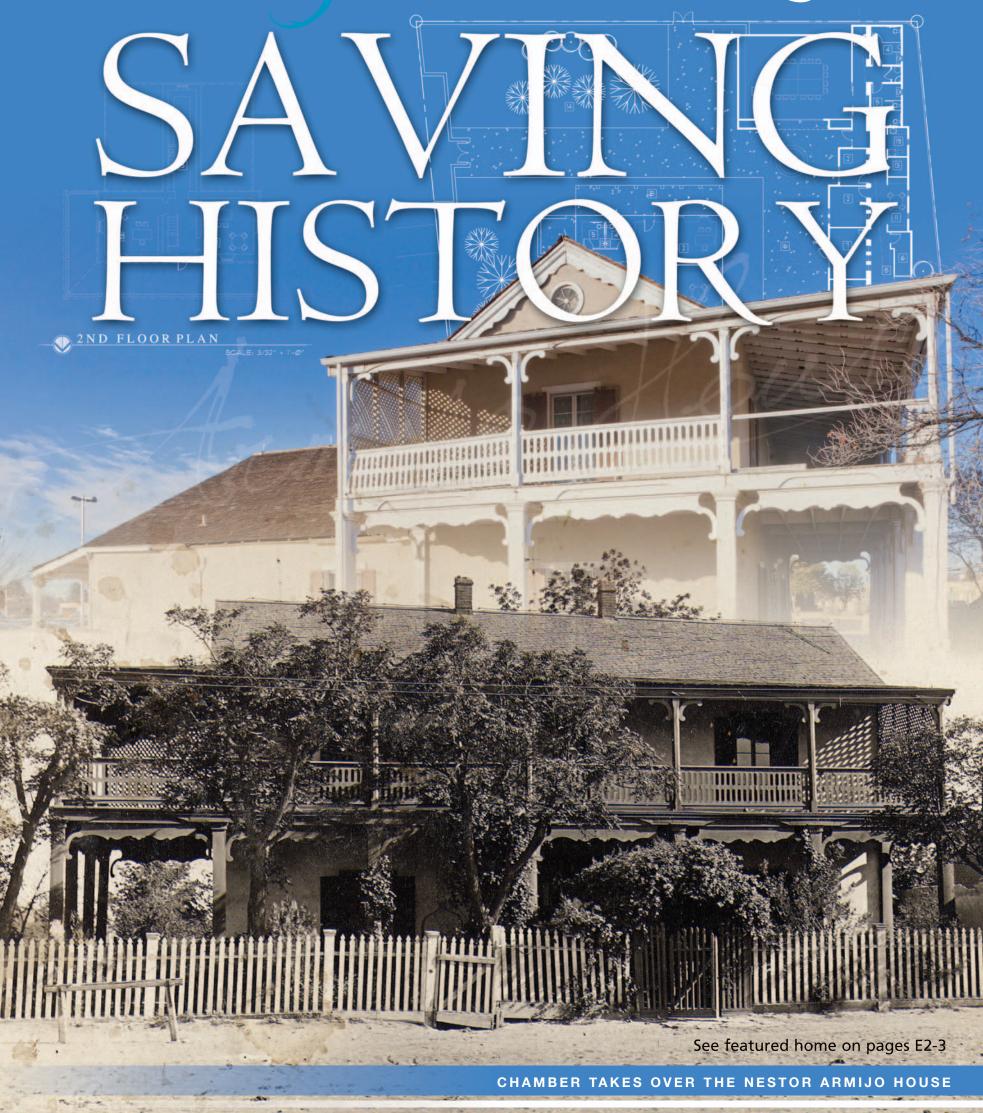
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Phillip's Chapel CME continues to make restoration strides **E4**

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Photos by Teague Williams



A two-story addition was constructed onto the Nestor Armijo House in 1877. It was uncommon for homes in the area to feature a pitched roof during that time.



The home features a combination of styles throughout.



The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will move into the former residence and bank office in 2012.



