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A little cash doubles up food haul

Foundation will match donations by end of 2011

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

Money donated to the main local food bank by the end of the month can really help stretch the dollar raised to buy food for those in need.

Through the end of December, the Stocker Foundation is challenging the local community to donate money to Roadrunner Food Bank, which it will then match dollar-for-dollar up to \$5,000.

Nancy Barnes-Smith, southern New Mexico representative for Roadrunner Food bank, said the challenge grant is an opportunity for those who can only contribute a little money, because it will be doubled through the match. So, \$25 becomes \$50 that the food bank can use to add 280 pounds of food to its system of supplying food banks, pantries and other organizations in southern New Mexico.

Since Roadrunner began running the main food bank distribution for southern New Mexico in January, it has already surpassed its original goal of getting 2 million pounds of food to those most in need, Barnes-Smith said, and will likely top 3 million pounds by the end of the year.

With the high unemployment rate, more people are seeking help with food, Barnes-Smith said.

"With the dramatic increase of people that need our help with food, funds are critical in our work," said Melody Wattenbarger, president and CEO of Roadrunner Food Bank. "More funds means more food and sustenance for vulnerable people. This matching gift will hopefully encourage giving, allowing us to distribute more food out into southern New Mexico. We are so grateful to the Stocker Foundation for this generous contribution."

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Centennial school filling up

New high school impresses many

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

Parents and students will get the Christmas holiday break to discuss whether they want to attend to the new \$110 million Centennial High School, which will open its doors next fall.

When school officials were drawing new attendance zones with a fourth comprehensive high school added to the city, Superintendent Stan Rounds promised to allow any student who didn't want to go to the new high school could stay put.

But during a tour of Centennial Monday, Dec. 12, Rounds said he was encouraged by the early interest already shown by students wanting to go to the new school, which officials are planning to start with about 1,200 students, mostly in their freshmen and sophomore years, though some juniors will be accepted.

"I really don't think we're going to have a problem filling it up," Rounds said as he stepped onto the sprawling campus that is like a beehive of construction workers. "I think we'll have more of a problem keeping students out."

See **Centennial** on page A13



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Chris Mortenson

Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Stan Rounds stands in the new Centennial High School main gymnasium. The district is asking high-schoolers to decide over the winter break whether they want to go to the new \$110 million high school, or stay at the high school they would have gone to before new attendance boundaries.

Parade leads off centennial festivities

New Mexico's 100th birthday celebration to wind through Downtown

For those wishing to celebrate New Mexico's centennial in an active way, there is still time to register for the Las Cruces Centennial Parade with the deadline set for Friday, Dec. 23.

The parade will be Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, one day after the official date that marks the 100th anniversary of New Mexico statehood.

For 100 minutes, the parade will travel a route in Downtown Las Cruces.

Organizers want parade floats to represent each of the century's decades.

The Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market will extend its hours to 3 p.m. so parade-goers can shop after the event.

To register, visit www.mvcentennial.org and click on Parade Entry Form.

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



History will repeat itself on Jan. 7, 2012, when Rubén Smith leads Teresita Viramontes in a centennial parade. This photograph was taken in 1949, during the celebration of the centennial of the 1849 founding of Las Cruces. Viramontes, pictured here escorted by her brother, Jimmy Viramontes, was named the Centennial Queen. A young Smith, then known as Butch, led the way as crown bearer. A little more than 40 years later, Smith would be elected mayor of Las Cruces. Viramontes is now in her 80s and living in Texas.

Smith family photo

NEXT WEEK

High schools to change schedules

Las Cruces Public Schools moving to a seven-period day for its high schools starting next fall



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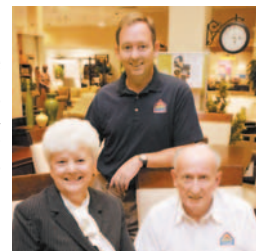
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NMSU gives staff bonuses

To make up for wage freezes, \$950 doled out just in time for Christmas shopping

Full-time New Mexico State University employees found an extra \$950 in their paycheck Thursday, Dec. 15.

NMSU officials were able to release \$4 million for the one-time bonuses, as well as student scholarships, classroom improvements and research support for the Las Cruces campus. About half of the \$4 million went to the bonuses.

"As we approach the holiday season, I want to express my appreciation to the employees for their efforts on behalf of NMSU," President Barbara Couture said.

"These one-time dollars are available because we cut more than we needed last year in

anticipation of a reduction in state appropriations for fiscal year 2012," Couture said. "These funds held over from fiscal year 2011 can now be spent to support needs central to the success of our university."

The bonus payment will be made to all regular employees who have been employed continuously from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. The amount was prorated for part-time regular employees and was distributed in the Dec. 15 payroll. Taxes were withheld from this amount.

NMSU has not been able to give employees an annual raise in three years. NMSU officials said the money used did not come from tuition.

'Blood Moon' setting



This lunar eclipse and moonset over the Robledo Mountains was captured early Saturday morning, Dec. 10, from a hill east of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard by Bulletin reader John Adamek using a Nikon D700 and 300mm F4 lens.

I win! I win!



Nathan Foster celebrates winning the grand prize of the Santa Sack filled with toys Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Breakfast with Santa event at the Mesilla Valley Mall.

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Opinions



From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Our Centennial contribution

A first (and possibly only) hardcover book, 'Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey,' will be available on Dec. 20

New Mexico is our state. Las Cruces, located in the verdant Mesilla Valley along the historic Rio Grande in southern New Mexico, is our home.

In 2012, New Mexico celebrates its centennial year of statehood. Because of our love for the wonderful place we have chosen to make our home, we felt a driving need to contribute something that would not only commemorate our state's Centennial, but would also share our region's unique character and history.

Our company's contribution to New Mexico's 100th birthday celebration is a special hardback book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey."

The book has now been printed. At the time of my writing this column, nearly 4,000 copies, nearly half of which have been pre-sold, are being shipped to Las Cruces. Arrival is expected to be no later than Dec. 20, just in time for Christmas.

Earlier this year, as our award-winning team of journalists, graphic designers and support staff embarked on this ambitious project, we learned very quickly that compiling a pictorial history book is not an easy task. Fortunately, we were wise enough to engage the assistance of our friends at the New Mexico State University library. Their advice and hands-on support throughout this process proved invaluable as we developed our book's concept.

In order to complete the book and have it available prior to the start of the Centennial year, we divided the workload among our entire staff. We chose to divide the book's content among 13 chapters, including nine full decades (1920 through 2010), two partial decades (1912-19 and 2011-12) and chapters for the pre-statehood and future time periods.

Each decade was assigned a different "champion" from among our news, design and marketing teams. The champions were responsible for researching photos and news items, writing features and conducting interviews that would comprise the content of each chapter.

Team members quickly became engrossed in their research, despite the fact that most of their work had to be accomplished outside of their normal work schedule, as we had to continue to publish our weekly newspaper and other projects on our regular seasonal schedule.

Writing, editing, proofing and production of this book truly became a labor of love. This was especially true over the last several weeks of production when many team members were working lengthy shifts in order to meet the printing schedule for the book.

An unanticipated benefit of the time investment we have made into the research for this project is that our staff, many of whom are just a few years out of college, have gained a deeper understanding of the history and culture of our area. This knowledge will prove to be a great benefit over time as we publish our local newspaper.

The result of our work is a beautiful pictorial book that provides readers a historical glimpse back in time and gives an insight as to how the Las Cruces region has contributed to the state of New Mexico over the past 100 years.

While the book offers a broad perspective on the history of Las Cruces, it is, by no means, a complete history of our region. To accomplish that objective, the book would require many more than 288 pages. We will leave the in-depth history narratives to the full-time professional historians.

Readers will note that each page is printed in full color, and that some of the photographs appear torn or out of focus. We chose the full color option, even though a majority of the photos were black and white. The color allows the photos to appear in their natural state, some of them with sepia tone due to their age. Many of the older photos have ornate borders, which are accentuated by the color.

We hope that readers will be entertained and informed by this book. We also expect that "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey" will become an heirloom for those who live in Las Cruces and love it as much as we do.

Happy birthday, New Mexico!



Letters to the Editor

GOP choices dwindle

Over the past few months, some of us have watched with dismay the rise and fall of Republican candidates for the office of President of the United States.

At present, we are left basically with only two contenders, Romney and Gingrich, now at a tie in most polls. Both of these men have credentials that are valid and are much more qualified for the job than the present occupant of the White House. However, a choice has to be made: One has 35 or more years in the private sector, and has created very successful businesses in the world of finance, trade and is knowledgeable in world affairs and national security. He has wealth acquired by his efforts, making him immune to the necessity to solicit funds from corporations and other sources.

The other candidate has spent half of his life in the political arena and is actively engaged in the "insider circle" of Washington politicians. He has an income paid by taxpayers from his service in the U.S. Congress, which will continue the rest of his life. He is a brilliant orator and historian, very articulate and impressive speaker. But, the fact remains upon close examination, he has practically no business experience in the private sector.

One questions his judgment when he purchases \$600,000 in jewelry for his wife, plus

taking an expensive South Pacific vacation in the middle of his campaign, resulting in the en masse resignation of his entire staff. At a time of severe economic woes being experienced by Americans, this display of an exorbitant lifestyle is an insult.

Catherine Fuller

Center to become reality

Doña Ana County and the City of Las Cruces have many reasons to be proud.

It has taken over eight years and thousands of hours of discussions, planning and wringing of hands, but we will have a crisis triage center.

If you want to see what a committed group consisting of commissioners, legislators, Health and Human Services public servants, health care providers and community members can do when they have a common goal and are willing to work together for the good of the community; take a look at the crisis triage center.

Supporter and friend John Meyer is smiling down on us and saying, "I knew we would do it."

There is still a lot of work to be done and all our voices are needed, but for now we can enjoy the warm feeling that comes when hard work pays off.

Valois M. Pearce

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Like it or not, Billy the Kid maintains marketing power

Mystique of the Old West endures in much of the world

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



Billy the Kid keeps producing for New Mexico. Recently he was the subject of a statewide treasure hunt which put millions of extra dollars into the state tourism industry, according to new Tourism Secretary Monique Jacobson.

More recently, The Kid was the subject of a History Channel documentary, which is still in reruns. And next month, a Public Broadcasting System hour-long special on Billy will begin airing featuring many New Mexicans and other authorities in the field.

Why, you ask, is a long-dead, no good cowboy having so much effect on our culture? Well, former Gov. Bill Richardson spent more than a year soon after he took office in a controversial effort to dig him up. That controversy stretched from Texas to Arizona and involved numerous lawsuits, some of which still are continuing.

Then there was Richardson's abortive effort to pardon Billy for shooting Sheriff Brady on the main street of Lincoln, N.M. Former Gov. Lew Wallace may have promised Billy a pardon on that one, but if so, he reneged and Richardson wanted to know why.

In the process, people from around the world weighed in on the question and Richardson ended his term without granting the pardon.

But the real reason The Kid attracts so much attention around the world is that to a great many he isn't a juvenile

delinquent, cattle thief, cop killer, as many New Mexicans see him.

Billy the Kid also was a talented, orphaned fighter for the little guy against a ruthless government. Billy didn't rob banks, stagecoaches or trains. He took what he needed to survive and shared the rest with the needy.

He was intelligent, had excellent handwriting, was musical and somehow knew the words to all the church songs. Fate led him to having to scramble for a living in the Old West. And I may not need to tell you how much the Old West is revered in much of the rest of the world.

So we may just have to learn to accept our most famous New Mexican as an attraction to the rest of the world.

The two film productions out now aren't perfect attempts at reality. Billy and the story are so complex that 52 minutes just won't do it.

Every production has to have an angle to capture viewers. The History Channel's "Billy the Kid Decoded" is an effort to present several versions of The Kid's story and let the viewer decide what happened.

That's fun, but the leading authorities all are basically in agreement that Sheriff Pat Garrett killed The Kid in Fort Sumner and that is where he is buried.

But people don't want to see their heroes die. That is why so many are willing to believe every crackpot who comes along claiming to be Billy or Elvis or other heroes.

Next month, public television's "American Experience" history series will feature The Kid. The series has won many awards over the years for its coverage of people and events.

PBS is beginning a new series on the Old West. Billy the Kid won out over many other candidates to kick off the series. Last week, the program's producer and director were in New Mexico to help promote the series.

Along with some Billy the Kid consultants, they appeared at roundtable discussions in Albuquerque and Santa Fe to screen clips of the film and to describe their efforts to humanize The Kid by getting into the "interior" of Billy to understand who he really was.

Perhaps the most telling observation came from writer Hampton Sides, who said just a year ago he wrote an opinion piece for the New York Times describing his amazement about the governor of New Mexico, Bill Richardson, wasting time deciding whether to pardon a two-bit thief and murderer.

Sides says he got beaten up by so many people throughout the nation and world that he decided he had better become an expert on The Kid also.

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“ I may not need to tell you how much the Old West is revered in so much of the rest of the world. ”

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



A horse lover's Christmas

One of the most difficult questions for horse lovers every Christmas is what to get for that family member that brings you the most joy, is always there when you need him, and understands you better than anyone.

No, not your horse clinician, barista or Pilates personal trainer, no. It is Equus domesticus propios, your horse.

This is not to diminish your affection for your hubby or ex-hubby, children, parents or gal pals, but in those relationships it is you who gives the most. You calm their fears, rub their necks, let them cry on your shoulder, lend them your ear and you are always there, a cornerstone in their lives.

But whose shoulder do you cry on? To whom do you tell your deepest secrets?

Who never calls you silly, tells you that you snore, never talks back or expects you to be reasonable?

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Are you kiddin'?

You want him to like your new boyfriend but he gets jealous and pees on his slippers.

Cats aren't much better. They are more like husbands. You pour your heart out to them and they ignore you. For 10 minutes you complain and rant, "... and that's why my day went so bad," you finish.

Both your cat and your husband look at you the same way when you're done - blank.

I know people who have an aquarium, gerbil, parrot, wind chimes, or a cow, to turn to in times when they need comfort and love. But in most cases they might as well talk to a 2-by-4. At least the 2-by-4 doesn't fidget.

But a horse is the best listener you'll ever find. You can stand and talk to a horse for 30 minutes and they'll listen patiently. They maintain eye-to-eye contact. They care.

A horse never questions your ridiculous worries or bad habits, or dreamy wishes.

You can lean on a horse. Try leaning on a cat.

Horses take you for a ride. Sure, a dog will take you for a walk, but it's not the same.

Try stroking a gold fish, feeding a cow out of your hand or talking to a parrot whose only vocabulary is "Gimme five, gimme five, gimme five!"

Christmas shopping for a dog is easy - something to chew on; for a cat, something to play with; for a python, something to squeeze.

But a horse would rather that you got something for yourself: new chaps, jodhpurs, a hat, boots, saddle or braided reins.

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Letters to the Editor

Animal Service Center volunteers get recognition

The Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley works diligently to re-home thousands of homeless and unwanted animals each year.

We have hundreds of volunteers who unselfishly donate their time, resources and energy in helping the ASCMV's mission of providing safe shelter for all lost, mistreated and abandoned animals of the Mesilla Valley and surrounding communities.

To honor our volunteers, we held a volunteer holiday party with a recognition ceremony Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Branigan Cultural Center.

Several businesses donated food for the occasion and we would like to thank them for supporting us. Sam's Club donated a wonderful cake; the manager of Albertson's on Lohman Avenue donated several trays of cookies, cheese, fruit and brownies; and the manager of Albertson's on El Paseo Road donated excellent sandwich trays.

The evening was a success.

We hope to have more events to recognize our volunteers and all of the hard work they do for us in the future.

*Beth Vesco-Mock, DVM
Executive Director
Animal Service Center of the Mesilla Valley*

Trying to determine someone's identity? Certainty is a core issue

Privacy must be balanced with the needs of society

Michael Swickard
In My Opinion



Two hot-button issues in New Mexico are related to one core question: What precision is necessary for the state government to "know" the identity of people?

We must address the "certainty" question before exploring "how to" issues, such as using a photo for identification. The precision necessary could range from allowing the government to take a person's word as to their identity or might require a much more rigorous approach.

The two areas of contention in New Mexico are voting and driving, where political advantages mute identity certainty. In all other areas, New Mexico has no trouble imposing adequate requirements for identity.

When I was in college in the late 1960s, a guy showed up at the Methodist Student Center where I spent my time.

"The name is Arnold Ziffel and don't make fun of it," he said it with a stern look. At the time, a television comedy,

"Green Acres," featured Mr. Ziffel, who had a pig named Arnold. Behind our Arnold's back we laughed at his name.

That next week, I was in a large class when the roll was being taken. I realized the new guy, Arnold, was also in the class. I smirked to myself that when "Arnold Ziffel," was called we would all snicker. Instead Arnold Ziffel answered to the name Robert Spiers. After class he laughed and said he loved that joke.

Currently in New Mexico, Robert could walk up, declare a name and vote with no other check to his true identity if the name he said happened to be on the rolls. Likewise, people who are not U. S. citizens can easily get a New Mexico driver's license, which other states would not issue. They can then take the New Mexico license to another state and trade it in for a much harder to get license.

In no other endeavor are people able to conceal their true identity and intentions – with the exception perhaps of the dating scene. Consider that in the coffee shops where I spend my time it is not uncommon to not know someone's name at the table. Their identity is not necessary to sit and tell stories over coffee.

Being on talk radio three hours a day, five days a week, I am comfortable with my anonymous status most of the other time I am in public. In the late 1980s, I lived in California for a couple of years. It was interesting how when celebrities wanted to be noticed they had strategies to get noticed. Otherwise, they were just one more person in line. As I lived in Ventura, all but the most recognizable stars fit right in.

Most people just want to go about their day without hassles. Border Patrol stations a hundred miles inside the United States border in New Mexico, along with DWI, seat belt, insurance and valid license checkpoints are a hassle. Still, as a society, we must balance our privacy issues with the need of the society to maintain order.

Do we citizens of New Mexico have to carry our identifying documents with us at all times? While driving, of course, but when just walking down a street must we carry identification? It is a problem for law enforcement when citizens do not carry documents.

"Sorry officer, not carrying any documents."

That probably gets the citizen "detained."

The State of New Mexico government must be clear as to the certainty of identification required in each situation, including if we must always have identification with us. That is the core issue our leaders must solve first. Any dialog about photo ID is wasted without understanding the certainty requirements for identification.

We need to know what certainty of identification will be applied when we vote or get a driver's license. State leaders must arbitrate the degree of certainty before they talk about how to apply the standard.

I am Michael Swickard. However, there are two Michael Swickards in my town. The other is a very distant cousin who researches chile. Is it important to know which one of us wrote this column? No, but the certainty of identity is critical as to who is voting and driving, especially since his name is the same as mine.

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Guest column

Occupy protests seek to restore economic justice

We must make changes in American system

By **Martha Stephens**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

It was good to read about Occupy Las Cruces in Samantha Roberts' column in the Las Cruces Bulletin, Dec. 2.

I was out with the occupy protest on Black Friday when Roberts came by to talk to us at the corner of Lohman Avenue and Walnut Street. We were trying to help people understand, through our signs and fliers, why jobs are so scarce, why wages are so low, and why so many have been rendered virtually homeless by foreclosures, by medical debt or by college loans built-up in our half-privatized, high-tuition universities.

Occupiers believe that the wealth of the country has been commandeered by powerful banks and corporations, companies less and less willing to pay their fair share of taxes and interested only in profiteering, whatever that may mean to common people.

In late October, Occupy Las Cruces staged their "Move Your Money Day" on the sidewalks of Wells Fargo and Bank of America. There was good turnout and a group of us moved our accounts to local credit unions. On Black Friday, our signs said "NO to the Corporate State, NO to the Corporacracy." They said "Our Best Buy Is at Local Stores," and "Walmart Destroys Local Economies."

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have also won the attention of occupiers, who feel these wars have cost us dearly in lives and treasure and say, "No to the U.S. war machine."

A photo in Roberts' column showed a sign saying "Full Human Rights for All Citizens." I am the woman shown holding up this placard.

I'm 74 years old, but a lot younger in spirit than I was when Occupy Las Cruces – a group inspired mostly by vigorous young people less than half my age – burst into being this October.

Occupy speaks with many voices, not just

one, but all the voices seem to me to say, "We must change the country."

Occupiers believe, I think, that we must disown much of our present economic system and develop one that is right and good for common humanity. They feel that every person has a right to a place to live, the right to a job, the right to health care and the right to education.

We hope to convince people that these needs are indeed human rights we must all respect and work for.

On our wet, wind-swept Black Friday, I ducked into a fast-food place near our protest and talked to people there about the occupation. I met a rosy-cheeked woman who was up on a ladder wiping down the walls of a corridor, and I stopped to ask her what the starting wage was in that workplace.

"It's \$7.50," she said.

She paused then and added, "No raises. We don't get raises."

What about benefits, I asked.

"No benefits unless you're a manager," she said.

She told me her husband was ill and they had moved in with one of their children. Yes, I gave her a flier, and she said, "I like this."

The local occupation of the park across from Branigan Library has had mostly good relations with the City Council and the police, and people have been generous with donations for permits.

The park is a good home, not just for those with a tent, but for those of us who like to stop in every day or so and talk about the needs of the country with other occupiers and with people passing by or coming to check us out.

There are now many hundreds of occupy sites in the U.S., and occupiers are organized across the globe.

Here, as in many places winter, weather is taking its toll, but in springtime look for us in full bloom again.



NuMex April Fool's Day is one of several ornamental chile plants developed by New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute to heat up the holidays all year long.

New Mexico State University photo

Peppers put poinsettias back in their proper place

Chile plants – the original holiday gift

The traditional Christmas plant is the poinsettia, right? Not so fast. The correct answer is the chile plant – at least that's according to Paul Bosland, head of New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute and the man widely considered to be the world's foremost chile pepper expert.

"Many years ago, if you gave someone a plant at Christmas, it would have been a chile plant," Bosland said. "Today, almost everyone thinks of poinsettias around Christmas. They have always been red and green, but it wasn't until the 1950s that growers bred poinsettias to fit in pots to be sold in stores."

