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Tickled pink: \$570,581 is total raised Cinco de Pink campaign tops past fundraising

Bulletin Staff Report

New Mexico State University Aggies Are Tough to Wear Pink (TETWP) organizers have closed the books on their 2011 campaign and report a total \$570,581 in cash and in-kind contributions will be presented to Cowboys for Cancer Research.

This total reflects \$22,465 in additional contributions made by local business, schools and individuals after the \$548,116 check presentation made during halftime of NMSU's annual Tough Enough to Wear Pink football game in October.

This marks an 8.6 percent increase over the 2010 total of \$525,439 and brings the volunteer group's five-year cash and in-kind fundraising total to more than \$2.3 million.

"One hundred percent of the cash we raise, after operational expenses, is invested in endowments created by our partners, Cowboys for Cancer Research," said TETWP co-chairs Laura Conniff, Pat Sisbarro, Magellia Boston and Mary Henson in a joint statement. "It is the interest income from these endowments that help fund the amazing breast cancer research being done here at New Mexico State University and the UNM Cancer Center."

Significant in the additional contributions were \$10,940 raised by Las Cruces Public Schools students and administrators and \$15,793 from the Gadsden Independent School District.

Kevin Davis, president of the Cowboys for Cancer Research board of directors, said the \$570,581 represents more than money.

"It represents the continuing commitment of a wonderful group of volunteers lead by Pat, Laura, Magellia and Mary," Davis said. "More than that, it represents the kindness and generosity of sponsors like Memorial Medical Center, MountainView Regional Medical Center, NMSU and the people of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County."



HELPING HANDS

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Las Cruces City Councillor Gill Sorg, center left, unloads a box of potatoes at homeless emergency food bank Casa de Peregrinos Wednesday, Nov. 22. Among the volunteers helping to bag the potatoes is Doña Ana County Assessor Andy Segovia, standing besides Sorg in the dark shirt. With the increase of homeless people in the area, all local charities and nonprofits that serve the poor are in need of donations of food, warm clothes, cash donations and volunteers as the holiday season begins.

AG joins group to fight foreclosures

Mayor also supports bill to mediate foreclosure process

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

With foreclosures on the rise in New Mexico, Attorney General Gary King and Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima have given their support to a community action group's push to get mortgage foreclosure reform on the agenda for the Legislature that starts Jan. 17, 2012.

Because it's a 30-day session, lawmakers are limited to fashioning a budget, unless Gov.

Susana Martinez adds other issues. New Mexico Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé) is calling on Martinez to add taking action on slowing down mortgage foreclosures.

King said his Consumer Affairs Division last session helped write the Mortgage Fair Foreclosure Act, sponsored by state Sen. Michael Sanchez. It didn't succeed in getting passed, King said, because many didn't understand the problem.

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HUD awards county new \$2 million grant

Planning program to offer 'toolbox' for sustainability

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

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is awarding \$2 million to Doña Ana County to pay for intensive planning over the next three years to support communities becoming more sustainable.

HUD Administrator Derrih Watchman-Moore said the planning grant is only one of 29 awarded nationwide in an effort

to do more than just create low-income housing. In addition, the HUD grants seek to help communities to create jobs locally, preferably within walking distance of their homes.

That's because one factor keeping the poor impoverished is that they are spending 52 cents of every dollar they make on housing and transportation, Watchman-Moore said. If housing and transportation can be made more affordable, they can continue to live where they have traditionally lived, she said.

Watchman-Moore praised the Doña Ana County proposal, called the Camino Real Regional

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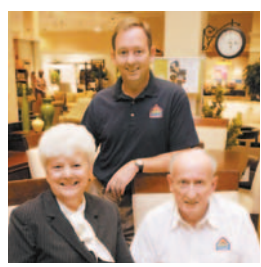
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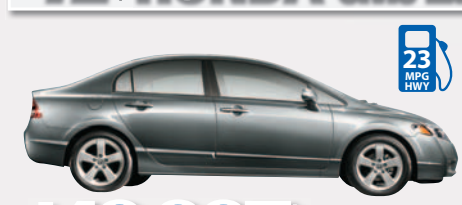


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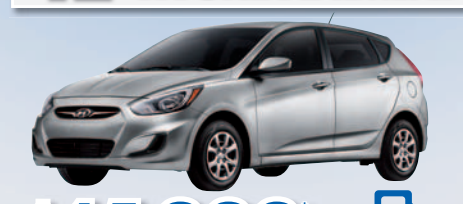
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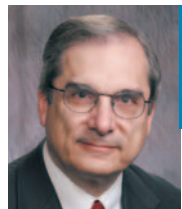
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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

What do we value?

In difficult times, we sometimes lose sight of the things that should be of most importance

According to economists, the recession has been over for some time now. However, for many Americans, there is still much uncertainty and concern for the future.

What is different from today, compared to past difficult times, is that there seem to be no absolutes about what's happening around us.

We read about high unemployment and difficulty for thousands of people to find jobs. Yet, many businesses that are trying to grow and gain market share complain that they cannot find prospective employees who are willing to work.

We hear complaints about people not having money to spend on necessities. On the other hand, it seems like everyone has a fancy mobile phone with a bunch of apps and probably a pretty expensive monthly service charge.

Young adults expect to have a big home, shiny new cars (running on \$3 per gallon gasoline) and 50-inch flat screen televisions with high-definition cable or satellite reception.

Generic coffee is unacceptable to many in today's "me-my-mine" culture.

Expensive designer shoes and accessories are considered essentials in today's world, although the most expensive pair of shoes I ever bought was less than \$75.

It's interesting that people who complain about the poor economy are the same ones who will shell out \$100 for a concert ticket.

The "Occupy Wall Street" folks say they are justifiably emulating the anti-war protests of the 1960s. However, I have yet to hear one sound bite, nor have I read a written analysis, where anyone has been able to make any sense about what this "occupy" thing is all about, other than disrupt others and, at times, make it difficult for those who are trying to earn an honest living, to do their respective jobs.

A key question we should ask ourselves is "What is really important in our lives?"

Fortunately, in Las Cruces, many residents are realistic about the world in which we live today. Las Cruces as a whole are very generous. Examples are the exceptional local fundraising efforts like the NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink and the March of Dimes High Heels for High Hopes. In October, the Pink campaign generated nearly \$600,000 for breast cancer research and awareness. In November, the High Heels one-night event raised a record amount of more than \$125,000.

This is a terrific fundraising track record for a community like ours with fewer than 100,000 residents in southern New Mexico.

When given the opportunity to speak about our business, and how our company has managed to successfully grow during slow economic times, I typically outline the three primary reasons for our success.

First, we created a very clear vision of what we expect to accomplish. In our company our mission is "to provide an informative and entertaining newspaper for and about the people and businesses of Las Cruces, New Mexico." Every decision we make is based on that single-minded purpose.

Second, our employees are the best and brightest and are willing and able to work well with others.

Third, we operate our business from a solid spiritual foundation, without which we would likely founder when times get tough.

Additionally, we always try to say "Thank you" often to our customers, our vendors and our staff. So, at this special time of Thanksgiving, we simply "thank you," and wish each person and their family the very best during this holiday season.



Letters to the Editor

Sabin, not Salk, credited with polio eradication

For several reasons, I read with special interest the Nov. 11 Bulletin column about the March of Dimes history and its references to polio.

In 1955-60, as features editor at Medical News in New York City, I attended many conferences on the resurgence of that virus, and the hope that each of the vaccines needed against all three polio types – to be injected separately over time – might prove both safe and effective.

Vaccines prepared and tested by Dr. Salk himself did make the grade. Soon, the federal government gave the green light for their commercial preparation. While the Salk vaccines helped block any further epidemics, after their widespread use the story suddenly took an unpredicted turn for the worse.

Some of the vaccinated came down with polio, some with severe "Guillain-Barre" Syndrome and some died.

Contrary to the Bulletin column, the Salk vaccine never did wipe out polio. Fortunately, during the same time, another March of Dimes researcher, Dr. Albert Sabin, had been testing his new polio vaccine given orally.

Finally, after widespread field testing of

the oral vaccine in Toluca, Mexico, I heard Dr. Sabin announce his success at a medical conference in Atlantic City.

The rest is history. Sabin was officially credited for wiping out polio here and making it more and more rare worldwide.

Following its remarkable victory over polio, the March of Dimes focused its expertise on another urgent need: improving the outcome of pregnancy, particularly prevention of birth defects.

Fortunately, I witnessed that transition, since I had joined the staff as chief science writer during the peak of the vaccine saga. Under the leadership of the organization's medical director, the incomparable Dr. Thomas Rivers from the Rockefeller Institute, the National Foundation-March of Dimes awakened the nation to the pressing need for better maternal and infant care.

Credit also goes to his assistant, Dr. Virginia Apgar. She not only championed the cause for healthier mothers and neonates, but also devised a "scorecard" for evaluating a baby's status immediately upon birth. Aptly named the Apgar Score, it's now widely used in delivery rooms here and throughout the world.

Margaret Markham

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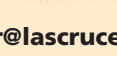
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Thanksgiving is a special day

Nearly all of us remember the reason we celebrate

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. One of the reasons is that Americans still remember why we celebrate it.

Nearly all of us truly remember to give thanks and celebrate the holiday. Unlike Christmas, there is no stress around giving and receiving presents. The purpose of celebrating

Thanksgiving is very simple and easy to observe.

We're told that all cultures observe some sort of day to give thanks. It seems to be a basic human need to back away from trouble, stress and daily commotion and reflect on one's blessings no matter how meager they may be.

In this part of the country, where we can boast a European presence that predates English settlements on the East Coast, we have some fun claiming that America's first Thanksgiving occurred near El Paso in 1598.

That's when Don Juan de Oñate and his large group of settlers paused on their journey northward to feast and give thanks to God for getting them through the desert and

Have yourself a wealthy Thanksgiving

Each year, most of us recognize how blessed we truly are

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



We are a nation of plenty. Our nation's most threadbare citizens are quite blessed when compared to many citizens in other countries. Americans seem to be "The cup is half empty" type of people when what obscures the enjoyment of our bountiful blessings is the politics of envy and entitlement. Since someone has more than we do the government needs to do something.

Thanksgiving is an American notion: a time to be thankful for that we have received. Each year for a brief moment in November we recognize how blessed we truly are and hopefully have a wealthy Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, this year much of the dialog from our political leaders is focused not on what we have but rather what others have that we do not. The politics of envy and entitlement sours our holiday spirit. The notion is that Americans are injured when some Americans having considerable more than others. This is without understanding that most Americans have all they truly need.

Sitting down for the Thanksgiving feast are people who bow their heads reverently and give thanks. Others mutter impatiently, "About time." With the butter from homemade rolls on their lips this second group carps about what has not come their way. Their mantra: "I deserve this that I have and even more."

Many people consider this day a day of lassitude and gluttony. W.J. Cameron said, "Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." This holiday was my father's favorite, even above Veterans Day. As a WWII soldier on the front lines for several years, I suspect he carried thoughts of the times he might have died and those who did. He would not talk about war. But at times he got a far-away look.

He was his most talkative, not that it was much, on Thanksgiving. One winter day he and I went to the store to get a couple last things for the Thanksgiving feast. On the spur of the moment I asked, "Which Thanksgiving did you like the best?" He took a long puff on his cigarette and said meditatively, "Thanksgiving 1944 in the winter mud of Italy."

With a far-away look he said, "It was the first hot meal me and my buddies had in a long while. As I was sitting there eating hot food, I realized that the war was coming to an end and next Thanksgiving I had a good chance of being home. At that moment I was warm and full and happy. I have never been happier."

We drove up to the store and he retreated back to his quiet nature. He was quite frugal with words to anyone other than those who served with him in combat. And with them they talked in code with one or two words and knowing looks.

Was my father wealthy? Perhaps he was because he was completely satisfied with what he had and did not lust after the possessions of his neighbors. He had less than some of his neighbors but he never seemed to notice. Every Thanksgiving was a wealthy time for him.

This whole discussion about wealth in our country falls apart when it comes to defining wealth. Other than super rich we have no definition of those Americans who are wealthy as compared to those who are not. Politicians say America's wealthy are harmful to our country because they have a yacht. Again, the half-empty-glass thinking of what we do not have versus are we well-fed, warm and safe?

Our most dangerous age is now with the government mandate to redistribute the resources of our country for political gain.

Well, Swickard, do you not want to be fair? Absolutely, and that is why when one American has something, it is their possession, not something for the government to confiscate. Without property rights we cease to be a free nation. I do not buy into the notion if they did not have their wealth I would be better off.

This Thanksgiving I give thanks to God for that which I have. I do not look with envy and entitlement at the possession of other Americans. I hope each of you have a wealthy Thanksgiving.

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The observance of Thanksgiving is so comfortable. Family gathers, often from afar. Sometimes good friends without family are included. Generations of cooks gather in the kitchen to discuss and prepare old recipes.

The smell of turkey and the trimmings begin to fill the air. Old stories are told, getting better every year. After dinner, generations of males step outside to toss around a football. And sometimes grandpa is taken to the emergency room after aggravating that old shoulder injury.

Which brings us to those who can't take off for the holiday – the nurses and emergency room workers, police and firefighters, airline employees and truckers and most of all, those who serve and protect us around the world. For some, this will be the first Thanksgiving away from home and loved ones. Some will be in National Guard units called to active duty stations far away. For them, the taste of turkey will have very special meaning.

Here are some more reasons Thanksgiving is special. It is a four-day weekend for most people. Who works on the Friday after Thanksgiving? Most employers don't even expect it. Employees trade it for a vacation day or for a non-observed holiday such as President's Day.

Of course, mall employees work even harder than usual on the day after Thanksgiving because it is the beginning of the holiday season, the busiest shopping day of the year. It is called Black Friday because it is the day when many retailers say they finally get to quit using red ink on their bottom line.

Thanksgiving also is a day when it is acceptable to stuff oneself and grudgingly permissible to watch sports all day. Well, almost all day. Do we really have to turn off the Cowboy game during dinner?

Thanksgiving gives political columnists the opportunity to give thanks for another controversial governor about whom there always will be something to write. The holiday also gives the opportunity to talk about the politicians who have made our turkey lists this year.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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Letter to the Editor

A generation above reproach

While I am ordinarily amused by the usual pedantic screed issuing from Michael Hays, I am not amused by his cavalier comments about "many" of "the Greatest Generation" in the first two paragraphs of his latest diatribe. I guess he was trying to be clever with his snide "lucky me," but "it ain't funny, McGee!"

I was 9 years old with two older brothers and a younger sister and my father was 41 in 1942 when he entered the service, and called himself the oldest second lieutenant in the military. (He was a 1922 graduate of Texas A&M and he and his classmates were in New York, preparatory to embarking for Europe when the World War I armistice was declared.)

He left our mom and us at home and was gone for four years, serving in both the Pacific and European theaters. He was a hard-working man of integrity and the best man I have ever known, and he loved his family and his home as much as any man ever has.

Maybe I'm overreacting, but when I catch even a hint of criticism of that generation, it gets my instant attention and I will not tolerate it.

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Tree lighting ceremony



The City of Las Cruces will hold its annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave., between Las Cruces City Hall and Branigan Memorial Library. Mayor Ken Miyagishima will host the free event. Hot chocolate and snacks will be served and entertainment will be provided by the Las Cruces High School Choir Swing Ensemble.

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Pills

While sitting next to a 20-something young woman on the airplane, I shook a handful of peanut butter M&M's into my palm. She said, "I wish I'd bought some of those, too."

I offered her one but she declined, "Oh, no," she sighed, "I've got these."

She indicated a plastic baggie with enough pills and capsules, big and little, to fill a dinner plate.

I looked at her more closely, thinking she was allergic, had a contagious disease, was trying to get pregnant or had recently been diagnosed with malaria. But no, she had clear skin, pink cheeks, bright eyes, perfectly sculpted brows and dark, shiny hair.

"Vitamins and ..." she said, scrolling through a quick inventory of enough patent medicines, supplements, tablets, palliatives, pills, purges and boluses to stock a third-world whole foods market.

She explained how each protected, eliminated, balanced, disrupted, prevented, increased and/or cured virtually anything she might be exposed to on the planet Earth.

I was taken aback. She asked me what health supplements I took.

"Does coffee and Copenhagen count?" I asked.

"Not really," she said. "I mean something that makes you feel better. They've got a pill for everything, ya know."

"Well, I try to eat at least one jalapeño a day with Miracle Whip on it," I said.

But then I got to thinking. Do they have a pill for forgetting your grandson's name?

Or one to protect me from rudeness? Maybe a spray to protect me from animal rights lunatics. How 'bout one to give me more hours in a day?

We'd be rushing to get the calves sorted for shipment. The trucks are arriving at 9:30 a.m. We've been working since daylight and still have 275 cows and calves to sort.

I could stop the crew and administer each of them a time-out pill that will give each of us another hour and a half that day. Everyone would set his watch back and relax.

Have you ever put your credit card bill in your box and forgot it? On the date your bill comes due you remember, but there's no way to avoid paying that extra 17 percent interest on the next bill.

I have. I panic, what a waste of money. But say you had a bottle of pay-back capsules that you could take that instantly eliminate the penalty ... penalty pills. You take them, then send your bill in late but the pills keep you from being charged the interest.

Have you ever raised your hand at a livestock auction, only to find that you're still bidding on the last animal that went through and not the one in the ring? And you don't really have a place for a burro. You pop a "Whoa, hold it!" pill. It works like nitroglycerine and immediately wipes out the last thing you said.

There could be "whoops" pills, "overs" pills, "wait up" pills, and "it was an accident" pills and "silencer" pills for those times you spoke your mind - and shouldn't have. Which could be me. Pass me a silencer, I'll swallow it whole.

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Home, auto break-ins on the rise, police say

Chief: Hard economic times to blame

Bulletin Staff Report

Las Cruces is seeing an increase in home burglaries as the summer wound down and an even more recent spike in auto break-ins, according to police.

At a recent series of community meetings, police talked to residents about the increased criminal activity and gave guidelines for forming neighborhood watch programs.

Since July, there has been a steady increase in home burglaries and a jump in thefts from autos in October. Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams said many of the thefts were made possible because people simply didn't lock up their vehicles, and that has him concerned with the holiday shopping season about to begin.

With the economy slow to make a turnaround, people are becoming more desperate, Williams said. That's why he requested newly re-elected Mayor Ken Miyagishima to hold district meetings to focus on the problem and get more neighborhood watches started.

Past neighborhood programs had become too rigidly structured and resulted in fewer such associations, Miyagishima said. City officials worked with police to make the neighborhood watches easier to get started and maintained, he said.

Miyagishima also suggested that residents hold occasional "coffee nights" in which neighbors can informally get acquainted.

"That's what it's all about: getting to know each other," he said.

The increasing problem of home break-ins became better known after Glenn and Sally Cutter – long-time owners of a jewelry store and art gallery in the city – were the victims of a brazen home invasion where they live in Mesilla. They were reportedly tied up and robbed after their return home Friday, Nov. 18.

Inside their home, the Cutters were confronted by two armed, masked men who stole jewelry and money from the couple. According to reports, the men also tried to get access to the Cutter's gallery.

The Mesilla Marshal's Office and the Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office are investigating the case.

Anyone with information about the case are asked to call the sheriff's office at 525-1911 or 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.

Police give safety tips

Holiday shopping precautions offered

The Las Cruces Police Department is reminding holiday shoppers of some basic safety tips to help keep them out of harm's way and avoid being victims of crime.

Possibly the most sensible rule also doubles as the most enjoyable: take a friend and travel in pairs. Women – and men – are less vulnerable to criminal activity when traveling as a pair.

- Other shopping safety tips include:
- Do not leave valuables or merchandise visible in a vehicle. Conceal those items in a trunk or take them home before continuing to shop.
 - Roll up windows and lock doors when leaving your vehicle.
 - If you take children shopping, keep them within sight and close at all times.
 - Do not allow young children to go shopping on their own.
 - Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle.
 - If possible, avoid placing a purse in a shopping cart. If you do, use the cart's safety


- strap to help secure it.
- Carry your purse close to your body or, better yet, avoid taking a purse and carry a wallet in a front pocket.
- When possible, pay for items with a credit or debit card and avoid flashing large amounts of cash while shopping.
- Do not overburden yourself by carrying too many bags or packages – especially in darkened or busy parking lots.
- If shopping after dark, park in a well-lighted area and near the storefront.
- A second parking option is to park near the shopping cart return "corral" so you can unload merchandise and return the cart without walking across a parking lot.
- Do not hesitate to ask store security for an escort to your vehicle.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity.
- Tell a friend or family member when and where you're going, and when you're expected to return.

City of Las Cruces

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Description	Number	Pre-Bid/Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Sonoma Ranch Blvd South Extension	11-12-401	MANDATORY, November 30, 2011 / 2:00 pm Rm. 2104, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces	December 14, 2011 / 2 pm

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Coming Up

Girls Scouts event set Dec. 3

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Council is seeking community partners, collaborators, sponsors, exhibitors, performers, speakers and volunteers for an event at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Help inspire girls to discover the challenges and fun

in making a difference in the world around them. For more information, contact Monica Jasso at 526-2532 or mjasso@gdsdsw.org.

Lil' Kickers registration set

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will hold registration for the Lil' Kickers Youth Indoor Soccer League from Nov. 21-Dec. 22, at Meerscheidt Recreation

Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.

The league is open to boys and girls ages 4 to 7. The program will provide a fun, exciting and fast-paced environment for kids to enjoy and learn the game of soccer.

Teams will consist of 12 players per team (five versus five on the playing field. All individuals will be selected for a team through a lottery process application – this does not guarantee a spot). Cost is \$35 per participant, which includes a team jersey. Space is

limited. Payment will be submitted after a child has been placed on a team.

The league is composed of the two divisions, ages 4 and 5 in pre-k and kindergarten, and ages 6 and 7 in first and second grades. Children must be within their age group on or by Jan. 20, 2012.

A manager's meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2012, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. A coaches/players clinic is scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 14, 2012, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center. The league is scheduled to begin play on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, for eight weeks.

Meerscheidt Recreation Center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

For more information, call Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Model airplane club has fly-in

The Mesilla Valley Model Airplane Club (MVMAC) is hosting a fly-in event for electric-powered aircraft from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, at the New Mexico State University Intramural Field on Locust Avenue.

The event is free to the public.

Modelers with electric-powered aircraft and an AMA membership are welcome to participate for a \$10 entry fee. The fee includes a \$5 ticket for use at Jesse's KC BBQ truck, which will be on-site.

For more information and directions, view the MVMAC event flyer at www.mvmac.org/funfly2011.pdf, or contact John Womack at 522-0785.

Habitat for Humanity wraps gifts

Habitat for Humanity is partnering with Barnes & Noble Booksellers for a gift wrap-

ping fundraiser at Mesilla Valley Mall from Friday, Nov. 25, to Saturday, Dec. 24. All proceeds benefit Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity.

Volunteers are needed to help gift wrap. For more information, call Mary Ellen at 932-9522 or 524-0691, or come by the MVHFH office at 720 N. Santa Fe St.

Kiwanis Can Tree Food Drive

The ninth annual Las Cruces Kiwanis Foundation Christmas CanTree food drive will begin Thursday, Dec. 8, at the east end of Walmart Supercenter, 571 Walton Blvd., and will continue through Sunday, Dec. 11.

Donations for the tree can be made 24 hours a day. Only canned goods will be used to erect the actual CanTree, however, dried and packaged food will be accepted for distribution as well.

Collections will be donated to Gospel Rescue Mission, Casa de Peregrinos and El Caldito Soup Kitchen for distribution to needy families in Doña Ana County. C

ash donations will be accepted on-site by Kiwanis members or may be mailed to: Las Cruces Kiwanis Foundation (501c3), P.O. Box 6357, Las Cruces, NM 88006.

Checkpoints are planned

Las Cruces Police will conduct at least three sobriety checkpoints within city limits before Thursday, Nov. 30.

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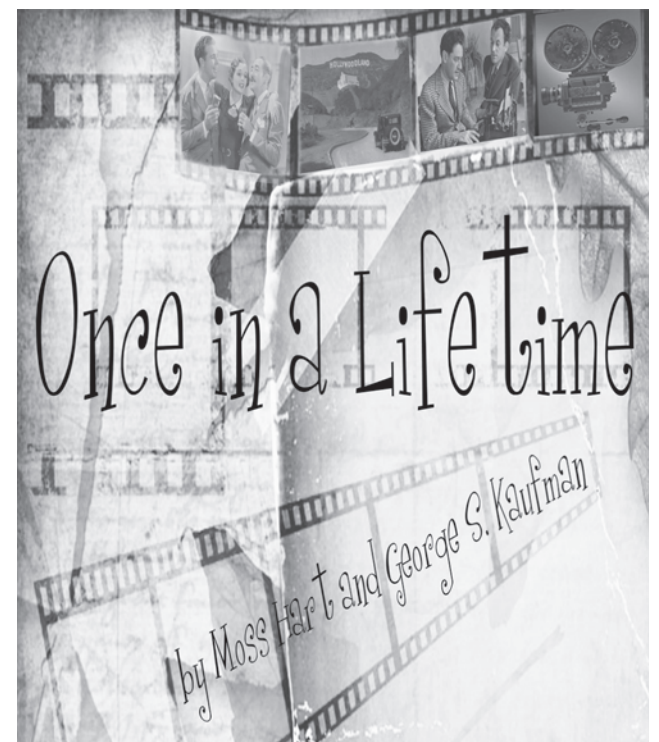
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Coming Up

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

Additional enforcement activities may include saturation, 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.

AARP seeks tax preparers

AARP is seeking volunteers for the upcoming tax preparation season from February through April 2012.

Both English and Spanish-speaking preparers are needed.

A one-week half-day tax preparation class will be offered in January 2012. For more information, call 521-0409 or 525-0299.

Cardboard contraptions at Saturday Science

The Saturday Science program at the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History, 700 N. Telshor Blvd., in Mesilla Valley Mall, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Elementary school children will learn how to make a moving toy from cardboard.

The program is free, but registration is required.

All the children need is an idea and a few materials: cardboard, tape, scissors, a straw and a few odds and ends for decorative purposes. Using these items, children explore elements such as cams, levers and linkages to create mechanical toys and sculptures.

Cardboard Automata is a playful and innovative way to learn about machines while incorporating science and art into one activity.

Children can let their

imaginings soar as they build a working toy out of everyday articles. They then have something to take home to entertain family and friends.

Saturday Science is program that explores different topics throughout the year. The classes are educational and fun-filled.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturdays; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays; and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, call 522-3120 or visit <http://museums.las-cruces.org>.

If an accommodation for a disability is needed for full participation in this event, call the museum 48 hours before the event at 522-3120.

Antiques and collectibles show at St. Genevieve's

St. Genevieve's annual winter arts, crafts, antiques and collectible show and sale will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at St. Genevieve's Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. Admission is \$2 and is good for both days. Free appraisals will be offered and food and drink will be available.

For more information, call 523-0974.

SWEC screens environmental films Dec. 2

The Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., will screen two films from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

"The Lorax" is Dr. Seuss' classic tale of a community that has misused their natural resources.

"White Fang" is the heart-warming tale of a young man and the mixed dog-wolf he rescues.

Both films are fun, kid-friendly and sure to get families talking about

conservation issues.

Popcorn and juice will be provided by SWEC and all children will go home with a wolf-themed activity booklet. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 522-5552 or visit www.wildmesquite.org.

Science Café at Museum of Art

Science Café will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St.

Michael Shinabery, educational specialist at the New Mexico Museum of Space History in Alamogordo will present "50 Years of NASA Scientific Spinoffs."

This Science Café is presented to complement the showing of the Smithsonian's "NASA|ART: 50 Years of Exploration." Guests can learn about the scientific contributions NASA has made to daily life, then take time to view the outstanding art exhibit.

Sigma Xi's Science Cafe is presented by the Scientific Research Society, in cooperation with the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History. Recent research is regularly presented to advance greater public understanding and use of available science. Students and all those seeking greater knowledge of current science are encouraged to be at the Science Café.

For more information, call the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at 522-3120 or the Las Cruces Museum of Art at 541-2137.

Thursday Bridge Club

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

Motor-turkeys to go



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
New Mexico State University Motorcycle Club, the Jackalopes, delivered 20 turkeys to families around the Cesar Chavez Elementary School Saturday, Nov. 19. Pictured are Sean Hudson, Jonathan Yaphet, club President Erik Hudson, Danielle Cartier, school social worker Jeff Roybal, club Vice President Aden Johnson, James Coleman and Earl Marcellos.

Boxing set at Pan Am Dec. 3

Undefeated World Boxing Council world-rated heavyweight David "El Niño" Rodriguez (35-0, 33KO's) of El Paso and former U.S. central heavyweight champion Byron Polly will square off in a North American Boxing Union heavyweight championship event Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Pan American Center.

The fight is presented by promoter Zeferino Entertainment and Niño Bravo Production, in association with the New Mexico State University.

Also slated on the fight-card will be former No. 1 world-rated Antonio Escalante and rising female star Jennifer Han, both of El Paso.

Tickets can be purchased

at all Ticketmaster outlets, www.ticketmaster.com or at the Pan American Center Box Office.

Women vets group open

Women veterans meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each

month at the Golden Corral Family Steakhouse, 601 S. Telshor Blvd.

The social group is open to active and prior military women of all services, eras and ranks who wish to share stories and receive veteran-related information.

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Soft landing on the moon

Surveyor space craft provided valuable information about the lunar surface for manned Apollo landings



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

The 24-pound test model of a vehicle "space officials hope will some day make a soft landing on the moon," launched out of a balloon at 1,400 feet altitude over Holloman Air Force Base. "Rockets ignited, radar went into action and the craft remained stabilized until a parachute opened at 500 feet," The Associated Press reported in an article on Nov. 24, 1965 in the Alamogordo Daily News. Six months later, on June 2, 1966, Surveyor 1 made "the first successful unmanned American soft landing on the moon," said the 1969 textbook "Exploration of the Universe." Ranger probes sent there from 1961-65 hard landed, or crashed.

Surveyor weighed just over a ton at liftoff, but after using fuel and shedding guidance and landing equipment was reduced to 620 pounds, said a July 26, 1966 post-mission AP story. The goals included learning about "the radiation environment astronauts would experience ... to and from the Moon, the physical properties of the lunar soil, and the topography," said "Exploring the Unknown Volume VII" (NASA/2008). Thus, when Apollo 11 landed in July 1969, "the surface of the moon was not an unknown place," Andrew Chaikin wrote in "A Man on the Moon: The Voyages of the Apollo Astronauts."

Surveyor 1 generated "media excitement," Douglas Mudgway documented in "William H. Pickering: America's Deep Space Pioneer" (NASA/2008). Initially, however, Pickering, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, was reluctant to allow the any media real-time access. He feared Surveyor might fail. "We were pretty unsure about the success of this thing," Mudgway quoted him. But then Surveyor 1 "landed gently," Mudgway said, "activated its cameras and, without fuss or

bother, began transmitting the first pictures. ... It was accomplished so easily that it almost seemed a matter of routine, rather than being a technological feat of the first order."

Surveyor was "a stunning advance for the U.S. space program at a time when the robotic exploration of celestial objects was still in its infancy," said "Spaceflight: A Historical Encyclopedia Volume 3."

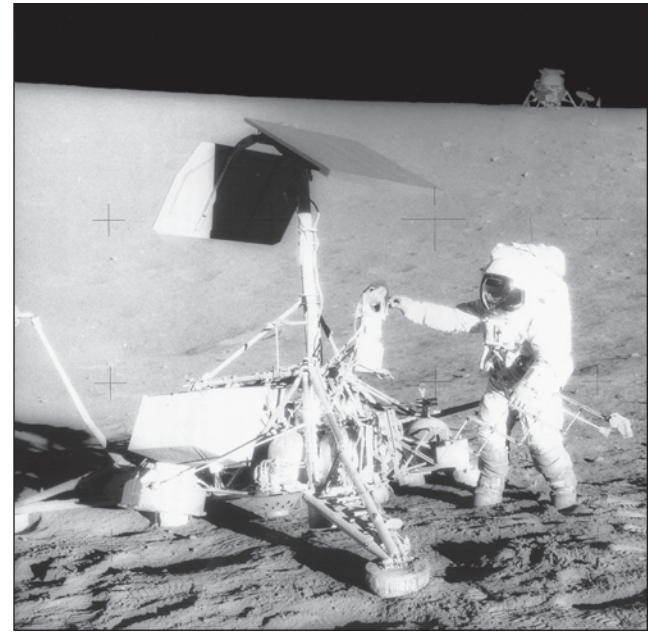
"Mounted on each leg shock absorber," according to the website nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov, were "strain gauges" that measured "landing impact." The July 26 AP story reported Surveyor's "(seven)-mile-an-hour touchdown ... caused the craft to bounce" approximately two-to-three inches in the one-sixth that-of-Earth lunar gravity. Photographs showed "the footpads dug about an inch into the soil, indicating a pressure of (eight) pounds per square inch at impact."

Surveyor transmitted more than "10,000 pictures ... before lunar sunset on June 14, 1966," including "celestial photography," nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov said. Later, "the spacecraft responded to commands to (re)activate the camera on July 7 and, by July 14, 1966, returned nearly another 1000 frames." That proved hardware could "survive the furnace heat of the lunar noon, then go through the deep freeze of the 14-day-long lunar night at temperatures nearly 500 degrees colder," Homer E. Newell, Ph.D., wrote in the 1966 National Geographic. Newell was NASA associate administrator for Space Science and Applications.

"Surveyor 1 responded faultlessly to over 100,000 commands from its Earth-bound controllers for the first month," Mudgway said. "For the first time, (the craft) enabled Apollo mission designers to see exactly what their manned landing craft and its occupants would face." Later Surveyors carried "a miniature trenching tool ... to reveal the nature of the lunar material to a depth of a few inches below the surface, turn over rocks to reveal what lay beneath and generally test the mechanical properties of the lunar soil."

Hughes Aircraft built the Surveyors "under the auspices of the California Institute of Technology (and the) Jet Propulsion Laboratory," said the September 1966 Hughes booklet "Surveyor Mission B Handbook." The robots were 11 feet high, and their three deployed legs splayed 15-feet in diameter. A first stage Atlas booster and upper stage Centaur launched the Surveyors, according to "Lunar Exploration: Human Pioneers and Robotic Surveyors." The initial 2,200-pound mass "was far beyond the Atlas-Agena's capabilities," and the Atlas-Centaur "delivered a 40 (percent) greater thrust."

Surveyor 2 lifted off on Sept. 20, 1966, and "crashed" on



NASA

Pete Conrad inspects Surveyor 3 during the Apollo 12 mission. Note the lunar lander in the distance, approximately two football-field lengths away.

the moon two days later because an engine failed to ignite, nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov said.

