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WinterFest brings cheer

Tree lighting kicks off Downtown activities

Bulletin Staff Report

With carriage rides and holiday music emerging from Downtown, the annual WinterFest kicks off the holiday season beginning with the City of Las Cruces' annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, near the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave.

A large evergreen in Albert Johnson Park will be lit by Christmas lights when Mayor Ken Miyagishima flips the switch at the free event.

Music will be provided by the Las Cruces High School swing ensemble choir and hot apple cider is available, which may also be enjoyed by the Occupy Las Cruces protesters who have been camped out at the park.

The Alameda Depot Civic Association will be holding its WinterFest Luminarias in the Park from 5 to 9 p.m. in Pioneer Women's Park. There will be rides on horse-drawn carriages, a luminaria display at the park gazebo, arts, crafts, entertainment, food treats and live music at the Winter Wonderland in the WIA Building, 340 N. Raymond St., facing the east side of the park.

Volunteers wanting to help set up the luminaria displays can drop by the WIA Building between noon and 5 p.m. Friday. Volunteers will get free pizza.

That evening, the area's museums and galleries will be open until 7 p.m. for the Downtown Art Ramble.

At the Court Youth Center, Alma d'arte Charter High School students will offer holiday items and snacks.

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 for free photos and gift requests.

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 until Jan. 2, 2012.

Trojans try for trophy

Mayfield set to defend championship at home

Bulletin Staff Report

The Mayfield Trojans will seek their ninth state football championship and second in a row when they take on the Cleveland High School Storm at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Field of Dreams.

The top-ranked Storm is undefeated in 12 games. Second-ranked Mayfield is 10-2. Both teams have explosive running games.

Cleveland, located in Rio Rancho, has averaged 49.4 points per game this season behind senior quarterback Cole Gautsche, who has made a verbal commitment to play for New Mexico State University.

Gautsche completed 13 of 23 passes in Cleveland's 42-28 semifinal win over Rio Rancho and also ran for 137 yards.

Mayfield has relied heavily this year on running back Ricky Milks, who rushed for 266 yards in the Trojans' 41-34 semifinal win over Manzano.

For more stories about the title game, see Sports on page A19 for "The Perfect Storm" and "Coaches well connected."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

The Mayfield High School Trojans will seek to rip up Cleveland High School's plans for an undefeated season when the two teams meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Field of Dreams stadium to determine the 2011 state class 5A football champion. A storm system moving through Las Cruces is expected to clear out just in time for the two teams to take the field. For more on the game, see page A19.

Winter weather headed this way

Snow and rain to fall over the weekend

Bulletin Staff Report

After a windy night on Thursday, Dec. 1, Las Cruces can expect a winter storm to enter the area Friday, Dec. 2.

The storm weather is expected to continue through Saturday, Dec. 3, with unseasonably cold temperatures and a potential for heavy snow in mountain areas as well as less than two inches of snow possible in the lowlands. Showers are expected Friday, with snow levels as low as 4,500 feet on Saturday night.

"One thing I can guarantee is that it is going to be cold," Joe Rogash of the National Weather Service said Wednesday, Nov. 30. "It will be colder with a chance of

rain at the lower elevations Friday afternoon and evening, with good chances of snow over the mountains.

"Saturday looks like a good chance of rain or rain mixed with snow."

Rogash said three inches or more of snow was possible in the passes through the Organ and Franklin mountains Saturday night.

The weather is predicting the storm will move east of the area Saturday morning. Another storm system may form over Arizona Saturday afternoon and move across New Mexico Sunday, possibly spreading more snow showers at the higher elevation areas.

City, county search for project funding

Officials seeking progress on crisis triage, 911 centers

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

Members of the Las Cruces City Council and Doña Ana County Commission say they want to find ways to get movement on two public safety centers – crisis triage at the jail and a new home for the 911 call center.

Both have been high-priority concerns for several years, but state funding for capital outlay has been limited after New Mexico began to feel the recession.

Officials believe the crisis triage center can be built for about

\$2 million and there is land available for it on the Doña Ana County Detention Center campus. The crisis triage center would have 12 beds available for 23-hour stays of people who have mental illness after they've run afoul of the law for minor infractions.

With help from professional mental health workers at the crisis triage center, the people can be stabilized and released quickly and at less cost. If they are jailed, they can't be released until they've been evaluated by a mental health professional. Because the mental health evaluators are frequently in high demand, that often results in long jail stays costing the county at least \$200 a day, not including the cost of medications.

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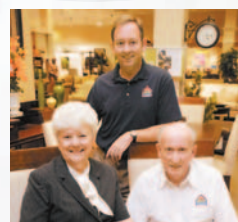


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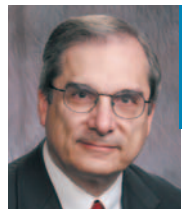
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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Go teams!

It's been said that communities like Las Cruces are often defined by success of their sports teams

I love sports.

It's all about competition, the will to win and survival of the fittest.

Many of my childhood heroes were professional sports stars – Mickey Mantle, Stan Musial, Bob Cousy, Roger Staubach, Arthur Ashe, Hank Aaron, Arnold Palmer, Jim Brown, Bud Wilkinson, Willie Mays. These guys were all winners.

At 8 years of age, I played my first team sport – pee-wee baseball. Despite our team's dismal win-loss record, something like 0-15 that first year, we still practiced diligently. We would show up for each game with great enthusiasm and the expectation that the next game would be the one when we would break through with a win.

That year, the win never happened. We not only failed to win a single game, our lopsided losses were so bad that our team's ineptness was the reason the adult rule-makers added guidelines that restricted a team to a maximum of nine batters per inning, and created a mercy rule that said when one team was ahead by 20 or more runs at the end of an inning, the game was over.

Our games never lasted more than three innings.

Growing up in a small town in the heart of mid-America, few things were more important to our community than sports. The identity of our town and other nearby communities was defined by the success of our sports teams.

Our town was best known for its baseball prowess and consistent success of its boys and girls basketball teams. Other towns became powerhouses in track and field, softball, volleyball and football.

I loved playing sports, and tried my hand at football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, track and field and tennis. I was not particularly talented at any sport. However, my favorite was, and still is, basketball.

My hopes were to play basketball in college, but when Lou Henson, the new (at the time) head basketball coach at New Mexico State University declined to offer me a scholarship to come to Las Cruces, my next best choice was to try to play near home at Oklahoma State University.

A broken foot my freshman year ended my dreams to dethrone Pistol Pete Maravich as the most popular college player of the era. My journey from being a player to being a fan had begun.

Today, communities are still defined by their sports teams. Over the past two decades, Las Cruces high school teams have won more football state championships than schools in any other city in New Mexico. This year, the Mesilla Valley Christian School SonBlazers, won their first 2A football championship. This Saturday, at 1 p.m. at the Las Cruces Field of Dreams, the second-ranked Mayfield Trojans take on the top-ranked Cleveland Storm from Rio Rancho for the state title.

At nearly the same time, at Aggie Memorial Stadium, the vastly-improved New Mexico State University Aggie footballers play their final game of the season as they host the other Western Athletic Conference Aggies from Utah State. For an avid fan like me, it's frustrating that the games could not have been arranged so that fans could attend both.

In the past week, Jaki and I traveled to Las Vegas to support the Aggie volleyball team for three games in the WAC tournament. We flew back to Las Cruces on Thanksgiving Day to attend the NMSU women's basketball games and another volleyball game on Saturday. On Tuesday, our company was the media sponsor for the exciting men's basketball game versus Arizona. And now, on Saturday, we have the dilemma of choosing which football game to attend. Somehow, we will try to figure out a way to see at least part of each game.

Our grown children sometimes think we are nuts, if not a bit immature, because of our love of high school and college sports. However, just as communities are reflected in their sports teams, individuals can also become immersed in support of their favorite local teams.

And we support them all.

Go Aggies! Go Trojans! Go Bulldawgs! Go Knights! Go SonBlazers!

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Letters to the Editor

Reading foundation offers thanks to Las Cruces community

The Children's Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County recently co-sponsored the very successful Workforce Literacy Conference with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone whose efforts made this possible, starting of course with the Las Cruces Sun-News and the Las Cruces Bulletin for their press coverage and publicity.

The good people who helped include the GLCCC Education Committee, Dr. Steven Sanchez, chair, and the GLCCC staff of Liz Banegas, Joel Courtney and Alyssa Gintant.

The Las Cruces Public Schools and Principal Jennifer Amis gave us use of the Early College High School for the event, and Mike Cook did a great job with publicity. Michelle Saenz-Adames, Odilia Garcia and Jeremy Telles from the Alliance for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Department of Education, New Mexico State University, provided technical assistance.

Robbie Levey of the Housing Authority of the City of Las Cruces and Margie Herberger both gave of their time to work on the event, and Tracey Bryan, director of The Bridge of Southern New Mexico, generously helped with planning and also served as moderator for the group discussion.

We would also like to thank our speakers and invited guests, Larry Langley, the CEO of the New Mexico Business Roundtable, Anna Lisa Banegas-Peña of the New Mexico Public Education Department, former mayor Bill Mattiace, executive director, New Mexico Border Authority and Jessica Aranda, program director, Southwest Creations Collaborative.

Last, but certainly not least, are our Reading Foundation interns, Erica Hobbs and Jenni Walters. Hobbs provided a moving video testimonial on the importance of literacy and education and helped with a number of aspects of the event. Walters took time from her MPA program at NMSU to share with us her expertise as an event planner and it was her untiring effort that brought this event together.

Thank you all.

Maria Flores
Children's Reading Foundation

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A glance at territorial times

Important events before 1912 listed in state promotion

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



On Aug. 28, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez kicked off our state's centennial celebration. The governor may have been a little early for our Jan. 6 birthday, but despite being the Land of Mañana, New Mexico seldom is late to start a celebration.

On Sept. 1, Martinez ordered that all state agencies promote the centennial. One of the first agency promotions we saw were some magnificently large posters documenting New Mexico's significant events from the time the United States occupied our territory in 1846 until today.

One three-foot-by-two-foot poster tells the story of New Mexico's long, 66-year effort to gain statehood. The other poster chronicles important New Mexico events from our state's past 100 years.

The posters have been produced by the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs and are targeted primarily at schools, libraries and museums. They also are available to the general public by contacting Sarah Ives at the Department of Cultural Affairs at 505-984-2012. You may also email her at sarah.ives@nmcentennial.org.

The following are some of the important events leading up to statehood that are listed on the chart. My comments are in parentheses.

- 1846 – Mexican-American War begins. U.S. Army under

Stephen Watts Kearny occupies New Mexico.

- 1847 – U.S. forces suppress the New Mexico Revolt of 1847. (This often is referred to as the Taos Revolt, in which Gov. Charles Bent was scalped, then killed. The lives of his family and Kit Carson's wife were spared.)
- 1848 – Mexican-American War ends with the signing of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.
- 1850 – In the Compromise of 1850, New Mexico becomes a territory of the U.S. including much of what is now Arizona and southern Colorado. Boundary conflict with Texas is settled and war averted. (Texas always wanted as much of New Mexico as it could get, preferably all the way to the Rio Grande. This agreement gave them about 600,000 acres along the border.)
- 1854 – Gadsden Purchase from Mexico adds 45,000 square miles to New Mexico territory.
- 1862 – Civil War battles of Valverde, Glorieta Pass and Peralta are fought ending the invasion of New Mexico. The California Column of Union troops arrives in New Mexico.
- 1863 – U.S. Territory of Arizona is established.
- 1872 – New Mexico Territorial Legislature approves a constitution.
- 1875 – Act enabling New Mexico statehood fails in U.S. Congress.
- 1876 – Another enabling act for New Mexico statehood passes in Senate but dies in U.S. House.
- 1878 – Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad tracks cross into New Mexico at Raton Pass.

- 1880 – Railroad reaches Santa Fe, ending commerce on the Santa Fe Trail.
- 1885 – New Territorial Capitol Building is completed in Santa Fe.
- 1889 – Act enabling statehood for New Mexico (which called for a name change to the State of Montezuma) fails.
- 1890 – Proposed state constitution voted down by New Mexico voters by over 2-1.
- 1892 – Fire destroys Territorial Capitol Building. Archives saved.
- 1895 – New Mexico statehood bill dies in U.S. Senate after passing House.
- 1901 – Statehood Convention passes resolutions critical of U.S. Congress for not granting New Mexico statehood. Former Gov. L. Bradford Prince delivers famous "Statehood for New Mexico" speech in which he says, "In no part of the nation has there ever been such a protracted struggle for self-government as in New Mexico."
- 1902 – Omnibus bill enabling Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona statehood passes U.S. House.
- 1903 – Omnibus bill dies in Senate after a long filibuster led by Sen. Albert J. Beveridge.
- 1905 – Bill to admit Arizona and New Mexico as one state dies in Congressional conference committee.
- 1906 – Joint Arizona-New Mexico statehood bill (as one state to be called Arizona) passes Congress. People of New Mexico vote yes. Arizona votes no.
- 1910 – New Mexico Constitution is written.
- 1911 – New Mexico voters approve constitution. Congress accepts.
- 1912 – President Taft signs statehood proclamation on Jan. 6. The New Mexico Blue Book contains a much longer history dating back to the Indian era. It is available from the Secretary of State's Office by calling 505-827-3600.

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Guest Column

NMSU meeting critical needs

University works to enhance quality of life in New Mexico

By **Javier Gonzales**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When I was growing up, my dad used to have a saying in Spanish, "Hoy por ellos, manana por nosotros," or, "Today for them, tomorrow for us."

Early on, I didn't quite understand the true meaning of the statement, but I do today. Simply, it means service to others. Serving on the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University has given me a front seat at a university that exemplifies what my dad taught me so many years ago.

NMSU is the state's land-grant university, serving the educational needs of New Mexico's diverse population through comprehensive programs of education, research, extension education and public service. NMSU and its leaders have been dedicated to this mission since 1889, when the territorial legislature determined that the young Las Cruces College would be established as the land-grant Agricultural College and Experiment Station in New Mexico, but what does it truly mean for the people of New Mexico, especially today?

It means that NMSU is dedicated to delivering a world-class education to the citizens of New Mexico. It means that NMSU is solving problems through research and bringing real solutions to challenges in every community throughout the state. It means that NMSU is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our state.

An educated citizenry is critical to the economic well-being of New Mexico. NMSU has more than 100,000 living alumni, with more than 56,000 of them living and working in our state. It is our job to educate the sons and daughters of New Mexico. To keep talented individuals in New Mexico, we must work to keep the cost of education reasonable and NMSU has done that, keeping tuition as low as possible in the face of decreasing state funding.

Making sure that students are able to succeed is also fundamental to NMSU's ability to provide a quality education. NMSU President Barbara Couture has made graduation the number one goal at NMSU and is working to improve graduation rates for students by implementing mid-semester check programs for freshmen as well as looking at how online education offerings can be managed for the benefit of students.

Through its Cooperative Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station, NMSU is bringing research-based knowledge to the people of New Mexico. Our agricultural agents and scientists have their boots on the ground in every county and evolve their efforts to match the needs of the state, such as this past spring during New Mexico's record-breaking

2011 wildfire season. NMSU personnel found themselves involved in emergency response efforts around the state. Evacuation of livestock was a major priority and many county offices are still involved in recovery assistance efforts, with NMSU's most tangible and long-term contribution to the recovery enterprise likely to be in the form of seedlings from the university's Mora Research Center to support Santa Clara Pueblo reforestation efforts.

With more than \$200 million in funded grants and

contracts each year, NMSU is conducting research in several key areas that have a substantial impact on the economy of the state, including natural resources, space and aerospace, biosciences, information sciences and security systems, as well as in health, education, culture and development across the Southwest and border region. The university's history of conducting critical and responsible research continues and is vital to the future of our state, as is providing the means to transfer viable research into the marketplace, which is the role of the university's Arrowhead Center.

Since its inception in 2004, NMSU's Arrowhead Center has completed more than 300 business research projects, involving more than 300 graduate and undergraduate students. These projects help further economic development in the state while providing students with real-world learning opportunities.

NMSU's outreach to PreK-12 in the state is also key to improving the education of New Mexico's children. NMSU has outreach programs in more than 70 percent of the school districts in the state and provides professional development for thousands of teachers statewide each year. NMSU is particularly strong at STEM programming, reaching out to minorities and women, who are traditionally underrepresented in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields, with about 70 different STEM programs.

These are just a few examples of how NMSU has adapted throughout its 123-year existence to meet the needs of New Mexicans and worked to create a successful quality of life statewide. New Mexico State University is truly the state's university and is dedicated to educating the people of New Mexico and addressing the critical needs of the state through its research and service.

Javier Gonzales is a regent at New Mexico State University.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Fort Sill Apache Town Hall Meeting

Discuss the Tribe's Return to Their Legal Homeland and Intent to Build a Casino and Cultural Center at Akela, NM

WHEN: Wednesday, December 7, 2011

WHERE: Mimbres Valley Special Event Center
2300 E. Pine Street
Deming, New Mexico 88030


TIME: 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Community members are invited to the Fort Sill Apache Town Hall meeting to learn about the Tribe's history and future economic plans, including a casino and cultural center in Akela, NM. The reception starts at 4:00 p.m., followed by presentations at 5:00 p.m. and a public comment session at 6:00 p.m.

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Living energy-large at a good price

We should be thankful for New Mexico's energy abundance

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



Many years ago in the former gold mining town of White Oaks, someone realized the power station that drove the equipment had enough capacity to send power 11 miles to nearby Carrizozo. A line was strung and a light bulb at the barber shop was to be turned on at noon on Saturday. One cowboy was skeptical, "No way can electricity go 11 miles, even if it is downhill."

At the time, most people could not see that much of a use for the electricity. When I was young in the early 1950s, there was no electricity at my grandfather's ranch. Wood was used for cooking and heating. Kerosene provided lighting. Washing clothes involved a tub and washboard. The car took us to town on dirt roads and used leaded gasoline. Our energy footprint was small.

Thankfully, I now live in an energy-rich state.

What changed were not the energy resources themselves, rather, the distribution system. Electricity came to the ranch when the distribution system was created by the Otero County Electric Cooperative. This required a complete wiring of the ranch house and then came another improvement. A propane tank was put in so we had a much better heating and cooking ability.

I went to college on foot because in 1968 I could have a car or go to college, but not both. It limited many things, including dating, since calling up a woman and saying, "I will walk over to pick you up" was a deal breaker most of the time.

Both during high school and my first three years of college I was on foot. The bright side was no car payments or cost of operation.

In my fourth year of college I inherited a car and then could cheerfully complain about the awful parking situation. Walking may be good for your health, but I certainly enjoy driving.

Since I lived on a small energy footprint, I am aware of how difficult life in our country and state would be without energy resources being available. The light switch still is of interest to me because it means I do not have to clean kerosene lamps every Saturday morning. Natural gas is ever so much better than wood for heating and I appreciate having a vehicle instead of walking everywhere.

Where do we get those energy resources? We have them in New Mexico. Often our bounty of energy is at odds with people who would not wish us to use those resources. It seems

New Mexico has had a love/hate relationship with the oil and gas industry dating back to the first oil and gas wells in the 1920s.

At first the industry did not make that much money for the state and most extractive revenues still were concentrated on coal which had been a mainstay for many years. As pump jacks were assembled, some people thought they ruined the pristine nature of New Mexico.

The complainers were few and the bounty of energy was embraced by most citizens. What changed for New Mexico was not the fact New Mexico had these extractive resources as much as it was building a way to market for them. We still have those issues. Now there is a backlash against everything tied to traditional energy produc-

tion and a fascination by many in New Mexico with "alternative" or "green" energy as a replacement.

The extractive industries provide about a third of the money used by state government and maintains many jobs. Most importantly though, this industry provides the energy our state and country needs to survive. What is not realized by many critics of the industry is that it provides much of the money for the education system. Just having the assets in the ground is of little importance since it is of no use in the ground.

The pioneer oil and gas developers had to figure out how to drill for energy, produce the energy and get it to market in a way that still allowed a profit. That is still the issue.

I have lived energy-small and energy-large. Energy-large is better. I do not want to go

back to energy-small or, even worse, no energy.

Michael Swickard is co-host of radio talk show News New Mexico from 6 to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday on KSNM-AM 570. Swickard may be contacted by email at michael@swickard.com.

“ I have lived energy-small and energy-large. Energy-large is better. ”

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Veterans Day

Last Nov. 11, I was in Red Deer, Alberta, during Remembrance Day. It coincided with Veterans Day in the U.S., Remembrance Day in Australia and also in England. This day is singled out to honor all the men and women who have served in the armed forces of these countries.

Other countries also honor their soldiers, but this Anglican relationship between Mother England and we three colonies is special. We have much in common. To wit, we speak English as the national language and have a compatible culture. In the 20th century we joined against a common enemy, and we all liked the Beatles and James Bond!

I think of us in a familial way. We are siblings begat by Mother England. Canada remains the closest to Mother.

The first time I gave a speech in Canada, I was in the Hotel Saskatchewan. The Queen's picture was prominently displayed over my left shoulder and Prince Phillip's over my right. I stood a little straighter. The Canadians affection and respect for royalty is apparent.

The United States represents the child who ran away and became successful. He came back and they took him in, but it has always been a more formal relationship. Instead of pictures of the queen, we are more likely to have posters of Princess Di next to Michael Jackson. I mean, we still send Christmas cards but no whoopee cushions or cow-pie penholders are exchanged.

Australia is the resentful but dependent child. They had parental problems in their youth. Mother did not spare the rod.

Australia is like the kid who had no interest in college, politics or business. They like the beach. But they are loyal

and steadfast to the British tradition in sports, tea parties and eating organ meats. They are a lot more fun at the reunion than the dogmatic Americans or the pompous Brits.

We three countries share a common bond. We bicker and point fingers at each other. We each think we know best when it comes to manners, sports and how to enjoy life. But like most families that fight at home amongst ourselves, we are quick to get our back up when an outsider dares to pick on one of our own.

The picker soon finds we can be a formidable foe. This protective response extends to Mother England, as well, particularly since she is showing signs of old age.

We have other similar traits between us: a frontier in the west, oceans on both sides, a constitutional tolerance for free speech, protest and the welcoming of legal immigrants.

On Veterans Day, Canada, England, Australia and the U.S. all recognize that

in the 20th century, war turned the world on its head.

We held hands and surrounded Mother England and were the major force that held the enemies at bay.

Today our combined influence, power and place in the world is, in large part, the result of millions of individuals who served in the military – the veterans. They are descendants of Great Britain, strengthened by the infusion of the Quebecois, Sikhs, Ukrainians, Latinos, Irish, Oriental, African, Jewish, Asian, Native – a rainbow of patriots who have assimilated, and help us guard our shores. We watch each other's backs, help each other up, and believe in the unbelievable – that each man has a right to be free.

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Erhard to challenge Pearce

Democrat says people aren't being served

Evelyn Madrid Erhard, a Democrat, formally announced Wednesday, Nov. 30, her campaign for Congress in New Mexico's Second District.

Public service was a family tradition for Erhard while growing up in Española, she said. One of her ancestors was entrusted with a land grant. Another was an officer in the Civil War. Her maternal grandfather served as a U.S. Forest Ranger. Erhard's father fought in World War II, earned bachelor's and master's degrees on the GI Bill and became a teacher and coach at Pojoaque High School. Her mother was a secretary at Los Alamos National Laboratories.

When Erhard considers the critical jump-start her parents received after the war, she sees a real need for Congress to refocus on the needs of the "99 percent" of Americans.

Creating jobs, strengthening public education, and making health care affordable are only some of the ways that Erhard said she would work to extend the opportunity of a jump-start to working Americans and their families.

Erhard has spent most of her life in Doña Ana County. She spent many years teaching communication, composition and critical thinking to students at Doña Ana Community College and New Mexico State University, as well as soldiers at White Sands Missile Range. She was a small business owner for six years, selling folk art in a small storefront shop called the "Patchwork Cat." Her husband Tom spent a full career as a tenured English professor at NMSU. He also spent 30 years as the public address announcer for the Aggie football and basketball teams. They have been married for 32 years and own a home in Mesilla.

For nearly 40 years, Erhard has been building her base in the Las Cruces area. Erhard

said she is fondly remembered by hundreds of former students. She is a leader in the arts community – and made her official announcement in a Downtown Las Cruces art gallery.

Erhard said she is well-connected to NMSU staff and faculty. Erhard said she has the support of seniors and will fight to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Erhard said she is a lifetime student of politics with her political education beginning in third grade, when President Kennedy was assassinated. The tragic event sparked within her great empathy and a lasting desire to understand and pursue politics, she said. She was greatly influenced during her school years by Bobby Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr. and the plight of migrant workers. She attended her first political rallies during years of the land-grant movement and George McGovern's campaign visit to New Mexico.

As a candidate for Congress, Erhard said the late Joe Skeen and current U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce haven't protected the interests of the people of southern New Mexico.

"Their agenda was always to take care of their own interests and the interests of the top 1 percent," she said. "They have supported laws that created corporate loopholes and stripped American workers of pension and health insurance benefits."

Erhard pledges to listen to voters and to fight for what they need from Congress.

Communication is one of Madrid Erhard's specialties. Her public speaking began with debate club in junior high. After high school, she attended NMSU and earned a bachelor's degree in drama and a master's degree in Speech and Communication. While on break from college, she interned at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and later worked for the



Evelyn Madrid Erhard announced her bid Wednesday, Nov. 30, for the Democratic nomination to challenge incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce for the 2nd Congressional District seat.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Lockheed Corp. as a technical writer.

Erhard predicted Pearce will try to attack her campaign, and she said she will be ready for it. Erhard said she knows the majority of New Mexicans will stand behind her, and through the debate, Erhard said she plans to help them see through Pearce's promises and rhetoric. Erhard said she will gladly debate him any day.

"I've heard people say, 'Well, he's tough.' You know, he's not tough. He's really just mean," Erhard said.

Erhard said she will open a local campaign headquarters shortly and already has the support of top Democratic leaders from the local to the national levels.

In both creative and political pursuits, Erhard has won recognition for her endeavors. She and her husband were once directors of a regional creative writing awards program for high school students. She taught herself how to

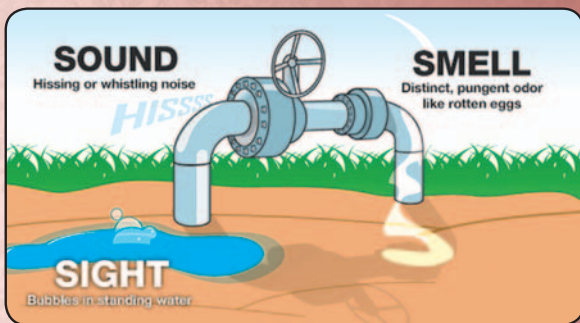
restore a local home to its early 1900s condition and then won an award from the county historical society. Her personal artwork received the Juror's Award for Excellence at NMSU in 2001. For her efforts on the Obama campaign, she was selected as one of the top eight volunteers in the state to meet the President. Erhard said she was well-received at the recent Western States Caucus of the Democratic National Committee.

If elected, she will be the ninth Hispanic woman to ever serve in Congress. Erhard said she fully plans to mobilize Hispanic voters in District 2. She is already coordinating with national Hispanic organizations who want to help with her campaign.

The campaign website for Madrid Erhard will go live soon at www.evelynforcongress.com. In the meantime, more information and a high-quality photo for download are available on her public figure Facebook page.

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Coming Up

Astronomy open house

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

Astronomy personnel on hand will be Jon Holtzman, and graduate assistants Nikki Nielsen, Sean Markert and Michael Hayden.

Observations will include the moon, the planet Jupiter

and its four large Galilean satellites, Uranus, the Andromeda Galaxy and the Double Cluster in Perseus. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call 646-4438.

La Casa Bazaar

The La Casa Holiday Bazaar will be Dec. 2-4, at the Las Cruces Convention Center, 1280 E. University Ave.

The Bazaar opens from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The

evening will provide shoppers the opportunity to get the first look at art and unique handcrafted gift items from artists locally and throughout the Southwest.

The bazaar continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Admission is \$5 for adults and children under 12 are free. All proceeds will go to La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter and Programs.

The event features hand-made arts and crafts from around the region at more

than 100 booths. The popular La Casa Cupboard offering homemade goodies and holiday treats will be back, as will the "The Man Cave," which offers a lounge for the sports fan to relax and watch football on TV. This year's raffle will feature an adobe territorial-style dollhouse built by Studio D Architects and Diemer Construction; Red Barn toy box by Don Harlow; handcrafted toy box by Castle Construction, a handcrafted Southwestern in-laid wood mirror by W. Kowalski Inc., a Southwestern

print, and a handcrafted quilt by Los Colcheros Quilt Guild.

New this year will be a gift certificate grab bag booth where for \$25 a person can take a chance on getting anywhere from one to three \$25 gift certificates to different bazaar vendors. Also new will be a La Casa Store, featuring items for sale to benefit La Casa programs, including hand painted decorative tiles, porcelain dolls, and other unique collectibles.

The Convention Center will offer food and drinks for purchase during the weekend.

For more information, visit www.lacasainc.org or call 526-2819.

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.

GLBTQ center holiday events

New Mexico GLBTQ Centers' Las Cruces location is celebrating the holiday season during the month of December.

The festivities kick off with Family Fun Night at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The center will have a tree-trimming party. Everyone is asked to bring a decoration to share their creativity. The center will provide holiday refreshments and music.

A special Holiday Pride Cinema with holiday goodies will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. The film "Make the Yuletide Gay," will be shown.

All events will be at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St.

RR museum has holiday display

The Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St., will present its seventh annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Display from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. This year, Santa will

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SWEC screens environmental films Dec. 2

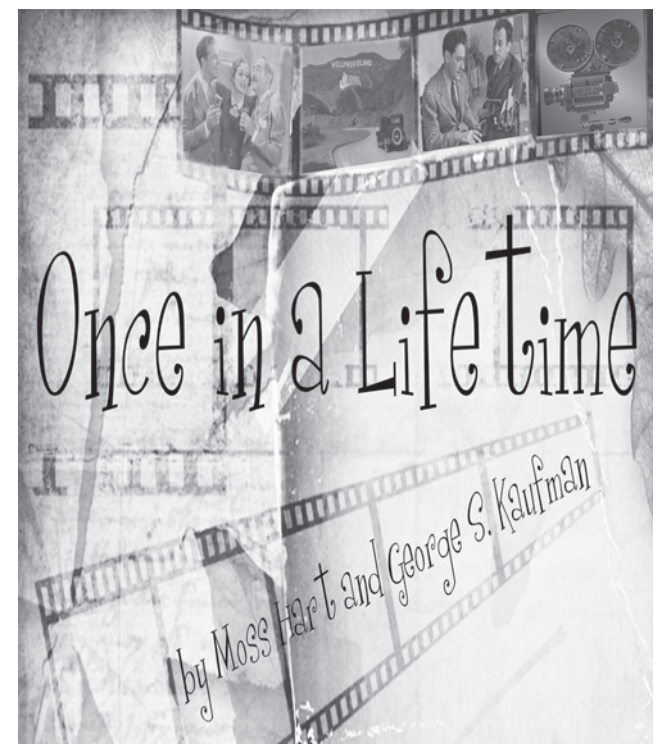
The Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St., will screen two films from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

"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.



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Coming Up

arrive at 5 p.m. on a holiday decorated Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad diesel engine. Santa will be available outside on the observation deck for visits and free photos until 8 p.m. Holiday music will be provided by the Vista Vibrations Bell Choir and the Central Elementary School Choir. Throughout the evening visitors can view the model trains, take in the holiday decorations, and complete a craft project. Light refreshments will be served. The Old Fashioned Holiday Display takes place concurrently with the City of Las Cruces Winterfest activities. The holiday lights at the museum will be lit each night from Dec. 2 through Jan. 2, 2012. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 647-4480.

Wisconsin Club meets Dec. 5

The Wisconsin Club will hold its monthly meet and greet from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave.

Anyone from Wisconsin is welcome. For more information, call 312-2088.

Winter camp registration

Registration is ongoing for the Parks & Recreation Winter Madness Camp for children ages 6 to 12.

Parents or guardians can register their children at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., Monday through Saturday. The camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 19-30 at Meerscheidt. The camp will not be held Dec. 23-26.

Registration is limited to the first 60 paid participants. Cost is \$60 per child. The camp will focus on a variety of sports, arts and crafts and field trips to local attractions including the Regional Aquatic Center. Snack will be provided but participants will need to provide their own sack lunch.

For more information, call 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

LULAC bingo set for Dec. 3

The Las Cruces League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Council 120 is having a "Special Bingo" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the St. Genevieve's Parish Hall, 1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., to raise funds for LULAC's Seventh Annual Navidad En El Barrio Para Los Niños/Colonia Christmas Event. Tickets are \$25, and payout is \$5,000 for 11 games. The primary

objective is to provide children and parents in poverty with a merry Christmas.

For more information, call Phillip Archuleta at 496-8822, Diana Archuleta at 405-2719, or email lulac120@comcast.net.

DACSAR meets

Doña Ana County Search & Rescue Inc., a volunteer search and rescue team, will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, at Doña Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina St., in Room 126. Visitors are welcome and the group is currently accepting and training new members. For more information, visit www.dacsar.org or call 526-4918.

GOP women meet Dec. 9

The Federated Republican Women of Doña Ana County will hold its annual Christmas meeting at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. The Tuco John Trio will provide entertainment. The buffet luncheon is \$8.25 and reservations are required by noon Monday, Dec. 5. For more information or to make reservations, call 527-5574.

ALR lectures Dec. 6 and 8

An unusual combination of modern realism in art and the art of timekeeping is the subject of the Academy For Learning in Retirement's December lecture series. Presented by Donald F. Neidig, emeritus astronomer, National Solar Observatory, the two lectures will show the remarkable parallels between the creative processes of art and science.

In the first lecture, Neidig will use a richly illustrated presentation to explore the stunning achievements of modern realism in painting and its roots in earlier art.

In his second lecture, he will discuss how ancient eclipses, changes in the Earth's rotation, and the art of timekeeping apply in science and everyday life.

Finally, he will show the remarkable parallels between the creative processes of art and science.

Due to the holiday season, this abbreviated two-part lecture series will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 6 and 8, at Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Auditorium. The sessions are open to the public. There is a \$5 fee for each lecture and no advance registration is required. Complimentary refreshments are available prior to each

presentation.

For more information, call Don Finke at 522-6512 or visit www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR.

Rec department seeks coaches

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is looking for coaches for various youth sports programs in 2012.

Among the programs are indoor soccer from January to March, basketball from April to June, baseball from July to August, flag football from August to October and basketball from October to December.

Each coach will be required to pass a background check. There is no coaching experience necessary, however you must have some basic knowledge of the specific sport you wish to coach. Coaches are also encouraged to attend trainings and clinics. They should also be able to effectively communicate with parents and youth. Those interested should contact the city at least one month before the sport season begins.

For more information, call the Meerscheidt Recreation Center at 541-2563 or the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

Noche de Luminarias

Five thousand luminarias will brighten the New Mexico State University campus during the 27th annual "Noche de Luminarias" at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4.

One of the largest displays

in New Mexico, the luminarias will illuminate walkways and buildings beginning at the Educational Services Center on the east end of campus, wrapping around the duck pond and down the International Mall surrounding Corbett Center Student Union. "Noche de Luminarias," or "Night of Lights," began in 1984 as a holiday celebration for the university president.

"The event is a NMSU tradition and a great way to start the holiday season," said Colleen Cassadas, Associated Students of NMSU assistant director of activities for Corbett Center. "It is especially a good opportunity for international students and people from other states to share a New Mexico tradition."

The NMSU DanceSport team will perform at Crossroads inside Corbett Center during "Noche de Luminarias." The Vista Vibrations of Vista Middle School will entertain attendees with hand bells and holiday music inside Corbett Center, and the NMSU Gospel Choir also will perform at the event.

Visitors can enjoy trolley rides around the luminaria route from Frontier Adventures. NMSU student organizations will share information about their organizations and what the holidays mean to them in front of the former Barnes & Noble Bookstore on the west end of Corbett Center. Santa Claus will visit the event, and refreshments will be served.

Noche de Luminarias is sponsored by ASNMSU, Corbett Center and Campus Activities. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call ASNMSU at 646-4415.

NMSU regents meet Dec. 9

The New Mexico State University Board of Regents will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, in the Regents Room of the Educational Services Center on the Las Cruces campus.

A closed executive session will be held at noon to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters in accordance with sections 10-15-1 H (2), (8), and (7) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

Copies of the agenda for the regular open meeting will be available at NMSU, Zuhl Library not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting and will also be posted on the university website at www.nmsu.edu/Administration/regents_meeting.html.

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Got a small flock of sheep and can't find anyone to shear the wool? How about learning to shear them yourself?

New Mexico State University will hold its annual sheep

shearing school Dec. 13-15 in Las Cruces.

"Sheep shearing is becoming a lost art in New Mexico as skilled shearers retire and younger people are not replacing them," said Pat Melendrez, NMSU Extension agricultural specialist and expert sheep shearer. "It's hard to find someone to shear the smaller flocks, between 25 and 75 head, which is the majority of New Mexico flocks. Many herdsmen with smaller flocks are learning to do their own shearing."

Wool is still a solid business in New Mexico. "The work is there. A good shearer can really stay busy," said Melendrez.

NMSU's Department of Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources will host its annual shearing school from 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, to noon Thursday, Dec. 15, at the school's sheep barn on campus. The cost is \$30 per person.

Melendrez will share the tricks of the trade from basic equipment needs, including the types of combs and blades needed for the various shearing conditions, to how to maintain the equipment, to basic sheep handling skills.

"They will learn management of the shearing for the safety of the sheep and the shearer," said Melendrez, who has been shearing sheep for 35 years. "There are a lot of things to take into consideration when buying the equipment which will have an impact on the shearing."

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911

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In a joint meeting of the council and commission Tuesday, Nov. 29, supporters of the crisis triage center said there is better support among lawmakers for the proposal, but few funds for them to distribute.

County Commissioner Karen Perez said she wasn't optimistic there will be very much capital outlay this coming 30-day Legislature.

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima said he believes the project could get \$1 million in state money if the city and county were willing to come up with the other \$1 million.

A source for that local match could come from funds set up by the city and county from the 2004 "sale" of Memorial Medical Center to a private health care management company. The city still owns the property, but the hospital's management with a private health care company is paid for by a 40-year lease.



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For property owners who may not live full time in Doña Ana County, the office has implemented a procedure by which any property owner can put an alternate mailing address on file. Once the December 10th deadline has passed, the staff will review the files and send a copy of the tax bill to the alternate address of any person with a delinquent account who has registered.

In response to questions from Miyagishima, County Manager Brian Haines agreed that, currently, the invested funds aren't earning much interest. Haines said the loss of \$15,000 or \$20,000 in interest won't hurt the county's fund for covering indigent care, because that fund is already facing a \$2 million deficit because of the steady decline in gross receipts taxes in the county.

While some officials are concerned about the operational cost of the crisis triage center, Miyagishima said he believed OptumHealth, which holds the state's contract for managing mental health care, can help support the center's operations.

Las Cruces Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Thomas said if the facility gets built, grant funding could easily follow to support operations of such an innovative approach to the problem.

Haines said the current problem is already creating a great expense for the detention center, so the crisis triage center would free money for law enforcement activities.

Rudy Aragon, who said he was once jailed for difficulties he had related to a stroke, urged the officials to make the crisis triage center happen in the coming year regardless of whether the state adds funding. Noting budget reserves touted by city officials, "why do we have to ask someone else for the money when we have it?" Aragon asked.

There is a difference between a criminal and someone who has a mental difficulty, he said, and the crisis triage center would keep people from being unnecessarily locked up. That could potentially save lives, he said, which would be worth the money spent.

The new 911 call center

The other project discussed at the joint meeting was finding a new home for the emergency dispatch call center, which is current housed in a county-owned former bank building constructed in 1960. Hugo Costa, director of the Mesilla Valley Regional Dispatch Authority (MVRDA), said the 911 call center handles 347,000 calls a year, with the majority of calls – 222,000 – for non-emergencies.

As cell phones have become more commonplace, Costa said the center is often hit with repeated calls about the same incident, such as car accidents or fires.