Now, 60 years later, poinsettias rule when it comes to holiday plants. So, what's a chile plant to do after being jilted at Christmas-time? What happens after being left behind for a newer, fancier piece of vegetation? Well, chile plants are free to go after the other holidays, of course. And, then maybe circle back around for Christmas, too.

Bosland began developing holiday ornamental chile plants in the 1990s, specifically for the potted plant and nursery industries. The ornamentals were selected for dwarfing characteristics, giving the plants a compact stature. They were also selected for having

colorful, upright fruit that spread across the top of the plant. Today, there are nearly a dozen varieties, each named for the holiday that corresponds with the color of the plant's chiles.

"We decided to let poinsettias have Christmas. We were going to take the rest of the holidays," Bosland said. "Then we decided we'd try to take back Christmas, too."

Valentine's Day plants have peppers that turn from white to red. St. Patrick's Day chiles go from green to orange. Halloween chiles go from black to orange. As most people would guess, Christmas chiles go from green to red. Other color combinations can be found for April Fool's Day, Memorial Day, Earth Day, Cinco de Mayo, Easter, Thanksgiving, Veterans Day and even Chinese New Year. It takes about 10 years from making the first hybridization until a plant is released as a seed.

"Chile is New Mexico's national identity," Bosland said. "These are real, live things you can use as decoration. Plus, it's nice to have these chiles. They're just fun."

The Chile Pepper Institute, located in Gerald Thomas Hall on the NMSU campus, will have various holiday ornamentals for sale between now and Christmas.

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Guest Column

Christmas Bird Count begins Dec. 23

New threats facing public lands critical as habitat for birds

By **Staci Stevens**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

The longest-running citizen-science survey in the world, Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count (CBC), will take place from Dec. 14, to Jan. 5, 2012.

This year's survey, during which bird enthusiasts count and catalog birds across the nation and the Americas, is occurring amid

unprecedented attacks on public lands in Congress. Several measures in Congress have either sought to weaken the president's ability to designate new national monuments; open up as many as 63 million acres of the west to development or sale (H.R. 1581 and H.R. 1126); transfer 30 million acres of federal land to state ownership (H.R. 2852); or chip away at basic conservation laws such as the Clean Air Act and Safe Drinking Water Act on public lands within 100 miles of our nation's land

borders (H.R. 1505).

"Clearly, this year's bird count comes at a time when the basic pillars of habitat protection for birds and other wildlife are under very serious threats," said Karyn Stockdale, executive director of Audubon New Mexico.

So, as volunteers look toward the sky for birds to count, many local business owners and conservation leaders in New Mexico are keeping their eyes on Washington as some politicians are pushing anti-conservation policies that would endanger the public lands that our birds, outdoor recreation and tourism economies depend upon. A recent report by the nonprofit Outdoor Industry Association found that active outdoor recreation in New Mexico supports 47,000 jobs, most of them sustainable and long-term and contribute \$3.8 billion a year to the state's economy.

"Here in New Mexico, the CBC has become a reminder of the important role that protected lands make to bird populations and to our economy," Stockdale said. "Healthy bird populations attract tourists while supporting jobs and businesses throughout New Mexico."

According to the state tourism department, ecotourism is the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry. In New Mexico, one of the largest groups of eco-tourists are bird-watchers – with more than one in five adults participating in the activity.

A recent study published by the New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce showed that in 2008, more than 1 million visitors spent \$54.2 million and supported 1,061 jobs at local businesses near the nine national parks and monuments in New Mexico that were protected through the Antiquities Act, one of the policies currently under fire in Washington. Many of

New Mexico's national monuments and parks, such as Bandelier National Monument and Carlsbad Caverns National Park, overlap with areas designated by Audubon as Important Bird Areas – sites which provide essential breeding, migrating or wintering habitat for one or more species of bird.

In 35 cities and towns across New Mexico, families, students, birders and scientists armed with binoculars, bird guides and checklists will go out on an annual mission – often before dawn. They will be joined by tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas, who will brave winter weather to add a new layer to more than a century of data.

Audubon's CBC data not only helps identify birds in them most urgent need of conservation action, it reveals success stories. The Christmas Bird Count helped document the comeback of the previously endangered bald eagle, and significant increases in waterfowl populations, both the result of conservation efforts.

The Audubon CBC began in 1900 when Frank Chapman, founder of Bird-Lore (which evolved into Audubon magazine) suggested an alternative to the "side hunt," the tradition of the times in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most game, including birds. Chapman proposed that people "hunt" birds only to count them.

Last year's count shattered records. A total of 2,215 counts and 62,624 people tallied more 60 million birds. Counts took place in all 50 states, all Canadian provinces, plus 107 count circles in Latin America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands. The first ever CBC tally was submitted from Haiti, where the count circle is located at Les Cayes, the birthplace of John James Audubon.

For more information, visit http://nm.audubon.org/cbc/cbc_schedule.htm.

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Coming Up

Asombro walk set Dec. 21

The sunshine and mild temperatures of winter is one of the reasons many live in the Chihuahuan Desert. It is also one of the reasons family and friends who are living in not-so-agreeable climates come to visit. Why not show them what the rest of the desert has to offer?

Bring them to the Winter Wonder Walk at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, for an educational and entertaining experience.

An Asombro Institute scientist will lead a guided walk on the Desert Discovery Trail. Participants will meet at the trailhead in the Nature Park parking area. This 1.2-mile loop is a moderate walking trail taking visitors past many different native plants and homes of local animals.

The Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park is located northeast of Las Cruces. From I-25 in Las Cruces, travel east on Highway 70 and take the Mesa Grande Road exit at Oñate High School. Make a U-turn under the highway to head west and stay in the right lane onto the frontage road. Turn right (north) on Jornada Road. Follow Jornada Road for 6.4 miles and turn left at the Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead.

The Nature Park is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call 524-3334 or visit www.asombro.org.

Las Cruces 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 through March, basketball from April through June, baseball in July and August, flag football from August through October and basketball from

October through December.

Each coach will be required to pass a background check. There is no coaching experience necessary; however, you must have 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.

LULAC holds Christmas party

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Councils 120 and 8056 will host their seventh annual Navidad en el Barrio Para Los Niños Christmas Party and Fiesta de Navidad at Booker T. Washington Elementary, 755 E. Chestnut Ave., in the gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17.

The party will feature a visit from Santa, food, music and individual toys wrapped for each child.

For more information, call Diana Archuleta at 405-2719 or 524-9136.

Golden Mesa open house

Golden Mesa, located at 151 N. Roadrunner Parkway, is aiming to help local seniors get into the spirit of the season with free holiday events Dec. 16-18.

The retirement community is offering tasty holiday treats including eggnog and cookies on from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, an open house with lunch provided at noon, Saturday, Dec. 17, and a holiday buffet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. Each event is free of charge.

Space is limited so guests are asked to RSVP by calling Golden Mesa at 522-4219.

Blue Star Moms

The Blue Star Mothers of America meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at American Legion Post 10, 1185 E. Madrid Ave. Blue Star Mothers are those mothers who have children serving in the military, guard or reserve, or children who are honorably discharged veterans. The organization is a nonprofit, non-partisan group created to support each other and our children while promoting patriotism.

Associate members include Blue Star Dads and other family members of active duty military personnel, and honorably discharged veterans. For more information, contact Cynthia Clark at 649-9715.

Knitting classes set at library

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave., will host two knitting classes beginning in January 2012. Basic Knitting for Beginners will be from 5:30 to

7:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012, and will continue for 10 weeks.

Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed to give beginners and novices who have never knitted before a solid foundation in knitting. Students will develop a solid foundation in 10 weeks. Initial supplies will be provided. For more information or to register, call 528-4005.

Advanced Beginner Knitting Class will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10. Adults over 18 are invited to join the class designed for those who have some knitting experience and want to learn to make a garment. During the class students will be advised on what they will need to purchase. For more information or to register, call 528-4005.

Flag football tournament

The City of Las Cruces is accepting registration at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave., for

the fifth annual Gridiron Classic, 4-on-4 adult flag football tournament. Registration is ongoing through Monday, Feb. 6, 2012.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb. 25, and Sunday, Feb. 26, at the Soldados Soccer Complex at the corner of Hadley Avenue and Walnut Street. The tournament is open to men and women 18 years and older.

The non-contact flag football tournament will have a pool-play (round robin) on Saturday, followed by a single elimination tournament on Sunday. The cost is \$200 per team (five games are guaranteed). A manager's meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Meerscheidt Recreation Center.

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

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The City of Las Cruces Municipal Court has an

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A candidate will be selected after a recommendation is made by a seven-panel committee, which will review the applications.

Interested candidates may download the required application at www.las-cruces.org and mail to the address indicated on the application to be postmarked no later than Monday, Dec. 19.

Applications can be hand delivered to: Las Cruces City Hall, Human Resources Department, 700 N. Main St., room 2200, Las Cruces, NM 88001, or faxed to 528-3020. For more information, call Human Resources at 528-3100. The TTY number is 528-3169.

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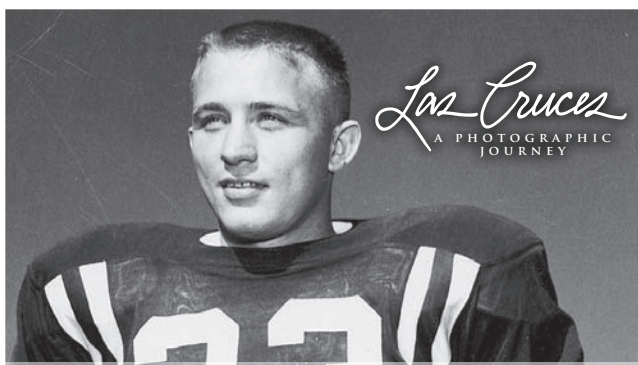
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Do you know which NMSU quarterback led the Aggies to two consecutive Sun Bowl victories? See page C20 for more information.

White Sands considered as astronaut 'recovery center'

Range was an option for landing spacecraft



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

Astronauts should touch down, not splash down in the opinion of Alamogordo Daily News Editor Billie Holder, and NASA had no better location than White Sands Missile Range he said in a Dec. 17, 1961, article. Time magazine concurred, and explained why in the June 29, 1962, issue.

"When spacecraft are fired from Cape Canaveral, recovery of the segment that returns to earth often becomes a full-dress Navy spectacular. Destroyers, carriers, airplanes and helicopters scout hundreds of miles of ocean to pull an encapsulated astronaut out of the drink or save a set of valuable instruments," Time said. "But such shows are so costly that they are attempted only when the cargo that comes back from space is especially important." Thus, NASA often had to rely primarily on data from "missiles and satellites" that were transmitted "by radio."

As of 1961, the American Rocket Society's Bulletin reported in that year's November issue, White Sands had launched and recovered more than "12,000 drone and missile flights ... at much less cost than the same flights would have required over an ocean."

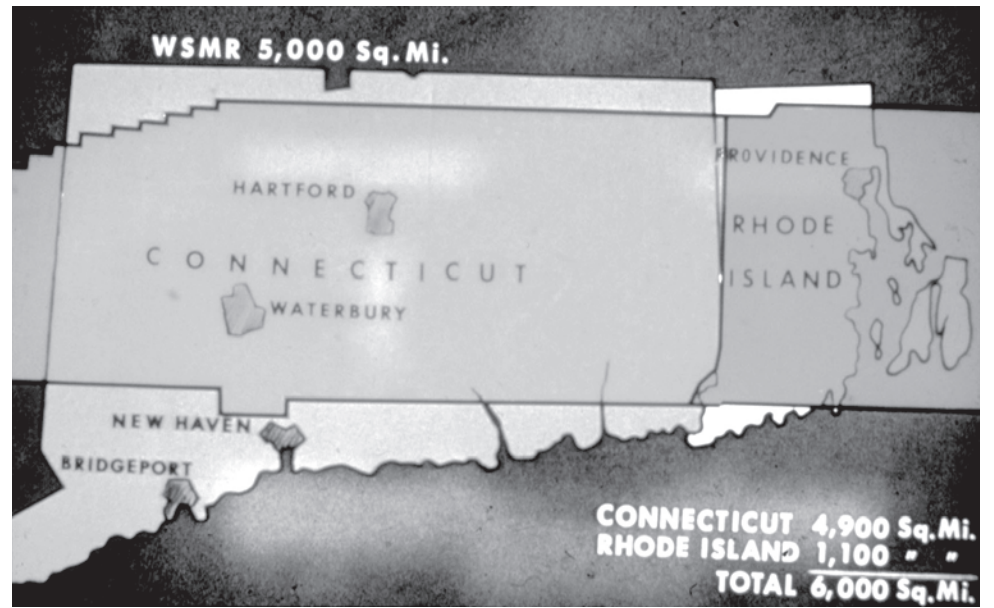
"Swarms of smaller missiles are tested over solid land, recovery teams are kept consistently busy," Time said. "Nearly every fragment of returning missiles is searched for and found.

The wreckage dug out of alkali flats or mesquite thickets often tells more about a flight than any amount of telemetry could radio back to base."

These features, as well as stories in magazines such as Aviation Week, helped garner "national publicity in (WSMR's) drive to become a space recovery center," Holder said.

World War II created WSMR, an area Time described as "as big as Connecticut." An undated monograph, Historic White Sands Missile Range, said that "prior to the end of the European campaign in World War II, the U.S. Army Ordnance Department received a number of intelligence reports about the German A-4 (V-2) rocket, Hitler's so-called 'Vengeance Weapon.' Army Ordnance established the Rocket Branch in September 1943 to investigate the potential of developing the new weapon for the American military."

For testing, the War Department set about creating a missile range, which former WSMR Commander Maj. Gen. Niles J. Fulwyler wrote of in "Victory in World War II: The New Mexico Story" (NMSU/1994). Requirements included terrain of "level ground surrounded by hills for possible observation points," and "where firings could be conducted without jeopardy to civilian population." After studying maps, and highway and "commercial air-routes," the Department found "very few sites within the continental United States that would meet these specifications." The area that stood out was southern New Mexico, although the site was "not as long and as large an area" to be ideal. Regardless, on July 9, 1945, the War Department "designated the Headquarters of White Sands Proving



Wayne Mattson photo

This photograph shows a graphic that compares the land area of White Sands Missile Range to two New England states.

Ground." Seven days later, on July 16, the military detonated the world's first atomic bomb on the range.

"The testing ground for large rockets" went to White Sands "for the same reasons which caused the scientists of the Manhattan Project to explode their first uranium bomb in that vicinity: large open spaces with very little commercial value and correspondingly low population density," Willy Ley wrote in "Rockets, Missiles, and Space Travel." The above sea-level altitude created "a climate which made (the region) usable all year round." The bulletin listed such benefits as WSMR's scientific and engineering staff, and technology. Geologically, the "alkali flat of more than 100 square miles (was) capable of supporting more than four times the weight supported by the best salt flats ... and without yearly flooding as is characteristic of other salt flats."

Even though technology was a selling point, Time said "nontechnical methods" for recovery - i.e. "missile-sniffing dogs" - were developed when objects buried themselves on impact.

"A pair named Dingo and Count are being schooled to locate small missile fragments coated with paint mixed with squalene, a noisome (foul or putrid) extract of shark-liver oil," the story said. "The dogs have already learned to ignore coyote and rabbit scents, and they can whiff a shark-flavored fragment half a mile downwind."

In a 1992 oral history at the New Mexico Museum of Space History, (which has restricted access due to sensitive material), a former WSMR employee described working with the dogs. The program began in the early 1960s. Dubbed "air sniffers," the dogs could find objects as small as a cigarette pack, even a year or more after impact.

Eventually, U.S. 70 between Alamogordo and Las Cruces was rerouted and extended 22 miles "to divert traffic south" from launches, the ADN reported on Sept. 27, 1951. "It seems now that it was a boner on someone's part that the launching site was not located north of the highway in the first place," the story said.

In 1963, New Mexico Gov. Jack Campbell pitched manned recovery at WSMR to President John F. Kennedy. In a June 5 letter, Campbell pointed out the state's "great heritage in being first" in many technological areas, such as Dr. Robert Goddard's "early rocket research," and "the first atomic bomb" detonation. Campbell's summation said: "We in New Mexico believe the first inland aerospace port should be based here and earnestly solicit your acceptance of our views."

"A Report to the President of the United States on New Mexico's Aero-Space Capabilities" cited "advanced space research and satellite programs" going on statewide. WSMR was a "perfect landing area for skid or wheel vehicles - a unique work of nature which can be used in its present condition with no development costs." As "the only inland national missile range," the Report said permanent tracking stations could be located "up to 500 miles in every direction," something "impossible in coastal sites."

Finally, White Sands geography provided "a natural landing plane - smooth, stable, and vast. Surely," the Report stated, "nature in the beginning designed this phenomenon to serve this particular purpose."

But nature and New Mexico never got their wishes. Splashdowns became the norm.

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Riding bikes for Toys for Tots

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Dario Silva, Denise Leonardi, David Hand and Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva gather in front of Milagro Coffee Y Espresso, 1733 E. University Ave., before the ride.



Eva Nolan, 4, gets buckled up right before the bicycle ride.



Santa leads the Zia Velo Cycling Club on its annual Toys for Tots Bicycle Ride Sunday, Dec. 11, down University Avenue to Mesilla.



Leni Pitts, 5, and Phoenix Perez, 2, light up once they get a special visit from Santa.



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Centennial

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The notices sent this week are for 1,100 future freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are in the attendance area of Centennial. The notices ask students to declare their choice of high school by Jan. 13, 2012. After that, officials will begin looking at requests from students out of the attendance area who want to go to the new school, and Rounds said there also has been a lot of inquiries about the out-of-district transfers.

Centennial Principal Michael Montoya said he's given four presentations to middle schools that includes a walk-through video of the school that impresses many students. He agreed the interest in the new school is robust from potential students and their families.

"We've been getting tons of phone calls," Montoya said.

Located northeast of the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, the Centennial campus takes up 72 acres of land leased from New Mexico State University on a 105-acre site owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

The design of the high school is different from the other high schools that came before. There are four academic wings for students of the different grade levels, which will have administrative support for "a school within the school" approach to each. The approach is seen as a way to prevent dropouts, with incoming freshmen getting the most intensive support.

Interestingly, breaking up the administrative functions to different parts of the school will provide efficiencies and potential savings, Rounds said.

Each wing has small office spaces for teachers to use, in case they have to share their classrooms.

In some ways, Centennial is the school of the future. For

example, classrooms will have the latest educational technology, including large "touch screen" boards, similar to those seen on network television broadcasts, that teachers will use for multi-media presentations.

Rounds said designing the new school has provided the opportunity to make the facility's operations a player in the instruction. For example, the culinary arts classroom is located next to the main cafeteria. Each wing also has its own food court.

The school's complex for choir, bands or orchestra has a recording studio. Montoya said the school will have a strong focus on media, along with a variety of other career-oriented clusters of course offerings, with heavy emphasis on science, technology, engineering and math.

The new school includes a gymnasium with an indoor running track on the second floor and an auxiliary gym that Rounds said is better than many other gyms.

The two-story media center will be shared with the city's library system with public access. The total building area of

Centennial is 344,000 square feet.

Montoya said he expects to get a good sense of the student enrollment by the end of January 2012 for those in the school's attendance area. The next month will be spent placing those students transferring out of the attendance district, he said. The main consideration for the out-of-district students will be that they have to provide their own transportation.

Redistricted students who opt to stay at their current school will not be provided bus transportation to school and will have to be taken by their parents or drive themselves, said Jo Galvan, director of Las Cruces Public Schools communications.

The school should be substantially completed by May 2012, with furniture moved in by mid-June, Montoya said. By mid-July, teachers should be able to begin accessing their classrooms, he said.

For more information about Centennial, visit www.lcps.k12.nm.us. Also, Montoya can be contacted by calling 527-9330 or emailing mmontoya@lcpk12.nm.us. The boundary lines for the high schools are also posted online.



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A welder works on the clock tower overlooking the main commons area of Centennial High School Monday, Dec. 12.



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Mary Lacey and Nova Poe of the University United Methodist Women prepare to take 100 packages of clothes and toys to children at nearby University Hills Elementary School. Church members bought and wrapped the gifts left at the Angel Tree in the church reception area.

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Christina Lessau and Bernadine Dallago of the Child Crisis Center gather by the Christmas tree provided by the Las Cruces Embroidery Guild Association as they celebrate the center's first year of operation. Since the center opened at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope, 999 W. Amador Ave., last December, the center has provided temporary care for more than 100 children. By providing a safe place for children when families are in crisis, the center aims to avert tragedies, such as child deaths from abuse.

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Between 1979 and 2009, The Stocker Foundation awarded \$46 million in the areas of arts and culture, community needs, education, health, social services and women's issues. Since 2010, the Stocker Foundation's competitive grant making focuses exclusively on lessening the reading/literacy achievement gap for under-resourced pre-kindergarten through fifth grade public school students.

Woodling joined the local Roadrunner Food Bank advisory council soon after it was formed, so when the foundation asked her what she would like to see supported as a kind of going away grant, she suggested the challenge grant.

"Roadrunner is an amazingly well-organized group of dedicated people and it's an organization that doesn't waste a cent," Woodling said. "And there is clearly a need here. Being on the advisory council has really opened my eyes to the level of need we have here."

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At New Mexico State University alone, one can meet many impressive coaches, each with his or her own style. There is the graceful and calm style of football coach DeWayne Walker, the high-energy and passionate style of basketball coach Marvin Menzies, and the intellectual and analytical style of soccer coach Blair Quinn. There is even the tough but humorous approach of cross country coach Meaghan Harkins.

The common denominator for all of these coaches is that they genuinely care about the well-being of their student athletes as people. They do what they need to do to take care of the whole person – they encourage when encouragement is needed, give rest when rest is needed and they are always there to help their kids bounce back after a tough mistake or a tough loss.

Those are the high-profile coaches – the ones that are in the newspapers on a regular basis.

But all over Las Cruces there are countless other coaches who are no less impressive for their talent and dedication. Maybe more so, given that these coaches usually work for no pay. Often, their only reward is the satisfaction of knowing they made a difference in someone's life.

You will see these coaches on the courts and fields at elementary and middle schools, or on city rec fields, coaching football to kids not much bigger than their helmets, coaching baseball and softball and T-ball on hot summer nights.