Surveyor 3 launched on April 17, 1967, landed in the Ocean of Storms on April 20, and transmitted 6,315 photographs and soil sample data. Two years later the Apollo 12 lunar lander "made an extraordinarily accurate touchdown only 600 feet" away, said "Men From Earth."

Radio contact failed on Surveyor 4 just 2-1/2 minutes before touchdown, on July 17, 1967.

Surveyor 5 left Earth on Sept. 8, 1967, and nearly crashed when helium, used "to slow the spacecraft during descent," leaked, said "Spaceflight." A hastily reworked plan safely put Surveyor in the Sea of Tranquility on Sept. 11, the region where Apollo 11 would alight less than two years later. On Sept. 13, controllers re-fired the engine "to determine the effect of the engine's blast on the surface."

Surveyor 6 lifted off on Nov. 7, 1967, landed on Nov. 10, and transmitted 30,065 pictures. On Nov. 17 the robot re-launched, lifted to 10 feet in altitude and landed eight feet away. "For the first time, a manmade spacecraft had lifted off under rocket power from another celestial body," stated an undated document in the New Mexico Museum of Space History Archives. "Spaceflight" said "the brief hop allowed the craft's camera a view of the original landing area and provided engineers with new data about the process of firing a rocket engine on the lunar surface."

Surveyor 7 launched on Jan. 7, 1968, and landed on the North Rim of Tycho Crater on Jan. 10. The first lunar day "the camera captured 20,961 images," "Spaceflight" said. After entering "hibernation mode to protect it from the cold lunar night," the camera would only return lower-resolution images. An Alpha Scattering Surface Analyzer that measured soil elements "returned 100 hours of data."

The Surveyor program cost \$469 million. Each successful mission ended when the batteries died.

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Nancy Blecha, Father Jim Lehman and Tommie Rodriguez at the fundraiser to help the Holy Family Ecumenical Church get back on its feet.



Travis Blecha, Nancy Blecha, John Smith with his son Jonathan, 10, Luke Blecha, Christy Hanson and Jewel Blecha all volunteered their time to cook the dinner.



Penelope, 11, Alban, 7, Mary and Bruce Huhmann arrive at Holy Family Ecumenical Church Saturday, Nov. 19, ready to chow down on a dinner of spaghetti with salad and garlic bread to raise money for the church.



Jacqueline Cai, senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, was crowned Miss New Mexico Teen USA 2012, on November 12, 2011.

Jacqueline is a very kind and compassionate young lady who loves the Lord. She has attended MVCS since second grade. Jacqueline has been on the high school honor roll all four years and has a 4.0 grade point average. Along with her numerous academic achievements, she also spends many hours volunteering. One of her more recent awards was the National Leadership Award 2011 from the United States Achievement Academy. Jacqueline is a member of the MVCS Golf Team, Cheer Team (2009-10) and Students Leading through Service (2009-11). She has played the classical piano since she was 3 years old and also enjoys golf, dance and reading. Cai credits her faith, parents and school for her success. She plans to pursue a career in medicine by becoming a physician and continuing her work in New Mexico by dedicating her life to helping others. Jacqueline has been accepted at the University of New Mexico, Stanford University and Creighton University.

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Foreclosure

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It used to be that when someone bought a home, the loan was from a local bank that would hold onto the mortgage and work with the homeowner to avoid foreclosure if there was a cash-flow problem, he said.

"The modern market is much more complicated," King said.

Today, the ink is barely dry on a home loan before a bank sells it to another financial institution, he said. Often the billing is handled by another company called a servicer, he said. A homeowner in a squeeze may make arrangements with the servicer to temporarily accept lower payments only to have the bank file a foreclosure action against the property.

"When a homeowner gets that notice, it can be very shocking," King said.

The Mortgage Fair Foreclosure Act would have provided people more protection against this kind of scenario, he said, by requiring that there is only one point of contact for foreclosure actions, which would only be initiated after other arrangements are exhausted.

The legislation that failed last year is now going through some refinements and is nearly ready to be reintroduced, King said. The need for foreclosure controls is becoming more evident each month, he said.

According to the Albuquerque Journal, initial foreclosure actions filed in New Mexico district courts against homeowners jumped 75 percent last month. The Irvine, Calif.-based RealtyTrac recently released a report showing that initial foreclosure



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Rose Ann Vasquez of New Mexico Comunidades en Acción y de Fé (CAFé), right, speaks about the growing problem of home foreclosures at a press conference Monday, Nov. 21, with Rabbi Larry Karol, retired veteran Roger Larose, New Mexico Attorney General Gary King, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima and Rev. Linda Mervine of the First Christian Church of Las Cruces.

action filings statewide rose from 350 in September to 611 in October. The report also showed, however, that actual bank repossessions of homes dropped by half from 325 in September to 164 in October at the end of the foreclosure process in New Mexico.

While the pace of these initial filings is down from the 663 reported statewide in October 2010, New Mexico's foreclosure rate is the 22nd highest in the nation with one of every 894 homes receiving a foreclosure-related notice in October.

Although there was considerable pushback from the financial companies, King said lawmakers should have persevered to get the legislation passed last session. That's why people need to urge Martinez to add fixing the problem to the legislative agenda, he said, because losing their homes only put more people into poverty and va-

cant properties only serve to lessen the tax base and reduce the values of neighboring homes.

"The time is now to help people hold onto their homes," King said.

For many with mortgages on their homes, selling their homes in the current market doesn't get them out of their jam.

Retired veteran Roger Larose, who is fighting with Bank of America over his home loan, said putting his home up for sale is not an option because the only one's buying are looking to acquire property for a bargain or at a fraction of the property's real value.

CAFé member Rose Ann Vasquez said she is facing a similar problem and believes the proposed legislation would at least force the banks to negotiate a mutually beneficial outcome for both the buyer and loaner.

Miyagishima said he is mystified at why the banks wouldn't want to work with the homeowners to avoid foreclosure. He said it is especially troubling that most of the least accommodating banks are those that received bailout money from taxpayers.

"These are unprecedented times," Miyagishima said. "This is a matter that won't go away."

“The time is now to help people hold onto their homes.”

GARY KING
New Mexico
Attorney General

HUD

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Plan for Sustainable Development, because it includes many partnerships between different governmental and nonprofits entities.

Building on the comprehensive long-range planning of the Vision 2040 process, the proposal seeks to form a consortium to work the next three years on coming up with plans for development in the county with a stronger sustainability focus, said Roger Hedrick, deputy director of the county Community Development Department.

Doña Ana County will be the lead government agency in the grant. Other consortium members include the town of Mesilla, city of Sunland Park, New Mexico State University, the South Central Council of Governments, Las Cruces Metropolitan Planning Organization, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Colonias Development Council and Tierra del Sol Housing Corp.

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas said the effort's success was remarkable because the grant proposal was put together in only four months.

Watchman-Moore threw in a word of caution, however, by noting that the current Congress is not budgeting to fund the HUD program in the future.

While future funding is in doubt, County Commissioner Billy Garrett said the group will break into committees to examine the different issues. Garrett said he believed the process will create a "toolbox" for communities to change the way they growing.

"There are lots of needs and they will take a lot of time and money to meet those needs," he said.

Garrett said the plan will look at issues ranging from providing utilities to lessening the commute of residents to their places of work. Transportation will be a "huge" part of the planning, Thomas said.

The effort is not so much about building new roads, but making better uses of the existing roads she said.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said the city's more recent focus on issues such as sustainability – for an example, the Metro Verde development on the East Mesa that will provide work, retail and recreation within walking distance.

"To me, this grant shows that the federal government likes what we're doing in Las Cruces and wants to replicate it around the country," Miyagishima said.

With this planning grant, he said, the county is taking its first step to extending more sustainable development into southern New Mexico.

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Swearing in the new Las Cruces elected officials

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District 1 City Councillor Miguel Silva is sworn in by Judge Douglas Driggers to begin his second term on the council Monday, Nov. 21.



Presiding Municipal Judge Melissa Miller-Byrnes speaks in Las Cruces City Council chambers after taking the oath of office.

Joined by family and friends, new District 2 City Councillor Greg Smith is sworn in.



Re-elected District 4 City Councillor Nathan Small takes the oath of office.



Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima shakes Driggers' hand after taking the oath of office for his second term as mayor. With Miyagishima is his wife Susan Chaparro.



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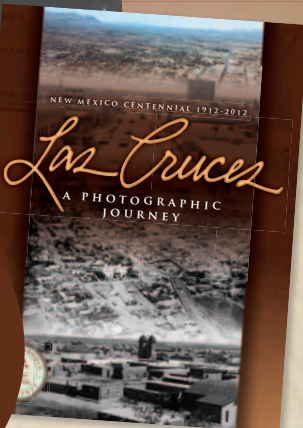
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Superintendent serving Thanksgiving meals

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Nicolas Bañales

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds enjoyed serving up the young students their lunches. His job in the service line – pouring gravy over mashed potatoes and stuffing.



Rounds donned a hair net Thursday, Nov. 17, to join Valley View Elementary School cafeteria staff Sandra Valles, Jerome Williams and cafeteria manager Anna Barela in serving students a Thanksgiving lunch. Before students took off for the Thanksgiving break, the school district served an estimated 26,000 Thanksgiving lunches to students with their families and other guests.

Dereck Rivera, 5, Blanca Magallanes, Kevin Flores and Adam Rivera, 7



Ernest Hernandez standing over his son Nicholas, 7, Leticia and their daughter Iris, 3.

Cynthia Vargas and her son Adan, 6



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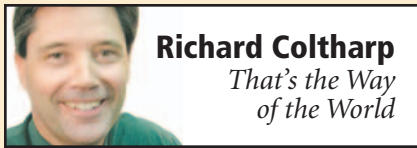
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I have Wendell McKines to thank for the big purple scrape on my left calf.

After watching senior forward McKines and the New Mexico State University Aggies defeat Texas-El Paso Saturday, Nov. 19, I went a little nuts in my regular Sunday pickup basketball game at the park.

Against the Miners, McKines dove on the floor no less than four times, twice saving possessions that led to Aggie points. The next day, it seemed perfectly logical for me to dive off the concrete court into the grass to try to save the ball. And that's how the big purple scrape was born.

Wendell instantly became my favorite Aggie during his freshman year, 2007-08, not because of his play on the court, but because he wore his white socks up to his knees. Just like me. I'm not old school; I'm just old. The basketball heroes I grew up watching in the 1970s (Julius Erving, Larry Kenon, former Aggie "Super" John Williamson) all wore white socks up to their knees. Not to mention tiny shorts and giant Afros.

By the second time I saw him, however, McKines won me over, not with his wardrobe, but with his energy on the court.

Wendell also exhibits a lot of energy with his mouth and with his Twitter feeds, but he's the rare athlete who backs up his boasts.

I don't know much about Twitter, but I do know McKines apologized to NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston for his Tweets about UTEP and promised Boston a 20-10 game, as in points and rebounds.

Indeed, McKines had 23 points and 13 rebounds in the game, which led to his being named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week.

Because of his broken foot last year, the Aggies were without McKines for a full calendar year. They are a different team with No. 31 on the court. If his energy motivates this out-of-shape, over-the-hill columnist to dive after a basketball, think what it does to his young, athletic teammates.

Would Christian Kabongo have been exhorting the Pan American Center crowd to get pumped up without McKines' inspiration? Would Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe have gotten a technical foul for his screaming after thunderously dunking on a cowering Miner's head?

We don't know. But we do know that McKines brings a spirit, a fire to the Aggie squad that was painfully absent last year.

He even brings something to the Aggie basketball pep band. After the victory Saturday night, he went over in front of the band and started conducting.

Welcome back, Wendell.

Blazing a new trail

Mesilla Valley wins football championship in third season



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney
Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' football coach Charles Gleghorn is congratulated by quarterback Devon Tourtillott after the SonBlazers defeated Fort Sumner to win the Class 1A championship, Saturday, Nov. 19.

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Reach the state championship game in year three of your program. Check.

Win the coin flip to determine the location of the championship game. Check.

Play your best game of the season in the state championship game. Check.

It can't be that easy, but head coach Charles Gleghorn, his coaching staff and the football team at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools made it seem that way. It was all part of a plan that was executed to perfection.

The SonBlazers demolished the state's No. 1-ranked team in Class 1A, Fort Sumner, in the title game Saturday, Nov. 19, at Gadsden High School, 41-6. Gleghorn said he wasn't surprised his team won it all in only the third year of the program's existence.

The Foxes were no match for Gleghorn's passing offense that featured quarterbacks Devon Tourtillott and Tim Vida and receivers such as Trey Correa, Jake Franzoy and Anthony Torres. The group did their damage with the help of a young, solid offensive line, and a defense that played an outstanding game.

On the second play of the

game, the SonBlazers connected on a 53-yard flea-flicker pass play that put the ball at the 3-yard line. A quick score and MVCS was up, 7-0.

"Little did we know, that would be enough," Gleghorn said.

The coach, who also won three state championships at Hatch Valley, said a key was winning the coin flip to determine which team would host the game. In four state title game coin flips, Gleghorn has never lost.

"When I knew we were going to have a coin flip with Lordsburg in 2003, I researched it and tried to figure out the odds of heads or tails," said Gleghorn. "It's important to know if the coin will be dropped on the ground, or caught in the hand and flipped. But you have to be lucky anyway, right?"

Gleghorn said winning the coin flip "was huge." He believes Fort Sumner would have scheduled the game on Friday night if they would have won the flip, forcing MVCS to shorten its preparation time. Mesilla Valley's semifinal game was played on the Saturday before.

Fort Sumner was out of its element in more ways than one in the title game. The long road trip took the Foxes to Anthony, an

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MHS hosts experienced Monarchs

Semifinal is rematch of last year's championship game

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mayfield Trojans meet the Manzano Monarchs in a rematch of last year's state championship game, but don't expect Friday's state semifinal contest to look anything like the 2010 title game.

The two teams kick off at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, at the Field of Dreams. The winner advances to the championship game next week against the winner of the Cleveland-Rio Rancho game. Rio Rancho ended Las Cruces High's season last Saturday in overtime, 48-41.

In last year's state title game, Mayfield traveled to Albuquerque and beat Manzano, 69-42, at Wilson Stadium.

"I know we won't be scoring 69 on them this time," Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said. "They're not the same defense. They have a very good front line. They're big and very physical."

Bradley said the Monarchs are playing more of an attacking style of defense this year and have more experience on that side of the ball. Their defense held Clovis to 151 total yards last weekend in their 20-12 quarterfinal win over the Wildcats.

"They've played pretty well all year long," he said of the 10-1 Monarchs, who are coached by Aaron Ocampo.

Manzano is led by quarterback Quavshaun Branch and running back Anthony Johnson. Against Clovis last weekend, Branch rushed for 130 yards on 20 carries and Johnson had 71 yards rushing. The 5-10 Branch also is one of the top basketball players in the state.

"There are not too many basketball-playing quarterbacks anymore," Bradley said. "He's just a fantastic athlete. He's scary with the ball in his hands. He sort of runs like (former Las Cruces run-

See **Mayfield** on page A25



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney
Mayfield High School's Ricky Milks rushed for 245 yards and returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown as the Trojans defeated Eldorado 56-34, Friday, Nov. 18.

Hays named freshman of the year, all-WAC first team

DeVries, Brennan also make first team

New Mexico State University volleyball player Meredith Hays earned first team All-Western Athletic Conference honors and 2011 WAC Freshman of the Year honors at the WAC volleyball awards banquet Sunday, Nov. 20.

Senior setter Jennah DeVries and senior opposite hitter Kelsey Brennan joined Hays on the first team, while senior middle hitter Michelle Kuester and senior libero Kelsi Phillips earned second team honors.

Hays, who also earned WAC freshman team honors, led the league in kills (4.29/set) and points (4.78/set). Her season-high and career-high 25 kills came in a five-set loss to Utah

State, on Oct. 27. Hays had at least 20 kills in six matches this year and tallied double-digit kill figures in 24 matches.

"Meredith is big part of our success and she has worked hard," coach Mike Jordan said. "I think she is going to be a good player for us in the future, and we are excited."

Brennan and DeVries have earned first team All-WAC honors for the third time in their careers. Brennan played in 97 sets for NMSU this season and moved from the middle hitter position to the opposite player position.

"Jennah and Kelsey have been all-conference for a while and have had great careers," Jordan

said. "More than anything they want to help to get us back to the NCAA Tournament."

DeVries, who was named WAC Player of the Week Sept. 5-11, has 12 double-doubles on the year, 1,070 assists and 267 digs on the year. DeVries has posted at least 20 assists in all but one match this year and has posted at least 30 assists in 23 matches.

Phillips played 100 sets for NMSU and is third in the league with 4.06 digs per set. She reached 1,000 career-digs on Nov. 10 against San Jose State and also jumped into the top 10 all-time at NMSU that day. With 1,022 career-digs heading into the tournament, Phillips needs 27 to tie former Aggie Christine Jinbo (1993-96) for the No. 9 spot and 40 digs to tie

Briana Akrie for the No. 8 spot.

Kuester played 94 sets in her second year with the Aggies. She is fourth in the WAC in blocks per set and leads the Aggies with 110 total blocks. She averages 1.51 kills per set and marked a career-high three times this season with eight kills against Utah State, Colgate and Northwestern State.

The Aggies swept No. 6 seed San Jose State in the first round of the WAC Tournament Monday, Nov. 21, in the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nev. The tournament concluded Nov. 23.

The Aggies will play their final match of the year at noon Saturday, Nov. 26, against Colorado State University in the Pan American Center.

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Meredith Hays is presented the WAC Freshman of the Year Award by Brad Jones, the WAC championship director at the WAC volleyball banquet Sunday, Nov. 20, in Las Vegas, Nev.

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New court, old foes at the Pan American Center

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The New Mexico State University women's volleyball team help uncover the new basketball court.



Lou Henson, Ed Carnathan and Mary Henson unveil the new Pan American Center court before the UTEP game Saturday, Nov. 19.



The first tip-off on the new court at Pan American Center took two tries, but the Aggies controlled the tip and the game to defeat rival UTEP Saturday, Nov. 19, 89-73.



Daniel Mullings displays his leaping ability.



Hernst Laroche puts up a jump shot early in the Aggies game against the UTEP Miners.

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NMSU visits league-leading Louisiana Tech

Ags can spoil La Tech's WAC title bid

By Jeff Barnett
Las Cruces Bulletin

After losing to bowl-bound Brigham Young 42-7, New Mexico State University returns to Western Athletic Conference play at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, when they take on first place Louisiana Tech (7-4, 5-1 WAC) in Ruston, La.

The Bulldogs are coming off of their biggest win of the year, a come-from-behind 24-20 victory over defending WAC champion Nevada. Louisiana Tech went into the fourth quarter trailing 20-3, but junior

quarterback Colby Cameron passed for 237 yards and three touchdowns in a nine-minute span to get the win for the Bulldogs. In addition, the Louisiana Tech defense held Nevada to only 40 total offensive yards for the quarter.

"Louisiana Tech is a very good football team," said coach DeWayne Walker. "They have a good offense, and on defense their front seven is very good. We must take advantage of the secondary in the passing game."

NMSU (4-7, 2-3 WAC) plans to play Louisiana Tech man-to-man on

pass defense, a strategy that Walker said he hopes will slow down the Bulldogs' pass attack and "make it an interesting game."

"We want to make it tough on Louisiana Tech," he said. "We definitely want to be the spoiler."

Louisiana Tech has the 20th best rush defense in the NCAA, so the Aggies will need to be creative in their running attack, Walker said. He said he hopes junior running back Kenny Turner can get his usual 100 yards on the ground.

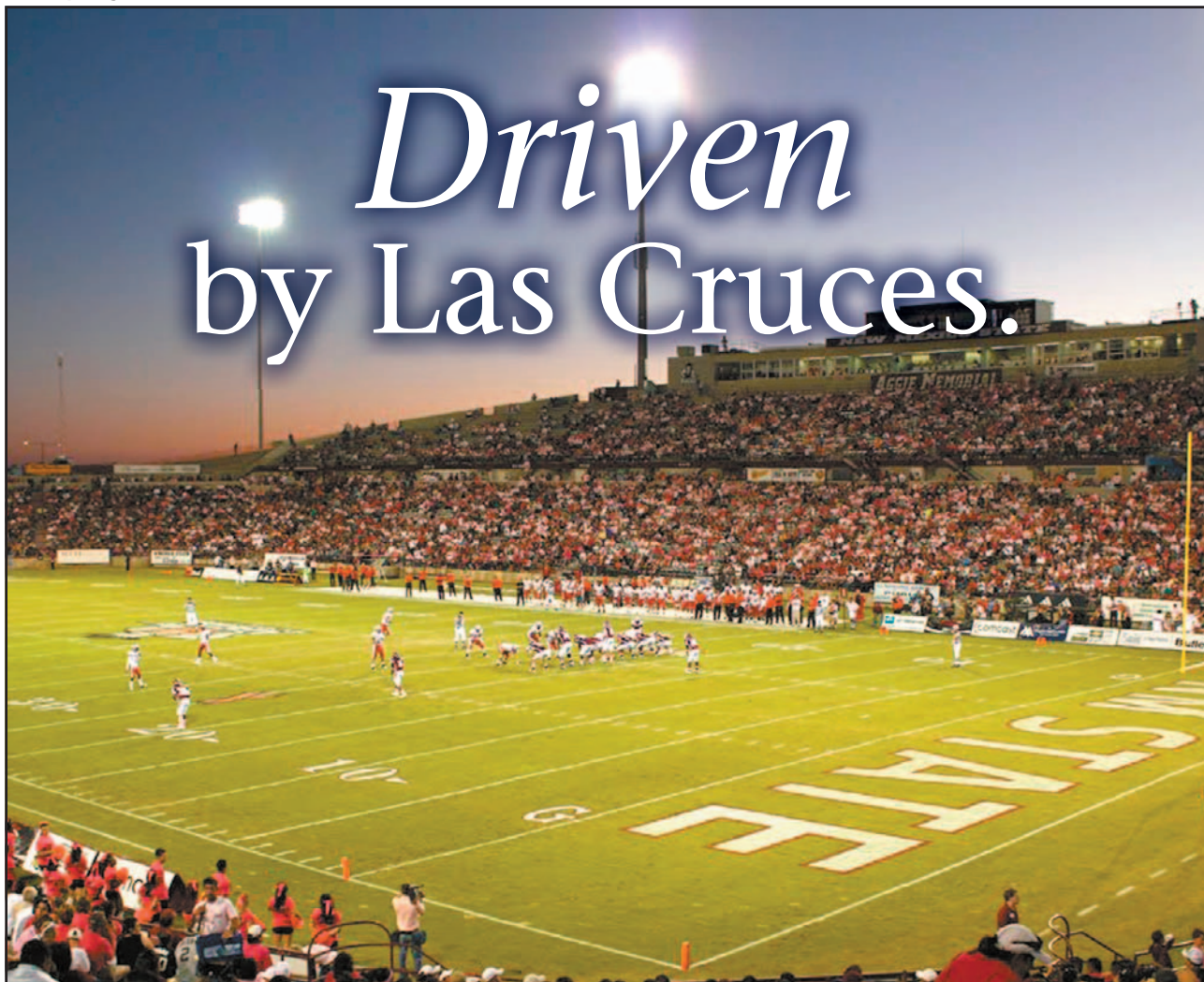
"Our passing game is good enough to open up our running game," Walker said. "I don't mean to

sound arrogant, but I think we really will."

Louisiana Tech has already clinched a bowl berth with their seven wins. If they beat NMSU and are undisputed WAC champions, they will most likely end up in the San Diego County Credit Union Poinsettia Bowl.

Turner, who is third in the WAC with 860 rushing yards, said it is very possible the Aggies will be in a bowl game next season.

"(In these next two games) we want to get some momentum going for next year ... I think we will be ready next year," he said.



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Classic at NMSU



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Jasmine Rutledge controls the ball but the New Mexico State women's basketball team fell to Arizona 84-67 in the Pan American Center Monday Nov. 21. This weekend, NMSU hosts the Hotel Encanto Thanksgiving Classic. The Aggies battle North Dakota at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, and close the tourney against Southern Utah at noon Sunday, Nov. 27.

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

Question: I attended the recent meeting about the bunker project at Picacho Hills Country Club at which you were present. You were asked to talk about one proposal, but you were very cautious with your remarks. I was wondering what your true feelings are about the reworking of the bunkers on our course.

Dr. Golf: I chose to be cautious at that meeting for a reason. Some time ago, I made my feelings about the bunkers absolutely clear to the management. My long-held view has been that most of the bunkers were ill-designed in the first place, they have sunken and deteriorated over the years and have not been tended properly. Now it is time to create new ones.

Golf architect and expert golfer Mary Armstrong has been selected by PHCC to design new bunkers and do away with some useless ones. I applaud that decision, especially since Armstrong has a lot of experience and is a local resident.

Her presentation featured changing many bunkers into a type of "cloverleaf" design, with all new high-quality, pebble-free sand, approved by the USGA turf people. Best of all, the ridiculously steep walls on many of the bunkers, most notably on six, eight, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 18, will be eliminated in favor of gradual upslopes which will not produce buried lies.

The project will take many months and probably start in January. Some folks are not in favor of the design changes, saying the new bunker configuration does not follow the way the original designers intended to the course to look.

The fact is Picacho Hills is now more than 30 years old, and the whole thing should probably be worked over, including returning the putting greens to their former, larger size. But the golf course will soon look better than it has in 20 years, including the turf, which is very healthy.

You can please some of the people, some of the time, but you simply can't please all the people all the time.

Question: I didn't really realize it but I've got old golf clubs and they're terribly out of date – perhaps 20 years old. That was starkly apparent when I went to the Performance Golf School last weekend at Sonoma Ranch. I had a wonderful time, learned a lot and made great improvements with my golf swing. But I need to get new clubs. What do you suggest?

Dr. Golf: Golf clubs have changed big-time in the last 20 years for both men and women. Even in the last five years. If you are a high-handicapper or

a beginner, my first suggestion is to go over to Fairway Golf, 1615 Solano Drive, and see Phil Woods, affectionately known as "Fairway Phil," and have him custom make a full set of woods, irons and wedges.

He lovingly puts them together himself and they are fine quality sticks. It will cost about \$400 for the set.

Alternatively, you can stop into the pro shop at New Mexico State University Golf Course and check out a set of "Finesse" clubs, which they offer for \$250, including a bag and putter. Plus, if you know anything about golf clubs and are inclined to do some research, there are really good deals on eBay.

Question: I play with a lady at our club who really annoys just about everyone in our ladies group. She insists on keeping everyone else's score and scolds anyone who reports what she believes is a faulty score, since she watches everybody closely and counts every stroke and putt. She tends to argue about the rules and complain about the golf course. She doesn't seem to have fun and her disposition seems to be upsetting to those she plays with. Any suggestions?

Dr. Golf: I feel like wearing my executive coaching cap for this problem, since similar conflicts happen in the workplace all the time. The most common rea-

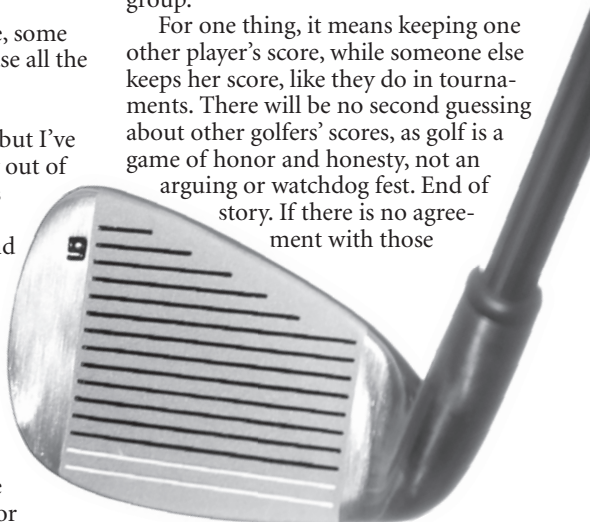
son individuals lose their jobs is not because they lack enough knowledge for the work, it is due to the fact that they can't get along with other people.

Why is it that you and the other ladies have not sat this person down and provided her with much-needed direct feedback? What are you afraid of? That she would become furious with all of you, like you are with her?

Some golfers are meek and succumb to bullying. My advice is to meet with her somewhere off the golf course, with at least three people in the group. Use your assertiveness skills and explain in the most frankly way possible that this person must change her behavior or she is no longer welcome in your group.

For one thing, it means keeping one other player's score, while someone else keeps her score, like they do in tournaments. There will be no second guessing about other golfers' scores, as golf is a game of honor and honesty, not an arguing or watchdog fest. End of story. If there is no agreement with those

“ Golf clubs have been changing big time in the last 20 years for both men and women. ”



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“rules,” form a new group.

Question: It's been nearly two months since the new golf course, Red Hawk, has been open for play. Have you played the course and what are your impressions?

Dr. Golf: Yes, I've played Red Hawk twice. It's a very nice course, located on a tract of land that affords beautiful views. I have not made enough notes thus far to present a detailed and thoughtful opinion of the course, but I plan to devote a special article to that very topic in the near future.

Question: When are you going to hold the next golf school?

Dr. Golf: As I wrote a few weeks ago, I didn't think we could do a golf school this season because of my accident. But we did, and we had fantastic weather and a nice turnout. At this point Herb Wimberley and I have been discussing holding a Performance Golf School the last weekend in April 2012. In a few weeks we will post the schedule on our website www.performancegolfschools.com.

Question: Do you think Tiger Woods will get his game back and win again?

Dr. Golf: That's a difficult one. As you all know, I'm not an insider on the PGA Tour, but I do follow the players and read the Inter-

net scoops.

Tiger played well in the Australian Open a couple of weeks ago, finishing third, and then played pretty well in the President's Cup, actually sealing the win for the Americans on the final day. It seems like his knee is healthy and he's beginning to demonstrate prowess with his swing changes under teacher Sean Foley.

The question is his putting. In years past, he seemed to will the ball into the hole on important putts. Think back to the 15 foot (or so) putt on 18 at Torrey Pines to send to 2008 U.S. Open into a playoff with Rocco Mediate, which he eventually won. It was a must-make putt and he made it. He did that all the time.

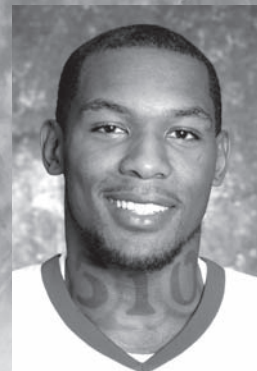
Maybe middle-age has finally caught up with him. It caught up with all the greats – Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Tom Watson and others. Tiger will win again, but not like he did earlier. Why? It's a new ballgame with new talent. Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson, Ricky Fowler and Keegan Bradley – to name a few – were just young children when Tiger took over number one in the world.

As for climbing Mount Nicklaus – 18 major wins – that seems to be fading as a probability.

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

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Wendell McKines

Redshirt Senior, Men's Basketball

Redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines was named WAC Player of the Week after leading the Aggies to a pair of rivalry wins and a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2003-04 season. He averaged a team-high 18.5 points and 11.0 rebounds in the wins over UTEP, 89-73, Nov. 19, and at New Mexico, 62-53, Nov. 16. In the home opener, McKines scored a career-high 23 points along with 13 rebounds for his second double-double of the year and 29th of his career. In the Aggies' first win in Albuquerque since December 2002, McKines led the way with 14 second-half points and a game-high nine rebounds.



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AggieInsider

Arctic memories

Voyage to far north sometimes reminds us it is a small world



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

The trip north to Alaska brings some familiar faces back into the Aggies world.

These types of tournaments bring about a swirl of names that can make and revive memories. The opening round opponent, Central Michigan, squared off with New Mexico State in 1987 in the second round of the Hawaii Pacific Tournament. The Chip-pewas' star at the time was future NBA hero Dan Majerle.

Southern Mississippi's Golden Eagles were a first-round opponent in the All-College Tournament in Oklahoma City in 1978. Southern Miss had a gunner named Joe "Awesome" Dawson and it was the Aggies initial win that lead to the tournament title. The Aggies also beat Santa Clara with Kurt Rambis, and downed Neil McCarthy's Weber State Wildcats in the title game. See what I mean about fate and irony working hand in hand.

Here is another example. The last time NM State played in the Anchorage tournament, it was 1992 and they faced Illinois in the title game – the Illini were coached by Lou Henson. A couple of other familiar names and faces in this year's Great Alaska Shootout are potential second round opponents. One is running the Southern Miss program. Larry Eustachy has faced the Aggies in the past when he was the head coach at Utah State. The other

second round possibility is UC Irvine. The Anteaters were regular victims of the Aggies during the Big West era. NM State downed UC Irvine in the conference tournament title game in 1993.

This is the Aggies fourth trip to Alaska and could very well see them in the title game. Two road wins and the aggressive defense that has been part and parcel of the year so far is the thing that titles spring from.

The charismatic leadership that senior Wendell McKines is providing is a hard-nosed direction the team has not had from a player in the Menzies era. Three games does not a season make, but this year's men's hoops edition has shown the type of internal grit needed to go beyond the regular season.

Don't forget who is in town: The NM State women's team is hosting its annual Hotel Encanto Classic all weekend long. North Dakota is the opponent on Saturday, Nov. 26, Southern Utah State on Sunday, Nov. 27. Coach Mark Trakh's squad has shown an enthusiasm for his style and has brought a more entertaining style of play to the court.

A good guy and a job well done. AggieVision general manager Joe Brackman is moving on. In his time in the Mesilla Valley, the Aggies television channel has blossomed through live coverage, coaches' shows and other features. Brackman won an Emmy for a vignette that ran on the coaches' show last year. He is taking his talents to Columbus, Ohio, where they undoubtedly will continue to flourish.

Equestrian recap

Aggie team is young but has strengths



Audrey Buck
Equestrian Coach

I wondered what I would write about for the column this week focusing on New Mexico State women's equestrian team.

The semester has flown by, but the experiences have seemed endless. That being said, I figured I would give a recap (from my perspective) of the first half of our season, as well as what I am looking forward to next semester as we vie for a place at nationals. It's been a pretty good season so far.

NM State's equestrian team has held about 25 members respectively for the last few years. Quite a few of the schools we compete against such as Oklahoma State and Baylor hold 50 plus on their rosters. I make this point by adding that 10 of our 25 athletes this year are freshman or transfers, so odds are that our newly recruited freshman will be competing against seasoned upperclassmen throughout the year. There's no way around it, it's just inevitable. But our newbies, only so familiar with collegiate equestrian, not only bring some inexperience, but a large amount of strength.

Our first competition this fall was at home against West Texas A&M. This was a great match up for the beginning of the season. WTAMU does not actively compete in the NCEA level of competition year round, but shouldn't be written off either.

We were able to see the level that our returning athletes were going to perform, and hopefully break in our newly recruited freshmen.

Needless to say, the ladies performed beautifully winning 15-2. We thought we were on top of the world.