As a result, call volume grew faster than population, Costa said. Meanwhile, the building is in an area of town that floods easily and doesn't meet heightened security requirements for a dispatch center in a post-9/11 world. Located close to a busy street, an auto mishap could easily take out the dispatch, he said.

With the building lacking room for future growth and in-

adequately designed for advancing technology, the MVRDA board has been looking for a new home for the call center. Coincidentally, the city has been looking for a way to provide better police and fire protection to the East Mesa and a site of federally owned land has been identified in which a public-safety campus could be built to house a facility or facilities for the police, fire and dispatch functions.

Following recommendations from a consultant, the estimated cost for a new standalone 911 call center is estimated at \$9.7 million with equipment. Costa said he is holding off on buying a new \$1.5 million phone system through the state because it would be put to better use at the new building.

The next step, Costa said, would be to spend \$850,000 to design the building.

City Manager Robert Garza said the site will only allow public ownership, so having a private company build and manage the call center would not be allowed.

Greg Smith, the newly elected District 2 city councillor, said normally he would favor finding an existing building for the call center, but this is different and it is critical to get the call center into a safer location.

Thomas said she is very much in favor of collocating the services, but some councillors and commissioners said they felt they needed firmer estimates.

Commissioner Billy Garrett said he was frustrated because he agrees dispatch needs a new home but that he only has the one choice of site location.

Costa said the MVRDA board looked at several other sites, but this one had the best opportunities for sharing facilities, such as training, conference and rest areas.

Haines said that's why the site location has become an early step in the process. He said all that was needed from the commissioners was consensus for the collocation concept, as well as support to seek funding to design the facility – or to design all three facilities, or design one facility for all three functions.

Miyagishima said the city's bonding cycle will soon make \$10 million have available for projects without added cost to residents and he said he favored making this concept a priority for that available money.

"The East Mesa needs better police and fire protection," Miyagishima said. "There is nothing more important that we do as elected officials than provide for public safety."

Thomas predicted the project will likely require a phased approach to improve service at the least amount of cost. She said she would like to see more choices.

Costa said the first consultant had a limited task, which was to project the dispatch needs for the next 20 years. Part of the job for an architect, he said, could be to design for a phased approach.

County Commission Chairwoman Dolores Saldaña-Caviness said there is a great need for the dispatch services and that rural areas would be hurt the most by inaction.

Commissioner Scott Krahling, who is on the MVRDA board, said the group has been working for more than a year on the problem and that there are obvious benefits to shared campus.

"It makes sense for us to move forward on the campus concept," Krahling said.

Garrett contended there weren't enough facts to support the assertions of those giving testimony to the council and commission.

"If we're given only one choice, then we're given no choice," Garrett said. "We have to say yes because this is needed. ... We seem to be locked in on this."

But Perez said the great need should dictate a more aggressive construction time line so work could start on the project within two years.



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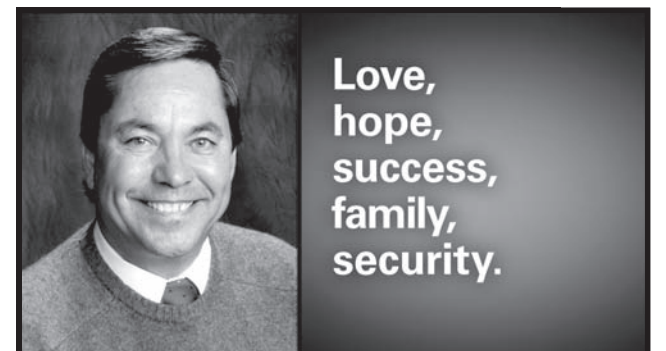
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Ag water supply to remain tight

Farmers told to prepare to pump wells for crops

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Elephant Butte Irrigation District farmers should plan for a short water supply during the 2012 season, said Gary Esslinger, EBID treasurer/manager.

Esslinger has conducted a series of informational meetings from Anthony, N.M., to Hatch to inform irrigators what they would have to deal with in the next irrigation season.

"So far it's been a dry winter," Esslinger said. "Right now, there's no mountain snow pack of any significance. We have to look our watershed in January, February and March that determines the water allocation for the Rio Grande Project. So we're looking at a dry winter."

"We can only lease our allotment to the farmers when the river water gets into the lake. And right now, with no snow and about 2,000 acre-feet in Elephant Butte it could be another year of pumping ground water. Our farmer allotment this year was only 4 inches and the irrigation season lasted only one month. Normally, our irrigation season lasts eight months."

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation El Paso field office reported the current storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir is 237,700 acre-feet, about 10 percent of reservoir capacity.

Some farmers have left crop fields fallow because of the lack of surface water or because they can't obtain well water.

The Rio Grande Project includes EBID, El Paso Water Conservation District No. 1 and Mexico.

EBID irrigates 90,640 acres of land, has 8,500 patron farmers and delivers water through 300 miles of canals and laterals.

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District board of directors is working on plans to cut back on expenses and has reported to farmers how it will deal with the continued drought, Esslinger said.

The district is reducing 2012 operating expenses by \$1 million. An initial step will be to cut the basic water rights charge from \$80 to \$75 per farmer. Other cost reductions will be made in heavy equipment, hydrology and weed control expenditures, Esslinger said.

The board also is planning to cut back employee numbers to 86 and to rehire as needed, depending on the water supply. But adjustments will be made through staff attrition, cross-training, cuts in overtime and a wage freeze.

Esslinger told the farmers during his 33 years with the EBID, he has never seen such stressful water conditions.

"Our business is surface water delivery, and the drought changes the way the district does its job," he said. "It's been real difficult to turn our operation into a ground monitoring operation. That hasn't happened since the last major drought we had in 1952."

During the 1950s, many EBID farmers drilled wells for irrigation. But the older wells have deteriorated and had to be repaired. The EBID also has permitted farmers to use district canals to share the water, but some irrigators are not within range to make arrangements.

The National Weather Service has predicted a storm in New Mexico late this week, but forecasters were not able to say if the precipitation would improve the watershed. The NWS late week forecast called for 4 to 6 inches in the higher mountain elevations and light rain in other parts of the state.

"The long-range water supply is not promising," said Phillip King, EBID consultant. "I think the 2012 spring runoff will be better than it was in 2011, but it looks like the snow runoff next spring will be below average."

The Rio Grande flow at the San Marcial measuring station last spring above Elephant Butte Reservoir was 573,000 acre-feet, 16 percent of the 30-year average.

The South Pacific La Niña water pattern is still affecting the Western climate. Predictions are that the La Niña force will cause snowstorms to bypass northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, the Rio Grande Project's major watershed.

"It looks like La Niña will force snows into the Dakotas and the upper Midwest and increase the precipitation for the Missouri Basin by 200 percent," King said. "If we received the kind of precipitation that is expected for the Missouri Basin for 18 hours, that would fill Elephant Butte Reservoir."

The heavy pumping by farmers already is starting to show with some areas experiencing a five-foot-drop in the water table, King said.

NMSU gets good grades in survey

Students find challenging classes, accessible faculty

Students at New Mexico State University rated their overall experience higher than previous years and higher than those at comparable schools, according to the 2011 National Survey of Student Engagement released this month.

The survey of freshmen and seniors at NMSU showed students learn actively and collaboratively, are challenged academically, have a supportive campus environment and participate in student-faculty interactions.

"We're pleased to learn that on every NSSE indicator, New Mexico State University appears to be showing more positive results every year, which indicates that our faculty and staff are here doing a great job helping our students become more engaged in their learning and our students are having positive campus experiences," said NMSU President Barbara Couture.

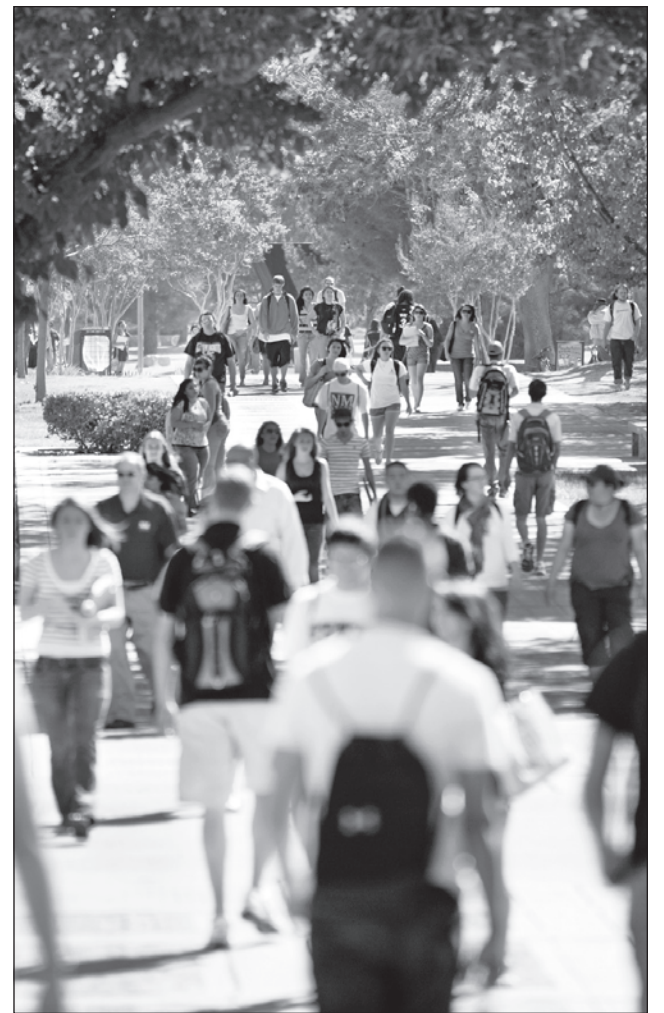
NMSU leads peer schools in four out of five categories, including the level of academic challenge and supportive campus environment. NMSU's peer group for this study included Iowa State, Montana State, Texas Tech, University of Idaho, University of New Mexico and the University of Texas-El Paso. Seniors also rated NMSU higher than peer schools in student-faculty interaction and supportive campus environment.

The first-year students also rated active and collaborative learning and student-faculty interaction higher than institutions in the same Carnegie class as NMSU (Research Universities - High Research Activity) and higher than institutions that are members of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, which is a nonprofit association of public research universities, land-grant institutions and state university systems.

"We're particularly pleased to see that we're outranking our peers and even our Carnegie class institutions in the level of academic challenge we're presenting our students," Couture said.

NMSU voluntarily participates in the National Survey of Student Engagement along with nearly 1,500 other institutions. Judy Bosland, assistant vice-president of institutional analysis, said the data is shared with enrollment management, student affairs and faculty to track progress and make changes in programs.

Among the highest performing items, 64 percent of NMSU's first-year students and 75 percent of seniors said they contributed to class discussions, compared to 50 and 67 percent of students at peer schools, 55 and 69 percent at schools in the same Carnegie class and 51 and 64 percent at APLU institutions, respectively.



New Mexico State University photo

Students walk down the International Mall between classes recently on the New Mexico State University main campus. Students in a national survey released this month gave high marks to their higher education experience at NMSU.

Sixty-one percent of NMSU's first-year students also worked with other students during class, which is 15 percent higher than peer schools, 18 percent higher than schools in the same Carnegie class and 17 percent higher than APLU institutions.

Bosland said NMSU will use the results to look at trend analysis and focus on specific questions for improvement. The university also will see if improvements noted in other analyses are supported by the results from this survey.

"We really appreciate student participation," Bosland said. "It gives us information that is useful so we can continue to grow in the future."

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 Curtis Creighton, left, treated his grandmother LaRue Edgmon with this poem on the family business's marquee at Horse N Hound Feed N Suppy, 991 W. Amador Ave. Also pictured is Creighton's wife Amanda, who is expecting, and his grandfather Edge, who will be turning 80 Feb. 21, 2012. The Edgmons started Horse N Hound in 1983 and Creighton bought the business six years ago.

Distributing food for the poor at Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

Families lined up outside Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank Wednesday, Nov. 23, to receive Thanksgiving food. They began lining up at 5 a.m.



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Ronny Gonzalez volunteers to help Joe Padilla to his car.



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Group urges care in toy purchases

Store shelves still sell stuff that could hurt children

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

Despite stronger safety standards and more inspections of toys being imported into the country, many hazardous toys are still finding their ways onto store shelves, according to a public advocacy group.

Just before Black Friday, the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group (NMPIRG) Education Fund released its 26th annual "Trouble in Toyland" report.

In a conference at MountainView Medical Annex Tuesday, Nov. 22, Rashi Mangalick of NMPIRG presented examples of toys bought from stores in the state that have toxins, could cause choking or harm hearing.

In some cases, Mangalick said, the manufacturers skirt around the edges of standards. She held up a small plastic cylinder used by inspectors to see if toy parts are a choking hazard. She dropped in a small plastic dinosaur that easily fit inside the tube, but its tail stuck out the end. Mangalick said that meant the toy met the standards, but was not safe for young children to play with.

A better standard that parents could use when they shop, Mangalick said, is to take an old toilet paper roll, which is a little wider than the official standard. Parents concerned about choking hazards should simply not buy toys that fit inside the toilet paper roll, she said.

Choking remains the most significant toy-related hazard to children, Mangalick said. According to NMPIRG, more than 200 children died between 1990 and 2009 from choking on toys or toy parts.

Mangalick said that although the federal government tightened standards on the chemicals used in toys, there are still toys making it to market that contain toxins, such as high levels of lead in gold play medals. She also displayed a soft plastic funny nose and glasses that she said contained high levels of phthalates, chemicals used in some plastics and believed to be detrimental to a child's developmental progress.

Joining Mangalick was pediatrician Dr. Timothy Herndon, who said he was surprised to see that lead remained a hazard in toys. If a child is showing signs of possible lead poisoning, doctors are more prone to blame it on poor living conditions in which children are exposed to old lead paint.

In 2008, Congress placed strict limits on concentrations of lead and phthalates in toys and children articles in a law



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Rashi Mangalick of the New Mexico Public Interest Research Group holds a press conference in Las Cruces Tuesday, Nov. 22, warning of potential danger in toys and giving parents resources and tips for selecting safer toys.

that also gave greater authority and funding to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the CPSC has a new database of both potential hazards and recalled products at www.saferproducts.gov.

But many of the toys being cited in the NMPIRG report aren't on that list. An example of a toy that exceeds noise standards recommended by the National Institute of Deafness and Other Communication Disorders was an Elmo toy cell phone made by Fisher Price, a reputable U.S. toy manufacturer.

Before parents shop for toys, Mangalick recommended they visit NMPIRG's interactive website with tips for safe toy shopping – which consumers can access on their smart phones – at www.toysafety.mobi. The website's Toy Tips explain the most common toy hazards and offers a mobile app.

The full NMPIRG "Trouble in Toyland" report can also be found online at www.nmpirg.org/report.

"Parents and toy givers need to remember that while the CPSC is doing a good job, it doesn't test all toys on the shelves," Mangalick said. "Consumers should also remember that toys that are not on our list of examples could also pose hazards."



Las Cruces Public Schools photo

Vista Middle School students compete in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Challenge in Albuquerque Saturday, Nov. 19.

Vista students go to fuel cell test

Team made decent show in first challenge attempt

For the first time, 10 Vista Middle School students, accompanied by Vista teacher and team sponsor/coach Joshua Wisner, competed in the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Competition in Albuquerque Saturday, Nov. 19.

Competing in two different teams, the Vista students had to use a hydrogen fuel kit to build a car powered by hydrogen.

"The students had a great time and learned about alternative energy, engineering, teamwork and more while designing their vehicles," said New Mexico Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Southwest Regional Coordinator Monica Blea.

"We placed in the top 12 out of 48 teams," Wisner said. "I was very proud of how (the students) did in our first year in this competition. It was very exciting when we heard that our car made it to the head-to-head competition."

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CrimeStoppers

Home invasion

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the suspects responsible for a home-invasion robbery in Mesilla.



At around 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18, two masked men ambushed a husband and wife couple who had just returned to their home on the 2100 block of Calle de Santiago in Mesilla. The suspects ordered the couple to the floor and used plastic ties to restrain the husband and wife.

The couple was forced to open a personal safe inside the home, and relinquish the alarm code and combination to the safe at their art gallery. One of the masked men then forced the female victim into her GMC Yukon and drove her to the couple's business, the Cutter Gallery on South El Paseo Road in Las Cruces.

Nothing was stolen from the couple's business. However, jewelry, silverware and a Sharp flat screen television set were stolen from the couple's home.

The victims were not physically injured during the ordeal. The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is investigating this case.

If you have any information on the identity of the two masked men, or any information that may help investigators, you are asked to call Las Cruces Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477) or send a tip via text message to LCTIPS (528477).

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

DWI checkpoints set for December

The Las Cruces Police Department will conduct at least one sobriety checkpoint and four saturation patrols within city limits throughout the month of December.

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

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

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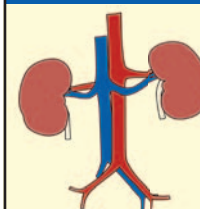
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Little Joes: A quick getaway

Rocket tested escape mechanisms for Apollo craft



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

The Little Joe was a “Woody Allen” compared to the four-times taller “Muhammad Ali” of rocket boosters, the Saturn V, according to a comparison the Alamogordo Daily News made on Aug. 1, 1979. Yet, the story stated, if not “for the unprepossessing Little Joe, there would have been no assurance that, should an emergency occur during the early part of the Apollo launch, our astronauts could make a quick getaway.”

On Dec. 4, 1959, NASA launched a Little Joe from NASA’s Wallops Island Flight Facility, off the coast of Virginia. The 1963 NASA publication “Project Mercury: A Chronology,” described Little Joe’s objectives as “determin(ing) the motions of the spacecraft-escape tower combination during a high-altitude abort, entry dynamics without a control system, physiological effects of acceleration on a small primate, operation of the drogue parachute, and effectiveness of the recovery operation.”

Aboard was the rhesus monkey Sam. At 96,000 feet altitude, 59 seconds into the flight as the booster flew at Mach 5.5, the abort sequence was initiated by timers, “Project Mercury” said. “Escape motor firing occurred as planned and the spacecraft was whisked away at a speed of about Mach 6 to an apogee of 53.03 statute miles.”

“The solid fuel escape rocket,” said “Apollo: Expeditions to the Moon” (NASA/1975), was “a single rocket firing through three nozzles.” An abort would trigger “only when the booster (had) accelerated the command module to ‘worst-case’ speeds and heights.” Fortunately, with Apollo manned missions, such scenarios never occurred.

Little Joe was conceived under NASA’s predecessor, The National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, said “Project Mercury.” On Jan. 16, 1958, Dr. Maxime Faget and Paul Purser envisioned “a solid-fuel launch vehicle design for the research and development phase of a manned satellite vehicle project. This launch vehicle was later designated Little Joe. When Project Mercury began in October 1958, the purpose of the Little Joe phase was to propel a full-scale, full-weight developmental version of the manned spacecraft to some of the flight conditions that would be encountered.”

Subsequently, Little Joe was used “to perfect the escape maneuver in the event of an aborted mission.”

At a Jan. 29-31, 1958 conference at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, The NACA presented Faget’s idea. That same year, on July 29, the Congress created NASA, which opened on Oct. 1. The NASA development and production timeline, according to “Project Mercury,” was as follows:

- Oct. 21, 1958: NASA held “a bidders’ briefing for the Little Joe launch vehicle.” The booster was to be 48 feet tall, 6.66 feet in diameter, with a maximum weight of 41,330 pounds. Eight “clustered, solid-fuel rockets” would “develop a thrust of 250,000 pounds” that could “lift a maximum payload of 3,942 pounds.
- Jan. 29, 1959: NASA drafted “the Little Joe flight test program.”
- March 26, 1959: The “Space Task Group, Langley Research Center, and Air Force School of Aviation Medicine personnel met to plan bio-pack experiments that would be placed in several of the Little Joe research and development test flights.”
- April 2-16, 1959: “NASA and the military services conducted meetings to draft final plans for the Project Mercury animal payload program,” which involved “Little Joe, Redstone, Jupiter, and Atlas launch vehicles.”
- April 14, 1959: Engineers “updated” Little Joe’s “flight test program.”
- May 1, 1959: NASA held the first Little Joe Project Coordination Meeting to coordinate LJ flights with Project Mercury testing.
- Feb. 1, 1960: NASA completed a study “on the ‘External and

Internal Noise of Space Capsules,” which included “data” from “noise measurements compiled from the Big Joe I and Little Joe 2 flight tests.” (The Atlas-Big Joe program ran somewhat commensurately with Little Joe.)

The first Little Joe 1 test occurred on Aug. 21, 1959, at Wallops Island. “At T-minus 35 minutes, an accidental abort signal triggered the firing of the escape tower,” Peter Alway wrote in “Rockets of the World” (Alway/1993). “Following a nearly perfect escape sequence,” the boilerplate (mock-up) Mercury capsule flew to 2,000 feet altitude, but because “the spacecraft’s batteries had not yet been fully charged ... the main parachute did not open.”

The first launch, on Oct. 4, 1959, again from Wallops, was “a five minute flight (that) reached an apogee of about 40 miles.”

Rhesus monkey Miss Sam was aboard the mission on Jan. 21, 1960, from Wallops, which “simulate(d) an abort under max-Q ... the most severe aerodynamic stresses expected during a full-fledged Atlas launch. At an altitude of (nine) miles, the Mercury escape rocket fired, pulling the boilerplate spacecraft and its primate payload from the booster. Both the escape system and primate came through with flying colors.”

Alway said subsequent LJ-1 flights, which tested “an actual production spacecraft in a max-Q abort,” had two failures when “escape rockets firings were mistimed.” The last mission, from Wallops on April 28, 1961, “malfunctioned (when) one rocket motor failed to ignite. The resulting trajectory was abnormally low. But the failure and the ultimate altitude of (seven) miles resulted in twice the expected dynamic pressure at the time of the abort.”

Little Joe 2 launches from White Sands Missile Range are listed at www.wsmr-history.org. There were three flights in 1963, in May, July and December; two in 1964, in May and December; and two in 1965, in May and June.

Alway said the final flight “was the only one to carry an actual Apollo command module,” versus the boilerplate mock-ups. The Little Joe program ended in 1966, he wrote.

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“ Little Joe was used to ‘perfect the escape maneuver in the event of an aborted mission.’ ”

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Photo by Michael Shinabery

A Little Joe II is on display at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, erected in 1979. This was the second artifact on display in the Rocket Park, following Col. John Stapp’s Sonic Wind I rocket sled.

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- If you purchase a cut Christmas tree, select a freshly cut tree with green needles. Its trunk should be sticky to the touch. If needles fall off easily, the tree is already dry and a fire hazard.
- Do not place a Christmas tree close to a heat source, such as a fireplace, heater vent or ash trays. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.
- Do not dispose of a tree in a fireplace or wood-burning

stove. Dispose of your tree by taking it to a recycling center or have it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in insulation, broken or cracked sockets, or worn wires.
- Exercise caution when using lights that have heat-generating bulbs as they can cause enough heat to dry out trees or wood trims, and that can become a fire hazard.
- Do not overload electrical outlets. In most cases, outlets are capable of powering only three light strands. If electrical wiring is warm to the touch, it's overloaded.
- Unplug holiday lights and extinguish candles and luminarias prior to leaving home.

- Use only non-flammable or flame-retardant decorations and keep them away from heat sources.
- Do not burn wrapping paper as it can throw dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup that could lead to an explosion.
- If you are using a metallic or artificial Christmas tree, make sure it is flame retardant. If it is pre-wired for lights, inspect the lights prior to use as you would any holiday lights or decorations.
- If using candles, place them in holders or stands that cannot be knocked over.
- Never put lighted candles or luminarias near trees or other combustible items.

The Las Cruces Fire Department also reminds residents to make sure their home has properly working smoke detectors installed on every floor, and in or near every bedroom. Fresh batteries should be installed at least every six months. For more information on fire safety, visit the Resource Section of the LCFD website at www.lcfd.com.

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Temple Beth-El Rabbi Lawrence Karol is joined by congregation member Frances Williams in donating food to Casa de Peregrinos Executive Director Lorenzo Alba. Located on the campus of the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, the emergency food bank's goal this holiday season is to distribute 400 turkeys. Temple Beth-El members also contributed canned food, rice and beans. Also, members regularly volunteer at El Caldito Soup Kitchen on the Community of Hope campus.



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New floor, new era

Jeff Barnett
The Reason Why



What difference does a floor make? Among basketball fans it is widely held that the parquet floor of the Boston Garden – and in particular, its sweet spots – played a role in the Celtics' many NBA championships.

There is no doubt that a floor can help create an identity for a basketball team, and perhaps be a part of its winning tradition.

And that is why so many New Mexico State University basketball fans were in suspense before the unveiling of the new Lou Henson Court at the Texas-El Paso game Nov. 19.

The verdict?

Great floor.

Even Wendell McKines said so.

"I like the floor," he said after NMSU's 89-73 victory over UTEP. "We're undefeated on it," which they were at the time.

The word before the unveiling was that the floor would have a completely new design, new graphics, a new flow.

I pictured something high-tech and interactive, multi-colored in the same way the old floor had been.

Instead, the new floor is an old school traditional parquet floor.

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I asked the award-winning design team at the Bulletin to critique the new floor.

Designers praised the "natural wood color" and the "simplicity of the design."

Lou Henson's larger-than-life replica signature was also a popular feature – one person wondered how many times coach Henson practiced his signature to get it just right.

One designer said the new floor is much more "professional" and befitting a Division I school than the old multi-colored floor. (The lanes under the basket are no longer painted red but are a darker natural finish.)

The new "NM State" logo is the dominant graphic at center court. The logo is also a part of the university's new identity and announces a new era in Aggie sports as well.

Finally, one designer noted that the way light reflects off the court makes it appear to be "illuminated."

All in all, it's a classic floor.

Every fan I've talked to likes the floor, though a few were a little on edge with all the secrecy about the floor prior to its unveiling.

But, again, if a floor is a just a floor, why make any kind of deal about it?

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All that's left now is to find its sweet spots and start rolling up championships.

The perfect storm

Mayfield Trojans meet undefeated Cleveland for state title

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Rio Rancho's Cleveland High School is only two years old, but already knows the way to the state championship football game – in more ways than one.

The school's website lists specific directions to the Field of Dreams in Las Cruces, telling fans to avoid Valley Drive because of heavy construction and the fact that Tashiro Road is closed.

On the field, the team dodged its share of potholes and orange barrels during a 2011 season that has been perfect so far.

No. 2 Mayfield (10-2) takes on No. 1 Cleveland (12-0) at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Class 5A state championship game. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

While these are uncharted waters for the Cleveland Storm, Mayfield's Trojans have successfully navigated these seas for years. Owners of eight state championship trophies, the Trojans are playing in their fifth title game in the past seven years. They have won four of those games, including last year's title clash against Manzano.

"It never does get old," Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said. "We say we expect to be in the state championship game every year. If you don't think you'll be there, then something's wrong. But it still surprises me every year."

"Some people think it's easy to reach the state championship game, it's not. We were basically starting over this year with a brand new team. The coaching staff and the team did a fantastic job."

Mayfield reached the title game after beating Manzano 41-34 last week at the Field of Dreams. Running back Ricky Milks rushed for 266 yards and three touchdowns in the win. The senior rushed for 245 yards the week before in a quarterfinal win over Eldorado.

Cleveland coach Kirk Potter said Milks and the Trojan running game has his team's attention.

"He's quick and he's not very tall so he's

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Mayfield running back Ricky Milks has rushed for 511 yards in two playoff games this season and is expected to be a key weapon for the Trojans in the 5A championship game Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Field of Dreams.



Legendary Mayfield coach Jim Bradley is expected to be at the championship game despite a recent heart attack.

Coaches well connected

Potter is no stranger to Las Cruces or the Bradleys

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Saturday's game will be a homecoming of sorts for Cleveland High School coach Kirk Potter.

Potter was the head coach at Las Cruces High School in 1996-97 before leaving to take the head coaching job at Carlsbad. His Carlsbad team reached the state title game in 2000 where it lost to the Bulldawgs and Coach Jim Miller, who succeeded Potter at LCHS.

At one time, Potter was an assistant coach and Miller was the quarterback for Coach Jim Bradley's Roswell High School Coyotes.

"I grew up with Potter in Roswell,"

Mayfield coach Michael Bradley said. "He's probably one of the guys that got me into coaching. He mentored me when he was an assistant at Roswell."

Michael Bradley said his father, Jim, now Mayfield's quarterbacks coach, is still recovering from a heart attack he suffered nearly two weeks ago. Jim, who came down with a cold this week, Michael said, watched last week's semifinal game against the Manzano Monarchs from the press box at the Field of Dreams.

Michael Bradley wasn't sure whether or not his father would be in the press box again on Saturday, or back on the sidelines.

"He'll be wherever he wants to be," Michael Bradley said.

Aggies lose to speedy Arizona 83-76

NMSU seeks revenge at Southern Miss Sunday, Dec. 4

By **Jeff Barnett**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you want to follow New Mexico State University men's basketball, you are going to need some specialized vocabulary.

The key word is "biggs." Listed on the program as "centers," these are the guys who are 6-10 or so, in particular, senior Hamidu Rahman and sophomore Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe.

The play of the biggs was one of the highlights in NMSU's 83-76 loss to

Arizona at the Pan Am Center Nov. 29. The Aggies are 5-2 on the season.

And the biggs must play well if the Aggies are to beat Southern Mississippi on the road Sunday, Dec. 4. NMSU lost to the Golden Eagles 80-72 at the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout Nov. 25.

The rematch game will be in Hattiesburg, Miss. at noon on Sunday.

Against Arizona, Rahman and Nephawe combined for 17 rebounds and 19 points.

"They really challenged the biggs tonight," said coach Marvin Menzies of

the Aggies' duo. "Hamidu and Chili shot 8 of 15, better than 50 percent, with 17 rebounds. That's a good line for the No. 5 man."

NMSU's biggs also attacked the inside and played well defensively, he said.

Despite redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines' career-high 28 points, NMSU could not keep up with Arizona's speed. Halfway through the second period, NMSU held a 58-56 lead over the Wildcats. Arizona then went on a 14-2 run, during which they grabbed three

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Hernst Laroche can't shoot over Arizona's Jordin Mayes during the Aggies' 83-76 loss to the Wildcats Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the Pan American Center.

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Narciso Gonzalez, Ricky Milks and Joshua Cenicerros spend a moment in prayer before the Trojan's state semifinal game against Manzano Friday, Nov. 25.



Mayfield High School fans will get another chance to root for the Trojans as the New Mexico 5A championship is played at the Field of Dreams at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

Mayfield

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hard to see behind their offensive line," Potter told the Rio Rancho Observer. "He's obviously a threat. What makes it tough is they do a good job of blocking up front and, as quick and patient as he is, they find little bitty places for him to slip through."

"He's very explosive," Bradley said of Milks. "He gets in the open field and he's tough to catch. He's a tough kid. Our running game the past two weeks, really all season, has been working pretty darn well. The running game sets up everything else and it keeps the ball away from the other team."

This will be critical for Mayfield in Saturday's game. The Storm is averaging a whopping 49.4 points per game and have scored the second-most points in a season in the state's history in Class 5A (the 2004 La Cueva team scored 611 points in its 13-game season). The Storm has scored more than 60 points three times this season and its low game was 34 points.

"Cleveland is a whole different ball game,"

Bradley said. "To stay up with them will be an extremely huge challenge. They're a quick-strike offense. Man, we don't want to get behind."

Cleveland is led by senior quarterback Cole Gautsche, who has given a verbal commitment to sign with New Mexico State University on National Signing Day in February.

"He's a really good runner," Bradley said. "He's a running back/quarterback who is capable of scoring on every play. He's a big guy (6-4) who is tough to tackle and he has a fantastic arm. He'll be able to see over our little defense."

In Cleveland's 42-28 semifinal win over Rio Rancho, Gautsche completed 13 of 23 passes and four touchdowns, and rushed for 137 yards and another score. The team played that game without starting running back Romell Jordan, who was injured, but is expected back for Saturday's game. The team's top receiver is Reece White.

Defensively, Cleveland is led by nose tackle

Denzel Glover, ends Matt Romero and Joseph Tarry, linebacker Michael Li Rosi and defensive backs Jerome Gabryszewski and Steven Steele.

"We're going to have to execute and keep the ball away from them," Bradley said. "Defensively, we'll have to come up with big plays. We'll need to force two or three turnovers Saturday afternoon for us to win the game."

Bradley added that big plays could come from special teams, one area where Cleveland has struggled at times this season.

The two teams met last year in the playoffs with Mayfield winning, 21-13.

"We played them pretty good last year, save for turnovers, and they had that one big drive for a touchdown," Potter said. "We can hang in there point-wise," he said. "We're going to have to throw the football in the wind, but we have enough of a running game to score some points. It's important to be a balanced offense: being able to throw, eliminate the big play on

defense, and the kicking game – we're going to be the best we've been all year on coverage, make an emphasis of it."

For Mayfield, Milks is joined in the backfield by senior quarterback Axten Franzoy, Chris Trujillo and Mundo Gonzalez. The receivers are Taylor Gibbs and Casey Groen, and 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 he 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 Cenicerros and Brandon Thelan and cornerbacks Lucas Jimenez and Marcus Inglemon.

Rio Rancho Observer sports editor Gary Herron contributed to this story.

“Cleveland is a whole different ball game.”

MICHAEL BRADLEY, MHS coach

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NMSU looks for fifth win of season

Walker: Aggies need Matt Christian at quarterback

By Jeff Barnet
Las Cruces Bulletin

Coach DeWayne Walker and his New Mexico State University Aggies are looking for win No. 5 as they close out the 2011 season at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Aggie Memorial Stadium.

NMSU faces Western Athletic Conference rival Utah State, which has won four straight games.

"We're going to need our offense to come through," Walker said.

NMSU (4-8, 2-4 WAC) is coming off a 44-0 loss to WAC champion Louisiana Tech. The Aggies were without starting quarterback Matt Christian, who did not play because of a hip pointer injury. True freshman Travaughn Colwell led the offense on 15-of-25 passing for 119 yards.

Walker said he hopes Christian will be healthy enough to start against Utah State.

"He gives us our best chance to win the game," he said.

Utah State (6-5, 4-2 WAC) is bowl eligible – a place where NMSU hopes to be next year – after three comeback wins. The Utags defeated WAC powerhouse Nevada 21-17 on Nov. 26 on a trick play in which a wide receiver threw the

“ If everyone believes in the team, we can really get something going. ”

JONTE GREEN,
Aggie defensive back

TD pass to junior running back Robert Turbin.

Utah State's strength is in their running game, Walker said. Turbin has rushed for 1,318 yards this season to lead the Utags, but Michael Smith and Kerwynn Williams have added 592 and 412 yards on the ground, respectively.

Junior quarterback Adam Kennedy, USU's backup, has led the offense since Nov. 5, when starting QB Chuckie Keeton suffered a neck injury. For the season, Kennedy has completed 70 percent of his

pass attempts for 786 yards and seven TDs. With Kennedy as the starting quarterback, USU has been 3-0.

Defensively, Utah State has held their opponents to an average of 28.9 points and 365.4 total yards per game compared to NMSU's 37.8 and 457.8.

NMSU senior safety Donyae Coleman said the defense will be ready no matter what Utah State does.

"They do a lot of shifts and motions, but they run same plays out of a lot of different looks," he said.

Walker said he hoped this year's Aggie football team has already proven it is program on the move. Win No. 5, he said, would "lay a foundation for 2012."

Coleman, who has played at NMSU for three years, and defensive back Jonte Green, another three-year starter, both said they expect to see the 2012 team in a bowl game.

"Coach Walker is a great coach and he is going to change this program," Coleman said. "He's not trying to, that's what he's going to do."

Green added, "If everyone believes in this team, we can really get something going."

NMSU lost to Utah State last year, but beat USU in Las Cruces in 2009.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Coach Mike Jordan talks to his team during the Aggies' final volleyball match of the year Saturday, Nov. 26, in the Pan American Center.

Ags fall to CSU

NMSU ends season 23-10

The New Mexico State volleyball team finished the 2011 season with a 23-10 record after dropping the season finale to Colorado State (23-25, 26-24, 23-25, 23-25) in the Pan American Center Saturday, Nov. 26.

Freshman outside hitter Meredith Hays broke the kills record for a four-set match as she marked 31 kills to take her season-total to 500. She finished the year ranked second in the Aggie record books for kills in a season and for kills per set (4.42).

"Meredith has carried a big load for a freshman this year," coach Mike Jordan said. "We are proud of what she has done."

Senior Jennah DeVries finished her career with 4,052 assists after she dished out 49 on the afternoon against CSU. She finished fourth on the all-time assist list at NMSU, while senior libero Kelsi Phillips ended her career eighth on the all-time digs list with 1,083.

Senior Kelsey Brennan had 10 kills and three total blocks on the day.

Each set was close as the Aggies lost 25-23 in sets one, three and four. NMSU came out on top in set two winning 26-24 as there were 10 ties and nine lead changes.

NMSU had a late 22-21 lead in set three but could not pull off the victory. CSU took control of set four and never lost the lead.

Aggies

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defensive rebounds, sped down court and drew three fouls.

The Aggies' pressure defense had worked well up to that point, but during the run NMSU simply was not making the transition to defense, Menzies said.

As a team, the Aggies shot 4-for-21 from the 3-point line, which Menzies said "was probably the story of the game ... Four-for-21 is not acceptable."

McKines was 4-for-7 on 3-pointers, and five other Aggies were 0-for-14

combined. Menzies said that early in the game, many Aggie shooters passed up good 3-point shots.

"I don't know if they were skittish or just wanted to make an extra pass, but they had some good looks at the 3-ball," he said.

McKines said it was a "tough loss," but he gave credit to the Wildcats.

"They executed, they made shots, they just beat us," he said. "We didn't execute."

The Aggies hope to get back on track against Southern Miss, a top Conference USA team that just fell to 4-2 after losing in double overtime to Murray

State 90-81 Nov. 27.

"They have experienced bigs," Menzies said. "It's going to be very challenging. Play will turn on the bigs ... Our guys will be up for the challenge."

Southern Miss guards LaShay Page and Maurice Bolden had 22 and 17 points, respectively, to lead the Golden Eagles in 80-72 win over NMSU.

After the loss to Southern Miss, the Aggies went on to place third in the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout, defeating San Francisco 81-71 Nov. 26. Four players scored in double digits with sophomore guard Christian Kabongo leading all scorers with 23 points.

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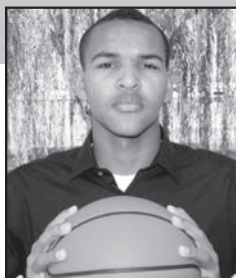
High School

Athletes of the Week



Alexyss Burkhartsmeier

Alexyss Burkhartsmeier is a 17-year-old senior at Oñate High School. She is a shooting guard on the Lady Knights basketball team. This season, she has averaged 16.5 points, 2.5 assists, three rebounds and three steals per game. Burkhartsmeier is a very positive and enthusiastic leader and team captain. She says, "I play basketball to live and live to play basketball!" She is a devoted student with a 3.5 GPA. When not on the court or in the classroom, she enjoys shopping and hanging out with her family.



Sammy Barnes

Sammy Barnes is a 15-year-old freshman at Oñate High School. He plays guard on the Knights basketball team. Barnes has averaged 21 points and 10 rebounds per game this season. He has demonstrated valuable leadership skills as a freshman on the defending state championship varsity team. Barnes is a dedicated student with a 3.5 GPA. When he is not on the court or in the classroom, he enjoys hanging out with his family.

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- Fact: Taken as a group the overall talent of junior and college golfers today surpasses anything ever seen before, for both men and women.
- Fact: We are now able to watch golfers – playing for astronomical sums in PGA Tour events – who demonstrate skill, talent and mystique that is historically unparalleled and nearly revolutionary.
- Fact: LPGA players, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour players are all the best ever.
- Observation and fact: Despite all the advances in equipment, technology, turf management, role models, training aids, and information, our average Joe still can't break 100.
- Question: How can this be?
- Editorial: I have thought about this for some time and decided it's a puzzle. No, it's a mystery. A puzzle has a possible

solution. The notion that the one-round-a-month guy or gal who forks over \$55 at the window hasn't graduated out of golf third grade in 30 years is a mystery. I've asked a lot of truly knowledgeable folks in golf to tell me what's going on. Nobody really knows.