And some of the best, the very best, coaches you will ever see in Las Cruces are at the Police Athletic League boxing gym at 700 N. Solano Drive.

Lencho Saiz is the head coach there, but he has a whole team of coaches – Rick Vasquez, Hugo Salinas, Chris Barela, Brian Nevarez and Eloy Montañó – whose dedication to the well-being of the boys and girls of Las Cruces has resulted in dozens, even hundreds of lives being turned around. Kids saved from the nowhere worlds of drug use or gang life and turned into champions.

The legacy of PAL Boxing goes back to 1972, when Chico Segura was head coach. Throughout the years, he was followed by such coaches as Joe Sanchez, Joe Hidalgo, Big Sam DiPace and Danny Montoya.

These are the men who have stood in the corner for generations.

See **Boxing** on page A19

Boxing: 'Complete competition'

PAL Boxing gym has been home to champions

By **Jeff Barnett**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Las Cruces is known as a city of football champions.

Police Athletic League Boxing coach Lencho Saiz said he does not want to take anything away from that tradition, but there's a small cinder-block gym on North Solano Drive that has been producing champions for 39 years.

Louie Burke. Rocky Burke. Sammy DiPace. Siju Shabazz. Austin Trout. Ayanna Vasquez.

"When you are talking about champions, more champions have come out of this gym than anywhere else in Las Cruces," Saiz said.

Vasquez, the 2010 Junior Olympics national champion, still practices at the gym. She said she is debating whether to turn pro or make a go at the 2016 U.S. Olympic team.

"Boxing is not like other sports," she said. "It is complete competition."

Vasquez, who is known for her powerful left hook, has recently taken up the role of mentor to another female boxer, 11-year-old Amy Salinas.

Salinas said she barely clears four feet tall and 70 pounds, but when she hits the punching bag, the full-grown man holding it in place on the other side gets knocked off his heels.

"My best punch is my left hook," Salinas said. "I'm always checking out my opponent for an opening."

Amy Salinas is part of a family of boxers who have trained at the gym for years. Her uncle, Jose Salinas, 21, is the reigning 2011 New Mexico state golden gloves champion, where he was also named "Outstanding Boxer."

This year, he said, he wants to be national Golden Gloves champion.

Salinas was brought to the PAL gym by his older brother, Hugo Salinas, who boxed there in 2000 and is now one of several volunteer coaches.

"He was getting into some drug use in high



Amy Salinas, 11, practices throwing punches at the PAL Boxing Center Friday, Dec. 9.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

school, and I said, 'You know what, bro, that's not the way to go. Let's go to the gym,'" Hugo Salinas said.

The PAL gym has been a safe haven for generations of Las Cruces boys and girls, many of whom were on the borderline of getting into drug use or gang-related trouble, Saiz said.

"We can't save 'em all," he said. "But this gym has helped a lot of kids turn their lives around. I remember when this gym first started, Sammy Burke would go to the jail, get the kids and bring them right over."

Coach Eloy Montañó said the PAL gym is "a refuge, that's what it is."

Even late on a Friday evening, coaches and

boxers are still sparring and working out.

Coach Chris Barela, in the corner, was keeping up a patter of advice and support to boxer Edmund Guzman, 16, in a sparring match.

"Keep your head moving ... make his feet move ... angles, angles ... keep your chin down ... keep your head up," Barela said.

On the wall behind Barela is painted the gym's motto: "Box Like Heaven. Fight Like Hell."

Saiz said coaching is art, and the key to coaching is finding the unique approach that will motivate an individual.

See **Champions** on page A19

District basketball race up for grabs

Mayfield girls set to defend state title

By **Craig Massey**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Coming off their third state championship under coach George Maya, the Mayfield girls basketball team is in position to make a run at yet another title.

But Maya, whose team is off to a 9-2 start, said the Trojans need to make some major improvements before they start thinking about what happens in March.

"We have too many turnovers and we're missing a lot of easy shots," he said. "Every time we go down the floor on offense, it's an adventure. We have to correct these things."

Right now, Mayfield is winning games because of its pressure defense, Maya said.

"We have to find other ways to score, other than off the press," he said. "We have seven games to get better (before district starts) and find an identity on offense."

While Mayfield returns only one starter, the team has plenty of size and talent to go along

with its winning tradition. The returning starter is 5-11 post Tiffani Lara, who came on strong late last season to help MHS claim the title.

Maya said "five or six" schools are recruiting Lara, who is very mobile for her size. Mayfield has two more tall, mobile players in 5-11 sophomores Daeshi McCants and Allie Pierce.

Other key players for MHS this year include seniors Brittany Oliver, Soni Lujan and Alyssa Calderon, and junior Audrey Oliver, and sophomore Keanna Ward.

Maya said he believes the District 3-5A race is "wide open."

"Onate might have an edge because of their experienced backcourt," he said.

"They beat Gallup and that's a good win. Cruces will be very good, too."

Oñate High School

The Knights return two starters from a team that went 19-11 last season under coach Ben Trujillo.

See **Basketball** on page A22



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Mayfield sophomore Allie Pierce practices a post drill Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Ham and Chili sandwich

Aggies' post platoon aims to step up the aggression

By **Jeff Barnet**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies said at the beginning of the season, it's good to have height.

Going into a five-game home stand at the Pan Am Center, one of the things Menzies would like to see is stronger play out



New Mexico State University photos
Tshilidzi "Chili" Nephawe goes up for a block during the Aggies' game against Arizona on Nov. 29.

of the Aggies' big men, 6-11 senior Hamidu Rahman and 6-10 sophomore Tshilidzi Nephawe.

The Aggies are 6-4 after thrashing Western New Mexico University in Las Cruces Dec. 14, 92-65.

Menzies has been working to develop the Aggies post, or center, platoon. Rahman and Nephawe split time almost evenly. In their best game of the year, they combined for 19 points and 17 rebounds against Arizona. In the Dec. 4 loss to Texas-El Paso, they teamed up for 13 points and 10 rebounds.

However, Menzies' goal for the two big men is to see them become more aggressive and more physical under the basket.

"It's a system we're working toward," he said. "It's a relatively new thing for them, so it's been hit or miss. But I'm positive they'll get there. We also need to get them more touches. They need to do a better job of posting up early, and our guards have to do a better job of looking for them."

Both Rahman and Nephawe, who say they work together well, agreed that becoming more aggressive offensively and defensively is their No. 1 goal.

"I think we need to go strong to the rim," Rahman said. "I need to be aggressive and get more 'and-ones.'"

Nephawe, who at 268 pounds weighs 23 pounds more than Rahman, said he enjoys the physical aspect of basketball.

"I like pushing people around and that kind of stuff," he said. Nephawe began playing basketball only five years ago, he said, not until he was in a high schooler in Johannesburg, South Africa. Before that, he played goalie in soccer, he said.

"Chili will take a little longer to develop, I'm very patient with him," Menzies said. "He will emerge and flourish. It's just a matter of reps."

Nephawe said that he does not feel he has played up to his potential so far this season. An ankle injury has been bothering him, he said.

"I have not played as hard as I did last year," he said. "I need to post up and get more touches."

Rahman struggled with injuries last season, limiting him to only 23 games played. He averaged 7.2 points and 5.0 rebounds per game. He said he is working on both his conditioning and rebounding right now and feels very good physically.

Keeping the bigs healthy will be a key factor in the Aggies' hopes for Western Athletic Conference title. Menzies said he expects Nevada and Utah State to be very tough opponents this year, and by conference play he said he needs Rahman and Nephawe "to dominate the interior both offensively and defensively."

It's a challenge both men said they are up for. "We want to go to the NCAA tournament," Nephawe said. "We are going to make some noise this year," Rahman said.



Hamidu Rahman has started in every game for the Aggies as a senior.

Kabongo to sit

Indefinite suspension given to NMSU sophomore guard

New Mexico State University men's basketball coach Marvin Menzies announced Dec. 13 that he has suspended sophomore guard Christian Kabongo indefinitely for violation of team rules.

"Christian has been an important part of our basketball program, and regretfully, I have to announce that he is suspended indefinitely due to a violation of our policies," Menzies said.

"Christian has an opportunity to earn his place back on the team, and it is my hope that the young man takes advantage of this life lesson," NMSU Athletics Director McKinley Boston said.

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Boxing

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At 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, the people of Las Cruces will have an opportunity to remember one of these coaches, Sam DiPace, at a memorial boxing match at the PAL gym.

Please stand up in honor of Big Sam DiPace, and all the dedicated coaches and boxers who have made the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Center a refuge for Las Cruces kids for almost 40 years.

Champions

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“Every kid is different,” he said. “Some you have to speak to very gently, others respond better if you are like a drill sergeant.”

At times, the PAL gym has had as many as 200 kids, though right now about 40 to 45 kids train and fight there.

Saiz said the PAL program will take as many kids as want to be there – assuming the family can pay the \$75 USA Boxing registration fee that provides protection in case of injury.

However, Saiz said a lot of kids leave when they find out how much conditioning is necessary for the sport.

“A lot of kids don’t come back after that first workout,” he said. “It can be overwhelming. I tell kids to spend some time getting in shape before they come here. Conditioning makes all the difference in boxing. You can be a great boxer but if you don’t have the stamina to last two rounds, you aren’t going to make it.”

Saiz himself started boxing at the PAL program when he was 8 years old. In his day, the PAL building was a barn south of Stahmann Farms.

“Boxing,” he said, “It gets in your blood.” He remembers riding in the back of a pickup truck with 15 other kids atop sacks of onions. He said the city of Las Cruces made the gym at 700 N. Solano Drive the permanent home for PAL boxing in 2001.

Over the years, Saiz said local businesses as Speedy Plumbing, Crosstown Construction and L and P Building Supply have been regular sponsors. However, a lot of people just give \$20 or \$50 as they can, he said. “Everything helps,” he said.

DiPace Memorial Explosion Dec. 17

Proceeds to establish boxing scholarships

By **Jeff Barnet**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If Big Sam DiPace was your coach at the Las Cruces Police Athletic League Boxing Center, he didn’t waste time waiting around for you to show up.

“Sammy would actually drive out to the kids’ houses and knock on their door,” said coach Lencho Saiz. “He would actually go out and get you.”

Although DiPace was not a wealthy man, he would often make breakfast for the kids, Saiz said.

“Sammy was a great mentor for these kids,” Saiz said. “He was like a drill instructor. He pushed them to the limits.”

DiPace, who died in his sleep Oct. 30 at the age of 48, was raised in Philadelphia, where he had an amateur boxing career. After moving to Las Cruces, he coached at the PAL gym for about 10 years.

Saiz said DiPace was “beloved” in the boxing community.

Saiz has been looking for “a way to keep Sammy DiPace’s name alive,” he said.

The idea that he and others at the PAL gym liked best was a memorial fight in DiPace’s name. Money collected at the door will be used to establish a Sammy DiPace scholarship fund to help pay the \$75 registration fee for new boxers.

On Saturday, Dec. 17, the PAL Gym, 700 N. Solano Drive, will host the first annual Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion, a region-wide tournament that will bring in boxing talent from Arizona, Texas and northern New Mexico to face Las Cruces boxers. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the fights begin at 7 p.m. Hot dogs, burritos and other concessions will be available.

Tickets will be available at the door of the PAL gym, also called the Sammy Burke Youth Boxing Center. For adults, the cost is \$10. Children eight and older can get in for \$5, and children below the age of eight are admitted for free.

Big Sam’s son, Sammy DiPace, who won 14



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales

Samuel DiPace’s immediate family, wife Sylvia DiPace, daughter April Gonzalez, parents Sam and Dorothy DiPace, and son Sammy DiPace gather Saturday Dec. 10.

national amateur titles with a record of 226-10, and World Boxing Association regular junior middleweight champion Austin Trout will be at the Explosion. Both fighters got their start boxing at the PAL Boxing Center.

“Sam was a big part of PAL Boxing,” Saiz said. “It’s hard to imagine Sam not being here. He will be sorely missed.”

The First Annual Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion will bring in boxers from hundreds of miles around.

Open division (17 and up) contender Ayanna Vasquez said, “If you come out to the Explosion, you’re going to see a lot of action, a lot of talent.”

The money raised at the event will also go to purchasing equipment and funding travel and lodging costs when the team goes on the road for state, regional and national tournaments, Saiz said.

“It’ll be a big night,” he said.

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Sammy DiPace Memorial Explosion

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Athletes of the Week



Miranda Wood

Miranda Wood is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. She is on the swim team and has been team captain for three years. She recently placed fourth in the 500m freestyle at the last meet in Carlsbad. Her specialty events are the 500m freestyle (6:38.81) and the 100m backstroke (1:21.94). Wood has set the standard for the young swimmers this year with her great work ethic and positive attitude. She is a dedicated student with a GPA of 3.52. Her interests outside of sports and school are spending time with her friends and her youth group at church.



Matthew Gormley

Matthew Gormley is a 17-year-old senior at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools. He has been team captain on the swim team for four years and is undefeated in competition so far this year. Gormley has qualified for the state meet in every event he has participated in and at his last meet in Carlsbad he broke meet records for both events he swam. His specialty events are the 200m freestyle (1:43.38) and 500m freestyle (4:42.06). Gormley has gone to finals at the state meet every year and plans to swim in college next year. Gormley has a great work ethic and is very positive and passionate about swimming and is a great role model for the young swimmers at MVCS. He is a dedicated student with a 3.8 GPA. When not swimming or in the classroom, Gormley loves to attend youth services at his church and enjoys spending time with his friends.

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Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

It was an interesting golf season – and it's now an interesting football season.

As readers of my columns know, I think football is a lot like golf, especially when the mental toughness factor usually means the difference between winning and losing.

Sunday, Dec. 11, many football fans witness one of the most amazing performances by a team that refuses to lose. The Denver Broncos were behind 10 points to the Chicago Bears with under six minutes to play.

Tim Tebow threw a scoring pass. Then they got the ball back, kicked a 59-yard field goal and sent the game into overtime.

The Bears were driving in Bronco territory until they coughed up the ball – an egregious mental fumble. The Broncos won on a 51-yard field goal.

One partisan said, "It's God's will."

Maybe. But I think it has more to do with mental toughness.

Tebow has showed more of the "refuse-to-lose" spirit than anyone I've seen since Roger Staubach. All sports played at the highest level eventually come down to a fine line in

psychological resilience.

My wife thinks I watch a lot of football, which is true. I also played football: Cleveland News Dream Team, 1959, for the Brush Arcs. I was recruited by Notre Dame, but alas, they wanted me as a swimmer.

Yes, I follow football, but I don't bet on sports. I don't listen to sports talk radio where they jawbone and blabber so much I wonder if listeners should get a life. And I'm not involved in fantasy football.

Still, my wife thinks I watch too much football, bless her heart. She doesn't understand football, that's why she thinks that way.

I watch a lot of golf. She doesn't say I watch too much golf. She understands golf. Ball. Hole. In. Not in. Simple.

Football, on the other hand, is a scramble. Unless you know what they're doing, it looks like a fire drill. Soccer also looks like a fire drill, but in slow motion. Hockey is a fire drill in fast motion.

But, back to golf and football. It seems that so many big games are lost –

or won – on the basis of, simply put, mistakes.

Two weeks ago, the Dallas Cowboys lost to the Arizona Cardinals because the coach iced their own kicker. Last week, they lost to the Giants with poor clock management, too many defensive penalties and then a blocked field goal that would have sent the game into overtime.

What happened? Mental breakdowns. Golf

“When we try to do something special – try to make things happen – that's when we get in trouble.”

is full of these. Golf matches are also won and lost by who makes the fewest mistakes.

A couple of weeks ago Tiger Woods won the Chevron Championship, his first win in more than two years, by making the fewest mistakes and making two must-make putts in the last two holes, including the final putt. He scored in the red zone when it counted the most. He's back to his old mentally tough style.

Here are some keys that we can use late in the game when we're on the golf course.

First, try to normalize the situation. You may be down in the match. You may feel nervous. But in your mind, you have to create the condition that everything is normal. This will take the tension out of your muscles and permit you to swing freely. This is similar to how we play the tee shot on the first hole. We think of it as just another shot in the middle of the round. When we try to do something special – try to "make things happen" – that's when we get in trouble.

Second, when you are late in the round – no matter if you're winning or losing – don't collapse into the classic "prevent" defense.

As one TV analyst – not the "turducken" guy – put it: "The prevent defense prevents you from winning."

Play your usual game. About the only thing I would advise, if you are winning, take the hazards out of play. Aim for spots that put you in a relatively safe position so you will not sacrifice shots needlessly. Fringe of green OK; bunker not OK.

If you are losing, you probably should aim at spots that would be considered "flag-hunting," but not foolhardy. Tin Cup comes to mind. Putts should be more aggressive, but not ridiculous.

In football, fumbles are the worst. Coaches stress that late in the game "ball security" is No. 1. For us golfers, that translates into keeping the ball in play. No penalty strokes.

Probably most important on my list is to play a mistake-free game.

My team, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, committed serious mental mistakes in games they should have won. They fumbled at the goal line in two games, leading to 95-yard touchdowns the other way; 14-point turn-arounds, and losses to Central Florida and USC.

Then they let Michigan off the hook when Blue started at their own 20 yard line with 30 seconds to play.

I've noticed that football teams and players have mental and physical breakdowns late in the game. Last week the Aggie center flinched with only a few seconds to go, leading to a five-yard penalty, backing up the kicker to an awkward distance. Little mistakes at the most inopportune time. I think that if the Aggies had a mindset that made them feel "one-up" instead of desperate, they would have won more games.

Same with golf. Tiger has been down by as many as seven strokes with six holes to play, and still won. He always – always – feels that he is "one-up."

Last week, I played a match that was even on the 16th hole. My opponent played the wrong ball from the middle of the fairway. Loss of hole. He was shaken and couldn't recover.

I've done much the same thing at times, but I try to learn by these mental breakdowns, and stay calm and rational and tough when

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the pressure mounts.

It strikes me that the golfer equivalents to "false start" and "offside" penalties are grounding your club in a bunker, playing the wrong ball, or mistakenly pulling a six iron instead of a nine iron. Those are stupid, bonehead, thoughtless mistakes due to lack of focus and failure with emotional control.

Just like error-prone pro teams, error-prone golfers leave themselves "third and long," especially on par threes. First down (the tee shot) and second down (lay up shot) ought to make it an easy first down (on the green in regulation).

Think about that when you're on the golf course.

And then there are personal fouls of the serious kind. Like Ndamukong Suh of the Detroit Lions, stomping on the raw arm of a Green Bay Packers tackle like it was a gang initiation.

My reaction: "C'mon man, what were you thinking?"

Club throwing should be a penalty in golf. Taunting a golf opponent ought to be a foul enforceable by loss of hole. Unsportsmanlike conduct: ejection from the golf course.

I know I place a lot of emphasis on avoiding bad plays. Perhaps I have seen so many players, athletes and teams self-destruct when victory seems certain.

The Bears collapsed last Sunday; Notre Dame snatched defeat from the jaws of victory against Michigan. San Jose State lost to Hawai'i because a Spartan player punched an opponent.

One of my golfing partners is fond of telling me, "Play to win, dare to lose."

I fire back, "I refuse to lose, but I'll do my best to win."

First, don't lose the game – then you can win.

You don't win by giving away points. You win by scoring in the "red zone."

Pro coaches know they absolutely must score inside the 20-yard line.

Too many golfers, especially high-handicappers, fail to find success from 60 yards in. Taking more than three strokes from a normal situation inside of 60 yards represents a "turnover." Three putts are turnovers. They are "unforced errors" in tennis terms.

Closing the deal; finishing the round; these are the traits of mental toughness. Staubach, my favorite, once said, "Winning isn't getting ahead of others; it's getting ahead of yourself."

Don't lose by self-destructing and beating yourself.

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Hernst Laroche

Senior, Men's Basketball

Senior guard Hernst Laroche scored a season-high 16 points to lead the Aggies against the Miners in the Battle of I-10 rematch at UTEP, Dec. 11. He had a team-high showing on a 4-of-4 shooting performance from the 3-point line, which tied a career-high for 3-pointers made. Laroche also had three assists, two rebounds and a steal.



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Netters clean up campus road as community service project



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

'Tis the season of good tidings and good will, and I have a little of both for you today.

The New Mexico State men's and women's tennis teams helped beautify Doña Ana County when they cleaned up a stretch of road near campus as part of the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. All Aggie teams' community service initiatives allow athletes to see the results of their efforts every day. The stretch of road that the netters cleaned forms the eastern border of the New Mexico State campus, which is about two blocks from the Tennis Center.

The Aggie tennis teams come together four times each year to participate in clean-up sessions to pick up stray trash and debris that has collected in the area since the last effort.

NM State women's tennis coach Ivan Fernandez developed the idea, discussed it with men's tennis coach Carlos Vargas. They agreed it was a great way to serve the Las Cruces and university community.

The student athletes bought in and they got to work on the initiative this fall. Fernandez said he was happy with the project.

"When I realized there was a road on our campus that needed adoption, I could not pass it up,"

he said. "The Adopt-A-Highway program offered by the New Mexico Department of Transportation was a great opportunity for us to help keep part of our campus, city and state litter-free. We are very proud of this community service program and have made a commitment to keeping it clean."

The Aggie tennis teams begin their regular seasons in January 2012. The women's team starts at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Jan. 20, while the men's squad begins the season at home Jan. 19 against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

Mucho mahalo and congrats: Aggie senior defensive lineman David Niumatalolo is the school's first Capital One Academic All-America first team choice since 1999. The College Sports Information Directors of America announced Niumatalolo's selection last week. He said he is proud of his achievement.

He grew up in Kahuku, Hawai'i, and has earned a 4.0 GPA in biology. Niumatalolo is the 11th football player in school history to earn Academic All-America status.

Niumatalolo had a banner senior season playing in 13 games, recording 84 tackles, 12.5 tackles for a loss, seven sacks, three quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries, two pass break-ups and a forced fumble.

Happy news, and happy holidays to you.

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Tyler Dunkel
Assistant AD/
Media Relations

When the clock hits zero in the final game of the season, most think it's time to relax.

The season is over and now it's just a waiting game for the next season to come around and for fans that is the case, but not for the coaches, student athletes and support staff. I know in the athletic media relations office there is barely enough time to catch your breath.