Then came the reality check. We hadn't travelled to a competition. Coach Walters and I hadn't tested our riders on strange horses in strange territory. Sure, they excelled and pleased us immensely during practice, but as every coach knows, competing away from home can always be a challenge.

Which brings us to Fresno. Our team beat Fresno twice last year, once at home and once away.

I felt that my half of the team (I exclusively coach the hunt seat half of the team), was oozing with talent. What I didn't expect was to ride through drizzling slop in the arenas. In case I didn't mention it, we rarely have to ride through any precipitation in the deserts of New Mexico. So, I found my ladies locking up in the weather rather than being more aggressive with their riding. Needless to say, we were not victorious.

So, we picked ourselves up from the disappointment and readied ourselves for the season ahead. I am happy to say that we have become very strong competitors to contend against on our home territory.

We were victorious against powerhouses such as the University of South Carolina and No. 1-ranked Texas A&M in either western, hunt seat, or both disciplines. We've traveled up north to Sacred Heart and Delaware State to secure wins away from home. To round the season out, we just returned from a victory at South Dakota State that leaves our ladies proud and excited for the season to come.

As the ladies have a break until school starts again, I am expecting them to recharge their batteries and ready themselves for one of the most successful years that NMSU equestrian has ever had.

Go Aggies!

This Week

Friday, Nov. 25

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UC Irvine/Southern Mississippi
Anchorage, Alaska
4:30 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 26

Men's Basketball
TBD
Anchorage, Alaska
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Football

Louisiana Tech
Ruston, La.
2 p.m.

Volleyball

Colorado State
Las Cruces
Noon

Women's Basketball

North Dakota
Las Cruces
4 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 27

Women's Basketball
North Dakota
Las Cruces
Noon

Tuesday, Nov. 29

Men's Basketball
Arizona
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

UTEP
El Paso
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Meredith Hays

Freshman
Volleyball

Freshman Meredith Hays was named WAC Freshman of the Year. She also earned first team All-WAC honors. She led the league in kills (4.29/set) and points (4.78/set). Hays has marked

at least 20 kills in six matches this year.



Aliena Schmidtke

Freshman
Swimming and Diving

Freshman Aliena Schmidtke helped the Aggies to a third-place finish at the Houston Invitational. She set a program record in the 100 free and 200 free.

Schmidtke also swam the first leg of the 400-free relay that crushed the school record.

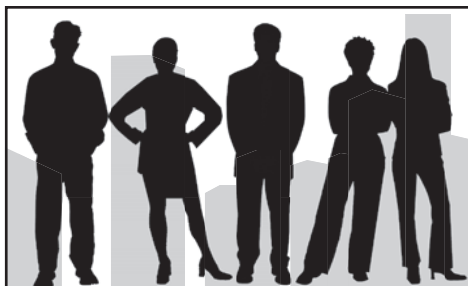


Hannah Womack

Freshman
Women's Basketball

Freshman guard Hannah Womack scored a game-high 23 points for the Aggies against UTEP, Nov. 17. She sank 4-of-7 3-pointers and made 7-of-8 free throws. Against

Idaho State, Womack had six points and five rebounds.



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'Dawgs downed



Las Cruces High School's Austin Cervantes escapes a tackler during Las Cruces' 48-41 overtime loss to the Rio Rancho Rams in the state football playoffs Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Field of Dreams.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Mayfield

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ning back) James Hall.

"They have their running back back from last year, too," he added. "Those two guys have about 2,700 yards rushing between them."

The Trojans (9-2) are coming off of a 56-34 win over Eldorado Friday, Nov. 18. Mayfield was led by running back Ricky Milks who rushed for 245 yards and returned a kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown.

Milks is joined in the backfield by senior quarterback Axten Franzoy, Chris Trujillo and Mundo Gonzalez. The receivers are Taylor Gibbs and Casey Groen, Juan Carlos Badillo and Aaron Renteria will share time at tight end.

The MHS offensive line consists of center

Keith Davis, guards Miguel Martinez, Alejandro Guzman and Angel Zapien, who will share time, and tackles Cayman Greene and Eric Sanchez.

On defense, Steve Benavidez anchors from the nose guard position, and is flanked by tackles Devonte Weeks, Greene and Jesus Olivas. The defensive ends are Badillo, Narciso Gonzalez and Eric Peterson, and the linebackers are Joah Franzoy and Santiago Miranda. The Trojans' secondary consists of safeties Joshua Ceniceros and Brandon Thelan and cornerbacks Lucas Jimenez and Marcus Inglemon.

Bradley said it will be very important for Mayfield to be able to run the ball against Manzano.

"We did a very good job (last) Friday," he said. "We're very happy with that. We just have to keep that going. It's a huge key for us. Our passing game won't work if we can't run the ball, too."

H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Tuesday, Nov. 29 Boys Basketball Burgos High School7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Nov. 25 Football No. 3 Manzano High School at No. 2 MHS5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 29 Girls Basketball at El Paso High School6 p.m.

Dec. 1-3 Boys Basketball at Jefferson High School Tournament TBA

Friday, Dec. 2 Girls Basketball at Montwood High School6 p.m.



Oñate High School

Tuesday, Nov. 29 Girls Basketball Cleveland High School5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball Cleveland High School7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Dec. 1-3 Boys Basketball at Kirtland Tourney TBA

Girls Basketball at To'Hajiilee Basketball Tournament TBA



Mesilla Valley

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area where they had never played before with a football field that has an artificial playing surface. Fort Sumner also hadn't played against a passing game like the short, efficient one that Gleghorn employs.

As good as the offense was, the Mesilla Valley defense may have been even better. The group contained a potent, senior-laden running attack that had put up big numbers this season.

"We had a great defensive game plan," said Gleghorn. "Our defensive coordinator, Deloyd Landreth, and the defense did a great job. We held them to 150 or 170 yards and that usually doesn't happen to Fort Sumner."

Gleghorn said one of the keys to the program's quick rise was the addition of a weight-training room.

"We were able to get the weight room put in in time," he said. "We put them on lifting schedules and they really bought into it. It takes two or three years, but it makes a big difference. There are no shortcuts."



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Ags in Alaska Shootout

Wendell McKines is WAC Player of the Week

By **Jeff Barnet**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Top 25, anyone? After defeating archrivals New Mexico, 62-53, and UTEP, 89-73, the New Mexico State University men's basketball team heads to Anchorage for the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, Nov. 24-26.

Coach Marvin Menzies said if his team, currently 3-0, does well there, it's possible the Aggies might gain national attention.

"It's a great tournament for us right now," he said. "If we go down to Alaska and have success there, we might see a few votes, some top 25 votes, which we haven't had for a long time. Anything is possible for this season with team support. If everyone believes, in the community, the sky is the limit for this team."

UTEP coach Tim Floyd said the Aggies remind him

of the Memphis team of a year ago, which earned a trip to the NCAA tourney.

For his play against UNM and UTEP, senior forward Wendell McKines was named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week, the first time he has been given the honor. Scoring all 14 of his points in the second half, McKines directed the Aggies to their first win in Albuquerque since 2002.

In the Aggies 89-73 win over UTEP, McKines scored a career-high 23 points along with 13 rebounds for his second double-double of the year.

At the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, NMSU meets Central Michigan at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24, and then UC Irvine or Southern Mississippi, Friday, Nov. 25. The tournament concludes Saturday, Nov. 26.

Central Michigan is 2-1 after defeating Pepperdine 67-57, Monday, Nov. 21. Central Michigan has three players in double figures with sophomore guard Trey Zeigler leading the way with 16.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

Southern Mississippi is 2-1 after a 79-58 win at Colorado State, Nov. 19. Junior guard LaShay Page has a team-high 16.3 points per game.

The UC Irvine Anteaters are 0-3 this season after falling to Weber State, 80-72, Nov. 19.

The games are available on KGRT-103.9 FM with the "Voice of the Aggies" Jack Nixon. The pregame show starts 30 minutes prior to tip off. Check local listings for television coverage.

The Aggies return home to play Arizona at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Pan American Center.

Endowment honors Askew

Coach remembered as a mentor, 'hard taskmaster'

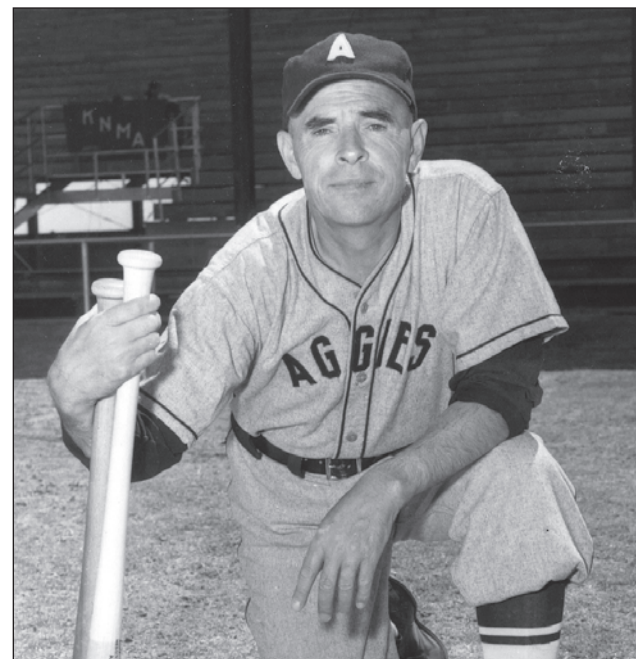
Coaches at any level can make a lasting impression on the lives of their athletes.

New Mexico State University Aggie coaching legend Presley Askew did just that for one of his former players, Robert C. Rogers, and because of that, Rogers has set up a \$100,000 endowment in Askew's name to honor his former mentor and coach.

The Presley Askew Endowed Scholarship will be awarded to student athletes in men's and women's basketball and football, who have demonstrated excellence in their academic achievements.

"Coach Askew was a big influence in my life," Rogers said. "I was a young man, who at the time needed some direction in my life and Coach Askew provided that to me. He was a hard task master to play for, which in turn helped me become a well-rounded individual. Coach Askew taught me a lot about being an honest, responsible and straightforward person and for that I'm extremely grateful. The endowment was something I had been thinking about doing to honor coach Askew for awhile now and it's an honor to do so."

Askew served in the NMSU athletics department for 12 years from 1953-65, as head coach of both the basketball and baseball teams. On the basketball court, he led NMSU to a Border Conference Championship in 1959-60 and a share of two other titles (1958-59 and 1960-61) and two appearances in the NCAA Tournament (1958-59 and 1959-60).



New Mexico State University photo

Presley Askew coached basketball and baseball for the Aggies in the late '50s and early '60s.

A member of the Helms Baseball Hall of Fame, Askew was also a recipient of the National Association of Basketball Coaches Merit award and NCABC Honor Award. Askew coached two student athletes who went on to record-setting coaching careers: Lou Henson and Gary Ward.

Askew coached the Aggie men's basketball team from 1953-65 with a record of 135-146. His most wins in one season came during the 1959-60 season as the team went 20-7.

Presley Askew Field was dedicated during homecoming ceremonies on Nov. 14, 1981, in honor of the former Aggie baseball and basketball coach.

Askew graduated from Southeastern Oklahoma in 1930. He was born in Red

Oak, Okla., in 1909 and died in 1994.

"Our family very much appreciates the generous contribution Bob Rogers has made as it both honors my Dad and recognizes an institution that has meant a great deal to Dad, our family, and the many student athletes who knew and played for my father," Presley Askew Jr. said. "Dad was a caring person, and he would be very pleased to know that a former player is doing so much in his name to help others."

Rogers played for two years in Las Cruces under Askew from 1962-63. After college, Rogers went on to have a successful career in the elevator industry for 41 years. Now retired, Rogers lives in Florida with his wife, Margaret.

Shultz earns top-100 finish

WAC athlete of the year takes 88th spot in 6,000 meters

New Mexico State University junior Courtney Schultz placed 88th at the NCAA National Cross Country Championships at Terre Haute, Ind., Monday, Nov. 21.

Schultz verified her title of Western Athletic Conference Athlete of the Year when she finished higher than any other representative from the WAC with her overall finish time of 20:55.1 in the 6,000 meter. Schultz finished the first 3,000 meter in 9:59, which kept her in the top 30.

"I am extremely proud of how Schultz ran today," assistant coach Meaghan Harkins said. "She

kept pace with the best runners in the country."


This is Schultz's first trip to the NCAA National Championship. Schultz received an automatic bid to the NCAA National Championship after finishing eighth overall at the NCAA Mountain Region Championship on Nov. 12. Prior to the NCAA Mountain Region Championship, Schultz finished first overall at the WAC Championship on Oct. 29.

Schultz concludes the season as WAC Athlete of the Year for a third-straight season, as well as first team All-Conference for a third-straight season.

Mayfield High School


High School

Athletes of the Week



Katriana Romanelli

Katriana Romanelli is a 15-year-old sophomore at Mayfield High School. She is a setter for the Lady Trojan volleyball team. In 18 matches Romanelli has totaled 323 assists, 20 aces, 83 digs, 12 blocks and 23 kills. She is a very outgoing person and tries hard at everything she attempts. Romanelli is a leader on and off the athletic court and her peers consider her a nice person. She is a dedicated student, with a 3.84 GPA. Romanelli plans on going to college either at UCLA or UC Irvine to study pre-med with the hopes of becoming a plastic surgeon.



Raymond Gonzalez

Raymond Gonzalez is a 17-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He is a shooting guard for the Trojan's basketball team. It's early in the season but Coach Morrow has high hopes for Gonzalez. He is a great role player, so even though he may not get a ton of points, his time on the court is significant. He is very driven academically, with a 3.375 GPA. Gonzalez understands the importance of an education. He is a hard worker on and off the court. He helps his family with anything that needs to be done. Gonzalez plans to attend NMSU to earn a bachelor's degree in Business with the intent on focusing on banking.

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Looking Back



This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

Marvin Tessneer's
Out of the Past



100 years ago

1911

• Work began on a new city waterworks plant. Sites were selected for two wells about 3,000 feet above the Sisters of Loretto Convent, between Amador Avenue and Convent Street. The site for the wells was donated by Grandview Land Company of El Paso. Water from the wells was to be stored in an 80,000-gallon tank 60 feet above the surface.

• “New Mexico will especially give thanks for statehood,” said the Rio Grande Republican. “The boon has so long been sued for and so long withheld that its granting at last makes a very happy Thanksgiving for all citizens of the state. All of the advantages and the blessing of statehood are not apparent yet, but as they come they will be welcomed warmly and improved upon as the years go by.”

75 years ago

1936

• A mass meeting of Doña Ana County taxpayers was held to discuss plans and a new location for a courthouse, made possible by a \$81,000 Public Works Administration grant and a \$100,000 loan. W.H. Sutherland said it would be a serious mistake to build it on the site of the old building. He advocated

for a site at the south end of Main Street. J. Benson Newell also advocated for a new location. Other speakers also favored a “more convenient” site for the courthouse.

• The Rio Grande Theatre was showing “Charge of the Light Brigade,” with Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland and Patrick Knowles. The film was touted as an “immortal, crashing drama.”

• Baker Drug Store advertised electric irons for \$2.39, electric toasters for \$1.98 and seven-tube all wave radios for \$26.75.

50 years ago

1961

• “Education for a Nuclear Age,” a free adult course on personal and family civil defense was offered to Las Cruces at numerous school locations around the city. The 12-hour course was to be taught by specially trained public school teachers. More than 1,300 Las Cruces signed up for the class, which was to be given in six two-hour sessions.

• The New Mexico State Aggies fell to West Texas State University 35-22, but the major-college rushing record was still in the grasp of Aggie running back James “Preacher” Pilot after he ran for 114 yards in that game. The Aggies’ next game was against Hardin-Simmons University. In 1959, the Aggies’ Pervis Atkins claimed the rushing title and the next year it was NMSU’s Bob Gaitors. During the Aggies’ loss to WTSU, Pete Smolanovich had his record setting streak of 38 straight conversions end



New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections photos

Agricultural products from the Mesilla Valley were proudly on display at the 1905 Doña Ana County Fair. Displays from other counties were also part of the fair, with a nearby table displaying canned goods from the Pecos Valley.

when the Buffaloes’ Jerry Logan blocked Smolanovich’s attempt.

Main Street and Boutz Road.

25 years ago

1986

• Five proposals were submitted to the City of Las Cruces for consideration as potential sites for a civic center. Included were two locations near Amador Avenue and Telshor Boulevard. Other proposals were on the north side of Amador between Valley Drive and Motel Boulevard, between Avenida de Mesilla and Burn Lake and on the southeast corner of

• The NMSU Aggies were preparing for the BYU-Hawaii tournament on the islands and a face-off with the Lou Henson-led Fighting Illini, who were listed in several preseason top-20 polls. The Aggies had four starters returning from the previous season including guard Kenny Travis, center Steve McGlothlin and forward Johnny Roberson.

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Regents to review chile regulations

NMDA rules to protect in-state growers

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New Mexico State University regents will review recommendations to implement a chile advertising bill at its meeting Friday, Dec. 9.

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture – which is under the NMSU regents – must codify the intent of a bill introduced by state Rep. Andy Nuñez of Hatch to make it

illegal to market chile not grown in the state as New Mexico chile. It was one of the first bills signed into law by Gov. Susana Martinez.

To enforce the new law, the NMDA must form rules and regulations, which it has drafted. The NMDA conducted two public hearings with chile growers and processors.

One group that attended the hearings was the New Mexico Restaurant Association, which noted New Mexico long green isn't always

available for chile dishes, that restaurants have to get the chile from other areas, Nuñez said.

"We can go along with that," Nuñez said. "They just can't say it's New Mexico chile. We want to prevent people from advertising it as New Mexico chile when it's not."

As a member of the New Mexico Chile Commission, the New Mexico Chile Association and a chile producer, Rick Ledbetter has been building support for the chile bill. He called the bill progress "a good step forward."

"Chile growers constantly have to compete with foreign growers who market their long green chile as New Mexico long green when it's not," Ledbetter said.

If regents approve the proposed rules and

regulations, they will be filed in the New Mexico Registry and publicized for 30 days before it can be enforced, according to the NMDA.

"At that rate, NMDA will start enforcing the New Mexico Chile Advertising Act in mid-February or early March," Noreen Jaramillo, NMDA information officer, said.

Chile production is a multi-million dollar industry in New Mexico. In 2010, the revenue was \$41.6 million down from \$57.4 million in 2009. New Mexican chile acreage last year was 9,150 acres, a 28 percent decrease from the previous year. Chile plants are high water consumers, and many producers cut back on their acreage this year because of the shortage of irrigation water. The harvest yield was 66,600 tons compared with 72,700 tons the previous year. Yields for all varieties were down except paprika, according to the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service.

CrimeStoppers

Suspicious Mesquite Street fires

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspect, or suspects, who may be responsible for as many as seven intentionally set fires since April in the Mesquite Historic District.

The Las Cruces Fire Department is investigating the fires, all of which are suspicious in nature. Fire investigators have ruled out the possibility that the fires were accidental or naturally-caused.

The first suspicious fire in the Mesquite Historic District, in downtown Las Cruces, occurred April 30, 2011, at 830 E. Court Ave. Other suspicious fires since then include:

- May 22 near Fir Avenue and Campo Street.
- May 30 at 625 E. Hadley Ave.
- June 10 at 342 N. Tornillo St.

- Oct. 24 at 226 N. San Pedro St.
- Nov. 2 near Mountain Avenue and Mesquite Street.
- Nov. 4 near San Pedro Street and Hadley Avenue.

All of the fires were reported either late in the evenings or during the early-morning hours. All but one occurred in vacant or boarded-up homes. No injuries have been reported.

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

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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 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. Pre-registration is required. Donation suggested.

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 CLASS

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.

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.

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.

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:

- **Carlsbad/Christmas on the Pecos:** Two days and one night, Dec. 13-14. \$140 double, \$180 single.
- **Amtrak/El Paso to Alpine:** Two days and one night, Jan. 23-24, 2012. \$215 double, \$245 single.
- **Rockhound State Park/Adobe Deli Steakhouse day trip.** Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. Cost: TBA.

- **Panama Canal Cruise:** April 15-29, 2012, 15 days and 14 nights. Call for details.
- **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

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 S. Mesquite St. Donations are accepted. For more information, call 528-3000.

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. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
 - **Yoga:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
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- and Fridays.
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- **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.
 - **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.

BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. There is no cost to play.

CREATIVE WRITING

Creative writing class for anyone over age 50 is taught by volunteer instructors from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975

S. Mesquite St. There is no charge to participate. 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.

SOCIAL DANCERS

Genie and the Starliners will perform at Munson Senior Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information, call 541-5982.

QUILTERS MEET

The Munson Quilters 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, they work on quilts donated to local organizations.

SATURDAY MORNING SINGLES

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

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department will lead a walking group targeted towards those 50 years and older at 8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 29 through Dec. 20. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per

walk. The group will meet at 8 a.m. at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Nov. 29: Triviz multi-use path at the water tank at Triviz Drive and Griggs Avenue.

- Thursday, Dec. 1: Main Street Downtown in the parking lot of the Moose Lodge, 514 N. Main St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6: Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave., at the Pavilion.
- Thursday, Dec. 8: Veterans Memorial Park, 2651 Roadrunner Parkway.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13: La Llorona Park, Picacho Avenue and the Rio Grande
- Thursday, Dec. 15: Apodaca Park, 801 E. Madrid, by the pool.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20: Soldados Soccer Complex, Hadley Avenue and Walnut Street. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

A Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group is held from 10 a.m. to noon the second Tuesday of the month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Grandparents raising grandchildren on a full-time basis are asked to join. There is no cost to participate. For more information, call 528-3301.

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.

HEALTH INFORMATION BENEFITS COUNSELING

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





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DEATH NOTICES

MEYER

Patsy Jean Meyer, 81, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and formerly of Austin, Texas, died Sunday, November 20, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222

AGUILAR

Miguel Angel Aguilar, 68, of Del Cerro, New Mexico, entered eternal life Monday, November 21, 2011 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife of forty-six years Hortencia Anchondo Aguilar; two sons, Jesus Miguel, and Carlos Humberto Aguilar; two brothers, Manuel and Victor Aguilar; six sisters Rosario, Josefina, Virginia, Martha, Nancy and Amparo Aguilar.

Visitation and Prayer Vigil for Mr. Aguilar were held Tuesday, November 22, 2011. The Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday November 23, 2011 at 2 PM in San Pedro Mission in Del Cerro with the Reverend Andres Alava officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in Anthony Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

LONA

Juventina R. Lona, 94, longtime resident of Las Cruces, New Mexico entered eternal life Friday, November 18, 2011. She was born October 10, 1917 in Zacatecas, Mexico to Victoriano and Clara Macias Rodriguez. She was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Lucina L. Polanco; a son, Tony R. Lona; two sisters, Francisca Luna and Jesus Maria Sandoval. Other survivors include six grandchildren, Rachel Romero, Pablo Palma, Yvonne Montoya, Stephanie Polanco, Christopher, Tony and Steven.

A Prayer Vigil was held Monday, November 21, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Funeral Liturgy was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in St. Genevieve's Catholic Church. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Masonic Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 527-2222 To send condolences online log onto www.bacasfuneralchapelslas Cruces.com

TORRES

Samuel L. Torres, 77, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Monday, November 21, 2011 at La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice. Services are pending at Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222

NEVAREZ

Rosina G. Nevarez, 76, of Tortugas, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, November 20, 2011 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She received the Ralph B. Crouch Memorial Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to the life of the NMSU community.

Survivors include her loving husband, Ernesto Nevarez; their children, Georgia Misquez, Ernesto Nevarez II, Moses G. Nevarez and Ronnie Nevarez.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine and Parish, 3600 Parroquia Street in Tortugas, where the Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011 in the same church. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the Tortugas Cemetery where she will be laid to rest.

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Soy much to ponder



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

If a celebrity endorses a product, the likelihood that product will succeed increases ... usually.

Ellen DeGeneres started her vegan book and blog, which could be one of the reasons "going vegan" has become so popular.

Yes, eating soy and tofu is trendy, and studies show the market is demanding more alternatives for dairy and meat products.

During the past few years, the demand for vegetarian products has skyrocketed and so have its prices. The amazing thing is tofu was invented more than 2,000 years ago, and soymilk was mentioned in books as early as 1889.

So why now?

I am convinced marketing gurus are behind a vegan campaign that endorses trendy restaurants, jacking up the price of veggie burgers and similar products. That or celebrities, such as Brad Pitt, Carrie Underwood and Liv Tyler, are making it just that cool.

A recent study by Elixirbr business research showed the target market for soymilk ice cream consists not only of those individuals who suffer from dairy allergies or lactose intolerance, but also those who avoid dairy products by choice.

Maybe the media is endorsing vegans.

A blog quotes Harvard scientist Ganmaa Davaasambuu as saying "cow's milk contains considerable amounts of female sex hormones ... Milk consumption, with all its accompanying hormones, has also been linked to prostate cancer and breast cancer."

Studies are being released weekly that something causes cancer, but for the dairy industry it has been enough to get consumers looking for an alternative.

With an undersupplied market, Elixirbr verified there is also room for growth in the soy industry, especially in diversification beyond soymilk ice cream.

That means you can expect to see more soy butter and soy cheese. Are you hungry yet?

I have been drinking soymilk for seven years. Email me at samantha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Walmart moves into action

The third Las Cruces location has entered into next phase of permitting

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

By this time next year, customers could be shopping for their holiday gifts at a Walmart on the East Mesa on the corner of Northrise Drive and Rinconada Boulevard.

There is a possibility, albeit small, the store will be open by November 2012. Wednesday, Nov. 16, the zoning architect hired to design the East Mesa store, initiated the next step with the City of Las Cruces.

"More than one year ago, the zoning architect was told to hold off, probably because of the economy," said Christine Logan, economic development administrator with the City of Las Cruces. "A Walmart on the East Mesa was always going to happen. When it was going to happen was the question."

"I think Walmart wanted to see Las Cruces grow to a big enough city that could sustain three stores. Las Cruces is growing fast."

Logan admitted the city's decision to move forward with impact fees may have accelerated the retail giant's decision.

"Walmart will have to pay public safety impact fees," said Logan, adding that these fees go into effect Jan. 1, 2012. "But I wouldn't be surprised if they tried to move fast enough to avoid the others."

In addition to public safety, major roads and storm water drainage fees will go into effect in 2013 upon a final decision from the Las Cruces City Council.

The average size of a Walmart store is about 95,000 square feet, which means the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Greg Chavira, owner of Chavira Produce is hopeful the new Walmart off Northrise Drive and Rinconada Boulevard will not hurt his nearby businesses. Chavira said his business has some of the lowest produce prices with the best quality.

corporation would end up paying about \$93,100 in public safety impact fees or \$181,300 if the company builds a super center, which are usually around 185,000 square feet.

Either size store will have a negative impact for smaller companies, such as Chavira Produce, located on U.S. Highway 70.

"I hope it doesn't hurt us too bad," said Greg Chavira, owner of Chavira Produce. "We will try to keep and maintain our produce at

the best prices. Sometimes they will beat our produce prices and take a loss because they are a big company that can afford to do that."

Chavira said he has some loyal customers who shop with him because of his high quality of products and low produce prices.

Though Walmart could bring the end to some local grocery stores others are hopeful. Eric Montgomery, program coordinator for the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market with

See **Walmart** on page B2

Pecan trees are nearly 100 years old

NMSU orchard contains some of region's oldest pecan trees

By **Jay Rodman**
for the Las Cruces Bulletin

With night-time temperatures occasionally dropping below freezing in the Mesilla Valley, area pecan producers are looking toward harvest time. They are also looking forward to a good per-pound price for their product again this year, although yields are likely to be smaller due to the drought.

Some of the oldest pecan trees in the valley can be found on the campus of New Mexico State University, according to Richard Heerema, NMSU Extension pecan specialist. Research on pecan varieties has been conducted at the university for nearly a century.

Earlier in November, Heerema was walking through the old pecan orchard at the university's Fabian Garcia Science Center west of the Las Cruces campus, noting the differences among the trees and sampling the occasional nut. The orchard covers approximately 4 acres on the west side of the research center. He and many of his fellow faculty members believe this orchard's first pecan trees were planted by the legendary Fabian Garcia, the first director of the university's Agricultural Experiment Station, who is best known today for his pioneering work in chile pepper development.

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NMSU photo by Jay Rodman

Richard Heerema, New Mexico State University Extension pecan specialist, stands by one of the older-looking pecan trees at the university's Fabian Garcia Science Center. The pecan orchard on the west side of the farm is thought to include some of the oldest pecan trees in the Mesilla Valley. Some of them may have been planted by Fabian Garcia himself as early as 1916.

Orchard

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Heerema said that based on trunk girth, some of the orchard's approximately 120 pecan trees certainly appear old enough to have been part of that original planting.

In the 1925 Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin 145, "Preliminary Pecan Experiments," Garcia and co-author A.B. Fite refer back to the March 1916 planting of pecan trees "on the Horticultural Farm where an old peach orchard had been removed." Two or three trees were planted of 17 different varieties obtained from Texas and Indiana, with the idea of testing their adaptability to New Mexico growing conditions. This "College Experimental orchard," as they termed it, was populated with the following varieties: Stuart, Money-maker, Schley, Colorado, Pabst, Frotscher, San Saba, Van Deman, Venus, Texas Prolific (Sovereign), Success, Indiana, Busseron, Niblack, Green River, Warwick, and Kentucky.

A few of the oldest-looking trees in the orchard today still have rusting metal tags identifying them as belonging to some of those varieties: row 7 tree 6, Kentucky; row 1 tree 4, Stuart; row 4 tree 2, Van Deman.

It is unlikely that all of the varieties mentioned by Garcia and Fite are currently represented in this orchard. There are also whole rows of smaller trees that clearly could not have been part of the original experimental orchard set.

"There's a good deal of variation from tree to tree in this block," said Heerema, standing under one of the older trees. "There's a lot of variation in bark texture, for instance. This one has a very shaggy-textured bark, whereas others have a much smoother bark. You'll also see a good deal of variation in the shape of the pecan nuts, the ripening date, the flavor, the growth pattern or the structure of the tree, a lot of variation in this orchard block."

Last year, Heerema sent off a collection of fresh nuts from the orchard's largest and oldest-looking trees to L.J. Grauke of the USDA Agricultural Research Service's Pecan Breeding and Genetics program. In a recent email to Heerema, Grauke reported some "very tentative" identifications based on the physical characteristics of the nuts. Of the nearly 20 suspected varieties, five cultivars (San Saba, Stuart, Success, Van Deman and Western) did match the 1916 Garcia-Fite list, but Grauke said it appeared that most of the cultivars "date from the mid-20th century."

The range of ages and varieties is the result of generations of NMSU pecan researchers having had projects here, among them Roy Harper, Darrell Sullivan and Roy Nakayama.

Geno Picchioni, NMSU horticulture professor, reports a telephone conversation he

had with Darrell Sullivan in 1999, 17 years after the latter retired. Sullivan reported to him that Harper had grafted and top-worked many of the existing trees in that orchard.

According to John Mexal, also a professor of horticulture, Sullivan's work included fertilizer work on pecans, while Nakayama was more exclusively focused on breeding.

Esteban Herrera, retired NMSU Extension horticulturist, said it was Nakayama's work on pecans at the science center in the early 1970s that led to the registration of the pecan cultivar "Salopek."

Pecan varieties released by NMSU in 1967 and 1983 are named after Harper and Sullivan, respectively, attesting to the importance of their work.

The orchard's value for future research is questionable.

"This orchard is very different from the way standard commercial orchards are set up today, and as such, the main value of this orchard really is its historical value, the fact that it was probably planted by Dr. Garcia himself," Heerema said. "But there may actually be some valuable genetic resources within this orchard."

"We don't know what the cultivars are of each of these trees, but we do know that there is a good deal of diversity, in terms of which trees are here. Some of these are probably very common cultivars, but some of them may be very rare cultivars, some of them may be seedling trees, some of them may be cultivars, which are extinct elsewhere. So there may actually be some very interesting genetic resources, possibly for use in breeding programs in the future."

In addition to appreciating the heritage value of the orchard, Heerema also brings classes out to give them first-hand knowledge of varietal differences and of some of the disease challenges pecan trees face in New Mexico.

NMSU's pecan research program has spread out to several other locations. In the Mesilla Valley, Heerema is doing research in an established 11-acre orchard and an additional 20 acres of recently planted pecans at the Leyendecker Plant Science Research Center south of Las Cruces. NMSU currently has more than 60 total acres of pecans for research purposes at Leyendecker and at its agricultural science centers in Los Lunas and Artesia. The inventory includes more than 3,000 young seedlings donated over the past two years by Linwood Nursery of La Grange, Calif.

Meanwhile, back at the old Fabian Garcia Science Center orchard, the orderly rows of trees provide a nice park-like feature for the adjoining residential neighborhood. The nuts will be harvested and sold as soon as they are ready, according to farm manager Mark Pacheco. Whatever the orchard's future research value may be, many of its trees are still producing a crop of tasty nuts.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Shoppers at Chavira Produce pick up their fruits and vegetables, including red grapes for \$1.69 a pound.

Walmart

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the City of Las Cruces, does not expect the corporation to have an impact on the market.

"I do not believe that the opening of a third Walmart would be detrimental to the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market," Montgomery said. "While the market is a great opportunity for those in the region to shop for locally grown foods and handcrafted arts, it has always been an attraction that is distinct from the big-box retailers. People will continue to shop at the market because it provides a unique experience."

As another downside, Walmart is a violation of the federal Robinson-Patman Act that prohibits price discrimination. There have also been disputes that Walmart employees – associates – are not treated fairly because the company has managed to dodge standard overtime rules.

On the other end of the spectrum, a third Walmart in Las Cruces could be positive for the growing community, such as providing a new source of tax revenue, adding a significant number of jobs to the community, providing temporary construction jobs, lower prices and more convenient shopping.

"I have received listings for properties adjacent to Walmart and know there are businesses out there that know and trust Walmart," said Louis Edwards, a broker with NAI 1st Valley. "(These businesses) have specific equations. They know if Walmart is projecting a certain level of traffic from customers, they can expect to make a certain amount."

"Walmart is an anchor business and creates a steady consistent stream of traffic," Logan added.

Edwards said to get a good look at the types of stores that can be expected, look at the Walmart on Valley Drive.

"Shoe stores, sandwich shops, Starbucks – there are a number of them," Edwards said.

For another positive, Edwards said another Walmart will generate activity in the area.

"There will be a ripple effect," he said. "Insurance companies, banks and other subsidiary companies find locations next to a large grocery store more attractive. Not just on Rinconada, but also on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard and surrounding areas. I think Pro's Ranch Market is a good example of how easy it was to lease the nearby properties and fill the space."

Edwards said Walmart's decision to move forward with plans could also be an indicator the company foresees the economy to improve quickly.

"Maybe the guys in Arkansas believe one year from now, things will be better. I don't know, but I hope so," Edwards said.