Over the past 30 years, statistics have shown that the average golfer has really not improved much at all. Mean handicaps are about the same today as they were three decades ago.

The average weekend recreational player still does not break 100. Only a very small fraction of the golfing public ever officially breaks 80. This is in spite of incredible advances in equipment, information and training technology.

Again, how can this be?

My research has taken me from the USGA to the PGA and I have come up with some possible theories. Let's take equipment.

Golf legend Gary Player admits that he hits the ball farther today, in his 70s, than he did in his prime when using balata balls and persimmon drivers. He doesn't think that's necessarily a good thing, though. Experts in club fitting suggest that the best technology helps the best players the most.

One club expert told me, "Yeah, with a \$600 titanium 460 high MOI frequency matched driver the 18 handicapper just hits it a lot further into the desert."

Word on tour is that if a player is not using equipment that has come out within the last year, he or she is giving up 8 to 10 yards of distance to the field. That translates to a lot of money.

Our experience in many years of golf schools reminds us that high priced or high tech clubs won't help the beginner much until he or she develops a basically sound swing.

Another possible factor is with the golf course itself. I've been playing golf for more than 50 years and I've found a vast difference in golf courses we play today compared to the golf courses we played decades ago.

For one thing, modern designers like Pete Dye, Ken Dye, Arthur Hills, Tom Fazio and Jack Nicklaus lay out their golf courses with great respect to the land, but also great respect for par, and subsequently incorporate insidious hazards, bunkers and visual illusions to disturb and unnerve the golfer. The greens are tougher, there are more treacherous bunkers, intimidating water hazards and more gimmicks to contend with.

Someone once said

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



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that the most important technological breakthrough in golf is the power lawnmower and I believe it. Greens are much faster and trickier today than ages ago, but they're maintained better. Still, it's a tougher game.

I looked at how the stats might be swayed by population. A couple of years ago, Cindy Cooper of the USGA's handicap section provided some updated numbers. She reported that the average handicap nationally for men has actually improved slightly – 7 percent – in the past 10 years since the advent of the modern driver. For women the index is now better by only 5 percent. Still, that's not much. (The USGA did not have data going back to 1977 at press time.)

Cooper attributed the virtual stagnation to “the transition of golfers.” By this she means, “new players are coming in and others are out of the (handicap) system.”

As I'm hearing this, I'm still wondering why “newer” golfers aren't entering the golfing legions as more skilled and more familiar with the game for golf.

Although I didn't approach the “average golfer” dilemma with the surgical fervor of a detailed research dissertation, I have arrived at some considered speculation.

I think the mischief begins with how folks take up the game of golf to begin with.

In my case, I learned golf from my father and my grandfather. They were always tinkering with swing ideas. It still have a shoebox full of golf tips my grandfathers clipped out

of newspapers.

We played munis that would be considered dog tracks by today's standards. I caddied at one of the plushiest country clubs and I knew how a golf course should look, and how golfers should behave. At age 13, I knew how a golf swing should and shouldn't look.

We notice that our Performance Golf Schools provide a glimpse at the makeup of adult beginners. Fewer and fewer folks who take up golf start out learning the game from an elder or a mentor. One PGA teaching professional I know made this observation: “Hardly any recreational golfers start out learning golf from the ground up, around the putting green. Hardly any folks set up a personal improvement program that involves goals, practice, lessons and structure.”

Perhaps it has to do with the difference between those who see golf as a competitive sport and those who view it as a passing fancy. Should we strive for mastery? Or just giggle and have fun?

After doing my research I really have concluded that the only thing that really matters is whether you and I are having fun, regardless of whether we're getting better.

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**ATHLETE
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the WEEK**



Tabytha Wampler

Senior, Women's Basketball

Senior forward Tabytha Wampler averaged 15 points and 7.7 rebounds leading the Aggies in three games last week. Against Arizona on Nov. 21, Wampler posted her third double-double of the season and No. 12 of her career, with 14 points and 13 rebounds. In the Aggies' Hotel Encanto Thanksgiving Classic, Wampler posted 11 points against North Dakota on Nov. 26, and led all scorers with 20 points versus Southern Utah on Nov. 27.



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Aggie football is on the move



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

The football season is coming to an end Saturday, Dec. 3, and it will mark a year where real strides were accomplished in moving the program forward to the level coach DeWayne Walker has been aiming for.

The obvious points of demarcation are the wins over Minnesota, Fresno State and the continued domination of the Lobos.

Another point that I feel is quantifiable is the overall increase in the talent level on the squad. Three quarterbacks, as it turns out, that all have Division I skills have been recruited by this staff. When sophomore Andrew Manley got the starting assignment in late August it appeared that he would carry the offensive leadership mantle with his strong, accurate passing arm all season long.

Well, "life happens while we make other plans" and senior Matt Christian was given the reins after Manley's injury in the UTEP game. It became obvious that he also held the skills that were needed to run a high-powered offense. The violent play on the field battered Christian to where he had to take a break periodically and true freshman Travaughn Colwell dove into the deep end, proving he could swim in the D-I waters as well.

This shows me that Walker and his staff can recognize talent, and more importantly, can sell talented players on coming to

New Mexico State.

Another recruiting coup was the addition of offensive coordinator Doug Martin. His game plans have enable the aforementioned signal callers to flourish and set junior running back Kenny Turner loose for multiple games of 100 yards rushing the ball, keeping opposing defensive coordinators from loading up on stopping the pass.

The element that may not be as obvious to the casual fan is the fight the Aggies had in them through the year. The goal line stand at the end of the Idaho game, the repeated comebacks that led to the victory over Fresno State and finishing the Minnesota game as the Gophers were driving showed resolve and inner strength that is the foundation that consistent winners spring from. The game Saturday has an afternoon start time and will give you one last opportunity to support the team that has earned your respect.

Does anybody really know what time it is? With my broadcast of the Aggie games in the Great Alaska Shootout last week, I have done play-by-play in every American time zone this year. Georgia-East, Minnesota-Central, home games in the Mountain, San Jose State-Pacific and the road trip to Hawai'i.

I think I might need a new watch battery.

While we were in Alaska the temperature was never higher than 15 degrees even in bright sunlight. Keep that in mind when you fuss about how windy it is here in the spring.

School comes first

Women golfers hit the books, then the links



Paul Brilliant
Women's Golf
Head Coach

The New Mexico State women's golf team has done a great job of exemplifying the title student athletes.

Our philosophy has always been that school is first, golf is second and if there is time left, that is your time. Last year, the women's team, which consisted of 12 players, had the highest grade point of any sport at NM State, with three Academic All-Americans. These members had to participate in at least half of the tournaments and have a GPA of 3.6 or above.

In September, the team received a letter from Mark Emmert, president of the NCAA, bestowing the NCAA Public Recognition Award, which is a team with an Academic Progress Rate in the top 10 percent of all squads in their respective sports in the NCAA.

From the athletic side, we won the Prices Give 'em Five tournament with a new school record, finished second at the WAC Championship, received an at-large bid to the NCAA Regional Championship, and Demi Mak was low individual at the BYU Invitational.

Because last year was the graduating year of our first recruiting class, we now have only one senior, two juniors, six sophomores and two freshmen. Now is the time the coach-

ing staff has really a great time.

We have recruited some excellent players, but you must teach them how to play competitive team golf and since our schedule is very difficult, playing against the best makes you a better player.

We feel that the players are very close to learning how to play the NM State way, which in the past has proven that they are able to achieve the goals the team set out to achieve in the beginning of the season.

With the fall season complete and finishing mostly in the top half of the field, we expect to make some improvements in our performance.

“ ... playing against the best makes you a better player. ”

We are also proud of the diversity of our team. We have two players from El Paso, one from Albuquerque, one from Anthony, N.M., one from Arizona, one from Oregon, one from Hong

Kong, one from Samoa, one from Germany, one from Malaysia and one from Colombia. We just signed for the 2012 season the New Mexico High School champion from Alamogordo, N.M., and the sister of the player from Samoa.

Please feel free to review the profiles of the players and the coaches and the spring schedule at www.nmstatesports.com, and most tournaments have live scoring at www.golfstat.com.

We would be remiss in not thanking all our supporters and fans, and especially Gene Carrejo, the general manager of Price's Creamery's.

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In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 3

Football
Utah State
Las Cruces
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Swimming and Diving

Northern Arizona
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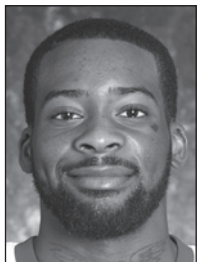
Men's Basketball

Southern Mississippi
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New Mexico
Albuquerque
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Aggie student-athlete spotlight

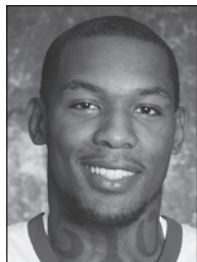


Christian Kabongo

Sophomore
Men's Basketball

Sophomore guard Christian Kabongo earned Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout All-Tournament Team honors a career-high 23 points in the win over San Francisco, 81-71, Nov.

26. He recorded four tournament records at the free-throw line.



Wendell McKines

Redshirt Senior
Men's Basketball

Redshirt senior Wendell McKines was named to the Carrs/Safeway Great Alaska Shootout All-Tournament Team after averaging 15.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game.

He also had three assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

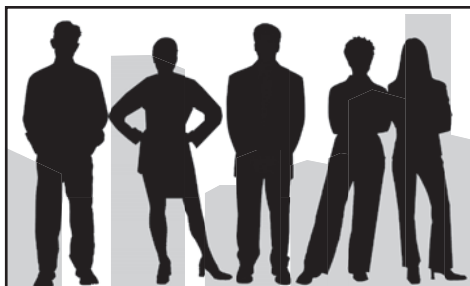


Kenny Turner

Junior
Football

Junior running back Kenny Turner rushed for 149 yards on 29 carries in the Aggies' loss to Louisiana Tech, Nov. 26. It was Turner's sixth 100-yard performance this season

and pushed him over the 1,000 yard mark for the season. He also had a catch for three yards.



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'Championship Thunder' comes to Pan Am Center

Rodriguez seeks NABU heavyweight title

By **Jeff Barnett**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Watch out for the hook. That's the punch El Paso's David "Nino" Rodriguez said he will use to win the North American Boxing Union's heavyweight championship title at the Pan Am Center Saturday, Dec. 3.

"My hook to the head, or to the liver, I usually end all my fights with one of those," said Rodriguez, who is 35-0 and has won 33 of those fights by knockouts.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for the three-fight "Championship Thunder" event that also includes El Paso favorites Antonio Escalante and Jennifer Han.

In June, Rodriguez won the World Boxing Council's Mexican national heavyweight title by knocking out Owen "What the Heck" Beck in the second round.

Rodriguez, who is 6-4, 250 pounds, said his high knockout rate is a result of his combination of power and precision.

"I have a lot of power behind (my punches), but it's the accuracy that delivers the knockout blows," he said.

Rodriguez will be facing NABU heavyweight contender and one-time U.S. champion Byron "The Bear" Polley (24-12, 11 KO's) of Saint Joseph, Mo., in the main event.

Rodriguez said he has not had a chance to study any films of Polley, so he said he is expecting anything and everything. However, because Polley is shorter than he is, Rodriguez said he believes Polley will try to come in close inside and wear him down with body blows.

No matter what Polley does, Rodriguez said he will be studying his opponent's patterns and looking for the opening for the hook. A victory will give Rodriguez the NABU championship title. The title is currently vacant, and Rodriguez is the No. 1 ranked contender.

In an action-packed undercard, Escalante will fight slick southpaw Rynell Griffin (6-6, 2 KO's) of New Orleans in an eight-round super featherweight fight.

Escalante is on the comeback trail after defeating Pipino Cuevas Jr. in September to go to 25-4 with 11 KO's. Prior to the Cuevas fight, Escalante dropped two bouts, one to Daniel Ponce de Leon in a World Boxing Organization Featherweight Title Eliminator and another to the relatively unknown Alejandro Perez.

However, Escalante said he has been working with the trainer who helped him win two Golden Gloves as an amateur and is "back on my rhythm."

He struggled in those two losses, he said, and has had to work on his defensive skills.

"I'm explosive, I'm throwing more punches, I'm moving - that's my style," he said.

With a victory Dec. 3, Escalante will be on his way to recapturing his former top contender ranking.

Finally, rising El Paso star Han (6-1, 1 KO) will be fighting for "Best in the Southwest" bragging rights when she takes on Albuquerque's Nohime Dennison (4-1, 0 KO's).

Tickets are priced at \$15 for general admission and up to \$45 for ringside. Military, university faculty and students receive an additional \$5 off any ticket purchased at the Pan American Center Box Office or at Ticketmaster outlets or call 646-1420.

Ex-Aggie earns CFL award

Speedy Hamilton Tiger-Cats rookie receiver and former Aggie Chris Williams was named the Canadian Football League's top rookie at the 2011 Gibson's Finest CFL Player Awards.

In his first CFL season, Williams had 70 receptions for 1,064 yards and six touchdowns. His highest output of the season

came in his third career game when he had eight receptions for 189 yards and a touchdown. The New Mexico State product also had six carries for 43 yards.

Williams was also called upon to return kicks on occasion. He returned 12 punts for 81 yards and 12 kickoffs for 252 yards, including a 93-yard touchdown.

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

Las Cruces High School

Saturday, Dec. 3	Wrestling	at Los Lunas Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Boys Basketball	Burgess High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Santa Teresa High School	7 p.m.
Dec. 6-10	Girls Basketball	at Moriarity Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9-10	Wrestling	Las Cruces High School Tournament	10 a.m., 8 a.m.



Mayfield High School

Dec. 1-3	Boys Basketball	at Jefferson High School Tournament	TBA
Friday, Dec. 2	Girls Basketball	at Montwood High School	6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 3	Football	Cleveland High School (5A Championship)	1 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Hobbs High School	3 p.m.
	Wrestling	at Los Lunas Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Boys Basketball	Andress High School	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Irvin High School	7:15 p.m.
Dec. 8-10	Girls Basketball	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9-10	Wrestling	at LCHS Tournament	10 a.m., 8 a.m.



Oñate High School

Saturday, Dec. 3	Girls Basketball	at Roswell High School	2:30 p.m.
	Wrestling	at Los Lunas Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Girls Basketball	at Parkland High School	6 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	Clint High School	7 p.m.
Dec. 8-10	Boys Basketball	at Albuquerque Academy Tournament	TBA
	Girls Basketball	at Rio Rancho Tournament	TBA
Dec. 9-10	Wrestling	at LCHS Tournament	10 a.m., 8 a.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Dec. 1-3	Boys Basketball	at Kirtland Tourney	TBA
	Girls Basketball	at To'Hajilee Basketball Tournament	TBA
Saturday, Dec. 3	Swimming (coed)	at Hobbs Invite	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 6	Boys Basketball	Hatch	7 p.m.
	Girls Basketball	at Cobre	7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 8	Girls Basketball	at Lydia Patterson Institute	7 p.m.
Dec. 8-10	Boys Basketball	at Artesia Basketball Tournament	TBA



Half marathon set Dec. 4

Sanctioned event at Field of Dreams stadium

The second annual Las Cruces Half Marathon kicks off at 8 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Field of Dreams, 2501 Tashiro Road.

In addition to the 13.1-mile main event, there is also a 5K Run/Walk at 8:15 a.m. and a Fun Run at 9:45 a.m.

The race is organized by the United States Running Association's Half Marathon Series.

Half marathon runners will receive tech shirts and 5K/Fun Run runners will receive commemorative T-shirts. Hydration stations and medical support will be provided throughout the course.

Three-deep awards will given in 12 age groups to both male and female runners.

A Runners' Expo will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Runners can register online until 4 p.m. or in person at the Hotel Encanto until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3. There will be no registration on the day of the race.

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Getting in early for good deals on *Black Friday at Best Buy*

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Raquel Barrera has her shopping cart filled with discounted electronics for early Black Friday deals Friday, Nov. 25, at Best Buy, 2280 E. Lohman Ave. Many stores began the biggest shopping day of the year for retailers and bargain-savvy consumers early this year and reported healthy sales. For more on Black Friday, see the Business Section.



Matteo D'Andrea gives a "thumbs up" to the deals he scored at Best Buy.

Ashley furniture giveaway slated

Bowmans continue their holiday tradition of giving

If you or someone you know has suffered an economic hardship or life-altering event and may not be able to furnish their home, Wanda Bowman of Ashley Furniture HomeStore wants to hear about them.

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Wanda Bowman – Ashley Furniture HomeStore
3299 Del Rey Blvd. Plaza Del Rey, Las Cruces, NM 88012, or email christmaswithashley@hotmail.com.

All letters and emails must be received by Dec., 15. An independent panel of judges will make the final selections.

The "All I want for Christmas" furniture giveaway is open to Doña Ana, Grant, Luna and Otero county residents. No purchase is necessary to enter or be selected. Prize furniture is in the store showroom and consists of selected available dinettes, living room and bedroom furniture and recliners. The Bowmans intend to deliver furniture before Christmas if possible.

Families will be selected based on their need to receive furniture. All families selected to receive the furniture will be chosen at the discretion of the preliminary and final independent selection panel participants. The final judging panel will consist of community leaders.

Business of the Year

The Chamber's Business of the Year award will be presented to one of the member businesses that have been honored throughout 2011. All business honorees will be further recognized at the Annual Banquet for their dedication to the community.

Business name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Contact person in the business: _____

Nominator: (no anonymous nominations will be accepted) _____

Please write brief paragraphs on the following criteria. Give specific examples for each.

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Please return nominations to the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce no later than Jan. 1, 2012, or by mail to P. O. Box 519, Las Cruces, NM 88004-0519, or by fax at 527-5546.

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Looking Back

This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

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100 years ago

1911

• The Aggie football team defeated New Mexico Military Institute 36-0. The Aggies made two touchdowns in each of the four quarters except the second. The NMA&M team never made a substitution in the game. The win secured the unofficial New Mexico championship for the Aggies.

• A number of new homes were being built in Las Cruces, including the new home of Dr. Cornell on "the Alameda road," opposite Sheriff Lucero's home. W.H. Davis of Deming, and Lytton Taylor were also having homes built in Las Cruces.

• A dance at the new athletic hall at NMA&M was advertised. Admission was \$1 and the evening would feature a six-piece orchestra.

75 years ago

1936

• County Commissioners decided to locate the new Doña Ana County Courthouse on a site on Lohman and Alameda at the southern extension of Main Street if the land was donated. A prominent group of local businessmen and women guaranteed the money to purchase the site for the county.

The courthouse would face Lohman, "in good view of travelers on Highway 80." Tentative plans were for the old courthouse to be converted to a hospital.

• The American Association of University Women met and had a program on the proper labeling of canned goods directed by Miss Veda Strong.

• Funeral services were held for William T. Conway, who passed away at his home in Mesilla Park. He was connected to New Mexico A&M from 1911 to his retirement 18 months before his death. He was survived by his widow Mamie, his son Harry, one grandson and a sister.

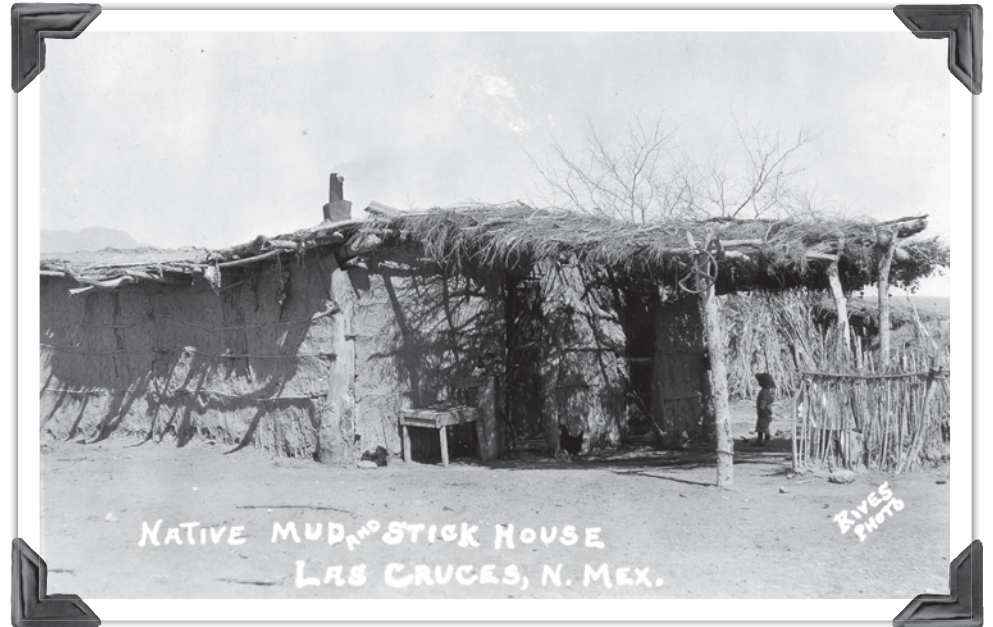
50 years ago

1961

• Three Las Cruces women were found shot to death on Monday, Nov. 25. Mary Dalrymple, 84, her sister Ella Durfee, over 60, and Irene Durfee, about 20, were shot numerous times with a 22-caliber weapon. Police were looking for John Woolridge Jr., a senior at Las Cruces High School, in connection with the shootings.

• Four Aggies were named to the all-Border Conference teams. Selected on the first team from New Mexico State University were Royce Casell, end, and James "Preacher" Pilot, at halfback. On the second team from NMSU were Floyd Strickland, tackle, and Bob Jackson, fullback.

• Jack Malone, 49, owner of Malone Drug on



New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections photos

Early settlers of the Mesilla Valley used whatever was on hand to build their homes. This house has walls made of mud and logs from native cottonwood trees placed for vertical support. Similar building practices were used by Native Americans in the area at the time of the arrival of the first Europeans.

North Main Street, died Nov. 26. Malone had been a member of the New Mexico House of Representatives and chairman of the New Mexico Republican Party.

25 years ago

1986

• District Court Judge James Martin upheld a restraining order preventing the City of Las Cruces from interfering with the installation of water lines on the East Mesa by Moongate Water Company. The restraining order would remain in effect until a trail could be held in February 1987.

• The Doña Ana Humane Society doubled the impoundment fee for animals picked

up running at large in the county. The first transgression penalty would be \$20 plus an \$8.45 rabies vaccination, if needed. Each day of impoundment would add \$10 to the fee, and after the fourth day the animal would either be adopted out or euthanized.

• Dr. Jerry G. Schickedanz received the New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau's Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award. Schickedanz was program director for the NMSU Cooperative Extension Program and was credited with originating the New Mexico Range Improvement Task Force.

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

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Kids find their voice in prevention

New campaign makes youth participate in messaging

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

Rather than talking at kids about the dangers of drug abuse, federal officials are retooling its campaign to make it more interactive.

That's why for two days local youths filled the Las Cruces Convention Center with guidance from White House officials.

For the prevention campaign to have a real impact in today's world of interactive media, it's important to reach out and get young people involved, said Benjamin Tucker, deputy director of state, local and tribal affairs for the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

His office's "Above the Influence" campaign has been suc-

cessful as far as traditional ad campaigns go, including strong branding of its logo with an arrow inside a circle, Tucker said on the final day of the conference Tuesday, Nov. 29. But for the campaign to make a real difference, the young people need to take ownership of the message, he said.

The White House is holding conferences such as the one in Las Cruces around the country to help young people add their voices to the campaign's message of resisting peer pressure and empowerment, he said.

Called "Empowering Youth," the conference held a series of break-out meetings in which the youths honed what the "Above the Influence" message means to them.

The campaign also is employing social media, said J. Mark Krawczyk, White House deputy director for the campaign's



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Nicolas Bañales

Brock, 14, and Blair Hartley, 15, Brianna Serna, 16, Alyxea Rodriguez, 17, Haddie Garrison, 15, and Mitch McDonald, 16, talk about their personal struggles with peer pressure and how they keep "Above the Influence" at the Empowering Youth Conference Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Las Cruces Convention Center.

advertising. While relatively new, the "Above the Influence" Facebook page has almost 500,000 signed up, he said.

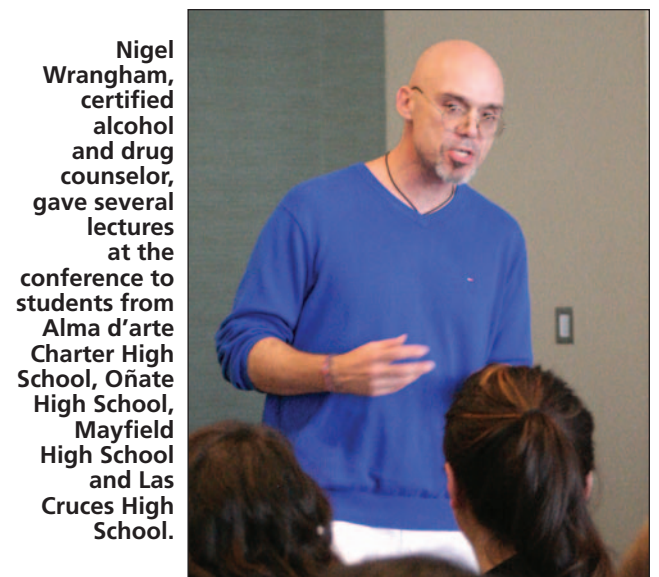
Helping organize the conference for the White House was the Unified Prevention! (UP!) Coalition for a Drug Free Doña Ana County, the Mesilla Valley DWI Resource Center and Doña Ana County Teen Court.

Wrapping up the conference were the youths themselves talking about how they've had to break free of substance abuse in their families. They told how activities from music and the arts to sports and other physical activity help them deal with the stresses of their lives.



Serna, a sophomore from Las Cruces High School, shares a personal story about her friend who took the wrong path and how she stayed away from doing the same thing.

Rio Northern, 14, listens to the panel.



Nigel Wrangham, certified alcohol and drug counselor, gave several lectures at the conference to students from Alma d'arte Charter High School, Oñate High School, Mayfield High School and Las Cruces High School.





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Of 1,397 students who filed bachelor's and graduate degree applications this semester, approximately 1,000 are expected to participate in the ceremony. They will join more than 110,000 alumni who have earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees since 1893.

Provost Wendy K. Wilkins will present the degree candidates to NMSU President Barbara Couture, who will confer the degrees. Instrumental music will be provided by the New Mexico State University Symphonic Band

under the direction of Montgomery Kemp Hill. Ryan M. Allais, an undergraduate student, will perform two vocal numbers.

The single fall ceremony, which serves graduates from all of the colleges at the Las Cruces campus, will last approximately two hours. In order to avoid traffic congestion, graduates are advised to arrive by 9 a.m. at the east side of the Pan American Center to pick up their name cards. Arrowhead Drive will be closed to traffic between Triviz Drive and Stewart Street.

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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
- **Pilates:** 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Core/Floor Exercises:** 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

- **Pickleball:** 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Fridays. Paddles may be rented for \$1.

- **Indoor Cycling:** 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The following class is held at Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road:

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information, call 541-5185.

The following classes are held at the Regional Aquatic Center, 1401 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Aquatic Fitness:** 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Safe Strength Gentle Cardio Water Workout:** 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays.
- **Water Fitness for Non-Swimmers:** 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays.
- **Senior Aquatics Class:** 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays.

- **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.

CARD AND TABLE GAMES

Anyone age 50 or over is welcome to play bridge, pinochle, canasta, Hands N Feet, chess and Mah Jongg.

Call 528-3000 for times and locations.

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.

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.

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.

SWINGING DANCERS

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center will meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Entertainment will be provided by Mark Coker. Couples, singles and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dancing begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 528-3000.

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 Thursday 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, 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.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

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

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.



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DEATH NOTICES

STEVENS

Marjorie L. Stevens, 87, passed away on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. Graveside services were held Friday, November 25, 2011 at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements were with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

HARKEY

Mildred Harkey, 81, passed away Thursday, November 24, 2011 at La Posada. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

GUTIERREZ

Maria Natividad Gutierrez, 93, of Berino, New Mexico, entered eternal life Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was a homemaker and a member of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include a sister, Maria Gutierrez Carbajal as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Prayer Vigil was held Monday, November 28, 2011 in St. Anthony Catholic Church, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, November 29, 2011 with the Reverend Andres Alava officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Berino Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

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

LUJAN

Consuelo Lujan, 96, entered eternal life Tuesday, November 22, 2011 in the comfort of her own bed.

She is survived by her children; five daughters, Gloria Chavarria, Margaret Lucero, Susie Montes, Linda Villanueva and Sylvia Miller; three sons, Frank, Antonio and Jerry Lujan.

A Prayer Vigil was held Friday, November 25, 2011 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, November 26, 2011. Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Amber Care Hospice or Casa de Peregrinos.

Entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222. To send condolences online log onto www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com

CHAVEZ

Vincent L. Chavez, 77, of Rodey, New Mexico, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2011. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou Chavez; daughters, Victoria Lynn Sheehan, Marji Lea Winder and Lori Margaret Wheatley. A Funeral Service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2011 at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 211 E. Herrera Road in Hatch, New Mexico. Burial will take place in Mountain Green, Utah. Arrangements by Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. 575-527-2222

FLORES

Jose Jesus Flores, 83, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, November 24, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen Flores; a son, Valentin Flores and a daughter, Sandra Flores Martinez; a brother, Tony Flores and a sister, Maria del Refugio de Leon.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer. Cremation followed and a Memorial Service was held Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in Sierra Vista Community Church. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date. Military honors will be accorded by a Marine Corps Honor Guard.

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MARQUEZ

Epigenia "Epi" Marquez, 86, of San Miguel, New Mexico, entered eternal life Wednesday, November 23, 2011 in Las Cruces.

Those left to mourn her passing include two sisters, Adelina Sanchez of Las Cruces, Amelia Sanchez of San Miguel as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Prayer Vigil was held Sunday, November 27, 2011 in San Miguel Catholic Church, 19217 S. Highway 28 where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, November 28, 2011. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the San Miguel Cemetery where she was laid to rest.

Entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels. 575-527-2222 For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com

GARCIA

Carolina Gomez Garcia, 67, of San Miguel, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, November 25, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center. Carolina was a caregiver and a member of Cedar Hills Church of the Cross.

Those left to mourn her passing include her three sons, Benito, Jaime and Javier Garcia; one stepson, Nahum Garcia; four daughters, Cecilia Garcia, Mari Cruz Montoya, Ana Barron and Sylvia Flores; two step-daughters, Rosa Espino and Elsa Garcia; her mother, Ramona Gomez; four brothers, Petronilo, Inocencio, Encarnacion and Seferino Gonzalez; two sisters, Isabel Guzman and Aurora Ascarate.

An Evening Service was held Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in Cedar Hills Church of the Cross, 5550 Stern Drive, where the Funeral Service was held Thursday, December 1, 2011 with Pastor Caleb Perez, officiating. Concluding Service and Interment followed in the San Miguel Cemetery where she will be laid to rest in the family plot.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels, 300 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces. 575-527-2222 Your exclusive providers for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascrucos.com

HOLGUIN

Rodolfo L. Holguin, 85, of Bayard, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, November 25, 2011. He was born in Hurley, a lifelong resident of Grant County, and a World War II veteran.

Rudy is survived by his wife, Lucia; sons, Randy and Hector; sisters, Amelia Vargas, and Mary Helen Gonzales as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in Baca's Funeral Chapel of Silver City. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Bayard. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed at Fort Bayard National Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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MEYER

Patsy Jean Meyer, 81, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, died Sunday, November 20, 2011 at Mountain View Regional Medical Center surrounded by friends and family.

She is survived by her son, Barry Meyer; her older sister Barbara Jo Thurman and Barry's father, Jerry Meyer.

A Funeral Service was held Saturday, November 26, 2011 in Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces. Final interment will take place in Austin, Texas.

The family requests charitable donations be made in Patsy's name to the Macular Degeneration Foundation (www.eyesight.org).

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RIVERA

Maria N. Rivera, 58, of Las Cruces, New Mexico entered eternal life Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Advanced Care Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Ms. Rivera was a laborer and member of the Catholic Church.

Those left to mourn her passing include seven daughters, Rosaura Castañeda, Patricia Nuñez, Margarita Chavez, Monica Chavez, Mariana Rivera, Amelia Rivera and Michelle Velasquez; two brothers, Pablo and Juan Chavez; three sisters, Maria Guadalupe Banda, Irene Gonzalez and Dolores Vidana.

A Prayer Vigil was held Friday, November

25, 2011 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, where the Funeral Mass was celebrated the same morning with the Fathers of the Augustinian Recollects officiating. Cremation will take place and inurnment of cremains will be held at a later date.

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CISNEROS

Salvador G. Cisneros, 81, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, November 25, 2011 at his home. Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Carmen Cisneros; four sons, Miguel Angel, Noel, Salvador, Jr., and Luis Cisneros; a daughter, Lorraine Cisneros; two brothers, Jose Jesus and Robert Cisneros; three sisters, Elvira Marquez, Dolores Cisneros and Luz Elena Tellez.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in Our Lady of Health Catholic Church, 1178 N. Mesquite Street where the Funeral Mass was celebrated Wednesday, November 30, 2011 with Fathers of the Augustinian Recollects officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

The family is grateful to Jon, Melanie and Cassandra with Mesilla Valley Hospice for the extraordinary care given.

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TORRES

It is with great sadness that we announce Samuel A. Torres, 78, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, lost a long and painful fight against cancer on Monday, November 21, 2011. It was raining that day.

Sam leaves his loving wife, Grace Torres; beautiful and devoted daughter Felicia and her husband Jeff Kirkpatrick; three wonderful grandkids, Austin, Jeff Cole and Haley Kirkpatrick; brother, Felix Torres, and many nieces and nephews. Sam also leaves a large extended family in New Mexico and Colorado including the Torres, Florez, Banegas, Scoughton, Jackson, Contreras, Castillo and other families.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 2, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

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Linda Lopez watches her ball fly while golfing at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course Wednesday, Nov. 30. She is one of the Las Cruces Country Club members who have moved over to Sonoma Ranch.

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Members move to Sonoma Ranch

Country Club golfers find new home at public course

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

Marilyn Daugherty of the Las Cruces Country Club's Women's Golf Association was bursting with enthusiasm as she talked about golfing at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course during the group's regular weekly morning golf and lunch gathering.

"I love it," Daugherty said Wednesday, Nov. 30, of the new home to the country club's membership. "I love all the green grass."

The country club's 156 members made the change to Sonoma Ranch following a legal dispute of the exchange of the club's 110-acre operation near Apodaca Park to an East Mesa development and the new golf course there.

Dale Schueller, one of the Sonoma Ranch partners, said he is happy to give the country club's membership access to the course, which has always been open to the general public even though the course's 18 holes are surrounded by housing. Anyone can pay a fee and golf, he said.

"We feel it has been good fit," Schueller said of acquiring the club's members.

The country club's golfing membership is all that's been acquired, Schueller and partner George Rawson emphasized. Some media reports gave the impression that Sonoma Ranch was acquiring the actual country club land and facilities, and that is not the case, they said.

The Sonoma Ranch Golf Course is a big change for some of the club's golfers. Rawson said the course has more slopes than the country club's relatively flat course and there are more dog-legs, sand and water features, so it is more challenging.

The way the course is laid out – professionally designed for tournament-level playing – the players are finding they have to make longer shots and putts, said assistant golf professional Kenny Meador.

"The area they have to play in is a lot bigger than what they are used to," Meador said.

Rawson said he is especially proud of the quality of Sonoma Ranch's 80 acres of real grass – a blend of fescue and bent grass.

Daugherty said she enjoys playing around the beautiful homes of the Sonoma Ranch development, but admits to missing the trees at the old country club.

June Sanchez, another country club golfer learning the new course, said she just hopes the members continue to be the close-knit group they were at the old location.

"We're just one big happy family and I'm hopeful it will stay that way," Sanchez said.

All the women golfing Wednesday complimented the Sonoma Ranch staff for being very welcoming.

That's what Schueller said he wants to hear.

"We just want to take care of them and we have a great staff to support them in the transition," he said.

Even though the course gets plenty of use – about 40,000 rounds of golf are played on it each year – Schueller said there is still plenty of capacity for the course to welcome any interested player. To learn more, visit www.sonomaranchgolf.com.



Madeline Justice tees off as assistant golf professional Kenny Meador watches from a golf cart.



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Big crowds help Aggies, businesses



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

Shirted in white, the crowd in the Pan American Center could be heard from University Avenue, cheering for the New Mexico State University Aggies men's basketball team.

The crowd roared and the momentum was contagious. A two-point difference was carried throughout most of the game. And with one minute left on the clock – the Aggies down by three points – NMSU fell behind and lost to the University of Arizona Tuesday, Nov. 27.

Of course, every team wants to win, but fans still left the Pan Am Center pumped up and full of adrenaline.

The large crowd was common for men's basketball games in the 1990s, bringing more than 160,000 fans to the Pan Am Center during the '90-91 season, but as NMSU fell down in rankings, the crowd dwindled. In the 2010-11 season, only 99,612 fans attended the games.

To get that number back up, I challenge the business community to come to the games. Not just games the Aggies might win, or games that are on ESPN, or games that bring in a PAC-12 school. Come to every game.

It is easy for a business to give a donation and write it off and then never fill those seats, but is that truly supporting the Aggies?

Don't get me wrong, I'm sure NMSU is grateful for every dollar donated, but if you were at the game Tuesday night, you saw what the Pan Am has been missing – excitement.

NMSU officials are considering selling alcohol at the games, hoping it would bring in more people and create an after-work activity. NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston confirmed this recommendation is under review and all angles will be looked at before making a decision.

NMSU is doing everything it can to get people in seats, now it's up to the community. Print out a men's basketball schedule at www.nmstatesports.com; pin it to a corkboard, tape it on the fridge or type the dates in your phone. There is no reason why we can't pack the Pan Am every game night.

Email me at samantha@lascrucesbulletin.com or find me at an Aggie game.

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Black Friday breaks records

Even with an economic slump, people still spend

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Despite a national 9 percent unemployment rate, Americans, including Las Cruces, still shopped on Black Friday, Nov. 25.

According to the National Retail Federation (NRF), 226 million people spent more than \$52.4 billion over Black Friday weekend – in stores and online – up from 212 million from last year. By NRF's definition, Black Friday weekend includes Thursday, Friday and Saturday spending and Sunday predictions.

"Traffic was up definitely up," said Susan Palmer, marketing manager for Mesilla Valley Mall. "Depending on stores, some did well and some did OK. It varied from store to store."

The NRF also reported that more young people are participating in the event with 37 percent of Black Friday shoppers between the ages of 18 and 34. This year, 24 percent of shoppers arrived to stores by midnight compared with 9.5 percent in 2010 and 3.3 percent in 2009.

But some shoppers arrived even earlier.

Julio O'Hara and his family were the first in line at Best Buy on Lohman Avenue, arriving to the electronics store early Wednesday afternoon.

"We were there about three or four hours before anyone else showed up," O'Hara said. "I got my TV, so waiting in line was worth it."

O'Hara said his family purchased multiple Xbox consoles, televisions, PlayStation consoles and Kinect devices.

"A few were for us and a few were gifts," said O'Hara, adding that the family ate leftovers the next day for their Thanksgiving feast.

With Best Buy's doors opening at midnight, O'Hara said he wished the store had opened closer to 10 p.m.

"At least two hours earlier would have been nice," he said. "(The shopping) went well other than the ridiculous amount of time it took to check out."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Irma Venegas pushes her basket loaded with gifts for her family during Black Friday shopping at Best Buy Friday, Nov. 25. Her family was the first in line at the electronic store, arriving Wednesday afternoon. The family purchased televisions, gaming consoles and much more. This year's Black Friday crowd consisted of more than 226 people online and in stores.

O'Hara and his family said the whole process took five hours.

With big-box retailers opening its doors early, Palmer said the mall also saw earlier traffic.