The football staff, for example, hit the road the day after the Dec. 3 game to start recruiting for next season. Recruiting will continue through January and then it's on to winter workouts, spring practice, summer workouts, fall training camp and before we know it, the 2012 season will be upon us.

Like the coaching staffs here at New Mexico State, the work is never done and seems to be a continuous cycle year after year for the media relations staff. It has always been my belief that working ahead is the best way to make sure you have time in the end.

So how do we do that? Well it's a juggling act to say the least.

It starts immediately after the final game of the season. This is a great time for us to update any information for the upcoming season despite it being several months away. A lot of events happen between the end of the season and the beginning of a new one. Updating as much information for the media guide as possible, including records, the season review and player biography information, allows us to stay ahead of the game.

Of course, all this must happen between the daily operations of the office, which includes weekly updates on teams that are in season, home competitions, out-of-town trips and other projects that may come about. Time management is a huge part of all of this.

Media guides and the departmental website are the heart and soul of our office. The media guide publications take months to update and fine tune and are used for a variety of functions, including recruiting, in-office use, research, media outlets and outreach to fans. Now that online guides are becoming more popular, video has made its way into these publications as well.

NMStateSports.com is the best platform for Aggie fans to stay informed about NM State athletics. Everything you need to know about each of our sports teams can be found on our site, from rosters to schedules, biographies, up-to-date statistical information, this is your one-stop shop for anything related to the Aggies. Recently, we overhauled the website to make it a more fan-friendly site that people will want to come to and enjoy getting all their Aggie news from. The website is continuously changing day-to-day and is just one more thing that keeps the media relations staff busy.

All 17 sports at NM State have a beginning and an end to a season, but for the athletic media relations staff the season is 365 days a year. There is little time to rest in between, but that is what keeps us coming back for more year in and year out. When the Aggies are successful on the court or the playing field, it's just that much sweeter and makes you proud to know that you were a part of it.

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Saturday, Dec. 17
Swimming and Diving
UNLV Invitational
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All day

Sunday, Dec. 18
Swimming and Diving
UNLV Invitational
Las Vegas, Nev.
All day

Monday, Dec. 19
Swimming and Diving
UNLV Invitational
Las Vegas, Nev.
All day

Men's Basketball
Southern
Las Cruces
5 p.m.

Women's Basketball
UC Santa Barbara
Las Cruces
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 21
Men's Basketball
McNeese State
Las Cruces
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball
Utah
Salt Lake City
7 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Kelsie Rozendaal
Senior
Women's basketball

Senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal posted a career-high 11 points at Boise State, Dec. 11, in only 16 minutes of action on the floor. The senior did not

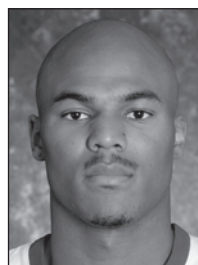
miss a shot in the game going 4-of-4 from the floor and 3-of-3 at the free-throw line.



Tabytha Wampler
Senior
Women's basketball

Senior forward Tabytha Wampler scored a season-high 22 points and pulled down 13 rebounds to record her fourth double-double effort of the

season at Boise State, Dec. 11. It also marked the senior's 13th career double-double.



Tyrone Watson
Junior
Men's basketball

Junior forward Tyrone Watson scored a season-high 11 points in the Battle of I-10 rematch at UTEP, Dec. 11. He also tied a career high with four

steals and grabbed three rebounds along with an assist.



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Basketball

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Those two starters, along with the reserves, make up what is arguably is one of the best backcourts in the state. Kelsie Niehoff and Alexis Burkhartsmeier were both named all-district last season. Another key guard is 5-8 junior Charlotte Shanks.

"It feels good to have two returning guards," Trujillo said. "We have a lot of experience back there. I think our backcourt is as good as any."

Trujillo said he is happy with the way his guards are shooting and attacking the basket to draw fouls.

The team's post is 5-8 senior Nia Edwards, and other key players are talented sophomore Kelsee Rosales, and senior Kiana Frank, an athletic player who is a team captain.

"I'm very pleased with how we're playing," said Trujillo, whose squad was 5-4 heading into this week. "The four losses were against really good teams."

Las Cruces High School

Like Oñate, Las Cruces High returns two starters who were all-district guards last season.

Coach Matt Abney, whose team is 5-2 after a 51-38 win at Deming, Tuesday, Dec. 13, will depend on guards Samantha Mendoza, a senior, and Alyssa Montoya, a junior.

Freshman Alina Fassa, who is 5-8, averaged 15 points per game last weekend at the Alice King Invitational at Moriarty where she was named to the all-tournament team. More key players for the Bulldawgs are seniors Courtney Polanco, Tina Vaquera and

Maria Varela, and sophomore Alyssa De Rouen.

Like Mayfield, Las Cruces is a team that relies heavily on its ability to full-court press and force turnovers.

"We'll win our games based on what we do on the defensive end," Abney said. "This is one of the best running teams I've had in my seven years here. We have a nice mixture of experienced players and young players, and we have a lot of depth."

Abney said he believes District 3-5A will be a "very competitive, tight district."

"Mayfield is the defending state champions and Oñate is very good," he said. "Gadsden had a good summer and Alamogordo has a new coach this year."

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Competing in Class 2A, the SonBlazers have a very young team and are off to a 1-4 start after losing to Hatch on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The team's top player is 6-0 freshman Alyssa Newton, who started last year as an eighth-grader.

"She's definitely the player we go to," said coach Kent Schwisow, who took over as coach of the program during the middle of last season. "We run most of our offense through her and try to isolate her."

MVCS, which has only one senior on the roster, will have to battle talented teams such as Tularosa and Lordsburg in its district.

"We're very young and still trying to find our identity," Schwisow said. "We'll do some pressing and play up-tempo, but we can also slow it down and get Alyssa to post up."

"We're trying to fix some problems now so we'll be ready when district rolls around."

Niumatalolo earns honor Aggie is first-team Academic All-American

New Mexico State University senior defensive lineman David Niumatalolo was named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team, the College Sports Information Directors of America announced Dec. 8.

"Being named an Academic All-American is very satisfying," Niumatalolo said. "I have always seen my time at New Mexico State, not only as an opportunity to try and make the NFL, but an opportunity to earn a quality degree. To get this award is satisfying to know that I have gone out and accomplished my goal."

A native of Kahuku, Hawai'i, Niumatalolo has a 4.0 GPA in Biology. He becomes the first Academic All-American on the NMSU football team since 1999 and the first football player to earn first-team honors since 1998. Niumatalolo is the 11th football player in school history to earn Academic All-American status.

"This brings recognition to our university," coach DeWayne Walker said. "David definitely epitomizes what a student athlete is all about and shows that you can be a great football player and student at the same time."

H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

Las Cruces High School

Saturday, Dec. 17 ... Swimming at APS Mini Invitational 8:30 a.m.
..... Boys Basketball at Cleveland High School 1 p.m.
..... Girls Basketball at Cleveland High School 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 ... Boys Basketball at Santa Teresa High School 7 p.m.

Mayfield High School

Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball at Del Valle High School 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 ... Boys Basketball Faith Christian Academy 7 p.m.

Oñate High School

Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball at Clovis High School 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17 ... Boys Basketball at Hobbs High School 3 p.m.

..... Girls Basketball Deming High School 7 p.m.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Dec. 16 Boys Basketball Silver City 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 17 ... Girls Basketball Cobre 7 p.m.



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SportsBriefs

Coaches leave NMSU

New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker announced Dec. 5 that three of his assistant coaches will not return for the 2012 season: defensive coordinator Dale Lindsey, defensive line coach Jesse Williams and offensive line coach Jason Lenzmeier.

Lenzmeier accepted a position as line coach for the University of New Mexico, where he worked from 2006-07, first as a graduate assistant then as the offensive line coach. He is a graduate of UNM and played football for the Lobos from 1999-2003.

Regarding the departure of his defensive coordinator and line coach, Walker said, "I am appreciative of coach Lindsey's and coach Williams' efforts and their service to New Mexico State University and the Las Cruces community. We will move quickly and efficiently in order to bring the best coaches possible to our football program. I continue to have great expectations for this program and I will bring in coaches that can help us reach those goals."

Walker said a national search for a defensive coordinator and defensive line coach will begin immediately.

Toys for Tots

The New Mexico State University athletic department and Radio of Las Cruces have teamed up with Toys for Tots to help bring holiday cheer to under-privileged children.

On Monday, Dec. 19, the NMSU men's and women's teams host Southern and California-Santa Barbara, respectively, in the Pan American Center. The men play at 5 p.m. and the women play at 7:30 p.m. as part of a special double-header. Fans are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy for distribution to the Toys for Tots program.

"It's a great tradition that really helps bring smiles to kids during this Holiday season and makes sure that no kid gets left out," said Ernesto Garcia, Radio of Las Cruces Operations manager.

To encourage greater participation in this important community event, adults and kids over 12 bring a toy receive a \$5 reserved seat and all kids 12 and under are free for this double-header event. Further, the men's game tickets are good for both the men's game and women's game.

During halftime of the men's game, the Aggies also welcome fans to participate in the traditional Teddy Bear Toss. Bring a new teddy bear and throw it on the floor at halftime. During halftime of the women's game, a new tradition, the Doll Drop, will be started. The Aggies encourage fans to bring a new doll and drop the doll on the floor

at halftime. These teddy bears and dolls will also be distributed to under-privileged kids.

Santa Claus will be making a special appearance during the women's game and will return for the men's game against McNeese State 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21.

For more information or tickets, visit the Pan American Center ticket office or call 646-1420.

Aggies fall to BSU

The New Mexico State women's basketball team fell 72-57 to Boise State inside the Broncos' Taco Bell Arena Sunday, Dec. 11.

Senior forward Kelsie Rozendaal posted a career-high 11 points in the game and classmate Tabytha Wampler scored a season high 22 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to post her fourth double-double of the season, 13th of her career. But it was not enough, as Boise State used 16-6 run midway through the second half to take control of the game after a tight

The Aggies (1-8) next game is 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19, in the Pan Am Center against California-Santa Barbara.

NMSU shot 35.5 percent (22-62) from the floor and held the Broncos to 42.4 percent (25-59). BSU made eight treys while NMSU made one from behind the arc. The Aggies out-rebounded BSU 44-31 but turned the ball over 18 times while the Broncos made 11 errors.

NMSU dropped its eighth straight contest to fall to 1-8 and Boise State moved to 6-4 this season.

Swimmers hope to make splash in Vegas

The New Mexico State swimming and diving team travels to Las Vegas, Nev., for the UNLV Invitational from Saturday, Dec. 17 through Monday, Dec. 19.

This is the second consecutive season the Aggies have attended the three-day meet, which includes a 10-team field. Last year, the Aggies finished in second place with 748 points.

"This is another opportunity for our ladies to experience a meet similar to the format we have at the conference championship and that is always positive," coach Rick Pratt said. "We will be racing a lot during the three-day meet with heats and finals, and that experience is really important."

"We've had some great training in the past week and have really been able to take advantage of being done with classes."

This training might mean we'll have to swim a little tired, but that is nothing our team is not used to. This is a great meet to swim at before the team heads home for the holiday, and I am excited to see how we continue to progress."

Rogers reaps awards

Senior kick returner, receiver is the first Aggie to make four All American teams

New Mexico State University's senior kick returner Taveon Rogers was named to four All-America teams Dec. 12-13 – the most by any football player in school history.

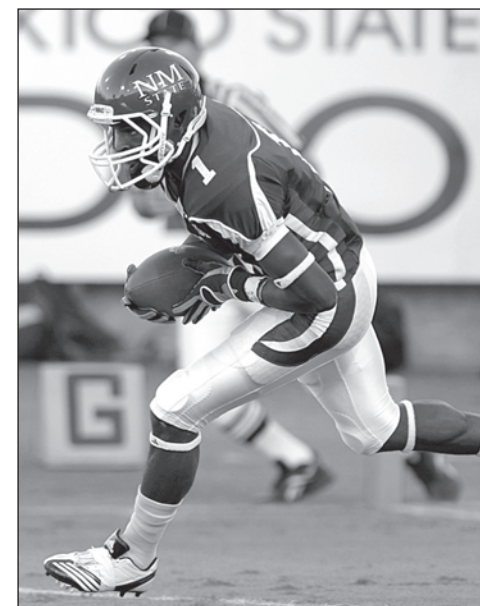
Yahoo! Sports named him to their All-America third team, Dec. 12. That same day, he was given honorable mention on Pro Football Weekly's All-America team and also third team kick returner on College Sports Madness.com's All-America squad. On Dec. 13, Sports Illustrated magazine (SI.com) selected Rogers as honorable mention All-American.

He is the fourth Aggie to be named an SI.com All-American and only the second Aggie to win multiple All-America honors. Chris Williams did so in 2006 and 2008 as he was named an honorable mention selection by SI.com and a fourth team member by Phil Steele.

"Taveon is a very talented kick returner with his great instincts and speed," coach DeWayne Walker said. "He is a special player for our team in that area. Being number one in the country in all-purpose yards, a lot of those yards came off his kick returns. We are honored to be able to recognize him as an All-American, which brings more notoriety to New Mexico State."

Rogers was the team's leading kick returner with 1,318 yards and three touchdowns. He leaves NMSU as the all-time leader in kick returns for a career (103), kick return yardage (2,728) and most kick returns for a touchdown (3). He also led the nation in all-purpose yards per game with 196.3.

Rogers led the Aggies in receiving in 2011 with 59 catches for 1,048 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 17.8 yards a catch and 87.3 yards a game. Against Fresno State, Rogers recorded a school record 412 all-purpose yards.



Aggie senior Taveon Rogers was named to four different All-American teams after an outstanding season at New Mexico State University.

Rogers becomes the 12th player in school history to be named to an All-America team and the first Aggie since 2008 to earn All-America honors.

The Aggies' first All-American was Frank Burke in 1946. Burke was named a third team Associated Press 'Little' All-American. Pervis Atkins is the only Aggie to earn first team All-American honors when he was honored in 1960 by the Associated Press.

Aggies top Western



Tyrone Watkins drives with the ball during the New Mexico State Aggies' defeat of Western New Mexico in the Pan American Center 92-65 Wednesday, Dec. 14.

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Looking Back

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100yearsago

1911

• In the last annual report by a territorial governor, Gov. William J. Mills reported that the state's tax assessments were on property valued at \$60 million, New Mexico banks had resources of \$7 million and building and loan association's resources were \$1.3 million.

• After a period of 36 years, trial began for Damacio Espalin, accused of murdering Serbajo Lujan in Doña Ana on July 19, 1875. The Rio Grande Republican called Espalin "feeble, old and gray," as the newspaper reported that Espalin and his aged wife attended the court for many days. Two witnesses to the fight that claimed Lujan's life said they had not been in position to identify the man who ran from the scene many years earlier. A motion for acquittal was granted, and Espalin and his wife returned to Isleta, Texas, where they had lived for many years and were well-known and respected.

75yearsago

1936

• The Farmers Implement Co., dealers in Oliver Farm Implements, opened its doors at 735 N. Alameda, across the street from the high school. W.H. Hand and J. Bindel would

manage the new store.

• Judge Numa Frenger appointed the board of education for 1937. Appointed were: Juan Valdez of La Union, Albert Fountain of Mesilla, F.J. Wiler of Hatch and Clarence Kilgore of Berino.

• Members of the women's golf club had a turkey tournament at the Las Cruces Country Club. Mrs. Don Price and Mrs. Audria Haynor won the turkeys in the no-host affair. Others playing in the tournament were Mrs. David Bronson, Mrs. G.A. Feather, Mrs. Pierce Hubbard, Mrs. Glen Hamill and Mrs. Ralph Morrison.

50yearsago

1961

• Mary Suggs, a Las Cruces High School senior, was selected as the school's 1961 Christmas Queen. She was crowned in a ceremony at the formal Christmas dance. Christmas King and escort was senior Chris Hanson. Also on the Christmas court were: Noni Spencer, duchess; Charles Cleek, duke; Kay Green, senior class princess; Jan Seale, junior class princess; and Kathy Riddle, junior class princess.

• Dave Olsen of LCHS was named the best basketball player in the state of New Mexico by Dell Sports Magazine of New York. According to Bulldog coach Lou Henson, Olsen was the leading rebounder and field-goal shooter for the Las Cruces team. Olsen was a 6-4 senior at Las Cruces High.

Acequia Scene in LAS CRUCES, New Mexico.



New Mexico State University Library Archives & Special Collections photo

An idyllic acequia scene in Las Cruces 100 years ago shows how water flowed in the Mesilla Valley at the time. Rather than the mechanically groomed irrigation canals of today, the banks of the acequia in 1912 showed that ditch maintenance was done primarily with picks and shovels instead of heavy equipment.

25yearsago

1986

• Three candidates filed candidacies to fill a position on the Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education after board member Everett Crawford decided not to seek re-election. The candidates were Jeanette Dickerson, Patricia Dominguez and Julian "Jay" Cates.

• The Las Cruces Bicentennial/Diamond Jubilee Committee was asking Las Cruces not to throw away their Christmas luminarias, but instead to save them for the state's 75th anniversary luminaria-lighting contest on Jan. 6, 1987.

• Las Cruces City Council accepted the recommendations of a Hay Management study and increased pay for Las Cruces employees. Most employees would see a 5 percent pay increase, while policemen with 5 years of seniority would see a 12 percent increase. Additional raises would be given to Las Cruces policemen with a combination of seniority and training. The Hay study had shown that starting salaries for Las Cruces policemen were on par with other communities, but pay for seasoned officers was lower.

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

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Rose Holguin helps Bernice Armendariz, 2, find clothes.



Las Cruces Police officer Jose Prado helps Beatriz Holz shop for Brayán, 4, and Sergio, 1, Torres at the Toys for Tots Shop with a Cop event at Walmart SuperCenter, 571 S. Walton Blvd., Saturday, Dec. 10, organized by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 8. Each child was able to buy \$125 worth of clothes and toys. Officer Andres Nevarez, local FOP president, said contributions to the program can be made by mailing a check made out to the FOP to PO Box 13777, Las Cruces, NM 88013.

CrimeStoppers

Letter threatens feline

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 and a private citizen is pitching in \$500 for information that leads to the identity and arrest of the person who wrote a letter threatening to kill a cat.

On Nov. 4, Las Cruces Police learned that the pet's owner, who resides at Casa De Soledad at Sonoma Ranch at 3901 Sonoma Springs Ave., found a note that threatened to kill the cat.

The letter, which contains vulgar language, mentions that the author will attempt to poison the cat if it is seen outdoors. The letter continues, "We are going to catch (the cat), kill it very slowly, cut off its head and leave it on your door step."



Poisoning or torturing a pet is considered extreme animal cruelty in New Mexico and is a fourth-degree felony offense.

Casa De Soledad at Sonoma Ranch is a gated community so the letter is believed to have been left on the pet owner's door by someone who also resides at the residential complex.

If you have any information on the identity of the author of the letter, 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

Tresco workers who helped bring children to the event included back row: Stephanie Salazar, Cesia Gillard, Lupe Strouse and Andres Nevarez; and front row: Aurora Alvarez, Lily Ruiz, Rosella Holguin, Yvonne Rojas, Maria Mendoza-Birchfield, Norma Casado and Roberta Nevarez.



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Senior Activities

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

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

AQUATICS CLASS

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

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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

TRAVEL CLUB

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

- **Amtrak/El Paso to Alpine:** Two days and one night, Jan. 23-24, 2012 \$215 double, \$245 single.
- **Rockhound State Park/Adobe Deli Steakhouse day trip:** Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012. \$15. Day trip.
- **Tucson Casino:** Feb 22-24, 2012. \$225 double, \$295 single.
- **Cattleman's Steakhouse, Fabens, Texas.** Feb. 10, 2012. \$70.
- **Savannah/Jekyll Island:** April 13-23, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- **New Orleans:** Nov. 10-18, 2012. Motor coach. Call for details.
- **Canada/New England cruise:** Oct. 10-20, 2012. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166

STAINED GLASS

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

Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

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

AEROBICS CLASS

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

CORE EXERCISE 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.

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.

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. 17, 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.

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will lead a walking group targeted towards those 50 years and older at

8 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. There is no fee to join and total walking distance will be no more than two miles per walk. The group will meet at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Dec. 20: Soldados Soccer Complex, Hadley Avenue and Walnut Street. For more information,
 - Tuesday, Jan. 3: Triviz multi-use path (at Kohl's)
 - Thursday, Jan. 5: La Llorona Park
 - Tuesday, Jan. 10: Las Cruces Dam at Lohman Ave.
 - Thursday, Jan. 12: Main Street Downtown (Moose Lodge parking lot)
 - Tuesday, Jan. 17: Young Park pavilion)
 - Thursday, Jan. 19: Mesilla Valley Bosque, Avenida de Mesilla south to Calle del Norte, right across bridge, entrance to park on left
 - Tuesday, Jan. 24: Former Tee Time building (at Del Rey and Telshor)
 - Thursday, Jan. 26: Mesilla Park Community Center (304 W. Bell, at the park)
- Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

HEALTH INFORMATION BENEFITS COUNSELING

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

AARP MEETS EACH MONTH

AARP meetings are held at 2 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Meetings offer people over the age of 50 interesting guest speakers, light refreshments and a chance to socialize. For more information, call Sue Lungren at 382-0733, or email slundgrens@earthlink.net.

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.

CARD AND TABLE GAMES

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

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, the group works on quilts to be donated to local organizations.

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Santa visits Jardín kids



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About 45 children from Jardín de los Niños will have a brighter Christmas, thanks to the employees of Bank of the West. This is the bank's fifth year of giving to the homeless and near-homeless children who go to day care at Jardín at the Mesilla Valley Community of Hope. The bank also put on a Christmas party Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 201 N. Church St., in which children were given their presents by Santa, portrayed by Tom Hernandez of the bank's branch in Anthony, N.M.

Neighbors We've Lost

DEATH NOTICES

FABROWICZ

VeOra V. Fabrowicz, 91, passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at her home. Services are scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

OLIVER

Jesus "Jess" Oliver, 78, passed away on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at his home. Jess is survived by his children; Rose, Yolanda, Terri, Esther, Rosalva, Gloria, Sandra, Jesse, Mickey, 24 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife; Maria del Carmen; his sons, Jesus "Pott" and Samuel. Viewing and visitation is scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2011 at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home Chapel at 6 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 7 p.m. and funeral service on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. To sign the guest book log on to lapaz-grahams.com.