A \$2.3 million capital campaign for the renovations will also cover an adjacent building and endowment.





Historic studies are being conducted on the home to determine what is authentic and what is modern.





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The Armijo house was one of the first homes in Doña Ana County to be placed on the national and state historic registries.



Although it has fallen on hard times, the Armijo house will be restored to its former glory.



Centennial Spotlight

Armijo legacy preserved \$2.3 million campaign held to save home

By Beth Sitzler Las Cruces Bullet

Sitting at the Lohman Avenue and Main Street light, you may notice a regal structure standing out among the modernday shopping centers and bank buildings. While the home seems out of place at the busy intersection, it is actually a link to Las Cruces' rich history.

Known as the Nestor Armijo House, 150 E. Lohman Ave., throughout more than 100 years, the building has been used as a residence, bank office and soon the new location of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

"We (the chamber) outgrew our office on Picacho Avenue, so we started a building committee to look around Las Cruces for a new location," said chamber Chair Richard Haas of Steve Newby Architects & Associates.

Wanting to be in the Downtown area, the chamber hadn't thought about the Armijo house, Haas said, until Citizens Bank, which acquired the structure in the 1980s, offered to donate it to the organization.

"There hasn't been a tenant in it for four or five years, and it was starting to fall into disrepair," said Haas, adding that there had been recent talks to tear down the home. "We did a couple of studies and found that it made sense to take it over and find a modern use for this historic structure.

A building like this needs a lot of attention. It's going to be a challenge, but a fun one."

Originally purchased by Bradford and Maricita Daily in the 1860s for \$2,000, Nestor Armijo bought the home in 1877 for \$4,050. A wealthy merchant from northern New Mexico, Armijo added a two-story, pitched structure to the existing four-square home – a home that features four rooms branching off a hallway, a style more commonly used on the East Coast.

"It also had a pitched roof, which was another uncommon feature in New Mexico," Haas said.

"Armijo had a store here," said Eric Liefield, president of Mesilla Valley Preservation, which has been working with the chamber on the Armijo project. "He came from a fairly wellto-do Spanish family and he was involved in the mercantile trade.'

Built of adobe, the walls measure 3 feet wide on the first floor and 24 inches on the second. While the material was common at the time, the style of the home included everything from Greek revival-inspired pediments to Victorian gingerbread trim.

"The style doesn't fit neatly into one category," Haas said. "It's not Victorian or New Mexico territorial. It's a mixture of several styles, which is the cool thing because the home wasn't stagnant. It moves with time.'

Inside, the home featured several rooms for everyday living as well as two grand bedrooms upstairs. In order to fit the 10-foot canopy beds the family owned, Liefield said the ceiling of the rooms were vaulted. While one is painted white and the other blue, both showcase brass trim to match the beds that once filled the space.

After Armijo passed away in 1911, the 3,400-square-foot home went to his granddaughters, Josephine Armijo Gallagher and Gertrude Armijo Ascarate, who made renovations to the home.

"It became a modern house in 1914," said Liefield, explaining that the kitchen, dining room and bathroom areas that



were located in a separate building on the property were moved indoors.

Haas said in addition to putting a hole in a wall to create an open parlor-dining area, Gallagher also included elements of arts-and-craft style, such as wood pillars and glass cases.

The home remained a residence until Pioneer Bank occupied the space from 1982-91, retrofitting the structure to suit its needs - including the addition of a second bathroom and teller window.

Haas said architects and historians have examined the house to provide the chamber with information on what is authentic and what isn't to help them determine how they want to restore

"We're just trying to see when certain parts of the house were done," he said. "We want to bring the house back to a period that is appropriate and delicately put in our 21st century amenities.

Armijo's descendants have been involved with the project and are eager to see the home restored, even offering to house some of the family's historic furniture in the residence, Haas said.

"It's interesting, because you usually don't know a lot about a building when it's been renovated," Liefield said. "With this one, we know a whole lot. It's really a unique opportunity."