"Store managers told me they saw the affect of others stores opening at 10 p.m. or midnight," she said. "People were here earlier."

In the past, Palmer said the heavy flow of shoppers didn't come until 6 a.m., but since people got other shopping done sooner, guests lined up at stores opening at 4 a.m.

Palmer said many of the store's promotional products, such as Victoria's Secret tote bags, ran out by mid-morning.

"I brought the mall goodie bags to customer service at 5:30 a.m. and already had at least 75

people in line," she said, adding that 150 bags were given away.

Palmer said about a dozen stores opened at 4 a.m. and the rest were open by 6 a.m.

According to the NRF, the average holiday shopper spent \$398.62, up from \$365.34 in 2010. And online, shoppers forked over more than \$150 per shopper, on average. Online shopping made up more than 37 percent of Black Friday spending.

For some, missing the crowds was the way to go.

Brothers Matt and Chris Adams purchased a 55-inch TV at Best Buy 12 hours after the store opened its doors.

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Virgin Galactic selects LC office

Steinborn finds headquarters for space company

Bulletin Staff Report

With a building as futuristic as the company itself, Virgin Galactic selected the Green Offices to house its Las Cruces headquarters.

John Hummer, owner and Broker of Steinborn Real Estate & Associates, said Jacob Garland, associate broker with Steinborn, represented the project.

The office will be located in the new Green Offices, 166 S. Roadrunner Parkway.

"Virgin began their office search back in May," Garland said. "They looked at numerous locations throughout the city, and after much consideration, the team decided the Green Offices would be the best site for their Las Cruces headquarters."



The Green Offices at 166 S. Roadrunner Parkway will be the home to Virgin Galactic's Las Cruces headquarters. Represented by Jacob Garland, associate broker with Steinborn, the 2,000-square-foot office space will be ready for Virgin Galactic to move in by early 2012.

See **Spaceport** on page B9

2011 is not over yet

Here's your year-end investment checklist

As an investor, you've pretty much seen it all in 2011 – including slow-but-steady gains early in the year, a market correction during the debt ceiling debate and the U.S. credit downgrade and huge one-day price movements, both up and down – and there's still a month to go.

But despite the volatility of the past 11 months, investors can make some positive year-end investment moves, including the following:

- **Boost your 401k contributions.** If your employer permits you to make extra contributions to your 401k, put in as much as you can afford, up to contribution limits. You typically contribute pretax dollars, so the more you invest, the lower your taxable income. Plus, your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis.
- **Consider converting to a Roth IRA.** You might benefit by converting a traditional individual retirement account (IRA), which offers tax-deferred earnings, to a Roth IRA, whose earnings grow tax free, providing you don't start taking withdrawals until you're at least age 59.5 and you've held your account for five years. Keep in mind, though, that you'd need the money available to pay the taxes that would be due on such a conversion. Also, income limits apply to Roth IRA contributions. This is a complex decision that you should discuss with your qualified tax professional.
- **Set up automatic contributions for 2012.** Like most people, you may find it difficult to come up with a lump-sum payment to fully fund your IRA for the year. Why not set up an automatic investment plan for 2012? By directing your bank to transfer the same amount each month from your checking or savings account to your IRA, you'll find it easier to "max out" on your IRA – and, at the same time, you'll boost your investment discipline.

- **Contribute to a 529 plan.** When you contribute to a 529 plan, your earnings have the potential to grow tax free, provided they are used for qualified higher education expenses. (However, 529 plan distributions not used for qualified expenses may be subject to income tax and a 10 percent penalty.) Furthermore, your 529 plan contributions may be deductible from your state taxes. Discuss this with your tax professional.
- **Re-evaluate your investment mix.** It's a good idea to review your investment mix at least once a year to help ensure your portfolio is still aligned with your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. Due to changes in market value, your portfolio can undergo subtle but significant changes – even if you took no action yourself. Consequently, take the time to review your holdings with your investment professional to help ensure you're still "on track."
- **Review your insurance coverage.** If you've experienced any changes in your life in 2011 – new spouse, new child, divorce, new job, etc. – you may need to review your life insurance coverage to make sure that it's still sufficient for your needs and that you still have the correct beneficiaries in place. To determine if any of these actions are right for your situation, consult with your financial advisor and qualified tax professional. By taking these and other steps, you can close out 2011 on a positive note and get 2012 off to a good start.

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Businesses prefer tea partiers or occupiers?

Are organized groups hurting or helping the business community?



Jim Spence
Business Breakdown

For a relatively small group, the "occupy" movement has managed to garner a remarkable amount of attention from the national media.

Unlike the majority of reporters in the news media, some business people see the occupiers as deeply destructive. When interviewed, occupiers use the language of naive contradiction. They use the term "corporations" within the context of their mortal enemies. And their only concrete proposal seems to be for the federal government to confiscate more money from the nation's top 1 percent of income earners.

Business people can't relate to the demonization of "corporations." They see corporations as valued suppliers, strategic partners, worthy competitors or better yet as potential customers. Whether incorporated or not, all private employers must compete to survive, provide wages and offer benefits. Business people see the occupiers for what they are – mindless wealth confiscators and naive job destroyers.

Tea partiers and occupiers do agree the nation is headed in the wrong direction. However, this is where their similarity ends. Occupiers are defined by their childlike attribution of moral superiority to the daily activities of those who draw their paychecks from government. Instead, tea partiers grasp the simple notion that the nation's unemployment rate remains high, not because of the corporations still operating in America, but because so many corporations have gone broke or been forced to relocate offshore by federal government bureaucrats.

Contrary to assertions of the occupiers, history shows that for decades the anti-business types have been more politically influential in America than free-market

capitalists. While occupiers worship government and whine about the payment of "fair shares," half of all American households pay no federal income tax whatsoever in support of their government. Accordingly, it is the ultimate twist of irony that occupiers are oblivious to the fact that America is already getting precisely what their movement is clamoring for.

Ignorant of the causes behind the dismal economic trends the occupier's policy preferences have put in place, the movement complains that almost everybody in America is losing ground, hence their latest need is for new scapegoats. Successful people have become a conveniently safe bet for the occupiers in their endless blame game. Unfortunately, it turns out that the so-called 1 percent is actually the job-creating segment of society.

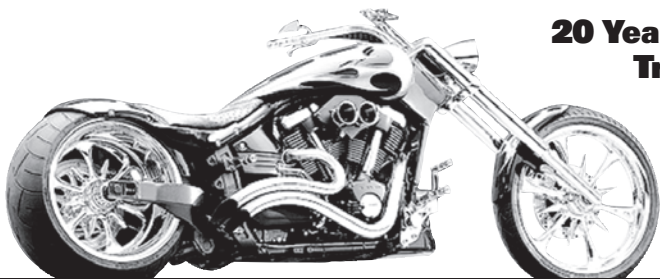
In the end, too many of American job creators are too stuck in survival mode to justify spending more time away from their operations simply to run for political office. Putting a stop to the anti-business nonsense that is destroying the economic foundations of America will require more than mere passive resistance from the business community. What Americans are witnessing is a vicious negative economic feedback loop. The occupiers and those who sympathize with their Marxist views have been making the rules and bankrupting the nation.

Most business people wish there were more tea partiers because tea partiers appreciate and respect private property rights. Tea partiers are more fun to be around because they are disinclined to make concessions on their personal hygiene. Most importantly, tea partiers fully embrace a favorable view of free-market capitalism; not because they hope for utopia, but because they have sufficient common sense to understand free markets are vastly superior to any attempt at policies that rely heavily on government to create a path to higher living standards.

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler

The Pic Quik on Lohman Avenue next to Si Señor is expected to open by mid-December. The gas station is getting its "finishing touches" according to Pic Quik corporate office. For more information, call 523-5611.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Nov. 25	Lorena's Mexican Food	3961 E. Lohman Ave.	527-8206
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

Our numbers

- 85** percent of retailers sent an email to their customers about Black Friday deals
- 75** percent of retailers used Facebook to reach out to shoppers, up from 57.1 percent last year
- 31.7** percent of shoppers in an effort to find gifts tuned into television
- 23.1** percent of holiday shoppers visited coupon websites
- 17.3** percent of shoppers monitored deals on Facebook during Black Friday

Source: Shop.org and National Retail Federation

Gas update

Monday, Nov. 28

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 0.6 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$3.02** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 4.1 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.32** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Nov. 28**, were **33.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **15.4 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 14.4 cents** during the last month and stands **46.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.83
2. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.83
3. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.92
4. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.93
5. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road	\$2.94

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

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Houston	\$128.40	US Airways
Las Vegas	\$149.40	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$123.70	American Airlines
Phoenix	\$69.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$78.90	United Airlines
San Diego	100.40	United Air
New York City	\$180.40	American Airlines
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London	\$713.30	US Airways
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Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Dec. 5 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.35153 in U.S. dollars
0.7399 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.07156 in U.S. dollars
13.974 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.01299 in U.S. dollars
76.97998 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

From Nov. 14-18, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	YTD %
DJIA	11796.16	11231.94	-564.44	-4.8	-3
Nasdaq	2572.5	2441.58	-130.92	-5.1	-8

Strong: Oil and gas equipment and services, diversified metals and miners, steel, diversified financial services, regional and diversified banks, investment banks and brokerages, construction and agricultural machinery

Weak: None with a loss of at least 1 percent

Source: http://briefing.com



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YPs increase group events

Luncheons offer dynamic speakers, community leaders

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Local Young Philanthropists (YPs) are using the second Monday of each month to gain valuable insight into the lives of successful professionals.

This year, the YPs started their Second Monday Lunch Series by bringing in dynamic speakers Steve Chavira, Keith S. Burn and David McCollum – business savvy and dedicated philanthropists who volunteers to share their secrets about success.

Chavira, professional business coach and managing director of the Building Industry Association, kicked off the series with his presentation “How to Succeed Before You Are 40.”

“There are many valuable resources in the community you can use as you work toward success, but one of the greatest resources is your relationship with others,” Chavira said.

Chavira pointed out success does come from hard work, but it also comes from a desire to make a difference within a chosen



BURN

profession and within the community. Chavira encouraged YPs to make decisions that would provide outcomes they would be proud of down the road.

Burn, an attorney who focuses on complex construction and commercial cases, presented a lively speech on how to find balance between work, socializing and volunteering with his presentation “Get ‘er Done.” As a community member

born and raised in Las Cruces, Burn spoke about why he left the community and why he came back. He also spoke about priorities and doing something more than signing up to make a difference, something some of the biggest names in the community taught him as he was just starting out.

“I learned early in my career there is more than just saying you are part of an organization,” he said. “If you are going to be a part of something, give your word you will be part of it, then do what you need to do to keep your word.”

McCollum, publisher of the Las Cruces

Bulletin, addressed the YPs about the importance of building strong business relationships, something he did when he revived a community newspaper into a successful weekly publication. McCollum said any business should have a strong mission statement and every decision made should be governed by that statement – the No. 1 point he focuses on as a business owner. He followed that with nine other points to success, including incorporating strong character traits into business.

“Relationships aren’t just about today,” he said. “I’m not ever thinking about my relationships today, I’m thinking about my relationships in the future.”

The YPs is an organization within the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico designed to foster philanthropy and make annual grants to local nonprofits. The group meets for its Second Monday Luncheons from noon to 1 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Lorenzo’s Italian Restaurant in the Saratoga Room, 1753 E. University Ave. next to Snap Fitness. The cost for the luncheon is \$10 for YPs and \$12 for

guests. YPs are 21-44 years of age and make a contribution of \$125 per year, of which 75 percent of the donation goes into a permanent endowment fund and 25 percent goes into a grant-making fund for a deserving charity or cause. The YPs are currently accepting new members.

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 at 521-4794. To donate, mail your check to CFSNM, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001.



New Mexico Border Authority 101

The U.S.-Mexico border is more than you think

By **Adán Delval**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

When you think about the border, the first thing that comes to mind is violence and drug trafficking. But there are a lot of productive projects happening at the border that you probably do not know about.

There are three ports of entry along the U.S.-Mexico border, including Antelope Wells-Berrendo, Columbus-Palomas and Santa Teresa-Jeronimo.

The New Mexico Border Authority (NMBA) is a department that oversees these borders, developing new infrastructure, trade and job opportunities, job training capabilities and other activities that contribute to development of a productive economy along the New Mexico border.

Of the three ports of entry, Santa Teresa is the biggest. It is also the port that sees the most imports and exports come through on daily basis. Trucks loaded with Dell computers cross into Santa Teresa daily. This maquiladora exports anywhere between 30,000 and 40,000 computers every day.

Over the past few years, NMBA staff members have seen the import

and export industry increase. In 2005, the imports and exports were below \$2 million per year. In 2010, the NMBA reported annual exports rose to approximately \$5 million. Imports in 2010 rose to approximately \$8.5 million.

Some of the leading imports at the Santa Teresa port of entry include:

- Consumer electronics, computers and related products
- Livestock
- Wind turbine blades
- Passenger vehicle fueling systems
- Wiring and lighting devices
- Cement and related products
- Chewing gum and confections

Leading exports into Mexico include:

- Consumer electronics and computer components
- Used vehicles and motorized equipment
- Vehicle fuel system components
- Wiring and lighting devices components
- Pinto and black beans
- Corn syrup
- NMBA International Logistics

Manager Marco Herrera said the NMBA and the State of New Mexico are supporting the following projects at the Santa Teresa port of entry:

- Union Pacific railroad refueling/intermodal facility and access road – \$12 million
- Port of entry parking lot and

export lane (completed 2010) – \$1.5 million

- Port of entry extension of commercial and passenger vehicle hours
- Port of entry expansion construction – \$10 million
- Hazardous material/emergency response facility final design – \$1.2 million
- Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspection Facility final design – \$15 million
- Binational rail bypass project and permitting for a new border crossing – \$1.8 million
- Doña Ana County Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) utilities improvement – \$4.5 million

All these projects are important for the development of new jobs, the expansion of the border and to increase border imports and exports.

Next time you are at the border, try to think not so much about what the news says about border violence. Instead, think about the many projects the NMBA and New Mexico are working on diligently to develop new jobs for the families of New Mexico.

Adán Delval is a senior at New Mexico State University double majoring in government and Spanish with an emphasis in U.S.-Mexico border politics. He is employed by the New Mexico Border Authority and has worked with the New Mexico Legislative Council and Legislative Education Study Committee.

Briefs

December MVEDA luncheon

The December MVEDA Business on the Border Forum will feature Sean Jodoin, Virgin Galactic supply chain manager, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The meeting will begin with a hot entrée buffet followed by a brief update by MVEDA staff. Luncheon cost is \$20 per person, payable by cash, check or major credit card. Confirm your attendance no later than Friday, Dec. 2, by sending an email to rsvp@mveda.com or calling 525-2852. The meeting is open to the public.

Small Business Workshp

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce will hold the final Small Business Workshop of 2011 from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. The event will be a hands-on workshop that will focus on hiring and interviewing practices, corrective action and firing and worker’s compensation.

The workshop will start with an interactive class from Elke Wunderlich of TopView Leadership, who will lead attendees through exercises to train interviewing and hiring techniques that will lead to getting the best employees for your business.

Christi Perry of New Mexico Mutual will teach business owners the ins and outs of Worker’s Compensation claims.

Meg Haines of Doña Ana Community College Customized Training Program will teach the proper way to take corrective action with employees and the steps to take if those actions fail.

Tickets to the Small Business Workshop are \$15 for members and non-members. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the chamber office at 524-1968 or relo@lasruces.org.

Workforce summit

New Mexico State University and Doña Ana Community College will host a workforce summit from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. The event is \$50 and includes lunch as well as continued education and customized training.

The Workforce Summit is an opportunity to bring economic development, education and businesses and industries together to share information about concerns and innovation in the workforce.

The keynote lunch speaker is Celina Bussey, cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. Also speaking at the Summit is Jose Garcia, cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Department of Higher Education, and many others.

“We hope attendees will gain an enhanced understanding of what is happening at the state level in workforce development and higher education as well as learn about resources that are available to employers,” said Meg Haines, customized training and Workforce Development director.

For more information or to register, call 527-7776 or email ctp@nmsu.edu.

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20116408	Desert Hills Roofing	Johnny L. and Bobbie Jean Laird	Reroof	4051 Lilac Drive	\$8,443	\$78
20116407	Desert Hills Roofing	James G. and Una Vee White	Reroof	649 Cielo Vista Court	\$7,905	\$74
20116482	Chief Cornerstone Builders LLC	Lopez II and Socorro G. Anselmo	Reroof	5008 Redland Drive	\$4,900	\$57
20116488	Genesis Builders Inc.	Carmen P. and Robert Lucero	New/Comm	650 S. Valley Drive	\$1,068,000	\$3,215
20116510	D.P.D. Construction Inc.	Randy and Cindy Farmer LLC	New/Comm	2340 Westgate Court	\$225,000	\$813

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



Doña Ana County Building Permit Report Nov. 18-28

Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico

Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
37022	Jarrett Smith	Stephen and Sally Thomas	Res/New	10310 Hardrock Road	\$1,353

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Farmers face deadline to 'prove up' rights

Groundwater pumping rights could surpass 4.5 acre-feet for some

A recent court settlement between the State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (OSE) and agricultural groups regarding the amount of water farmers can use to irrigate crops requires farmers to "prove up" groundwater rights to the OSE if they intend to use more than 4.5 acre-feet.

The settlement is part of the ongoing adjudication of water rights in the lower Rio Grande Valley and it set the upper limit for the amount of water a farmer may deliver to his field for use in growing crops. That limit is called the "farm delivery requirement" or FDR. Farmers who are comfortable with the 4.5 acre-foot FDR do not need to do anything to get the benefit of the settlement. Farmers who are not comfort-

able with 4.5 and intend to prove higher use may do so, but they may only prove up to 5.5 acre-feet.

“ Farmers ... intending to prove a higher FDR are required to file a notice of intent with the OSE ... by Dec. 31. ”

with the OSE in Las Cruces by Dec. 31 or before. The OSE has the notice of intent forms

The Elephant Butte Irrigation District urges farmers on its system to gather evidence of past pumping activity and EBID surface water deliveries in order to prove the amount of water they have historically used. Using that evidence, if they have ever used a combined surface and groundwater quantity of water greater than 4.5 acre-feet, they have the ability to prove a higher FDR.

Farmers in the Hatch, Rincon and Mesilla valleys intending to prove a higher FDR are required to file a notice of intent

in the local office.

Proof of prior beneficial use can be obtained through a number of historic records including but not limited to: statements by current and previous well owners, well meter records, Agriculture and Stabilization Conservation Service (ASCS) records, site specific studies and EBID records.

In order to prove a higher FDR, a farmer must have a groundwater right associated with his or her farm. If a groundwater right is not currently associated with the farm, but it has historically been watered with groundwater, the farmer may provide affidavits of evidence regarding past water amounts pumped onto

crops, the location of the well that provided the water and other pertinent information to the OSE in order to get a groundwater right associated with their farmland.

EBID attorney Samantha Barncastle said farmers must meet the Dec. 31 deadline or they will not be allowed to prove a higher quantity of use above the 4.5 acre feet. Any farmer who files his notice of intent must also meet the June 30, 2012, deadline for submission of evidence to OSE to support the claim that they have historically used more than 4.5 acre-feet of water.

Use of supplemental groundwater wells has been a successful strategy to supplement surface water for irrigation for almost 100 years in the irrigation district.

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In Good Company: *The Massage Club*

Starting off strong in the Mesilla Valley

Massage Club owner passes her experience to staff

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Susan McGonnell, owner of The Massage Club, started practicing massage more than 17 years ago.

While living in Florida with her husband Jim, McGonnell started her career with an orthopedic spine surgeon. From there, McGonnell started working for a five-star resort, treating professional athletes, such as NFL players, and college athletes.

"I have worked with so many clients from athletes with injuries to run-of-the-water conditions," she said. "I understand injuries and can help create a safe environment for my clients."

"Our bodies are like a tape recorder; old injuries build up as we age."

In 2009, Jim McGonnell was transferred



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Samantha Roberts
The Massage Club owner Susan McGonnell trains her staff to value hard work and customer service.

to New Mexico, moving the couple to Las Cruces.

McGonnell continued her massage career at a local salon-spa before venturing on her own in October 2010, starting The Massage Club.

"My husband and I were in Cloudcroft for the Fourth of July and jokingly talked about opening a massage business," McGonnell said.

The couple started renovating their building at 115 S. Roadrunner Parkway in August and opened its doors in October.

The Massage Club specializes in a variety of services, including signature massages at various pressures, full-body massages, sports massages, pregnancy massages and reflexology.

"Our sports massages work with injuries and are more vigorous. During the massage, we work with pressure points and stretching," McGonnell said. "Our reflexology massage pays attention to just the hands and feet."

The club also has LaSton massages, a practice McGonnell has been performing for more than 10 years.

"This massage really touches the mind, body and soul because the clients are submerged into the massage," she said. "I have reached the level of master stone practice."

Though many people call a massage a luxury, McGonnell said it is much more than that.

"Some people are in chronic pain, and massages help leg or back injuries, circulation, heart disease, diabetes, lower blood pressure and calm the nervous system," McGonnell said.

After performing a massage, McGonnell said she feels like a better person.

"I really do feel like I have helped," McGonnell said. "My husband says if there is anyone that was born to be a massage therapist, it is me. Opening the club has allowed me to still perform massages without carrying the daily load. I can now be a mentor and build stronger therapists. I want therapists to walk in every day with the utmost confidence and knowledge."

Since the club opened, McGonnell said she feels like she is able to bring something special to Las Cruces.

"I feel we have a niche business," she said. "People want to be healthier and enhance their lifestyle at an affordable rate and at a high quality."

McGonnell said her business values quality massages as well as quality customer service.

"My parents taught me about working hard and giving," she said. "I have applied those values to my business. I am choosy with my staff because that is where quality starts."

"It is pretty cool to watch a group of strangers become a family. That close environment creates great training moments."

To continue that level of quality, McGonnell said she extends her training and experience to staff members.

Since moving to Las Cruces, McGonnell said she has fallen in love with the city.

"I absolutely love Las Cruces and the people here," she said. "I was so welcomed by the community and have looked for ways to give back wherever I can. I hope The Massage Club gives back in that way."

McGonnell is involved in the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces, New Mexico State University Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign and Junior League of Las Cruces.

"These are all great organizations," she said.

Q&A

Talking business with owner Susan McGonnell

What inspired you to go into business?

My husband and I had looked into purchasing a chain, but after researching it we decided we wanted to create something unique and our own. I have been a therapist for more than 16 years. I have worked in day spas, a doctor's office and a five-star resort. We wanted to bring the best parts of all those experiences into one place.

What is unique about your business?

We offer a membership that is not like most memberships. A single individual can become a member for a one-time payment. That individual will not be billed a monthly membership or a yearly renewal fee. The membership does not restrict or require how often you can use the facility. And ensures they get membership prices that will save them more than 30 percent per visit. If there is a spouse or minor member of the household, they can join under the same agreement for half of the primary member's fee.

Who are your customers?

The clients at The Massage Club vary in age and profession. We have the privilege of caring for students to business owners, athletes that range in age from preteen to the older population as well as pregnant woman and those who have medical needs.

What best prepared you for entrepreneurship?

I was a massage therapist at a five-star resort in Ponte Vedre, Fla. It was an excellent experience that I feel best prepared me for bringing a little pampering to Las Cruces without the spa price tag.

How are you marketing the store?

Through word-of-mouth and primarily in the Las Cruces Bulletin. We also have

Details

The Massage Club

Address

115 S. Roadrunner Parkway

Phone

522-7073

Hours

9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Monday through Friday

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

"The Junior League works to build stronger women, and the Pink campaign helps to give people a fighting chance. I stand behind everything I do and try to be very transparent."

Currently, the club employs six therapists and three receptionists. In the future, McGonnell said she would like to see the business expand.

"I tell my staff to 'Work smarter not harder' and 'First and foremost, do no harm,'" she said. "We always give the best customer service."

The Massage Club is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 522-7073.

banners that advertise our specials, some radio ads and again being very active in the community.

What is your business philosophy?

Keep it simple. Offer quality customer service and treatments at an affordable price.

How do you keep your competitive edge?

Education, training and passion for what I do as well as being active in the community.

What do you look for in an employee?

We look for experienced therapist who shows confidence, ambition and attention to detail.

What is the best business decision you've made so far?

Choosing Las Cruces as the place to embrace my vision. The community has been supportive and welcoming.

What advice would you give to others starting a business?

Start small and grow into the business. Provide quality service and be prepared to put a lot of time into building the business.

What is your opinion of the Las Cruces business climate?

Business is stronger here than in most areas at this time. The community really is supportive of local businesses.

What obstacles do you face or have you overcome?

Mostly letting the community know that we are open on Mondays.

What are your business goals?


Continue to grow and mentor therapists. We have created an atmosphere that empowers each therapist to provide the best quality service that they are capable of.

Where do you see the business in five years?


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2006	1,985	\$216,167	\$186,590
2007	1,660	\$223,959	\$185,000
2008	1,167	\$221,042	\$180,700
2009	1,076	\$193,862	\$165,000
2010	975	\$192,461	\$162,770
2011	872	\$182,638	\$156,000
Change from peak	-1,113	-\$41,321	-\$30,590
Change from peak (%)	-56.1%	-18.5%	-16.6%

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors

When will it end?

Local and national home values still on the decline

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



Home prices in the U.S. are back to their first-quarter levels of 2003, according to a press release outlining Standard & Poors/Case-Shiller Home Price Index. The indices also show price declines in 17 of 20 markets covered by the survey.

This year versus last year: Locally, home values are following in the nation's footsteps. The \$182,638 average price of the new and existing homes, townhomes and condominiums sold during the first 10 months of this year fell almost \$10,000 – more than 5 percent – below the \$192,641 average price posted one year ago. The median price, where half sold for more and half sold for less, fell 4.2 percent during the same period.

This year versus 2007: Overall, the \$182,638 average price of the new and existing Las Cruces area homes sold through Oct. 31 was \$41,321 – 18.5 percent – below the \$223,959 average price posted when the market peaked in 2007. During the same period, the median price fell 16.6 percent – more than \$30,000.

Sales production: The number of closed sales is also down significantly from the 2007 peak. Almost 2,000 Las Cruces area homes were sold during the first 10 months of that year, with only 872 closings reported during the same period this year. That's a 56 percent reduction in the number of homes sold.

So is there light at the end of the tunnel? This is a tricky one. The good news is Case/Shiller reports the "plunging collapse of prices seen in 2007-09 seems to be behind us."

While that's a positive observation, the report goes on to say, "Any chance for a sustained recovery will probably need a stronger economy."

When that will happen is anybody's guess.
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 Association's Talk Show Host of the Year award. Questions or comments may be directed to Sandler at 525-2400 or by emailing gary@garysandler.com.

Ayn Rand's radical view popular with Republicans

Friedman: The social responsibility of business is the pursuit of profit



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Perhaps the single most influential work on business ethics is a 1970 article by Milton Friedman that appeared in Time Magazine.

In that article, Friedman argued the only social responsibility of business is to make a profit. After all business managers are employees

of the shareholders and as such are ethically obligated to pursue the interests of the shareholders to the best of management's ability. In nearly every case, this means pursuing profits.

For management to do other than seek profits is to subvert the private property of the shareholders to the personal use of management, a sort of theft.

Friedman has been pilloried, especially by the left, for putting forward an amoral model of business, one where business ignores its responsibility to workers, the environment and society in general to pursue one objective – profit. But Friedman's ideas are far more subtle than that.

Friedman is not arguing for unconstrained profit seeking. He is careful to

state that business must comply with the law and with societal ethical norms in doing business. That is, management is not free to maximize profit willy-nilly, but must conform to the ethics of everyday life; not because to do otherwise might result in negative consequences, but because management is ethically obligated to do so.

Businesspeople, according to Friedman, are not exempt from compliance with ethics that oblige all members of society. Businesses are not special in this sense.

What makes businesses different is they are specialized institutions established to make profit for their owners. Thus, business management is obliged to pursue profits, subject to normal ethical standards.

If a businessperson wants to pursue other social goals, they are free to create a charity and seek donations, but they should not use the resources of the shareholders.

Compare Friedman's ethics with those of Ayn Rand, the Russian-American philosopher and author of "Atlas Shrugged," who is currently popular with the American right. Rand argues individuals should pursue their own rational self-interest without regard to others. Altruism, according to Rand,

is an evil that gets in the way of true greatness. By comparison, Friedman comes across as a sniveling Milquetoast.

There are real differences when applying Friedman's and Rand's ethics to business decisions. Take, for instance, lobbying activity. Friedman would argue that lobbying by business should be constrained by ethical norms. Thus, business should not lobby for relaxation of necessary environmental laws as polluting the environment contradicts ethical norms. Of course, which laws are necessary and which are redundant is a matter of opinion, but if a law truly is necessary to protect the environment, business should welcome such regulation even though it reduces profit.

Not so for Rand. Only self-interest is important. There is no place for the softhearted concern for the environment. Indeed, whatever the business can get away with, that is OK by Rand, meaning child labor is fine as long as you don't get caught and illegal dumping of dangerous chemicals – don't get caught.

If you can get away with it, great, as you aren't constrained by bourgeois ethics.

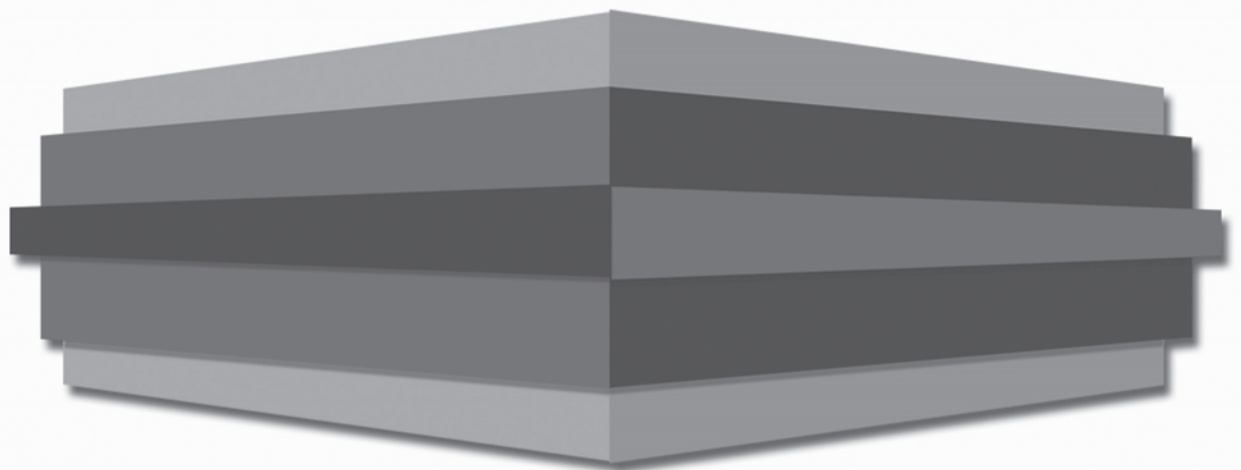
It says a lot about the radical bent of the current political environment. Friedman – champion of capitalism and economic godfather of the Reagan revolution – is the liberal.

Friedman's original article for 1970 is available at www.umich.edu/~thecore/doc/friedman.pdf.

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Spreading cheer at Business After Hours

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Conquistadore door greeters Pamela Fletcher of Comcast Spotlight, Audrey Valdez of StayBridge Suites, Karissa Doan of Pioneer Bank and Rebecca Torres of Business Products Center welcome guests to De La Vega's back room.



Bruce Drum of Fiesta Motors and Kent Evans and Paul Deason of Science Technology share a laugh during the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours Tuesday, Nov. 28, at De Le Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery.



Anna Lueras of Builders Source gives Armando Lopez of Armando Lopez Architect a hug at the event.



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Martha Stephens, an Occupy Las Cruces inhabitant and Black Friday protestor, demonstrated her rights Friday, Nov. 25, on the corner of Walton Boulevard and Lohman Avenue. Stephens and her group encouraged people to shop locally.

Friday

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“Camping out would not have been worth it,” Matt Adams said. “We bought the TV for \$999 and it was originally \$2,500. They still have more on the shelves.”

For others, Black Friday was the time to stretch their dollars.

Tyler Twisselman, president of a booster club at White Sands Missile Range, said his group takes advantage of the discounted prices and purchases gifts for end-of-the-year giveaways.

“The booster club is run by unit members, and we work to boost morale,” said Twisselman, adding that the club purchased TVs, a camera, a Kindle and gaming consoles.

“We don’t make a whole lot of money, so Black Friday is the chance for us to get as much as possible,” he said.

Showing up to Best Buy’s doors at 9:30 p.m. put his group about 200 people back.

“We didn’t get in until almost midnight,” he said. “We got a ticket for a laptop, and were happy about that. I think we left the store around 2 a.m. and got everything we needed for around \$1,100.”

“Overall, it was a success. I’ve heard Black Friday horror stories, but I didn’t see anything too crazy happen.”

Raquel Barrera, another Best Buy shopper, said her 7:45 p.m. arrival was too late and she missed out on the deal she really wanted.

“We are already planning out next year,” she said, adding that the crowd was a little more rowdy than past years.

Though some chose to indulge themselves and loved ones during America’s most profitable shopping day, others chose to publicly express their opinions, protesting big boxes and corporations.

Occupy Las Cruces inhabitants voiced their opinions on the corner of Walton Boulevard and Lohman with signs degrading Walmart.

“I believe corporations own our country,” said Ella Nelson, a Walmart protestor. “Americans are encouraged to buy junk from China

Spaceport

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Garland said construction has already commenced on the interior build-out, and the company’s goal is to occupy the space around the beginning 2012.

The office complex is the first privately funded professional office building built in New Mexico using LEED certification standards.

“Virgin Galactic is leasing approximately 2,000 square feet on the upper level,” Garland said. “They worked with a local architect to design the interior of the suite, which will be somewhat futuristic to stay with the Virgin Galactic theme, we are very excited to see the completed product.”

Virgin Galactic is an innovative company within Sir Richard Branson’s Virgin Group. Virgin Galactic is the world’s first spaceline giving individuals the groundbreaking opportunity to become one of the first ever non-professional astronauts.

Virgin Galactic will own and operate its privately built spaceships – WhiteKnight

Two and SpaceShip Two – from Spaceport America, which is located northwest of Las Cruces.

“Virgin Galactic’s commitment to this location is a positive example of Spaceport America’s promise of new growth and development in our community,” Hummer said.

“The entire team at Virgin Galactic has been excellent to work with throughout the entire process, they will be a great asset to the community,” Garland said.

Steinborn also represented the developer and owner of the Green Offices.

The offices of the state-of-the-art, first of its kind, new professional office building consists of 18,000 square feet and was built to LEED certification standards. It is expected to receive Platinum LEED Certification – the highest LEED designation – upon final completion.

For more information about available space in the Green Offices, contact Garland at jacob@steinborn.com or 202-0429.

To learn more about the Green Offices, visit www.greenofficeslc.com.

that is of poor quality.”

Nelson said her group received several honks and waves by mid-morning Friday.

“That is pretty good,” she said. “We will take what we can get.”

Martha Stephens, another protestor and Occupy Las Cruces supporter, said the Occupy group consists of all ages.

“Once Wall Street got organized, we got organized,” she said. “We have students and retirees, people who are unemployed and people who are working. Our only hope is that we can help change something because everyone has rights.”

Stephens held a sign on the corner describing those rights, including the right to a place

to live and the right to health care.

Despite the group’s effort, shopping has yet to slow down, and retailers have even extended “Cyber Monday,” a popular day to shop online sales.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Cyber Monday online sales hit record numbers – \$1.25 billion. Hitting \$1 billion has only happened once before when last year’s Black Friday hit \$1.03 billion.

With Black Friday and Cyber Monday at all-time highs, many people are asking if this trend will continue. Can retailers hold the attention of shoppers? Do people have the money to keep spending? And when does the shopping finally end?

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-2010-02949

**PNC BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**MELVIN D. FOWLER AND
VIRGINIA L. FOWLER,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

UNIT SP 155, being a portion of a PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) approved by the City of Las Cruces being described as Unit SP 155, SUNRISE MESA HOME COMMUNITY, a Condominium in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being situated on TRACT 7, SUNRISE MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE 11A, filed on October 3, 2001, in Book 19 Pages 733-734 of Plat Records, being more fully described in DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM recorded December 13, 2001, Book 306 Pages 345-405 of Official Records. Together with the undivided interest in the common area and facilities appurtenant to said unit.

ALSO KNOWN AS:

Property Description: Unit Space 155 of Sunrise Mesa Home Community, a Condominium, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being situated on Tract 7, Sunrise Mesa Subdivision, Phase 11A, filed October 3, 2001, in Book 19, Pages 733 and 734 of Plat Records, being more fully described in Declaration of Condominium recorded October 15, 2001, in Book 295, Page(s) 1679-1717 and on December 13, 2001, in Book 306 Pages 345 through 405 of Official Records. Together with the undivided interest in common area and facilities appurtenant to said unit.

The address of the real property is 155 Sunrise Mesa Ct, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street

address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 17, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$92,696.98 plus interest from July 13, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM00-00135_FC01

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

No. D-307-CV-201101242

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO BAC HOME LOANS**

**SERVICING, LP FKA
COUNTRYWIDE HOME
LOANS SERVICING, LP,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**THE ESTATE OF ORLAND
P. KNOWLES, DECEASED,
VELMA M. KNOWLES, IF
LIVING, IF DECEASED,
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS,
DEVISEES, OR LEGATEES
OF VELMA M. KNOWLES,
DECEASED AND THE
UNKNOWN SURVIVING
SPOUSE OF ORLAND
P. KNOWLES, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 2, PARKER MANOR SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 556 on 05/01/1961 in Book 8 Page(s) 73 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1115 N. Mesilla St, Las Cruces, NM 88005-2061. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on August 1, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$120,082.88 plus interest from July 11, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

**PATRICIA CHACON-SOTO,
SERGIO D. SOTO AND
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE
FOR LENDER AND
LENDER'S SUCCESSORS
AND ASSIGNS),
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 11 in Block numbered C of Country Club Estate Replat No. 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Country Club Estate Replat No. 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 10, 1964 in Plat Book 9, Folio 14.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201101789

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**PATRICIA CHACON-SOTO,
SERGIO D. SOTO AND
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE
FOR LENDER AND
LENDER'S SUCCESSORS
AND ASSIGNS),
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot numbered 11 in Block numbered C of Country Club Estate Replat No. 1, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Country Club Estate Replat No. 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on February 10, 1964 in Plat Book 9, Folio 14.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

The address of the real property is 2726 Topley Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street

address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$173,724.11 plus interest from September 7, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.375% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
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20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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

Case No.
D-0307-CV-201101651

**OCWEN LOAN SERVICING,
LLC, Plaintiff,**

v.