GONZALEZ

Visitation for Lorenzo Gonzalez, 37, will be held at La Paz-Graham's Funeral Home Chapel, 555 W. Amador Avenue on Thursday, December 15, 2011 from 6-7p.m. A prayer vigil will follow at 7p.m. Funeral mass will be held at the Mesquite Catholic Church in Mesquite, New Mexico at 11 a.m. where burial will follow at the Mesquite Cemetery. Mr. Gonzalez passed away on December 9, 2011 in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Arrangement by La Paz Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

ALEXANDER

Guy E. Alexander, Jr., 80, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Arrangements are with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

JONES

Connie C. Jones, 70, passed away Monday, December 12, 2011. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

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The Las Cruces Bulletin will publish paid obituaries, which may include up to two photographs. Brief death notices are published at no charge. Memorials and remembrances are also available. For more information, call Sid Graft at the Las Cruces Bulletin, 575-524-8061, or email obits@lascrucesbulletin.com.

New school gives to new center



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Students at the new J. Paul Taylor Academy charter school collected clothes, food and toys for the Child Crisis Center. Pictured are Jennifer Johnson, 10, Caroline Williams, 10, Charlotte Flores, 10, Haley Spencer, 9, Saige Payne, 10, Wyatt Langell, 10, and Heber Parks, 11. The students also gave the center small Christmas stockings for the children. Along with the collections for the Child Crisis Center, students at the school also gave up some of their old books to share with other children through the Reading Foundation of Doña Ana County.

Police give advice to drivers on roundabout

Motorists should not stop when passing through the traffic circle

Since the completion of the roundabout at the north end of the re-opened Downtown Main Street earlier this year, the Las Cruces Police Department has received several complaints of motorists who are in the roundabout and stopping for other vehicles that are approaching the traffic circle.

Drivers are reminded that vehicles already in the roundabout have the right of way and should continue moving while in the circle.

Driving in or near the roundabout:

- As you approach the roundabout, slow down and yield to pedestrians and to traffic already in the outer lane of the circle and approaching from the left.
- When it's safe to do so, enter the roundabout traveling counter-clockwise and continue moving to the right of the center island.
- If you are proceeding straight through the intersection, or will be turning right, enter the right lane of the roundabout.
- If you will be turning left, enter the inside lane of the roundabout and then, using a turn signal, safely change lanes prior to exiting the circle.
- Do not exit the roundabout from the inside lane if there is traffic using the outside lane.
- Within the roundabout, do not stop for vehicles waiting to enter.
- Do not travel next to commercial trucks or trailers as larger vehicles may require extra room to maneuver in the roundabout.

When Main Street is re-opened on the south end of Downtown, it will not have a traffic circle for the time being because the funds aren't available. The city still has plans to have roundabouts on both ends of the re-opened Main Street as part of the Downtown revitalization efforts. The roundabouts are a new street concept to Las Cruces, but other cities – such as El Paso – have roundabouts.

Graduating in winter at NMSU Fall Commencement

Photos by Chris Mortenson

NMSU graduate Ryan Allais sings "America the Beautiful" to kick off the New Mexico State University 2011 fall graduation ceremony Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Pan American Center.



NMSU President Barbara Couture gives her welcome speech to the graduates.



Andrew Sedillo is all smiles as he waves to friends in the crowd at the commencement.



An estimated 1,000 graduates of the 2011 fall class make their exit from the ceremony.



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Las Cruces
A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

Do you know which president signed New Mexico into statehood?
See page C20 for more information.

Businesses, meet interns



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

"You have to have a minimum of three internships before you graduate."

These words came out of my media buying professor's mouth when I was a sophomore in college.

I thought she was crazy, but followed her advice.

I worked at Six Flags Over Texas in the public relations department, for the Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce in event planning and for a Dallas-based engineering firm in marketing.

Thank you professor Myers.

These experiences were invaluable and bridged the gap between my learning career and the real world.

On Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Doña Ana Community College Workforce Summit, Celina Bussey, cabinet secretary of the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, spoke to attendees about bridging this gap. And with organizations such as The Bridge of Southern New Mexico Las Cruces is leaps and bounds ahead of other communities in connecting students with potential future employers.

Businesses, if you want to create a true win-win situation hire an intern.

When I was 20 years old, I was so eager to be done with the lecture part of school, I jumped at any opportunity to be in the real world – paid or not paid.

So eager, in fact, one of my internships turned into my first job out of college.

These opportunities paved the way for my potential success. Yes, my boss at the engineering firm had to spend a night teaching this public relations student about requests for proposals and stormwater regulations, but I knew I was learning, and I was excited about it.

With just a little effort, internships can mold future employees into the perfect hire. Do you understand the win-win situation?

If you are still having doubts, here are a few more reasons to hire interns:

1. Interns have a fresh perspective on their field of choice. As new research is consistently being released, those in college are getting the information first.

2. First-hand social media help. Interns have social media outlets at their fingertips, literally.

3. Interns are courteous and try to impress their employer. If professors are

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New gym adds to excitement on El Paseo Road

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

The excitement continues to build on El Paseo Road as Planet Fitness is added to the inventory of new businesses on the once forgotten thoroughfare.

The new gym at 1300 El Paseo Road replaced an old Walgreens on the end of the shopping complex. This Planet Fitness is the first in Las Cruces, but one of more than 500 throughout the U.S.

Opening Wednesday, Dec. 7, the gym is one-of-a-kind, said manager George Arispe.

"All of the amenities are fit to accommodate both men and women," Arispe said. "The machines and cardio equipment were all places and brought in with both genders in mind."

Machines at Planet Fitness are separated into body parts they work out, and cardio machines stretch across the entire center of the gym.

"We have almost 100 cardio machines," Arispe said.

The gym is 24-hour access on the weekdays, and Arispe said there is always someone at the desk.

Planet Fitness also has a hair salon. The Black Card pass gives members free, unlimited haircuts during salon hours.

"What really sets us apart are the group fitness classes," said Arispe, adding that the classes have a 4-to-1 student to teacher ratio at the most. "Whatever you are looking for, our trainers will design a workout to help. If it's toning, strength training, health or targeting a specific body part, we can help you get there."

Since many Planet Fitness members are first-time gym goers, Arispe said the training prevents injuries and shows people how to properly workout.

"We don't want people to just sign up and turn them loose; we want to offer help if they



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Nathan Enriquez pumps some iron at Planet Fitness Tuesday, Dec. 13, less than one week after the gym opened. Enriquez said he likes to workout at the gym because it is affordable and "is a nice gym to go to."

need it," Arispe said.

For those looking for a quick burn, Planet Fitness has a 30-minute course set up. The course is monitored by a red-light, green-light system that rotates participants each minute.

Bringing in advanced equipment, the cardio machines are all iPod and iPhone compatible.

"We really like this feature because there are so many applications now that let runners track their miles or dieters track the amount of calories they have burned," Arispe said. "The machines are also connected to the TVs, and runners or walkers or bicyclers can pick what TV they want to watch with their head-phones."

The gym also offers unlimited tanning to Black Card members as well as unlimited hydrotherapy beds and massage chairs.

"In the hydrotherapy beds, people can

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Details

Planet Fitness

Address

1300 El Paseo Road

Phone

524-7867

Cost

\$10 to \$19.99 per month

Hours

Midnight Monday through
9 p.m. Friday

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

TRICARE enrollees could go without No compromising in Walgreens, Express Scripts battle

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

On Jan. 1, 2012, nearly 6 million TRICARE patients could be without their prescriptions because of an ongoing spat between Walgreens and the U.S. Department of Defense's TRICARE pharmacy benefits program.

Express Scripts, a company of TRICARE that has historically been used at Walgreens across the country, has rejected proposals from Walgreens, according to Walgreens' officials.

Should the two companies not come to an agreement by the end of the year, TRICARE's beneficiaries will no longer have in-network insurance coverage for prescriptions they fill at Walgreens and Duane Reade pharmacies.

Byron Griffin, a retired PR1 (air warfare specialist) with the Navy, is a TRICARE patient and said he foresees problems in the future.

"If the companies don't agree, and I need my medicine right now, there could be a delay because I have to go through other processes to get them at Sam's Club, Walmart or another place," Griffin said. "Primarily, this also means the people I know and trust will no longer be providing me with my prescriptions."

On the Express Scripts website – www.express-scripts.com/tricare – the header reads: "Walgreens will stop participating as a provider in your retail pharmacy benefit as of Jan. 1, 2012. Find out more about this change and how you can move your prescriptions to a new retail pharmacy or TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery now."

Griffin said he has received letters from Walgreens and Express Scripts, each explaining "their side of the story."

"Walgreens basically said, 'We're sorry,'"

Griffin said. "I hope a resolution will happen in the next few weeks. I have seen TRICARE and the government take care of people's needs most of the time."

"We would welcome Walgreens to continue serving along with the more than 56,000 others in our retail pharmacy network, but only if its prices are in line with other pharmacies and good for our clients," said Express Scripts spokesperson Thom Gross.

"The prices Walgreens offered to Express Scripts for filling prescriptions would cost TRICARE more than other pharmacies filling the same prescriptions," a statement on the Express Scripts website said. "It would mean the cost to TRICARE would increase. Every dollar of cost savings from the discounted prices we negotiate with network pharmacies

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adjust the settings, watch TV or play video games," Arispe said. "We also have red light therapy, which helps people with skin imperfections, such as acne, wrinkles, cellulite and stretch marks. This treatment is also good for people with past muscle injuries because it helps repair the tears. It also helps with joint function and circulation."

In addition to having trained staff members with CPR and first aid certifications, the gym is also one of the largest franchises in the Northeast, recently opening gyms in the

Southwest during its expansion.

"We are the biggest gym franchises in the U.S.," Arispe said. "And with Black Card access, members can go to any of the 500 gyms. The closest gyms to Las Cruces are the five we have in El Paso and started opening those about five years ago."

Nearby gyms also include Albuquerque and Arizona locations.

Arispe said the company is consistently looking for new places to open its gyms and is working on adding more locations.

"Once one of our gyms is up and going, we are looking for a place to open the next one," he said.

Interns

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anything like mine were, interns are almost scared to mess up in a job because of a fear of not getting hired. "You have to have positive recommendations" were other words from my professor's mouth.

4. They do everything quickly. As the world moves faster, so do the people in it. Interns have a let's-get-it-done quickly and

efficiently attitude.

5. Interns rarely say "no." The willingness to learn goes a long way, and interns aren't afraid of new challenges or a little extra work. It's always another thing they can add to their résumé.

So, if the economy still has you strapped for cash, consider adding a few interns to your staff. Who knows, you may learn to tweet your status in the process.

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Walgreens

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result directly in savings for the TRICARE program."

Griffin said he signed a petition with Walgreens seeking access to Walgreens pharmacies under their insurance plan. According to Walgreen's officials, more than 250,000 people signed that petition.

If it came down to going to another pharmacy, Griffin said he will try to avoid Walmart.

"I would choose CVS over Walmart any day," he said.

CVS is expected to open in Las Cruces in the summer of 2012. Randy McMillian with NAI 1st Valley said the developer is looking at opening a handful more in southern New Mexico.

"I'm sure all of this has to do with money," Griffin said. "I am hesitant to use the term, but it seems like Obamacare is in full force. Since prescriptions can only be filled at a certain time, I am just stuck in a bubble that is waiting to pop."

DLCP names new director

Former business owner takes the reins Dec. 14

Bulletin Staff Report

Carrie D. La Tour has been selected as executive director of the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP).

La Tour, a former small business owner and university instructor with a wealth of experience in private industry and public administration, will lead DLCP in its mission to revitalize Downtown Las Cruces in the coming years.

"I'm excited and honored to have been selected for this position," La Tour said. "I look forward to building relationships with nonprofits, businesses, the community and the city to work together to revitalize our Downtown."

La Tour of Anthony, N.M., holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's degree in public administration from New Mexico State University.

La Tour's previous employment includes working as an instructor for NMSU's government department, a community organizer for the Institute for Community Engagement, director of marketing for First General Services and a member representative for the Better Business Bureau of the Texas Panhandle. She has owned two successful businesses in southern New Mexico – Rio Grande Driving School and Anthony Fitness Equipment.

"Carrie's experience as a business owner and Realtor, as a public liaison and most recently with her work on the El Paseo Corridor Redevelopment project, will serve her very well in this position," said Bruce Begin, chair of the DLCP Executive Director Search Committee and vice president of the board of directors. "She is eager to put her background and training to work in the nonprofit sector and we are more than delighted to have her."

As the DLCP executive director, La Tour will be tasked with developing and implementing strategies for economic development in Las Cruces' Main Street district, assisting the board of directors and committees with the development of action plans, community campaigns, events and projects that support the mission of downtown revitalization and the Main Street Four-Point Approach.

La Tour will serve as DLCP's public liaison to municipal, state and federal governments, as well as to the local community.

Following the retirement of former DLCP Executive Director Laura Kindseth in November, DLCP formed a search committee comprised of current board members and at-large members from the community to find a new director.

DLCP board members on the search committee included Begin, Hal Henthorne, Freda Flores, Greg Gendall, Gabe Vasquez and Paul Couture. The at-large search committee participants included City Councillor Miguel Silva, City of Las Cruces Assistant City Manager Brian Denmark, downtown small business owner Jim Turrentine and Alma d'Arte Founder and Director Irene Oliver-Lewis.

"The competition was keen and the interview process rigorous," Begin said. "The committee was unanimous as was the board, in their choice to select Carrie."

Henthorne, DLCP president, said he's pleased with the group's selection.

"Carrie is a great listener, has the analytical skills to create the strategies and programs we need, enjoys collaborating and leveraging the strengths of others and is an excellent communicator with the marketing and business skills we need," he said.

Among La Tour's immediate goals are developing a better working relationship with New Mexico State University and its students – particularly by building an internship program – building cross-regional partnerships with other nonprofit agencies, businesses and governments and working with DLCP's Economic Development committee to bring new tenants to the Downtown area.

The mission of the DLCP is to create a signature business destination that celebrates the region's rich cultural heritage, local arts and culture and contributes to a thriving, sustainable and economically vibrant Downtown. DLCP is a member of New Mexico Main Street and is an accredited member of the National Main Street Network. To learn more, visit www.downtownlascruces.net.



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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Eye Mart Express

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

The former El Paso Imports store at 3050 E. Lohman Ave. has been turned into an Eyemart Express, which will hold its ribbon cutting with the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce Monday, Dec. 19.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 9	Quick Care Clinic	3030 W. Picacho Ave.	524-8061
Dec. 2	Pic Quik	Lohman Avenue	523-5611
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

Our numbers

49,000

people have passed away from flu-associated deaths in the U.S. from 1976 to 2006.

5 to 7

days after becoming sick, a person's flu symptoms will usually dissipate with the proper medicine.

7

days after being "flu-free" children can still pass the virus.

6

feet away the flu virus can still be spread from person to person.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 12

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **fallen 2.9 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$2.93** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **fallen 0.7 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.28** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Dec. 12**, were **15.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are 17.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 15 cents** during the last month and stands **32.2 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.84
2. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.84
3. Fina	825 Avenida de Mesilla	\$2.85
4. Murphy Express	1290 S. Valley Drive	\$2.85
5. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.86

Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

Adventure Travel Airfare Watch

FROM EL PASO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT	LOWEST AVERAGE ONE-WAY FARE	CARRIER
Albuquerque	\$117.40	Southwest Airlines
Atlanta	\$209.40	US Airways
Austin	\$119.90	United Airlines
Chicago	\$205.40	US Airways
Dallas/Fort Worth	\$119.70	American Airlines
Houston	\$161.70	Southwest Airlines
Las Vegas	\$90.40	US Airways
Los Angeles	\$132.40	US Airways
Phoenix	\$69.70	US Airways
San Antonio	\$112.90	United Airlines
New York City	\$184.10	US Airways
Washington DC	\$160.40	American Airlines
San Diego	\$110.40	US Airways
London	\$765.90	American Airlines
Paris	\$771.90	US Airways
Rome	\$825.90	Delta

Source: Adventure Travel *Prices effective through Dec. 20 *Restrictions apply

Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro
\$1.3182 in U.S. dollars
0.75861 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso
\$0.0722 in U.S. dollars
13.85042 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen
\$0.0128 in U.S. dollars
78.125 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



Market Snapshot

For the week of Nov. 28-Dec. 2, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	12019.42	12184.26	164.84	1.4	5.2
Nasdaq	2626.93	2646.85	19.92	0.8	-0.2

Strong: Residential REITs, diversified REITs, health care facilities, insurance brokers

Weak: Building products, homebuilding, construction and farm machinery, auto parts and equipment, auto makers, application software, oil and gas equipment and services, advertising

Source: http://briefing.com



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Foreign markets hurt cotton demand

Despite a good crop, Mesa Farmers tinker with balancing crop supply

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County farmers are harvesting a good-quality cotton crop, but the supply-and-demand factor is hurting the market.

Mesa Farmers Co-op Gin near Vado, N.M., still is processing cotton that is being brought from the fields in modules.

"So far, the quality has been excellent," said Ramon "Dosi" Alvarez, Mesa Farmers board chairman. "But the yields have been mixed, good yields in some fields and poor yields in others."

The good news is field reports indicate eradication programs have eliminated the boll weevil and pink bollworm.

"There have been zero captures of weevils for the past eight years and zero captures of the pink bollworm in three years," Alvarez said.

"Mesa Farmers Co-op Gin is running 24 hours a day, seven days a week," gin manager

Alberto Pando said. "If the good yields continue, the gin should produce 45,000 to 50,000 bales this year."

Pando estimates the gin still has about 15,000 to 20,000 bales to be ginned in the fields. Harvesting was held up a few days by snow and rain.

Cotton growers pack their harvest cotton lint and seed in field modules, which contain about 15 bales, to hold the cotton until it can be hauled to the gin. Mesa Farmers also have started using smaller module-builders that are attached to the cotton-picking machine and hold about 6.5 to seven bales.

It's the same old story of supply and demand that's throwing the 2011 cotton market off balance.

In March and April, cotton was bringing \$1.25 to \$1.30 per pound, but after reports of increased foreign production, price has dropped to about 90 cents per pound. Market reports that India, China, Pakistan and Russia

increased their cotton planting last spring, Calcot field representative Rick Mattice said.

"It looks like there's going to be plenty of cotton in the world market," Mattice said. "When that happened at this stage of cotton pricing, the mills quit buying cotton."

"But the big issue next year will be water. If we have a dry winter again and there's no mountain snow, there won't be enough river water to irrigate cotton and row crops in the lower Rio Grande Valley and east Texas."

Last winter, the snow pack was so poor that the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation could release only 652,000 acre-feet to the EBID, Texas Water Conservation District No. 1 and Mexico. And the EBID could only grant farmers four inches of river water.

The bureau reported that the current storage at Elephant Butte Reservoir is 258,790 acre-feet of water, 12 percent of capacity.

That is bad news for EBID farmers. Mountain snow packs usually start running off into

the Rio Grande in March. But the farmers need the surface water earlier to prepare seedbeds.

Mattice is the Calco field representative for eastern Arizona, New Mexico and west Texas. Calcot has closed its Las Cruces warehouse on Hayner Avenue and holds its cotton bales in a Fabens, Texas, warehouse. Mattice works out of an office in Pima, Ariz.

As a product that is vulnerable to the market and climate, cotton production and revenue fluctuate. Last year, the New Mexico production of upland cotton was 115,000 bales, up from 72,100 bales, and the revenue was \$46.7 million, compared with \$21.7 million the previous year, the USDA National Agriculture Statistics Service reported.

Denny Calhoun, growers representative for Jess Smith and Sons of Bakersfield, Calif., commented, "there's not a lot of activity with cotton going on out there."

The Smith company exports cotton for American growers.

Cotton production is up, but with the stagnant economy consumption is down.

"The reason is, last year the mills bought a lot of high-price cotton, and they have to figure out how to use that cotton without driving up the prices of their goods," Calhoun said.

"There's a lot of cotton out there."

City of Las Cruces Building Permit Report Dec. 8-13


Permit #	Permittee	Owner	Project	Address	Value	Permit
2016668	Desert View Homes	Desert Views Homes LLC	Res/New	3531 Sierra Bonita Ave.	\$172,774	\$4,072.98
2016689	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Ryan J. Serrano	Res/New	3902 Sombra Morada Road	\$180,400	\$2,327
20116714	Gilbert & Sons Roofing & Plastering	Thomas C. and Carol A. Loncarich	Reroof	1942 Lone Tree Lane	\$15,871	\$121.25
20116703	Spirit View Homes	N/A	Res/New	2021 Villa Napoli Loop	\$147,928	\$1,052
2016786	Veloz Homes	Camino Real Builders	Res/New	7360 Vista de Sobre Drive	\$152,438	\$4,038.26
20116785	Veloz Homes	Camino Real Builders	Res/New	7368 Vista de Sobre Drive	\$150,142	\$4,034.34
20116782	Summit Development	Rinconada Developers of Las Cruces LLC	Res/New	3840 Calle Arriba	\$202,458	\$4,123.66
20116781	Summit Development	Sunwest Homes Inc.	Res/New	4127 Crianza Way	\$196,390	\$4,113.30
20116759	De La Paz Construction	Gregory R. and Marie A. Marez	Reroof	1605 Betty Circle	\$5,000	\$57.22
20116758	Pioneer Roofing and Specialties Inc.	Washington Federal Savings	Reroof	1940 Camelot Drive	\$3,500	\$48.38
2016662	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	5838 Organ Peak Drive	\$186,960	\$3,297.20
20116765	Hakes Brothers Construction LLC	Logos Development Inc.	Res/New	5450 Monte Sol St.	\$251,740	\$2,448.80
20116691	Hakes Brothers Construction, LLC	Hakes Brothers LLC	Res/New	5830 Organ Peak Drive	\$169,740	\$3,267.80
20116735	Springer Construction	Elisa's Beauty Salon Inc.	Reroof	908 S. Solano Drive	\$1,500	\$40.69

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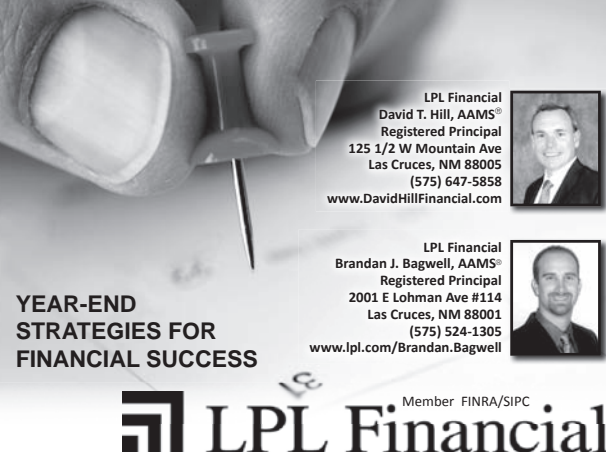
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Permit #	Contractor	Owner	Project	Address	Permit
37037	Palo Verde Homes	Tricia A. and Draven C. Richardson	Res/New	101 Alvarez Road	\$11,265
37038	Riviera Homes	Mesilla Bolson	Res/New	120 Apache Brass Circle	\$539
37039	Self	Our Lady's Youth Center	Res/New	230 High Valley Road	\$337
37042	Jones Construction	Dennis J. and Deborah K. Milne	Res/New	165 Coues Deer Ave.	\$626
37043	N/A	German and Maria Holguin	ReRoof	935 E. Berino Road	\$60

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Creating synergy in the Mesilla Valley

Funders Collaborative forms for greater impact

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

In an effort to meet individual needs from beginning to end, leaders from successful and meaningful programs in the area are putting their heads together for greater impact.