With ownership of the property officially changing hands the first week of January, Haas said renovations will begin in March and will hopefully be completed within nine months.

"We know we have structural issues we have to deal with, and how we're going to deal with them is our biggest challenge right now," said Haas, adding the one of the first tasks to take place is shoring - bracing - the west wall.

One major structural issue is distributing water away from the walls. "One thing adobe doesn't like is water," Haas said.

Despite the issues and broken-down appearance, Haas said damage to the building "looks worse that it actually is." "Adobe is very forgiving," he said. "It can take a lot, but you

have to understand that it is masonry.

Haas said the chamber is conducting a \$2.3 million capital campaign to pay for the renovations and the construction of a



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Featured home Nestor Armijo House

Square footage

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Bedrooms Three

Bathrooms Two

Fireplaces One

Special features

A two-story home from the 19th century, the home features elements from various styles, and although it has fallen on hard times, a restoration project is in the works to make it the new home of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce.

Preserving the Armijo legacy

Historic home the subject of a \$2.3 million restoration project



new, separate structure on the property. To be built from either rammed earth or adobe, the new structure will feature a New Mexico style and plenty of office space.

The campaign will also cover the creation of an endowment to cover future maintenance expenses of the home.

Liefield said the home will be featured on the second annual Casas de Antaño Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

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Phillips Chapel CME Church, 638 N. Tornillo St., was constructed in 1911 on a plot of land purchased for \$45 by Daniel and Ollie Hilber. It served as a church, community center and even a school for the African American population in Las Cruces.

Church restoration continues in 2012

Phillips Chapel nears finish line, but there is still much to finish By Beth Sitzler

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With two years of restoration completed, the conservation of Phillips Chapel CME Church has made great strides, but there is still much to be done.

Started by a group of concerned citizens, efforts kicked off with a concert fundraiser in October 2009. Work officially began in January 2010, thanks to an adobe restoration class held by Doña Ana Community College.

Since that time, students, volunteers and building experts have crawled, climbed and sweated to do their part to restore the more than 100-year-old adobe church, built to service the city's African American community.

"We're about 70, 75 percent complete," said Beth O'Leary, a New Mexico State University anthropology professor and member of the Phillips Chapel Restoration Committee. "It depends on the funds and volunteer labor we can get, but I'd hope we get it done by next Christmas."

With the east side of the structure completed, work that still needs to be done is a final coat of lime plaster on the south side, two more coats of lime plaster on the front façade and almost the entire north side needs to be worked on. Also, the church's sign needs to be redone and hung.

"There were some structural issues discovered," said Clarence Fielder, a NMSU history professor and steward of the church, which his grandparents began. "On the south side, water had gotten behind the plaster and some of the adobe had deteriorated. The wall is very weak and new bricks had to be made."

"Every time we take off a piece of plaster, it's a new experience," said O'Leary, adding that an addition attached to the one-room chapel also has structural issues that need to be addressed. "There is a big structural crack. We're going to have to take out some stuff and redo that adobe."

Another setback the project encountered was DACC not offering the class in fall of 2011 or this spring.

"We've asked for it to be taught again in the fall," O'Leary said. "It's a shame because it was a good class. About 60 to 80 students have gone through it. We had hoped that it would be offered to help other restoration projects after Phillips Chapel.

"The volunteers have been great. A group of about nine people have met every Thursday. A lot of them are from the class

If the class isn't offered, she said they hope students and those interested in learning adobe restoration will still make an effort to lend their time.

"We're hoping to get more students, even though there isn't a class," said O'Leary, adding that the anthropology department at New Mexico State University is offering an independent study on the church.

In the fall, the chapel received help from DACC students of a painting class taught by Dominick Fiumara, a former student and volunteer with the project.

"They didn't quite finish because we found some structural problems inside," said O'Leary, adding that they're painting the inside and out of the building white, as it originally was. "We just need one more coat inside."