As for a timeline, Logan said she expects to have Walmart's plans turned in before the year is over.

"From there, it will probably take about 60 days to review the plans and get everything approved," she said. "I could see a groundbreaking as early as March or April (2012), and them rushing construction to be open by Christmas."

"(Walmart) likes to open around Thanksgiving," Edwards said. "That time of the year is big shopping."

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Lorena's Mexican Food

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Lorena's Mexican Food has moved into the building at 3961 E. Lohman Ave. The complex used to house Lorenzo's Avanti. Building renovations will begin soon to make the transformation.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Nov. 18	Dr. P.E. Chang's office	4420 E. Lohman Ave.	524-8061
Nov. 11	Valero gas station	Lohman Avenue	www.valero.com
Nov. 4	Shopping complex	Valley Drive	524-8061
Oct. 28	Pro's Ranch Market	320 E. Wyatt Drive	505-833-1765
Oct. 21	Road construction	Main Street	528-3125

Our numbers

\$465.6 billion
total holiday sales forecasted for the 2011 Black Friday weekend

40
percent of consumers said they began holiday shopping before Halloween

22
million people shopped on Thanksgiving in 2010

28
percent of people believe the best holiday deals start on Black Friday

Source: NRF and PriceGrabber

Gas update

Monday, Nov. 14

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 9 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.01** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 5.7 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.36** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Nov. 21**, were **30.9 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **22.4 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 11.1 cents** during the last month and stands **49.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.91
2. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.93
3. Pilot	2681 W. Amador Ave.	\$2.99
4. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.99
5. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road	\$2.99

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Phoenix	\$69.70	United Airlines
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Market Snapshot

From Nov. 14-18, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	YTD %
DJIA	12153.68	11796.16	-357.52	-2.9	1.9
Nasdaq	2678.75	2572.5	-106.25	-4	-3

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Molina Healthcare ranked highest Medicaid plan

Molina Healthcare Inc. announced the widely respected National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) listed Molina Healthcare's Medicaid health plan in New Mexico the highest ranked Medicaid health plan in NCQA's Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Rankings for 2011-12.

Molina's Medicaid plans have been included in NCQA's rankings for seven consecutive years.

"We consider it a great achievement to have all nine of our eligible health plans included in NCQA's Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Rankings for 2011-12," said Dr. J. Mario Molina, president and chief executive officer of Molina Healthcare Inc. "We are proud to be recognized as a national leader in delivering quality health care, and as the company grows, we will continue to make this a priority."

With nine of its eligible health plans accredited, Molina is one of two Medicaid-focused health care organizations with the most NCQA Accreditations, making the company a national leader in providing quality care.

For more information on the NCQA

rankings and the complete report, visit www.ncqa.org.

Crude oil closes above \$100 for the first time ever in November

On Nov. 18, crude oil closed at \$102.59 per barrel. It's the first time ever that oil has closed above \$100 per barrel in November, and gas prices are going down.

"Nobody wants to jinx the downward trend by actually asking the question, but everybody is wondering the same thing: Why are gas

prices going down instead of up?" said Gregg Laskoski, a senior petroleum analyst. "The answer, we believe, lies in the current disconnect between crude and pump prices. The two usually move in tandem, but this is one of those instances where the exception to the rule occurs, and when that happens, consumers notice immediately."

At the same time, both refinery utilization and total gasoline production have increased according to the most recent data from the Department of Energy. Additionally, gasoline futures are at their lowest level since February 2011 and that facilitates the seasonal decline for wholesale and retail prices.

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Nov. 18-21

Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
20116194	Fort Selden Builders	Bogart LLC	Reroof	1525 Foster Road	\$7,800	\$74
20116231	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hunt Los Pueblos LLC	Res/New	4218 Harp Court	\$197,620	\$4,115
20116252	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Phillip M. and Tammi Maese	Reroof	2348 Cheyenne Drive	\$6,420	\$66
20116295	JC Roofing Inc.	Sinnathamby Pankayatselvan	Reroof	457 Yale Drive	\$1,200	\$37
20116299	Louis and Josephine B. Chavez	Louis Chavez Et Ux	Reroof	1095 Circle Drive	\$2,800	\$44
20116253	Arei LLC	Amber D. Moore and Sergio R. Hands	Reroof	5715 Pecan Lane	\$8,810	\$80
20116257	Ridgetop Construction	Keloly O. and Debra K. Dunn	Reroof	3200 Arrowhead Road	\$10,500	\$90
20116325	Vica One Inc.	Tierra Del Sol Corporation	Res/New	6010 Payan Road	\$139,236	\$4,016
20116309	Desert Hills Roofing	Martha Matthews and Estevan Benavidez	Reroof	795 Cedardale Drive	\$9,599	\$84
20116308	Desert Hills Roofing	David A. and Sabine C. Trafimow	Reroof	1753 Pomona Drive	\$11,347	\$95
20116381	Summit Development	Summit Building & Development LLC	Res/New	5608 Prairie Falcon St.	\$194,832	\$2,352
20116283	A&A Roofing Inc.	Robert Jaurigue	Reroof	1630 Paxton St.	\$3,388	\$48
20116327	Isaiah Blancas Construction	John R. Barnes	Reroof	823 N. Miranda St.	\$9,698	\$85
20116334	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Vincent M. and Aletha Drenzo	Reroof	1373 Beltran Road	\$5,200	\$58
20116335	Desert View Homes	Desert View Homes LLC	Res/New	2811 San Lorenzo Court	\$158,014	\$1,489
20116336	Desert View Homes	NM Lots LLC	Res/New	2932 La Union Court	\$163,590	\$1,498
20116343	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	5430 Monte Sol St.	\$169,740	\$2,309
20116346	Clayton Donnelly Roofing	Leslie L. Hennessee	Reroof	2135 Pioneer Ave.	\$5,000	\$57
20116351	DR Horton Cruces Construction Inc.	DR Horton Inc.	Reroof	4715 Zeno Place	\$1,500	\$41
20116355	Mesa View Homes LLC	Blue Horse Development Inc.	Res/New	2835 Burroughs St.	\$152,930	\$1,480
20116331	Molina Contractors	Patricia Elva Wahe Trustee	Reroof	1802 Augustus Road	\$4,500	\$54
20116382	Summit Development	Summit Building & Development LLC	Res/New	6514 Chukar Court	\$197,866	\$2,357
20116393	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hunt Los Pueblos LLC	Res/New	4224 Auriga Court	\$277,406	\$4,252
20116397	JC Roofing Inc.	Robert A. Singer	Reroof	2677 Caballo Court	\$5,500	\$60

* Information from BIA-SNM is provided by City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County permit offices

Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Nov. 18-21

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
37001	Weeks Roofing	Amelia Macias	Reroof	225 Paloma Blanca Drive	\$160
37003	FLBuilders	Meelyea Inc.	Reroof	503 N. Fairacres Road	\$180
37006	Salas Homes	Peter and Margee Harben	Res/New	4350 Hunters Chase	\$1,207
37007	Self	Inez and Paul McLaughlin	Reroof	4614 April Place	\$140
37011	Approved Roofing	Alan Jurus and Corinne Steele	Reroof	5311 Miller Road	\$140
37013	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolsen Properties	Res/New	106 Apache Gold Loop	\$556

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Profile

Christine Logan: Business liaison makes it happen

Economic development has become Logan's true passion

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Christine Logan, economic development administrator for the City of Las Cruces, picking her college was a very strategic decision in her life.

Logan was born in New Jersey and raised in Brazil. Her father was an engineer, and the family traveled with his job. After graduating from high school, Logan started to look at colleges.

"I had a spreadsheet," she said about her decision making process. "I knew I wanted something out of state, and since I didn't have a major, I wanted a college that had criminal justice and civil engineering."

Logan said she visited New Mexico State University with her father and spent four hours touring the sewer plant.

"My dad was asking all kinds of questions about the plant," said Logan, adding that shortly after their tour, she enrolled in NMSU as a civil engineering major.

"I have always liked math and science, but I also wanted to be outside. The civil engineering degree morphed into land surveying and criminal justice."

Logan started working for the City of Las Cruces in 1996, and has since then held eight different positions.

"Fifteen years ago, I started as a surveyor, focusing on the West Mesa Industrial Park," she said. "As I have moved from one position to another, I have always been involved with the West Mesa Industrial Park."

Using her knowledge and love for problem solving, Logan said she saw her career turn toward economic development.

"Economic development is everything," she

said. "Being on the government side, it is nice to be able to help bridge the business community to the city."

Over the past few years, Logan said she has seen more retail and medical businesses move into Las Cruces.

"Medical services are coming to Las Cruces that five or 10 years ago, people had to go to El Paso or Albuquerque for," she said. "It shows that Las Cruces has a maturing population base."

"We are becoming the area that people from Silver City or (Truth or Consequences) come to."

Logan said the next development milestone for the city will be specialty entertainment and shopping.

"Las Cruces has already seen increased food diversity," she said. "Last year was sushi, and we saw many new sushi restaurants come in."

She said this diversity is because of the city's success attracting young professionals.

"Those people are who will bring in more food and entertainment," she said.

The City of Las Cruces is growing as fast as the city itself.

"We are changing right now," she said about the City of Las Cruces. "My job is also changing. I am letting go of the processes and working one-on-one with businesses."

"I enjoy being able to talk to businesses and think things through. I am with a business when they initially start thinking about moving to Las Cruces through their ribbon cutting. I even help connect them with the chamber."

Logan said the ever-revolving job also keeps her perspective fresh.

"A project I am working on now is with the Navy," she said. "The Navy has a training group

that was planning on coming to Las Cruces in January, but when the only restaurant near their training area closed, they were worried about feeding people. So I found a company that would be able to go out and feed 200 people three times a day for two months. This stuff is fun for me. I like solving problems."

Logan has also worked to continue her education and received a master's degree in public administration from NMSU.

"The (master's degree) was just another step that let me better understand how to work with businesses," she said, adding that she also completed her certification as an Economic Developer in 2010. "It was a rewarding experience."

Logan said the certification process had eight areas of concentration that extended beyond Las Cruces' needs, allowing her to know have a larger scope of potential businesses' needs.

"When I finished, I really felt like I knew economic development," she said.

In her spare time, Logan said she enjoys spending time with her husband, Ron, and dog, Casey. The couple travels to NASCAR races and visits their family in Louisiana. Logan is also involved in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance and Mesilla Valley Business Trends.

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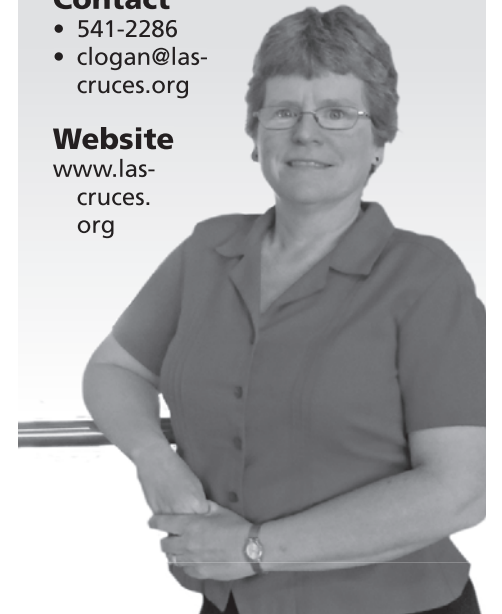
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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts
City of Las Cruces Economic Development Administrator Christine Logan said her eight different jobs at the city have kept her career new and exciting.

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According to a recent national survey of real estate agents, three-quarters of homeowners believe their house is worth more than its actual value, and about half of all homeowners overvalue their homes by at least 10 percent. In another survey, approximately one-quarter of all listed homes have experienced at least one price reduction.

It's also an established fact that U.S. home sellers who overprice their properties wait longer to find a buyer, and achieve a lower percentage of their asking price, than sellers who price their homes correctly right out of the gate. Does the same hold true for Las Cruces area sellers? You bet. Just ask the 56 local homeowners who learned the hard way that asking too much can indeed get you less.

Fifty-six may not sound like a substantial number of sellers, but the number represents approximately 43 percent of the 130 local area home sales that were the subject of a recent survey conducted by my real estate firm. Statistically, the 56 sellers whose homes were listed at inflated prices waited an average of 77 days longer to close their transactions (210 days versus 133 days) and received an average of \$7,600 less for their homes (94.7 percent of the asking price versus 95.1 percent) than did the sellers who priced correctly from the get-go.

By my fuzzy math that means those "overpriced" sellers waited almost 60 percent longer to sell their homes than did the sellers who were priced correctly, and received almost a half percent less for their properties. The average price reduction required to bring their home's asking prices in line with their actual values was about \$24,000, or 12.5 percent.

Even more interesting is the fact that the

about 130 closed sales of new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums only accounted for around 12 percent of the 1,100 homes listed for sale at the time of the survey. Can you see where this is going? It means there are only enough ready, willing and able buyers in our local marketplace to purchase around one-eighth of our current inventory. In contrast, our area produced enough buyers to purchase almost 57 percent of our available inventory in 2005.

So how easy was it for those 130 Las Cruces area sellers to overprice their homes? Painfully easy if they used the asking prices of similar homes offered for sale in their respective neighborhood as a benchmark. Instead, they should have based their asking prices on the selling prices of recently sold homes in their neighborhood that were similar to theirs. Had they done that, they would have aligned themselves with the 12 percent of sellers who figured out how to beat out the competition, rather than following in the footsteps of the about 88 percent who priced their homes incorrectly.

Some of the sellers who received less at closing will cite the need for more money as their motivation to price above the market. A few will point a finger at their real estate brokers for failing to provide accurate, decision-making data.

For most sellers, overpricing is a prescription for failure rather than a good strategy for success. So, for all of you who found a way to get it right the first time, congratulations. See you at closing!

Gary Sandler is the president of Gary Sandler Inc., Realtors in Las Cruces and the host of Gary Sandler's Real Estate Connection, which broadcasts from 4 to 6 p.m. each Monday on KSNM-AM 570. Sandler is the 2007 and 2010 recipient of the New Mexico Broadcaster's Associations Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

What does the policy support?

Fed's zero interest rate policy is a 'shell game'

Declarations by unelected policy makers that the U.S. will continue to maintain a zero interest rate environment for almost two more years deserves a much higher level of scrutiny.

We are told by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke rates must be kept near zero to "help" a sluggish economy. Let's employ a smidgeon of common sense here to see how interest rates fit into the overall economic picture.

It is important to realize an interest rate is essentially a price – a price to borrow money. Borrowers pay the interest rate cost and lenders receive it as a form of rent on their savings. Anyone with a savings account is a lender. Both public and private sector employees who contribute to individual retirement accounts, 401k's, or pension plans each month are lenders. Senior citizens with bank deposits and CD's are lenders. People who own fixed annuities are lenders. Anyone who buys a U.S. savings bond is a lender.

Of course, because they hold reserves for lending, banks are also lenders. However, there is an important distinction between banks and savers. Banks are also active borrowers who can find ways to benefit from the flip side of low interest rates.

In a press conference held by Ben Bernanke last week, we were told by our central banker the Fed will continue with a zero interest rate environment until at least 2013.

The reason given for clinging to this radical policy was that it is needed to "support" the struggling economy. Our leaders have already maintained this policy for several years. This raises a serious question. Who does this policy actually support? The answer is pretty simple.

While zero interest rates have not done much to help our economy, it has made

life easier for the biggest borrower on the planet. The United States government, with \$15 trillion in outstanding debt and a borrowing appetite of \$4 billion a day is the biggest beneficiary of Washington policy-maker's efforts to keep the cost of borrowing money at or near zero.

In collaboration with U.S. Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, Chairman Ben Bernanke is speaking in half-truths at best and outright deceptions at worst, when he cites the "economy" as the primary beneficiary of a zero interest rate policy.

In reality, the price-fixing of interest rates is masking the damage being done to our economy by the \$4 billion per day borrowing habit of our federal government. And sadly, the damage being done comes in the form of cheating all savers out of a decent rate of return on their reserves. The Fed's zero interest rate policy is a multi-trillion dollar cost shifting scam that rewards a reckless government and cheats savers.

The definition of financial insanity can best be described as doing the same thing over and over while expecting a different result. The zero interest rate policy is all part of an insane borrowing addiction in Washington. It has nothing to do with helping a "struggling economy."

It has everything to do with irresponsible leadership. And anyone with sense enough to sacrifice and save so they can fund their post-working years should be taking a very long look at the zero interest rate price fixing going on in Washington, D.C.

It is nothing more than a financial shell game being perpetrated by conartists.

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

The best of both worlds

Planning institute covers vital issues and encourages personal time

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Because they are working in an area that is constantly changing, estate planners are often tasked with following state and federal rules while meeting the delicate needs of their clients.

In an effort to ensure estate planners throughout southern New Mexico are keeping up with the highly technical and changing area, the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) held the 19th annual Estate Planning

Institute Nov. 1.

"The speakers covered unique topics that were timely," said Josh Dwyer, an estate-planning attorney with Holt Mynatt Martinez P.C. "The institute is an invaluable resource for our community, not only for estate planners, but also for our clients who benefit from more knowledgeable advisors."

Before the Estate Planning Institute was created, attorneys, accountants, financial planners, trust officers, investment advisors, estate planning and tax practitioners, life underwriters and anyone interested in learning more about effective estate planning for their clients had to travel as far as Albuquerque to attend classes for their continuing education credits. Now local, statewide and national speakers participate in the program, providing continuing professional education credits with an added focus on ethics and professionalism.

The Estate Planning Institute, held Nov. 3 and 4 at Hotel Encanto, featured speakers Tom Popejoy, recently retired vice president of New Mexico Bank & Trust in Albuquerque; David Hassler, attorney with Scott Hulse P.C. in El Paso; Nell Sale and Marcy Baysinger, attorneys with Pregoner, Baysinger, Wideman & Sale in Albuquerque; George Weir, recently retired senior vice president of First Hawaiian Bank Trust Division in Honolulu; Glenn Davis, attorney with Scott Hulse P.C. in Las Cruces; Grace Allison, vice president and tax strategist at Northern

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Topics included international issues in estate planning, business succession planning, wealth transfers and income tax developments in 2011 and estate planning in marriage, among many other valuable topics.

"One important thing that came up several times with several different speakers was the importance of taking extra time with clients to make sure needs are better understood. Once we understand those needs we can better meet their needs," Dwyer said. "All the speakers were very well informed and this was a good opportunity to earn continuing education credits while meeting other people specializing in this field."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is dedicated to helping the southern New Mexico community now, and in the future. Founded in 2000, the Community Foundation offers opportunities for local people who want to give back locally. The beauty of the foundation is that you need not be wealthy to make a positive difference in the lives of people throughout our area. Through the establishment of permanent funds you can sustain local charitable organizations, provide scholarships to area students and fulfill wishes that are close to your heart. Through our planned giving programs, you can honor loved ones or leave a legacy that benefits the people of southern New Mexico for generations to come. The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico can advise you on how best to maximize contributions, no matter what size. For more information see our website at www.cfsnm.org or call Luan Wagner Burn Ph.D., at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 St. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.



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Beasley, Mitchell & Co. goes above and beyond

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As Beasley, Mitchell & Co. heads into its 25th year of business, few things have changed with the company that started in 1987.

The CPA firm was started by Don and Patsy Beasley and Paul Mitchell in Las Cruces. Now, the company has more than 35 employees and follows many of the same principles it was founded upon.

"We take an interest in our clients," said Brad Beasley, son of Don Beasley and a partner with the company. "We spend time with them and talk to many of them on a weekly or monthly basis. We generate a vested interest in their lives and follow their problems and successes."

Brad Beasley said the company's goal of always providing quick response times helps them establish relationships.

"Our rule is to return emails and phone calls, even if it is just to say 'I am working on it' or 'I will have to get back to you,'" he said. "We don't let anything sit."

Beasley, Mitchell & Co. also values honesty and hard work.

"We don't really do much marketing," he said. "Instead, we rely on word-of-mouth referrals from our clients. We believe that if we do good work, our customers will be happy and give good references."

The firm's size is also an important component of the company's success, he said. The company is large enough to offer a full array of accounting, taxation and consulting services its clients on a more personal level.

"We keep that personal touch, and grow with our clients," said Beasley, adding that he started at the company as a "certified paper shredder."

After his paper shredding days, Beasley played baseball at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas where he also received a bachelor's degree in accounting.

"I have always liked math, and I saw that my

The team at Beasley, Mitchell & Co. is dedicated to serving its clients as well as the Las Cruces community.



father was able to provide well for our family," Beasley said about his career choice.

After spending a few years in the corporate world at Harrah's in Las Vegas, Nev., Beasley said he realized what an opportunity he had working at Beasley, Mitchell & Co.

"To be a CPA in the corporate world, you have to have an MBA," he said. "I got tired of Las Vegas; it was moving a little too fast for me. I saw opportunities to expand my horizons in Las Cruces."

"(Las Cruces) is a positive place, and my family really enjoys it."

One of the best reasons to move back to the City of the Crosses was to work alongside his father, Beasley said.

"Most people grow up thinking their parents don't know what they are talking about. It is nice to work with my father and see just how smart of a man is really is," said Beasley, adding that he considers his father, who is still active in the company, to be a mentor.

"Another one of the best parts about my job is to see all the ways people are making money. It is amazing to work with so many types of entrepreneurs, from farmers to construction workers. There are so many ways to earn money. It's inspiring to see someone succeed and watch their dreams come true."

As 2011 comes to a close, Beasley said the

company has so much to be thankful for, and the community is to thank.

To give back, employees at Beasley, Mitchell & Co. are encouraged to be involved in the community, and many of them sit on non-profit boards, such as La Casa, Mesilla Valley Hospice and the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

"It is important for us to say 'thank you,'" Beasley said. "Las Cruces has a lot of need for community involvement. Plus, it helps people grow on a personal and professional level."

"People always need help, and we are happy to offer what we can, if it's a financial contribution or our services."

Beasley said due to his employee's nature of business, a lot of them are asked to serve in secretary and treasurer roles.

"We are more than happy to do it," he added.

As the company prepares for its 25th year, Beasley, Mitchell & Co. has fully embraced 25.

"We are pledging to (help) 25 charities," said Beasley, adding that assistance comes in many forms, including monetary and in-kind donations as well as volunteer work. "Through all of the work, we will be donating \$25,000 to the Las Cruces community. This is a way for us to really say thanks."

Recent projects include donating 25 Thanksgiving dinners and dressing 25 children

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Brad Beasley, a partner with Beasley, Mitchell & Co., said he was glad he moved back to Las Cruces to follow in his father's footsteps and work for a company that has nearly 25 years of experience.

as part of Dress the Child.

"We are excited and ready for this year-long project, and already have all the charities picked out and ready to go," he said.

In the future, Beasley said he would like to see the company continue to expand.

"It will be hard to grow at the rate we have, but I think that just shows we are doing a good job," he said.

Tax reform is on the table for January Leg session

New Mexico tax system better than most



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Gov. Susana Martinez announced she plans to push for tax reform in the upcoming state legislative session beginning in January 2012. Most likely for reform is the gross receipts tax.

New Mexico's GRT is somewhat unique among the states in that we don't have a sales tax, which is charged only on sales to consumers. Instead, the GRT is charged on all sales regardless of whether the buyer is the ultimate consumer or not. Moreover, the tax is charged whether the product is a good or a service, whereas sales tax is usually only charged on goods.

Indeed, the major advantage of the GRT

is that it is very board based so the tax rate on any particular category is less. This is a good thing as it means the distortionary impact of the GRT is less than with a traditional sales tax. Nevertheless, numerous exemptions and exceptions have crept into the tax code throughout the years. Chief among these are the GRT exemption on prescription drugs, certain food and medical services.

A problem with the GRT is double taxation can occur when one business sells to another, then the product is tax again when sold to the ultimate user – a process called pyramiding. The New Mexico tax code contains provisions that try to mitigate pyramiding, but these provisions aren't always adequate. Concern for avoiding pyramiding is one of the reasons why the wholesale trade industry is so anemic in our state.

A broad based GRT without any

pyramiding would be the equivalent of a value-added tax, a form of taxation touted by economists as among the most efficient. If tax reform is a move in this direction, I'm all for it, that is as long as it is revenue neutral.

Of course, this is the rub. Forecasted revenue growth for the state is anemic, meanwhile demand for state services continue to grow, especially Medicaid. There is no room in the budget for a tax cut. Tax reform will have to be self financing. Eliminating pyramiding and lowering tax rates may be impossible to do without effectively a tax cut.

The governor's point man on tax reform, according to the media, is long-time New Mexico technocrat Tom Clifford, someone with years of experience in Santa Fe. Clifford was long the chief economist at the Taxation and Revenue Department and is currently secretary of the Department of Financial Administration.

He is well aware of the issues involving the GRT. In fact, I believe that much of what I know about this topic as it applies specifically to New Mexico, I learned from Clifford during one or another of his guest lectures to New Mexico State University graduate students.

Clifford, during a brief sabbatical from government service, worked at the New Mexico Tax Research Institute, an Albuquerque think tank. There, he helped develop a set of principles on good taxation that is still on the organizations website – www.nmtri.org. Among these principles are board based taxes, low marginal rates and revenue sufficient to cover needed government services.

Christopher A. Erickson, Ph.D., is an associate professor of economics at New Mexico State University. He specializes in the local and border economy. The views expressed here may not be shared by the regents or administration of NMSU. Erickson can be reached at chrerick@nmsu.edu.

Career searching at the Department of Defense at the Government and Public Service Job Fair

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

Benji Rubio receives information from Staff Sgt. Ballis R. Morgan at the Marines information table at the Government and Public Service Job Fair Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Corbett Center Student Union at New Mexico State University.



Todd Rawlinson, a wildlife habitat specialist, poses next to the advertisement for the U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture.



Cherall Lucero-Granger, a business administration student, and Michelle Lugo from the Department of Defense talk at the job fair.



Nate Renteria and Eric Madrid listen to a Secret Service officer, who asked not to be identified.



Dan Hergenrader fills out information for Kalena Barber, who is a police recruiter for the Irving (Texas) Police Department.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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11675-POD 2 with 8-inch casing to approximately 150 feet below ground surface on land owned by the applicant within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 31, T21S, R01E, NMPM at approximate Latitude/Longitude N32d26m40.46s W106d52m54.66s (NAD83) for use with permitted but not yet drilled well LRG-11675 to be located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31 for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 2.63 acres of land located within Pt. N1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31. The permitted LRG-11675 well location and the proposed location for well LRG-11675-POD 2 are located approximately 1,180 ft. and 1,020 ft. southeast, respectively, of the intersection of N. Valley Dr. and Hope Rd.,

approximately 0.65 miles south of Leasburg, NM.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed in triplicate with the Office of 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.

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Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

New America School-Las Cruces, a charter school, will be holding a special meeting of the governing council on Tuesday November 29th, 2011 at 4:30 PM at 380 Alliance Dr., Las Cruces NM 88007. Future meetings, agendas and locations will be posted on www.newamericaschoolnm.org.

Pub # 11351
Dates 11/25, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No: PB 2011-110
Judge Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NATASHA DAWN GUERRERO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Raymond L. Rumsey has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors 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 Third Judicial District Court, 201 E. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, 88001. Dated: 11 November, 2011.

/s/ Raymond L. Rumsey,
Personal Representative
PO Box 849
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0849

/s/ Jacqueline Bennett,
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 849
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(575) 527-0225

Pub # 11352
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. CV-11-2555
Judge James T. Martin

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Amanda Maciel

FOR CHANGE OF NAME DESTINY MADRID & DEVINY MADRID

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME (OF PERSON UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Amanda Maciel, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her children from Destiny Madrid & Deviny Madrid to Destiny Maciel & Deviny Pink Maciel. This petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 14th day of December, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ A. Maciel
Amanda Maciel
2945 San Eliano Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-520-6262

Pub # 11353
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 2011



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept Proposals for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

Proposal Invitation: I011889-A COBRA Administration

Proposal Due Date & Time: 12/15/2011@ 2:00PM (local time)

Proposal documents will be sent on request by calling the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Office @ (575) 646-2916.

Pub # 11354
Dates 11/25, 2011



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will accept Proposals for the following project in the office of the Director of Purchasing.

Proposal Invitation: I011888-A Life/Disability Coverage

Proposal Due Date & Time: 12/15/2011@ 2:00PM (local time)

Proposal documents will be sent on request by calling the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Office @ (575) 646-2916.

Pub # 11355
Dates 11/25, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DOÑA ANA COUNTY
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

NO. D-307-CV-201100844

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W1, Plaintiff,

vs.

EL HOUSSINE AMJAHAD; WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE; WELLS FARGO BANK, NA; CHRISTOPHER JOHN MINNITI; THUY WITHAM MINNITI; JANE DOE AMJAHAD, AS UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF EL HOUSSINE AMJAHAD; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE (WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN) TENANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendant El Houssine Amjahad

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5040 Galina Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, more particularly described as:

LOT 87, BLOCK 24, LAS COLINAS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT, PHASE VI-A, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 2, 1996, IN BOOK 18 PAGE(S) 412-413 OF PLAT RECORDS.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you. Robert J. Hopp & Associates, LLC, whose address is 3916 Juan Tabo NE, Suite 32, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111 is attorney for plaintiff.

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By (SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 11356
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Adoption of The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on November 21, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 12-018; Ordinance No. 2640: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from R-1A (Single-Family Medium Density) to REM-C (Single-Family Residential Estate Mobile-Conditional) for 0.98 ± Acres of Land Located at 5452 Santa Cruz Avenue. Submitted by Bob Steven Gilbert, Property Owner (Z2843).

2. Council Bill No. 12-019; Ordinance No. 2641: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change From R-3/C-2 (Multi-Dwelling Medium Density/ Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) for 0.464+ Acres of Land Located at 130 Madrid Avenue. Submitted by Summit Engineering on Behalf of 1732, LLC, Property Owner (Z2844). Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 22nd day of November 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 11357
Dates 11/25, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DONA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011-02162

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as successor by merger to BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, fka COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,

vs.

KENDA N. BRADFORD, and if married, JOHN DOE A (true name unknown), her spouse, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: Defendants Kenda Bradford and John Doe A (true name unknown), her possible spouse

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 5833 Habanero Dr., in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 9 of Las Lomas Subdivision, Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Las Lomas Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Dona Ana County, New Mexico on July 19, 2005 in Plat Book 21, Folio 269-271.

That unless you respond to the Complaint within 30 days of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Name, address, and phone number of Plaintiff's attorney: Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A., 4501 Indian School NE, Suite 101, Post Office Box 3509, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509, 505-254-7767.

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Dona Ana County, this 18th day of November, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner (SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 11358
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

POSTCARDS from the PAST

The Las Cruces Bulletin is looking for postcards for our "Postcards from the Past" weekly feature. If you have any old postcards that feature Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico, bring them to our office at 840 N. Telshor, Suite E Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm, or call Rachel at 524-8061. We will scan your postcard and return it to you immediately. We will record your name and recognize you for your contribution when the postcard appears in our paper.

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Arts, Crafts, Antiques, Collectibles Show & Sale. Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, November 27 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Genevieve's Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave. Admission \$2 (good for both days) Free appraisals. Food Served.

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NEXT WEEK

Living Christmas Tree
First Baptist Church puts on holiday concert Dec. 10-13



WinterFest has finally arrived

Weekend to be filled with holiday cheer

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Each December, the entire community is flooded with a sense of joy. Strands of glittering lights, fragrant wreaths and hot chocolate usher in the holiday season as well as lead us toward the end of another year.

The Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP) is kicking-off the holiday celebration with WinterFest, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, along Downtown Main Street.

"It's a great chance to build the holiday spirit with friends, family and neighbors," said Delia Rendon of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership. "The holidays are really time to celebrate and reflect on our connections with one another, as an entire community."

Rendon said the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership has focused its efforts in revitalizing the heart of Downtown, and hopes events like this and others, such as SalsaFest in August, will draw people to the center of the city.

Visitors can expect a variety of vendors for local holiday shopping as well as carolers from schools across the city and Girl Scout troops. Horse-and-carriage rides will carry guests through the Main Street corridor.

Businesses along the street are offering holiday specials and the Rio Grande Theatre will show holiday flicks as well as provide photo opportunities with Santa. The Southwest Environmental Center will be showing a double feature of nature-related films.

Galleries will be open, and Dec. 2 also happens to be the monthly Downtown Art Ram-



Photos by Las Cruces Railroad Museum
The Las Cruces Railroad Museum opens its doors at 5 p.m. on Dec. 2 for holiday guests to enjoy decorations, choir music and a special visit from Santa.

ble, when locals can get together to visit the art shows along the road.

On Wednesday, Nov. 30, a holiday-decorated window contest for Downtown businesses will be judged.

"It's a bright beginning to the holiday season," Rendon said. "We're excited to be sharing all of the wonderful happenings in Downtown

with the entire city."

Friday night is the City of Las Cruces' annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mayor Ken Miyagishima will host the event, held between City Hall, 700 N. Main St., and the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

Ceremonies will begin at 5:30 p.m. when the massive evergreen will be lit up for the first time this year. Music will be provided by the Las Cruces High School swing ensemble choir and hot apple cider is available to warm up the cool night.

"This tradition has been going on as long as I remember," said Rob Caldwell, an organizer for the event with the City of Las Cruces. "It's a wonderful, free event for the entire community to enjoy the company of their neighbors."

The same night, the Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., is holding its seventh annual Old Fashioned Holiday Display from 5 to 8 p.m. Santa will arrive to greet guests on a holiday-decorated train engine and will be available on the observation deck throughout the night for free photos and gift requests.

"We're looking to kick off the winter seasons with a festive atmosphere," said Garland Courts of the Las Cruces Railroad Museum. "It's an old-fashioned holiday celebration

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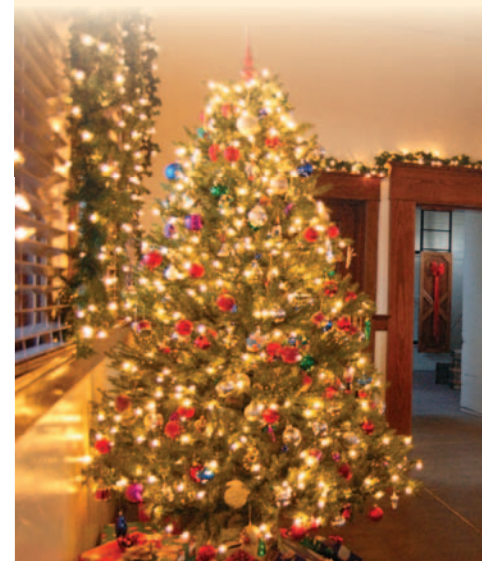
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Tree Lighting Ceremony

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5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
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Old Fashioned Holiday Display

Las Cruces Railroad Museum
351 N. Mesilla St.
Friday, Dec. 2
5 to 8 p.m.
Free



Las Cruces has several holiday events planned for Dec. 2 to bring the community together and provide fun for the whole family.

that's really family-friendly."