Representatives from five organizations met Dec. 9 to form the Funders Collaborative: Making a Difference Together. Members include Elizabeth Grinnell from the Enchanted Life Foundation (ELF), Myrna Deckert from the Paso del Norte Foundation, Louise Tracey-Hosa from the Con Alma Foundation, Susan Roberts from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Foundation and Luan Wagner Burn from the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM).

"We talked about how we can bring all of our strengths together and make them work for the community," Grinnell said. "By working together, we will be able to target a geographic area more in depth."

Burn and Grinnell first discussed how private foundations and the CFSNM might work together to have a much larger impact in the service area. After searching for private foundations, 18 foundations were invited to the first meeting. Of the five that attended, each discussed their roles.

Paso del Norte serves the El Paso and border region as well as Doña Ana and Luna counties in New Mexico with a current focus on youth tobacco prevention and cessation as well as teen pregnancy prevention.

Con Alma serves New Mexico with a focus on water quality in the 37 Doña Ana County colonias.

ELF focuses on providing higher education, adult Roman Catholic religious formation and charitable opportunities that might not otherwise be available to the people, communities and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces in the 10 southern New Mexico counties. The Roman

Catholic Diocese of Las Cruces Foundation funds projects important to the bishop, which includes helping the needy.

The CFSNM connects people who care with causes that matter in the seven southern New Mexico counties, with a current major focus on improving health care for the children and youth of the target area.

"We realized, if we come together as a group, we have the power as a group," Grinnell said. "There are a lot of nonprofits that do great things, and if we work together we can see an even greater change."

The next step for the group will be meeting with the board of directors for each organization. In the future, the Funders Collaborative will explore geographic issues for the greatest need that will benefit most from the partnership.

"When we met together we asked ourselves if there was something we could all work together on and we decided most definitely yes," Grinnell said. "By working together we will be able to meet needs in a way that is whole and ongoing."

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.

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Are you building wealth or producing income?

Four choices help decide your wealth



Jim Spence
Business Matters

Part of the process of determining whether owning shares of a particular business can help build wealth or provide reliable income revolves around the basic understanding that all companies have four primary choices when it comes to handling the cash they generate:

1. Reinvest in their existing business.

Cash generated can be directed to research and development, expanding the sales force or international growth. Many of the companies still in the stage of their business development where the demand for their product or service is growing can reinvest cash generated and add to stockholder's wealth.

2. Make an acquisition of another business. Sometimes this can be a very wise course of action. As shareholders, we are comfortable with this choice when we are sure that management is very seasoned at integrating new operations and capturing the potential of another company. Unfortunately, if management is stepping outside of its area of expertise, an acquisition can be bad news for the stockholders.

3. Repurchase company shares. This decision was once thought to be a strong "signal" of management's confidence in the business and its future prospects. However, share repurchase programs that regularly repurchase shares regardless of stock value have become a more common tool of boards interested in appearance and "window dressing" rather than a value proposition. Like all other transactions, share repurchases must make sense from a value standpoint in order to build shareholder wealth.

4. Distribute cash to shareholders. When a company distributes profits to its shareholders, it is called a dividend.

The task of investing only in stocks that pay dividends should be restricted to

companies that are not only paying dividends, but are in a position to regularly grow their dividends. Closely examining a company's balance sheet to ensure that the liabilities and operating needs can be comfortably met in addition to being able to grow the dividend is crucial. A company that can both comfortably support a growing dividend and continue to grow profits and revenues at a healthy pace can produce both income and wealth for owners. In a low-interest-rate environment, a decent dividend can also provide a proverbial floor for a company's stock price, again, as long as that dividend is well funded and safe in nearly all-foreseeable economic conditions.

Income-oriented investors will often ask us to take a look at a company that pays an extraordinarily high dividend. Usually a careful examination of these situations will result in the citing of the old adage, "If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

This old saying should be heeded religiously because it applies to virtually all forms of income investing. There are very few, if any, shortcuts to investment success. Put another way, there is usually a very good reason why a company is priced by the market to offer such a high dividend relative to other investments.

It is critical to understand income investing is not quite the same as wealth building. By definition, any entity that generates excess cash can produce "income."

Additionally, it should be noted that great wealth

builders tend to be hard to find and even harder to find in a slow economy. They rarely throw off a great deal of income for owners to spend because management already has something smart to do with the excess cash, and requires meticulous analysis to identify and great confidence to hold because active share traders treat them like poker chips instead of rare wealth building vehicles.

Accordingly, we never exclude a durably competitive company with great re-investment opportunities simply because it does not pay a dividend. Placing an onerous dividend payment restriction on the stock selection process is okay for the income seeker, but it is not always the best path to wealth building.

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

“ There are very few, if any, shortcuts to investment success. ”

It's not just a one-way street

Invest in local businesses

If you're an investor, you might be shaking your head in dismay after looking at your recent brokerage statements. In fact, you might even be thinking about giving up on Wall Street altogether. But before you do, consider the following story.

Two typical American children, Mary and Michael, begin their day with a hearty breakfast of oatmeal produced by Quaker Oats, a subsidiary of PepsiCo, based in Purchase, N.Y.

At school, they work on a computer, using a Windows operating system produced by Microsoft, based in Redmond, Wash. Upon returning home, they do their homework under a lamp containing light bulbs produced by General Electric, headquartered in Fairfield, Conn. That night, their parents, pressed for time, take them to McDonald's, whose corporate office is in Oak Brook, Ill. The children eat Big Macs and drink Cokes, produced by Coca-Cola, based in Atlanta, Ga.

Before going to bed, Michael and Mary wash up with Ivory Soap, produced by Procter & Gamble, based in Cincinnati, and

are thrilled to learn their parents are going to take them to Walt Disney World, owned by The Walt Disney Company, which operates out of Burbank, Calif.

You get the picture. None of these businesses are on Wall Street – and when you invest in them, you're not investing in "Wall Street," which is really just a shorthand term for our system of trading stocks.

Unfortunately, many people seem to think they are actually investing in the system itself, rather than individual businesses, so when they repeatedly hear that "it's been a wild day on Wall Street," they start believing that the very act of investing has become too risky for them.

But that's not the case. As you can tell by their products, the companies mentioned above are likely to be around for a long time – or at least until people stop using computers, washing their hands and eating hamburgers.

Does that mean that the stock prices of these types of companies will just keep climbing? Of course not. These businesses, like all businesses, will go through good and bad periods, and their stock prices will reflect these ups and downs. But here's the

key point: Barring an unforeseen calamity of epic proportions, there always will be businesses in which you can invest. And if you buy quality companies, and hold them for the long term, you're going to increase your chances for success.

So when you're considering your investment strategy, don't worry about today's turbulence on Wall Street. Instead, look at tomorrow's prospects for the companies in which you're interested. Are their products competitive? Do they belong to an industry that is on the ascent or the decline? Do they have good management teams? Have they been consistently profitable over the years? By answering these and other key questions, you should be able to get a good sense of whether a stock is a good investment candidate.

By thinking more about the individual businesses in which you might invest, and less about Wall Street, you can become a more focused investor. And, over the long term, that focus can pay off for you.

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Fence-in, fence-out is a perennial issue

Lessons from Old West can give insight about intellectual piracy



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Companion bills in the House and Senate are taking aim at the wide-scale, online piracy of intellectual property. The bills would change the balance in who is responsible for enforcing copyright from the copyright holder toward the Internet service providers (ISPs).

The battle in Washington is analogous to perennial issue from the Old West of whether to fence-in or fence-out livestock. Fencing-in means the owner of livestock is responsible for keeping the animals out of their neighbors' fields. Should the animals escape, then any damage they do, the owner must make compensation.

Fence-out rules are common in the American West, including in New Mexico. The onus is on the neighbors to protect their property from stray cattle by fencing out the cattle. With fence-out, the only responsibility of herders is to identify their animal – historically with a brand, in modern times with an ear tag. Without the brand, anyone is free to claim the animal.

We can draw lessons from fencing rules for the Internet. Current law provides a safe harbor for ISPs for material posted by third parties. Google, YouTube, Facebook and many other sites live off of these posts, making the Internet a far richer experience than it otherwise would be. If a content owner wants to protect their intellectual property, under current law, it's the copy-

right holder's responsibility to notify the ISP that their copyright is being violated. The ISP then must take down the offending content. The bills under consideration in Congress would effectively change the rules to a fence-out system. The ISPs would be responsible to make sure pirated content did not get onto their "property," or else face the chance of losing that property.

The reform bill under consideration in the House, the so called Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA), is particularly extreme. Under the bill, any site is subject to having its domain seized by prosecutors if it either "facilitates" or "avoids confirming" infringing acts by third parties. This eliminates safe harbor by making lawful businesses, including social networking, cloud storage services and online communications tools, at risk of being shut down for actions by users.

The SOPA also creates a new private enforcement mechanism. Payment and ad networks would have to cut financial ties to any site within five days of receiving a mere allegation from a copyright holder that the site is infringing on copyright. In effect, the new law fences-in intellectual property.

Whether the current system or the new proposed regime is more efficient depends on which does most to promote value creation. Neither rule is clearly superior in all circumstances. Social networks like Facebook and ad networks like Google certainly add considerable value to the Internet experience. But without adequate copyright protection, content creators will not have an incentive to create more content and without that content, the Internet would be an empty place.

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Natural disaster insurance

2,000 earthquakes recorded in NM since 1849

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



Ever been in an earthquake? I have. Ever wonder if one could occur here? I do. Ever ponder the need for earthquake insurance? No? Me neither.

I experienced scores of earthquakes growing up in California, most of which measured between 3.0 and 4.0 on the Richter scale. Everyone except vacationers from out of town took the temblors in stride. Dishes rattled in the cupboards and water rippled in the swimming pools, but that was the extent of it. Sure, there were a handful of huge events over the years, but they were few and far between. Nobody I knew carried earthquake insurance.

Folks at the New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology's Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources say, "Small earthquakes occur somewhere in New Mexico every day, but no earthquake larger than magnitude 6.2 has occurred within the New Mexico part of the rift since the state's first earthquake was documented in 1849." The 6.2 magnitude event took place near the City of Socorro on Nov. 15, 1906. The rift in question is the Rio Grande Rift, which is a region of tectonic, volcanic, and seismic activity that extends from north-central Colorado southward to Chihuahua, Mexico.

Since 1849, the majority of the 2,000 earthquakes that have shaken the New Mexico territory registered below 3.0 on the Richter scale. More than half the events took place in the seismically active areas near Socorro and Raton and registered from indiscernible-to-moderate in intensity. Between Jan. 1 and Nov. 23 of this year, 23 measurable quakes were detected in the Land of Enchantment. None were centered in our area and none exceeded 2.4 in magnitude.

So, should you and I rethink our decision to not purchase earthquake insurance? I'm not yet convinced I should. Earthquakes, such as flood disasters, are not covered by homeowner's or renter's policies so a specific endorsement or separate policy must be obtained.

In my current state of mind, I'd only purchase coverage if I thought it was cheap enough or if I thought the risk of becoming an earthquake victim was high enough. I have to admit; I fall into the huge category of people who simply "don't think it'll happen to me"

If someone did decide to purchase an earthquake policy for a Las Cruces area property containing a dwelling valued at

Most Recent Discernable New Mexico Earthquakes

Date	Area	Magnitude
Oct. 2011	Santa Fe	3.8
Aug. 2011	Raton	5.3
May 2011	Truth or Consequences	2.3
April 2011	Socorro	2.5
Jan. 2011	Socorro	2.3
Nov. 2010	Belen	1.7
March 2010	Carlsbad	3.7
Jan. 2010	Raton	3.8
Sept. 2009	Pie Town	2.5
April 2008	Ruidoso	2.7

Source: New Mexico Bureau of Geology & Mineral Resources

\$150,000, they'd be able to choose a deductible of between 10 percent and 25 percent of the amount insured and pay a premium of around \$600 to \$700 annually, according to Tessa Cathey of Pat Campbell insurance in Las Cruces.

Given the fact that only six earthquakes of 5.0 magnitude or greater have occurred historically within New Mexico, and that only 15 earthquakes of 4.0 magnitude or higher have occurred in the state since 1980, I personally feel my risk of loss is low. The additional fact that only seven earthquakes have occurred within 100 miles of Las Cruces since 1977, and that none of them exceeded magnitude 3.5, makes me feel even more confident.

However, according to the folks at New Mexico Tech, "evidence shows that large earthquakes of 6.5 magnitude, or greater, have occurred in the recent past in the Rio Grande rift." Because of the large number of active faults, the experts feel that the probability of a future large earthquake in the rift is significant. There's also a 16.2 percent chance that a 5.0 magnitude, or greater, quake will hit Las Cruces within the next 50 years.

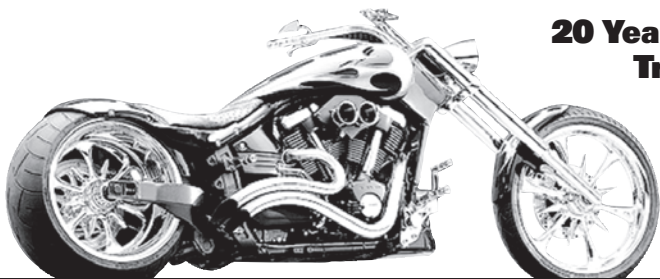
Be that as it may, I'm a bit of a gambler, so I'm going to take my chances and live out the remainder of my years without the benefit of quake coverage. How about you?

See you at closing!

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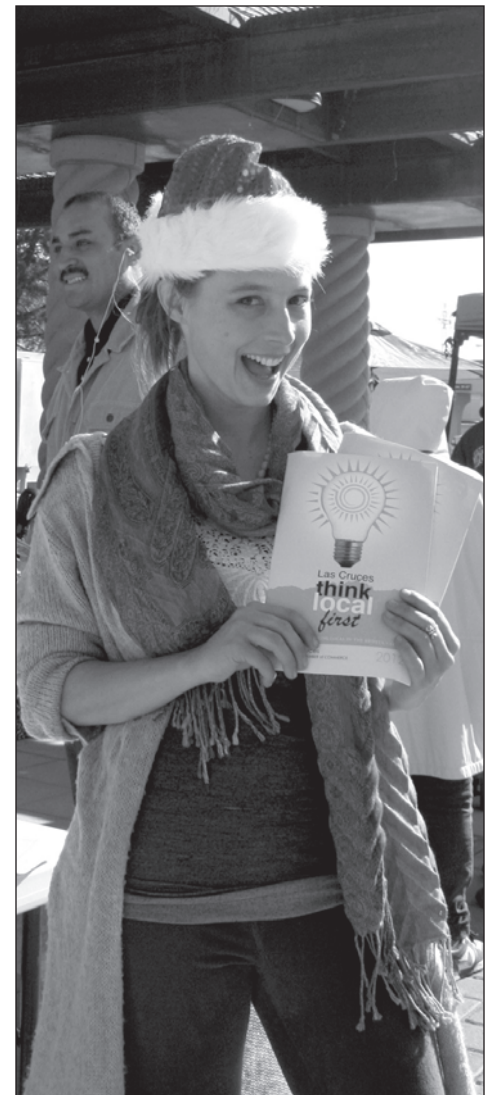
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Carina and Carla Vargas with Eventful Company gave a prize to Carly Hamilton, 8, during the first Buy Local Bowl Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market.



Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima was one of the celebrity shoppers who stopped by Triple "D" Woodworks & Crafts.



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In Good Company: *Fitness One* Aiming for the best

Gym owners bring latest technology to Las Cruces

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

For Fitness One owners Tanner and Monica Green, expanding their gym was a no-brainer because it's what their clients wanted.

After graduating from New Mexico State University, Tanner Green started his career at Showtime Video, which was owned by Shannon Wood. The Southwest-based video rental company gave stores such as Blockbuster "a run for their money," said Tanner Green, who was director of operations for the company at the time.

When the couple started looking at the future, other factors came into play, such as where they would raise their son, Dillon, and where to call home.

The Greens relocated to Las Cruces in the early 2000s.

"Our partner Shannon is really fit and healthy, and he is always talking about new business ventures," Tanner Green said. "So we started driving around, looking at gyms in the area."

"After looking at some of the gyms, we thought we could do better."

Tanner Green said the lack of options in Las Cruces and other gyms' outdated features led them to open Fitness One in 2008 on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

"Our principle is customer service. I really think that is missing in the gym industry," said Tanner Green, adding that he treats his customers the same, no matter how comfortable or uncomfortable they are in a gym.

To make his customers feel confident while working out, Tanner Green said he also put high-quality equipment in his gym that is easy for beginners to use and also pleases more advanced gym goers.

"Everything in here is top-of-the-line and an investment," he said. "I believe in great equipment, and I believe in keeping it very clean. People go to places they are proud of, and I want our members to be proud of this gym."

The Fitness One in Las Cruces is one of many, but has unique features. The 18,000-square-foot gym has tall ceilings and caters to all levels of fitness gurus.

"In the 1980s, gyms were full of a lot of guys and a few girls," Tanner Green said. "Now, more women are coming to gyms and the older crowd is also growing."

Because of this trend, Tanner Green said Fitness One expanded to include a new room for aerobics classes, a women's locker room, more space for cardio and a women's-only gym.

"Women can start working out in here because it's not an intimidating place," Monica Green said about the women's-only facilities. "They will gain the confidence and feel more comfortable to go and workout in the main gym or they can stay in here."

"We really tried to make everything pretty and put in all new equipment except the cardio machines."

The new women's locker room also has a place to sit and do makeup as well as showers, electronic lockers and secluded changing areas.

To pump up aerobics class attendees, Fitness One installed an advanced stereo system, disco lights, tinted windows that double as mirrors and plenty of fans.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts
Monica and Tanner Green smile in their recently completed cardio room, an addition to their gym – Fitness One – on Sonoma Ranch Boulevard.

"We really want people to have fun in here," Tanner Green said.

The old women's locker room will be turned into additional space for the men's locker room. The old cardio room will be converted into a cycle-only room and an extended day care.

Fitness One also has memberships for unlimited tanning, free daycare for members and an extensive list of aerobics classes, such as Zumba, yoga, cycling and kickboxing.

"Everything we had was just too small," said Tanner Green, adding that the renovations were based on what his members wanted.

The couple stays connected to their customers by simply talking to them.

"(Monica and I) talk to our customers and listen to what they want. We are here all of the time," he said. "If someone is not happy about something at our gym, they can come and tell us."

Keeping the main gym comfortable, the large room plays soft background music and has views of the Organ Mountains from a row of cardio machines.

To maintain a high level of customer service and quality throughout his business, Tanner

Green said the gym pays instructors more than anywhere else and pays for CPR certifications.

"Since we pay more, we can have the best because people want to work here," he said.

With help from Wood, the Las Cruces facility is able to stay ahead of the curve in regard to technology and amenities.

"Shannon sees trends in Denver, which is one of the most fit cities, and we can learn from him," Tanner Green said.

For more information on Fitness One, call 524-2447.

“ (Monica and I) talk to our customers and listen to what they want. ”

TANNER GREEN,
owner

Details

Fitness One

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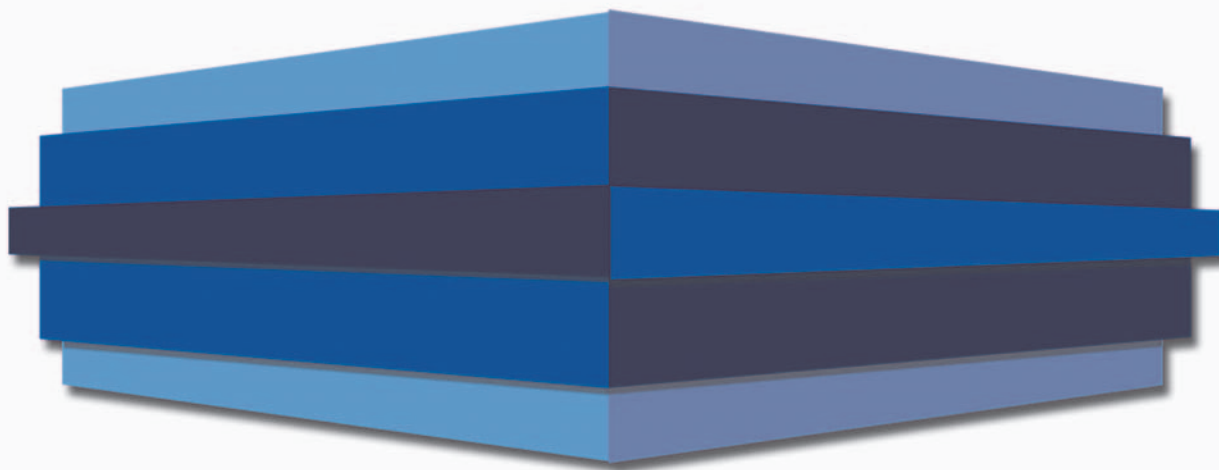
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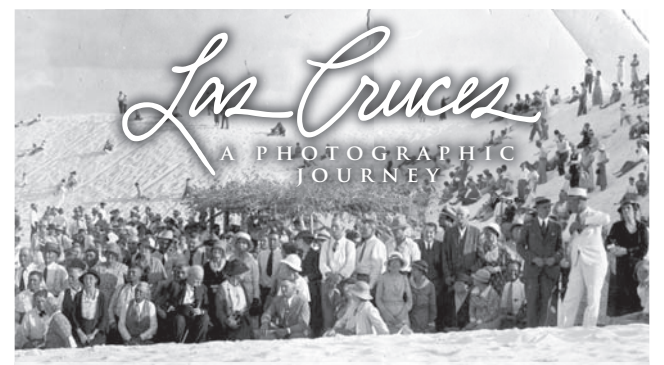
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Spreading cheer at Business After Hours

Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce photos

Fred Lillibrige of Doña Ana Community College shows off his prize from the raffle at Business After Hours hosted by La Posta de Mesilla on Monday, Dec. 12.