In 2012, O'Leary said volunteers will gather at the chapel in the morning for workdays every other Saturday beginning Saturday, Jan. 21.

"We're always looking for volunteers," O'Leary said. "We want to get it completed in 2012.

"We invite students and people in the community. We are willing to train anyone."

"Some people have come out to find ways to fix their adobe homes," said Fielder of project volunteers."

As with previous years, the dedicated group will spend time visiting various groups and areas in the region to share their story with those interested in the renovation efforts at Phillips Chapel CME.

"Everyone asks if it is still a church," O'Leary said. "It's still a church, there just aren't services.

"We're going toward the finish line," O'Leary said. "We can see it, but it's still a long way. We hope when the weather warms up, more volunteers will come out."

For more information, or to get involved, call O'Leary at 646-2560 or Fielder at 524-7210.



Before restoration began, obvious cracks could be seen in the façade of Phillips Chapel. Even more damage was discovered behind the plaster covering the adobe walls.

In 2010, Fred Apodaca Jr. and Tony Dahlin were some of the first students to work on the historic chapel is part of the Doña Ana Community College adobe restoration and historic preservation class.

During the second annual Community Walking Tour in March 2010, church steward Clarence Fielder discusses the many artifacts found under the church by restoration students, including medicine bottles, ink wells and a straight edge razor.





Course instructor David Chavez explains to Stephanie Sweet the process of adding adobe to the building during a student workday in February 2011. That was the last semester the DACC preservation class was held.



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Friday, January 6, 2012 Las Cruces Bulletin The incentive clock is ticking

Still a good time for a solar investment

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It's a new year, and some solar incentive programs have stayed the same while others have changed dramatically. Yet, it is still a great time to power your world with solar.

Last year was a record year for solar worldwide and in New Mexico. Tens of megawatts of solar generating power were added in Doña Ana County alone. Not to mention the hundreds of jobs and other economic benefits. All those solar panels will quietly and cleanly produce electricity from sunrise to sunset for the next 30 to 50 years.

This year is already proving to be even bigger than the last. We enter 2012 with the 40 percent tax credits intact. We still have great production incentives to pay you just for producing electricity, in addition to the savings for making your own electricity.

So you haven't missed out – the powerful incentives that have driven this growth are still available. Now, more and more business and home owners are awaking to the real power of solar. The power to improve our



With the new year came changes to solar-related incentives. While some declined, others improved, making 2012 still a great year to purchase solar panels.

economy, environment and financial position in one move.

With the tax credits and electricity savings the same as last year, I would like to explain how the new solar production incentives work for homeowners in 2012. The small solar program is now divided into four "timed" tiers extending over the next two years.

The accompanying chart describes the tiers, their timing and value. The application dates refer to when the application is accepted by El Paso Electric Co. The value per kilowatt hour (kW/h) is how much you are paid for each kilowatt hour of electricity generated by your solar PV system. Again, this is in addition to the electric bill savings you realize from the power generated by your solar PV system.

One big change is all new contracts issued under this production incentive program terminate on Dec. 31, 2020. So the sooner your system is active, the greater the benefits of the program. The value per kW/h at the time you enter the program remains in effect for the duration, so the new lower pricing only affects new entrants.

Let's look at how much you could make from an average size system of about four

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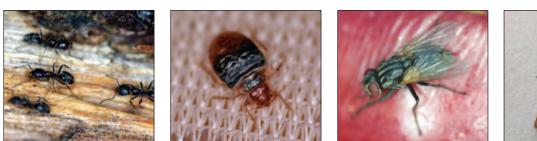
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Tier	Application Dates	Value per kW/h								
1	Jan. 1-June 30, 2012	10 cents								
2	July 1-Dec. 31, 2012	8 cents								
3	Jan. 1-June 30, 2013	6 cents								
4	July 1-Dec. 31, 2014	4 cents								

kilowatts. A reasonably optimized system should generate approximately 7,353 kW/h per year. You receive financial benefits from two programs. The tiered program in the chart will provide \$735 per year. Let's consider the average electric rate for this area is 12 cents per kW/h. When you count the direct electric bill savings you expect to receive from generating your electricity, then your annual electric bill is reduced by another \$882. The total annual value from the two programs is \$1,617.