Holiday music will be provided by Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir. Guests can view a display of model trains, admire holiday ornaments and decorate their own holiday craft project.

The holiday lights at the museum will be lit each night from Dec. 2 - Jan. 2, 2012. Call the Las Cruces Railroad Museum at 647-4480 for more information about the Old Fashioned Holiday Display.

All events are free and open to the public.

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Featured artist: *Mary Beagle*

Capturing emotion on canvas

Artist Mary Beagle finds expression through imagery

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Some artists have a knack for painting figures, but Mary Beagle paints her canvas with the very fabric of emotion.

Her works, often themed around individuals of Native American or Mexican cultures, focuses on what the expression of the individual, the emotion written across their faces and in their eyes.

Beagle attended the Hartford Art School of the University of Hartford in Bloomfield, Conn., where she received a bachelor's degree in fine arts with honors. She spent much of her professional career after college as a graphic artist and eventually made the transition to painting full time. She works mainly in oil, on canvas.

As part of the Picacho Corridor Fall Studio Tour, Nov. 26 and 27, Beagle invites her neighbors and art lovers into her home, serving as a gallery, to ask questions and see her latest projects.

"It's so casual, like having friends over to talk about what inspires us," she said.

This is Beagle's second year with the Picacho tour, though she's been involved with several others when she lived on Melendres Street, which held its own series each year.

"Even though I've moved, I find the same supportive crowd touring the galleries," Beagle said. "The arts community as a whole is vibrant in Las Cruces. There's really no place I'd rather be."



BEAGLE



Beagle's painting, "Beads for sale" is one of many on display.

As for inspiration, Beagle said it's the people who really allow her creativity to flow.

"I love painting faces, especially older ones," she said. "There's so much character, so much story written on the lines of someone's face. It just fascinates me, and drives me to want to capture it on canvas."

In 2005 and 2008, she attended the Southwest Stone Carving Workshop in Jemez Springs, N.M., and became involved in sculpturing limestone, alabaster and marble while working with nationally known sculptors.

"Sculpturing helps me think differently, to get over the wall I hit sometimes with my painting," Beagle said. "Sculpting challenges me as an artist to think three dimensionally."

Details

Mary Beagle

Next Show
Picacho Fall Studio Tour
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Nov. 26-27

Website
www.mbeagleart.com

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mbeagle2@aol.com
635-7899

Beagle is a member of the Las Cruces Arts Association and Friday Painters, a group. She, her husband, David, and their two cats, Jerome and Elvira, divide their time between Coventry, Conn. and Las Cruces.

"Art is for me, a spiritual escape," Beagle said. "I just become so involved that I lose myself, time stands still. It's an incredible feeling."



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WED. NOV 30 Mother Goose Time: Activities for Infants	10:30 A.M. Branigan Library
WED. NOV 30 Every Other Tuesday - Muddy Hands Blues Band	6:30 P.M. Rio Grande Theatre
THU. DEC 1 Toddler Time - Stories for ages 1-3	10:00 A.M. Branigan Library
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THU. DEC 1 50 years of NASA Spinoffs-Michael Shinebery	5:30-6:30 P.M. LC Museum of Art
FRI. DEC 2 Don Lambert-percussive South American guitar and esoteric Indian, Middle Eastern, & Chinese stringed instruments	5-7 P.M. LC Museum of Art
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Lily Staski (May), William Zimmerman (Kammerling) and Josh Padilla (Jerry) star in the American Southwest Theatre Company production of "Once in a Lifetime."



Students stand out in ASTC production

Play maintains rep as 'comic gem'

Review by **Gerald M. Kane**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

I have not attended or reviewed a performance by the American Southwest Theatre Company in many years.

At the gentle coaxing of New Mexico State University Theatre Arts Department Head and ASTC Managing Director Tom Smith, I agreed to review the current production of "Once in a Lifetime," Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman's first collaboration, produced on Broadway in 1930. It received excellent reviews then and maintains its reputation as a comic gem in its current revival at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus.

With one of the largest student casts ever assembled, five sets, three acts and more than 100 costumes, the NMSU/ASTC production team definitely had its work cut out for them. The results are commendable in all areas.

"Once in a Lifetime" is quirky tale about the simultaneous death of Vaudeville on Broadway and the birth of "talkies" in Hollywood. Three Vaudeville players decide to transform themselves into elocution teachers and head west to hire themselves out to a studio. Their journey (and ours) is full of ups and downs, not to mention a wide assortment of sojourners, mocked to the hilt by Hart and Kaufman, who based their characters on actual personalities they encountered from their lives on both coasts. In fact, in the original production Kaufman himself portrayed Lawrence Vail, a playwright/screenwriter on staff in the studios.

Director and sound designer Smith has assembled a remarkable production team. The scenic and lighting design by Jim Billings is amazing and "spot on." The five authentic '20s sets – including a New York office/apartment, a Pullman car, a glitzy Hollywood hotel lobby, a movie studio reception area and a soundstage – each showed attention to detail, with a touch of humor. The costume design (more than 100 costume pieces) by Valerie Cadena is as impressive as it is authentic.

The large, enthusiastic student cast had a few shining members who fully transformed themselves into the characters they portrayed, while some in the cast still must face the challenges of learning more about voice

projection, articulation and the dangers of overacting.

For me, Elizabeth Staski, who portrayed May, the savvy member of the Vaudeville trio, was perfect in her nuanced performance. I heard every word she delivered and was impressed by the wide scope of her emotions. Jordan Krus as George, the most humorous member of the trio, knew how to pull out the stops when the script asked him to go "over the top." Josh Padilla, while full of verve and spunk as Jerry, the titular leader of the vaudeville "pack," was full of energy, he swallowed many of his lines in his enthusiasm to play the part to the hilt.

Mandolynn Browning was a hoot in her Louella Parsons-like gossip columnist persona, and Christopher R. Rivas as the egomaniacal studio mogul showed the appropriately histrionics when called upon to do so.

Even the ensemble performers, portraying hotel and studio staff, understood the nuances of the roles in which they were cast, and played their parts with fun, passion and gusto. I would especially commend Erin McClure and Trevor Nazario in their turns in the spotlight.

In sum, "Once in a Lifetime" is a particularly ambitious project. Special kudos to Smith for his vision and guidance. NMSU Theatre Arts and the American Southwest Theatre Company have provided the perfect tonic to put us all in the holiday spirit. I look forward to reviewing their next production, Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs," which opens Feb. 24, 2012.

"Once in a Lifetime" runs through Sunday, Dec. 4. Show times are 7:30 p.m. for Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening shows, and 2 p.m. for all Sunday shows. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 and are available at the Hershel Zohn Theatre Box Office on the NMSU campus from noon to 4 p.m. or by calling 646-4515.

Gerald Kane has reviewed theater and opera for NPR stations and newspapers in New Orleans, Phoenix and Kansas City as well as for the Las Cruces Bulletin. A former member of the American Theatre Critics Association, he is the Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces and has taught "Jews on Screen" at NMSU for the past two years.



Padilla and Staski give stellar performances in the play, which runs through Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre at New Mexico State University.

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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

LINDA LUNDEEN GALLERY hosts a Kathy Morrow exhibition of large-scale acrylics and paintings on clay boards through Thursday, Dec. 1. Morrow will demonstrate her painting style during the weekend-long exhibition. The gallery is located adjoining the Lundeen Inn of the Arts boutique hotel at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 526-3326.

DENNIS LUJAN, local Taos Indian artist, will host the sale of his art work from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, and from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at 201 S. Miranda St. Lujan's series of Machine-nas was featured at the 9/11 show at the Las Cruces Museum of Art and his framed prints, unframed prints and dream catchers were part of his one-man-show at the Branigan Cultural Center in March. Copper relief, original oil paintings, a white pencil drawing of Frida Kahlo, prints and others will be available. Email dennis_lujan@yahoo.com.

PICACHO CORRIDOR hosts the 2011 Fall Studio Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26-27, with more venues, art and artists than ever. Yellow "Open Studio" signs will be posted at participating galleries. The 16 studios and 21 artists are clustered in among the side streets along the stretch of Picacho between Motel Boulevard to the west and Tornillo Street, just above Mesquite Street, to the east. Talk with painters, sculptors, jewelers, printmakers, authors, potters and photographers. Ask questions only the artist can answer, learn something about the creative process and walk away with a work of art, complete with its history.

This year's participating artists are: Ann Angelo,

Pat Bonneau-White, Mary Beagle, David Brown, Claudia and Jim Billings, Tauna Cole, Gabriella Denton, Yanick D'Hooge, John and Penny Duncklee, Spencer Fidler, Linda Gendall, Mary LeBlanc, Bonnie Mandoe, John Northcutt, Jesse Reinhard, Mel Stone, Isadora Stowe, Penny Thomas-Simpson, Ouida Touchón and Jud Wright. Call 635-7899.

MVS STUDIOS will feature paintings by Ginny McMahon and jewelry by Laverne Stinnett. Other artists include Michael Ponce, Antonio Munez, Emily Detrick, Sherry Doil-Carter, Kate Mott, Pricilla Robinson, Janell Wicht, Donna Wood, pottery by Russell Mott, Claude Smith III, Alex Williams, Steve Hemmingway, jewelry by Stephanie Preciado, Ginny Wolf and Faride Chavez-Conway and basketry by Pat Jeffers. MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3637.

BLUE GATE GALLERY features "Sky Scapes" during November. Small paintings for gift possibilities will be available. The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Call 523-2950.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY displays the digital art of 10-year-old Luke Tumblin through November. Luke said he got his start at a church where there was a special computer room for kids to create art. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Tapestry of New Mexico Life" by the Artists of Picacho Hills through Saturday, Nov. 26. The gallery also has an exhibit "From Earth to the Solar System," a collection of images of the planetary system. The 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 hosts a "Glass and Smalls" show for the months of November and December, continuing through Jan. 15, 2012. Art galleries have traditionally done a Smalls show during the holiday season, showcasing smaller paintings by artists. Some of the featured artists for the Smalls show will be Don Parks, Julie Ford Oliver and Jim Turrentine. Some of the featured glass being offered is by such artists as Robert Eickholt, Rick Satava, Lalique, Daum, Roddy Capers, as well as Roman glass from the second century.

SB'S LATE-NIGHT LUNCHBOX displays photographs of Jazmin Harvey through November. SB's 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 412-623-9555.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES host the diverse works of Steve Hornung, Michelle Arterburn and Elaine Query during November. Hornung is a titanium jeweler, Arterburn is a painter and Query is a fine art photographer. 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.

OPENING

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY opens "Glitteropolis!" Wednesday, Nov. 30. Art collective Meow Wolf travels into Las Cruces to unveil the magical and visceral art experience filled with oddity, surreality, glam and glitz. The show will run through Feb. 18.

The NMSU Art Gallery is located in D.W. Williams Hall on the NMSU campus. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday

through Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday. Call 646-8036.

ONGOING

CUTTER GALLERY hosts nationally known watercolor artist Robert Highsmith. Highsmith's paintings make strong, simple statements, capturing the light and landscapes of the Southwest, combining equal parts of technical virtuosity and softness of light, shadow and brush that can only be accomplished with the immediacy of watercolor, complemented by the stark contrasts that lend the work its photorealism. The show continues through Tuesday, Dec. 6.

Cutter gallery is located at 2460 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER hosts its November 2011 exhibition featuring artists Glynis Chaffin-Tinglof, Singe Stuart, Al Weber and Bruce McClain.

The center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 523-8713.

THE MAIN STREET GALLERY celebrates the holidays with art by Ouida Touchón, Nancy Begin, Marie Seigrist, Fred Chilton, Linda Gendall and Jim Turrentine. The "Indigo Meets the Other Colors" one-of-a-kind art on denim jackets also will be

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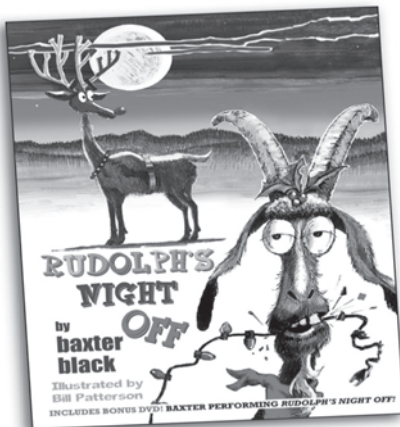
available through December. The gallery is located at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY provides visitors with gift ideas for the holidays during November. Sally Quillin provides ideas for home

decoration. Dedri Quillin presents gift ideas for knitters, crocheters and spinners. Aline Fister will give choice of sterling silver earrings and other metals.

The gallery is located at 317 N. Main St. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

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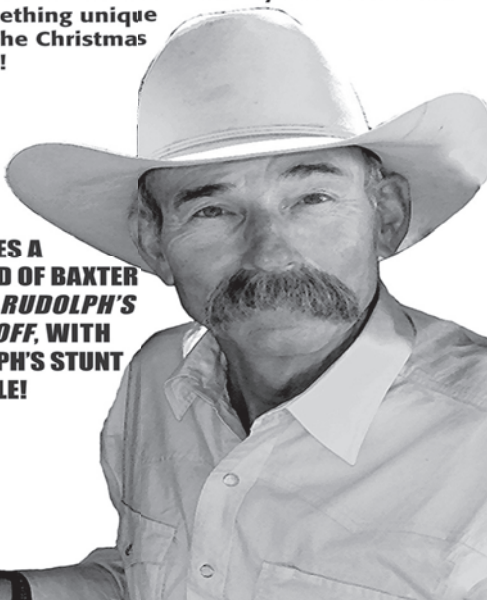
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EventsCalendar

FRI. 11/25

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SAT. 11/26

8 a.m. to 12:30 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.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fall Studio Tour, along Picacho Avenue between Motel Boulevard and Tornillo Street. Featuring 16 studios and 21 artists. Free admission. Call 635-7899.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holly Day House Art Show, 1340 Picacho Hills Drive. Featuring original work of the Artists of Picacho Hills, including paintings, jewelry, basketry, copper art, gourds, glass, photography, etc. Free admission. Visit www.artistsofpicachohills.com.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Sarah "Juba" Addison will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Pat Gill will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

SUN. 11/27

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday Growers Market, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road. Featuring local vendors. Free. Call 523-0436.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fall Studio Tour, along Picacho Avenue between Motel Boulevard and Tornillo Street. Featuring 16 studios and 21 artists. Free admission. Call 635-7899.

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2 p.m. "How I Ended This Summer" screening, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. On a desolate island in the Arctic Circle, two men work at a small meteorological station, taking readings from their radioactive surroundings. Free. Call 528-4073.

3 p.m. Mesilla Valley Concert Band performance, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University. Featuring NMSU Pianist-in-Residence Emeritus

William Leland. Free. Call 646-2421.

MON. 11/28

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

TUE. 11/29

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.

6:30 p.m. Every Other Tuesday: Muddy Hands Blues Band, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Playing a mixture of classic Chicago blues, Texas shuffle and Memphis blues. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 p.m. "Dance Works," James B. Delamater Activity Center, New Mexico State University campus. Featuring works by students in choreography class at NMSU. Cost \$2. Call 646-2070.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join the Big Band Dance Club. Cost \$5-10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 11/30

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Mall, along 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. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

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. 12/1

9 a.m. to noon, Fiber Club, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. "Painting the Night Sky," Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Workshop on painting nighttime scenes offered in conjunction with NASA exhibit. Cost \$50 for three days. Call 541-2217.

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5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Science Café, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Michael Shinabery will lead the discussion on 50 years of NASA spinoffs. Free. Call 541-2217.

6 to 7:30 p.m. Great Conversation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

7:30 p.m. Carpe Diem String Quartet performance, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$20. Call 521-4051.

FRI. 12/2

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2 to 3 p.m. Photographing in low light workshop, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Participants will learn about HDR digital photography from Paul Schranz. Free. Call 541-2217.

5 to 7 p.m. "Music from the Heart of Space," Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Featuring musician Dan Lambert. Free. Call 541-2217.

5 to 8 p.m. Old Fashioned Holiday Display, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Santa will arrive on a holiday-decorated Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad diesel engine. Free. Call 647-4480.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffehouse and Open Mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Featuring acoustic musicians, singers and songwriters with family-appropriate material. Free. Call 523-6403.

7:30 to 9 p.m. "The Lorax" screening, Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. "The Lorax" is Dr. Seuss' classic tale of a community that has misused its natural resources. Free. Call 522-5552.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. Beginners, singles and couples welcome to dance ballroom, country, swing and Latin styles. Cost \$7. Call 526-6504.

SAT. 12/3

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.

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three days. Call 541-2217.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Loni Todoroki will be the storyteller at the Solano COAS store. COAS will give coupons for free books to all children who attend. Free. Call 526-8377.

11:30 a.m. to noon, Magic Carpet StoryTime, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2154.

2 to 3 p.m. "Plug into the Sun," Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 524-2030.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7 p.m. Ballet Folklorico Quetzales, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$7. Call 915-307-0617.

7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center, Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

7:30 p.m. Classics Three concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. A concert of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra. Call 646-3709.

7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sky Safari photography workshop, Leasburg Dam State Park, 15 miles north of Las Cruces on Interstate 25. Photograph the night sky with the New Mexico State University astronomy department. Cost \$5 per car. Call 541-2217.

SUN. 12/4

2 to 5 p.m. Reading and book signing, Cultural Center de Mesilla, 2231 Calle de Parian. Deborah Barba Egan will read and sign copies of "A Girl in a Large Rectangle." Free admission. Call 523-3988.

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‘Salvation Boulevard’ is a fun, mindless ride

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Ever want to see a film that was sued by a religious group for alleged trademark infringement? Well, here is your chance.

“Salvation Boulevard” is an often gently funny and silly romp that, sadly, is rather timid in its presentation. Blessed with a great cast that includes Pierce Brosnan, Greg Kinnear, Marisa Tomei (who the film could have used much more of), Ed Harris and Jennifer Connelly, I found that timidity to be a drawback. Although the satire is great, it could have, and should have, been expanded upon, which would have made this film much more fun.

Brosnan plays Rev. Dan Day, the minister of mega-church Church of the Third Millennium. Kinnear, who used too many chemicals and chased too many women for too many years while being a follower of the jam band The Grateful Dead, has become an active member of the church, one Day uses as an example when preaching the good word to his ever-growing flock.

Day has bigger plans, which include City on the Hill, an all-Christian subdivision (here is an example of the tameness of director George Ratliff; it would be great to have seen just what City on the Hill was going to include), but Day himself is a bit of a phony. Not a huge one that calls for additional tithing from those who are out of work, but Day is not afraid to upend his faith when it means saving his own bacon.

One evening, after a debate between Harris’ Dr. Blaylock and Day, Blaylock invites Day and Carl (Kinnear) to his office for a nightcap and to discuss a book project. An absurd accident happens featuring an antique pistol, and soon Day is busily covering his tracks.

The good reverend knows all the strings to pull, and pull them he does. Before we know it, Carl is being blamed for everything and is busily trying to talk his way out of it until he is kidnapped by a mysterious stranger.

The plot of the film is totally unbelievable and has some gashes in it, but I don’t think it was



Pierce Brosnan leads the Church of the Third Millennium as Rev. Dan Day in “Salvation Boulevard,” now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

Ratliff’s intention to make an Oscar award-winning film here. Rather, he utilizes the talent of his cast to help cover up the silliness of the story, while allowing us to come along for the ride.

Tomei, as Honey Foster, another former Deadhead, is hysterically funny in her small role. Still a Deadhead wanna-be, she is now a campus security guard, which is somewhat ironic, and the only one who believes Carl when he tries to prove his innocence.

Ratliff also injects comic suspense with the ominous presence of a scripturally decorated van cruising through many scenes, inept kidnappers and a mysterious caller who harangues Day, saying that he knows what he is up to.

Played for laughs, while turning off your brain, “Salvation Boulevard” is a nice way to cruise for 90 minutes. But don’t think there will be a discussion group forming after any of the screenings.

Oh, and the lawsuit? Well, it seems that the Tennessee-based Church of God felt the filmmakers and others infringed upon “their” logo (no one can explain how someone can lay claim to the millenniums-old symbol of


Christianity, the cross symbol), and in July demanded that the film be withdrawn from distribution.

Obviously, it was not. Hallelujah!


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Red skies and desert child

Flicks filmed in New Mexico spark interest

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, is “Red Sky at Morning” (1971, 112 minutes, rated PG, made in New Mexico).

During World War II, Frank Arnold, a shipbuilder living in Mobile, Ala., decides to enlist in the Navy. After arranging for his foreman to manage his shipyard, he moves his wife Ann, an old-money Southern belle, and his 17-year-old son Josh to their summer home, a ranch outside of the small town of Sagrado, N.M., a place he loves and where he plans to retire.

Although Frank’s declared reason for taking his family to the remote Southwestern town is its distance from strategically vulnerable ports and Ann’s supposedly fragile health, he reveals to Josh that he wants them, especially Josh, to get away from the claustrophobic, old Southern society.

From their arrival in New Mexico, the rest of the story follows Josh’s adjustment to life in an entirely new world. Although he quickly makes friends, Josh discovers that New Mexico, of course, is nothing like Alabama.

He encounters different cultural mores, a less affluent society, bigotry, love, humor and the arts. His upbringing in upper-crust Alabama has done little to prepare him for his new life, but he embraces it and the multicultural levels it provides.

“Red Sky at Morning” is a deliciously filmed picture, one that is being shown again due to several requests by patrons. It stars Richard Thomas in a role that takes him pretty far away from his role as “John Boy” of television fame, Desi Arnaz Jr., who won a Golden Globe award for his performance and Catherine Davidson as Josh’s free spirited love interest.

The supporting cast, all “bigger” names, including Richard Crenna, Howard Duff and veteran character actor Strother Martin, take

a back seat to the young cast.

Prior to the screening of “Red Sky at Morning,” the Mesilla Valley Film Society will screen the 15-minute film “Child of the Desert.” The film was shot in the Las Cruces and El Paso areas and stars Dale Dickey, who won an independent Spirit award earlier this year for her performance in “Winter’s Bone.”

“Child of the Desert” follows Elia, a working-class mother, and her journey across the Southwest to see the final resting place of her military son. Fearless and free-spirited, Elia meets Jorge, an undocumented immigrant at a gas station and befriends him despite the fact that she doesn’t speak Spanish.

Set against the backdrop of the Texas desert, Elia believes that her son has returned in the form of Jorge’s presence in order to assuage her pain and allow her to forgive herself for not being able to “save” him.

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 – which could mean the new West, the Old West or anything in between – and “movies that missed us” – films that are notable but 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 for 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 – film festival-quality movies in the world’s oldest adobe theatre!

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 theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.

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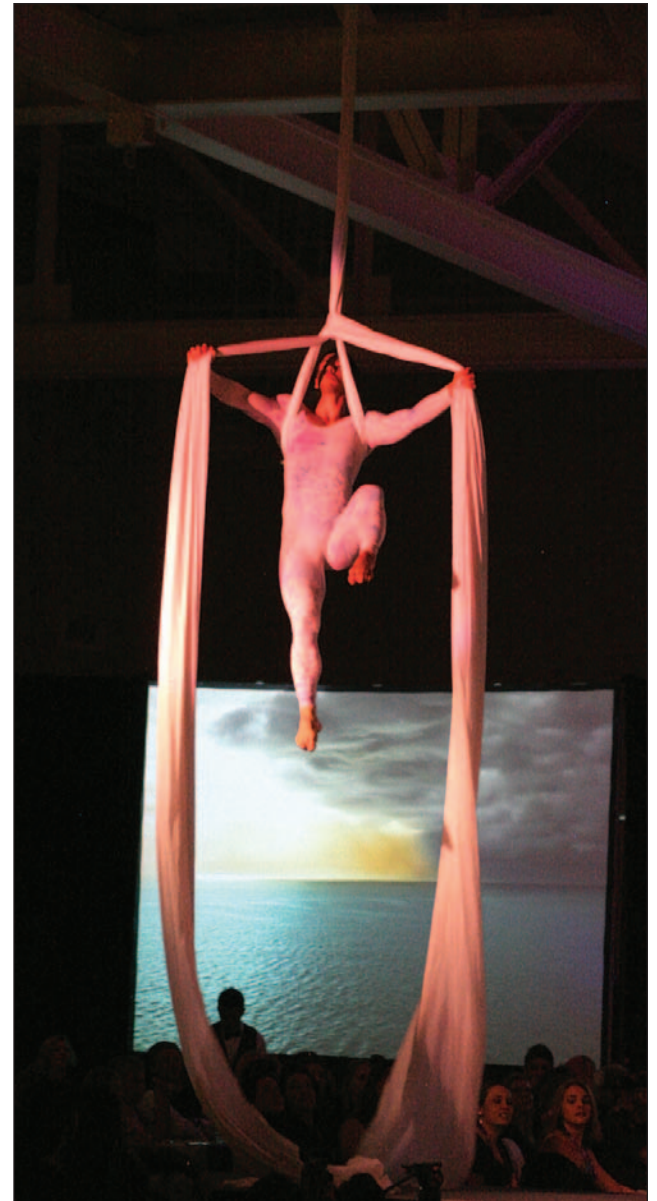
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Amber Soberón is leader of the pack, as she started off the fashion show. Salon Allure did the hair and makeup for the model in its representation of Africa at the fifth annual High Heels for High Hopes Runway-Style Fashion Show Friday, Nov. 18, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.



Janet Acosta Clifton is a geisha in Studio 037's portrayal of Asia.

Parisa Mansouri-Rad is an Egyptian queen.



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Holly Jones, an ice queen of Antarctica styled by The Fixx Salon, earned the Stiletto Award. The award is presented to the model who raises the most money. Jones and fellow model Mandy Leatherwood, who came in a close second, raised more than \$10,000 each.

Gladiators take model Krisha DeLong off the stage. DeLong's goddess hair and makeup were perfected by The Mint Hair Studio.



In the North America segment, performers paid homage to the King of Pop Michael Jackson by dancing to "Thriller."



Studio 037 owners Sarah Vance and Leonard Jimenez accept the award for Best of Show at the event. The salon represented Asia and South America during the show.



Cori Johnson is queen of Brazil's Carnival celebration.

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Home-style restaurant has big shoes to fill

Lorena's Mexican Food makes a home in Lorenzo's

By **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Watch out Las Cruces, there's a new kid on the block, and she's serving up home-style Mexican cuisine.

Lorena's Mexican Food has taken up residence in the building vacated by Lorenzo's Avanti, 3961 E. Lohman Ave., Suite 1, a city favorite for Italian cuisine.

In a town with an abundance of excellent Mexican restaurants, residents who live closer to Sonoma Ranch Boulevard are finally getting one closer to their side of town. The space has yet to be completely transformed, though who could blame anyone after only two weeks of having the doors open.

The ghostly reminder of the Italian restaurant continues to leave its mark in décor, style and memory. Newly installed speakers pumping mariachi music throughout the room helped to reorient my worldview. I wasn't here for pasta or pizza, but for some of my favorite Mexican dishes.

The staff was incredibly happy to see me, and the lunch crowd was impressively solid for a new dining concept. Service was prompt and friendly, with a sense of casual urgency. The sizzle of the fajita plate on the table next to me got my brain and stomach worked up. My early attempt at a new

year's resolution, avoiding meat when possible, was actually surprisingly easy, given that Lorena's had a full page of menu items dedicated to the vegetarian crowd. It was great to see so many combinations of menu items to sample a little of every classic dish.

Entrées ran \$7 to \$9, with a multitude of options for every palate. I ordered the vegetarian combination plate, which consisted of a rolled cheese enchilada, tamale and chile rellano, served with rice and beans.

Then came the ultimate question, red or green?

I may have only lived in Las Cruces for a little over a year now, but even the newest community member knows the obvious choice. I had to go with green. I was baffled when the waiter asked how hot I would like it. I was under the impression that every Mexican restaurant in the Mesilla Valley had only one heat choice; spicy hot and delicious.

Since I had the choice, and my sinuses would thank me for it later, I opted for the milder option.

Huge portions are usually expected from most restaurants, especially given the type of cuisine. Lorena's didn't disappoint, serving a platter of gooey, cheese covered goodies. It was as if I'd walked in on a traditional Mexican family having dinner.

Details

Lorena's Mexican Food

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The dishes were simple but flavorful, and the heat was just right. The chile relleno was the star of the plate, crisp on the outside, soft and rich within.

We're fortunate in the Mesilla Valley to have an excellent selection of Mexican restaurants to choose from, each with its own twist on the traditional cuisine of the region. Lorena's adds a home-cooked touch to its dishes, despite the more formal bones of the past space that it occupies.

Lorena's is an excellent work in progress that has potential to become a neighborhood favorite.

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The Mesilla Valley Chorale, directed by Nancy Ritchey, presents its annual holiday concert "Deck The Halls" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

The program includes a wide variety of seasonal music, including "What Star is This?" featuring oboist Dorothy Klement, and "Christmas Shopping Blues" with jazz trumpet player Ross LeCompte.

Tickets are \$10, and proceeds benefit the

Rio Grande Theatre. For more information, call 647-2560.

Mesilla Valley Concert Band performance

The 100-member Mesilla Valley Concert Band will present a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, conducted by band director William Clark.

The program, to be held at the Atkinson Recital Hall at New Mexico State University, will feature NMSU Pianist-in-Residence Emeritus William Leland playing Gershwin's "Rhapsody

in Blue."

In the second half, a jazz ensemble will play a tribute to legendary jazz band conductor Stan Kenton to celebrate what would have been his 100th birthday.

The Mesilla Valley Concert Band is celebrating its 26th season of providing free symphonic band concerts under the direction of Clark, retired head of music at NMSU. The band's varied programs include classical and traditional concert band arrangements, jazz, gospel and ragtime, and contemporary compositions. Guest artists and conductors, premieres of new works and small ensembles often highlight concerts. For more information, call 646-2421.

Rio Grande hosts Muddy Hands Blues Band

The Doña Ana Arts Council continues its popular Every Other Tuesday showcase in the Rio Grande Theatre with The Muddy Hands Blues Band, a quartet of serious and seasoned musicians with years of bandstand experience, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Its members are Ben Altamirano on vocals and harp, Royce Bandle on drums, Bill Godby on guitar and John Hyndman on upright bass. The band's songlist includes a mixture of classic Chicago blues, Texas shuffle and Memphis blues, featuring tunes by Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, Little Walter, BB King, Slim Harpo, Jimmy Reed, Otis Spann, Albert Collins, Freddie King, and others.