Russell Allen of Allen Theatres, Rick Morales of Grabitsite.com and Tres Libby of Citizens Bank



Jorge Lopez of Las Cruces Bulletin and Davin Lopez of Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance



Paul Brilliant, New Mexico State University women's golf coach, and Donna Taylor of the Las Cruces Sun-News



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Crystal Apple awards

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee honors the teachers and administrators that go above and beyond to serve the students of the Mesilla Valley with the Crystal Apple Award at the Chamber's Annual Banquet, which will be held Friday, Jan. 13, 2012.

The deadline for nominations for the Chamber's Crystal Apple Awards is 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16. For more information, contact Liz Banegas at liz@lascruces.org or 524-1968.

NMSU's Arrowhead Center calls for spring project submissions

The Arrowhead Center currently is accepting applications from small business owners and entrepreneurs for its Entrepreneur Venture Program taking place this spring. The deadline to submit an application is Jan. 16, 2012. Those selected will receive specialized support and resources to help their businesses reach the next level of development.

"Entrepreneurship and innovation are topics on the national stage, with an emphasis on job creation through startups," said Sara Sanders, entrepreneurship director at the Arrowhead Center. "New Mexico needs to be a part of that conversation. Over the past decade, New Mexico's entrepreneurial activity has not grown; in fact, it has decreased. The Arrowhead Center aims to help change that reality through programs such as this."

Services for the Entrepreneur Venture Program are customized to fit startups and established businesses alike. The program's services include business plans, marketing studies, feasibility studies, financial analyses and industry analyses. Businesses accepted into the program are chosen based on a variety of factors, including the degree to which they contribute to economic development in New Mexico.

For more information on the Entrepreneur Venture Program, call 646-7036 or visit www.arrowheadcenter.org.

Help Roadrunner Food Bank

In December, Roadrunner Food Bank has a unique opportunity thanks to the Stocker Foundation. In the spirit of giving, the Stocker Foundation will match contributions made to Roadrunner Food Bank's Las Cruces Branch up to \$5,000. This special matching gift has twice the impact and makes twice the difference for the hungry people served by Roadrunner Food Bank.

To participate, visit www.rffb.org/lc or call 523-4390.

South American trade missions

The New Mexico Economic Development Department's Office of International Trade is organizing an international trade mission to South America with stops in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Santiago, Chile.

The South American countries have experienced significant economic growth over the past five-year period despite the slowdown among the major industrialized countries. The Office of International Trade will utilize the \$81,000 awarded under the federal State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration to help New Mexico small and midsize enterprises

build and expand their export market.

The trade mission to Argentina, Brazil and Chile is being organized from Feb. 28-March 14, 2012 as follows:

- Feb. 28, 2012: Depart Albuquerque
- Feb. 29, 2012: Arrive in Sao Paulo, Brazil
- March 1-2, 2012: Gold Key Service Meetings in Sao Paulo, Brazil
- March 5-6, 2012: Gold Key Service Meetings in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- March 8-9, 2012: Gold Key Service Meetings in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- March 12-13, 2012: Gold Key Service Meetings in Santiago, Chile
- March 14, 2012: Return to Albuquerque

This event is open to New Mexico companies whose products are at least 51 percent of U.S. content. Interested New Mexico companies must request and submit a completed application by Jan. 10, 2012.

Applications will be forwarded to the U.S. Department of Commerce posts at each of the stops to arrange pre-screened and pre-qualified meetings with local companies. Companies will be notified before hand if meetings cannot be arranged or if there is no market for their product.

New Mexico companies may obtain additional information about the STEP Grant, participation in the proposed South American Trade Mission, eligibility and obtaining an application for the Gold Key service by contacting Edward Herrera, at 505-827-0315.

New Year's Eve ball

De La Vega's Pecan Grill and Brewery will host a New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball on New Year's Eve Saturday, Dec. 31. The event will begin at 9 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 per person, \$15 per couple or at the door for \$15 per person or \$20 per couple. Private booths are available for \$250, (seats four) and include personal mini Nicolas Feuillatte champagnes, large bottles of Gruet champagne, party favors and hors d'ouerves.

Complimentary safe rides home will be provided by Las Cruces Shuttle from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

For more information, email ashley@pecanrill.com or call 521-1099.

Pearce congratulates BLM director

Congressman Steve Pearce issued the following statement in response to the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management (BLM) naming Jesse Juen as director:

"I extend congratulations to Mr. Juen on his new position and look forward to working with him in the future," Pearce said. "I wish him success in leading the BLM and hope to develop an even stronger working relationship with Juen and the BLM."

Juen, originally from El Paso, has served as the associate state director of New Mexico BLM since 2003. BLM announced Juen's new position Monday, Dec. 12.

County extends deadline for Housing Authority board vacancies

The Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants willing to serve on the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Commission. The deadline to apply has been extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28.

To be considered, the applicant must submit a letter of interest, a current résumé and three letters of reference to the Doña Ana County

Community Development Department.

The Housing Authority Commission consists of two appointees by the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners, two appointees by the City of Las Cruces and a fifth appointee who is nominated by the city- and county-appointed commissioners.

The appointee will serve for one year. All subsequent appointees will serve staggered five-year terms.

Currently, the Housing Authority Commission meets at 2 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month in the conference suite of the Mesilla Valley Public Housing Authority Commission. Meeting times and dates may be changed once a new commission is appointed.

Matters that frequently arise for consideration by the Housing Authority Commission include annual budgets, federally mandated planning documents, policy documents, tax-credit developments and the annual performance evaluation of the Housing Authority's executive director. Meetings average about two hours.

In addition to regular meetings, the Housing Authority Commission is empowered to hold special meetings and work sessions.

Applications for county appointments may be mailed to Doña Ana County Chief Planner Janine Divyak at 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007, or delivered in person to the Doña Ana County Community Development Department at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd.

NMSU awards professorship in quality management

New Mexico State University business professor Bonnie Daily is the recipient of the Dr. John P. Loveland Professorship in quality management.

This is the first time the professorship, which was established in 2007, has not gone to its namesake, retired NMSU management professor John Loveland.

Daily currently is the director of the management department's Ph.D. program and was the department head from 2006-10. She received her Ph.D. in engineering management in 1991 from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, the same year she began her career at NMSU. Daily teaches operations and quality classes in the College of Business.

The professorship was founded with a gift from former Loveland student Jeffrey Snyder and his wife Theresa. Their gift was matched by the state.

Las Cruces School of Dance and Music to open

The Las Cruces School of Dance and Music will open Jan. 17, 2012, in the site of the former Las Cruces Desert Motor Sports and the former Rio Yamaha store. Monique Foster, former dancer on Broadway and 20-year teacher/operator of a dance school in Alamogordo will be teaching dance, and music majors from New Mexico State University will be assisting her with music instruction.

The building was recently purchased from a national bank by a group of local investors. Hal Henthorne of NAI 1st Valley represented the seller; Randy McMillan represented the buyers and Walter Skowronski represents the school.

NAI 1st Valley recently closed a transaction for Sunbelt Plaza on Main Street. The buyers were a group of local investors represented

Agenda

Las Cruces Business Network meeting

The Las Cruces Business Network (LCBN) will meet at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at Furr's Restaurant, 2340 E. Griggs Ave. Attendees are responsible for their own lunch. The program will be provided by Eric Montgomery, City of Las Cruces economic development coordinator. Montgomery's topic will include the many ways businesses in the area can use city resources to enhance their business. Attendance is free.

Come early and network with other LCBN members. For more information, call George Pintar at 680-6515.

Date: Friday, Dec. 16

Time: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Furr's Restaurant
2340 E. Griggs Ave.

Contact: 680-6515

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by Ernesto Uranga of RE/MAX Classic. Skowronski and Henthorne of NAI 1st Valley represented the sellers, out of state investors.

New Alzheimer's facility

Gary Coppedge is planning an Alzheimer's facility on the east side of Las Cruces. The permitting process is coming to a close and Coppedge expects to close on his land in December, permit permitting. Jake Redfearn is assisting Coppedge and Randy McMillan of 1st Valley represented the sellers, an out of state investment group.

Walter Skowronski and Stephanie Sanders worked together to finish a lease for Recover Care in the Walnut Business Park.

Safe Harbor leases space

Safe Harbor will lease a space at 500 S. Main St. in the Wells Fargo tower. Randy McMillan and Walter Skowronski represented the landlord.

St. Clair Winery and Bistro to move locations

St. Clair Winery and Bistro will close the doors to its current location, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla, Monday, Dec. 31, in preparation for its move to its location across the street.

The new location is expected to open in early to mid-January 2012, serving lunch. The dinner menu will be served later in the month. The winery will limit large parties during its "soft opening."

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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, NMPM 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, NMPM. 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: (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 the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-14750-POD1, on land owned by the applicants located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 31, T23S, R02E, NMPM and using proposed well LRG-14750-POD2 within the NW1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 31, T23S, R02E located on land owned by the applicants, at approximately X=1,479,351 Y=460,995 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 1.38 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. NE1/4 of said projected Section 31. Well LRG-14750-POD1 and proposed well LRG-14750-POD2 are located approximately 525 ft. east northeast of the intersection of Watson Ln. and Calle De Las Margaritas at the physical address of 700 Watson Ln., east of Mesilla, NM. Well LRG-14750-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11360
Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 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 ON AUGUST 30, 2004, IN BOOK 20 PAGES(S) 775-776 OF RECORDS,

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 HU-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 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 you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA, 1978.

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Dates 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-2011011555

BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

v.

NELSON ARROYO AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF NELSON ARROYO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 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 7 in Block A of EDGEWOOD NORTH SUBDIVISION NUMBER ONE, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Edgewood North Subdivision Number One, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico On April 18, 1966 in Plat Book 9, Folio 95.

The address of the real property is 1060 Jasmine Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88005. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 9, 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 \$189,951.28 plus interest from November 30, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may

postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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

NM00-03176_FC01

Pub # 11367
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-2011011917

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, LP FKA COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING LP, Plaintiff,

v.

GLORIA BARRIO, FIRST RESOLUTION INVESTMENT CORP. AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GLORIA BARRIO, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 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 Northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.26S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Tract 25-51A1D and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a nail found in a concrete post for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the Section corner common to Sections 8, 9, 16 & 17, T.26S.,

R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears N. 38°06'16" E., 3356.90 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning N. 81°07'39" E., 138.37 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 04°52'39" E., 1076.72 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found on the North line of Refugio Colony Grant for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the North line of Refugio Colony Grant, S. 89°09'04" W., 217.47 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the North line of Refugio colony Grant, N. 00°35'15" W., 1054.76 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.339 acre of land, more or less.

The address of the real property is 408 Barrio Rd, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 7, 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 \$123,599.94 plus interest from October 12, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-0307-CV-02011-02124

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NEW MEXICO, INC., Plaintiff,

v.

CLAY W. WARD AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF CLAY W. WARD, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 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 Northeast of La Union, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of the tract herein described; whence a brass cap found at the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 30-24A2 bears N. 58°06'00" W., 503.13 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, N.31°54'00" E., 100.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence S. 58°06'00" E., 320.50 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set on the West line of the Little La Union Lateral for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence along the West of said Lateral, S.24°49'33" W., 100.77 feet to a 1/2" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving the lateral, N. 58°06'00" W., 332.90 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.750 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Warranty Deed filed July 31, 1986, in Book 386, Pages 599-603, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job#98-0512. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

The address of the real property is 447 Gabaldon Road, Anthony, NM 88021. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given

notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 15, 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 \$107,687.33 plus interest from October 21, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 9.880% 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101800

BANK OF OKLAHOMA FINANCIAL, N.A. D/B/A BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,

v.

KHODOR ELHAJJ AKA KHODOR M. ELHAJJ, BANAN SHAWAR AKA BANAN S. SHAWAR AKA BANAN ELHAJJ, COMPASS BANK, MYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION AND G-S ROOFING INC., Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 4, Block 14, COLLEGE PARK REPLAT NO.2, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on September 4, 1963, in Book 1 Page(s) 66 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1918 Gladys Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 8, 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 \$136,595.95 plus interest from November 2, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.625% 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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101818

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH AND
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF DEBRA ALDRICH AKA
DEBRA SUE ALDRICH, IF
ANY, Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 5, 2012 at 1:30 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 northwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 22, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys as part of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron rod set for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, whence the section corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 26 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys bears the following three courses and distances: North 0°05'00" East, a distance of 996.01 feet to a point on the south line of Joy Drive (Doña Ana County Road No. A-062); thence South 89°45'00" East, a distance of 1017.50 feet to the northeast corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 25-92A; and thence South 88°38'04" East, a distance of 2627.98 feet to the section corner;

THENCE from the place of beginning and following along the center of a 50 foot wide road and utility easement South 0°05'00" West, 308.65 feet to the southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE South 86°56'05" West, 175.55 feet to an angle point;

THENCE South 86°48'00" West, 11.89 feet to the southwest corner of this tract;

THENCE North 0°03'00" East, 319.52 feet to the northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE South 89°45'00" East, 187.33 feet to the place of beginning.

The address of the real property is 2623 Quarterhorse Drive, Anthony, NM 88021. 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 \$70,870.33 plus interest from August 18, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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.

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201101818

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,
AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER
TO BAC HOME LOANS
SERVICING, LP, Plaintiff,**

v.

**LARRY C. GARCIA, FIRST
NEW MEXICO BANK, THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
LARRY C. GARCIA, IF ANY
AND JODI-RAE MOORE,
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SUIT ON FIRST
AMENDED COMPLAINT**

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

GREETINGS: You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 241 Carr Street, Hatch, NM 87937, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lots numbered 25 and 26 of Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Martin Addition to the Town of Hatch, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 13, 1944 in Plat Book 6, Folio 28.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-03386_FC01

Pub # 11372
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102570

**ONEWEST BANK, FSB,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JULIE MOLINA AKA JULIE
A. MOLINA, MELISSA
MOLINA AKA MELISSA ANN
MOLINA, CARLA MOLINA
AKA CARLA JEAN MOLINA,
JEFFREY MOLINA AKA
JEFFREY PAUL MOLINA,
CERTIFIED CONCRETE
PRODUCTS, INC., ARTURO
FLORES, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JULIE MOLINA
AKA JULIE A. MOLINA
IF ANY, THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF MELISSA
MOLINA AKA MELISSA
ANN MOLINA, IF ANY,
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE
OF CARLA MOLINA AKA
CARLA JEAN MOLINA, IF
ANY AND THE UNKNOWN
SPOUSE OF JEFFREY
MOLINA AKA JEFFREY
PAUL MOLINA, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Arturo Flores.

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 542 N. Highway 292, Las Cruces, NM 88005, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as: A tract of land situate west of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, being U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-91 in Section 14, Township 23 South, Range 1 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian of the U.S.R.S. Surveys and being further described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron rod found at the intersection of the east line of New Mexico State Highway 292 and the south line of the Longwell Lateral for the northwest corner of this tract, whence an iron pipe found on the east line of said Highway for the most southerly corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 9C-92C bears the following two courses and distances: S. 24° 53' 18" E. 296.58 feet, thence S. 31° 21' 33" E. 630.49 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, along the south line of Longwell Lateral, S. 68° 33' 18" E. 216.62 feet to an iron rod set for the northeast corner of this tract;

Thence leaving said Lateral, S. 08° 57' 00" W. 75.00 feet to an iron rod set for the southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 83° 26' 00" W. 126.37 feet to an iron rod set on the east line of Highway 292, for the southwest corner of said tract;

Thence along Highway 292, N. 24° 53' 18" W. 153.05 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.371 acres of land, more or less.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 28th day of November, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

NM11-01543_FC01

Pub # 11373
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102411

**HSBC BANK, N.A., AS
TRUSTEE FOR THE
HOLDERS OF DEUTSCHE
ALT-A SECURITIES
MORTGAGE LOAN
TRUST, SERIES 2007-
AR2 MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
Plaintiff,**

v.

RICHARD P. CORLEY,

**CAROL K. CORLEY,
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE
FOR LENDER AND
LENDER'S SUCCESSORS
AND ASSIGNS) AND BANK
OF THE RIO GRANDE, N.A.,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Richard P. Corley and Carol K. Corley.

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 4244 Capistrano Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88011, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 21, Block A, CAPISTRANO ESTATES, 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. 3824 on 9/29/2003 in Book 20 Page(s) 441-43 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES T. MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 16th day of November, 2011.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT
COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-05028_FC01

Pub # 11374
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-11-1410

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, fka The Bank of
New York, as Trustee for the
Certificateholders of the CHL
Mortgage Pass-Through Trust
2006-HYB1 Mortgage Pass-
Through Certificates, Series
2006-HYB1, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**BORIS MERZLAK; LANA
NOIKOVA-MERZLAK; and
SONOMA RANCH EAST
SUBDIVISION OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 4, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to

be sold is located at 2479 Gila Bend Loop, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 9 in Block E of Sedona Hills Subdivision 3 at Sonoma Ranch East, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on August 20, 2004 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 764-765, Plat Record.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 15, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$285,055.34 and the same bears interest at 3.250% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,436.64. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Pub # 11375
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-1559

**BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**CHANDRA BAKER,
Defendant.**

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1616 Winton Circle, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007, and more particularly described as fol-

lows:

LOT 4, BLOCK 2, MCCLURE MANOR SUBDIVISION UNIT NO. 1, 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 JUNE 20, 1984, IN BOOK 13, PAGE(S) 265-266 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 2:15 p.m. on January 13, 2012, outside the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted BOKE, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on November 28, 2011, in the principal sum of \$131,539.98, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through December 1, 2011, in the amount of \$6,576.96 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$18.02 per diem, plus late charges of \$220.23, plus escrow advances of \$1,465.40, plus fee and cost advances of \$750.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$753.97, with interest on the above-listed amounts, attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.00% 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 Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani
Special Master
2222 Parkwest Drive, N.W.
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87120
(505) 228-8484

Pub # 11376
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN THE CHILDREN'S COURT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ex rel. CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES
DEPARTMENT**

**In the Matter of P. d. D. S. O.,
A. L., R. A., and N. A., children,
And Concerning Maria
De Jesus Silva, Jose Reyes
Alvarado, Alejandro Lara and
Jesus Olivias, Respondents.**

No. JQ-2011-08
Judge: Macias

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Alejandro Lara Montes
and Jose Reyes Alvarado,
Respondents.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an abuse/neglect petition has been filed against you in the above named court and county by the State of New Mexico. In the petition, the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department alleges that you have neglected and/or abused R.A, N.A., and A.L. children, and seeks legal custody of the

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children.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that this matter will be heard in the Children's Court Division of the District Court in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, no sooner than twenty (20) days after the last publication date of this Notice. Unless you appear at the hearing on the petition in the above court, a judgment may be entered against you.

The name, address and telephone number of the Attorney for the Petitioner is: Linda Burson, P.O. Box 2135 Las Cruces, NM 88004, 575-373-6404

THIS PROCEEDING COULD RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE NAMED CHILD/REN.

Witness my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico.

(Seal) Clerk of the District Court

by /s/ Peggy R. Brock
Deputy
Date: 11/22/2011

Pub # 11377
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

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

NO: D-0307-CV-02011-01405
Hon. James T. Martin

BANK OF NEW YORK, MELLON, f/k/a THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, BY ITS DULY AUTHORIZED ATTORNEY-IN-FACT, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., AS SUB-SERVICER, Plaintiff,

vs.

RAMONA A. CHACON, AND DAVID GARCIA, AND GLORIA GARCIA, AS OCCUPANTS OF THE 1997 OAKWOOD 1149 MODEL MANUFACTURED HOME, SERIAL NUMBER HOTX09903435, Defendants.

SERVICE BY PUBLICATION SUMMONS - STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TO: DAVID GARCIA, RAMONA CHACON

Last Known Address: 117 E. Lisa Drive
Chaparral, NM 88081

You are hereby notified that the above named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above entitled court and cause, the object thereof being to repossess certain personal property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and legally described as a:

1997 Oakwood 1149 Model Manufactured Home, Serial Number HOTX09903435 located at 117 E. Lisa Drive, Chaparral, NM 88081

You are further notified that unless you file a responsive pleading or motion in this cause on or before February 29, 2012, a judgment or other appropriate relief will be entered against you by default. Michael J. Craddock of Craddock Davis & Krause LLP, 3100 Monticello Avenue, Suite 550, Dallas, Texas 75205-3466, is the attorney for the Plaintiff, Bank of New York, Mellon, f/k/a The Bank of New York, as Trustee, by its Duly Authorized Attorney-in-fact, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., as Sub-Servicer. You are directed to file a responsive pleading

with the Court and send a copy to Plaintiff's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
CRADDOCK DAVIS & KRAUSE LLP

By:
/s/ Michael J. Craddock
Michael J. Craddock
State Bar No. 9652
Susan P. Crawford
State Bar No. 24695

Craddock Davis & Krause LLP
3100 Monticello Ave., Suite 550
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(214) 750-3551 (FAX)

Susan P. Crawford
State Bar No. 24695
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150 Washington Ave., Suite 220
Santa Fe, NM 87501
(505) 820-3368 - Telephone
(866) 417-5560 - Fax

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

Pub # 11378
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given that the following property shall be sold at public auction or otherwise disposed of in satisfaction of lien in accordance with the New Mexico Self Storage Lien Act.