This is still a great time to go solar. Incentives are still strong and solar panel prices are down. But the clock for this program started ticking on Jan. 1. Perhaps, this is the year you discover what many others in New Mexico have already learned. All energy comes from the sun and it makes sense ... dollars and cents.

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Wanted: Argentine ant, bed bug, house fly and Indian meal moth. Other pests to be on the lookout for include the German cockroach, fruit fly, house mouse, odorous house ant, subterranean termite and yellow jacket.

A bug soirée Top 10 pests to look out for



Scott Svenheim ACE Pest Detective

With the new year upon us, it's time to round up and predict the top 10 home offenders to be on the look out for this year: America's Most Unwanted Pests.

With each passing day, pests will continue to evolve – after all they have for millions of years – but so will our tried and true treatment methods. So let's call out these top troublesome urban pests that will probably rack up the most commotion with their pesky behaviors.

- Argentine ant: With roots tracing back to Argentina and Brazil, this notorious pest is common across the southern United States and California. Believe it or not, ants are public enemy number one given they are the main reason homeowners call their pest control company. With more than 700 species in the U.S., it's important to acknowledge the fact that each species is treated uniquely.
- Bed bug: This six-legged nuisance marches beyond the bed perimeters. In actuality, it's become a growing concern with cruise ships, airlines, movie theaters, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, military barracks and so on.
- Fruit fly: This group of flies remains a restaurant's worst nightmare because of its remarkable ability to breed in small amounts of rotting fruit, vegetables, fermenting liquids, even contaminated mop water that is sitting in floor cracks.
- German cockroach: Carrying up to 33 various types of bacteria, this germ-ridden insect is one of the most dangerous

pests to be on the look out for. Ideally, you want to recruit a pest control professional since female cockroaches can lay an egg capsule containing 30 to 40 young at a time. House fly: This household pest is considered more of a

- health threat because it has the capacity to transmit disease organisms from fecal matter to human food.
- House mouse: Because of their secretive nature and outstanding breeding potential, we know mice can be very difficult to control and eliminate altogether.
- Indian meal moth: This moth claims the number one title for "pest of stored foods," especially seeds, pet food, popcorn and grain kernels. Once they snowball into high numbers in stored products, fumigation is usually necessary.
- Odorous house ant: Known for its rotten coconut scent, this ant can be found almost everywhere. They pose as a menace because colonies tend to be quite large with many queens.
- Subterranean termite: Sadly, termites cause billions in property damage each year and residents living in the South can definitely relate since it has always been a big problem in that region. These destructive bugs are present year-round, thriving off of wood, warmth and moisture.
- Yellow jacket: The last pest you want to aggravate is the yellow jacket wasp given their ability to sting multiple times and reel in the help of sisters to join the attack. Typically, they nest in the ground, in aerial nests and some inside buildings.

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The wondrous wallpaper Decorate your home and your life

By Beth Sitzler

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With the New Year comes new changes, and while some may vow to better their internal self, others may turn outward to improve the space around them.

If you promised that 2012 is the year you finally buckle down and make those home improvements, you'll have to start with a trip to your local hardware store. As you pick up your pieces of wood, tubes of glue and bevy of power tools, don't forget to stop by the wallpaper section.

Wallpaper is a decorative material used to cover the interior of homes and other structures with relative ease - depending on your wallpaper-gluing skills - and offers a larger variety of creative options. Why have plain, onecolored walls when you can have walls covered in swirling paisley, decorative bamboo branches or the straightest striped lines possible?

After your do-it-yourself project is tackled, you may have extra wallpaper and no plans to use it. Instead of tossing it out, use that leftover paper in some fun and creative ways.