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- 3 **Sexy and I Know It**
LMFAO
- 4 **The One That Got Away**
Katy Perry
- 5 **Good Feeling**
Flo Rida
- 6 **Someone Like You**
Adele
- 7 **Without You**
David Guetta and Usher
- 8 **Take Care**
Drake featuring Rihanna
- 9 **Moves Like Jagger**
Maroon 5
- 10 **Stereo Hearts**
Gym Class Heroes featuring Adam Levine

Top 5 albums

- 1 **Talk That Talk**
Rihanna
- 2 **Take Care**
Drake
- 3 **Here and Now**
Nickelback
- 4 **Elevate**
Big Time Rush
- 5 **21**
Adele

Source: iTunes



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Sports News Movies

FRIDAY EVENING		NOVEMBER 25, 2011													
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Wash.	McL'ghlin	Need	Inside	Great Performances II	Postino From LA Opera (N)	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Hoops &	The Elf	CSI: NY "Do or Die"	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC	7	7	News (N)	Insider	News (N)	Ent	** "Shrek the Third" (2007) (In Stereo)	20/20	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	*** "Iron Man" (2008, Action) Robert Downey Jr.	News	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007, Action)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Reindeer	Olive-Reindeer	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futura		
ESPN	26		College Football Pittsburgh at West Virginia. (N) (Live)				(:15) College Football California at Arizona State. (N) (Live)				(:15) SportsCenter				
ESPN2	27		Score.	College Basketball	Score.	College Basketball	Score.	College Basketball	Score.	College Basketball					
USA	31		"Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull"				*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.		"Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull"						Yuma
TNT	32		"Four Brothers"				*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright.		*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) Tim Robbins.						
TBS	33		"Madae Goes"	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	** "Last Holiday"	** "This Christmas" (2007) Idris Elba				
COM	35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Gabriel Iglesias: Fat	G. Iglesias: Fluffy	(:04) ** "Jackass: Number Two" (2006)	(:06) "Jackass 2.5"	(:07) "Bad Santa"						
LIFE	39		(:3:00) "The Holiday"	** "A Christmas Carol: The Musical"			** "Secret Santa" (2003) Jennie Garth.	(:01) "A Christmas Carol: The Musical"							
FOOD	40		Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Diners	Crave	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.					
HGTV	41		House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HIST	44		American	American	American	American	Hairy	Hairy	IRT Deadliest Roads	American	American	American	American	American	American
TLC	45		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes
DISC	47		Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Gold Rush (N)	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush					
ANPL	50		Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars	Swamp Wars
FAM	51		*** "A Boy Named Charlie Brown"				*** "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972)	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Take It	Butt Lift				
DISN	52		Jessie	Good	Good	Good	ANT	ANT	Jessie	Jessie	A.N.T. Farm (N)	Phineas	Good	Good	Good
NICK	54		Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
AMC	57		*** "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern.				The Walking Dead	*** "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill, Laura Dern.							
SYFY	59		"Die Another Day"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)			Sanctuary "Fugue"	Fact or Faked	Sanctuary "Fugue"	"Live and Let Die"					
CNN	62		Heart Attack	Ungodly Discipline	Piers Morgan		Ungodly Discipline	Heart Attack	Ungodly Discipline	Heart Attack	Ungodly Discipline	Heart Attack			
CNBC	63		American Greed	American Greed	American Greed		Crime Inc.	Mob Money:	Billions Behind Bars	Marijuana: Industry					
MSNBC	64		Lockup Orange	Lockup Orange	Lockup Orange		Lockup Orange	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	The Squeeze					

SATURDAY MORNING		NOVEMBER 26, 2011											
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30
PBS	22	Performan	T. Smiley	Builder	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	Sewing	Liv'g
CBS	3	Tummy	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) (CC)				Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Rangers	Horseland
ABC	7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America			Good Morning El Paso	J. Hanna	Ocean	College Football		
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lose 30lbs	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	FREE Wen!	House	Pilates	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Today Black Friday: crime museum. (N) (CC)			Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willia's	Pearlie (El)
CW	14		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dragon
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI			Law Order: CI	
ESPN	26		SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)			SportsCenter (N) (CC)	College GameDay From Auburn, Ala. (N) (CC)				College Football	
ESPN2	27		College Football		(:25) E:60	Roll Tide/War Eagle		English Premier League Soccer				College Football	
USA	31		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Psych (CC)	Covert Affairs (CC)		Burn Notice (CC)		"Raids-Lost Ark"	
TNT	32		Law & Order "Virtue"	Law & Order "Positive"	Law & Order "Monster"			Leverage (CC)		The Closer (CC)		Law & Order "Panic"	
TBS	33		Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Jim	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Raymond	"Just Like Heaven"
COM	35		Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	(:10) ** "Waiting..." (2005) Ryan Reynolds.		(:10) ** "Idiocracy" (2006) Luke Wilson.		(:10) "My Cousin Vinny"				
LIFE	39		Paid Prog.	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	"Home-Holiday"	
FOOD	40		Day Off	Big Daddy	Aarti Party	Cooking	Home	30-Minute	Paula	Contessa	Giada	Chopped	
HGTV	41		Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath
A&E	43		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House (CC)	Sell: Extreme	
HIST	44		Heavy Metal (CC)	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
TLC	45		Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Hope	Real-Test	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	Property Ladder (CC)	
DISC	47		Paid Prog.	CarMD	Patient Ed: Health IT	American Chopper		MythBusters (CC)		Deadliest Catch (CC)		Deadliest Catch (CC)	
ANPL	50		Viking Wilderness	The Crocodile Hunter	Dogs 101 (CC)		It's Me or the Dog		Must Love Cats (CC)		Must Love Cats (CC)		
FAM	51		Boy World	Boy World	** "Richie Rich" (1994) Macaulay Culkin.		** "Richie Rich's Christmas Wish" (1998)		** "Matilda" (1996)				
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Mickey Mouse	Never Land	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	
NICK	54		Kung Fu	Kung Fu	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	T.U.F.F.	Power Rangers Samurai	
AMC	57		Rifleman	**** "Gone With the Wind" (1939) Clark Gable. Civil War rogue Rhett Butler loves Southern belle Scarlett O'Hara. (CC)			"Path of Destruction" (2005) Danica McKellar.		* "NYC: Tornado Terror" (2008) Nicole de Boer.			Chisum	
SYFY	59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Kitchen		Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)		
CNN	62		Sat. Morn	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning		Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Twist	Sexy Now	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Up W/Chris Hayes (N)			Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage. (N)					Taken: The Elizabeth	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON		NOVEMBER 26, 2011											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook's	Cooking	Mexican	Lawrence Welk		
CBS	3	Paid Prog.	Off Road Racing	Football	Football	College Football Alabama at Auburn. (N) (Live) (CC)							
ABC	7		(10:00) College Football Ohio State at Michigan. (N) (Live)			College Football Regional Coverage. (N) (Live)							
FOX	8	14	Thanksgiving Parade	Edisons	Edisons	'70s Show	Paid Prog.	** "Summer Catch" (2001) Freddie Prinze Jr.			30 Rock	30 Rock	
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	Paid Prog.	College Football Grambling State vs. Southern. (N) (In Stereo Live) (CC)					Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
CW	14		Tai Chi	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Danger	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	Exploration	Exploration	Edgemont	Edgemont	
WGN	15		Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI		
ESPN	26		(10:00) College Football Georgia at Georgia Tech.			Score	College Football Penn State at Wisconsin. (N) (Live)					Score	
ESPN2	27		(10:00) College Football Rutgers at Connecticut.			Score	College Football Teams TBA. (N) (Live)					Score	
USA	31		(10:00) "Raiders of the Lost Ark"	(:35) *** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984)		(:10) "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (CC)							
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	*** "The Firm" (1993, Drama) Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn.		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994) Tom Hanks. (CC)							
TBS	33		"Just Like Heaven"	(11:55) ** "The House Bunny" (2008) (CC)		King	King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
COM	35		(10:10) *** "My Cousin Vinny"	(:40) ** "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" (2007) (CC)		(2:55) * "Delta Farce" (2007) Bill Engvall (CC)							
LIFE	39		"Home-Holiday"	** "A Very Married Christmas" (2004) (CC)		** "Secret Santa" (2003)	Jennie Garth. (CC)		"12 Men of Christmas"				
FOOD	40		Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America			Chef Hunter	
HGTV	41		Room Cr.	Curb/Block	Bang, Buck	Bang, Buck	Candice	High Low	Secrets-Holiday Stylist	Genevieve	Color Spl.	House	Hunters
A&E	43		*** "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson. (CC)				Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	
HIST	44		Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
TLC	45		48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	
DISC	47		Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	Deadliest Catch (CC)	
ANPL	50		Must Love Cats (CC)	Cats 101 "Kittens"	Dogs 101 "Puppies"		America's Cutest Dog		Too Cute! (CC)		Too Cute! (CC)		
FAM	51		(10:00) "Matilda" (1996)	*** "A Boy Named Charlie Brown" (1969)		*** "Snoopy, Come Home" (1972, Comedy)		"Dog Saved Christmas"					
DISN	52		Phineas	Fish Hooks	Jessie	A.N.T. Farm (N)	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	"Wizards-Waver"	
NICK	54		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Big Time	Big Time	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly "Psycho" (CC)	SpongeBob	
AMC	57		(10:30) *** "Chisum" (1970) John Wayne.			** "Broken Trail" (2006, Western) Robert Duvall, Thomas Haden Church, Greta Scacchi.							
SYFY	59		** "Megafault" (2009) Brittany Murphy.			** "Polar Storm" (2009) Jack Coleman. (CC)						*** "Ice Twisters" (2009) Mark Moses. (CC)	
CNN	62		Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Situation Room			
CNBC	63		Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Meals!	Wealth	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	Paid Prog. (FREE Bras	
MSNBC	64		MSNBC Undercover	Mind Over Mania	In Coldest Blood		The Killing Game?		Young Kids, Hard Time		Lockup Boston		

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 2011, 96 min., starring Pierce Brosnan, Jennifer Connelly, Ed Harris, Greg Kinnear and Marisa Tomei.

Dec. 2 - 8
Higher Ground
 2011, 109 min., starring Vera Farmiga, Donna Murphy and John Hawkes, directed by Vera Farmiga.

Nov. 26 only
Red Sky at Morning
 1971, 112 min., rated PG, made in NM, starring Richard Thomas, Catherine Burns and Desi Arnaz Jr. Prior to *Red Sky*, the locally-shot 20 min. short *Child of the Desert* will be shown. With special guest filmmaker Iliana Sosa.

This Week on KRWG-TV 22

Sunday, November 27
 7 p.m. Nature: American Eagle

Monday, November 28
 9 p.m. Unforgettable: The Korean War

Tuesday, November 29
 9 p.m. Herbert Hoover: Great Depression President

Wednesday, November 30
 7 p.m. Nature: Why We Love Cats & Dogs

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PBS 22	News	Sky Is	Ebert	News	Keep Up	Wait...	Antiques Roadshow	Austin City Limits	Red...	Secrets of the Dead	Quest				
CBS 3	Cars.TV	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Mother	Unforgettable	48 Hours Mystery	News	Paid	Cooking	Jdg Judy			
ABC 7	News (N)	Whacked	College Football	Notre Dame at Stanford.	(N) (Live)			Insider	ABC 7	(:35) TMZ (N)	Cheaters				
FOX 8	House		The Unit		Cops (N)	Cops	Terra Nova	News	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen	30S	Two Men			
NBC 9	Paid	News	News (N)	Raymond	Macy's-Parade		** "Bee Movie" (2007, Comedy)		News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live					
CW 14	"The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course"				**** "Stand by Me" (1986)			Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk	South Pk			
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine			30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	'Til Death		
ESPN 26	Score	(:45) College Football	Clemson at South Carolina.	(N) (Live)			(:45) SportsCenter (N)		Football Final		SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2 27	College Football	Florida State at Florida.	(N) (Live)		Score	College Basketball			Roll Tide/War Eagle		Football				
USA 31	"Indiana Jones"		*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.			* "Land of the Lost" (2009) Will Ferrell.		(:04) ** "Semi-Pro" (2008) Will Ferrell.							
TNT 32	"Forrest Gump"		*** "A Time to Kill" (1996, Drama) Sandra Bullock.			** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks.									
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.		(:40) ** "The Wedding Date"						
COM 35	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	** "Fanboys" (2008)	Sam Huntington.	"Zack and Miri"				
LIFE 39	"12 Men-Cmas"	"Dear Santa" (2011) Amy Acker.	Premiere.		"An Accidental Christmas" (2007)			(:01) "Dear Santa" (2011) Amy Acker.							
FOOD 40	Winter Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped (N)	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Iron Chef America	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped			
HGTV 41	House	Hunters	Holiday Block Party	Celebrity Holiday	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Celebrity Holiday	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage			
HIST 44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Big Shrimpin'	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn			
TLC 45	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Left	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Left	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Left	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	48 Hours: Hard Evid.			
DISC 47	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Punkin Chunkin	Gold Rush	Punkin Chunkin	Gold Rush		Deadliest Catch	Gold Rush		Deadliest Catch				
ANPL 50	Cutest Dog	Cutest Cat	America's-Pet	Pit Bulls-Parole	America's-Pet	Pit Bulls-Parole	America's-Pet	Pit Bulls-Parole	Cutest Cat						
FAM 51	"Dog Who Save"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)			*** "Love Actually" (2003) Hugh Grant.	Premiere.		Prince							
DISN 52	Wizards	Phineas	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Shake It	A.N.T. Farm	"Geek Charming" (2011) Sarah Hyland.	Good	Jessie					
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			
AMC 57	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976) Clint Eastwood.				Hell on Wheels	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976) Clint Eastwood.									
SYFY 59	"Stonehenge Apocalypse" (2010)	"Storm War" (2011) Stacy Keach.			** "Meteor Storm" (2010)			"Storm War" (2011)							
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	Gerry-Rigged	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	Gerry-Rigged	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	Gerry-Rigged	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)					
CNBC 63	Debt/Part	Millions	Til Debt Do Us Part	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part					
MSNBC 64	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Raw	Lockup Boston	Lockup Tampa						

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	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30			
PBS 22	Secrets	Quest	McLaughlin	Contrary	Santa Fe	Scully	Need	E Street	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin			
CBS 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)			The Nation	Nieman	Pilates	The NFL Today (N)				
ABC 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Explore	Culture							
FOX 8	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Secrets	Fox News Sunday	Jones	J. Garrett	FOX NFL Sunday (N)					
NBC 9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N)		Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Paid Prog.				
CW 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
WGN 15	Armor	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War) Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett.			** "Pearl Harbor"							
ESPN 26	Foot. Final	NFL	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live)								
ESPN2 27	ATP Tennis		College Football Final	Outside	Reporters	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now	ATP Tennis							
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracles	J. Osteen	NCIS "Enigma" (2006)	NCIS (In Stereo)	NCIS "Hometown Hero"	NCIS "Under Covers"							
TNT 32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	** "Poseidon" (2006)							
TBS 33	Saved/Bell	Saved/Bell	Browns	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Runaway Bride" (1999) Julia Roberts.							
COM 35	In Style	Money	Comedy	Comedy	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	** "Revenge of the Nerds" (1984, Comedy)	Fanboys						
LIFE 39	In Touch	Hour of Power	J. Osteen	Cindy C	** "A Christmas Carol: The Musical" (2004)			"All She Wants"							
FOOD 40	Mexican	Ingred. Fix	Rachael Ray's	Dinners	Money	Paula	Be.- Made	Chopped							
HGTV 41	Holmes on Homes	Income	Income	Property Brothers	Disaster	Disaster	Weekends	Yard	House	Hunters					
A&E 43	*** "A Few Good Men" (1992) Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson.				The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos							
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers							
TLC 45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Zumba Fit	SexyFaces	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings	Four Weddings							
DISC 47	Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	Your Body on Drugs	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Planet Earth							
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters							
FAM 51	Boy World	*** "Matilda" (1996, Comedy) Mara Wilson.	** "Snow" (2004) Tom Cavanagh.		*** "Snow 2 Brain Freeze"										
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Babar	Mickey	Never Land	Random	Good Luck	Good Luck	Good Luck			
NICK 54	Parents	Penguins	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Fairly OddParents	Kung Fu	Kung Fu				
AMC 57	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Hell on Wheels	*** "Blazing Saddles" (1974) Cleavon Little.	"No Country"									
SYFY 59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fact or Faked	*** "The Rocketeer" (1991, Fantasy) Bill Campbell.									
CNN 62	Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N)	State of the Union								
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck	Paid Prog.	Sexy Now	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC 64	Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)		Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage.	To Hell and Back								

SUNDAY AFTERNOON												NOVEMBER 27, 2011			
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30			
PBS 22	Sky Island	New Mexico In Focus	Frontieras	Truth	Healing	Healthy	Greener	Generation	Growing	Antiques Roadshow					
CBS 3	NFL Football	Houston Texans at Jacksonville Jaguars.	(N) (Live)				NFL Football	Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers.	(N) (Live)						
ABC 7	Health	Food	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Million Dollar	Extreme Makeover	Entertainment Tonight						
FOX 8	NFL Football	Minnesota Vikings at Atlanta Falcons.	(N) (Live)				The OT (N)	Championship Special	Thanksgiving Parade	Edisons					
NBC 9	Skiing	Figure Skating					Holiday Moments on Ice		Paid Prog.	NBC News					
CW 14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino TV	LatiNation	Cold Case Files	True Hollywood Story						
WGN 15	(10:00) ** "Pearl Harbor" (2001) Ben Affleck.					*** "Any Given Sunday" (1999, Drama) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz.		Chris	Chris						
ESPN 26	College Football Final	Women's College Basketball	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards						
ESPN2 27	ATP Tennis	College Football Final	Roll Tide/War Eagle	College Basketball											
USA 31	NCIS "Bait" (2006)	NCIS "Shalom" (2006)	NCIS "Once a Hero"	NCIS "In the Dark"	NCIS "Requiem" (2006)	NCIS "Capitol Offense"									
TNT 32	(10:00) "Poseidon" (2006)	*** "Twister" (1996, Action) Helen Hunt.	(:15) ** "Men in Black II" (2002, Action)			*** "Transformers"									
TBS 33	** "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous" (2005)		** "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock.			*** "Pretty Woman" (1990)									
COM 35	(10:30) ** "Fanboys"	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs			
LIFE 39	"All She Wants"	* "Eve's Christmas" (2004) Elisa Donovan.	** "Call Me Claus" (2001) Whoopi Goldberg.	"Road-Christmas"											
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Impossible	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Sweet Genius	Diners	Diners							
HGTV 41	First Place	Renovatt	Property	Property	Property	Property	Hunters	For Rent	For Rent	House	Hunters				
A&E 43	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds							
HIST 44	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers							
TLC 45	Brides-Hills	Brides-Hills	Sister Wives	Sister Wives	Sister	Sister	Sister	Sister	Sister Wives						
DISC 47	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth "Deserts"	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away							
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters: Bizarre	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman			
FAM 51	Snow 2	*** "Titanic" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship.	"Christmas Cupid"												
DISN 52	A.N.T. Farm	ANT Farm	Random	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Jessie	Fish Hooks				
NICK 54	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	"Fred: The Movie" (2010) (In Stereo)	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC 57	(10:00) "No Country for Old Men"	The Walking Dead				The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead							
SYFY 59	(10:30) ** "Powder" (1995) Mary Steenburgen.	* "The Invisible" (2007) Justin Chatwin.	** "My Bloody Valentine" (2009, Horror)												
CNN 62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Next List	Newsroom	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)						
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	3x Faster	FREE Bras	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Meals!	Paid Prog.	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC 64	Deadly Secret	Meet the Press	Lethal Beauty	Witness: The Kidnapping of Patty Hearst	Caught on Camera										

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Globe Trekker	NOVA (N)	Nature	Bald eagle.	Masterpiece Contemporary	Smitten	Toolbox	Best Fest	Steves	Equitrek				
CBS	3	Latin Lif.	News	60 Minutes	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race	Person of Interest	Person of Interest	News	Without a Trace	Paid				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	"Mitch Albom's Have a Little Faith"	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty					
FOX	8	American	American	Cleve	Cleve	Simpsons/Allen	Fam. Guy	American	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother		
NBC	9	9	Football Night	(:15) NFL Football	Pittsburgh Steelers at Kansas City Chiefs. (N)	SEC Storied (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid			
CW	14	** "The Transporter 2"	(2005, Action)	** "Fever Pitch"	(2005) Jimmy Fallon	TMZ (N)	Ugly Betty	Brothers & Sisters							
WGN	15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit	Monk	Monk					
ESPN	26	SportsCenter (N)	BCS Countdown (N)	World Series	SEC Storied (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker							
USA	31	NCIS "Deliverance"	NCIS "Knockout"	NCIS "Reunion"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS	NCIS	(:04) NCIS	(:04) NCIS	(:04) NCIS					
TNT	32	(4:00) *** "Transformers"	(2007) (CC)	Leverage (N)	Leverage (N)	*** "Double Jeopardy"	(1999) (CC)	Leverage (N)	Leverage (N)	"Transformers"					
TBS	33	"Pretty Woman"	** "The Wedding Date"	(2005)	(7:50) "Four Christmases"	(:45) ** "Miss Congeniality"	(2000, Comedy) (CC)								
COM	35	** "Just Friends"	Dunham	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
LIFE	39	"Road-Christmas"	** "Comfort and Joy"	(2003) (CC)	"Dear Santa"	(2011) Amy Acker	(:01) ** "Comfort and Joy"	(2003) (CC)							
FOOD	40	Next Iron Chef	Challenge (N)	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41	Junk	Cash, Holmes on Homes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes
A&E	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds							
HIST	44	American Pickers	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal	IRT Deadliest Roads	Around	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal					
TLC	45	Sister	Sister	19 Kids-Count	Sister Wives (N)	All-American Muslim	Sister Wives (N)	All-American Muslim	19 Kids-Count						
DISC	47	Almost, Away	How Evil Are You?	Killing bin Laden	SEAL Team 6	Killing bin Laden	SEAL Team 6	Killing bin Laden	SEAL Team 6	How Evil Are You?					
ANPL	50	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Ned	Swamp Wars (N)	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars	Ned	Ned		
FAM	51	"Christmas Cupid"	"Desperately Seeking Santa"	(2011)	"Desperately Seeking Santa"	(2011)	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Paid					
DISN	52	Phineas	Phineas	Good	Good	Random	Shake It	Good	Shake It	A.N.T. Farm	Good	Good			
NICK	54	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends		
AMC	57	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	Hell on Wheels (N)	The Walking Dead	Talk	The Walking Dead	Talk						
SYFY	59	"An American Werewolf in London"	*** "Drag Me to Hell"	(2009, Horror)	"An American Werewolf in London"	"Boogeyman 2"									
CNN	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)							
CNBC	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	BMW: A Driv.	CNBC Titans	Trash Inc: The	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Apocalypse 2012						
MSNBC	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Sex Slaves: Texas	Sex Slaves	Sex Slaves: Teens	Minh's Story	Trafficked: Slavery							

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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Korean War	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Grinch	Shrek	You Deserve It (N)	Castle	News	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Terra Nova (N)	House (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Sing-Off "Top 3 Finalists"	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	Gossip Girl (N)	Hart of Dixie (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN	26	Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football	New York Giants at New Orleans Saints. (N)	(Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL PrimeTime (N)							
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Xavier at Vanderbilt.	Strong	Strong	Strong	Strong	SportsCtr	Football	SportsNation	NFL	Football			
USA	31	NCIS "Bounce"	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW (N)	(:05) ** "The Pacifier"	(2005) (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene								
TNT	32	Law & Order	Law & Order	The Closer (N)	Rizzoli & Isles (N)	The Closer	Rizzoli & Isles	Southland							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan				
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Work.	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE	39	Unsolved Mysteries	"On Strike for Christmas"	(2010) (CC)	"A Diva's Christmas Carol"	(2000) (CC)	(:01) "On Strike for Christmas"	(2010)							
FOOD	40	Diners	Winter Unwrapped	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	Hunters	House	House	House	House	House		
A&E	43	Hoarders	Hoarders	Hoarders	(N) (CC)	Intervention	Intervention	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders						
HIST	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Pawn	American Pickers			
TLC	45	Cake	Cake	Family Secrets	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Family Secrets				
DISC	47	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Guns (N)	American Chopper	American Guns	American Chopper	American Guns	American Chopper					
ANPL	50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Saved (N) (In Stereo)	Wrong Turn: The Kati	Kim Story	Kim Story	Wrong Turn: The Kati	Kim Story	Kim Story	Kim Story					
FAM	51	(4:30) *** "Happy Feet"	(2006)	*** "A Bug's Life"	(1998, Fantasy)	The 700 Club (N)	Who?	Who?	Paid	Paid					
DISN	52	Jessie	Jessie	ANT	ANT	Shake It	Good	Good	Good	*** "Hannah Montana: The Movie"	(CC)	Good			
NICK	54	Family	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show
AMC	57	"The Italian Job"	*** "Scrooged"	(1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged"	(1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged"	(1988) Bill Murray.	*** "See No Evil, Hear No Evil"	(1989)					
SYFY	59	* "Friday the 13th"	(2009, Horror) (CC)	* "Resident Evil"	(2002) Milla Jovovich.	Urban	Urban	Urban	Legends	Fact or Faked					
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on							
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Secrets of the Dead	Frontline (In Stereo)	Hoover: Landslide	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Rudolph, Reindeer	(:01) NCIS	Fashion Show	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Man Up!	The Middle	Body of Proof (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Glee (N)	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	The Biggest Loser (N)	(In Stereo) (CC)	Parenthood (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access		
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	90210 (N)	Ringer (N)	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama		
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	College Basketball	Illinois at Maryland. (N)	College Basketball	Duke at Ohio State. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL Live	(N) (CC)	SportsNation	NFL Live			
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Michigan at Virginia.	College Basketball	Miami at Purdue. (N)	SportsCtr	NFL Live	(N) (CC)	SportsNation	NFL Live					
USA	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs (N)	Psych	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs							
TNT	32	Bones	Bones	"Scott Turow's Innocent"	(2011) Premiere.	Rizzoli & Isles	"Scott Turow's Innocent"	(2011) (CC)							
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan				
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE	39	Unsolved Mysteries	One Born Ev.	Supernanny	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	Supernanny				
FOOD	40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped				
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	My	Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	House	Hunters	
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44	Modern Marvels	American	American	The Epic History of	Everyday Things (N)	Modern Marvels	American	American	Epic History					
TLC	45	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	
DISC	47	Dirty Jobs	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	Auction	
ANPL	50	I, Predator	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	
FAM	51	(4:30) *** "A Bug's Life"	*** "Ratatouille"	(2007) Voices of Patton Oswalt.	The 700 Club (N)	Who?	Who?	Paid	Paid						
DISN	52	Shake it	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Good	Good	A.N.T. Farm	Shake It	Phineas	Good	Good	
NICK	54	Family	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	70s Show	70s Show	George	George						

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Dog's Eyes	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor-Pacific	Criminal Minds	Grammy	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Duplicity"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor "Top 7 Perform"	Daughter	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News	Rockefeller Ctr.	Harry's Law (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	Muppets: Letters	Top Model	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama				
ESPN 26	26	Valvano's	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (N)								
ESPN2 27	27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	SportsCenter (N) (Live) (CC)	SportsCenter (N)								
USA 31	31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC) (DVS)	Psych (N) (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	NCIS (CC)	Psych (CC)							
TNT 32	32	The Mentalist (CC)	The Mentalist (CC)	"Ricochet" (2011) John Corbett. Premiere.	Leverage (CC)	"Ricochet" (2011) John Corbett. (CC)									
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan		
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	Office	Colbert	Office	Conan		
LIFE 39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	** "Noel" (2004) Penélope Cruz. (CC)	** "Home by Christmas" (2006) (CC)	(:01) ** "Noel" (2004) Penélope Cruz.										
FOOD 40	40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Next Iron Chef	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.							
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Hunters	Property	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers		
A&E 43	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST 44	44	Secret Access	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens				
TLC 45	45	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake	Secretly Pregnant	Sister Wives (CC)	Secretly Pregnant	Sister Wives (CC)	Secretly Pregnant	Sister Wives (CC)	Cake Boss:Next					
DISC 47	47	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (N)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	MythBusters (CC)	
ANPL 50	50	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Alaska Wildlife	Rattlesnake	Country Justice	Country Justice									
FAM 51	51	(4:00) *** "Ratatouille"	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid								
DISN 52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake It	Good	Good	Good	Shake It	** "Sky High" (2005) (CC)	Fish	Good		
NICK 54	54	Family	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	
AMC 57	57	"Nuttty Prof. 2"	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "Scrooged" (1988) Bill Murray.	*** "The Sandlot" (1993) Tom Gury.									
SYFY 59	59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Fact or Faked	Ghost Hunters	Fact or Faked	Ghost Hunters	Fact or Faked	Stargate SG-1					
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper				
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	The Race to Rebuild	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	CNBC Titans							
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

THURSDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 1, 2011				
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	News	Travel	The Grove	Fronteras	NMSU Sports Wkly	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley					
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist (CC)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Santa Claus, Town	CMA Country Christmas (N) (CC)			News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor	Bones (N) (CC)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News	Commun	Parks	Office	Whitney	Prime Suspect	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Vampire Diaries	The Secret Circle	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN 26	26	Audibles (N) (Live)	College Football	West Virginia at South Florida. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)								
ESPN2 27	27	Football	College Basketball	St. John's at Kentucky.	College Basketball	CrossFit	NFL Live (N) (CC)	SportsNation (CC)							
USA 31	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY "Taxi"				
TNT 32	32	Bones Suspects.	CSI: NY "Zoo York"	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)	CSI: NY (CC)				
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) (CC)	Office	Office	Conan (CC)		
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Ron White: Behav.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Will	Will	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	
FOOD 40	40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chef Hunter	Chef Hunter	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	Hunters	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	
A&E 43	43	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	I Love You to Death	The First 48 (CC)	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	
HIST 44	44	Larry the Cable Guy	Big Shrimpin' (CC)	Swamp People	Big Shrimpin' (N)	Hairy	Hairy	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Swamp People				
TLC 45	45	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I. (N)	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	Cellblock 6	
DISC 47	47	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush (CC)	Weed Wars (CC)	Gold Rush (CC)	Weed Wars (CC)	Gold Rush (CC)	Weed Wars (CC)	American Chopper					
ANPL 50	50	River Monsters	Ned	Ned	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars	Ned	Ned			
FAM 51	51	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	*** "The Santa Clause" (1994)	The 700 Club (N)	Mickey	Winnie	Paid	Paid					
DISN 52	52	Good	Good	Good	Shake It	Good	Random	Shake It	Good	"Santa Buddies" (2009) (CC)	Random	Shake It			
NICK 54	54	Family	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	
AMC 57	57	"No Country"	*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. (CC)									
SYFY 59	59	(4:00) *** "Troy" (2004) Brad Pitt. (CC)	** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007)	*** "The Rocketeer" (1991) Bill Campbell.											
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	Best Jobs Ever	The Facebook	American Greed	Mad Money	Supermarkets	Nuclear Meltdown							
MSNBC 64	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	6	8	3	7	5	1	9	4	2
	7	5	1	2	9	4	8	6	3
	9	2	4	3	8	6	5	1	7
	4	9	5	8	7	3	1	2	6
	8	6	2	1	4	9	7	3	5
CHALLENGER	1	3	7	5	6	2	4	8	9
	3	4	9	6	1	5	2	7	8
	2	1	8	9	3	7	6	5	4
	5	7	6	4	2	8	3	9	1
	8	2	6	3	5	1	9	7	4
EXPERT	7	3	4	8	2	9	1	6	5
	1	9	5	6	4	7	2	3	8
	2	7	3	5	1	8	6	4	9
	5	6	8	7	9	4	3	2	1
	9	4	1	2	3	6	5	8	7

BEGINNER

7	8	2	3	9			4	5
9			1	8				3
				7				6
							5	4
4	1	7				9	3	2
6	9							
8				2				
2				5	9			7
5	6			3	8	4	2	1

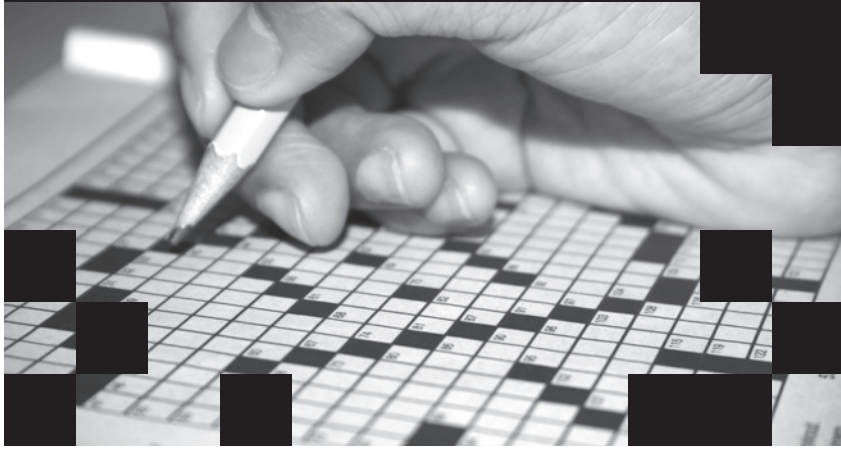
CHALLENGER

	4						1	6
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7				8				
5	6			4				
		1		3				
		9				4	2	
		7						1
	2	8				9		7
6	9						2	

EXPERT

	2			7	8			1
5	1							3
7								9
				8	1			5
				6		4		
	6			9	2			
8								1
	4						9	2
	7			5	2			4

BrainGames

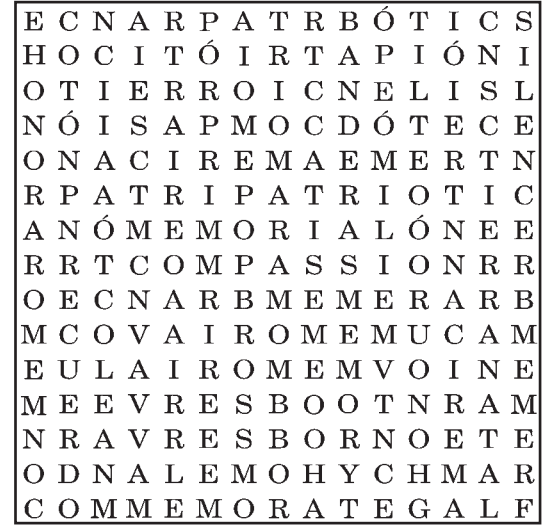


Word Salsa

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents that appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Encierre estas palabras en inglés y sus equivalentes en español que aparecen al revés, horizontal, vertical y diagonalmente.