**ERIC F PAYAN AND
VERONICA PAYAN,**

Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN MESILLA PARK, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, IN SECTION 30, T.23S., R.2E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.R.S. SURVEYS, BEING U.S.R.S. TRACTS 11D-62 AND 11D-63 AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" IRON ROD FOUND ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF BOWMAN STREET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE TRACT HEREIN DESCRIBED; WHENCE THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF BOWMAN STREET AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF UNION AVENUE BEARS S. 31°11'03"E., 321.93 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, S.58°20'00"W., AT 231.16 FEET A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AND AT 281.04 FEET ANOTHER CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.31°32'30"W., 99.79 FEET TO A 1/2" IRON ROD SET FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.58°27'30"E., 281.00 FEET TO A CHISELED CROSS FOUND ON THE WEST LINE OF BOWMAN STREET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF BOWMAN STREET, S.31°33'43"E., 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.644 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

The address of the real property is 3300 Bowman St, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 27, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$281,328.17 plus interest from September 2, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.750% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff

may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
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Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

Case No.
D-307-CV-201101703

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**LARRY A. SCHWANKE AND
CHARLETTE A. SCHWANKE,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 23, VISTA CHICO SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 22, 2005, in

Book 21 Page(s) 278-279 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5050 Vista Chico, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on October 12, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$206,827.44 plus interest from August 30, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 2.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-201101829

**PNC MORTGAGE, A
DIVISION OF PNC BANK,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
WITH NATIONAL CITY
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
LLC, SUCCESSOR BY
MERGER TO NATIONAL
CITY MORTGAGE, INC.
F/K/A NATIONAL CITY
MORTGAGE CO., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RAY JARAMILLO AKA
REY JARAMILLO AND
MACKENZIE JARAMILLO,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 8, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 102, MI TIERRA SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on April 8, 1999, in Book 19 Pages 258-259 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 4198 Calle Americana, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on September 29, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$91,412.43 plus interest from September 23, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale,

this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. D-307-CV-2011-01848

**BBVA COMPASS BANK, a
national bank, successor-in-
interest to STATE NATIONAL
BANK, a national bank,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ELIBERTO RUIZ and
VERONICA RUIZ, husband
and wife, jointly and sever-
ally; THE DOÑA ANA
COUNTY TREASURER; THE
STATE OF NEV MEXICO
TAXATION AND REVENUE
DEPARTMENT; PROPERTY
TAX DIVISION; and JOHN
DOES AND JANE ROES I-X,
persons or entities presently
unknown, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 6747 Territorial Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012, and more particularly described as follows Lot 2, Block D, Casitas Del Norte, Phase 1, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on March 22, 2001, recorded in Book 19, Page 617-618, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico. The sale is to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011, immediately outside the front entrance to the Doña

Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces NM 88005, at which time I will sell the Property to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, to pay expenses of sale, property taxes due, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BBVA Compass Bank. BBVA Compass Bank was awarded a Default Judgment in Rem on October 24, 2011, in the principal sum of \$120,730.96, which amount includes interest to that date, Plaintiff's attorney fees and court costs, plus costs of sale and reasonable Special Master's fees, receiver fees if any, and other outstanding liens or assessments then due upon the Property.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plaintiff has the right to bid all or any portion of its Judgment at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. Should the Plaintiff herein bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, Plaintiff may use any part of its judgment granted herein and heretofore as credit against the purchase price should it be the highest bidder, and the Plaintiff or the purchaser at the Foreclosure Sale, shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property (and any improvements) more particularly described herein. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master, with additional notice only to those who appear at the date and time originally scheduled for the sale.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements described herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. BBVA Compass Bank and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, fixtures of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption provided in the Judgment. **PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.** Bidders other than Plaintiff must bid and pay all cash at the Sale. No bid will be accepted without tender of cash or cashier's check, or without irrevocable and unconditional letter of credit or other documentation demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Special Master the availability of cash to be furnished to the Special Master no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of Sale. Failure to timely furnish such cash shall void that bid.

By: Keith S. Burn, Esq.,
Special Master
1851 Copper Loop

Las Cruces, NM 88005
(575) 528-8474
LCB Pub. 11/11, 11/18, 11/25,
12/2, 2011

Pub # 11314
Dates 11/11, 11/18, 11/25,
12/2, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-2011-00362

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**PATRICK MANCHA, if liv-
ing; If deceased, THE ESTATE
OF PATRICK MANCHA,
Deceased; THE UNKNOWN
HEIRS, DEVISEES AND
LEGATEES OF PATRICK
MANCHA, Deceased;
MELISSA MANCHA aka
MELISSA L. MANCHA and, if
married, JOHN DOE A, (True
Name Unknown), her spouse,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 7, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5229 Cats Eye Road, Las Cruces, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5 in Block 26 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development, Phase VI-C Subdivision, located in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the county clerk of Doña Ana, New Mexico on December 19, 2002 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 204-206, plat records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on October 24, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$217,847.16 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from September 16, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,096.12. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture

of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Pub # 11315
Dates 11/11, 11/18, 11/25,
12/2, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-458

**BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**JESSICA R. FIERRO and
NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE
FINANCE AUTHORITY,
Defendants.**

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 5056 Kenner Way, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

**LOT NUMBERED 4 IN BLOCK
NUMBERED H OR RINCON
MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE
1, LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO,
AS THE SAME IS SHOWN
AND DESIGNATED ON THE
PLAT OF SAID RINCON
MESA SUBDIVISION, PHASE
1, FILED IN THE OFFICE
OF THE COUNTY CLERK
OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY,
NEW MEXICO ON MARCH
20, 2007 IN PLAT BOOK 22,
FOLIO 157-158.**

The sale is to begin at 11:15 a.m. on December 14, 2011, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on September 15, 2011, in the principal sum of \$135,801.41, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through June 1, 2011, in the amount of \$8,872.36, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 5.60% per annum (\$20.84 per diem), plus late charges in the amount of \$409.23, plus escrow advances in the amount of \$1,260.66, plus a fee advance in the amount of \$700.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$541.06, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.60% per annum from date

of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS
AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED
TO MAKE THEIR OWN
EXAMINATION OF TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY AND
TO CONSULT THEIR
OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING.**

/s/ John A. Darden, III
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 11322
Dates 11/11, 11/18, 11/25,
12/2, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-20100579

**BAYVIEW LOAN
SERVICING, LLC, A
DELAWARE LIMITED
LIABILITY COMPANY
AS SERVICER FOR
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RALPH D. PRIVETTE AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF RALPH D. PRIVETTE, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

THIRD NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on December 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lots 11 and 12, Block 32, PALMERS SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 157 thereof, filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on February 7, 1912, and recorded in Book 4, Page 44, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1219 W McFie, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on June 8, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$121,521.45 plus interest from June 2, 2010 to

the date of sale at the rate of 8.950% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Pamela Carmody
Special Master
Special Master
P.O. Box 16169
Las Cruces, NM 88004

NM00-00055_FC01

Pub # 11330
Dates 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9,
2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 6, 2011, Leslie L. Daviet, II, P.O. Box 579, Laveen, AZ 85339-0579, filed application numbered LRG-14085-POD 3 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to drill new well LRG-14085-POD 3 to an approximate depth of 400 feet and to be fitted with 16-inch casing, to be located approximately at planar coordinates X = 1,476,144 Y = 454,097 feet, NMSP Central Zone, NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant and supplemental to existing wells LRG-14085-POD 1 and LRG-14085-POD 2 also on land owned by the applicant and combined with surface water rights from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the continued diversion of that amount of water required for beneficial use from all sources combined for the irrigation

of 255.78 acres of land owned by the applicant and located throughout projected Section 6 and Pt. N1/2 of projected Section 7, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM.

The property in question is located immediately adjacent to and south of the intersection of Apodaca Rd and N Hwy 28.

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 affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11331
Dates 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-2477
Judge: Martin

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex
rel., CITY OF LAS CRUCES,
on behalf of the LAS CRUCES
POLICE DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner,**

vs.

**DAVID LEYVA, ANGEL
DEL RIO, AND 2006
YAMAHA, RED/GREY; VIN:
JYARKJ08E76A005814; New
Mexico License Plate No.
00185A, Respondents.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

To: Respondent David Leyva

1. The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, seeks to forfeit all interest you may have in the following described motor vehicle: 2006 Yamaha, Red; VIN: JYARKJ08E76A005814; New Mexico License Plate No. 00185A.

2. You are the named Respondent for whom this service by publication is sought.

3. A default judgment may be entered if a response is not filed by you or your attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CITY OF LAS CRUCES

By: Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
City Attorney
P.O. Box 20000
(575) 541-2128
(575) 541-2017 Fax
Attorney for Petitioner

WITNESS the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico and the seal of the District Court of

LEGAL NOTICES



Las Cruces Bulletin - your legal publication for Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, New Mexico

Doña Ana County, this 7 day of November, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
COURT EXECUTIVE
OFFICER

By: /s/ Mary E. Apodaca
Deputy

Pub # 11337
Dates 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on September 12, 2011, Tom Silva, 1110 W. Savannah Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044, filed application numbered LRG-4735-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County to drill new well LRG-4735-POD 2 to an approximate depth of 180 feet and to be fitted with 18-inch casing, to be located approximately at planar coordinates X = 1,486,157 Y = 419,922 feet, NMSP Central Zone, NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant and supplemental to existing well LRG-4735 located at planar coordinates X = 1,485,961 Y = 419,699 feet, NMSP Central Zone, NAD 83, on land owned by the applicant and combined in part with surface water rights from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the continued diversion of that amount of water required for beneficial use from all sources combined for the irrigation of 31.0 acres of land owned in part by the applicant and located within the NW1/4 of Section 9, Township 25 South, Range 2 East, NMSP.

The property in question is located at 110 W. Savannah Rd., northeast of La Mesa.

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 State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent

within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11341
Dates 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201102303

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005 MASTR ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-FRE1 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRE1, Plaintiff,

v.

ALONZO SANCHEZ, MARYLOU SANCHEZ, KARL D. METZGAR AND LUANA S. METZGAR, CESAR FRANCO AND GUADALUPE FRANCO, HARMONY GOLD MORTGAGE COMPANY, INC., BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY AND THROUGH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Cesar Franco.

GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 1901 Bellamah Dr, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: LOT 16 IN BLOCK F OF DALE BELLAMAH ADDITION AMENDED PLAT FILED NOVEMBER 30, 1951 AMENDED NOVEMBER 3, 1952, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

OF SAID COUNTY, PLAT NUMBER 396 AND 396A.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By: Elizabeth Mason
Keya Kouf
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 3rd day of November, 2011.

James Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By: Nancy Heavner
Deputy

NM00-04741_FC01

Pub # 11349
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on October 6, 2011, Pam Davis, 441 Hope Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, filed application numbered LRG-11675-POD 2 with the State Engineer for Permit Drill a Supplemental Well to Supplement Ground or Surface Water within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling new well LRG-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, NMSP at approximate Latitude/Longitude N32d26m40.46s W106d45m54.66s (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.

Pub # 11350
Dates 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 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.

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

Jacqueline Bennett,
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 849
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0849
(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 Elizano Ct.
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-520-6262

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

v.

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

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

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 Lomitas Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Las Lomitas Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña 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 Doña 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

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 3, 2011, Bickley Farms, LLC, 415 S. Vinton Rd, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-1779-POD 4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of old well LRG-1779 located on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4 of projected Section 16, T27S, R03E, NMSP and drilling proposed replacement well LRG-1779-POD 4 to an approximate depth of 320 feet to be fitted with 16-inch casing and located on property owned by the applicant at X = 1,518,346 Y = 351,318 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central, NAD83) for the continued diversion of that quantity of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District for the irrigation of 255,771 acres of land owned by the applicant and located within Pt. SE1/4 of projected Section 9, Pt. NW1/4, NE1/4, SE1/4, and NW1/4 of projected Section 16, Pt. NE1/4 of projected Section 21, Pt. SW1/2 of projected Section 15, and Pt. NW1/4 of projected Section 22, all in T27S, R03E, NMSP. Old well LRG-1779 and the proposed new well location and are located just north of 415 Vinton Rd. near Anthony. Old well LRG-1779 will be properly plugged.

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 must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11360
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

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

No. PB 2008-49
Judge Martin

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Richard Charles Hall, Personal Representative of the estate of Betty Joe Hall, deceased, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice is being mailed on the date of filing this Notice to the following persons:

Richard Charles Hall



City of Las Cruces

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

INVITATION
B/P/RQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Inter-Modal Transit Facility	11-12-415	Non-mandatory December 13, 2011 / 1:30 pm Rm. 3138, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces	December 22, 2011 / 11 am

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations:
<http://www.govbids.com/scripts/nm1/public/OpenBids/viewopentitles1.asp?agency=1757&AgencyName=City+of+Las+Cruces>

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing Department, at 700 N. Main, 3rd Floor, Room 3134.

Copies of bid documents and additional information/clarifications regarding solicitations may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Department by mail at P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004; by phone at (575)-541-2525; by fax at (575)-541-2515, by email at bidclerk@las-cruces.org; or physical address at City Hall, 700 N. Main St, Room 3134, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Pub # 11366
Dates 12/2, 2011

LEGAL NOTICES

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Las Cruces, NM 88005

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3100 McDowell
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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Las Cruces, NM 88001

2. Richard Charles Hall, has filed a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative of the Estate of Bettye Joe Hall, deceased.

3. A hearing on the Petition of Richard Charles Hall has been set for December 20, 2011, at 8:30 a.m., at the Third Judicial District Court Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico before the Honorable James T. Martin.

/s/ Richard Charles Hall
Personal Representative
3100 McDowell
Las Cruces, NM 88005

KENNETH L. BEAL P.C.
P. O. Box 725
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575-526-5511

/s/ KENNETH L. BEAL
Attorney for the Estate of
Bettye Joe Hall

Pub # 11361
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

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

NO. 2011-2723
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF Henrica Marie
Misquez

FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF
Michael Fabian Munoz, Jr.
and
Elijah David Munoz

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Henrica Marie Misquez, has filed a Petition to Change the Name of her child, from Michael Fabian Munoz, Jr. and Elijah David Munoz to Michael Fabian Misquez, Jr. and Elijah David Misquez. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 6th day of January, 2012, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Henrica M. Misquez
5705 East Mesa Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-386-2939 cell
575-521-5370 work

Pub # 11362
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the issuance of a Restaurant Beer and Wine License for on premise consumption only to Swartz Investment Group, LLC d/b/a Fox's Pizza Den, at 1340 East Lohman Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Monday, December 19, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 22nd day of November 2011.

/s/
Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 11363
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-1883

THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, fka The Bank of
New York, as Trustee for the
Certificateholders of the
CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan
Trust 2006-39CB, Mortgage
Pass-Through Certificates,
Series 2006-39CB, Plaintiff,

vs.

BONNIE JEAN RAUSCH;
and if married, JOHN DOE
A (true name unknown), her
spouse; STEVEN RAUSCH,
Trustee, or his Successors
in Trust, under The Bonnie
Rausch Trust, dated October
5, 2004; and FIRST FEDERAL
BANK, a Division of
Washington Federal Savings,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY
OF SUIT

TO: Defendant Steven Rausch,
Trustee, or his Successors in
Trust, under The Bonnie
Rausch Trust, dated October
5, 2004

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 4134 Campana Court, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 8, BLOCK A, TWILIGHT
CAMPANA ESTATES, 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
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and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly described as a YEAR MAKE/MODEL BODY TYPE, VIN VIN, SERIAL NO., License Plate Number LICENSE PLATE NO..

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 JAMES T. MARTIN, 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 18th day of November, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By Mary C. Apodaca
(SEAL)
Deputy

Pub # 11364
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given

that on May 9, 2011, Danny Graham, 2575 Redstone Street, Chaparral, NM 88021 filed application with the STATE ENGINEER under water right file 11U-341, for Permit to Appropriate Underground Waters in the Hueco Basin, Doña Ana County, from proposed well HU-341-POD1 to be drilled in the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 6, Township 26 South, Range 5 East, NMPM and more specifically described at a point where Latitude: 32d 4m 34.66sN and Longitude: 106d 28m 41.62sW meet, Applicant proposes a diversion

of up to 117.60 acre-feet per annum for the drip-irrigation of up to 40 acres in the SW1/4 NW1/4, of said Section 6 all on property owned by the applicant.

The general location of the property and proposed well are near NM Highway 213 in Chaparral, NM; northeast of the intersection of San Carlos and Atlas Roads.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writ-

ing (legible, signed and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes)

will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

Pub # 11365
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

POSTCARDS
from the PAST

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Local Features
Local People

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SPECIAL NOTICES

DEMING TOWN HALL MEETING: The Fort Sill Apache Tribe announces its first Town Hall meeting. Community members are invited to discuss the Tribe's return to their legal home-

land, future economic plans, including a casino and cultural center and learn about the Tribe's history. The Town Hall meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at the Mimbres Valley Event Center in Deming, NM. The reception starts at 4 p.m., followed by presentations at 5 p.m. and a public comment session at 6:00 p.m. For more information, call Gary Meyers at 575-544-0073.

Drop off your frayed or worn out American flags to Ray McCorkle at the VFW Post 3242, 2001 N. Mesquite for proper disposal. Post is open weekdays at 4 p.m., Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at noon.

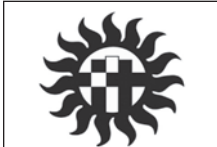
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NEXT WEEK

Local, local, local
Give the gift of boosting the local economy this season

Living christmas tree



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

The tree comes alive with the sound of music

First Baptist Church puts on dazzling display

Bulletin Staff Report

For southern New Mexicans, one of the highlights of the holiday season is First Baptist Church's Living Christmas Tree Concert. It's a family and community event they can't miss.

It's easy to see why.

Joined by the church's child, youth and adult choirs as well as a 35-piece orchestra and drama cast, a 70-voice chorus sings traditional and contemporary holiday songs from a Christmas tree. In all, a cast of about 150 children and adults participate in the annual concert.

The stage is not really a tree, but a 24-foot-high steel structure reaching to the ceiling of First Baptist's worship center and adorned with evergreen as well as red and gold lamé. For more "oohs" and "ahhs" from the crowd, technology enhances the 90-minute concert as 65,000 computer-controlled lights provide additional color. The adult choir will stand in the tree, while the additional choirs support their voices around the stage.

The concert is not an easy undertaking, and work for this year's presentation began as early as August. Minister of Music Mike Edwards is the mastermind behind the project, working closely with technical coordinator James Harrison, who helps the program come to life. Harrison listens to the music measure by measure to sync the lights with the music.

First Baptist Church has the behind-the-scenes work nearly down to an art – it has been 16 years since it started, after all. But even if you've seen it before years ago, you won't see the same program.

One item in the program that remains the same is the timeless story of the birth of Christ, which will be presented in song, drama and lights. There will be secular and traditional music, but most of the presentation is comprised of sacred hymns.

Though the concert takes months of rehearsal and planning, there will only be five performances – 1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10; 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11; 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13. Free child care will be provided for newborns to children 3 years old.

Tickets are \$5 and are currently available at several locations, including:

- First Baptist Church, 106 S. Miranda St.
- Johnson's True Value Hardware, 1002 W. Picacho Ave.
- Picture Frame Factory Outlet, 382 S. Walnut St.
- Tanned Calf, 326 S. Tornillo St.

The concert sells out quickly, and more than 3,000 southern New Mexicans were in the audience during the 2010 performance. People have even traveled from as far as Albuquerque just to see the performance.

For tickets or information, call 526-3691.



Mike Edwards, musical director, is the mastermind behind the Living Christmas Tree Concert.



Debra Buller assisted with the decoration of the 2010 tree. Hundreds of volunteers like her supplemented the efforts of those singing in the tree.

Details

Details
Living Christmas Tree Concert

When
1:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10
7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13

Where
First Baptist Church
106 S. Miranda St.

Cost
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Aaron Henry Diaz
President, Foundation for
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Las Cruces is ideally nestled in the fertile Mesilla Valley anchored by majestic mountains and serene desert landscapes.

Our area's natural beauty has inspired many to make Las Cruces their very own piece of paradise. In addition to our regions enchanting terrain, unique culture and celebrated diversity, we possess a real treasure that some cities aren't fortunate enough to have. Our foundation is dedicated to supporting and promoting our very own cultural "gem," the Las Cruces Museums system.

The Foundation for Las Cruces Museums recently elected new leadership and hosted a gala opening for the "NASA | ART: 50 Years of Exploration" exhibit at the Museum of Art. I want to thank our previous board and former president Cheryl Fallstead for their dedicated work that has made the foundation an exceptional organization. They have set the standard high, but our new board is energized to take the foundation to the next level.

We are expeditiously working to increase and streamline our online presence while introducing a new, innovative marketing strategy to attract new friends of the Las Cruces Museums, now Smithsonian affiliated. The

development of a "Museum Patrons" fundraising campaign that seeks to build relationships with local businesses and industry leaders in our community is our immediate project while synonymously preparing for the grand opening of the new downtown Museum of Nature and Science in November 2012. Our board is operating with a full roster of talented and willing members who are excited to be serving our community for the next two years.

This month's first Friday Downtown Art Ramble is in conjunction with the city's annual WinterFest where you'll be able to meet Santa and enjoy the spectacular Old Fashioned Holiday Display at the Rail Road Museum.

While you're Downtown take the opportunity to visit the "NASA | Art" exhibition at the Museum of Art as well as viewing some amazing inter-stellar photography at Branigan Cultural Center's "From Earth to the Solar System" exhibition. For young and old "kids" alike, the Museum of Natural History currently has an enjoyable "Toys: The Inside Story" exhibition as well.

I want to encourage all Las Cruces to visit our museums this holiday season for a memorable time to spend with friends and family.

If you are interested in joining the Foundation/Friends of the Las Cruces Museums or seeking more information, visit our blog, www.flcm.blogspot.com. I look forward to seeing you at the museums!

“ Our new board is energized to take the foundation to the next level. ”

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FRI. DEC 2	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup: Music, Song & Dance ages 2-5 Branigan Library	
FRI. DEC 2	11:15 A.M.
People & Stories (read & discuss a short story) Branigan Library	
FRI. DEC 2	3 P.M.
Fantastic Fridays! Stories & Crafts for ages 7-11 Branigan Library	
FRI. DEC 2	5-7 P.M.
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Opening Reception, "Kicking Nature Up a Notch" Gourd Exhibit by Karen Currier Black Box Theatre	
FRI. DEC 2	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places" Black Box Theatre	
SAT. DEC 3	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places" Black Box Theatre	
SUN. DEC 4	2:30 P.M.
"A Christmas Carol" performed by solo performer Fred Blanco Black Box Theatre	
SUN. DEC 4	7 P.M.
Guitar Concert by Barry & Melanie Jaquess Black Box Theatre	
MON. DEC 5	5:30 P.M.
Teen Knit Program Branigan Library	
MON. DEC 5	7 P.M.
New Play Readings Black Box Theatre	
MON. DEC 5	7 P.M.
Intro to Acting Workshop by solo performer Fred Blanco Black Box Theatre Rehearsal Hall	
TUE. DEC 6	10:30 A.M.
Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up Branigan Library	
TUE. DEC 6	7 P.M.
New Play Readings Black Box Theatre	
WED.+THU DEC 7+8	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3 Branigan Library	
WED. DEC 7	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants Branigan Library	
THU. DEC 8	6:30 P.M.
Intro to Yoga - grades 6-12 Branigan Library	
FRI. DEC 9	8 P.M.
"Private Fears in Public Places" Black Box Theatre	
SAT. DEC 10	11 A.M.-3 P.M.
Camino del Arte Mesquite Historic District	

ONGOING EVENTS:

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The Music Scene

Gospel Choir to hold Christmas concert

Event brings awareness to historic church

By **Minerva Baumann**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

A holiday gospel concert is one more way a group of New Mexico State University professors and local volunteers are working together to complete restoration of the 100-year-old Phillips Chapel of the CME Church.

It is the oldest African-American church in Las Cruces and on the State and National Register of Historic Places.

The NMSU Gospel Choir, under the direction of Bobbie Green, will perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, at Phillips Chapel, 638 N. Tornillo St., to raise funds for the project. The concert will include Christmas and traditional gospel renditions, and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet visitors.

NMSU history professor emeritus and Phillips Chapel trustee Clarence Fielder will introduce the choir and give an update on the restoration efforts. The concert is free and open to the public; however, donations to help the chapel will be accepted.

"The music and excitement created by the choir will rock the little adobe chapel," NMSU anthropology professor Beth O'Leary said.

"We hope our community will come out for the concert and help us with a very worthy project."

The director of Black Programs at NMSU established the university's Gospel Choir in 1975. Since then, hundreds of students from diverse backgrounds have thrilled audiences with their powerful delivery of gospel music. The choir has performed at local churches and events throughout the Southwest. They have sung backup for two national recording artists and recorded a movie trailer. In January, the choir was invited to perform in Santa Fe for Gov. Susanna Martinez at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast.

“The music... will rock the little adobe chapel.”

BETH O'LEARY,
NMSU professor

Two years ago, O'Leary and Fielder joined with Doña Ana Community College building construction technology professor Ronald Taylor, Pat Taylor, David Chavez and Dominic Fuimara to develop a method to prevent ongoing problems with the building's adobe walls and the faulty drainage system, as well as address the structure's other damage using preservation standards. For the last three semesters, DACC students helped begin the restoration process.

"Phillips Chapel is past the halfway mark," Fielder said. "The Las Cruces community



The NMSU Gospel Choir prepares to rock the roof right off of CME's Phillips Chapel on Friday, Dec. 9

and volunteers have been generous with their money and time, but we are in desperate need of funding to finish the project."

KRWG's "Images" radio programs 90.7 FM on Saturday, Dec. 3, will feature Fielder talking about the Las Cruces African-American community and the ongoing restoration.

For more information on Phillips Chapel, visit www.newmexicohistory.org.

Those interested in helping with the Phillips Chapel restoration project may contact Fielder at 524-7210 or maryehol@nmsu.edu or O'Leary at 646-2560 or boleary@nmsu.edu.

Donations can be made at the concert or mailed to Phillips Chapel Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 245 Las Cruces, NM 88004.

Top 10 singles Tuesday, Nov. 29

- 1 It Will Rain**
Bruno Mars
- 2 Sexy and I Know It**
LMFAO
- 3 We Found Love**
Rihanna featuring Calvin Harris
- 4 Good Feeling**
Flo Rida
- 5 The One That Got Away**
Katy Perry
- 6 Someone Like You**
Adele
- 7 Moves Like Jagger**
Maroon 5
- 8 5 O'Clock**
T-Pain featuring Wiz Khalifa and Lily Allen
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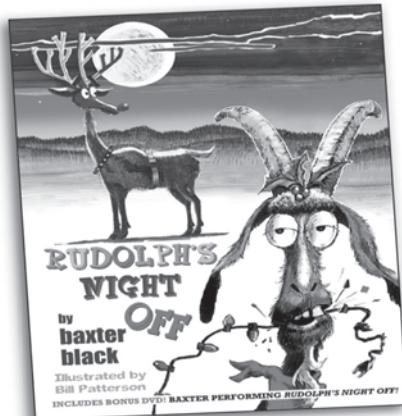
Top 5 albums

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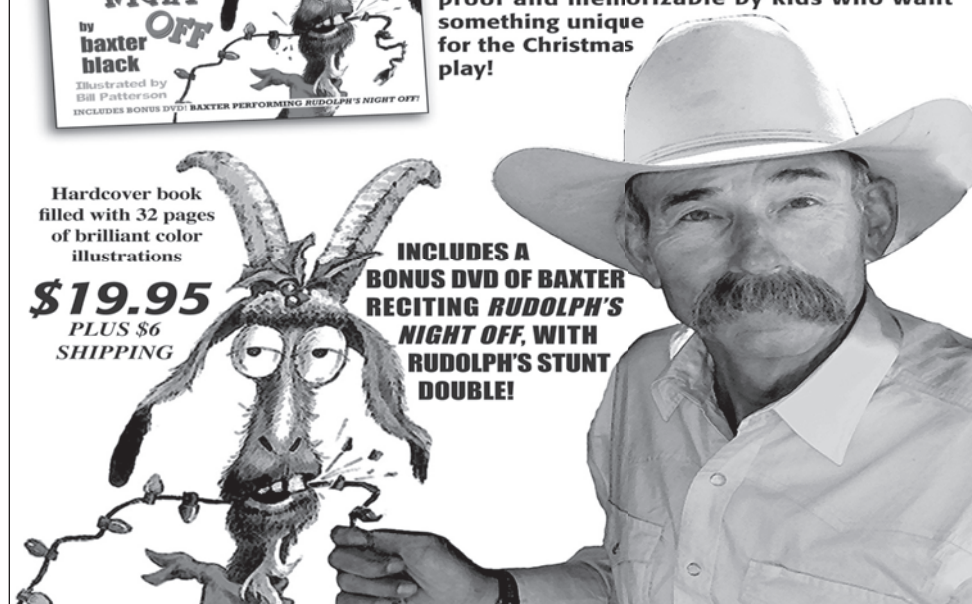
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Call to Artists

SENIOR ART SHOW

The selection process for the seventh annual "Creativity is Ageless" art show hosted by the City of Las Cruces Senior Programs will take place Saturday, Dec. 3, at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Twelve senior amateur artists will be selected to display their artwork for one month at the new Las Cruces City Hall.

Registration forms are available at Munson Senior Center, Eastside Community Center, Benavidez Recreation Center and Mesilla Park Recreation Center. Registration will last until the morning of the art show. The art show will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call Munson Senior Center at 528-3000.

ASTC AUDITIONS

The American Southwest Theatre Company (ASTC) at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts announces auditions for its spring 2012 productions. Needed are men ages 18 to 25 and women ages 18 to 30. Auditions will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus, with callbacks scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012. Those interested may sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby starting Dec. 1.

All actors are asked to prepare one contemporary monologue running no longer than 60 seconds. Female actors are asked to also prepare 16 bars of an uptempo Broadway or 1960s pop song to be sung a cappella.

For more information, call Production Coordinator Mike Wise at 646-5418.

PROJECT IN MOTION AUDITIONS

Project In Motion announces its auditions for 2011 apprentices. The troupe is looking for one male aerialist and one female aerialist. Apprentices train with the company for approximately one season before becoming full

company members. They learn aerial fabric, corde lisse (rope) and single-point trapeze along with other apparatus and various roles. Apprentices receive pay for performances when available and receive payment as company members if they are accepted into the company. All levels of apprentices may audition. The audition will consist of a relatively easy warm-up class and climbing on various apparatus.

If accepted into the apprentice program, applicants sign an apprentice agreement and train three times a week with the company. A fun creative environment and several performances a year with travel are to be expected of company members.

To register for an audition slot, call 208-4413.

ROKOKO ART GALLERY

Rokoko Art Gallery seeks artworks for a group show called "Mixed Nutz," a show for nuts, by nuts, all about nuts and general nuttiness. All media are accepted -- 36-by-72-inch maximum dimensions. There's a \$15 entry for adults and \$5 for 17 and under. Drop off entries to Rokoko Art Gallery from Dec. 30, 2011-Jan. 8, 2012. The reception will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Jan. 13, 2012.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers have openings for male and female singers for their 2012 summer concert series. The 2012 summer show is titled "Jukebox Saturday Night". Many songs include great male and female solo opportunities. Auditions will continue into January 2012. Audition times are from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. The New Desert Harmony Singers are well known for only performing popular music and doing high-energy shows with the NMSU contemporary dance theater.

For additional information, call Dave Kinkaid at 650-4417.

Galleries & Openings

OPENING

LAS CRUCES CITY HALL will display the work of 12 senior amateur artists for the seventh annual "Creativity is Ageless" art show opening with a reception from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. The exhibit will be displayed throughout December.

City Hall is located at 700 N. Main St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 528-3000.

THE THEATRE GALLERY opens "Kicking Nature Up a Notch," a gourd exhibit by Karen Currier with a wine-and-cheese reception in conjunction with the Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. The exhibit will run through Feb. 15, 2012.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The gallery will be open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Don Jose Castro: A Final Farewell" through the photography of Robert Kaiser. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, during the Downtown Art Ramble and concludes Saturday, Dec. 31.

In the exhibition, Kaiser celebrates the life of Castro through photographs of his funeral. Castro was a legend in the world of rodeo riding in Mexico. He was dedicated to the art of the Charrería and the rodeo in the United States as he believed that cultures and traditions needed to be shared to bring people together. Castro died Sept. 5, 2009.

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.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY shows the work of Harvey Daiho Hilbert. The exhibit opens Thursday, Dec. 8, and will run through Jan. 7, 2012. A reception will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

MVS STUDIOS will be featuring pottery by Russell Mott. The show opens with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, during the Downtown Art Ramble. The

gallery also will show work by Kathryn Holmes, Guenevere McMahon, Sherry Doil-Carter and Michael Ponce, as well as jewelry by Ginny Wolf and Laverne Stinnett.

MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3636.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY presents Randy Granger during the December Downtown Art Ramble from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2. Granger will be performing holiday songs on various instruments. Sally Quillin, Dedri Quillin and Aline Fister will have holiday cards, stocking stuffers and gifts of art.

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

TOMBAUGH GALLERY of the Unitarian Universalist Church hosts its second annual juried craft exhibit to be held in December in time for the holidays. The exhibit will run from Dec. 4-30. This juried show includes contemporary craft work of a high standard of workmanship.

The juror for the exhibit was Suzanne Kane, award-winning ceramicist, New Mexico State University instructor and Archie Bray Fellow. Kane will give a talk on contemporary crafts at the opening reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Ribbons will also be awarded at the opening and light refreshments will be offered.

The Tombaugh Gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM hosts "It's All Symbolic: The State Symbols of New Mexico." The exhibit reviews the icons, images and emblems that help make New Mexico stand out from all the others. While there are numerous unofficial symbols within New Mexico, these are the 40 symbols officially adopted by the Legislature. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's North Corridor for about seven or eight months.

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Cost \$2-\$5. Call 522-4100.

LA IGUANA hosts artists from Truth or Consequences in an art show that opens Friday, Dec. 2, with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. in conjunction with the Downtown Art Ramble. The exhibit is part of a regional show where artists from Las Cruces travel to T or C to display their work beginning Jan. 14, 2012, at the Grapes Gallery, and T or C artists display their work in Las Cruces. T or C artists exhibiting in Las Cruces include W.B. Brown, Andrew Martinez, Ed Moss, Tom Hamil, Susan Christie, Nolan Winkler, James Gasowski, Jeff Barbour, Timothy Smith, Stacey Jo, Olin West and Judd Bradley.

La Iguana is located at 139 N. Main St. Call 523-8550.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES display the diverse personal work of photographer/filmmaker Steven Kaepler in the El Paso Electric Gallery through December. The exhibit will open with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in conjunction with WinterFest and the Downtown Art Ramble.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 523-6403.

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY features local artists Roberta Leavelle Widner and Phil Yost. Widner will display her subject matters from abroad, mainly France and Italy, where she studied extensively. Yost, a retired Mayfield High School teacher, is a signature artist of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. There will be a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

The gallery is located at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 522-2933.

UNSETTLED GALLERY celebrates the holidays with "The Border Artists & Friends Go Ornamental," opening with receptions from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3.

The gallery is located at 905 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Call 635-2285.

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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.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY hosts an exhibit to coincide with National Alzheimer's Month in November. The Las Cruces Art Association is presenting "Memories Not Forgotten" through Friday, Dec. 2. Member artists of the Las Cruces Art Association are painting memories of loved ones who are gone or are elderly. They honor them for the many wonderful memories each one has shared with the artist. There will also be a display of memory boxes made by the children of the University Hills Elementary School to honor their grandparents who suffered with Alzheimer's disease.

The gallery is located at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

ONGOING

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY displays "Glitteropolis!" 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, 2012. 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.

PRESTON CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER hosts its November 2011 exhibition featuring artists Glynis Chaffin-Tinglof, Singe Stuart, Al Weber and Bruce McClain. The center also displays its Fall Exhibition through Saturday, Dec. 17. The center is located at 1755 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 523-8713.

ADOBE PATIO GALLERY will feature 18 area artists for its "Fall Exhibition." Artists featured for the exhibition work in a variety of media and styles, and were chosen for the show based on the popularity of their images. Gallery director and artist Carolyn Bunch, hand-picked the show, which will run through Dec. 31. The gallery is located at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 532-9310.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART displays "NASA | ART: 50 Years of Exploration" through Jan. 21, 2012. As NASA turned 50, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) launched a national tour of "NASA | ART 50 Years of Exploration," featuring 74 works from artists over five decades. The museum is located at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Call 541-2137.

LAS CRUCES PUBLIC SCHOOLS features artwork from students attending Lynn, Mesa, Sierra, Vista, White Sands and Zia middle schools in the annual LCPS Middle School Art Exhibit, which continues through Feb. 3, 2012, in the lobby gallery of the LCPS Administration Building.

The administration building is located at 505 S. Main St., Suite 249, in the Loretto Towne Centre. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 640-3463.

NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM displays its New Mexico Centennial exhibit, featuring the state's largest collection of statehood memorabilia of past events, including the 40th, 50th, 60th and 75th celebrations. The exhibit will be on display in the museum's Legacy and Traditions galleries through Sept. 16, 2012.

Also on display is "Art of the Plains: The 27th American Plains Artists Annual Juried Exhibit and Sale."

The museum is located at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Cost \$2-\$5. Call 522-4100.

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY displays the photographic exhibit, "The Mechanic Arts," through Feb. 15, 2012, in the Milton Gallery on the fourth floor of NMSU's Branson Library. The exhibit, organized by University Archivist Martha Shipman Andrews, commemorates the 2012 sesquicentennial of the passage of the first Morrill Act, creating the land-grant institutions of higher education.

The Branson Library is located on the International Mall on the NMSU campus. Hours vary by semester. Call 646-5028.



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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.

10 a.m. Holiday story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

2 to 3 p.m. Night photography workshop, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Paul Schranz, director of Preston Contemporary Art Center and Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops, will lead the workshop in conjunction with museum's NASA exhibit. Pre-registration required. Free. Call 541-2137.

4 to 7 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar preview, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Shoppers get a first look at fine art and crafts. Proceeds benefit La Casa Inc. Cost \$5. Call 526-2819.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Lighting of the Christmas tree, Albert Johnson Park, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Free. Call 541-2000.

5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Art Ramble, along Downtown Main Street. Area galleries host receptions and open new exhibits. Free.

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 to 10 p.m. Coffeehouse and Open Mic Night, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Enjoy talents of musicians, poets comedians, drag queens and other performers. Free. Call 635-4902.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and Open Mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Howling Coyote Jam Session begins at 6 p.m. Artists participating in open mic are asked to bring holiday material. Free. Call 525-9333.

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

8 a.m. to noon, Garage sale, 2292 Divot St. Sale benefits Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. Free admission. Call 382-0018.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pet adoptions, Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Available are dogs, puppies,

cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Shoppers get a first look at fine art and crafts. Proceeds benefit La Casa Inc. Cost \$5. Call 526-2819.

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.

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deck the Halls: Carols & Crafts Workshop, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Children will decorate a cowboy stocking, learn holiday songs and bake stained-glass cookies. Cost \$5. Call 522-4100.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pet adoptions, Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive. Available are dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Cost \$50-\$75. Call 382-0018.

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.

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7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sky Safari photography workshop, Leasburg Dam State Park, north of Las Cruces. Photograph the night sky with the New Mexico State University astronomy department. Cost \$5 per car. Call 541-2217.

SUN. 12/4

8 a.m. to noon, Garage sale, 2292 Divot Ave. Benefits the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley. Free admission. Call 382-0018.

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

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. La Casa Holiday Bazaar, Las Cruces Convention Center, 680 E. University Ave. Shoppers get a first look at fine art and crafts. Proceeds benefit La Casa Inc. Cost \$5. Call 526-2819.

Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market, inside Mesilla Valley Mall near movie theater entrance, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Park behind building on Gregg Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

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.

3 p.m. "Here We Come A'Caroling" concert, Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Presented by Celestial Sounds women's choir. Free. Call 524-0930.

3 p.m. Classics Three concert, Atkinson Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. A concert of the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra. Call 646-3709.

7 to 8:30 p.m. Barry and Melanie Jacquess guitar concert, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Featuring music from North and South America spanning from the 1800s to the present. Cost \$7-\$10. Call 523-1233.

MON. 12/5

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

5 to 7 p.m. Wisconsin Club Meet and Greet, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Free. Call 312-2088.

6 to 7:30 p.m. Great Conversation, Mountain

View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Free. Call 523-0436.

7 p.m. Acting workshop, Black Box Theatre Rehearsal Space, 717-A N. Mesquite St. Fred Blanco will present the workshop. Cost \$5. Call 523-1223.

7 p.m. Play readings, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Graduate students in the New Mexico State University graduate creative writing programs will read their new plays. Free admission. Call 523-1223.

TUE. 12/6

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning bellydance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 7 p.m. Creating a Chemical-Free Home Environment, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Workshop presented by Wendy Robin Weir. Free. Call 650-7543.

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "Starry Night," Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. A night for singles to mingle, featuring a tour of the NASA exhibition, music and refreshments. Free. Call 541-2137.

7 p.m. Play readings, Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Graduate students in the New Mexico State University graduate creative writing programs will read their new plays. Free admission. Call 523-1223.