1. Line your drawers: It may seem hard to believe, but lining your drawers does serve an important purpose - it protects your clothing from snags and splinters caused by the wood surface. Rather than buying specially designed shelving paper, line your dresser drawers with leftover sheets of wallpaper. Select your most decorative and beloved wallpaper, and cut it into strips long enough to fill the drawer. Set them inside and add your clothing.

2. Refurbish an old folding screen: A folding screen can be an easy way to decorate and breakup the space in your home or apartment. If you happen to find one at a garage sale or thrift store, ignore the rips or stains and purchase it. Once you get it home, you can cover the screen and its imperfections with extra wallpaper. The paper can be glued to the original material or taped to the top and bottom of the screen.

3. Keep your textbooks covered: Along with sharpening new pencils and labeling unused folders, the beginning of the school year also brings about covering textbooks. Skip the boring brown paper bag, and wrap your kids' books in wallpaper. Not only will wallpaper give more color and decorative options, it will also be more durable, being able to withstand pen and pencil marks and even the elements, such as rain and snow.

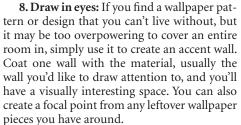
4. Mat your photos: Give your picture frames some added pizzazz with wallpaper. Cut a sheet of the paper to fit inside your desired frame, and you'll have a unique mat for your photos. This is an easy way to coordinate photos throughout your home. The decorative stuff can also be used to grace the pages of your scrapbook.

5. Make your own window shades: Dull window shades don't have to make your room a snooze. Add some excitement with wallpaper.

Attach the paper to the shade using safety pins or some thread. The paper can be easily changed for a new look. The creative possibilities are endless, so use your imagination.

6. Decorate your ceiling: Take a look at most homes and you'll notice one feature that is commonly neglected - the ceiling. Not only hard to get to, painting the ceiling can also be incredibly messy. One fateful drop can ruin your carpet, furniture or eyes. Give your ceiling some personality with less mess by covering it with wallpaper. Using the same wallpaper that graces the rest of the room will create the illusion of height to the space, while using a different variety will add texture and interest.

7. Spruce up a dollhouse: Is that dollhouse looking a bit drab? Has your kids' play castle lost its sparkle? Breathe new life into their sad walls with some leftover wallpaper. Line the walls with the paper as you would in your home - although, this may not work on plastic structures. When you're done, your doll or playhouse will look like a whole new residence.



9. Create a backdrop: Help lead the eye to your piece of artwork by creating a backdrop for it out of wallpaper. Selecting a design and color complementary to your art, cut a large square or rectangle piece of paper and attach it to the wall. The backdrop is a great way to frame a canvas that doesn't have a frame.

10. Make a canvas: If you have extra paintable wallpaper laying around, transform it into a canvas. Simply stretch it over a frame, staple it in place and create your own works of art.

Around-the-house item: Wallpaper





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Stir-fries for playtime Healthy dishes are also easy to prepare

Sunny Conley Chile Knights



With the January weather exceptionally delicious - warm and sunny - chances are you'll want to spend more time outside than in.

Take advantage of this possibly temporary playtime with long walks, bicycle rides, rounds of golf or whack tennis balls. When you've stirred up an appetite, whip up a stir-fry.

They're quick, easy to prepare and good for you - think healthy. More importantly, they're tasty and filling. These stir-fry recipes are guaranteed to satisfy a ravenous appetite. Complement the main entrée with rice or potatoes (consider fingerlings) and a fresh fruit salad.

Delicious Hot Stir Fry Sauce

Keep this sauce on hand for last minute stir-fries. Refrigerate covered for up to two weeks. It can also be used as a glaze for grilled meats.

- 2 tablespoons corn starch
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon fresh ginger, minced
- 2 teaspoons garlic, minced

Stir corn starch, brown sugar and crushed red pepper together in a small saucepan. Add remaining ingredients; stir well. Cook over medium heat stirring occasionally. Heat until mixture boils for 1 full minute. Cook and stir an additional 1 to 2 minutes, or until thickened to a syrup-like consistency. Drizzle over your favorite stir-fry just before serving. Makes 2 cups.