TEN YEARS LATER

ENGLISH	SPANISH
AMERICAN	AMERICANO
COMMEMORATE	CONMEMORAR
COMPASSION	COMPASIÓN
FLAG	BANDERA
HOMELAND	TIERRA NATAL
HONOR	HONOUR
MEMORIAL	MEMORIAL
MEMORY	MEMORIA
PATRIOTIC	PATRIÓTICO
REMEMBRANCE	RECUERDO
SILENCE	SILENCIO
TO OBSERVE	OBSERVAR



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Crossword Puzzles

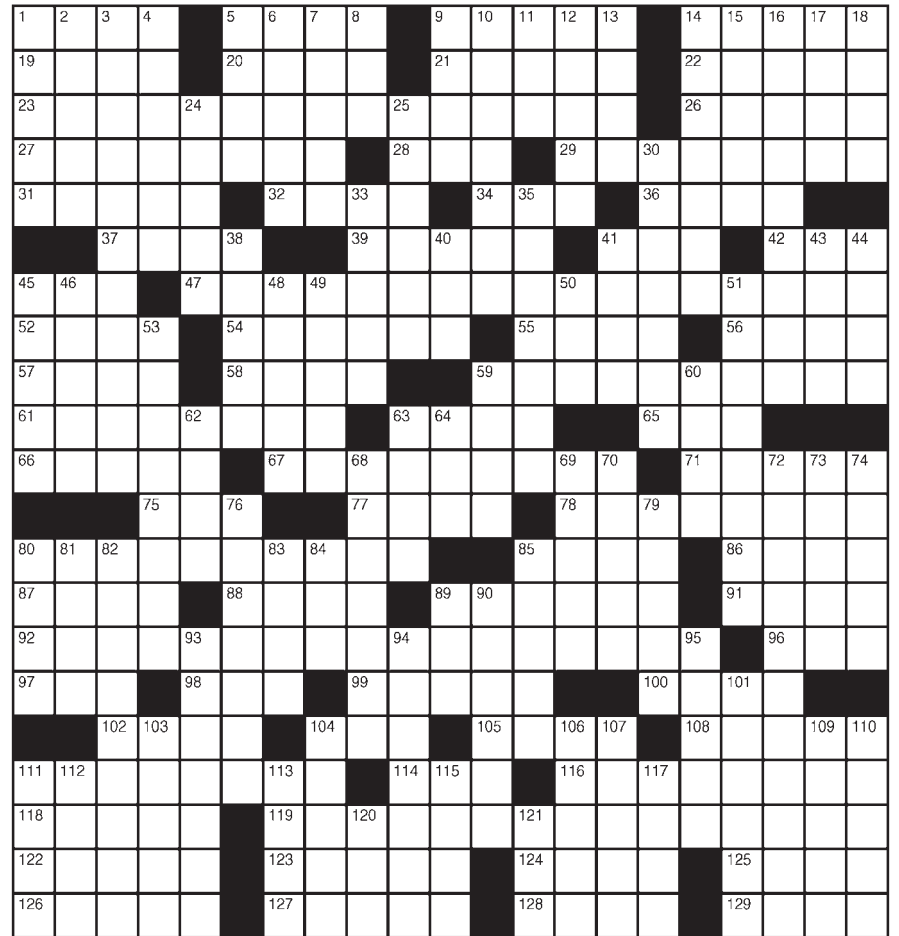
Diagramless, 21 x 21

Like a regular crossword but with an added challenge. Sleuths must also create the diagram and figure out where the numbers and black squares go.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Flag color
 - 4 Spoon bender
 - 5 Trunk substance
 - 6 Bread type
 - 9 Wireless communication was _____ invention
 - 12 Ring place
 - 13 Vientiane native
 - 15 Musical piece
 - 16 Lanka lead-in
 - 17 Box
 - 18 They don't have any breeding!
 - 21 Dig for relevant data
 - 22 Legendary Nascar driver, first name
 - 23 USA visionary
 - 26 Centers for customer service
 - 27 One of an ancient people of Great Britain
 - 28 Juvenile dragonfly
 - 29 Arrange hair
 - 30 Openly oppose
 - 31 Like some cornflakes
 - 35 Setback
 - 36 Shave down
 - 37 Small lizards
 - 38 Vanity
 - 39 A thing
 - 40 Note designator
 - 41 Hole piercers
 - 42 Electron tube, abbr.
 - 43 Woman's secret
 - 44 Reporter's query
 - 45 Everyone should plant one
 - 46 Old world 'you'
 - 47 USA supporter
 - 49 Buzzing sound
 - 50 Litter's littlest
 - 51 Military groups
 - 53 Unwanted growth in the garden
 - 54 Argentina monetary unit
 - 55 In detail
 - 57 Covertly divulge information
 - 58 _____ after
 - 60 Pitfall
 - 61 Make the first move
 - 62 Demographic segment
 - 63 Robot banker
 - 64 Shaggy-haired ox
 - 65 Helped draft 1889 Japanese constitution
 - 66 Weak
- DOWN**
- 1 Curveball is one
 - 2 Roger Clemens' statistics
 - 3 Heads of state engage in it
 - 6 Varnish component
 - 7 Synthetic thread
 - 8 Native Americans on a lake _____ the line!
 - 10 Scorched
 - 11 Adam's son
 - 13 Put to sleep by soothing
 - 14 Honest Pres.
 - 17 Elephant young
 - 19 OZ man
 - 20 Type of bit
 - 21 '60s Brit rebels
 - 22 Speaker's spot
 - 23 Laura for George
 - 24 Hems in
 - 25 New Mexico town
 - 26 Pamper
 - 27 Ill-gotten gains
 - 29 Dance
 - 30 Food plan
 - 32 Synthesized music
 - 33 Showy heron
 - 34 Show a lot of love for
 - 35 Kid's game, with frog
 - 36 Hairstyle
 - 37 Cruet
 - 40 Gospel group
 - 41 Bone-dry
 - 44 AA candidate
 - 45 Poem by Siegfried Sassoon
 - 46 Poacher's target
 - 48 German industrial area
 - 49 Decipher a mystery _____ the Dinosaur: largest ever found
 - 53 Flag color
 - 54 Hit a high spot
 - 55 Half a joint
 - 56 Tennis great of 22 Grand Slam singles titles
 - 57 Green field
 - 58 Expel, in a way
 - 59 Thumbs down
 - 61 Potassium hydroxide
 - 67 Flag color
 - 68 Past due

LEGAL-EASY

- ACROSS**
- 1 Waggable appendage
 - 5 Leggy legs
 - 9 James and Tommie
 - 14 Red beginning?
 - 19 Arm bone
 - 20 Race in "The Time Machine"
 - 21 Hold tight
 - 22 More achy
 - 23 Start of Arthur Baer quote
 - 26 Reverie
 - 27 Police officer, at times
 - 28 McEwan or McKellen
 - 29 With savvy
 - 31 Yet
 - 32 Collides intentionally
 - 34 Tummy muscles
 - 36 Victory signs
 - 37 Greenish blue
 - 39 Musical practice piece
 - 41 Army NCO
 - 42 Recipe abbr.
 - 45 No. cruncher
 - 47 Part 2 of quote
 - 52 Scott of the PGA
 - 55 602 in letters
 - 56 _____Ude, Russia
 - 57 Home port in the War of 1812
 - 58 Sicilian resort
 - 59 Money managers of a sort
 - 61 Enters quietly
 - 63 Islamic prayer leader
 - 65 Writer LeShan
 - 66 Kernel's coat
 - 67 Part 3 of quote
 - 71 Most-wanted group
 - 75 Dryly humorous
 - 77 Scottish Gaelic
 - 78 "Exodus" co-star
 - 80 Unblemished
 - 85 Kemo _____
 - 86 Rile up
 - 87 Croat or Serb
 - 88 Mountain passes
 - 89 Teton Sioux tribe
 - 91 _____ Blanc (highest Alp)
 - 92 Part 4 of quote
 - 96 Peg with a concave top
 - 97 Fix firmly
 - 98 Ocean off Mass.
 - 99 Former deejay Casey
- DOWN**
- 100 Pageant band
 - 102 _____ avis
 - 104 D.C. legislator
 - 105 Train to box
 - 108 Some Highlanders
 - 111 Accelerate! org.
 - 114 Young ladies' org.
 - 116 Part of D.C.
 - 118 Get into one's head
 - 119 End of quote
 - 122 Illinois city near St. Louis
 - 123 Emissary
 - 124 Abound
 - 125 Continental currency
 - 126 Feudal lord
 - 127 Pennies
 - 128 Icelandic literary work
 - 129 Fewer



- 41 Area meas.
- 43 Fly high
- 44 Plays on words
- 45 Storage box
- 46 _____cochere (sheltered entrance)
- 48 Like dunce caps
- 49 Barbera's partner in cartoons
- 50 Hosp. area
- 51 Country characteristic
- 53 Hot period
- 59 Dam's creation
- 60 Mild yellow cheese
- 62 _____ de Triomphe
- 63 Nagy of Hungary
- 64 Graduate degs.
- 68 Japanese collectible
- 69 Hayes or Newton
- 70 Indian drum
- 72 2005 Jessica Alba film
- 73 Cast net
- 74 Tasty dessert
- 76 Mexican peninsula
- 79 Is inclined
- 80 Mother of Horus
- 81 Miss: Fr.
- 82 Abuses
- 83 Droop
- 84 Clerical vestment
- 85 Losing streak
- 89 Distressed exclamations
- 90 Attacks
- 93 French river
- 94 Sudden digression
- 95 Prepare to advance on a fly
- 101 _____ L. Jackson
- 103 Sort of strings?
- 104 Period in a process
- 106 Blemished
- 107 Lassoed
- 109 Truth twisters
- 110 Turkish gulf
- 111 Body toss
- 112 TV part?
- 113 Apple offering
- 115 Poses
- 117 _____ Linda, CA
- 120 Author Follett
- 121 Shoshone

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

CHIRGRAZNI DOING
LMKCU L U LGWA HIZ
OTLNRELBBOG I GDZ
QKRABUOWHQUD IOU
EUNOBBQEULWOFEMD
WABUGLUGLUININBA
IZWAHEERZNI Z ARG
HCUIKOOGRAZUIDO
SRQMPORQPORBQPC
HEAHTBBLEDIETSU
REBUNIBGNIPRTHIC
ABCITRGRZGQUAC
LABMUIDIQUACRZN
CIGRAZNTEMSGUAU
QOKCUCIOMNRENUR

Diagramless

HEATSUP REFRIERS
INFANTA COOKS APRIORI
METIERS AURIC THINNER
LEI STENO RES
ORCHIS OCTANE
RELTIME PLAIDS
RECUIT FORMS
ITS LUG
TEASELS
MAS
UFO
RET
SLASHED
III ONE
PRANK TWANG
COERCE HARARE
HASTEN URCHIN
ACT ELVES ULT
GEISHAS SIEVE CALICOS
AMREETA SEXED ITERATE
GUARDED ALDENTE

Watch the Finish

PAPAYA PICS LILT CASH
GRAVEN LOCH TREE ALOE
BOXINGMATCH GAMA ECUA
THEFACT DONOR SORT
NORMARAE DIVINGCATCH
ASEA ANDSOON LAERTES
THEDA ECTOPLASM
SAFETYLATCH RAW EELER
MOOCH OED ANGELO
IMPLoded UDOS ESTRADA
SOHO ESCAPEHATCH EVER
ANNUALS ATMS HOISTERS
ADOPTS ORO PALEA
COMET ELO FLOWERPATCH
INVENTION SCHMO
AUTOCUE ESTEEMS HOLM
FROMSCRATCH VALKYRIE
LANE LENIS DOOGIE
ANIL EASE COOKIEBATCH
MICE ADAR DOZE SALAAM
EAST RYES TRES TBILLS

CRYPTOGRAM

XCPJ KDXTDZV GLUJCGAK
KDV M U T B D A V B E O U W A V U O
D P M D B C V U E O A P Z F A P U O D P
W C C O W C G J L C F Z L J .

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
We love family picnics out in the woods. At the last one, we invited some funny actors over to ham it up.



AtTheMovies

Heraklion tales of heroes and gods

'Immortals' is a fast-paced, flick inspired by '300'

Review by **Amanda Green**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Artistic vision and epic tales of courage, love and loyalty are spun together in a visual masterpiece that embodies the film "Immortals."

This is no surprise as the film's director is an artist, and makes no attempt at subtlety when it comes to the scale of the computer created sets or the amount of action.

"Immortals" is the story of Theseus (Henry Cavill) who lives with his mother in a small village being encroached on by the invading armies of Crete. The Heraklion King, Hyperion (Mickey Rourke), has declared war on the gods of Olympus after his prayers to them to save his wife and children from death by plague go unanswered.

Forced to evacuate the city, Theseus and his mother are not allowed to follow the rest of the town because of their social status.

A young soldier, Lysander, attacks Theseus, and is defeated. Lysander is discharged for his behavior and sent away to become a defector who will later serve the treacherous Hyperion.

Theseus has been trained to fight by an old man in the village, later revealed as the king of the gods, Zeus (Luke Evans), who has watched over Theseus since he was a child. Zeus knows of the impending threat from Hyperion, but forbids any of the Olympic gods from interfering with the lives of the mortal men.



Henry Cavill plays the heroically dashing Theseus in "Immortals"

This is unless Hyperion finds the Epirus bow, a powerful weapon created by Apollo (Corey Sevier), and uses it to free the evil, Titans from Mount Tartarus, where they were imprisoned after the first war with Olympus. If released, the Titans would unleash chaos and destroy all of mankind.

To obtain this bow, Hyperion searches for a prophetic oracle, Phaedra (Frieda Pinto) who he believes will lead him to its location. Phaedra finds Theseus first, captured and sent to work in a salt mine after Hyperion murders his mother in front of him, and has a vision of Theseus leading them against the tyrannical king.

Battles follow, and Theseus faces the Minotaur, one of Hyperion's goons, in a modern twist

on the most familiar of Theseus' stories. He is poisoned in the conflict, but Phaedra cures him, sleeps with him and loses her prophetic powers.

Hyperion's soldiers steal the Epirus bow from Theseus, and Zeus' children, Athena (Isabel Lucas) and Ares (Daniel Sharman) intervene, killing the soldiers and saving Theseus and Phaedra.

As the gods were forbidden to get involved, but do anyway, Zeus comes down from Olympus and dispenses punishment upon Ares. He reprimands Athena, who supplies Theseus with horses to ride toward Mount Tartarus where Hyperion is headed in order to free the Titans and bring another war to the heavens.

In the end, after a lot of blood and knife wounds, good conquers evil and the brave are immortalized for their heroic deeds.

The cinematography is beautifully done. The massive panoramic scale, which the viewer is presented with, are works of art. The scenes are breathtaking, and the style reminds us of a similarly produced film "300."

Film Review

If the weak, predictable dialogue doesn't distract you, the film is a visual masterpiece. Although, Gerard Butler would have made a better Zeus.

Grade
B

IMMORTALS

Starring: Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke

Rated: R

Running time: 110 minutes

Director: Tarsem Singh

The script is mediocre at best, but it's easy to ignore the dialogue for the storytelling painted on the screen. The costumes are intricate and interesting, especially of the "mini-bosses" who play Hyperion's cronies.

Rourke is an incredible villain who delivers such hatred and conviction with a deep, powerful voice; you believe this guy is really out to destroy the world. He lights a monk on fire, so you know he's downright evil.

Cavill makes an exciting hero, with abs to rival Gerard Butler's, and Pinto is stunning with just enough mystery to pull off her role.

The sheer amazement for the scenery and slow-motioned fight scenes makes up for the historical inaccuracies in the real tales. "Immortals" is instead a visual masterpiece with innovative direction provided by mastermind and artist Tarsem Singh.

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<p>breaking dawn DAILY 11:30 3:00 6:05 9:05 (PG13) NO PASS OR DISCOUNT</p>	<p>ARTHUR CHRISTMAS SHOWING IN 3D DAILY 12:10 2:30 4:50 7:10 9:35 (PG) \$2 UPCHARGE NO PASS OF ANY KIND</p>	<p>TELISHOR 12 2811 TELISHOR BLVD. REGISTER AT ALLENHEATRESINC.COM FOR EMAIL INFO AND SPECIALS</p>	<p>HAROLD & KUMAR DAILY 2:30 4:45 7:10 9:30 WED-SUN 12:20 (R) \$2 UPCHARGE NO PASS OF ANY KIND</p>
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At The Movies


Picking the Flicks

Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.


J. Edgar
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: As the face of law enforcement in America for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover was feared and admired, reviled and revered.
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio, Armie Hammer
Director: Clint Eastwood




The Help
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: A look at what happens when a Southern town's unspoken code of rules and behavior is shattered by three women who strike up an unlikely friendship.
Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis
Director: Tate Taylor




The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1
 Rating: PG-13
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



Puss in Boots
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: A story about the events leading up to the sword fighting cat's meeting with Shrek and his friends.
Starring: Antonio Banderas, Salma Hayek
Director: Chris Miller




Jack and Jill
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Family guy Jack Sadelstein prepares for the annual event he dreads: the Thanksgiving visit of his identical twin sister, the needy and passive-aggressive Jill.
Starring: Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes
Director: Dennis Dugan




The Three Musketeers
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The hot-headed young D'Artagnan, along with three former Musketeers, must unite and defeat a beautiful double agent and her villainous employer from seizing the French throne and engulfing Europe in war.
Starring: Logan Lerman, Matthew Macfadyen
Director: Paul W.S. Anderson




Immortals
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: Theseus is a mortal man chosen by Zeus to lead the fight against the ruthless King Hyperion, who is on a rampage across Greece to obtain a weapon that can destroy humanity.
Starring: Henry Cavill, Mickey Rourke
Director: Tarsem Singh




50/50
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: A comedic account of a 27-year-old guy's cancer diagnosis, and his subsequent struggle to beat the disease.
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Seth Rogen
Director: Jonathan Levine




Tower Heist
 Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: When a group of hard working guys find out they've fallen victim to a wealthy business man's Ponzi scheme, they conspire to rob his high-rise residence.
Starring: Eddie Murphy, Ben Stiller
Director: Brett Ratner




A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: Harold Lee and Kumar Patel cause a holiday fracas by inadvertently burning down Harold's father-in-law's prize Christmas tree.
Starring: Kal Penn, John Cho
Director: Todd Strauss-Schulson




The Smurfs
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: When the evil wizard Gargamel chases the tiny blue Smurfs out of their village, they tumble from their magical world and into ours.
Starring: Hank Azaria, Katy Perry
Director: Raja Gosnell




Happy Feet Two
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat their home – one that will take everyone working together to save them.
Starring: Elijah Wood, Robin Williams
Director: George Miller




Hugo
 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
OPENING FRIDAY, NOV. 25




Arthur Christmas
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: On Christmas night at the North Pole, Santa's youngest son looks to use his father's high-tech operation for an urgent mission.
Starring: James McAvoy, Jim Broadbent
Director: Sarah Smith
OPENING FRIDAY, NOV. 25



The Muppets
 Rating: PG
Plot Overview: With the help of three fans, The Muppets must reunite to save their old theater from a greedy oil tycoon.
Starring: Amy Adams, Jason Segel
Director: James Bobin
OPENING FRIDAY, NOV. 25



Salvation Boulevard
 Rating: R
Plot Overview: A former Deadhead-turned-born-again-Christian finds himself on the run from fundamentalist members of his mega-church who will do anything to protect their larger-than-life pastor.
Starring: Greg Kinnear, Pierce Brosnan
Director: George Ratliff
OPENING FRIDAY, NOV. 25



New this week on DVD Tuesday, Nov. 29

- The Smurfs**
 Rating: PG
 Genre: Comedy, Family
 Starring: Neil Patrick Harris, Jayma Mays
 Director: Raja Gosnell
- Friends with Benefits**
 Rating: R
 Genre: Comedy, Romance
 Starring: Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis
 Director: Will Gluck
- 30 Minutes or Less**
 Rating: R
 Genre: Comedy, Action
 Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Aziz Ansari
 Director: Ruben Fleischer
- Our Idiot Brother**
 Rating: R
 Genre: Comedy
 Starring: Paul Rudd, Zooey Deschanel
 Director: Jesse Peretz
- One Day**
 Rating: PG-13
 Genre: Drama, Romance
 Starring: Anne Hathaway, Jim Sturgess
 Director: Lone Scherfig

Top Grossing Nov. 18-20

- The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (Week No. 1) \$139,500,000
- Happy Feet Two** (Week No. 1) \$22,025,000
- Immortals** (Week No. 2) \$12,252,000
- Jack and Jill** (Week No. 2) \$12,000,000
- Puss in Boots** (Week No. 4) \$10,725,000
- Tower Heist** (Week No. 3) \$7,000,000
- J. Edgar** (Week No. 2) \$5,900,000
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ArtsBriefs



DAAC presents 'Tis Shakespearish'

"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players," so sayeth the Bard.

This December, the Doña Ana Arts Council, in partnership with the Las Cruces Public Schools and the Kennedy Center Partners in Education program, is proud to bring the Outrageous Fortune Theatre Company to the Rio Grande Theatre for the first time in a treat for the entire family.

"Tis Shakespearish" is an original take on William Shakespeare, guaranteed to renew appreciation and create a whole new audience for the "sweet, sweet words of the Bard." The Outrageous Fortune Theatre Company will make "their exits and their entrances" at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

With the goal of making the works of the greatest playwright in English literature more accessible to the masses, Outrageous Fortune The-

atre Company presents an original adaptation of Shakespeare's greatest works, modified for modern audiences and adventurous thespians alike. "Tis Shakespearish," written by Joel Murray, professor of theater arts at the University of Texas at El Paso, and Nancy Saklad, is a fun (and slightly silly) adaptation, featuring various characters and scenes from "Macbeth," "Romeo and Juliet," "Hamlet" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." With modern interpretations and an interactive approach, it's the Bard as you've never experienced him before.

Admission is \$1 per person at the door for all ages. Patrons are also encouraged to bring canned goods for DAAC's Casa de Peregrinos food drive. Showtime is 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 523-6403.

Look Who's Dancing contestants announced

Just coming out of winning his second WBA World Light Middleweight Boxing Championship, Austin "No Doubt" Trout will be taking on an entirely different challenge — ballroom dancing.

Trout and dance partner Ariel Freilich will join nine other couples in the 2012 Look Who's Dancing Competition at 7 p.m. Jan. 27, 2012, at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus.

Other community leaders sched-

uled to compete are John Hartley, chef and professor at NMSU's School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management, and his partner Amber Brockman; Elaine Brown of RE/MAX Classic Realty and her partner Leonard Thurman; Bill Connor of El Paso Electric Co. and his partner Donica Isleib; Debbie Calderon of The Whole Enchilada Fiesta board and her partner Luciano Orozco; Christopher Cruz of Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces and his partner Perla Castillo; Crystal Lay from the NMSU Engineering Department and her partner Miles Mojica-Freeland; Bank 34 President Jeffrey Silva and his partner Kimberly Richardson; Donna Richmond, executive director of La Piñon Sexual Abuse and Recovery, and her partner Robby Zimmerman; and Doña Ana Arts Council Executive Director Ceci Vasconcellos and her partner Moises Guerrero.

The program continues to improve each year. According to Look Who's Dancing originator and director Eric Fierro, there are 10 dance couples, compared to last year's eight, and there continue to be many other surprises as the event continues to grow.

"We continue to try to improve this event and make it more interesting for the audience each year," Fierro said. "It is our hope to sell out this year at the Pan American Center."

Tickets for the event are now on sale at the Pan American Center Box Office, or through any Look Who's Dancing contestant. All proceeds for the event go to the New Mexico State University DanceSport team, which competes at various events throughout the United States. For more information about Look Who's Dancing, call Audrey Hartley at 650-0768.

New Mexico queens



Jessica Martin and Jacqueline Cai, both of Las Cruces, were crowned Miss New Mexico USA and Miss New Mexico Teen USA 2012, respectively. The queens were contestants in a pageant held Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Inn of the Mountain Gods. Martin, 21, is a graduate of Mayfield High School, where she was on the 5A girls basketball state championship team. She is currently a marketing student at New Mexico State University. Cai, 17, is a senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools and has been on the high school honor roll all four years with a 4.0 GPA.



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Freedom of choice



Laura Smart
Health Smart

I'm supposed to be writing about health. You may wonder, "What does freedom of choice have to do with health?"

The answer is: everything.

If you live in America, you can choose what food you eat. No one ties you down and dictates that you can only eat fast food, meat, vegetables, sugary drinks, gluten-free food, alcohol or caffeinated beverages. It's your choice.

If you live in Africa or were born in Africa, you most likely would have no choice about what you eat. The question would instead be, "Will there be food for me to eat today?"

You also probably wouldn't have heart disease or diabetes because you more than likely would be malnourished or starving.

The fact is that in most third-world countries, there are no choices for anything. I know this because I chose to pursue my dream for 30 years, and traveled to nearly every continent in the world. Unless you've seen what having no choice is like, of course, you can't possibly realize how blessed we are to live in this land of unlimited possibilities and choices in every area.

It's also your choice whether you're happy or miserable. Only you control your behavior and only you hear what you choose to believe in your mind. You make the decision to turn your dream in to reality or not.

When I looked at the front wall above the stage at church last Sunday, I realized how thankful I was for my health, family, country and most of all, for my Lord.

Written all over the wall were the words "thank you" in several languages. I consider myself fortunate to have been born in the United States of America.

Neil Diamond's song "America" says it all: "Far, we've been traveling far ... Free, only want to be free ... hang on to a dream. Traveling light today, in the eye of a storm. Make our bed and we'll say our grace. Everywhere around the world, they're coming to America. Today ..."

Why do so many people want to come to America? Because only in America can a person of little means become anything

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A brain disease unknown

One family's struggle to understand epilepsy

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

"Sometimes a mother just knows when something is wrong."

That's what Crystal Torres said the first time she woke in the middle of the night to find her youngest daughter in the middle of a seizure that nearly cost her her life.

May 1, 2009, had been a "perfectly normal night" spent relaxing and watching movies with the family, when Torres woke up hearing soft grunting noises.

It was 1-year-old Eliana, completely blue in the face, eyes fixed upward and struggling to breathe.

Panic-stricken and unaware of what was happening, Torres called 911 and began administering CPR. After an Emergency Medical Service team was unable to stabilize Eliana, she was taken to the hospital, where it was then discovered that she had suffered a status epilepticus seizure for more than an hour and a half.

After being listed in critical condition, put on a ventilator and given a bleak prognosis by the doctors, Eliana started to recover.

Doctors did not diagnose Eliana with epilepsy and attributed this attack as a one-time

occurrence, a fluke incident.

"She was back on her feet and started to be our happy Eliana again," Torres said.

The following January, however, young Eliana suffered yet another status epilepticus, designated as the most serious and most dangerous type of seizure.

"She was running around playing with her sisters when I called them for lunch and Eliana is usually the first in line," Torres said.

Torres then found Eliana standing in the living room with the same symptoms as the first time, and immediately called 911.

This time, the seizure lasted more than two hours, causing her to develop pneumonia from her left lung collapsing.

Eliana was put in a medical-induced coma, and a Red Cross message was sent to Crystal Torres' husband, Christian, who at the time was serving the navy as a medic in Afghanistan, deployed from El Paso.

Doctors were nearly positive Eliana would not make it more than a few days, and her dad needed to be home.

It seemed the news kept getting worse for Crystal Torres, as she found out the area her husband was serving in was being attacked and helicopters could not land to get him home.

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Eliana Torres, 3, has suffered from epilepsy since she was 1 year old. Already attacked with two status epilepticus seizures, she now has to be monitored around the clock to make sure another does not hit.

Go for a green light project

Running away is a community concern

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

In 1974, the National Runaway Switchboard recognized a need to help to children who run away from home, and created the national hotline many are now familiar with: 800-RUNAWAY.

Several years later in 1979, Las Cruces had a similar project underway with the construction of CHINS (Children in Need of Services) Inc.

In 1987, Chief Executive Director Jose Fritze changed the name to Families & Youth Inc. (FYI).

"We started as a small company with five employees and have now grown into a comprehensive care corporation with over 200 employees," Fritze said. "We are always continuing to evolve."

Help for runaways is just one of the many

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Rachel Christiansen

A group of supporters listen to the proclamations, read by mayor Ken Miyagishima for the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County spokesperson Jess Williams, recognizing November as National Runaway Awareness month on Friday, Nov. 18 at Families & Youth Inc.

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Kids

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services FYI provides to young people, but according to Clinical Director Mickey Curtis, youth who runaway from home is a problem the local community needs to pay special attention to.

"These kids can be really vulnerable and easily victimized when they have left home," Curtis said. "It can be absolutely terrifying for them."

According to Curtis, FYI helped more than 800 children who ran away from home in 2010 through temporary housing, counseling and help to find a permanent home.

"The thing with Las Cruces is that it's warm and kids think it's OK to sleep outside, but now we're getting into these cold months, and that's when they get into trouble," Curtis said.

Another issue unique to the border region, Curtis said, is children who are abandoned due to family members being deported.

The national standard of time children are allowed to stay in temporary housing is 21 days, but Curtis said the staff at FYI will always make sure the kids have a safe place to go, whether it be with other family members or reliable guardians.

"A part of our job is to educate the community on the local resources available to them," Curtis said. "It can mean all the difference in the world."

Running away most often occurs primarily within the age group of 12 to 17, and has been proven to lead to a chain reaction of negative events, such as drug and alcohol abuse, violence and increased gang memberships.

November has been recognized as National Runaway Month for the last 10 years, and Friday, Nov. 18, marked the official recognition from Doña Ana County and the City of Las Cruces.

There to read the proclamation of recognition from the county was spokesperson Jess Williams, and for the city mayor Ken Miyagishima.

"None of us want kids in our city to be without a home, that's why this is important," Miyagishima said.

As with other awareness campaigns, National Runaway month needed a color and something to signify recognition of the problem.

That answer came in the form of green light bulbs. Known as the "Green light project," the National Runaway Service wants people across the nation to don a green light on their porch to acknowledge support of National Runaway Month.

Curtis said the services FYI provide are strictly confidential, even though they do notify parents or guardians within 24 hours of receiving a child who has ran away that child is "OK."

If you would like information on trying to prevent your child from running away or need to contact FYI about information regarding a child you know has runaway, call 522-4004 or visit www.fyini.org.

Giving back to the community



Brandy Sanchez, from the Aprendamos Intervention Team (AIT), hands Christy Von-tol, from the Child Crisis Center, a check for \$200, as a part of AIT's monthly "giving back to the community campaign." The Child Crisis Center was the recipient of October's campaign help.

Epilepsy

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"While Eliana was fighting for her life in the hospital, her daddy was fighting for our country in Afghanistan," Torres said.

Once again Eliana pulled through, despite the odds against her, and was finally diagnosed with epilepsy.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, epilepsy is one of the least understood major chronic medical conditions, despite it affecting 50 million people worldwide.

Torres said for a year and a half, Eliana was put on countless medications that were not stopping daily seizures, which sometimes occurring up to 50 times a day.

Now 3 years old, Eliana cannot enjoy the freedoms most her age do, for any sickness makes her more susceptible to suffering a major seizure again.

"Imagine how frustrating it would be to not understand why you can't go play with the other kids at the park or at McDonald's," Torres said.

A special eye always has to be kept on Eliana, for her seizures can happen at any time. Contrary to popular belief that seizure-salways involve convulsions, Eliana will just stop breathing.

Torres said sometimes while everyone else in the house is asleep, she lies awake with her hand on Eliana's chest, just

"praying for everything to be OK."

Fortunately, Eliana has quite a network of family support, being the youngest of eight siblings.

"They all know what to watch out for and what to look out for if she's having a seizure," Torres said.

The lack of support and knowledge surrounding epilepsy spurred Crystal and Christian Torres to become board members of the Epilepsy Foundation in order to create as much awareness as possible surrounding the disease that affects nearly 3 million Americans.

"I just don't want anyone to go through what we did, of not knowing what was happening or how to deal with it," Crystal Torres said.

The Torres family has to play a waiting game to see how the epilepsy will affect Eliana over the course of her life, but for now are currently using a combination of medicines that have nearly halted her daily seizures.

Torres said doctors fear Eliana may have suffered brain damage, but hope for the best-case scenario in which she will simply grow out of her seizures.

Epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder behind Alzheimer's disease and stroke.

To find out more information about epilepsy, visit www.epilepsyfoundation.org. To learn more about Eliana's story or take part in local awareness efforts, email the Torres family at torres380@gmail.com.

Smart

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I could relate to being persistent and dealing with rejection. I was rejected by seven major airlines before I was hired by one of them who had previously rejected me.

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and chase my dream.

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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 senior-care issues will be on hand.

CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS

Adult Children of Alcoholics/Co-Dependents Anonymous meets at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Arid Club, 334 W. Griggs Ave. The one-hour meetings are intended to help those 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 Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive. Enter through the back door. Overeaters Anonymous is also offered at noon each Wednesday at the Saint 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. 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.
- Zumba: 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- 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 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 cardio water workout: 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
 - Water fitness for non-swimmer: 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.

- Seniors aquatics class: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in.
- 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.

ULTIMATE DIABETIC SUPPORT GROUP

The Ultimate Diabetic, a support group for type 1 and type 2 diabetics will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, in the Piñon Conference Room at Memorial Medical Center, 2450 S. Telshor Blvd. The topic will be how to keep records for better office visits and topics for next year. The event is free and no preregistration is required. For more information, call the Southern New Mexico Diabetes Outreach at 522-0289.

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.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email McKay at harmeizianet.com or call 382-8978.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

HATHA YOGA

Hatha Yoga classes for beginners are held at 5:30 p.m. Mondays and noon Fridays at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. Classes are taught by Shoshana, a certified instructor. The class is gentle and non competitive.

Donations are accepted. Attendees are asked to bring a mat or blanket. For more information, call 522-7119.

T'AI CHI CHIH

Instructor Rose Alvarez-Diosdado will 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.

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 group's next meeting will be Dec. 6. For more information, call 528-3000.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

GLBTQ CENTER EVENTS LISTED

Las Cruces GLBTQ Center will close for the Thanksgiving Holiday from Nov. 24-27. The events that usually meet

during that time will not take place. Scheduled meetings at the center include:


- The GLBTQ Youth Support Group will meet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30.
- The Bisexual Community Circle will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.
- Rainbow Writers of the Southwest writing group will meet from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.
- HIV Testing with the Department of Health will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12. For more information, email info@newmexicoglbtcqcenters.org.

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 million 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.ccfca.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.




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Remembering at the Wall of Heroes

Photos by Rachel Christiansen



Maria Sanders and Rebecca DiPietro, from New Mexico Donor Services, Mayor Ken Miyagishima and MountainView Regional Medical Center CEO Denten Park give away plaques to the family members present of organ donors who gave a piece of themselves, saving another's life.

MountainView Regional Medical Center and New Mexico Donor Services collaborated on the Wall of Heroes, designed to honor organ donors and their families.



Miyagishima gave the keynote speech at the unveiling of the Wall of Heroes at MountainView Regional Medical Center Thursday, Nov. 17.



Audrey Hartley and Maria Sanders share stories of how the Wall of Heroes came into existence.



Family members of organ donors had their pictures taken at the wall.

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Good times at the Kids Coin Karnival

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Alora Salazar, 6, was surprised and ecstatic after winning a free bike donated by Walmart and Robert Paquette



Janine Ortega and her 1-year-old daughter, Sophia, won one of the free turkeys that were being given away every five minutes at the Kids Coin Karnival Saturday, Nov. 19. Sophia's father is currently serving overseas.



Chuck Harkins, membership chairman for the Boy Scouts in Las Cruces, had a good time sticking Hunter Rogelio to the Spider-Man Wall.




Iris Linae, 11, Marie Ofelia, 2, Everett Diego, 7, and Hunter Rogelio, 5, joined together to pet the puppies that were there for the children to play with.



Eight-year-old Zachary Nicklaus pitches the ball to knock off the pins.

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Community unites for Operation Christmas Child

Photos by Beth Sitzler, Angela Howard, Kathy Douglas

Kidron Baker got into the giving spirit during an Operation Christmas Child packing party held at First Evangelical Free Church Sunday, Nov. 13.



Some of the young helpers at the First Evangelical packing event came together for a group photo.



Kathy Douglas, area coordinator for the southwest New Mexico and El Paso area team, dons an oversized shoebox at White Sands National Monument to bring attention to Operation Christmas Child.



By the last day of pickup Monday, Nov. 21, more than 7,200 shoeboxes were collected locally. The shoeboxes filled with goodies and scripture will be sent around the world to brighten the lives of children and introduce them to God.

Maryfer Valenzuela and Sarah Oliver select items to go into a shoebox that will be donated to a needy child.



Church News

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery, an internationally known Christ-centered recovery program, meets from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Fridays at Sierra Vista Community Church, 514 N. Telshor Blvd. Experience freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits. Learn to come out of denial, trust God and receive healing. Anonymity and confidentiality are basic requirements. For more information, call 526-9535.

RABBI INSTALLATION

Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., will celebrate the installation of Rabbi Lawrence Karol during a Shabbat service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. For more information, call 524-3380.

OPEN HOUSE

The former St. Francis de Sales Church will hold its fifth annual open house from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18, at 105 N. Jose Serna in Rodey, N.M., one mile south of Hatch on Valley Drive. The event will include nativity sets from around the world, a winter village scene and a diorama on the birth of Jesus. For more information, call 640-1086 or 267-2429.

HABITAT GIFT WRAPPING

Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity is looking for church members to volunteer their

time wrapping presents during its annual gift wrapping fundraiser Nov. 25 through Dec. 24 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. For more information, call 524-0691 or 932-9522.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host a spaghetti dinner from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include spaghetti with sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea, coffee or water. The cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Takeout will be available. In addition, the OES is selling pins for \$5 to \$20 to support the Susan J. Komen for the cure project. For more information, contact 521-9736 or tntredhead@gmail.com

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

Church on the Rock, 1405 S. Solano Drive, will hold Night in Bethlehem from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. This free Christmas event gives families the chance to experience the story of the birth of Jesus in a new way. For more information, call 527-2687.

LAS CRUCES CARES CHARITY FUNDRAISER

First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces, 200 E. Boutz Road, will host "Las Cruces

Cares Charity Fundraiser" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The event gives community members the opportunity to support 10 various charitable organizations in Las Cruces. Refreshments will be served and music will be played, and 100 percent of the proceeds will benefit the organizations. For more information, contact event Coordinator Don Behnke at 505-466-3344 or bbs.nm2@gmail.com.

LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE CONCERT

First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St., will present the 16th annual Living Christmas Tree Concert Dec. 10-13. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the church, Johnson's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave., Picture Frame Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St., and Tanned Calf, 326 S. Tornillo St. Free child care will be available for children ages birth to 3 years old. For more information, call 524-3691.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calvary Chapel Three Crosses, 4301 Bataan Memorial West, will hold men's Bible study from 8 to 10 a.m. the third Sunday of each month through Dec. 15. For more information, call 642-8077.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities Store, 2205 S. Main St., is looking

for volunteers. Helping at the store is a way to contribute to reduce poverty in our community by making available clothing and household items that can be purchased at low prices or for free through our voucher program managed by our partners. For volunteer opportunities, call 527-0500 or 523-7577.

PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, 5480 Lassiter Road, will hold a Prayer and Life Workshop in English by Father Ignacio Larranaga from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays. For 25 years, the workshop has changed lives and opened doors to a rich prayer life for participants. For more information, call 647-1117.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARKETPLACE

The Catholic Charities Marketplace is partnering with artisans and farmers from around the world, Mexico and the borderlands bringing unique, handmade gifts and treasures to the Las Cruces area. Marketplace partners are receiving a fair wage for their work. The Catholic Charities Marketplace is located at 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. If you're interested in partnering with the marketplace, contact Claudia Trueblood at 523-7577 or cmt@catholiccharitiesdlc.org.

PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays, in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. Holy Mass is held weekdays at 11:15 a.m. at 5480 Lassiter Road. Also on Mondays, the Healing Prayer Team meets to pray for anyone who is interested. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

BOOK STUDY AND PROSPERITY DISCUSSION

Unity Church of Mesilla Valley, 125 Wyatt Drive, will hold a book study group for "Atom Smashing Power of Mind" by Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. New members are welcome to come explore another facet of Practical Christianity in action. The church will also hold prosperity discussions at 9 a.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

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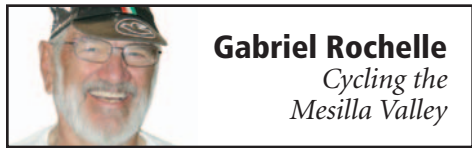
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Staying upright is the first goal

Learning from your mistakes is the key



Gabriel Rochelle
Cycling the Mesilla Valley

"It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when."

That's the cyclists' mantra. No one wants to fall, but eventually, with rare exceptions, everyone does. Here are some lessons learned at the college of hard knocks. Literally.

I was riding to track cycling class at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome 12 years ago. The last side street before turning right onto the road to the drome was a dead end. Because "everyone knew" it was a dead end, I never expected the car to come around the corner and hit me.

I was sideswiped and went down hard. Lots of road rash. So much skin burnt off my left shoulder that the area is whiter than the rest of my skin. Lesson? Pay attention. Even when you know the road and how traffic patterns should go, odd things can happen.

The road from Plain to Leavenworth, Wash., in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, rises 2,000 feet on switchbacks and down the other side to get to the espresso shop.

Once on the ride I took daily a few weeks

each summer, I had the ultimate experience. Front tire blew out while I was accelerating after the last switchback on the return ride.

I was at 32 miles an hour and thought I was a dead duck, down for sure covered in road rash or worse. But I kept my head and, using only my rear brake in a steady but pulsing manner, stopped the bike without falling. Lesson? Keep calm, keep your wits about you and you may avert disaster.

In Pennsylvania five years ago, I was riding on a 12 mile off-road trail I knew "like the back of my hand." I rode without a helmet one time in, say, 30 years.

I had never before seen that large root that suddenly rose up to meet me. Over the handlebars I flew in an arc, slamming into hard packed dirt. First, I knew that some teeth had been knocked out, then that I had a broken nose in the middle of a bloodied face. A man standing nearby photographing birds said, "I'll call 911. Just don't look at me!"

To this day, I carry a scar as a reminder of one foolhardy trip. That thing on my forehead is not a tattoo.

Lessons? Never leave that helmet on the shelf at home. Don't assume familiarity even on rides you've taken many times.

On my way uphill past the airport and toward Bowlin's, a standard Mesilla Valley

ride, I turned into Love's parking lot to fill a water bottle.

That day I went down through a freak sequence: as I turned right into the station my front tire blew, I hit a patch of gravel simultaneously, and it was all over. As I rested on my back on the grass, a bag of ice came flying out of a car as some people who stopped at the service station drove past me as they left.

"Is this what it means to be a Good Samaritan?" I said to the sky.

Lesson? Make sure you carry antiseptic creams, band-aids, smelling salts and other first-aid items – and of course a patch kit for blown tubes.

So my fellow two-wheeled travelers, hear this plea:

Stay alert and attentive; stay sensitive to your environment each moment. Anticipate problems rather than ignoring those chance circumstances in which they may and will occur.

Think through your repertoire of responses before you have to use them, as a martial artist does. Slow down the action as if you were watching a replay, only before rather than after the event.

Remember to not put your hand out to break your fall for you will break your wrist instead. When you go down, roll into the fall rather than resisting it.

Carry that first aid equipment with you in your saddlebag or pockets.

Meanwhile, be kind to yourself, wear a helmet, enjoy the ride and stay upright.

Fr Gabriel Rochelle is priest of St Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, Las Cruces, and an avid cyclist who has not fallen in at least a year. The church web site is <http://stanthonylc.org>.

“ No one wants to fall, but eventually, with rare exceptions, everyone does. ”

C4CR tallies up total funds raised

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Coordinators of the 2011 Cowboys for Cancer Research continue compiling figures but reported that the 29th annual roping, dinner-dance and silent auctions held on Oct. 7-8, brought in \$297,586 in cash and \$61,912 donated in-kind goods and services.

Last year's event brought in more than \$236,000 in cash and more than \$42,000 in-kind goods and services.

Contributions are continuing to come in every day, and expenses are being paid, according to C4CR Co-executive Director, Geraldine Calhoun. C4CR will report the final figures for the 2011 event in January.

The roping contests attracted more than 1,000 teams over the two-day team roping, competing at the Sproul Arena. Cole Salopek of Las Cruces won the three-horse trailer as the high-point roper.

Coordinators also announced that next year's 30th C4CR events will be held Oct. 12-14, 2012.

Part of the endowment fund is used to support research at New Mexico State University where chemist Jeffrey Arterburn and his team are conducting research on what has been identified as a protein receptor that can be used to show how cancer cells develop and be used in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.



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Featured home: 3945 Sombra Morada

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The home at 3945 Sombra Morada is Energy Star certified and has a HERs rating of 65.



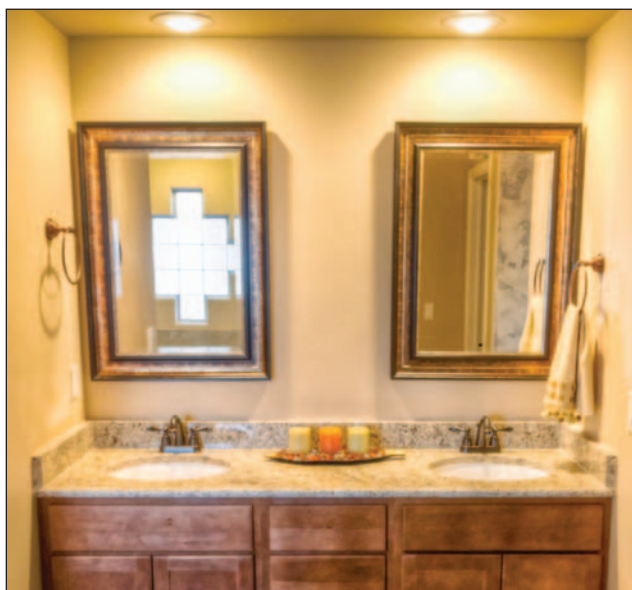
A fireplace accented in a faux finish can be found in the living room.



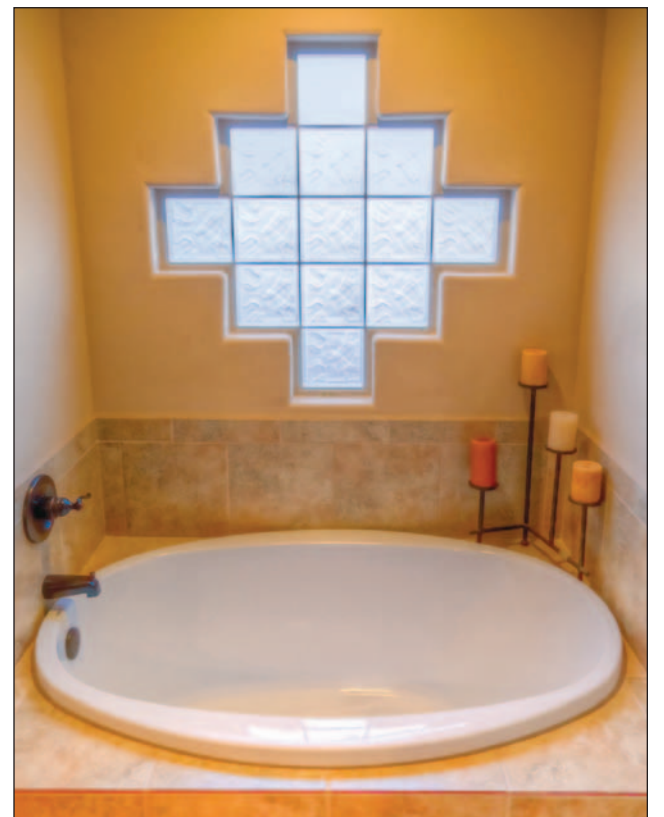
A tankless-water heater helps with the home's efficiency.



Granite countertops and tall cabinets fill the kitchen, which opens to the dining room.



Granite countertops can be found in the master bath.



Glass blocks surround the bathtub in the master suite.

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An Energy Star to call home

Efficient home offers style and savings

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Alvaro and Elena Herrera moved into their new home Friday, Nov. 18, they weren't just receiving a structure to raise their three children, they also were getting a residence that was going to save them more than \$1,000 annually.

Built this year by Polly Benavidez of Saguario Homes, the residence at 3945 Sombra Morada in the Sonoma Ranch Boulevard area captured the Herrera family when they first peered through its doors.

"We were going through the neighborhood and saw the 'for sale' sign," Alvaro Herrera said. "We just loved it. It was a gorgeous, well-made house."

Benavidez, who had constructed 10 Energy Star-rated homes previously, said she wanted home No. 11 to be something special, and used it as an opportunity to master techniques that will be required for 3.0 Energy Star home versions in January.

"I like to do different things in every house," she said. "I'm starting to prepare for version 3.0 and there were some procedures that I needed to practice that weren't required when I first started."

Keeping up with the latest standards and working closely with Home Energy Rating (HERs) rater Miles Dyson, Benavidez was able to achieve a 65 HERs rating while keeping the home affordable and stylish.

Moving from Mesquite, Herrera said his family was drawn to the energy-efficient aspect of the home.

"It was very important," he said. "We wanted a home that was cost-efficient."

As guests drive up to the pueblo, Spanish revival-inspired home, they are greeted by rock landscaping dotted with native plants, such as ocotillo, which are attached to a drip system.

"I like to keep (my style of home) traditional with our city," Benavidez said. "There is a misconception with flat roofs that they have problems. All of the trusses are slopped so there isn't any ponding."

Inside, the entrance area features a rubbed-oil bronze chandelier, a common element throughout the home, as well as stained-concrete flooring, a first for the builder.

"They're very low-maintenance floors," Benavidez said. "You don't have to deal with grout or chipped tile. It's very eco-friendly. A lot of commercial places have stained-concrete flooring because it's easy to maintain and does well in heavy traffic areas."

The entrance opens to the living room. Showcasing 12-foot ceilings – which are also included in the kitchen and dining room – the living room also includes a fireplace with a niche, decorated in a faux finish that matches the warm color palette of the home.

"I tried something different," Benavidez said. "I used two types of texture to give it depth. It makes it pop back and fourth."

Another new technique Benavidez used in the home was caulking the top and bottom plates to fully seal the home. In the fireplace, she also used direct ventilation, which has the exhaust vent going through the wall rather than the ceiling.

"We're trying to avoid openings in the roof so we don't have infiltration," she said. "The less infiltration in the home, the better it will be."

Off the living room is one of the four bedrooms. Featuring an independent entrance, Benavidez said the room can double as an office, if desired.

"This way, people don't have to walk through your house," she said. "Also, I have a lot of customers who have moms or family members stay with them for the holidays, so this can be a great guest room for them."

Arches in the living room lead to the kitchen and dining room.

"I like to put in art and give the home character," Benavidez said of the architectural detail. "I like to have fun while I build."

The kitchen includes 42-inch birch cabinets stained a coffee color with decorative crown molding.

"I do higher cabinets because with the 12-foot ceiling, it gives a better balance of perception in the room," Benavidez said. "Plus, it has a lot of storage."

A deep, under-mounted sink rests in a countertop of Venetian gold granite – a light color stone Benavidez said she used to brighten the room.

Near the kitchen-dining area is the master suite. A faux-finish accent wall draws in the eyes, as a wall lined with Energy Star windows brings in natural light. Featuring a seamless transition into the bathroom, the suite includes double sinks as well as a jetted bathtub set against glass blocks and a tiled-snail shower.

Glass blocks were also used to light the walk-in closet. While a few rooms include skylights, Benavidez said she tried to avoid them to once again protect the home from infiltration.

The last two bedrooms are set beside a full bathroom, which has a wall to separate the toilet from the sink, providing guests with more privacy.

A two-car garage completes the home. The finished space is fully insulated and includes additional shelving for storage.

"I tried to design things that will help, not obstruct," Benavidez said.

The garage also houses the residence's tankless-water heater, a cost-saving feature for the Herreras.

"I wanted to put in as many energy-saving components as I could," she said, adding that the heater is designed to be removed and a traditional water heater can be put in. "With a tankless-water heater, you have constant hot water. It will help save you money."

Containing more than 1,700 square feet, Benavidez said the

Details

Featured home
3945 Sombra Morada

Square footage
1,765

Acres
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Bedrooms
Four

Bathrooms
Two

Fireplaces
One

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home is the perfect size for a family.

"It's a beautiful house," Herrera said. "The builder did a great job with it."

Out back, the covered porch includes a gas spigot for a barbecue grill. While the backyard is currently a blank canvas, Herrera said they have big plans, which include adding landscaping to match the front and providing entertainment for the kids with possibly a trampoline.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	3	0	8
Homes Sold Existing	12	10	17
Pending Home Sales (All)	173	129	171

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$156,500	N/A	\$159,625
Median Price Existing	165,000	179,000	169,000

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	131	74	155

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,108	1,095	1,120
Real Estate Agents	409	409	418

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

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Thankful to be here

Three reasons I'm thankful to be a part of this community

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Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. What could possibly be better than an entire day dedicated to thinking about and being grateful for all the blessings in our lives?

We have lived here for five years now, and this year I have been reflecting upon how thankful I'm to be a part of this community. In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to share three reasons I am so thankful to be living in Las Cruces.

The people

I've traveled all over the world, and I've met some great people, but some of the best people I've ever met are right here in Las Cruces.

There are three things that I've found characterize the residents of this great town: generosity, humility and hospitality.

I've never seen a community so willing to rally around a great cause. Whether it is to benefit New Mexico State University, cancer research, Mesilla Valley Hospice, Gospel Rescue Mission or one of the many other vital nonprofit organizations serving our community. People in Las Cruces are always willing to give generously of their time, talent and resources. Las Cruces may be a small town, but you give big. Way to go Las Cruces!

Even though Las Cruces are big givers, I rarely notice people fighting for the limelight. What I do notice is that so many of our friends here in Las Cruces are quietly serving our community without expecting recognition or anything in return.

Finally, I'm particularly thankful for the hospitality I've experienced since we moved to Las Cruces. Where some small towns can make new residents feel like outsiders, Las Cruces is a city that welcomes people with open arms.

Las Cruces has grown a lot in the last 20 years, but I believe it's because of the community's roots in agriculture that it has remained hospitality oriented. There's something special about people who work with the earth – planting and harvesting – providing for basic human needs. Historically, they knew and cared for their friends and neighbors. I believe that friendly, caring spirit is alive and well today in Las Cruces.

The culture

I can't imagine ever being bored in Las Cruces. In fact, I feel like we hardly have time to enjoy all the things that are going on here each week.

Las Cruces' history and culture brings together a combination of American, Spanish, Mexican and Native American cultural heritage, making this a truly unique place to live. That culture along with the great people of Las Cruces, means



This year, my wife Karen and I enjoyed the Rotary Club's Taste of Las Cruces event with our good friends Nancy and Henry Broekhoff, just two of the amazing people we're thankful to have met here in Las Cruces.

there is always something to do.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafters Market on Downtown Main Street Wednesday and Saturday mornings is one of the events I've been very thankful for this year. Our small community is so blessed to have such a great market where we can find local produce, meat, eggs, handmade crafts, jewelry and so much more. If you haven't had a chance to check out the market, you should visit it soon.

“ I've traveled all over the world, and I've met some great people, but some of the best people I've ever met are right here in Las Cruces. ”

People rarely call me refined, but I do enjoy a touch of culture and class. Las Cruces is home to many exceptional art galleries and museums.

My grandkids are big fans of the Natural History Museum in Mesilla Valley Mall and the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum.

Karen and I recently had the opportunity to visit the Branigan Cultural Center in Downtown Las Cruces. It features in-house and traveling exhibitions, regional historical and permanent collections and the work of local and regional artists. We were particularly impressed by the area dedicated to the history of the region. It took us a long time to read all the information and look at photos and memorabilia. It was well worth it.

Plus, there is the Las Cruces

Symphony Orchestra. I am always amazed that our little community is home to such an exceptional orchestra.

I am thankful to be part of a community where there is always something to see and do.

The weather

The third reason I am thankful to call Las Cruces home is that we don't have to worry about extreme heat like Arizona and Florida, summer humidity or frigid winters like our East Coast and Midwest friends, or endless dreary, gray days like North-Westerners.

We don't have to worry about stocking up for the next hurricane evacuation or earthquake, and we don't have to build basements to protect us from severe storms or tornados.

I just love living in a city where my wife and I are able to play with our grandkids outside year-round. Sure, Las Cruces has its windy days and a few hot days in the summer, but compared to most of the country, we are pretty blessed.

I love what my friend, Steve Jarvis, told me the other day about the blessing of Las Cruces weather:

“I used to get a little bit depressed in September every year back East because Labor Day had passed and I knew in another month it was going to get cold; the leaves would start falling, I'd have to spend three weeks raking them, and then I'd have to prepare to start shoveling snow. In contrast, I really look forward to fall and winter here in Las Cruces. The weather is just wonderful. There's really just not a bad time of year here.”

There are always ways we can seek to improve our community, but this Thanksgiving I am thankful to be part of a community with amazing people, a rich culture and amazing weather.

Happy Thanksgiving, Las Cruces.

Bob Pofahl is the owner and developer of Picacho Mountain, southern New Mexico's only Build Green New Mexico certified community. For more information about green building, call Bob at 523-2500 or visit his blog at picachomountain.com.



The praying mantis and assassin bug are two insects you should give thanks for this holiday season because they eat unwanted pests.

Not all of the bugs are unwelcomed visitors

Bothersome pest kept away by beneficial insects



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest
Detective

While sitting around the Thanksgiving table with family and friends, you usually don't think about insects, but there are some bugs you may want to be thankful for this time of year.

When it comes to mosquitoes, cockroaches and termites, most of us would kill them as soon as they're spotted. However, there are some species of bugs that you want to keep around. Insects with names such as assassin bugs, bald-faced hornets, praying mantises and soldier beetles can help manage pest populations in your garden or backyard.

These beneficial bugs are likely to remain in your garden or near your home if there's a food supply for them. In fact, gardeners routinely buy several kinds of bugs from their local home improvement stores or nurseries to control pests.

Insects considered to be beneficial bugs include: bumblebees (pollinate plant species that other insects are not capable of), house centipedes (handles flies and cockroaches in a home), dragonflies (eats mosquitoes and black flies outside a home), damselflies (eats multiple insects smaller than itself), green lacewings (takes care of aphids outdoors), ground beetles (a night insect that handles the worst outdoor pests), spiders (orb weavers will handle mites), tachinid flies (feast on caterpillars, armyworms and sawflies) and yellow jackets (takes care of caterpillars and flies).

Ladybugs are beautiful; but many people probably don't realize that they will eliminate aphids and tree lice from a garden. Likewise, a praying mantis will eat just about any bad bug, from flies to crickets. Assassin bugs love to eat bedbugs, cockroaches and termites.

Here are some tips to help you keep helpful bugs around:

- Plant nectar-producing flowers, which in turn will keep the insects well fed.
- Keep ants at bay by also planting spearmint, tansy, clove oil or pennyroyal near your aphids.
- Create a hiding place for spiders, which routinely take care of bad garden bugs, with mulch or dead leaves in your garden.
- Using pesticides on your garden is not recommended, because, in addition to only being a temporary fix, you invariably end up killing more of the bugs that you want than the actual pests.

“ ... there are some species of bugs that you want to keep around. ”

Scott Svenheim, an expert for Truly Nolen of America, has 25 years of experience in the pest control industry. Svenheim brings an informative as well as unique and entertaining perspective to consumers' pest problems in the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Ariz.,-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. Truly Nolen has more than 80 branch offices in Arizona, California, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and Utah. The company also has independently owned and operated franchises in an ever-growing number of territories including California, Florida, Kentucky, New York, Oklahoma, Texas and Utah as well as Puerto Rico. For more information or to ask your local expert a question about insects and insect prevention, visit www.trulynolen.com or call 915-591-9864.

Preparing Thanksgiving at the BIA-SNM Turkey Drive

Photos by Beth Sitzler



Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico Managing Director Steve Chavira keeps the boxes moving Tuesday, Nov. 22. The association collected enough money to distribute 240 boxes to families at MacArthur and Doña Ana elementary schools.



Thomas Baker of Kriegel, Grey, Shaw CPAs volunteered his time to the 24th Turkey Drive held by the association.



Realtor Connie Hettinga makes sure each box receives a pumpkin pie and tub of Cool Whip. The food was purchased from Albertsons on Lohman Avenue.



Ralph Salas of Salas Homes gets the turkeys ready at the start of the assembly-line style set up of the BIA-SNM Turkey Drive donation.



Janet Baker of Pioneer Bank mans the sweet peas section of the assembly line.



Javier Jaramillo of Smith Engineering admires the truck as it is filled with the 240 boxes of groceries.

Featured Realtor: Tom Whatley

Meet the Realtor of the Year

Tom Whatley uses past experience to better RPAC, community

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Tom Whatley has lived quite a life – from serving his country to raising two daughters and, more recently, being awarded the Las Cruces Association of Realtors 2011 Realtor of the Year.

Whatley, an Albuquerque native, said he joined the Coast Guard after graduating from Sandia High School.

"I was in for two years and then went into the reserve," he said. "Looking back, I wish I had stayed, but I was too busy trying to make a living."

Returning to the Duke City, Whatley joined Baillio's, a family-owned business that specializes in selling and servicing appliances, electronics and furniture. Although a mere 21 years old, his time with the company gave him knowledge and understanding in the world of sales.

"(One of my biggest influences was) Jack Baillio, my first boss," he said. "He taught me everything I know about business. He taught me more than anyone."

Starting from the ground level and working his way up in the company, Whatley left Baillio's after nine years and moved to Phoenix in 1990.

His time in Arizona didn't last long, and in 1993 he ventured to southern New Mexico to become owner of S&H RV and a member of the Las Cruces community.

"Owning your own business, you get requests to do things and help out with a lot of stuff," he said. "Yes, it was a way to network, but I also got the sense that people were passionate about things."

Finding his own passion, Whatley said he volunteered his time with different community events, such as the Whole Enchilada Fiesta, as well as industry organizations – he served as president of the Manufactured Housing Association from 1996-2002.

In 2006, Whatley decided it was time to sell the company and looked for a new career path. Despite opportunities in the auto and RV industries elsewhere, he said he was resolved to stay in Las Cruces, a place that had become his home.

"I had been here so long and had been involved with the community, I wanted to stay," he said.

Whatley earned his real estate license in 2006. Having previously known David Steinborn and being friends with John and Amy Hummer, he said Steinborn & Associates Real Estate was his first choice.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Mike Julian congratulates Tom Whatley after he is named 2012 Realtor of the Year

"I liked the support they had and (Real Estate Guide) and their Internet presence – they had a complete infrastructure, for me," he said. "I also liked that they were involved with the community and gave back."

Previously being involved with selling and buying his own homes, he said he had planned on focusing solely on residential transactions until John Hummer spoke to him.

"John encouraged me to get into commercial real estate because of my business background," he said.

Spending six months looking at the industry, he said he slowly built his business. While Whatley described his first two years as being "a chicken with its head cut off," he now sells business only transactions and works with residential clients in addition to the business sector.

"Real estate has taught me a lot about the community," he said. "I have learned every street, every corner, every vacant lot in the city."

With his feet on the ground, three years ago Whatley said he became involved with LCAR and the Realtors Association of

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- President Associate Scholarship Board
- Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce

Family

Daughters Stephanie and Jessica

New Mexico. He has served at the local Realtors Political Action Committee chair as well as the state RPAC trustee chair in 2010. Recently, he was elected as the 2012 state RPAC chair.

Growing up in the 1960s with a father who ran for state treasurer, Whatley said he understands the importance of being in the forefront on every level, especially legislatively.

"It's the Realtor's creed to protect property rights, first and foremost," he said. "You have to get involved. I get involved to make a difference."

Whatley said last year LCAR contributed \$30,000 to RPAC. More importantly, he added, the association now has a "voice at the table" when it comes to local and state issues.

"Legislators come to us now. That wasn't happening before," he said. "We have a voice, and a voice is more important than money."

Because of his dedication, Whatley was honored at the LCAR awards banquet Nov. 3 as the 2011 Realtor of the Year, an achievement that came as a surprise.

As last year's award recipient Mike Julian read off the unnamed winner's list of achievements, Whatley said he started to expect it was him.

"It clicked when he mentioned the Coast Guard and RPAC," he said. "Then my family came in, I wasn't expecting that."

Not only surprised to see his mother Anita, sister Kathy, youngest daughter Jessica, step-father Joe Martinez and his wife Arlene Martinez, Whatley said he was truly moved by the honor.

"I was humbled because the Realtor of the Year is picked by past Realtors of the Year," he said. "It's not political, it's about what you do for the association."

"I think when you win an award like this, it causes you to reflect and take your business to the next level. It makes you work a little harder."

Although ecstatic over the prestigious designation, Whatley said his greatest accomplishment is raising his two daughters – Stephanie, who is married to Robert, and Jessica.

"My oldest is married and is expecting her first baby," he said. "Her husband is a captain in the U.S. Army. ... He has done one tour in Iraq and he will probably deploy to Afghanistan in February."

Touched by his son-in-law's service to his country, in 2008 Whatley pulled the Steinborn office together to create and send monthly care packages for all 32 members of his platoon.

"(Robert and his fellow soldiers) swore an oath and that says something about a person," he said. "Their quality of life isn't the same as it is here, and just getting a little taste of home is important. It keeps them motivated."

When Robert deploys next year, Whatley said he and his Steinborn team will once again send them reminders of home and their support.

Having spent the last few years dedicated to public service, Whatley said now is the time for him to re-focus his attention on his career. He is currently working on a new website to market himself and the area globally in addition to sharing his industry knowledge with new Realtors through a training program at Steinborn & Associates Real Estate.

"Getting to teach people the basics of sales helps bring me back to Earth and look at what I'm doing," he said.

He isn't done serving, however. Along with continuing his efforts with RPAC, Whatley said there is a chance he will eventually run for local office.



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Holiday party preparation

Dishes offer Thanksgiving guests big taste

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Now that the holiday season has officially arrived, it's time to get ready for the seemingly endless festive parties.

If you plan on hosting your own shindig, browse the sites I share for planning and decorating ideas and fun activities.

One nifty idea I came across included an ornament grab bag. Ask guests to bring a wrapped ornament that best represents them to be placed in a holiday-decorated basket. (For me, it would be a hot pod.) Each ornament should include the year and their name. At "closing time," have a blind drawing. Each year when they trim their tree, they'll remember the person and the special party.

This is a hectic time of year, so be well prepared in advance – after all, you deserve to have fun at your own bash. But whether you host your own party or attend a friend's, plenty of nibbles are required.

This year, think outside of the (ready-to-go) box option; instead, consider homemade, which are often budget-friendly, healthier, tastier and more eye appealing. Also, rather than going the traditional dip and chip route, prepare at least one unique recipe like the one I share for Guacarooms – button mushrooms stuffed with guacamole. Happy holidays!

Holiday Guacarooms

24 medium-sized button mushrooms
Guacamole
Cayenne pepper for garnish

Clean each mushroom gently using a dry paper towel to remove soil. (Note: Washing mushrooms with water causes them to become soggy. Store-bought mushrooms are grown in fertile soil, so the dirt won't hurt you.) With your thumb and index finger, gently twist off stem or use a grapefruit spoon to lift out stem. Using a teaspoon or melon ball scoop, heap each mushroom cap with guacamole (recipe below). Garnish with sprinkles of cayenne pepper. Makes 24 servings.

Guacamole:

2 ripe avocados
8 ounces crumbled blue cheese
1 small Roma tomato, seeded and chopped coarsely
1 small white onion, minced
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder or to taste
1 teaspoon favorite hot sauce to taste
Garnish: Cayenne powder and cilantro, optional

Peel avocados and remove seeds. In a medium bowl, mash avocados to a smooth consistency. Mix the avocado with the salt, garlic powder, lemon juice and hot sauce. Add

onion and blue cheese. Add tomato and gently toss. Spoon into mushroom caps and add garnish, if desired. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Salsa Oyster Boats

3 plum tomatoes, seeded and diced
3 green onions, chopped
1/3 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons ground cumin
1 serrano pepper, stemmed, seeded and chopped
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

12 fresh oysters, shucked, left in the shell
Combine first six ingredients in a medium-sized bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Let stand 30 minutes. Preheat broiler. Arrange oysters on broiler-proof pan. Spoon salsa over oysters, dividing evenly. Broil until heated through, about 5 minutes. Serve on a colorful platter centered with a lit candle. Makes 12 servings.

Spicy-Good Mini-Muffin Crab Cakes

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, at room temperature
3/4 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1 large egg
1/4 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon grated orange zest
1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
4 teaspoons plus 2 tablespoons fresh chives, chopped, divided
1/4 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
1/4 teaspoon habanero powder (or substitute a pinch of cayenne pepper)
12 ounces fresh lump crabmeat, picked over, patted dry and coarsely shredded
1 cup crushed flour tortilla chips
1/2 stick unsalted butter, melted
Extra unsalted butter for pans
Fresh chives, cut into pieces, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter two 12-well mini muffin pans. In the bowl of an electric mixer, fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add 1/4 cup of Parmesan and the egg; beat to blend. Beat in the sour cream, citrus zest, 4 teaspoons of chopped chives, kosher salt and habanero (cayenne) powder. Fold in the crabmeat. (This can be prepared one day in advance. Cover and refrigerate.)

In a small bowl, toss the tortilla chips, 1/2 cup of Parmesan and 2 tablespoons of chopped chives. Drizzle 1/4 cup of melted butter over, tossing with a fork until evenly moistened. Press 1 rounded tablespoon of the tortilla chip mixture into bottom of each muffin cup, forming crust. Spoon 1 generous tablespoon of crab mixture into each cup. Sprinkle about one rounded teaspoon of tortilla chip mixture on top of crab mixture.

Bake the crab cakes until golden on top and set, about 30 minutes. (Check periodically as oven temps vary.)

Cool crab cakes for about 5 minutes. Run a knife (such as a utility knife) around each cake and gently lift out of well. To serve: Arrange crab cakes on a serving platter and sprinkle with chives.



No need to slave over a hot stove to create these sassy guacaroom poppers.

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Red Raspberry-Tepin Tortilla Bites

2 pounds unsweetened frozen raspberries, thawed*
3/4 cup red raspberry preserves
1 chile tepin, crushed
1/2 cup sugar
12 (8-inch) tortillas
Vegetable oil for frying

Bring raspberries, preserves, tepin and sugar to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, uncovered, until fruit is tender and mixture has thickened slightly. Cool about 5 minutes.

To prepare bites, spoon 2 to 3 tablespoons of filling 1 inch from the edge of the tortilla closest to you. Roll tortilla away from you over

the filling. Fold in the ends to seal. Continue rolling until completed. Heat a large, deep skillet with 3/4-inch depth of oil over medium heat. Place 3 or 4 stuffed tortillas, seam side down and cook until golden brown. Turn and brown all sides. Drain on paper towels. Sprinkle with sugar, if desired. When cool, slice each tortilla in half diagonally. Serve at room temperature or chilled. Makes 24 servings.

*To thaw, put the raspberries in a strainer for about 10 minutes topped with a plate or bowl. Extra weight will help remove extra liquid. Blot gently with a paper towel absorb additional liquid. Or use fresh raspberries and skip this part.

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Working with interior designers and contractors

Ask questions, set goals for the most efficient project



Maureen Villmer
Practical Design

When you begin a major construction-interior design project, and if you are using an interior designer, you should expect the designer to work with the contractor to best satisfy the plan for your project.

The designer should be involved not only in the planning of the project, but also monitor the progress of the

construction to be sure it follows the plan.

A designer can help you discover and solidify the style you want for your project. They can also help you set realistic expectations for the project and help to arrive at a budget and a timeline. Then, he or she can also help you to communicate the "big picture" as well as details of your project to those who will actually do the work.

How do you choose an interior designer for your project? An open relationship is essential. You should feel completely comfortable asking questions, making suggestions about your needs and communicating the end result you are looking for. When you start searching for an interior designer, talk to

friends and investigate referrals they may give you.

Don't forget interior designers shop, too. Go to where designers shop and ask for referrals. Inquire at local retail stores such as lighting stores, kitchen cabinetry stores, granite and paint stores. If you're talking to contractors at this point, ask them about designer's work they admire.

When you have your first meeting with a perspective designer, asks about education, training, experience and other credentials. Ask about what services they offer and what they can do to help optimize your budget. Ask for a list of three to four previous clients. Call those clients and ask about their satisfaction with the designer's work and working style. Be sure to discuss timetable, availability and realistic expectations. Discuss how you will communicate. Will it be email, text, in person or mostly by phone? Establish parameters for updates and ongoing communications.

When you have determined the designer you want to use, you can then find out what contractors they have worked with and how those contractors performed in terms of doing the work right, on-time and at the prices they bid the work for. You can do the same with friends and family who may have had experiences in remodeling.

Once you have both the designer and the contractor established, it should function as a team, with you at the head. If the designer has experience in remodeling, he or she can be very helpful in helping to keep the project on track and on time. It is critical to the project that you communicate with both of them; to be sure your project goes as planned.

If taking on your whole house or business as one project seems overwhelming, opt to do a room or a section at a time until you feel comfortable with the process and the people you're working with. Prioritize your project by focusing on the spaces that are the most important to you. It's helpful to know your priorities at that introductory meeting.

Whether it's a small project or large project, stay flexible. Product availability, contractor scheduling and custom work are just a few aspects that can cause unavoidable delays in your project. Frequently, once you see everything is progressing successfully, there is a tendency for you to make changes or additions to the project. Always remember that these things can add both time and additional costs.

If you're using them correctly, the designer and contractor will do the work and allow you to simply enjoy the results.

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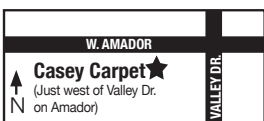
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