7 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Learn, practice and dance Argentine tango. Cost \$5-\$10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 12/7

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email fcmarket@las-cruces.org.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

7 p.m. Film Las Cruces, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. A monthly film forum where local film trailers are screened, along with student short films and Q&A sessions. Free. Call 523-6403.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Led by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 12/8

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

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Get to 'Higher Ground' 'Religious' film doesn't push faith on you

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

"Higher Ground" was really, really difficult for me to watch. Not because it is bad, boring or poorly done; to the contrary, it was because it was interesting and effective in several ways.

Director and star Vera Farmiga does a very good job of sharing with us the growing doubts of a woman (Corinne) who is indoctrinated into religion, but has to deal with her own growing doubts.

The story starts with Corinne as a young girl, sitting in a Bible class with a rather, at least to me, creepy instructor. He admonishes the children to accept what he believes is true - that God is the source of everything. He asks them to raise their hands if they have accepted this. Several children do so, including Corinne, and this of course becomes a turning point in her life.



Joshua Leonard and Vera Farmiga star in "Higher Ground," now playing at the Fountain Theatre. Farmiga also directed the film.

Corinne reads a lot, and she is bright and aware. Not one to fully follow the crowd, she does have a knack for questioning all things, but not in an invasive or destructive way. She is somewhat passive in her beliefs, although the breakup of her parents' marriage does seem to take a toll.

As a young adult, Corinne meets a young man who is the lead singer in a rock 'n' roll band. Farmiga, as director, wisely and surreptitiously steers clear of many of the clichés that could have easily drowned this film with bad experiences. Instead, they later marry, while Corinne is about 29 weeks pregnant. With husband Ethan's band experiencing some measure of success, Corinne and her new daughter are soon on the road with the band.

A vehicle accident causes the young couple to reconsider all things in their lives; as it is Ethan who feels that what has happened is a miracle.

It is from this point they both turn their lives over to their spiritual identities, mixing only with people of similar ilk, making sure their entire lives are scripture-based, with the scripture open to each individual's interpretation, with those interpretations always questioned or "corrected."

Corinne hosts her doubts privately, especially when she hears her best friend, Annika, a slightly less-inhibited fellow Christian, speaking in tongues. This seems to become a goal for Corinne to achieve herself, but instead it may be the turning point where her doubts really kick in.

Another incident involving Annika clearly sets Corinne's insight awash in thought, as do further incidents with friends whose beliefs are stricter and somewhat frightening.

The part of this film that was most difficult for me was to watch the characters going



about their daily routine, all of it scripture-based. There were constant reminders - the good book says this, the good book says that, and it was intense and saddening.

There is some wonderful comic relief provided at times by Corinne's alcoholic father and also during a men's group meeting where the Christian husbands are all surprised and ashamed to find out they don't have a clue as to how to satisfy their wives in the sack. They listen briefly to a "self-help" cassette tape done by a droll and "knowledge" fellow Christian who "advises" them. The looks on their faces as they listen are invaluable.

"Higher Ground" moves stealthily along, and is careful not to insult anyone or their beliefs, real or imagined. Blessed with a good story, based on "This Dark World," a memoir by Carolyn Briggs, and the aforementioned performances by the cast, Farmiga's sensitive directorial debut is well done and may give some of us pause for thought.

Jeff Berg is heading for higher ground as you read this; email him at jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. His reviews reflect his own opinion and not that of the society.

A sweet, dark side? Film uncovers corruption of the chocolate industry

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, is "The Dark Side of Chocolate" (2010, 45 minutes, not rated).

Chocolate is a pleasurable, processed food product. Consuming it makes all of us feel good in times of anxiety, stress and pain. Its best processes prepare chocolate to deliver all the delightful and delicate ranges of refinement as well as flavor as fine wine.

Most of us associate chocolate along with joy and happiness, but all doesn't taste sweet inside the cocoa industry.

"The Dark Side of Chocolate" is an alarming exposé of the less-known exploitation and corruption discovered at the center of the multimillion-dollar chocolate industry. In this short documentary, a team of journalists investigates how human trafficking and child labor in the Ivory Coast fuel the worldwide chocolate industry. The crew interviews proponents and opponents of these alleged practices and uses hidden camera techniques to delve into the gritty world of cocoa plantations.

Enjoy free samples of Fair Trade chocolate, compliments of Mountain View Market at the screening. New Mexico State University professor Julie Rice will also briefly discuss the Fair Trade marketing concept.

"The Dark Side of Chocolate" will be followed by two short films.

"Lobster" is a comedy about a young couple that ponders the sentence of their dinner. With their guests just minutes away, Bo and Raquel turn to an unusual friend to determine the fate of their captive crustacean. "Lobster" is three minutes of deadpan hilarity from New Mexico filmmaker Jocelyn Janson.

In "Low Ride," Las Cruces filmmaker Mark Steffen provides a tongue-in-cheek look at four "homies" cruising the hood in a gorgeous low rider and their encounters along the way. Their journey culminates in a surprise ending, all to a thunderous soundtrack. Steffen's seven-minute film recently won an Honorable Mention at the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival.

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 theater!

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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A long art walk on the Fall Studio Tour

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Penny Thomas Simpson and her husband Philip sit under one of her acrylics she displayed with her watercolors at the Fall Studio Tour Sunday, Nov. 27. The event, held Nov. 26-27, opened galleries and studios along the Picacho corridor between Motel Boulevard and Tornillo Street.



Judy Long admires the work of artist Mary Beagle during the Fall Studio Tour.



Artist Mary Beagle jokes with Judy Long and Dan Tapper while showing her work, which was set up in her backyard. Beagle joined more than 20 artists in the event.



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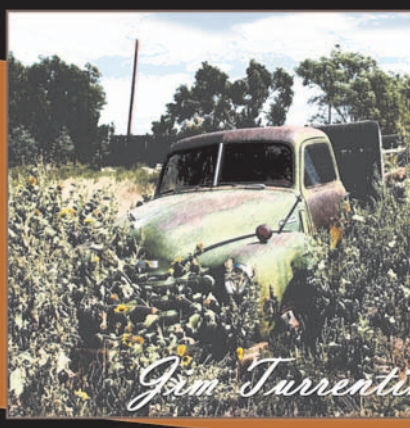
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Ready for more exposure

Organization works to improve photographers' skills

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

With the advent of digital photography came photographers from all walks of life and skill levels – from cell phone photographers and point-and-shooters to beginning photographers and those who are creating their own techniques.

The Doña Ana Camera Club welcomes all of the above and even those who have never touched a camera.

Seeing several phases of technology, the Doña Ana Camera Club started in 1955. Though the organization's original founders are no longer in the picture, several members have been part of the club for at least 40 years, including Jerry Claessen, Lou Meissner, Nancy Greene, Mary Lou and Pat Pendergrass, Dave and Joy Schumann and Morris Southward.

Today, those longtime members are part of a group of 82 paying members that involve a mix of skill range as well as age. Several years ago, it wasn't like that at all.

"A couple of years ago, we were down to five or six attending the meetings," said club President Ron Wolfe, who travels from Deming for club meetings.

Wolfe set out to change that by formalizing the meetings and providing educational programs or other presentations to get more people interested. With publicity chair Will Keener, the word was out and more people started to come.

"One of the key reasons the organization has grown is because Ron brought to the club regular features and how-to sessions," Keener said.

"It's expanded to the point where we cover technical topics such as software and how to pick a photo for a contest. People recognize the value of these programs."

Members also recognized that their experience level. Though they are top members of the club, Wolfe and Keener were not experienced photographers when they first joined.

Wolfe, who moved to the area from Massachusetts, said he didn't know anything about photography until 2003 when he got a point-and-shoot camera. He went on a digital photography workshop cruise and has developed his skill to the point where he's on staff for the same workshops he first attended.

While having no real photography education, Keener said he had been taking photos since he was a teenager, but his skill was limited and he took photos of his family while on vacation.

"But programs and clubs like this change all of that," he said.

Not only can members improve their skills, but they can make friends while doing it.

"Despite our emphasis, everyone is very friendly, constructive and encouraging," Keener said.

"But it's not a social club," Wolfe quickly added. "(In another club, members) would just get together for coffee and talk. We want to provide a learning experience."

Formal meetings of the Doña Ana Camera Club are held at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Southwest Environmental Center. There is a planned presentation, usually a workshop, and on some occasions, members will present slide shows of their work on a recent

Details

Doña Ana Camera Club

Next Meeting
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20

Website
www.dacameraclub.org

Contact
Will Keener, 532-1919

vacation or other venture.

While there is no pressure to join the club – Wolfe said an interested person can attend more than one meeting without paying the \$10 annual dues – there are certain perks to being an actual member of the club.

Each year, paying members are invited to join the Photo of the Year contest.

"We only let members join the contest," Wolfe said. "Some join the night of entry (in the contest) because it's such a big deal to them."

The club also puts on a photo exhibit each year at a local gallery with members' works.

In addition to its usual benefits, the club drew even more attention with its first Southwest Photographic Symposium held at the Preston Contemporary Art Center.

"That was a major fundraiser to keep the club going," Keener said.

To keep the members coming back, there are even more activities, such as a tour of the Otero Mesa, which the SWEC is working to preserve.

"They help us, and we like to help them," Keener said.

For more information about the club, call Keener at 532-1919.



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Familiar faces at My Brother's Place

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By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

My Brother's Place is a Downtown landmark. The restaurant and its revolving sign has been an anchor on the Main Street and Amador Avenue intersection since it opened in 1972. For nearly 40 years, My Brother's Place has been providing Mexican food and entertainment in Downtown Las Cruces – and owner John Gutierrez will be the first to say their service and quality is tried and true.



Hostess Merlinda Montoya and server Jennifer Holsome welcome customers to the dining room of My Brother's Place.

Gutierrez opened the restaurant with his brother Steve – hence the name, since they both could say it was their brother's place. The original location was a steakhouse downstairs in the current bar and a Mexican restaurant on the upper level. They had purchased a liquor license from Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, which had recently purchased the Amador Hotel.

Their parents, Ralph and Jean Gutierrez, owned the entire building and operated City Drug pharmacy and a packaged liquor business next door. Ralph Gutierrez had an additional billiards venture immediately to the north with his partner Eli Peña.

It wasn't until 1983, when Ralph Gutierrez decided to move his pharmacy closer to the hospital, that the brothers took over the entire building.

The restaurant moved into its current location, and the menu was tweaked to include the variety it has today. Mexican food was always in the mix, John Gutierrez said, and he credits two families for its famous cuisine – the Romeros from Tortugas and the Barelas from "Chiva Town" or present-day Mesquite Street.

"My brother and I had no experience in running a business,"

John Gutierrez said. "Steve was in college, and I had just graduated from college. We hired Elvin Wilson, he was our main broiler cook. Without him, and without the Romeros and Barelas, we wouldn't have the success we have today."

That continues with familiar faces in the staff – Gutierrez said some of the staff have been with him as many as 20 or 30 years – and good food, including one of my favorite dishes – the "Q4," four rolled tacos smothered in made-from-scratch queso served with beans, rice and a lettuce-tomato garnish.

The green chile sauce they smother over their enchiladas and burritos also has its own unique, delicious flavor. I've heard plenty of people say their favorite enchiladas are from My Brother's Place – and that's a difficult title to hold with so many available options.

But they don't just serve Mexican food. My Brother's Place also serves up burgers (green chile cheeseburgers are a must-try) and pizzas.

"Our menu has a mix of everything," Gutierrez said. "Our (Mexican) recipes are spicy, but that might not be something a youngster would want to eat. We have chicken fingers, hamburgers, salads. There's

Details

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something for everyone on our menu."

For my native New Yorker husband Brandon – who's grown a little tired of the green-chile-in-everything mentality he insists we have here in the Mesilla Valley – the "something for everyone" aspect appealed to him as he opted for the chicken fingers basket in our latest visit to the restaurant. But he finished off my rolled tacos first, which I had smothered in salsa, and took the rest of his plate to go.

It was his first time at My Brother's Place, but now that he's found his favorite dish, he said he is sure to visit again.

That seems to be how everyone sees My Brother's Place – including our local "celebrities." While we were having lunch, several other familiar faces – such as First Lady Susana Chaparro and Lou and Pat Sisbarro were eating there as well.

"A lot of prominent people come here," John Gutierrez said. "I'm proud of that because people have choices, but they stop here and it makes me proud. They came here before they were judges, mayors or attorneys. They've all been my customers before."

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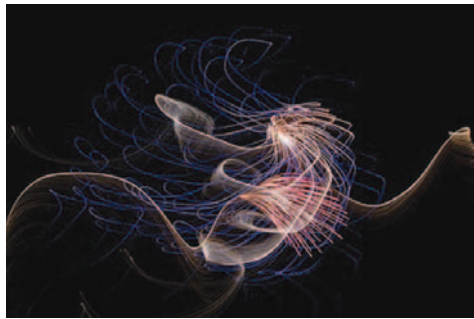
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ArtsBriefs

Art museum hosts photography workshop



The Las Cruces Museum of Art and the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History are hosting "Night Photography – High Dynamic Range Photography: Photographing in Low Light" from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the museum, 491 N. Main St.

Paul Schranz, director of the Preston Contemporary Art Center and the Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops, will lead this workshop that will demonstrate the use of high dynamic range (HDR) for shooting at night.

Schranz will demonstrate the use of digital HDR imaging techniques that allow a greater dynamic range between the lightest and darkest areas of an image. This wide dynamic range allows HDR images to more accurately represent the range of intensity levels found in real scenes, ranging from direct sunlight to faint starlight.

There is no fee for this workshop, but pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call 541-2137.

Brad Paisley tickets go on sale Saturday

Tickets for the Camobunga 2012 World Tour featuring Brad Paisley, three-time Country Music Award-winners The Band Perry and "American Idol" season 10 winner, Scotty McCreery will go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Pan American box office.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, at the Pan American Center on the New Mexico State University campus. Ticket price ranges from \$35 to \$65, and all tickets are reserved seating.

Purchase tickets at the Pan Am Center Ticket Office or visit www.ticketmaster.com. For more tour and ticket information, visit www.bradpaisley.com, www.thebandperry.com, or www.scottymccreery-official.com.

Preston announces artists for final show

The Preston Contemporary Art Center has announced the artists whose works will appear in "The Last Picture Show," the gallery's final exhibition, which will open Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, and run through Feb. 18.

More than \$2,300 was raised for La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter through submission fees for the juried regional exhibition that will showcase artists from southern New Mexico and El Paso.

Artists from Las Cruces include Jacob Albers, Barbara Armstrong, Julie Basile, Mary Beagle, Shelley Black, Carl Coker, Yanick D'hooge, Aubrey de Cheubell, Bob Diven, Penny Dunclee, Myles Erwin, Meg Freyermuth, Bill Gardner, Linda Gendall, William Giles, Peter Goodman, Michael C. Gutierrez, Glenn Holgersen, Lynn

'Nuncrackers'



The sisters of Hoboken return to Las Cruces Community Theatre to put on their annual pageant in "Nuncrackers," opening Friday, Dec. 2, and running through Sunday, Dec. 18. For more information, call 523-1200.

Insolia, Will Keener, Tomi LaPierre, Joyce Macrorie, Katie McLane, Bob Mitchell, Paul Neff, John Northcutt, Louis Ocepek, Or-Dima, Martha Randall Brown, Frank Rimbach, Susan Rivera, Jim Rodgers, Joshua Rose, Annika Rundberg, Jill Somoza, Jacklyn St. Aubyn, Mel Stone, Ouida Touchon, Roy van der Aa, Scott Weaver, Jean Wilkey and Danielle Wood.

Also included are Silver City artists Jean-Robert Be'ffort, Lois Duffy, Rebecca Rands Eisenhauer, Rod Rees, John Rogers and Zoe Wolfe; Mesilla artists Verna Dawson and Tony Lazorko; Mesilla Park artists Linda Hagen and Bree Lamb; Truth or Consequences artists Katharine Kreisher and Oiln West; and El Paso artists Ginny Fischer, Caesar Ivan and Gilda Lorena Martinez.

Other regional artists included are Ricardo Chavarria, Anthony, N.M.; Victoria Chick, Arenas Valley, N.M.; Iva Morris, Vagueta, N.M.; Laura Jean Schneider, Luna, N.M.; Douglas Stanton, Carrizozo, N.M.; Deborah Welch, Alamogordo, N.M.; and Nolan Winkler, Hillsboro, N.M.

Local author publishes book

Environmental terrorism, a friend in trouble and murder motivate author Rick Morales to action in "Subdue the Earth," the latest thriller from Deo Volente Publishing of Las Cruces.

Morales has built a successful business providing security services to the high-tech industry along the Rio Grande corridor between Albuquerque and Los Alamos. However, he can't help but think he would have been more comfortable in the west of 150 years ago. More comfortable on horseback in the New Mexico wilderness than in the politically correct high-tech world he inhabits, he regrets that his Hispanic heritage seems to be fading away.

"Subdue the Earth" is available at www.amazon.com and Ingram Books.



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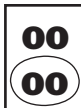
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Television Listings



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Sports News Movies

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 2, 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: Andrea Bocelli Live						T. Smiley	
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	A Gifted Man (N)	CSI: NY (N)	Blue Bloods (N)	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	20/20	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX 14	News	Pregame	College Football Pac-12 Championship: Teams TBA. (N)					News	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	"Game of Your Life" (2011, Drama)	Dateline NBC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late						
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Nikita "Guardians"	Supernatural (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	Futura			
ESPN 26	College Basketball Florida at Syracuse.		College Basketball Vanderbilt at Louisville.		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)						
ESPN2 27	College Football: Marathon MAC Championship					Score	NFL Kickoff (N)	NFL Live (N)	NFL Kickoff	NFL Live					
USA 31	NCIS "High Seas"	NCIS "Sea Dog"	NCIS "The Curse"					NCIS "UnSEALed"	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene				
TNT 32	Law & Order	** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) Christian Bale.					** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) Christian Bale.	"Turow Innocent"							
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	* "Surviving Christmas" (2004, Comedy)	"Mrs. Doubtfire"					
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Jeff Dunham	Carlos Mencia	Chris Rock/Scared	Chap	Chap	"Beverly Hills Cop"					
LIFE 39	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries					Amer. Most Wanted	Starring Secrets	Casey Anthony	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted				
FOOD 40	Best	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Crave	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
HGTV 41	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		
A&E 43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds					
HIST 44	American	American	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Hairy	Hairy	IRT Deadliest Roads	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal		
TLC 45	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Cupcake	Say Yes	Say Yes	
DISC 47	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush				
ANPL 50	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions (N)					Animal Phobia	Animal Phobia	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions					
FAM 51	Dr. Seuss "Dr. Seuss	** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"					** "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas"	No	90 Days!						
DISN 52	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Random	Good	Phineas	Fish	"Good Luck Charlie"	Austin	Random	Good			
NICK 54	Kung Fu	Sponge.	Sponge.	Kung Fu	70s Show	70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s	
AMC 57	"Addams Family"	** "Addams Family Values" (1993)					The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	*** "Cujo" (1983, Horror)	Dee Wallace.					
SYFY 59	"Nat'l Treasure"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown!					Sanctuary (N)	Fact or Faked	Sanctuary	Stargate SG-1					
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed					
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	The Squeeze					

SATURDAY MORNING DECEMBER 3, 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	Bocelli	T. Smiley	The Mayo Clinic Diet	Financial Fitness After 50! With Paul	How to Shop for Free	Perfect Health							
CBS 3	MagicJack	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)	Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	College Basketball					
ABC 7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	J. Hanna	Ocean	College Football						
FOX 14	Paid Prog.	Tummy	Fat Loss	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Paid Prog.	House	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
NBC 9	Paid Prog.	Walk Fit	Today Hair straightening products. (N)	Turbo	Shellton	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willa'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	Dragon	
WGN 15	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI				
ESPN 26	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N)	College GameDay From Atlanta. (N) (Live)	College Football								
ESPN2 27	Numbers	English Premier League Soccer Newcastle vs. Chelsea. (N)					SportsCenter (N) (Live)	College Football					
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Psych	Covert Affairs	* "The Condemned" (2007) Steve Austin.						
TNT 32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Leverage	Rizzoli & Isles	The Closer	Law & Order "Seer"	"BH Chihuahua"						
TBS 33	Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Raymond			
COM 35	Paid Prog.	MagicJack	*** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy.					(:23) ** "The Original Kings of Comedy"	J. Dunham				
LIFE 39	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	"The Family Holiday"			
FOOD 40	Dear Food Network	Aarti Party	Cooking	Home	30-Minute	Deen Family Christmas	Contessa	Giada	Chopped "Class Acts"				
HGTV 41	Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath	Bath	
A&E 43	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Sell: Extreme			
HIST 44	Snipers: One Shot, Kill	*** "Countdown to Zero" (2010)	Countdown to Armageddon	Earth 2100									
TLC 45	Sexy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Unhinged	Restorer	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Property Ladder				
DISC 47	MagicJack	Vacuum	Patient Ed: Health IT	MythBusters	MythBusters	American Chopper	American Guns						
ANPL 50	Viking Wilderness	The Crocodile Hunter	Dogs 101	It's Me or the Dog	Bad Dog!	Pets 101							
FAM 51	*** "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" (2001) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint.					*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002)							
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Little	3rd & Bird	Mickey	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK 54	Parents	Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	T.U.F.F.	SpongeBob	Power	Ninjas	
AMC 57	Rifleman	Rifleman	**** "Shane" (1953, Western)	Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur.	(:15) *** "Nevada Smith" (1966)								
SYFY 59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	MagicJack	** "100 Million BC" (2008) Michael Gross.	** "Journey to the Center of the Earth" (2008)							
CNN 62	Sat. Morn	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning	Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	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)	Candy Heiress					

SATURDAY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 3, 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	Perfect Health	3 Steps to Incredible Health!-Joel		Human Nature Sings Motown	American Masters "Lucille Ball: Finding Lucy"							
CBS 3	College Basketball	Honor	Saturday	Football	College Football SEC Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							
ABC 7	College Football: Conference USA Championship	College Football Texas at Baylor. (N) (Live)										
FOX 14	** "Dark Water" (2005) Jennifer Connelly.	70s Show	Paid Prog.	*** "The Prestige" (2006) Hugh Jackman.	30 Rock	30 Rock						
NBC 9	Figure Skating ISU Grand Prix: Cup of Russia.	Golf Chevron World Challenge, Third Round. (N) (In Stereo Live)	Babar (El)	Willa's								
CW 14	Tai Chi	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Danger	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	Exploration	Exploration	Edgemont	Edgemont	Whacked Out Sports	
WGN 15	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI		
ESPN 26	(10:00) College Football Connecticut at Cincinnati.	(:15) College Basketball Arkansas at Connecticut.	(:15) College Basketball Gonzaga at Illinois. (N) (Live)	(:15) College Basketball Pittsburgh at Tennessee.								
ESPN2 27	(10:00) College Football Syracuse at Pittsburgh.	(:15) College Basketball Gonzaga at Illinois. (N) (Live)										
USA 31	"John Sandford's Certain Prey" (2011)	** "Angels & Demons" (2009) Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor.	NCIS (In Stereo)									
TNT 32	"Scott Turow's Innocent" (2011) Bill Pullman.	*** "Total Recall" (1990) Rachel Ticotin	(:15) ** "Van Helsing" (2004) Hugh Jackman.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends					
TBS 33	"BH Chihuahua" (2011) Bill Pullman.	*** "Surviving Christmas" (2004, Comedy)	King	King	King	King	King	King	King	King		
COM 35	J. Dunham	Comedy	Scrubs	Scrubs	(12:53) *** "Hot Fuzz" (2007) Simon Pegg.	(2:56) * "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998)						
LIFE 39	"The Family Holiday"	"Recipe for a Perfect Christmas" (2005)	"The Road to Christmas" (2006) Jennifer Grey.	"Christmas Prop"								
FOOD 40	Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Challenge	Diners	Diners	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter "Wilshire"					
HGTV 41	Room Cr.	Curb/Block	Bang, Buck	Bang, Buck	Candice	High Low	Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	House	Hunters
A&E 43	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Monster	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers	Hoggers
HIST 44	(10:00) Earth 2100	Decoding the Past	After Armageddon	Survived disasters of the past.	American Pickers	American Pickers						
TLC 45	Property Ladder	Property Ladder	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed	Lottery Changed						
DISC 47	American Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns			
ANPL 50	Pets 101	Puppies vs. Babies	Puppies vs. Babies	Puppies vs. Babies	Puppies vs. Babies	America's Cutest Pet	Save Christmas					
FAM 51	"Harry Potter-Chamber"	*** "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" (2004) Rupert Grint	"Harry Potter-Goblet of Fire"									
DISN 52	Phineas	Fish Hooks	Jessie	ANT Farm	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	ANT Farm	ANT Farm
NICK 54	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Victorious	Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
AMC 57	(9:15) "Nevada Smith" (1966)	(:15) **** "The Searchers" (1956) John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter.	*** "El Dorado" (1967) John Wayne.									
SYFY 59	**** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.	(:35) *** "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" (1984)	"Indiana Jones"									
CNN 62	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Situation Room					
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WEN	FREE Bras	Sexy Face	No Sleep?	
MSNBC 64	Murder Mountain	Unlocking the Past	Cradle to Grave	Serial Bomber	The House of Suh	Lockup Tampa						

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This Week on KRWG-TV 22

Sunday, December 4

8:30 p.m. **Santana: Live in Concert**

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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	2	22	Great Performances (In Stereo) (CC)		60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music) (CC)			Santana -- Live at Montreux		Historic Walks (CC)		Jdg Judy							
CBS	3	3	Football	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang		Mother	48 Hours	Mystery	48 Hours	Mystery	News	Extra (N) (CC)			Jdg Judy	
ABC	7	7	Celeb.-Lights		College Football		Oklahoma at Oklahoma State. (N) (Live) (CC)		Insider		ABC 7	TMZ (N) (CC)						Cheaters	
FOX	8	14	Edisons	Pregame	College Football	Big Ten Championship: Teams TBA. (N) (CC)		News		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Daughter		Two Men					
NBC	9	9	Pearlie	News	News (N)	Raymond	**** "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) James Stewart.		News (N)		(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)								
CW	14		Celebration of Lights		** "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985) Rob Lowe.		Access Hollywood		Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk		South Pk						
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Til Death						
ESPN	26		ACC Pregame		College Football: ACC Championship		SportsCenter (N)		Football Final	SportsCenter (N)		College Football							
ESPN2	27		TBA		College Football: BYU at Hawaii. (N) (Live)		Football Scoreboard E:60		SportsCenter (N)		College Football								
USA	31		NCIS "Reveille"		NCIS "Suspicion"		NCIS "Recoil"		NCIS "Murder 2.0"		** "The Break-Up" (2006) (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene		"Ricochet" (2011)				
TNT	32		(3:15) "Van Helsing"		** "Terminator Salvation" (2009) Christian Bale.		** "Shooter" (2007) Mark Wahlberg. (CC)		** "The Hangover" (2009) Bradley Cooper.		Dick-								
TBS	33		Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "The Hangover" (2009) Premiere. (CC)		:(15) ** "The Hangover" (2009) Bradley Cooper.		Dick-								
COM	35		(4:58) *** "Scary Movie" (2000) (CC)		** "Dance Flick" (2009) Premiere. (CC)		(8:46) * "Scary Movie 2" (2001) (CC)		Kevin Hart: Grown										
LIFE	39		"Christmas Prop"		** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)		"A Boyfriend for Christmas" (2004) (CC)		(:01) ** "Nothing Like the Holidays"										
FOOD	40		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef America	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars		
HGTV	41		House	Hunters	Design	High Low	Donna	Color	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Donna	Color	House	Hunters	Hunters		
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels	Big Shrimpin' (CC)	Big Shrimpin' (CC)	Big Shrimpin' (CC)	Big Shrimpin' (CC)	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	
TLC	45		Christmas Light	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.	Christmas Light	More Crazy Chris.		
DISC	47		Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)	Sons of Guns (CC)		
ANPL	50		Hercules	Pit Boss	Too Cute! (CC)	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (CC)	Pit Bulls-Parole		
FAM	51		"Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"		*** "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (2007)		"T. Burton's Nightmare"		Prince										
DISN	52		ANT	ANT	Good	Jessie	Random	Shake It	Jessie	Austin	A.N.T. Farm (CC)	Random	Jessie	ANT	ANT	ANT	ANT		
NICK	54		iCarly	iCarly	Victo	iCarly	Victo	iCarly	70s	70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife	My Wife		
AMC	57		(3:00) "El Dorado"	* "American Outlaws" (2001) Premiere.		Hell on Wheels		** "The Shadow Riders" (1982)		Hell on Wheels									
SYFY	59		"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"		(:05) "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"		Mystery of the Crystal Skulls (CC)												
CNN	62		CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)		
CNBC	63		Money in Millions	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Greed	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part		
MSNBC	64		Lockup Tampa	Lockup Tampa	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Wabash	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston	Lockup Boston		

SUNDAY MORNING					DECEMBER 4, 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	2	22	(4:30) Historic Walks		Suze Orman's Money Class		Financial strategies.		How to Shop for Free		America's Home Cooking: Dinner for Two (CC)							
CBS	3	3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)		The Nation		Nieman	Cindy C	The NFL Today (N)					
ABC	7	7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Explore	Culture	FOX NFL Sunday (N)							
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walk Fit	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Secrets	Fox News Sunday	Jones	J. Garrett	FOX NFL Sunday (N)						
NBC	9	9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N) (CC)	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.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
WGN	15		Armor	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock "The Assault"	In the Heat of the Night	** "City of Ember" (2008) Saoirse Ronan. (CC)									
ESPN	26		Foot. Final	NFL	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)	Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live) (CC)											
ESPN2	27		SportsCtr	College Football Final	NFL	College Football Final	Outside	Reporters	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live)								
USA	31		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracles	J. Osteen	Burn Notice (CC)	"John Sandford's Certain Prey" (2011) (CC)	NCIS (In Stereo) (CC)									
TNT	32		Law & Order "Angel"	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)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order (In Stereo)		
TBS	33		Saved/Bell	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "The Pink Panther" (2006) Steve Martin.	** "RV" (2006) Robin Williams.									
COM	35		In Style	Money	Comedy	(:34) * "Major League II" (1994) Charlie Sheen. (CC)	(:11) * "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998)											
LIFE	39		In Touch	Hour of Power (CC)	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	"Together Again for the First Time" (2008) (CC)	"Will You Merry Me?"										
FOOD	40		Dear Food Network	Rachael Ray's	Dinners	Money	Hungry Girl Guy's, Bite	Paula	Be.- Made	Chopped "Go for It!"								
HGTV	41		Holmes on Homes	Income	Income	Property Brothers	Disaster	Disaster	Weekends	Yard	House	Hunters						
A&E	43		Inside Story: Animal House (CC)	*** "Animal House" (1978) John Belushi. Premiere. (CC)		First 48	The First 48 (CC)											
HIST	44		Modern Marvels (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)	Ancient Aliens (CC)		
TLC	45		Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	Paid Prog.	Sexy	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes		
DISC	47		Paid Prog.	Jentezen	J. Osteen	In Touch	How Evil Are You?	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush (CC)	Dirty Jobs (CC)								
ANPL	50		Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101 (CC)	Dogs 101 (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)	Wild Kingdom (CC)		
FAM	51		*** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint.		"Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"													
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Babar	3rd & Bird	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54		Parents	Parents	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Winx Club (CC)	Big Time	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious		
AMC	57		Mad Men "5G" (CC)	Hell on Wheels "Pilot"	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)	Hell on Wheels (CC)		
SYFY	59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Two. Zone	Two. Zone	*** "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) Harrison Ford.		Indiana J.							
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 Vac	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
MSNBC	64		Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage.	Secret										

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					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	2	22	Dinner for Two		Financial Fitness After 50! With Paul			The Mayo Clinic Diet (CC)		The Road to Perfect Health With Brenda Watson						
CBS	3	3	NFL Football	Cincinnati Bengals at Pittsburgh Steelers. (N) (Live) (CC)	Paid Prog.		Cindy C	Skiing	Cindy C	Cindy C						
ABC	7	7	Health	Food	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	You Deserve It (CC)	Extreme Makeover		Entertainment Tonight					
FOX	8	14	NFL Football	Atlanta Falcons at Houston Texans. (N) (In Stereo Live) (CC)	NFL Football		Dallas Cowboys at Arizona Cardinals. (N) (CC)									
NBC	9	9	Skiing	Swimming	Golf	Chevron World Challenge, Final Round. (N) (In Stereo Live) (CC)	Pets.TV	NBC News								
CW	14		Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino TV	LatNation	Cold Case "Yo, Adrian"	True Hollywood Story					
WGN	15		** "Out of Time" (2003)	Denzel Washington.	** "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001) Kurt Russell. (CC)	Videos	Chris	Chris								
ESPN	26		PBA Bowling	PBA Bowling	College Football Final	Billiards	Billiards	World, Poker	World, Poker							
ESPN2	27		SEC Storied (N)	Year/Quarterback	Year/Quarterback	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker							
USA	31		NCIS "Reveille" (CC)	NCIS												

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PBS 22	Celtic Woman -- Believe (In Stereo)	Christmas-Daniel O'Donnell	Santana -- Live at Montreux	Great Performances										
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes	The Amazing Race	The Good Wife (N)	CSI: Miami (N)	News	Without a Trace	Paid					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Funny Home Videos	Once Upon a Time	Desp.-Wives	(:01) Pan Am (N)	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty				
FOX 8	14	Football	The OT	Futurama	Futurama	Fam. Guy	Cleve	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother		
NBC 9	9	Football Night	(:15) NFL Football	Detroit Lions at New Orleans Saints. (N)	Sports	News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid					
CW 14	14	*** "Kissing Jessica Stein" (2001)	*** "Robots" (2005)	Halle Berry	TMZ (N)	Ugly Betty	Brothers & Sisters							
WGN 15	15	30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Replay	The Unit "Hill 60"	Monk	Monk					
ESPN 26	26	SportsCenter (N)	BCS Selection Show	College Football Bowl Selection Special	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)							
ESPN2 27	27	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker	World, Poker	College Football Bowl Selection Special	College Football						
USA 31	31	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS	*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007)	George Clooney.	Serenity					
TNT 32	32	(4:30) ** "Shooter" (2007)	(4:00) "Old School"	*** "The Hangover"	Leverage (N)	** "Terminator Salvation" (2009)	Christian Bale.	Leverage	Diehard 2					
TBS 33	33	(4:00) "Old School"	*** "The Hangover"	(2009) Ed Helms	(:15) *** "The Hangover"	(2009) Bradley Cooper.	*** "Old School" (2003)							
COM 35	35	(:11) ** "Dance Flick" (2009)	Kevin Hart: Grown	Carlos Mencia	Carlos Mencia	Tosh.0	Work.	"Napoleon Dyn."						
LIFE 39	39	"Undercover"	"Dear Santa" (2011)	Amy Acker.	** "Nothing Like the Holidays" (2008)	(:01) "Dear Santa" (2011)	Amy Acker.							
FOOD 40	40	Next Iron Chef	Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America						
HGTV 41	41	House	Hunters	Celebrity Holiday	Holmes Inspection	Holmes Inspection	Celebrity Holiday	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters				
A&E 43	43	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds						
HIST 44	44	IRT Deadliest Roads	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal	IRT Deadliest Roads	Around	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal				
TLC 45	45	48 Hours: Hard Evid.	Sister Wives	Virgin Diaries	All-American Muslim	Virgin Diaries	All-American Muslim	Sister Wives						
DISC 47	47	Dirty Jobs	World's Dirtiest Man	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	World's Dirtiest Man						
ANPL 50	50	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Ned	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Wildman	Ned	Ned	
FAM 51	51	"Harry Potter-Phoenix"	*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009)	Daniel Radcliffe.	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince						
DISN 52	52	Phineas	Phineas	Good	Good	Random	Shake It	Austin	Random	Austin	"Good Luck Charlie"	Austin	Austin	
NICK 54	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	Nick	'70s	My Wife	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife
AMC 57	57	Outlaw	*** "Pale Rider" (1985, Western)	Clint Eastwood.	Hell on Wheels (N)	Hell on Wheels	Hell on Wheels	Breaking Bad	Hell on Wheels					
SYFY 59	59	"Indiana Jones and Crystal Skull"	Neverland (N) (Part 1 of 2)					Neverland (Part 1 of 2)	Neverland					
CNN 62	62	CNN Newsroom (N)	A Dinner with Kings	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	A Dinner with Kings	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)						
CNBC 63	63	Diabetes	Wall St.	Pepsi's Challenge	Best Jobs Ever	American Tax	Marijuana: Industry	American Greed	Ford: Rebuilding					
MSNBC 64	64	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Predator Raw	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator	To Catch a Predator						

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Paul Simon Webster Hall	Christmas With the Celts	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Broke	Two Men Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	C. Brown	Prep &	You Deserve It (N)	Castle "Cuffed" (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	American Country Awards	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News (N)	News	The Sing-Off "A Sing-Off Christmas" (N)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW 14	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	15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrub	Scrub	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN 26	26	Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football	San Diego Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars. (N)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	NFL PrimeTime (N)						
ESPN2 27	27	College Basketball	2011 World Series of Poker Final Table.	SportsCtr	Football	Baseball	SportsNation	NFL						
USA 31	31	NCIS	NCIS	WWE Monday Night RAW (N)	(:05) ** "Hostage" (2005)	Bruce Willis.	CSI: Crime Scene							
TNT 32	32	Law & Order	The Closer	The Closer (N)	Rizzoli & Isles (N)	Rizzoli & Isles	Southland							
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan			
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Work.	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE 39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	"Holiday Switch" (2007)	Nicole Eggert.	"Dear Santa" (2011)	Amy Acker.	(:01) "Holiday Switch" (2007)							
FOOD 40	40	Diners	Best	Best	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners			
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	House	House	House	House			
A&E 43	43	The First 48	The First 48	The Long Island Serial Killer (N)	The First 48	(:01) The First 48	Long Island							
HIST 44	44	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		
TLC 45	45	Cake	Cake Boss: Next Great Baker	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy	Cake Boss:Next		
DISC 47	47	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	"The Build-Off" (N)	American Chopper	"The Build-Off"	American Chopper						
ANPL 50	50	Animal Nightmares	Saved (N) (In Stereo)	Fatal Attractions	I Shouldn't Be Alive	Saved (In Stereo)	Fatal Attractions	I Shouldn't Be Alive						
FAM 51	51	Rudolph/Island of Misfit Toys	*** "The Polar Express" (2004)	Mickey	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	TriVnt	Paid						
DISN 52	52	Wizards	Wizards	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	ANT	Jessie	Random	"Santa Clause 3"	ANT	Jessie		
NICK 54	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s
AMC 57	57	"Addams Family"	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984)	George C. Scott.	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984)	George C. Scott.	"Mystic Pizza" (2007)							
SYFY 59	59	Neverland (Part 1 of 2)	Neverland (N) (Part 2 of 2)				Neverland							
CNN 62	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC 63	63	The Kudlow Report	Big Mac: Inside	Biography on CNBC	American Greed	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	American Greed						
MSNBC 64	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	Buddy Holly: Listen to Me	Country Pop Legends (My Music)	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley							
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Freedom"	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Last Man /Man Up!	Middle Suburg.	Body of Proof (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX 8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Glee (N)	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News (N)	News	Bublé Christmas	The Biggest Loser (N)	(In Stereo)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	90210 (N)	Ringer	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN 15	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrub	Scrub	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama	
ESPN 26	26	College Basketball: Jimmy V Classic	College Basketball: Jimmy V Classic	College Basketball: Memphis at Miami. (N)	NFL Live (N)	NFL Live	Baseball	NFL Live	Nation					
ESPN2 27	27	Women's College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball
USA 31	31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs	Psych	Law & Order: SVU	Covert Affairs						
TNT 32	32	Bones	Bones	"Hide" (2011)	Carla Gugino. Premiere.	Rizzoli & Isles	"Hide" (2011, Mystery)	Carla Gugino.						
TBS 33	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan			
COM 35	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	39	Unsolved Mysteries	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny			
FOOD 40	40	Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chopped (N)	Chopped	Chopped							
HGTV 41	41	Hunters	House	First Pla.	My Property	Property	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	Property	House	Hunters	
A&E 43	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST 44	44	Modern Marvels	** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War)	Ben Affleck. Premiere.	Pacific-Lost	(:01) ** "Pearl Harbor" (2001, War)								
TLC 45	45	All-American Muslim	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Don't Tell the Bride	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Don't Tell the Bride						
DISC 47	47	American Chopper	"The Build-Off" (2007)	American Chopper	(:02) Moonshiners	American Chopper	(:02) Moonshiners	American Chopper						
ANPL 50	50	Viking Wilderness	Viking Wilderness	On Thin Ice: Into the Arctic (N) (In Stereo)	Viking Wilderness									
FAM 51	51	(4:30) "The Polar Express"	** "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	ANT	Jessie	Austin	"Nightmare-Christmas"	ANT	Jessie	
NICK 54	54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s
AMC 57	57	"Addams Family"	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984)	George C. Scott.	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984)									

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News		Fiesta Mexicana (In Stereo) (C)				John Sebastian Presents: Folk Rewind	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Survivor-Pacific	Criminal Minds (N)	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Loyalty"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor "Performance"	Daughter	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	All Night	All Night	Harry's Law (N)	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	Top Model	Top Model			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	College Basketball	Arizona at Florida. (N)	College Basketball	Xavier at Butler. (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)								
ESPN2 27	College Basketball		College Basketball		NFL Live (N) (C)	Baseball	SportsNation	NFL							
USA 31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS "Jurisdiction"	NCIS "Baltimore"	Psych (N) (C)	Burn Notice (C)	NCIS (C)	Psych (C)								
TNT 32	The Mentalist (C)	The Mentalist (C)	"Silent Witness" (2011)	Dermot Mulroney.	Leverage (C)	"Silent Witness" (2011)	Dermot Mulroney.								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (C)	Office	Office	Conan (C)			
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	Colbert			
LIFE 39	Unsolved Mysteries	"An Accidental Christmas" (2007) (C)			** "Comfort and Joy" (2003) (C)				(:01) "An Accidental Christmas" (2007)						
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Next Iron Chef	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.								
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers				
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Hoggers	Hoggers	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage			
HIST 44	Modern Marvels	Pearl Harbor: 24 Hours After (N) (C)			Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.			(:01) Pearl Harbor: 24 Hours After (C)						
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras				
DISC 47	Sons of Guns (C)	Sons of Guns (C)	Sons of Guns (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Sons of Guns (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Sons of Guns (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Sons of Guns (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Sons of Guns (C)				
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters											
FAM 51	(4:30) "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"	"National Lamp. Christmas"			The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	Random	Good	Good	Good	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Random	"Ultimate Cmas Present"	ANT	Jessie			
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	
AMC 57	(3:00) "Silverado"	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott.	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott.	** "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott.					** "A Christmas Carol" (1984) George C. Scott.				"Intolerable Cri"		
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters (N)	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Stargate SG-1				
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Target: Inside	The Coffee Ad.	American Greed	Mad Money	BMW: A Driv.	American Greed	Mad Money	BMW: A Driv.	American Greed					
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News		60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music) (C)				Historic Walks (C)		Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist (N)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Wipeout (N) (C)	Funny Home Videos			Big-Auction	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor (C)	Bones (N) (C)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny				
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Commun	Parks	Office	Whitney	Grimm (N) (C)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Vampire Diaries	The Secret Circle	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access					
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama				
ESPN 26	Audibles (N) (Live)	SEC Storied (N)	College Football Awards (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)									
ESPN2 27	College Basketball		College Basketball		SportsNation (C)	NFL Live (N) (C)	Baseball	Awards							
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Burn Notice (N)	Covert Affairs	NCIS "Chained"	Burn Notice (C)								
TNT 32	Bones Quarantined.	CSI: NY "Hostage"	CSI: NY "Veritas"	CSI: NY "Justified"	CSI: NY "Jamalot"	CSI: NY "Veritas"	CSI: NY "Justified"								
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) (C)	Office	Office	Conan (C)			
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Carlos Mencia	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE 39	Unsolved Mysteries	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory			
FOOD 40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chef Hunter "Quay"								
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Celebrity Holiday	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling		
A&E 43	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (C)	The First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Amer. Most Wanted	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48								
HIST 44	Big Shrimpin' (C)	Big Shrimpin' (C)	Swamp People	Big Shrimpin' (N)	Off the Grid:	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People								
TLC 45	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I.	D.U.I. (N)	D.U.I. (N)	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I.	Cellblock 6	D.U.I.	D.U.I.	D.U.I.			
DISC 47	Sons of Guns (C)	Sons of Guns (C)	Moonshiners (C)	Weed Wars (N)	Moonshiners (C)	Weed Wars (C)	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars (C)	Ned	Ned				
ANPL 50	River Monsters	Ned	Ned	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars (C)	Wildman	Wildman	Swamp Wars (C)	Ned	Ned				
FAM 51	Frosty's	Crbrry	Santa Claus, Town	Year Without Santa	Miser Brothers	The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Good	Good	Jessie	Jessie	Shake It	Good	ANT	Jessie	Austin	"Good Luck Charlie"	ANT	Jessie			
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s	
AMC 57	"Ocean's Twelve"	** "Ghost" (1990)	Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. (C)	** "Ghost" (1990)	Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. (C)				** "Ghost" (1990)	Patrick Swayze, Demi Moore. (C)					
SYFY 59	"Narnia: Prince Caspian"		** "Elf" (2003, Comedy)	Will Ferrell.	** "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian" (2008)										
CNN 62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper					
CNBC 63	The Kudlow Report	Millions	Millions	Biography on CNBC	American Greed	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	American Greed	Mad Money	Biography on CNBC	American Greed				
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word					

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter.

Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

BEGINNER

7	4	2	1		8	9		
5		3	8					
	9	7		2	5			
2	5			8	3	7		
			6					
4	1	8			9	2		
9	5		7	1				
		1	4			3		
1	8	9	5	4		6		

CHALLENGER

1								3
	6	9	2	8				
	4	7	5	6				
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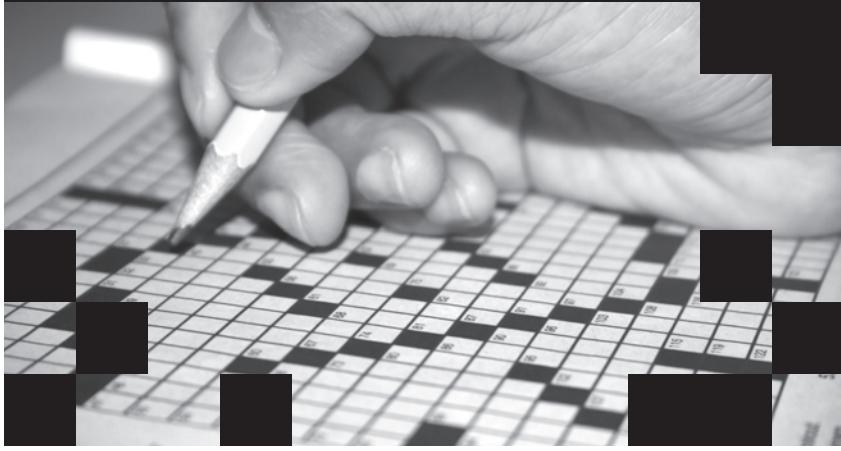
EXPERT

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6					4	1		
		9		6				
2			8		6			
		8		4	2	9		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

7	8	2	3	9	6	1	4	5
9	5	6	1	8	4	2	7	3
1	3	4	5	7	2	8	9	6
3	2	8	9	1	7	6	5	4
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8	4	2	5	3	9	7	1	6
9	1	5	6	2	7	4	8	3
7	3	6	4	1	8	2	9	5
5	6	9	2	7	4	1	3	8
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3	7	1	9	8	5	6	4	2
4	5	3	7	9	2	8	6	1
1	2	8	3	4	6	9	5	7
6	9	7	8	5	1	3	2	4
3	2	6	9	7	8	4	1	5
5	1	9	2	4	6	7	3	8
7	8	4	1	3	5	2	6	9
2	9	7	8	1	3	6	5	4
1	3	8	6	5	4	9	2	7
4	6	5	7	9	2	1	8	3
8	5	2	4	6	9	3	7	1
6	4	1	3	8	7	5	9	2
9	7	3	5	2	1	8	4	6

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.

HUMAN-POWERED

ENGLISH

BICYCLE
BRAKES
CHAIN
CHAIN LINKS
FRAME
GEARS
HANDLEBARS
HELMET
PEDALS
REAR AXLE
SPOKES
TIRE

SPANISH

BICICLETA
FRENOS
CADENA
ESLABONES
CUADRO
CAMBIOS
MANILLAR
CASCO
PEDALES
EJE POSTERIOR
RADIO
CUBIERTA

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Crossword Puzzles

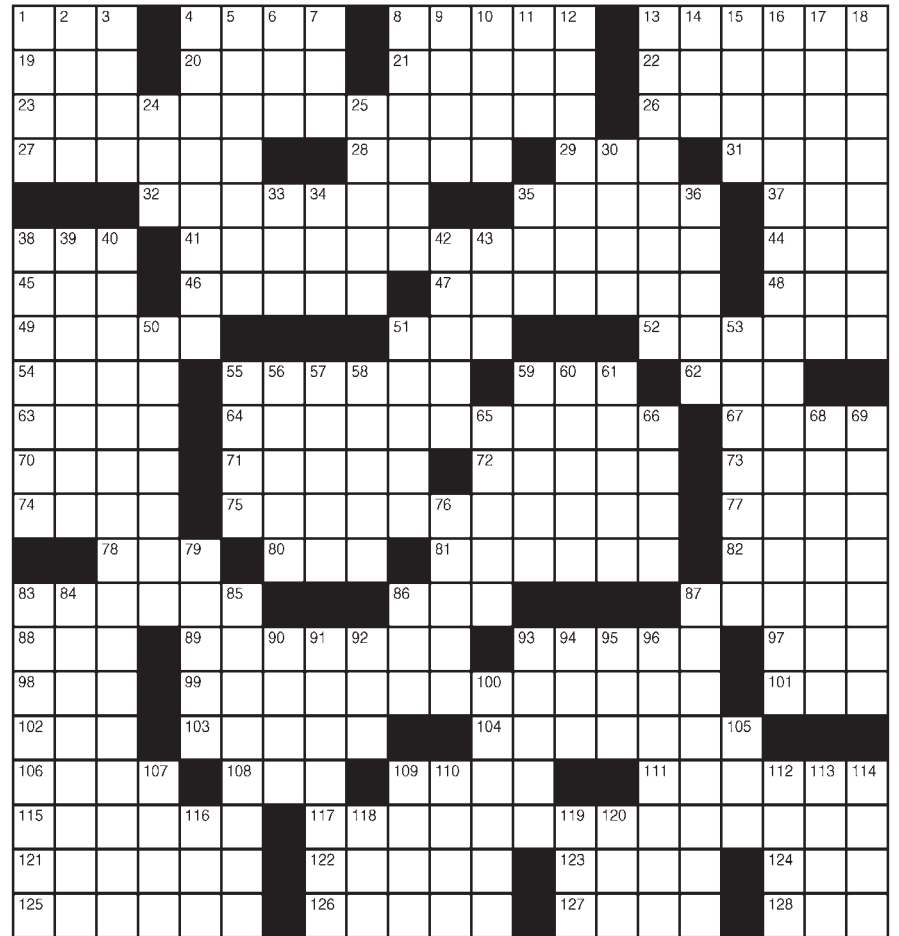
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 First word of a famous Sinatra song
 - 4 Second two words of the song
 - 8 Shines
 - 11 Dr. ____: "Goldmember" character
 - 12 Puzzles
 - 13 Avarice
 - 14 Substitute
 - 15 Sun. preceder
 - 16 Direction
 - 17 Ball of yarn
 - 18 San Andreas, for one
 - 19 Forbidding
 - 20 Short period of time
 - 21 Ruined "City of 1001 Churches"
 - 22 Punch
 - 25 Drink with gusto
 - 26 Communication czars, abbr.
 - 27 Miss Piggy's me
 - 28 Mom's sister
 - 29 Words 4 and 5 of the Sinatra song
 - 31 Bowdlerize
 - 32 Annabel was one
 - 33 Beetle-cut gem
 - 35 Between Bolivia and Ecuador
 - 36 Distend
 - 37 Book before Romans
 - 41 Folds of skin
 - 43 Understand
 - 44 "Chicago" character Roxie
 - 45 Planet that comes up in the Sinatra song
 - 49 Rock formed by clay consolidation
 - 51 Tribute ditty
 - 52 Me, me, me viewpoint
 - 53 Wretched
 - 54 Busy insect
 - 55 Defunct Chicago transport company, abbr.
 - 56 Musical syllables
 - 57 Female contraction
 - 58 Type type: sans ____
 - 59 Exertion
 - 60 Boggled down
 - 61 City in South Vietnam: Can ____
 - 64 Disapproval
 - 65 Feast at home
 - 66 Starr was able to ____
 - 68 Honest
- DOWN**
- 1 Pancake turn
 - 2 Standing necessity
 - 3 Thanksgiving veggies
 - 4 Only
 - 5 Olympic category
 - 6 Strapped
 - 7 Wizeded
 - 8 Use the teeth on
 - 9 Type of savings account (abbr.)
 - 10 Concorde, abbr.
 - 12 Container
 - 13 Brusque
 - 14 Artificial channel
 - 16 Chewy candy made from molasses
 - 17 Spiral shelled marine mollusc
 - 18 Arbitrary order
 - 19 Stupid
 - 20 S. American ruling group
 - 22 Soap plant
 - 23 Suitor
 - 24 ID parade
 - 25 25 sheets
 - 28 Proverb
 - 30 Travel need
 - 31 Acclaim
 - 33 Constitutional capital of Bolivia
 - 34 Illegal entry
 - 36 Onion-flavored roll
 - 38 Unrefined
 - 39 Helmet
 - 40 Slalom
 - 42 Capital of Tibet
 - 46 Computer music
 - 47 Graceful bird
 - 48 Spoils
 - 49 Firm and compact
 - 50 Angry state
 - 53 Italian film actress
 - 56 BMW 3.5 or 7
 - 57 Audible relief
 - 58 Exercise
 - 59 Legal papers
 - 60 Planet mentioned in the Sinatra song
 - 61 It is, poetically
 - 62 Thinking sound
 - 63 Hyalite
 - 64 Russia's not in it
 - 65 Sched. time
 - 67 Heretofore

CANINE CONNECTIONS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tease
 - 4 PGA pegs
 - 8 Sail-extending pole
 - 13 Ballyhoo
 - 19 Excitement
 - 20 Wild speech
 - 21 Old hag
 - 22 Remove shrink wrap
 - 23 Marine canine?
 - 26 Chavez and Romero
 - 27 Easter event
 - 28 Seine tributary
 - 29 Eww!
 - 31 Height: pref.
 - 32 Resumes business
 - 35 Proud of being wealthy
 - 37 Wilder play, "____ Town"
 - 38 Gerund maker
 - 41 Central American canine?
 - 44 Audit pro
 - 45 Saul's uncle
 - 46 Partner of Porthos
 - 47 Apartment residents
 - 48 Kesey or Follett
 - 49 Inundate
 - 51 Pianist Cliburn
 - 52 Marries again
 - 54 "Giant" and "So Big" writer Ferber
 - 55 Vinegar produced from fermented ale
 - 59 "All About ____"
 - 62 Galahad's title
 - 63 Sign away
 - 64 Tennis player's canine?
 - 67 Invitation letters
 - 70 Slot fillers
 - 72 Skiing mishap
 - 72 Step on it!
 - 73 Fencing sword
 - 74 Trellis part
 - 75 Dancer's canine?
 - 77 Asian goat
 - 78 Bygone Eur. realm
 - 80 Snaky character
 - 81 Breakfast choice
 - 82 Tropical black birds
 - 83 Brown and Underwood
 - 86 Amer. ship designation
 - 87 Zest
 - 88 Farm butter
 - 89 Cold remedies?
 - 93 French wine region
 - 97 Lilly or Wallach
- DOWN**
- 98 Rap-sheet initials
 - 99 Sculptor's canine?
 - 101 Shown the way
 - 102 His: Fr.
 - 103 List of candidates
 - 104 Eat greedily
 - 106 Adam's youngest
 - 108 Taboo spray
 - 109 Arias for one
 - 111 Permafrost region
 - 115 Like an opera song
 - 117 Sioux holy man's canine?
 - 121 Ransacker
 - 122 Pocatello's state
 - 123 Fling
 - 124 Light gray
 - 125 Postpones
 - 126 Taboo acts
 - 127 Bad time for Caesar
 - 128 Approval vote
 - 1 Gravelly voice
 - 2 Thinker's product
 - 3 Pig's sire
 - 4 Import-export difference
 - 5 Remove with caution
 - 6 Printer's spaces
 - 7 Fr. holy woman
 - 8 Division into factions
 - 9 Salaried athletes
 - 10 Black sheep
 - 11 Country hotel
 - 12 Tiresome times
 - 13 Hawker
 - 14 Individual
 - 15 Greek peak
 - 16 Fancy-tailed canine?
 - 17 Spanked
 - 18 Losers
 - 24 Tavern
 - 25 Shades of color
 - 30 Tommy Lee's group, Motley ____
 - 33 Exclamation of
 - 34 DDE's command
 - 35 Mas' men
 - 36 Affirmative answers
 - 38 Bugs
 - 39 1930s programs
 - 40 Island canine?
 - 42 Warning device
 - 43 Berman or Cariou
 - 50 Eminent conductors
 - 51 The 4 Seasons singer Frankie
 - 53 Bug
 - 55 Latin handle
 - 56 Gap in time
 - 57 Film cuts
 - 58 Festivals
 - 59 Chopin composition
 - 60 Like the flu
 - 61 "Guitar Town" singer Steve
 - 65 Throat-clearing sounds
 - 66 Turndown, from Putin
 - 68 Conveyance
 - 69 Famous meteor shower member
 - 76 Martini's partner
 - 79 Moran and Gray
 - 83 Armband
 - 84 Niagara's source
 - 85 Faultfinders
 - 86 Sound of distaste
 - 87 Coastal fliers
 - 90 Euphemistic oath of yore
 - 91 Interrupts rudely
 - 92 Top marksman
 - 93 Altercation
 - 94 Shrew
 - 95 Now I see!
 - 96 Cultivate
 - 100 Sun god
 - 105 Pic blowup
 - 107 Target on the green
 - 109 Laurel or Musial
 - 110 Holy Roman emperor
 - 112 6/6/44
 - 113 Fragrant flower with hips
 - 114 Turkish officer
 - 116 Sun. oration
 - 118 Wedding declaration
 - 119 4 on the telephone
 - 120 Bloom-to-be



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

ECNARPATRBO TIC S
HOCITOIRTA P I O N I
OTIERROICNELISL
NOISAPMOC DÓTECE
ONACIREMAEMERTN
R PATRIPATRIOTIC
ANÓMEMORIALONEE
RRTCOMPASSIONRR
OECNARBMEMERARB
MCOVAIROMEMUCAM
EULAIROMEMVOINE
MEVRESBOOTNRAM
NRAVRESBORNOETE
ODNALEMOHYCHMAR
COMMEMORATEGALFI

Diagramless

RED
URI
SAP
TESLAS
LAO ODE
CUBE MUTTS MINE
DALE WASHINGTON
CALL PICT NAIAD
COIF DEFY FROSTED
LOSS FILE EFTS EGO
ENS CLEF AWLS CRT
AGE WHAT TREE THREE
PATRIOT WHIR RUNT
UNITS WEED PESO
THOROUGHLY LEAK
EVER PERIL LEAD
MINT ATM YAK
ITO FEEDBLE
TON ALA
NUT TIE

Legal-Easy

TATL GAMS AGEES INFRA
ULNA ELOI GRASP SORER
BETTINGISPRETTY DREAM
ARRESTER IAN ASTUTELY
STILL RAMS ABSVEES
CYAN ETUDE SGT TSP
CPA MUCHLIKELIQUORYOU
HOCH DOABLE DCII ULAN
ERIE ENNA LAUNDERERS
STEALSIN IMAM EDA
TESTA CANMAKEIT ALIST
WRY ERSE SALMINED
IMMACULATE SABLE STIR
SLAY COLS OGLALA MONT
ILLELEGALBUTYOU CANT TEE
SET ATL KASEM SASH
RARA SEN SPAR GAELS
STEPONIT GSA COLUMBIA
LEARN MAKEITUNPOPULAR
ALTON AGENT TEEM EUROS
MESNE GENTS EDDIA LEISS

CRYPTOGRAM

CTQ EMVJ, HOQQTNCTI
IYRCCN SCOQW ROI WJYM WJW
FC YTF WJSOFJ EQCB FRJ
RMHR IYRCCN GQCHQOB. MF
DOI OIMBGNJ BOFFJQ. FRJQJ
DOI VC OQHTBJVF
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
Most campaign rhetoric can be plainly defined as baloney disguised as food for thought.

AtTheMovies

These guys are timeless

'The Muppets' still have what it takes to entertain

Review by **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the holidays approach, family-friendly movies fill most of the local theaters.

Parents sit through the high-priced 3-D films, while their young children laugh at age-appropriate jokes with the occasional we-know-you're-watching comedy thrown at the grownups.

But every once in a while, there's that film the entire family truly, sincerely enjoys – and this year, it is "The Muppets." For small children, the Muppets are just fun. For teenagers, they may be familiar with the hilarious puppets and their wit. But for adults, it's tried-and-true comedy at its finest.

Jim Henson's genius creation – a cross between a marionette and a puppet – first emerged in the 1950s, but they really made a name for themselves in the 1970s and '80s with characters on "Sesame Street," "The Muppet Show" and the classic feature-length films "The Muppet Movie," "The Great Muppet Caper" and "The Muppets Take Manhattan."

They held on through the new millennium with even more films, and they've done it again with their latest film, "The Muppets."

The names of their films might not be as creative as the screenplays, but when it comes to the Muppets, none of that is important.



Imposters try to take over the timeless act of the Muppets, but "the Moopets" are no match for the family-friendly bunch of fuzzy characters. Miss Poogy's bunch does give the audience a few extra laughs in "The Muppets, now showing in theaters.

You already know it's going to have awesomely awkward puppet moves and humor that only appears in Muppet movies.

The plot of this film is pretty substantial, however – estranged relationships, dependency and, my favorite, are you a man or a Muppet?

This latest film features Walter, a new Muppet from Smalltown, USA, whose brother Gary (Jason Segel) is a human.

Walter has never really fit in with all the other kids – seeing as how he's a puppet – but when he's introduced to the Muppets by watching an episode of "The Muppet Show" with his brother, he realizes he's not alone. Because they're just like him, Walter becomes the Muppets' biggest fan.

He has no idea, however, the Muppets are no longer the most important thing to hit network television and has a rude awakening when

Gary and Mary (Amy Adams, who was a hit in "Enchanted") take him to Los Angeles. It's the couple's 10-year anniversary, but Gary – whose inseparable from Walter and feels the need to protect him and help him through everything – insists on taking Walter to Muppet Studios.

Walter's dreams are shattered when they find Muppet Studios in a dilapidated state, and, worse, when the two grouchy Muppets Statler and Waldorf – my favorites – sell the gang out and turn the studios over to oil tycoon Tex Richman (Chris Cooper).

While Richman says he plans to turn the studio into a museum, his real plan – as he tells his henchmen Uncle Deadly and Bobo the Bear – is that he will tear the studio down and drill for oil.

The only thing that can help the Muppets save their studio is \$10 million.

It's Walter's mission to save the studios, but first, they have to find Kermit. And even after they find Kermit, the only way to raise \$10 million is to "do a show." And that means getting the gang back together. It's up to the Muppets to prove they still got it and can raise the money with a telethon.

You can't have a Muppet movie without

Film Review
It's everything you would expect from the Muppets, which is nothing short of awesome.
Grade A

THE MUPPETS

Starring: Jason Segel, Amy Adams

Rated: PG

Running time: 98 minutes

Director: James Bobin

singing and dancing and some level of cheesiness, but director James Bobin and Segel (who wrote the screenplay) don't let it get over the top. They poke fun at the cheesiness of the Muppets with great comic relief while keeping the material fresh and updated (i.e. Camilla the Chicken's hilarious cover of Cee-Lo's "Forget You" for the telethon).

And just as the Muppets were told they won't be successful without a celebrity host of their telethon, there are plenty of celeb cameos throughout the movie. You'll see Alan Arkin, Rashida Jones, Whoopi Goldberg, Neil Patrick Harris and Selena Gomez, who has no idea what the Muppets are, but "her agent told her to show up."

When it comes to the Muppets, they just keep coming up with new stuff.

Yes, Steve Jobs is pretty awesome for that whole Apple franchise thing and changing the world of technology, but he ain't got nothin' on Jim Henson.

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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 to prevent 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





Ides of March 
Rating: R
Plot Overview: An idealistic staffer for a newbie presidential candidate gets a crash course on dirty politics during his stint on the campaign trail.
Starring: George Clooney, Paul Giamatti
Director: George Clooney





Happy Feet Two 
Rating: PG
Plot Overview: Mumble and his family and friends discover a new threat to 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





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



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



Moneyball 
Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The story of Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane's successful attempt to put together a baseball club on a budget by employing a computer-generated analysis to draft his players.
Starring: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill
Director: Bennett Miller



New this week on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 6

- The Hangover Part II**
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms
Director: Todd Phillips
- The Help**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Comedy
Starring: Emma Stone, Viola Davis
Director: Tate Taylor
- Cowboys & Aliens**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Science Fiction, Action
Starring: Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford
Director: Jon Favreau
- Mr. Popper's Penguins**
Rating: PG
Genre: Comedy, Family
Starring: Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino
Director: Mark S. Waters
- The Debt**
Rating: R
Genre: Drama, Suspense
Starring: Sam Worthington, Helen Mirren
Director: John Madden

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- 1** **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (Week No. 2) **\$42,000,000**
- 2** **The Muppets** (Week No. 1) **\$29,500,000**
- 3** **Happy Feet Two** (Week No. 2) **\$13,400,000**
- 4** **Arthur Christmas** (Week No. 1) **\$12,700,000**
- 5** **Hugo** (Week No. 1) **\$11,350,000**
- 6** **Jack and Jill** (Week No. 2) **\$10,300,000**
- 7** **Immortals** (Week No. 3) **\$8,800,000**
- 8** **Puss in Boots** (Week No. 5) **\$7,450,000**
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Teaching yourself survival



Michael R. Hurst, MS, LADAC, CEAP
Life and Work Solutions

Happy belated Thanksgiving. This week's column is a reflection on the necessary skills the early colonial Americans used to ensure survival and establishment of their individual lives and communities.

These tried-and-true survival skills were essential for securing their lives and continued existence. These skills have been proven by our ancestors in the 1600s-1700s of colonial America to current use by members of the U.S. military.

Additionally, most emergency planning utilized by all levels of government draw base knowledge from these skills. These skills can be used in the 21st century to establish a foundation and mindset that can be utilized by every American citizen to assist in working toward individual success in life and work.

If you can survive, then you can thrive. The first part of the skill set is to understand the survival blueprint.

The word "SURVIVAL" is an acronym that serves as a blueprint for actions to be taken during a disaster or emergency situation. Anybody can study this blueprint in greater detail by consulting the Army's "Survival Field Manual 21-76."

A Google search on the Internet will yield numerous wilderness programs and schools that use FM 21-76 as the foundation for their programs. Following is an explanation of the blueprint:

Size up the situation. Conduct an assessment of your physical condition, surroundings and supplies.

Undue haste makes waste. Use patience in a survival situation and think before acting.

Remember where you are. Use a map and compass or GPS system to help navigate out of a dangerous area or move to a safe location.

Vanquish fear and panic. Concentrate on controlling your emotions. This skill is best perfected through survival training.

Improvise. Adopt a mindset of "Yankee ingenuity." This requires being able

See **Survive** on page D2

There is help out there



At the annual Alzheimer's Association walk held in September in Downtown Las Cruces, more than \$25,000 was raised by the community to go toward Alzheimer's research.

Local resources exist for Alzheimer's families

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dealing with the list of potential problems associated with aging can be a scary thought for anyone.

Probably one of the most harrowing issues facing those reaching their golden years is the threat of dementia or Alzheimer's Disease. The family members taking care of their loved ones affected by the disease have an equally challenging road ahead of them.

Fortunately, for those living in southern New Mexico, there are resources available to help deal with the challenges these families face.

The Alzheimer's Association, a national organization with a New Mexico chapter, just hired Maia Sideris-Dorame, a New Mexico

See **Alzheimers** on page D2

Holiday shopping event of the year

La Casa Holiday Bazaar tradition is back again

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Las Cruces Convention Center will be filled with a stirring crowd as hundreds of vendors and shoppers alike gather for the 21st annual La Casa Holiday Bazaar that starts Friday, Dec. 2.

The Guild, a fundraising committee for the board of La Casa, started the bazaar in 1990 in a small room of Dickerson's Catering Center, charging \$10 a table to people wanting to sell their arts and crafts.

"The support of the community was overwhelming," said bazaar chair Dora Cothorn. "We have great vendors, even greater customers and very generous sponsors."

The event has now grown to be "the shopping event of the holiday season," Cothorn said, featuring local artists from southern New Mexico and west Texas, as well as vendors from many surrounding states.

Due to its increasing size, the bazaar was the first event held at the newly completed Las Cruces Convention Center last year, and Cothorn said it "has been absolutely wonderful."

Judy Buchman, owner of JB Dezines, has been attending the bazaar for the last 10 years, selling her custom embroidery.

"It's a lot of fun and it doesn't get any better than doing something you love and getting



Shoppers at the La Casa Bazaar marvel over many unique products offered at last year's event, which was the first event held at the Las Cruces Convention Center. This year's bazaar will kick off Friday, Dec. 2, and continues through the weekend.

paid for it," Buchman said.

Buchman said her favorite memory of the bazaar was bringing her 8-day-old granddaughter, Jazmin Martinez, for the first time 10 years ago, and has since not missed a year at the bazaar.

Martinez, now 10, helps her grandmother pick out designs and patterns for things such as her children's aprons.

"I think she already has a knack for it, Buchman said. "They seem to be doing well."

Martinez seems to be in the Christmas spirit as well, as she will be donating a brand new children's bicycle to La Casa at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the bazaar, a prize she won for winning first in a Jog-a-thon at Hillrise Elementary School.

See **Bazaar** on page D4

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Alzheimer's

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State University graduate, as the new Southwestern Regional manager, based in Las Cruces.

"I have such a passion in wanting to know that I did everything I could to someday find a cure," Sideris-Dorame said.

Sideris-Dorame has worked with Alzheimer's patients for the past 10 years, and now provides a variety of local programs to help family members become "savvy" caregivers.

In addition to providing educational information, Sideris-Dorame teaches caregiver and safety classes throughout Catron, Doña Ana, Grant, Hidalgo, Lincoln, Sierra and Otero counties.

Even though there is no cure for Alzheimer's yet, the best thing to do until then, Sideris-Dorame said, is educate the caregivers on how to emotionally and physically deal with the disease.

"It's an immense amount of stress for everyone involved," she said. "That's why I want to help them."

The classes and training programs include general caregiving and safety as well as courses designed specifically to help veterans who are dealing with Alzheimer's.

Prestina Chavez from Tularosa, N.M., is a caregiver for her mother who suffers from Alzheimer's and said the caregiver class she attended "was exceptional."

"I was given really good information and it left me wanting more. I look forward to the next class in January," Chavez said.

The Alzheimer's Association reported helping more than 5,000 people through the helpline in 2010, and provided more than 500 families with respite vouchers.

Families can qualify for respite vouchers if they are the primary caretakers of someone with Alzheimer's.

Starting her new position at the beginning of October, Sideris-Dorame said her professional goals include locating caring, trustworthy people to facilitate the much needed support groups.

"There's always a need for people who have a genuine interest in the disease to volunteer and help with fundraising events," Sideris-Dorame said.

The association's main fundraising campaign is the annual Alzheimer's walk held each September. The Las Cruces walk raised more than \$15,000 in 2010 and jumped to more than \$25,000 in 2011 to go toward Alzheimer's research.

The next classes available in Las Cruces will be the "Veteran's Savvy" program taught in January 2012.

To find out exact class times and dates available or for more information on the programs and services the Alzheimer's Association offers, call 647-3868.

A 24-hour hotline and emergency help is also available in 120 different languages, at 800-272-3900.

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White House recognizes World AIDS Day

People around the world rally

By **Marieke Jackson**
for the Las Cruces Bulletin

Think to yourself, what would you do if you found out you were HIV positive? What if your mother, brother, sister or best friend tested positive? Being HIV positive will change anyone's life.

Over the past few years, the term "HIV" has become part of our vocabulary, but what exactly is it?

HIV is a retrovirus, a virus that uses an RNA genome to reproduce within host cells. The virus enters the cell and its RNA is turned into DNA.

During transcription – which is when the cell replicates its DNA to make more DNA – HIV sneakily inserts its DNA, making the cell inadvertently transcribe the virus' DNA, thus creating more viruses.

The new viruses then overload and kill the cell. Your body will respond to the infection.

That's why it takes so long for the HIV virus to turn into Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). Your body can control flare-ups of the virus, but only for so long and not for extended periods of time (such as when you have a head cold and you need to rest).

Unfortunately, the virus primarily uses white blood cells to reproduce, which also are the cells your body uses to control infections. Thus, your immune system cannot get rid of the virus altogether, which is why it keeps coming back.

The recent case of a man in Berlin who was cured of HIV was an incident where several crossroads were reached and the improbable happened at each one.

The man had leukemia, a disease of the white blood cells, and his body was able to accept a bone marrow transplant from a donor who is naturally immune to the virus (the virus can't get into his cells to replicate). Essentially, the man's entire supply

of white blood cells was replaced with HIV-immune cells.

The antiretroviral treatment has nasty side effects, is complicated to take on a daily basis, can be expensive and needs to be monitored closely.

The best way to keep those around you safe is to get tested. What you can do to prevent transmission in the first place, is to continually know whether you have the virus or not. This is also known as your "serostatus."

Why is it important to know your serostatus? After infection, the biological goal of the virus is to reproduce like crazy.

If you know soon after infection, the amount of virus can be closely monitored and when it gets harder for your body to control it, doctors can put you on Antiretroviral Treatments (ARTs).

If a person tests positive for HIV, he or she is more likely to take steps to protect others against the virus. Currently, 79 percent of people already living with HIV know their serostatus.

Through the first national HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States, the White House recognized Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day in an effort to raise that number.

It's a day when people around the world stand up and say: "I'm going to do what I can to make sure this disease is stopped."

Communicate with your partner, ask questions and use protection. By empowering yourself and getting tested, you will help protect the people around you.

We can fight infection of HIV, but we have to do it together as a city, as a country, as a planet.

HIV testing is done free at the Department of Health building, 1170 N. Solano Drive. Testing is also done at Families & Youth Inc. office, 1320 S. Solano Drive, and La Clinica de Familia, 1160 Mall Drive after seeing a doctor. To find more testing sites and to learn more about HIV, visit www.hivtest.org.

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Survive

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to adapt a wrong tool to accomplish a desired goal.

Value living. Focus on surviving, no matter what hardships need to be endured.

Act like the natives. Study and learn from the people and animals in the surrounding environment. They can best teach you how to survive. This was used by the colonial Americans in order to survive and thrive in North America.

Learn basic skills. Survival training is necessary in order to overcome the critical situation or event. For example, in a desert environment, a person will die within 48 hours without water. Adventure training and "nice-to-know" information – such as a checklist – will not save your life.

The psychology of survival is an essential start point in order to utilize the "survival blueprint." Unfortunately, a significant number of Americans have lost this knowledge.

This is partly due to do less Americans having to struggle for their individual existence. That is why educating and teaching these skills is

so important.

The first step in learning the psychology of survival is to understand how the concept is applied in the real world – that is, recognizing how a disaster or emergency affects an individual or their family. History and research have shown that individuals who receive survival training and apply that training are able to control and maintain their wits in actual survival situations and are the most successful at coping with extreme hardship.

A survival situation affects an individual physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. The boredom, cold, fatigue, heat, hunger, loneliness, pain and thirst a person encounters will affect his or her ability to function.

You need to understand these effects and also reacquaint with the "fight, flight or freeze" inclinations of human beings when facing a stressful situation. Excellent books to read and study on this topic are "Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor Frankl and "Five Years to Freedom: The True Story of a Vietnam P.O.W." by James N. Rowe.

It is worth noting that the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has extensive resources describing how

individuals survived and coped with traumatic experiences. You can access this information at www.ushmm.org.

After studying the experiences of people that have had to endure tremendous hardship and then were able to have successful lives ... you should have the desire and drive to continue your own journey for a successful life.

If not, there are several counseling professionals to help you with your life journey. Finally, there is an old saying about people that are successful and people that are unsuccessful in life and work. Most people do not plan to fail ... they fail to plan.

Michael R. Hurst is a retired U.S. Army Special Forces Captain and licensed alcohol and drug abuse counselor. He is a contributing author to the recent book "Living and Surviving in Harm's Way: A Psychological Treatment Handbook for Pre- and Post-Deployment of Military Personnel" and numerous articles addressing substance abuse, suicide, PTSD and life skills/transitions since 2002. He can be contacted at mike@thehurstgroup.us. The views expressed in this column are the author's and do not reflect the official position of any other individual, business or government entity. Please consult the services of a competent professional when attempting to solve an issue or problem.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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_fn@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 harmeiz@zianet.com or call 382-8978.

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.

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.cdfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.

TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Transplant Support Group - TRIO meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at MountainView Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave., in the conference room located on the right side at the entrance to the cafeteria.

The group provides information and support to individuals who have lost a family member, donor family members, transplant recipients or individuals interested in receiving an organ transplant.

For more information, call Susan at 496-2627.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Las Cruces Chapter Parkinson's Support Group meets at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call Kay Laurel Fischer at 522-4047 or Bill Wallace at 680-2520.



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The Las Cruces office of the Home Instead Senior Care hosted the annual Be a Santa to a Senior campaign on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Mesilla Valley Mall, with entertainment provided by the Queen's Victorian Singers.



The event was designed to provide gifts and companionship to seniors who might not have either this holiday season.



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Bazaar

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Achieving the No. 1 "money-winner" during the jog-a-thon for the past three years, which raises money for the school, Martinez "sets her mind on winning because she wants to donate the bike," said Martinez' mother, Cathi Buchman.

"She already has a bike and so she said she wanted to give it to someone who didn't have one," Judy Buchman said.

The bazaar now has more than 100 vendor booths and countless activities, such as raffles and giveaways that take hundreds of volunteers, according to vendor chair Sandy Larcher.

"Word gets out about such an exciting event and we have more than a 70 percent vendor return," Larcher said.

Through the efforts of so many people working together to create such a successful event, the Bazaar usually raises \$30,000 to 40,000 for La Casa, according to Larcher.

This money can be used for things like helping families through Christmas with food and gifts, and emergency fund money.

Unique to this year's bazaar is the "Santa's Surprise" booth, in which each vendor has donated a \$25 gift certificate, and customers buy a surprise envelope for \$25 to receive either one, two or three gift certificates.

"So the buyer at least gets their money back and maybe much more," Cothorn said.

La Casa Cupboard will be offering homemade snacks and treats throughout the event, and there will also be a "man cave" offering a relaxing area with sports shown on TV.

This year's raffle will feature a territorial-style dollhouse, handcrafted toy boxes and a handcrafted Southwestern in-laid wooden mirror.

Admission is \$5 at the door, children 12 and under get in free. For more information, call La Casa at 526-2819.