Valley Sauce

- 1 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic, minced 1/2 teaspoon ginger, minced, optional
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon New Mexico red chile powder
- 1/8 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoon fresh lemon or lime juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon rice wine or sherry

Heat the sesame oil in a small saucepan. Add the ginger (if desired) and garlic and stir-fry 15 to 30 second over medium heat to bring out the flavor. Add the chicken broth, soy sauce, brown sugar, red chile powder, Tabasco, salt, pepper and lemon juice. Bring just to a boil, stirring. Dissolve the cornstarch in the wine and whisk into the sauce. Heat until sauce thickens and reaches a full boil. Simmer for 30 seconds. Remove from the heat. Use immediately or refrigerate up to two weeks.

Vegetable Medley Stir Fry

Prepare this medley using one of the sauce recipes shared above.

1/4 cup shallots or purple onion, finely chopped

5 to 6 cloves garlic, minced or finely chopped 1-inch ginger chunk, sliced into

- thin, matchstick pieces 1 small fresh red jalapeño
- 1 medium-size carrot, sliced 5 to 6 shiitake mushrooms, sliced,
- or left in halves or quarters 1 small head cauliflower, cut into florets 1 small head broccoli, cut into florets 1 red bell pepper, sliced into strips

2 to 3 cups baby bok choy with leaves (if leaves are large, cut into smaller

pieces) or Chinese cabbage 1/2 cup fresh basil

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Warm a wok or large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the oil and swirl around, then add the shallot/onion, garlic, ginger, and chile. Stir-fry 1 to 2 minutes, and then add the carrot, mushrooms and cauliflower. Also add 1/4 of the stir-fry hot sauce. Continue stirfrying 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the broccoli and red bell pepper plus up to 1/2 of remaining stir-fry sauce, enough to gently simmer vegetables in the sauce, about 2 minutes. Add the bok choy or Chinese cabbage. Add more of the stir-fry sauce as needed, enough to just cover vegetables in sauce. Simmer until bok choy or Chinese cabbage is cooked but still bright green with some crispness, approximately 2 to 3 minutes more.

Remove from heat. Taste. Add more salt or chile, if desired. Garnish with fresh basil. This tastes especially delicious served over Thai jasmine-scented rice.

Sirloin Steak Stir-Fry

- 1 teaspoon beef bouillon granules
- 1 cup boiling water 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/3 cup soy sauce 1 pound boneless sirloin steak,
- cut into thin strips
- garlic clove, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
- 1 large poblano pepper, stemmed, seeded and julienned
- 1 cup carrots or celery, sliced

5 green onions, chopped into 1 inch pieces Dissolve bouillon in water. Combine the cornstarch and soy sauce until smooth; add to bouillon. Set aside. Toss beef with garlic,

ginger and pepper. In a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat, stir-fry beef in 1 tablespoon oil until cooked as desired; remove and keep warm.

Heat remaining oil; stir-fry vegetables until crisp-tender. Stir soy sauce mixture and add to the skillet; bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Return meat to pan and heat through. Serve over rice.

Apple Sassy Pork Loin Toss

2 1/2 tablespoons hoisin sauce 2 1/2 tablespoons brown sugar



After a day enjoying the Las Cruces weather, whip up your favorite stir-fry, a healthy and flavorful meal.

1/2 cup soy sauce 2/3 cup applesauce 2 chiles de arbol, crushed 1 1/4 pounds pork loin, sliced and cut into thin strips

- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons peanut oil
- 3/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon fresh
- ginger root, chopped
- 4 cups broccoli florets

Using a whisk, whip together the hoisin sauce, brown sugar, soy sauce, applesauce and chiles de arbol in a small bowl; set aside. Combine the pork and cornstarch in a bowl. Mix until the cornstarch evenly coats

the pork; set aside.

Heat the peanut oil and sesame oil in a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Cook the pork in three separate batches in the hot oil until no longer pink in the middle, 2 to 3 minutes per batch. Remove pork to a plate lined with paper towels to drain, reserving the oil. Add the ginger to the skillet; cook and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in the broccoli and cook until tender. Return the pork to the skillet and pour in the sauce; toss to coat. Cook until all ingredients are hot.

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Don't break the renovation bank 10 ways to save on your remodeling project



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Saving a little here and a little there can add up to important money, so here are some thoughts on how to save on your remodel project.

Busting the budget is a real fear of remodeling. Take the words "while you're at it" out of your vocabulary on your next remodel job. Plan exactly what you're going to do and stick to the plan. Countless dollars are spent in decisions made after the work has begun on improvements not in the original plan. This means that advance planning and investigation are absolutely important before you bid out the work.

Many homes I walk into are not storage-efficient. Take a look at your pantry and cupboards. Are you wasting space by stacking one level of canned goods in an 18-inch space? Instead of replacing your whole kitchen you may just need to add shelves and pullouts to make your kitchen more efficient. You can do the same with some of your built-in cabinets.

Next, take a look at your master closet – do you have wasted space in it? Do you really need a whole new bathroom or bedroom suite; or do you just need reorganization to make it more livable?



Before cutting a big holes in your walls or ceiling to add a window or skylight, consider getting additional light by adding a light tube which slips between the roof rafters and funnels sunshine down into your living space. This is a much less invasive and less expensive way to capture light in a space where you need it.

There are many recycling centers today and do-it-yourselfers can reap big savings with recycled or lightly used fixtures and building materials. The Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity operates the ReStore, 2301 S. Main St. Take advantage of this facility, if you haven't already discovered it. While you're at it, invite the ReStore to remove materials and fixtures for later resale when you get ready to remodel. Your cost to donate is nothing and you get a tax deduction. Do your own demolition, but make sure it's not a load-

Do your own demolition, but make sure it's not a loadbearing wall and be sure not to be electrocuted. You can shave dollars off of your remodel by doing the demolishing in the space yourself. Do as much as you can possibly handle safely.

While you're at it, you can also do your own "schlepping." Pick up your own materials from the suppliers to save the delivery costs. No pickup truck? For about \$400 you can purchase of nearly new single axle utility trailer online and tow it behind your SUV. Get one just big enough to carry a 4-by-8 sheet of drywall. Use it for half a dozen trips, and it's paid for itself.

Plan your remodel with stock sizes. The more you have to customize the more expensive it gets. Plywood and drywall come in 4-foot widths. Remember that when planning your addition. By using manufacturer's off-the-shelf dimensions from the onset you will save the premiums of custom fabrication. Doors and windows come in standard sizes; use them.

Start looking early and watch for sales. Prowl the aisles of your home center early by looking for sale items. Check Craig's List frequently. I have found wonderful buys on this source. Lighting, appliances, fixtures and cabinets are all showcased in showrooms that constantly bring in new products and replace the old. You can get great buys on many items by looking for these bargains. I'm currently working on a new-home construction where we've used floor sample kitchen cabinets from a local high-end supplier. We've saved a great deal of money on this part of the project.

Consider look-alikes. Some imitations just make sense. There is a new brand name of wood called "Lyptus." Harvested from plantations in Brazil, the clear-grained hardwood looks and feels just like mahogany. It is sold in tongue and groove flooring and in planks and sheets for cabinetry and millwork. Use it instead of mahogany and you will save more than half.

Splurge on a couple of nice things, but keep it simple on the rest. For example, instead of purchasing your entire tiling job in a costlier hand painted or art glass variety, use the more expensive pieces as accents and use the less expensive as your base. You can still have an expensive look without breaking the bank.

Make your sweat equity count. If you want to save money, dig in and start helping out. You can paint, sand or clean up every day instead of paying someone else. Talk to your contractor about what you can do to save dollars while you're remodeling. It all adds up.

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