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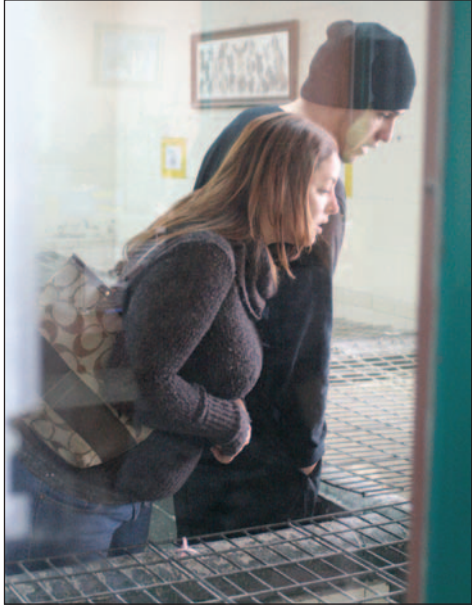
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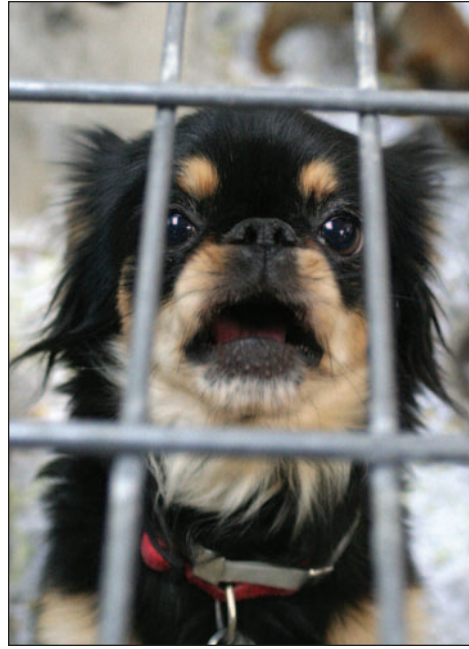
Meeting new family members at Black Friday adoptions

Photos by Nicolas Bañales

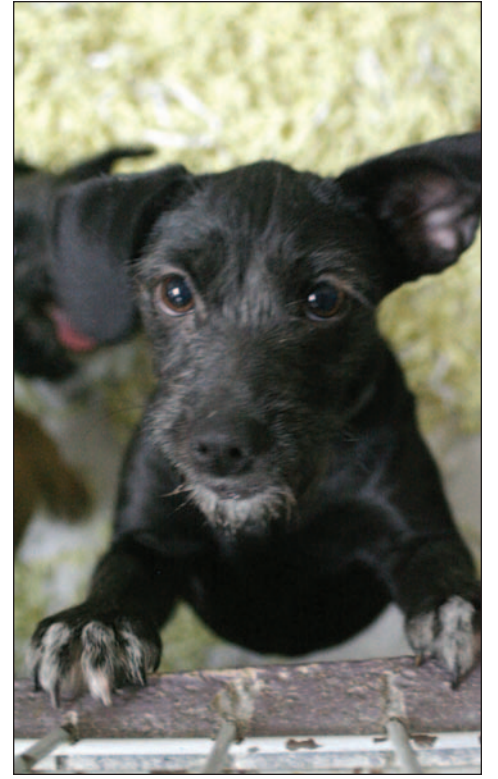
Danielle Vargas and Jon Blanco check out the different black canines available.



Richard Lucero, 8, is holding his new puppy Hera at the Black Friday Adoptions Friday, Nov. 29. The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley gave away free and half-priced adoptions for the day.



Chippie, 1, was adopted Friday. A reported total of 40 animals found new homes on Black Friday.



Sadie, 1, was one of the animals who found a new family.

Jemma Martinez, 1, is greeted by anxious puppies ready to be adopted from the ASCMV.



Marelda, 1, was one of the unlucky pets who did not yet find a new family during the special adoption day. This cute puppy can still be found at the ASCMV.

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Church News

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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.

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 cost of the meal is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Takeout will be available. For more information, contact 521-9736 or tntredhead@gmail.com

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ADVENT AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will have Holden Evening Prayer service during Advent at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14 and 21. For more information, call 522-7119.

CONCERT AT NEW HEIGHTS

Award winning singer-songwriter Dan Duet and New Heights Faith Community will share in "An Evening of Word and Sacred Music," at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, at 2425 Jordan Road. All are invited to this free concert and worship service. This event is co-hosted, in unity, by the people of the Catholic and United Methodist Churches. For more information, contact Rev. Joe Whitley at 202-9908 or pastorjoe@newheightsfaith.org.

SPIRITUALITY & ETERNAL LIFE

International speaker Mark Swinney of Placitas, N.M., will come to the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St., to speak on "Spirituality & Eternal Life: Could it be that God didn't intend you to age?" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

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.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

New Desert Harmony Singers presents "Christmas is for Children" concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. Admission is the donation of non-perishable item or a cash or check contribution to Casa de Peregrinos.

HOLIDAY ARTISANS' FAIR

The Catholic Charities Store Marketplace, 2205 S. Main St., Suite B, will hold its second annual Holiday Artisans' Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. Artisans interested in participating can call 523-7577 for more information.

ADVENT JOURNEY

University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St., will hold its annual "Advent Journey" from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 17-18. A cast of more than 200 characters will fill the parking lot and lawn to tell the story of the birth of Christ. The event is free. Please enter from the south end of the church building. For more information, call 522-8220 or email info@uumclascruces.org.

Looking to give this season?

Las Cruces Cares Charity Fundraiser focuses on 10 nonprofits

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For several years, First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces has supported nonprofit organizations throughout the community. Now, the congregation will show that support even stronger during its Las Cruces Cares Charity Fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at the church, 200 E. Boutz Road.

Las Cruces Care Charity Fundraiser was championed by congregant Don Behnke. Originally from the Chicago area, he said his former church would hold a similar event that would identify specific charitable and missionary projects and let givers select the entities they wanted to contribute to.

"(During the Las Cruces Cares Charity Fundraiser) we have a list of 10 charities, and there are a number of projects within each," he said. "A person can sit down, identify who they want to support and write one check."

The charities include St. Luke's Health Care Clinic, Gospel Rescue Mission, Mesilla Valley Community of Hope Outreach Services, Jardín de los Niños Homeless Child Care, El Caldito Soup Kitchen, Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank, Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico, Kairos Prison Ministry, La Casa Domestic Violence Shelter and Cristo Rey Outreach.

Behnke said these nonprofit organizations were selected because they serve society's less fortunate.

"They were chosen because these are charities that we've identified as working the most closely with the homeless and the working poor," he said. "Statistics show that there is a 20-plus percent poverty rate in Doña Ana County."

In recent years, these organizations have had to increase their services due to high demand.

In the past fiscal year, El Caldito Soup Kitchen served 84,370

Details

Las Cruces Cares Charity Fundraiser

When

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

Where

First Presbyterian Church of Las Cruces
200 E. Boutz Road

Cost

Free

Contact

Don Behnke at 505-466-3344

meals. By the end of the fiscal year in June, La Casa Inc. had provided emergency shelter to 184 adults and 266 children. Mesilla Valley Community of Hope also housed 320 people in 2010-11 as well as provided more than 4,000 showers.

On the day of the event, the church will be filled with representatives from each of the 10 nonprofits, on hand to give eventgoers more information about their work and needs. Participants will also be provided with a bond booklet that has information on the organizations and includes a donation form.

The event will also feature refreshments, musical performances from local high school bands and prize drawings.

"Everyone who makes a contribution will be automatically entered into the prize drawing," said Behnke, adding that one item that will given away is a Kindle Fire.

While this fundraising format has not taken place in Las Cruces to his knowledge, Behnke said he thinks the convenience of being able to help multiple local organizations with one action will be appealing to many.

"People love giving to something they know," Behnke said. "With this, they know exactly what program they're giving to."

To help spread the word and generate interest, Behnke said the congregation has posted flyers as well as reached out to 250 local businesses through letters.

While Behnke said he hopes the event is a success and becomes an annual occurrence at the church, he added that he wants eventgoers to take away with them an understanding of the need in Las Cruces and a willingness to help.

"One thing I hope people do is use this as an opportunity to learn more on what these charities are doing," he said. "All of these charities rely on volunteers. It's my fondest hope that (participants) become interested in anyone of them and volunteer to help."

Only cash and check donations will be accepted. In addition to attending the event, Behnke said donations can be mailed to the church, 200 E. Boutz Road, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3216.

For more information, call Behnke at 505-466-3344.

“ People love giving to something they know. ”

DON BEHNKE,
coordinator

Organizations and programs

Casa de Peregrinos Emergency Food Bank

Rural Expansion Program
Kid Kits/Summer Program

Child Crisis Center of Southern New Mexico

Commercial refrigerator
Hygiene items for children

Mesilla Valley Community of Hope

Emergency housing/homeless prevention
Homeless Services Center

Cristo Rey Outreach

Food for food bank and nutrition program
Social programs, supplies and field trips for the kids

El Caldito Soup Kitchen

Meats and fresh fruit for preparing meals

Jardín de los Niños

Classroom supplies, educational equipment and recreational equipment
Baby and infant hygiene supplies and car seats

Kairos Prison Ministry

Food and program materials for local chapter of the prison ministry

La Casa Inc.

Children's Program
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Realtors get insight into personal safety

Proper steps can help reduce need for personal protection

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Local Realtors received professional insight into personal safety and personal protection Thursday, Nov. 17, when Sgt. Shane Brisco spoke on the subject during the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Lunch & Learn.

A police officer for 11 years, Brisco is an instructor on several special topics, including crisis intervention and defense tactics. When it comes to personal safety and personal protection, he said there is a clear distinction between the two.

"Personal protection is complex," he said. "Personal safety is fairly simple and easy to be proactive. If you do things right, the odds are you won't have to protect your personal self."

Brisco said personal safety is often composed of common-sense practices. As with animals, he said human predators will prey on someone they view as weaker.

"It's all a matter of how people perceive you," he said. "It's not your size, but how you carry yourself."

To ensure your personal safety, Brisco said it is important to look up and be observant, have a plan of action, keep your hands free, communicate your plans with someone and keep your head on a swivel.

"More importantly, listen to your gut," he said. "If those little hairs on the back of your neck stand up, listen to it. Something is going to go wrong. Listen to it, don't ignore it. You have it for a reason."

This advice was especially useful to the



Realtors Shannon Sells-Gutierrez learns a self-defense technique from Sgt. Shane Brisco during the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Lunch & Learn Thursday, Nov. 17.

Las Cruces Bulletin
photo by Beth Sitzler

Realtors, many of whom in the audience were women.

"People don't realize the position Realtors are in every day when showing vacant properties," Realtor Emily Coss said.

"Realtor safety is very serious," said LCAR President Dolores DeMers.

When it comes to personal protection, Brisco said it is important to consider the street application of self-defense or martial arts moves. According to Hicks Law, when faced with an attacker, everyone gets one move. This means, Brisco said, it is important to maximize the efficient use of your energy.

As for weapons, Brisco said he is commonly asked which weapon, if any, is the best a person can carry for personal protection.

"The best weapon is the one you're willing to use, and use multiple times if you have to," he said.

Brisco explained that if a person isn't willing to use their selected weapon – no matter if it is a knife, taser or gun – it will be useless and

can even potentially be harmful to them.

"You have to ask yourself, 'Am I willing to take a gun out and shoot someone multiple times?'" he said, adding that for every one gun shot or stab wound, a person has a 10 percent chance of dying.

"One weapon I would recommend is a flashlight."

The flashlight is vital, he said, because a bright flash of light in the face will make someone flinch, which is known as being dominated with light.

While the best way to handle a confrontational situation is to simply walk away, another piece of advice Brisco offered was to use the buddy system.

"A predator is less likely to do anything when there are two of you," he said.

Also, in a life-and-death situation, he said it is important to do whatever you can to survive.

"Give yourself permission to protect yourself," Brisco said.

Health briefs

Stress relief and gift giving made easy

Experience a delightful, holiday-infused evening making relaxing bath salts and learning how to create linen sprays, body sprays and room fresheners.

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Toys for Tots

The second annual Toys for Tots bicycle ride will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. The ride will begin at Milagro Coffee Shop, 1733 E. University Ave., and end at High Desert Brewery, 1202 W. Hadley Ave. Toys brought must be new for kids aged 3 to 12 years old. For more information, call Henry Gil at 642-9548.

Pronto Healthcare Center now open

Pronto Healthcare Center is pleased to announce its opening Nov. 28. The medical clinic is located at the Texaco Truck Stop, exit 155, Interstate 10, approximately 10 miles south of Las Cruces. First of its kind in southern New Mexico, Pronto Healthcare is a cash for service only medical clinic. Routine visits are \$30. Call 233-1125.



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Featured home: 5140 San Carlos Court

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The master suite includes a tray ceiling.



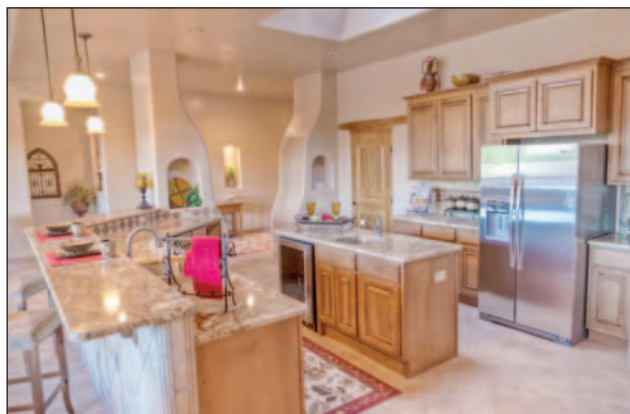
The recently completed home at 5140 San Carlos Court will serve as a model home for Artesan Construction.



The adobe home features a contemporary Southwest style.



Buttresses add an interesting architectural detail.



The large kitchen offers plenty of workspace.



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A contemporary adobe to call your home sweet home

Modern elements meet traditional building material on San Carlos Court

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Matthew Acosta of Artesan Construction went to build his model home at 5140 San Carlos Court, he wanted to show that traditional materials can be used to create a modern masterpiece.

Known for using handmade adobe brick, Acosta created a 2,404-square-foot home on the corner lot of the cul-de-sac. While adobe homes are usually built to look Old Worldly, Acosta said he wanted his model home to be contemporary with a Southwestern flair, a new style for the builder.

"It's not what you usually think of when you think of adobe," he said. "You don't see too many modern adobe houses, but adobe doesn't have to look old. It can be modernized as well. Adobe can be used for basically any style."

The clean lines, some set at an angle, of the home completed in November greet guests as they approach the front of the home. A squared arch leads into a small courtyard. A short wall, covered in cultured stone and a flagstone top, encloses the area.

An 8-foot knotty alder door guides guests into the model home. Choosing the .2-acre lot for its view, Acosta said they elevated the foundation about 5 inches to enhance the experience.

"People come through the door and they don't expect the view," he said.

Using adobe bricks measuring 12 inches wide long, 16 inches long and 4 inches thick, Acosta said the walls are 14 inches thick in some areas, providing an insulation factor ranging from R24 to R30, as well as R44 and higher in the ceiling. Covered in an Earth-tone palette, which was selected by Realtor Sandra Espiritu, the walls and ceramic flooring provide residents with a sense of warmth.

"It's interesting, people come in and say they get a homey feel," Acosta said. "It's large, but it's not a stadium. You get that feeling of home when you're in here."

While Acosta wanted the residence to feel like home, he included several interesting architectural details, such as curved elements and non-functional buttresses near the kitchen.

"I put an emphasis on the aesthetics," he said. "I wanted to give the home a modern, sleek look."

Off the entrance, which features a 10-foot ceiling, is a hall that leads to two of the home's bedrooms, one of which can be used as an office, as well as a full bathroom. Because this wing of the home faces the south, Acosta and his team designed the home to be thermal dynamic with the southern half being solar active.

Deciduous trees were planted outside of the bedroom windows on the solar active portion of the home. When they left out in the summer months, they will block the sun, and when the leaves fall in the winter, the sun's warmth will be let in. That heat will then transfer to other zones of the home.

Back at the entrance, three nichos line a wall. The nichos, as with the other ones in the house, feature tile detailing as well as dimming lights to show off artwork and create an ambiance.

"There are a lot of accents and dimmers for lighting," Acosta said.

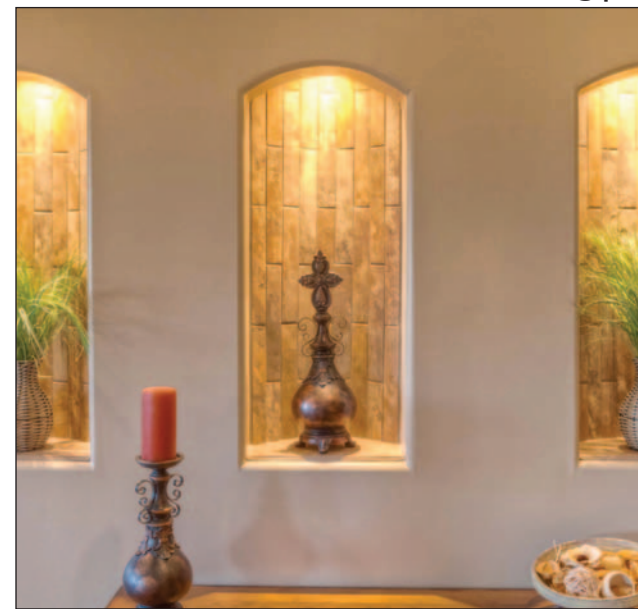
The center of the home is the kitchen, which opens to the dining and living room area.

"The openness gives the illusion of space," he said, adding that several of his clients have requested the open floor plan because it allows everyone in the area to interact.

Acosta said with the help of Espiritu, they created a functional kitchen with plenty of room for cooking and a touch of European elegance. Alder cabinets cover the walls as golden wave granite graces the countertops. A wine or beverage refrigerator is placed into the island, which also features a second sink.

While Acosta included solid pine doors throughout the home, he also didn't skimp on the closets. Each closet, including the pantry, features solid pine shelving.

"Ninety percent of homes here don't have that, they have particle board," he said. "It's something completely different. It's a statement of our quality."



The tiled nichos feature dimming lights to help display artwork.

The dining and living room area features a fireplace adorned in two-tone Venetian plaster. The area also includes vigas along the 12-foot ceiling.

"I didn't want it to be too modern," Acosta said of the Southwestern detail.

Next to the area is the master suite. The large bedroom, which has speakers, showcases a tray ceiling with dimmers. While a door leads to the backyard, Acosta didn't include one to the bathroom, creating a seamless transition between the two spaces.

In the bathroom, two sinks are enclosed in a granite countertop as a Jacuzzi rests under an arch drenched in tile. The shower, which features two showerheads and a bench, is also decorated in elaborate tile work.

The laundry room is accessible from the master suite as well as the bedroom wing, a feature Acosta said is becoming more popular with homeowners. The area is also plumbed for another refrigerator.

"I love the way the home all comes together," Acosta said.

While the interior features style, comfort and elegance, Acosta said he wanted the backyard to be a focal point. He included a fire pit, which keeps residents warm as they peer over the rock wall at the scenic view of the Organ Mountains.

The yard also features xeriscaping, which includes rock, flagstone and various plants that blossom throughout different times of the year.

"Something will be blooming year-round," he said, adding that open houses at the home will be held Dec. 3-4 and 10-11.

Details

Featured home
5140 San Carlos Court

Square footage
2,404

Acres
.2

Bedrooms
Three

Bathrooms
Two and a half

Fireplaces
One

Price
\$319,900

Special features
Adobe construction, thermal dynamic design, xeriscaping, contemporary style with Southwestern elements, Venetian plaster, granite and tile detailing, speakers in the living room and master bedroom, fire pit and view of the Organ Mountains

Contact
Sandra Espiritu at 312-2969 or
Matthew Acosta at 640-0095

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	1	3	1
Homes Sold Existing	8	12	13
Pending Home Sales (All)	169	173	170

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$122,800	\$156,500	\$161,950
Median Price Existing	142,650	165,000	165,000

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,134	1,108	1,118
Real Estate Agents	408	409	418

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 11/21/11 -11/27/11
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'Tis the season to stop a bug invasion

Insect proof your home this winter



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

If you're like most people, you're probably still enjoying delicious turkey, stuffing and other leftovers from Thanksgiving.

Undeniably, food is a central part of the holidays, and it's as much of a tradition as opening gifts. What you may not know is that along with the extra side dishes and desserts comes an increased chance of letting unwanted pests into your home.

By following a few simple rules, you can spread some holiday cheer, while keeping bugs and rodents at bay.

For starters, keep food containers sealed tightly in the kitchen because where there's food, bugs will happily make themselves at home. Start by sealing leftover food items and also storing cereals, grains, rice, and other pantry items in airtight containers. And be sure to keep opened food containers in the refrigerator. Remember: If you're on top of throwing away food scraps and packages, you're on top of avoiding a big bug problem.

It's also important to do all you can to keep your kitchen clean. That means keeping your countertops free from crumbs, sweeping or vacuuming the floor, and mopping up spills as they happen. Avoid leaving dishes in the sink overnight, too, as the sink can become an attractive area or breeding ground for ants, flies, cockroaches and other pests.

When it comes to other places in your kitchen, don't forget to clean out the toaster

and microwave, and also scrub down your stovetop every day as you reheat meals.

As for the clean up after a holiday party, be sure to take out the garbage as frequently as possible, because if you can smell the food inside the garbage bag (even a little), there is no doubt that it's going to attract bugs. In fact, pests are much more sensitive to odors than we are, so even if you can't smell it, it still may attract those creepy crawlers. Line your cans with plastic garbage bags, and tie them tight before you take the bags out for pick-up.

You can always take it a step further by scrubbing those trash bins frequently as well, because even with your garbage in plastic bags, there's bound to be a spill or torn bag now and then. Be sure to scrub out all of your trash bins to eliminate smells and sticky substances that may attract insects. Consider using a solution of bleach to clean your outdoor cans thoroughly, especially if you keep them close to your house.

By investing a little time in these house-keeping tasks, you will greatly reduce your chances of a major insect infestation as you entertain loved ones during the holidays.

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.

Fun with the fantastic funnel

Contraption conquers countless conundrums

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After funneling food into your mouth this Thanksgiving, try some other types of funneling around the house.

A common kitchen utensil, the funnel is an easy way to separate bulk items into smaller quantities. Functional for both dry goods and liquids, to use a funnel, simply place the spout into the opening of a container and pour the contents into the bowl.

The object will glide through the bowl into the spout and drop into the container, helping to reduce the possibility of spills, drips and other messes.

While it is popular for separating and dispensing a variety of food items, such as coffee grounds, spices, juice and oil, the funnel can also be used in some unexpected ways.

1. Easily dispense string: Have those balls of yarn and spools of thread become tangled orbs of chaos? Keep your stringy supplies organized and knot free with the help of a funnel. Using a large funnel, nail it to a wall in your hobby room or craft area. Make sure the spout is pointing down. Place your ball of string in the bowl and thread the end through the spout. Now, whenever you need a length of twine, all you'll have to do is pull out a bit and snip.

2. Separate eggs: The wonderful uses of the funnel in the kitchen don't stop with filling jars and bottles – a funnel can also be handy when whipping up breakfast or your favorite cake recipe. For those recipes that call for separated eggs, get the job done with the funnel. Crack the egg into the bowl of the contraption, which should be set over your mixing bowl. The white will slide into the mixing bowl while the yolk stays put – if it isn't broken that is.

3. Play telephone: While two cans attached with a piece of string has traditionally been used to make a telephone for kids to play with, the same device can be created with funnels. Tie a button to one end of a length of string and weave it through a small, plastic funnel. Take a second funnel and thread the other end of the string through. Tie a button to the end of the string. Be sure to keep the string taut when using so the vibrations pass easily from one end to the other.

4. Conduct science experiments: With Christmas break around the corner, keep the kids entertained and learning by performing at-home science experiments. Whether building a volcano or showing the wonders of combining water and oil, most science experiments will require the use of a funnel. One such experiment you can conduct is light a candle and have your kids blow it out through the small end of the funnel. They won't be able to, and the experiment will show how the size of an opening affects the speed of air.

5. Get ready for Halloween: It's never too early to plan your next Halloween costume and while 2012 will be filled with its own most-popular cast of characters,

How to make

Rice hand warmers

Give these pouches of warmth to loved ones this Christmas. After a quick pop in the microwave, after 25 seconds, they can stuff them into their pockets to keep their hands toasty during the winter months.

1. Measure and cut four 4-by-4-inch squares of fleece.
2. Place the right sides of two pieces of fabric together. Use a 1/2-inch seam to sew around all edges, leaving a 2-inch opening on one side for turning and filling. Sew again over first stitching line to ensure there are no tiny holes in the seams for rice to come through. Turn the pouch right side out.
3. Using a funnel, pour 1/4 cup rice into the pouch.
4. Use a hand sewing needle and thread to stitch securely closed the 2-inch opening.
5. Repeat steps two through four for the second pouch.

Source: www.ehow.com

why not stick with a classic. Transform yourself or a loved one into the Tin Man from the "The Wizard of Oz" with a funnel, silver paint and a cardboard box. Easy to make, the costume will be the hit of the holiday without damaging your bank account.

6. Keep your car running: When packing your emergency kit for your car, along with a flashlight, blanket and first-aid supplies, be sure to include a funnel. The funnel will be important when you need to replenish your car's fluids, such as oil. This task can be conquered by either a plastic or metal funnel – just make sure it is of a larger size.



Around-the-home item: Funnel

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Featured Realtor: *Kari Hitner*

Dedicated to service

Hitner knows the importance of good work ethic

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Kari Hitner joined the real estate industry in May 2004, she said just about anyone could have sold a house in the booming market.

As the economic downturn set in and the housing market took a dive, Hitner said she learned that to stay successful she would have to rely not only on her network of friends and clients, but also her organizational skills and work ethic.

"Someone once told me (when you're a Realtor) you have to wake up every morning like you're unemployed," she said. "Meaning that you have to go out there and look for business every day."

Originally from Denver, at the age of 18, Hitner said she worked on the administrative side of the medical field as a chart auditor and surgical coder.

Married to Bill, Hitner and her family relocated to Las Cruces in 1998 when his position as a regional manager of a California-based company moved to El Paso. Hitner continued in the medical field until 2004 when she wanted a change.

"My daughter (Andrea) was young and I wanted the flexibility," she said.

Always having an interest in housing, Hitner said she spoke to Anna Emerick, who had recently created Emerick Real Estate, about becoming a Realtor.

"When I first moved to Las Cruces, I learned the area really quickly," she said, adding that she was drawn to the architecture of the region. "I just loved the houses."

Earning her real estate license about seven and a half years ago, Hitner said she thought a career in the industry would offer "unlimited potential" both financially and creatively.

"There is something new each day," she said. "There are new people each day."

Jumping into her new business feet first, Hitner said that even though the market was so easy at first, her new responsibilities still felt overwhelming at times and presented her with several new challenges.

"There is so much to learn," she said. "There is the marketing aspect, the technical aspect, the networking aspect. There is a lot that they don't teach you in real estate school."

Hitner said she relied on the organizational skills she had developed and also found support from the circle of friends, contacts at her daughter's school and doctors she had met during her previous career.

"The doctors I worked with were very supportive, even though I had left them," she said. "I ended up listing several of their homes."

She also found support from her fellow Realtors, especially Emerick, who became one of her many mentors. While some may view the real estate industry as cutthroat, she added that it isn't the case.

"The people in this business have been great mentors and have been willing to help me," she said. "We're a close-knit group even though we're competing against each other."

While real estate offers a flexible schedule, Hitner said she makes sure to treat it as another job, often arriving to the office at 8 a.m. to get her day started and stay motivated.

"You have to have that work ethic and those organizational and time management skills," she said. "It would be easier to go shopping, but it's important to stay motivated."

One reason she does this, she said, is to help her clients accomplish their dreams.

"I like that feeling of satisfaction I get when

“ I like the feeling of satisfaction I get when I've helped sell or find my clients their home. ”

KARI HITNER,
Realtor

I've helped sell or find my clients' their home," she said. "It's their 'ah-ha' moment that I like."

Providing her clients with a casual, comfortable, laid-back transaction, Hitner said she believed in sticking to the basics to keep her business going – staying in contact with past contacts and working hard at every task at hand.

"I like to do a little bit of everything," she said, adding that she has worked with everyone from first-time homebuyers to retirees. "The people I've worked with have had diverse backgrounds, and that's how I prefer it."

While her business and spending time with her family keeps her busy, Hitner also finds time to give back by serving on the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Community Service Committee. Having conducted several clothing and toy drives as well as providing scholarships and support to the Gospel Rescue Mission, the committee has allowed her to show her thanks, she said.

"I'm pretty fortunate and I know that every little bit helps," she said.

With plans to work on her Graduate Realtor Institute designation and continuing to grow her business, Hitner said she is staying motivated and proactive in real estate.



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Peace and sunshine to all

Everyone has their own reason for choosing solar



Mellow Honek
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This year, as in several years past, hundreds of homeowners across Doña Ana County began powering their homes with solar energy. They are still connected to the electric company. They have not changed their lifestyle. They made the investment in solar.

The question is, why have so many homeowners made the investment to power their homes using New Mexico sunlight? The financial rewards are one obvious reason. The tax credits and incentives deliver a fast return on investment. That makes sense considering the risk and volatility of other investments.

They saw their investment in solar as money that must be spent regardless by paying taxes and electric bills. It made sense to repurpose those "spent dollars" into a tangible asset that pays its own way.

OK, so we all like a good investment. But, what are some of the other reasons so many of your friends and neighbors have chosen to invest in solar?

Several clients, so thrilled to have solar panels on their home, told me they wanted to power their world with solar ever since they were kids. They share stories of school science fairs where electric motors or other gadgets were powered by small solar cells. Many figured solar would be powering everything in just a few years.

My favorite example is a 92-year-old Las Cruces man who added solar to his home last

year. He has no illusions about payback and couldn't care less about the investment – he waited 50 years to power his home with solar. His smile and voice revealed his reason.

One client simply said, "This is the 21st century and I can make usable electricity at home. This is the coolest thing in the world and a great time to be alive. It's like a new millennium garden ... we can grow our own electricity."

The most common reason, though not always the first offered, is: "It's the right thing to do." In some cases, my clients will point to their young children and say, "They are my reasons."

Everybody has their own reason for eschewing dangerous, dirty and toxic methods of making electricity. But the client that summed it best was Linda Fortney in a news report taped by KRWG in the summer of 2010 when she said "We need to do that (add a solar PV system) definitely for our environment, and for the younger generations that

are coming up."

I shared only a few of the many reasons offered by our clients for why they chose to add solar power their homes. I'd like to add a few of my own, but not about why I put solar on my home, but rather why am I in the business of putting solar on the homes of others: Because after working for more than three decades, I've never had so much fun meeting people who want to contribute, want to make a difference and want to realize childhood dreams. I also have the privilege of working with the most professional and dedicated staff in my entire working career. I do it because it's a joy and an honor.

Thank you to my solar-powered friends and clients. Peace and sunshine to all.

Mellow Honek is a managing member at Sunspot Solar Energy Systems LLC, a Las Cruces solar photovoltaic systems contractor featuring New Mexico made products. For more information on the power of solar, call 541-3533 or visit www.sunspotenergy.com.

Wrapping the holiday spirit at the Habitat fundraiser

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Susan Call neatly decorates a present with ribbon during the annual Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity fundraiser, which collected donations from shoppers to wrap their holiday gifts, Friday, Nov. 25, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Mesilla Valley Mall.



Mary Wheeler gets her present wrapped by Ann Palormo, a volunteer with MVHFH. The money collected will be used to build homes for families in the area.



Tammy Anthony has the gift she intends to give to her husband and son wrapped. MVHFH will continue its gift-wrapping fundraiser in Barnes & Noble Booksellers through Dec. 24.

The twinkle of Christmas lights



Have you decked your halls with enough boughs of holly to fill a small garden nursery? Is your home covered with a plethora of colorful lights that could signal Santa's reindeer? Then send us your photos. The Bulletin would like to share images of your holiday-decorated homes with our readers. Send photos to homes@lascrucesbulletin.com.



Gift-wrapping fundraiser volunteers Mary Ellen-Floyd, Call and Palormo gave their time to help the fundraiser.

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The season of wrapping

Tamales: A tasty treat, either savory or sweet

Sunny Conley
Chile Knights



Tamales often get a bad wrap (pun intended) as being too time-consuming to make from scratch.

A tamal is prepared with various fillings – some savory, some sweet – coated with masa, or corn dough, and wrapped in a softened cornhusk and then steamed. (Steaming cooks the masa. Most fillings are pre-cooked.)

In ancient times, the process to make masa was complex and involved drying, cooking and grinding corn kernels. But with the availability of commercially prepared corn dough in a tub, packaged dry masa harina (just add water) and packaged cornhusks, the process is a breeze. So no excuses.

Filling recipes can be as simple as canned pumpkin and rice spiced with nutmeg, cinnamon and cayenne pepper or as “complicated” as shredded pork tossed in a favorite salsa. Use your imagination. Have fun. Tamales not only make scrumptious cocktail nibbles, but also unique gifts to give to friends and family.

Alice Guadalupe Tapp, author of “Tamales 101” (Ten Speed Press, 2002), offers excellent tips on how to make these delicious bundles.

Cornhusks

Soak dried cornhusks in hot water weighed down with a heavy pot or platter for 45 minutes. Rinse to remove silk and any dirt. If not using immediately, cover the husks with a damp towel to retain moisture. If you plan to tie the bundles with cornhusk strips, tear down the length of the soaked husk into approximately 1/4-inch wide strips and set aside.

To make masa

Simply follow package directions or if using commercially prepared masa, well, you're ready to go.

Filling and folding the husk

Use an ice cream scoop to measure proper amount of masa. Spread masa on the smooth side of cornhusk using a rubber spatula, at least 1 inch from the flat end of the husk. Gently press down masa to desired size. Add desired filling in the center of the masa, about 1 heaping tablespoon. Fold both sides of the cornhusk in tightly to overlap. Twist one end of the husk and tie, then twist the other end and tie.

Steaming the Tamales

Put tamales in a steamer basket of an 8-quart pot. Fill the pot with water just up to the steamer. Bring to a boil and steam according to recipe directions.

Filling suggestions

Unless otherwise noted, tamales should be steamed for one hour. For a more festive and colorful presentation, consider adding ribbons to each end of the tamal.

Shredded Beef and Green Chile

3 cups cooked shredded beef
8 large roasted green chiles, peeled, stemmed, seeded and coarsely chopped

1 white onion, peeled and coarsely chopped
6 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1 jalapeño pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
3 potatoes, peeled, boiled and diced (cool potatoes before dicing)
1 cup favorite chile sauce

Mix the ingredients together. Makes about 12 tamales.

Pork with Homemade Red Chile Sauce

Note, store-bought red chile sauce can be substituted

Pork filling:

3 1/2 pounds pork rump or shoulder, trimmed and cubed
10 cups cold water
1 large onion, coarsely chopped
4 garlic cloves, sliced
1 1/2 teaspoons salt

Sauce:

5 large dried red chiles, stems and seeds removed
5 large cloves garlic
2 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoon flour
2 teaspoons olive oil
Hot water, as needed

In a large stockpot or Dutch oven, combine pork, water, onion and salt. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer, tightly covered, about 2 1/2 hours. Meat should be very tender. (Or cook meat in a slow cooker all day on the “low” setting.) Drain meat, allow meat to cool slightly and shred.

While meat is cooking, prepare the sauce. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Roast dried chiles about 3 to 5 minutes, till fragrant. Don't let them burn. Place your chiles in a bowl and add enough hot water to cover them. Let them sit for about 30 minutes. Place your chiles and about 2 1/2 cups of your soaking liquid into a blender or food processor. Add the garlic, cumin and salt. Process until smooth. In a saucepan, heat the oil. Add the flour and stir until mixture is browned. Whisk in chile mixture and simmer, uncovered, about 10 minutes, or until thickened slightly. Stir in shredded pork. Refrigerate until ready to use. (Recipe adapted from <http://divinedinnerparty.com>.)

Spicy Sweet Taters

1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, scrubbed and halved lengthwise
Olive oil
Salt and pepper
1 1/2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 chipotle chiles from can, drained and minced
6 tablespoons butter
1 cup vegetable broth

Rub the sweet potato halves with a touch of olive oil on all sides. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Set the sweet potatoes, cut side up, in a baking dish and bake in a 350 degree oven until soft when pressed, about 1 hour. Scoop the flesh from the sweet potatoes (discarding



Tamales are not only easy to make, but they make great gifts.

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photo by Sunny Conley

skins) into a bowl and mash with a fork until smooth. Mix in the brown sugar, cinnamon and minced chipotles.

In a saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter and vegetable broth and stir until the butter has melted and the broth is warm. Add this mixture to the sweet potatoes and mix well. Note, you can add the masa harina directly to this recipe before filling the tamales. (Recipe adapted from <http://elliemay.com>.)

Tamal Dough

Note, this recipe calls for sweetened masa. A great recipe idea.

1/2 cup butter softened
1/3 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups mango juice or nectar (orange juice may be substituted)

Mix masa, butter, brown sugar and baking powder in a stand mixer until fluffy. Beat in mango juice and vanilla until well blended. To test the dough, take a nickel-sized piece of dough and place it in a small cup of water. If the dough floats, it is ready. Makes about 12 tamales.

Mango Filling

2 large, ripe mangos, chopped into 1/2 inch cubes
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon habanero powder

To make the mango filling, combine mangos, brown sugar and cinnamon and habanero powder in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 7-8 minutes. Cool before filling tamales. Steam for one hour.

Pumpkin Pie Filling

1 cup cooked pumpkin, squash or sweet potato
1 cup brown sugar
Pumpkin pie spice
Cayenne pepper

Mix the cooked pumpkin, squash or sweet potato with the cooked brown rice. Season with pumpkin pie spice and cayenne pepper. Chill until ready to fill.

Sunny Conley, a former Las Cruces, is an award-winning cookbook author and food columnist. If you have a chile recipe or idea to share, contact Conley at sunny.conley@gmail.com.

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Time for poinsettia care

Holiday staple can last throughout the season with these tips

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



It is that time of year already – poinsettia season is upon us. Here are a few tips to help keep your plant alive through and well beyond the holiday season.

First of all, start by purchasing the healthiest looking poinsettia you see. The bottom leaves should be green without any curls. Some varieties will have naturally lighter green leaves;

some will have darker green leaves. Avoid any plants that have yellowing leaves – this could be a sign of over watering or the plants may have been subjected to a cold draft.

Poinsettias come from a subtropical climate. They prefer warm temperatures and do not like cold drafts. As long as the temperature in your home does not dip below 60 degrees, your plant should be comfortable.

Try to keep it away from windowsills, entryways or any place that may provide an outside draft. At the same time, keep it away from the direct draft of your heater. This will not only dry out the soil prematurely, it will also cause burned leaf tips and lower leaf drop.

When purchasing these plants, it is important to “cover” them up when taking them from the inside of a building to your car or to your home. Even a very brief cold draft can have an effect on your poinsettia, which often results in lower leaf drop.

Place plants in an area that receives bright, filtered light or morning sunlight. Water the soil only when the top inch or so feels dry. You can pick up the pot and feel the weight. If it feels heavy, skip the watering for the next day. If it feels light, water thoroughly. Be sure to discard any standing water immediately if a saucer is used. Failure to do this will result in root rot.

You may use water-soluble fertilizer to feed your poinsettia if the lower leaves begin to lose their green color. This usually should be around six to eight weeks after you have purchased your plant.

Poinsettias should give you their festive colors at least through the early spring. That is, of course, if they have been properly cared for.

To get these beauties to re-bloom is a whole new story. They will basically need 12 to 14 hours of uninterrupted darkness followed by the remainder of the day in bright light. This needs to go on for at least 10 to 12 weeks every day. In other words, you will need to mimic what nature does.

Provide bright light all day and total uninterrupted darkness all night. This typically should be started on the first day of October and can be ceased around mid-December.

There is still the task of watering, fertilizing and pruning to get to the final stage of having the blooms and bracts return to their full glory. There are many books, articles and websites that go into greater detail on this venture, much more than I can possibly list on this page.

If the amount of time and effort it takes to get these rascals to re-bloom seems like a lot, it is. That is why there are professional growers around the world doing it for you. So don't feel bad if you have to “replace” your plant this season or next, with more than 60 million plants produced yearly, there should be one for you.

Oh, by the way, the verdict on whether they are poisonous or not is still out there. I have read different articles that list them as one or the other. If you have pets or children in the home, it would be best to assume they are poisonous. There may be a chance that one may have an allergic reaction to either the plant or the various chemicals that may have been used to grow them.



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