To be held at:
HOLIDAY / VALLEY
STORAGE
2190 HOLIDAY AVENUE
LAS CRUCES, NM 88005
575-525-9056

ON SATURDAY, 12/17/2011,
BEGINNING AT 10:00 AM
THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF
STORAGE UNITS

A35, A42, B21, C19, C29, D04,
D11, I29, L33, L38, P18, & V56
Tenant addresses are "last
known".

UNIT A35
Guadalupe Olvera
3901 Calle De Las Margaritas
#59
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit Consists of: Sofa, Loveseat
& Washer

UNIT A42
Mary Jo Gordon
2370 Oak Park Dr
Muskegon, MI 49442
Unit Consists of: Boxes &
Chairs

UNIT B21
Johnny M Martinez
1131 La Fonda #2
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: Misc Items

UNIT C19
Veronica Melendez
2595 Mars Ave Apt 6101
Las Cruces, NM 88012
Unit Consists of: End tables,
Kids Bikes & Boxes

UNIT C29
Christina Gomez
1105 Mechem Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit consists of: Furniture
& Dolly

UNIT D04
Jaime A Gonzalez-Licon
775 N Valley Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88005
Unit Consists of: Car stereo &
Misc Items

UNIT D11
Debbie D Gallegos
1640 Burke Rd #6
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit Consists of: TV, Boxes &
Household Items

UNIT I29
Omar J Hernandez
PO Box 155
Salem, NM 87941
Unit Consists of: Chairs &
Mattresses

UNIT L33
Myrna C Medrano

506 E May Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: Crib, Stroller
& Baby Items

UNIT L38
Michael D Brumley
PO Box 265
Holden, MO 64040
Unit Consists of: Furniture &
Mattress

UNIT P18
Myrna C Medrano
506 E May Ave
Las Cruces, NM 88001
Unit Consists of: TV, Guitar,
Furniture, Baby Items & Boxes

UNIT V56
Salina Morales
2100 Isaacks #22
Las Cruces, NM 88007
Unit Consists of: Misc Items

Inventory was taken from outside the units only, units may consist of more misc. items than listed.

CONTENTS WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER TO COVER UNPAID CHARGES FOR RENT AND ASSOCIATED FEES.

CASH SALES ONLY
If you purchase a unit there will be a \$25/unit Refundable cleaning deposit in addition to your bid amount.

Please bring your own brooms & locks to secure any purchased units. (Locks are also for sale in the office.)

Registration will be from 9:30AM – 10AM in the office. If you are not registered you will not be able to bid.

Pub # 11379
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 2, 2011, Frank Franzoy, PO BOX 641, Hatch, NM 87937, filed application numbered LRG-10835-POD4 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Permit to Use Supplemental Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-10835-POD3 on land owned by the applicant located within the NE1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E, NMPM and drilling proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 within the SE1/4 SE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 27, T18S, R04E located on land owned by the applicant, at approximately X=1,338,662 Y=625,366 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 95.42 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. W1/2 of Section 26, T18S, R04E and Pt. E1/2 of said Section 27. The supplemental component of the application seeks to use proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 for the combined diversion of shallow groundwater and surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 19.2 acres of land owned by the applicant within Pt. SE1/4 of said section 27 in conjunction with existing wells LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and LRG-12959 (located within the SW1/4 NW1/4 SE1/4 of said Section 27). LRG-10835, LRG-10835-S and proposed well LRG-10835-POD4 are located approximately 1,600 ft. southwest, 100 ft. southwest and 320 ft. southwest, respectively, of the intersection of Saratoga St. and Hwy 187. Well LRG-12959 is located approximately 1,730 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rancho Bonito Rd. and Carriage Hills Rd. on the

west side of Carriage Hills Rd., approximately 1.0 mile west of Salem, NM. Well LRG-10835-POD3 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights*; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water: if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11380
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 2011

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

No. CV-2011-2434
Judge James T. Martin, Jr.

SPRINGLEAF FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

MERION M. CRAIG, Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT TO DEFENDANT MERION M. CRAIG

You are hereby notified that Springleaf Financial Services, Inc., the above-names Plaintiff, has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled court and cause, the general object thereof being to collect upon a debt related to the alleged default on a Promissory Note by you executed in favor of Plaintiff American General Financial Services, Inc. on April 4, 2011. Unless you enter your appearance in this cause within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication of this Notice, judgement by default will be entered against you.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:
MARTIN, LUTZ, ROGGOW, & EUBANKS, P.C.

By /s/ David P. Lutz
P.O. Drawer 1837
Las Cruces, NM 88004-1837
(575) 526-2449
(575) 526-0946 (FAX)
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Pub # 11381
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-2765
Judge Arrieta

SARA CATHERINE KAMAT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF THE

NAME SARA CATHERINE KAMAT.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ESTABLISH NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sara Catherine Kamat has filed a petition to establish and confirm her name as Sara Catherine Kamat. This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge, on the 19th day of December, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Doña Ana County Courthouse, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

BATES LAW FIRM
P. O. Box 305
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0305
(575) 524-8585
(575) 524-1895 (Fax)

/s/ Lloyd O. Bates Jr.
Attorney for Petitioner

Pub # 11382
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 11-0260

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF POSEY LEE WAUGH, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO KNOWN CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located at the following address: 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007.

Dated: December 6, 2011

/s/ John Y. Waugh IV

/s/ Steven S. Waugh

4470 Codorniz
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-526-7116

Pub # 11383
Dates 12/9, 12/16, 2011

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

Cause No. CV-2011-2808
Judge: Arrieta

MARGARITA GUZMAN, Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL DENNIS GALLEGOS, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL DENNIS GALLEGOS, AND ANY CLAIMANTS OF INTEREST IN THE PREMISES ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION PENDING BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiffs have filed a Complaint to Quiet Title in the above-entitled and numbered cause in the office of the Clerk of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico seeking quiet title

to the real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico and more particularly described as follows:

Lot 20, Block 4 of Ponderosa Mobile Home Subdivision Phase III B, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 28, 1999 and recorded in Book 19 at Pages 235, plat books.

You are hereby notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance in this action on or before thirty (30) days after the date of the last publication, judgment will be rendered against you by default.

Plaintiff's attorney is John A. Darden, The Darden Law Firm, P. A. whose mailing address is Post Office Box 578, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0578.

WITNESSETH the Honorable Manuel Arrieta, Judge of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, in the State of New Mexico and the seal of the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County this 23rd day of November, 2011.

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT CLERK
By /s/ Nancy Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 11386
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2011-127

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 11, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 608 Missy Court, Sunland Park, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 40, Block 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, in the County of Dona Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on November 29, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$154,032.90 and the same bears interest at 6.5% per annum from October 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,825.35. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing.

Defendant(s) is/are required

to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates, P.A.
4501 Indian School Road NE,
Suite 101
P.O. Box 3509
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3509
(505) 254-7767
FAX: 254-4722/4706

December 1, 2011
By /s/ Deborah A. Nesbitt
Deborah A. Nesbitt/Amber
G. Cash
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 7th day of December, 2011.

JAMES DEMPSEY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By Nancy Heavner
(SEAL) Deputy

Pub # 11388
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2406

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

vs.

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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Lot 15, Country Club Manor No. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 11, 1957, recorded in Book 1, Page 32, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 1, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$63,411.15 and the same bears interest at 6.125% per annum from May 17, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,553.83. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

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

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

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2476

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, National Association, Successor in Interest to Washington Mutual Bank FA, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE ESTATE OF MAE JOHNSON, Deceased; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF MAE JOHNSON, Deceased; ROSS J. JOHNSON, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mae Johnson, Deceased; KIM R. JOHNSON, and if married JANE DOE JOHNSON (true name unknown), his spouse; and THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (IRS), Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) The Estate of Mae Johnson, Deceased; The Unknown Heirs, Devisees or Legatees of Mae Johnson, Deceased and Kim R. Johnson is/are hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant(s) in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3521 Hermosillo Court, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK B OF HERMOSILLO VILLAS SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON JULY 12, 1984 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 13, AT PAGES 278, PLAT RECORD.

Defendant(s) is/are required

to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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JAMES DEMPSEY CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master
PO Drawer 16169
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Pub # 11389
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 & 1/6, 2012

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

No. CV-2011-2664

BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. **THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEANE P. BAILEY, deceased, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. and DEBORAH A. WATKINS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF DEANE P. BAILEY, DECEASED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the above-named Plaintiff filed a Complaint for Foreclosure in the above Court on November 2, 2011, against the above-named Defendants. The general object of the Complaint is to foreclose a lien of Plaintiff against certain real property located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 3544 Roma Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88012, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 26, SANDHILL VILLAGE PHASE #2, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON FEBRUARY 6, 2004, IN BOOK 20, PAGES 533-536 OF PLAT RECORDS

and to foreclose the interests of the above named Defendants and any other parties bound by the notice of lis pendens in the Property, all as more specifically stated in the Complaint filed in this cause of action.

FURTHER, the above-named Defendants Unknown Heirs of Deane P. Bailey, deceased, are hereby notified that they have until thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice in which to file an answer or other pleading responsive to the Complaint and should said Defendants choose not to file an answer or other responsive pleading to the Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from date of completion of publication of this Notice, judgment or other appropriate relief may be rendered against the above-named Defendants.

Richard M. Leverick of the law firm of Leverick and Musselman, L.L.C., whose address and phone number is 5120 San Francisco Rd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, (505) 858-3303, is the attorney for the Plaintiff.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY
CLERK OF THE COURT
(SEAL)
By: /s/ Nancy A. Heavner
Deputy

Pub # 11390
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB 2011-119
Judge Arrieta

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNE MARY SCHROEDER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative or filed with the Clerk of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

/s/ WILLIAM SCHATZMAN
Personal Representative
3500 Paradise Lane
Las Cruces, NM 88007

Submitted by:
MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/ Melissa J. Reeves
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
575-522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub # 11391
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 2011

RESOLUTION NO. 12-086

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ITS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, Las Cruces City Council met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. on December 5, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Las Cruces City Council to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body

of the City of Las Cruces:

(I) THAT pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(A) and (B), all meetings of a quorum of the City Council of the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business, or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority delegated to the City Council, as further described in Sections III and IV of this Policy, shall be open to the public, except as otherwise provided by law. Any member of the public may attend an open meeting and listen to the deliberations and proceedings of the City Council.

(II) THAT pursuant to NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1(H) and (I), the City Council upon its own motion may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection H of the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, or if the need to close the meeting is required by other laws which specifically preserve the confidentiality of certain information that is to be considered at the closed meeting. If any meeting is closed pursuant to the exclusions contained in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of the quorum of the City Council and the specific statutory or other authority for such closure, and the subject to be discussed, shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting, and such vote shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each Councilor shall be recorded in the minutes; (2) if called for when the City Council is not in an open meeting, such closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting, and stating with reasonable specificity the subject to be discussed, is given to members of the general public. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the City Council shall be discussed in a closed meeting.

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next open meeting, if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in the closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open public meeting.

(III) THAT meetings at which a quorum of City Councilors discuss or adopt any proposed resolution or ordinance or take any other formal action are open to the public. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(C), a Councilor may participate in any open meeting called to take formal action by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment. Participation by telephone or other similar communications equipment is permitted when requested by a Councilor and approved by Council. Requests shall be considered on a case by case basis. Provided that each Councilor participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any Councilor who speaks during the meeting.

A. Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.

Unless the business before the City Council dictates otherwise, the City Council will conduct open meetings to take formal action on the first and third Monday of each month. When Monday is a city holiday, that meeting will be held on the next business day. The City Council has the authority to change the meeting time, with minute action in compliance with the Open Meeting Act, for subsequent regular meetings.

The City Manager and staff are hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution one time as a legal advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Las Cruces.

The City Council will conspicuously post an agenda of the meeting at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. In accordance with this resolution the agenda shall be issued and circulated to the press, radio and other public information media who have provided a written request for such notice and posted on bulletin boards of the City of Las Cruces City Hall and the Branigan Memorial Library.

The agenda shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting, a title of all action items to be considered at that meeting, and a list of any other specific items of business to be transacted. The City Council shall take action only on items appearing on the agenda.

B. Hearings Before the City Council.

At any hearing at which a quorum of the City Council will be present, the City Council will provide notice of the hearing as an open meeting to take formal action and shall issue an agenda as prescribed in Section III(A) or (C) of this policy. Within a reasonable time, but in no case less than 24 hours, prior to the hearing, the City Council also shall provide actual notice to all parties in that case or their counsel and to any other person who has requested such notice of the date, time, location and purpose of the hearing. If during the course of a public hearing at which a quorum of the City Council presides the

City Council determines that the hearing should be recessed and reconvened to a date subsequent to that stated in the meeting notice, the City Council will specify the date, time and place for the continuation of the meeting prior to recessing and will conspicuously post notice of the date, time and place for the reconvened meeting near the door of the place where the original meeting was held and in the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall.

C. Other Open Meetings in between Regularly Scheduled Open Meetings.

If the public interest requires other formal action by the City Council between regularly scheduled open meetings, the City Council may conduct an open meeting to take formal action at such times. Except in the case of an emergency as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(F), the City Council will provide notice of each such meeting by conspicuously posting an agenda and a notice of the date, time and location of such special open meeting in the bulletin board in the lobby of City Hall and by emailing a copy of the notice to the press at least 24 hours prior to the special open meeting.

(IV) Work Sessions

THAT a quorum of the City Council also meet periodically in "Work Sessions". A "Work Session" is any meeting of a quorum of the City Council which does not involve any formal action by the City Council. Such sessions include, but are not limited to: (1) discussion related to the formulation of public policy prior to the formal discussion or adoption of any resolution or ordinance pending before the City Council, (2) discussions of internal administrative actions concerning the operations of the City Council, and (3) information discussions between staff and the City Council in preparation for formal discussion or action. Work Sessions of a quorum of the City Council are open meetings and are open to the public, unless the subject of the work session is included in Subsection H of NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 and the City Council decides to close the work session to the public in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(I) and Section II of this policy. Any person wishing to attend a work session of the City Council which has not been closed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H) and 10-15-1(I) and this Open Meetings Policy shall be allowed to attend and listen to the discussions.

(V) Emergency Meetings

THAT emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Las Cruces City Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage require less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

(VI) Council Appointed Commissions, Committees and Board Meetings

THAT Commissions, Committees and Advisory Boards of the City of Las Cruces shall similarly issue their agendas by posting one on the City Hall bulletin board,

the Branigan Memorial Library bulletin board, furnishing copies to the news media and provide such other notice as may be required by ordinance and law. Such issuance and posting are determined to be reasonable notice.

(VII) All other Meetings

THAT all other meetings which may be called for informational purposes at which no action is to be taken shall be held only after written notice is issued to the news media no later than 12:00 noon of the day of such meeting, or four (4) hours before such meeting, whichever is greater.

(VIII) Notice Compliance

THAT substantial compliance with any one of the appropriate foregoing methods of giving notice shall constitute compliance with this resolution and Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4 NMSA 1978. Nothing herein shall prevent the use of additional means or methods of giving notice of regular or special meetings. Nothing herein shall require new notice of any public meeting for which notice has been given and which is recessed or adjourned. However, in recessing the meeting, the presiding officer shall announce the meeting, the time and place the meeting shall reconvene.

(IX) Accommodation

THAT in addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language: If you need an accommodation for a disability to enable you to fully participate in this event please contact us 48 hours before the event at 541-2115/V or 541-2182/TTY.

(X) Validity

THAT if any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this resolution shall be for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable, the validity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph or clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this resolution or its application to other situations.

(XI) Repealer

THAT all by-laws, order and resolutions or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency. This repeal shall not be construed to revive any prior by-law, order or resolution or part thereof, heretofore repealed.

(XII) THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED THIS 5th day of December, 2011.

APPROVED:
s/Ken Miyagishima
Mayor

ATTEST:
s/Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

VOTE:
Mayor Miyagishima: Aye
Councilor Silva: Aye
Councilor Smith: Aye
Councilor Pedrosa: Aye
Councilor Small: Aye
Councilor Sorg: Aye
Councilor Thomas: Aye

Moved by: Silva
Seconded by: Small

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
s/Harry S. (Pete) Connelly
City Attorney

City of Las Cruces
Regular Meeting Schedule

Calendar Year 2012

January
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
Tuesday, January 17, 2012

February
Monday, February 6, 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012

March
Monday, March 5, 2012
Monday, March 19, 2012

April
Monday, April 2, 2012
Monday, April 16, 2012

May
Monday, May 7, 2012
Monday, May 21, 2012

June
Monday, June 4, 2012
Monday, June 18, 2012

July
Monday, July 2, 2012
Monday, July 16, 2012

August
Monday, August 6, 2012
Monday, August 20, 2012

September
Tuesday, September 4, 2012
Monday, September 17, 2012

October
Monday, October 1, 2012
Monday, October 15, 2012

November
Monday, November 5, 2012
Monday, November 19, 2012


December
Monday, December 3, 2012
Monday, December 17, 2012

Copies Are Available for Inspection During Working Hours at the Office of the City Clerk. Witness My Hand and Seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 13th day of December, 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 11392
Dates 12/16, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 9, 2011, Dennis J. Rogers, 225 E. Idaho #15, Las Cruces, NM 88005, filed application numbered LRG-1177-2A into LRG-14178-1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well and Place of Use in Doña Ana County within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin. The application proposes to transfer the diversion of 11.745 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater from an adjudicated water right used for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land owned by DTJ Development, LLC, of which water rights have been conveyed to Dennis J. Rogers located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of projected Section 33, T23S, R2E, NMPM from well LRG-1177 located on land owned by William Smith within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NE1/4 of projected Section 04, T24S, R2E to existing well LRG-14178-POD 1 located on land owned by Zohrab A. Samani within the SW1/4 SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 26, T25S, R02E, at approximately X=1,498,410 Y=399,525 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the irrigation of 2.61 acres of land owned by Zohrab A. Samani in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 26. Move From well LRG-1177 is located approximately 2,300 ft. west of the intersection of Rocky Rd. and Stern Dr., west of the dead end of Rocky Rd., west of Las Cruces. Move to well LRG-14178-POD 1 is located approximately 275 ft. northwest of the intersection of Rattlesnake Rd. and County Rd. B-010, approximately 2.75 miles west southwest of Vado, NM. Well LRG-1177 will be retained for other water rights.



City of Las Cruces

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

**INVITATION
B/P/RFQ (BID/PROPOSAL/REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION)**

Description	Number	Pre-Bid/ Pre-Proposal Meeting	Opening
Drilling and Developing Water Wells 66 and 72	11-12-190	MANDATORY December 29, 2011 / 11:00 am Utilities Bldg., Rm. 150, 680 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces	January 12, 2011 / 11:00 am
Pump and Water Well Repair and Maintenance Price Agreement (Re-solicit)	11-12-025	Non-mandatory December 22, 2011 / 1:00 pm Rm. 3138, 700 N. Main St., Las Cruces	January 5, 2011 / 4:00 pm

Please use this link to access all City of Las Cruces solicitations:
<http://www.govbids.com/scripts/nm1/public/OpenBids/viewopentitles1.asp?agency=1757&AgencyName=City+of+Las+Cruces>

Sealed bids/proposals will be received by the City of Las Cruces Purchasing 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 # 11394
Dates 12/16, 2011

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Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (objection must be legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name, phone number and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public Welfare/Conservation of Water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked within 24-hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11393
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

Cause No. CV 2011-1550
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**WASHINGTON FEDERAL
SAVINGS, Plaintiff,**

v.

**EMILIO ENRIQUEZ and
GLORIA ENRIQUEZ,
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on the 12th day of January, 2012, at 10:00 AM, at the east entrance of the Doña Ana County District Court, located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following real property located in said County and State:

Lot 1, Block 15, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision (B), in the County

of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat Number 144A, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said County on June 2, 1911, and recorded in Book 4, Page 24, Plat Records.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Judgment for Plaintiff, entered on November 29, 2011 in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which, among other things, was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage against all secured real property by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$133,483.31 through November 29, 2011, on which post-judgment interest shall run at 8.75% per annum until satisfied in full, which the Special Master calculates to be a per diem of \$31.999421 for 44 days to the date of the Special Master's sale (the "Sale"), for total post-judgment interest of \$1,407.97, together with attorney fees incurred and costs of sale to the date of sale, and a reasonable Special Master's fee. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit his bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of his judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash at the sale.

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DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 12th day of December, 2011.

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

Pub # 11395
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 12/30, 2011 & 1/6, 2012

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

NO. CV-2011-2898
James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
PETITION OF Debbie Ann
Roberts FOR CHANGE OF
NAME**

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
CHANGE NAME**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Debbie Ann Roberts, a resident of the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, and over the age of fourteen years, has filed a petition to Change

Name in the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, wherein she seeks to change her name from Debbie A. Roberts to Debbi Ann Alvallar, and that this Petition will be heard before the Honorable James T. Martin, District Judge, on the 3 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/ Debbie A. Roberts
8948 Erickson Rd.
Las Cruces, NM 88012
575-496-9448

Pub # 11396
Dates 12/16, 12/23, 2011

**NOTICE FOR PUBLIC
REVIEW**

South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA), through its consulting engineer, has completed a draft 5-Year Business and Master Plan Update. SCSWA, created by the City of Las Cruces and Doña Ana County, is a regional solid waste service provider for the City of Las Cruces and portion of Doña Ana County.

The Draft 5-year Business and Master Plan Update includes:

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Characterization of Waste Management Area
- Summary of Existing Facilities and Needs Assessment
- Legislation & Regulatory Drivers
- Waste Flow Control
- Alternatives Development
- Alternatives Evaluation
- Final Recommended Alternatives and Funding

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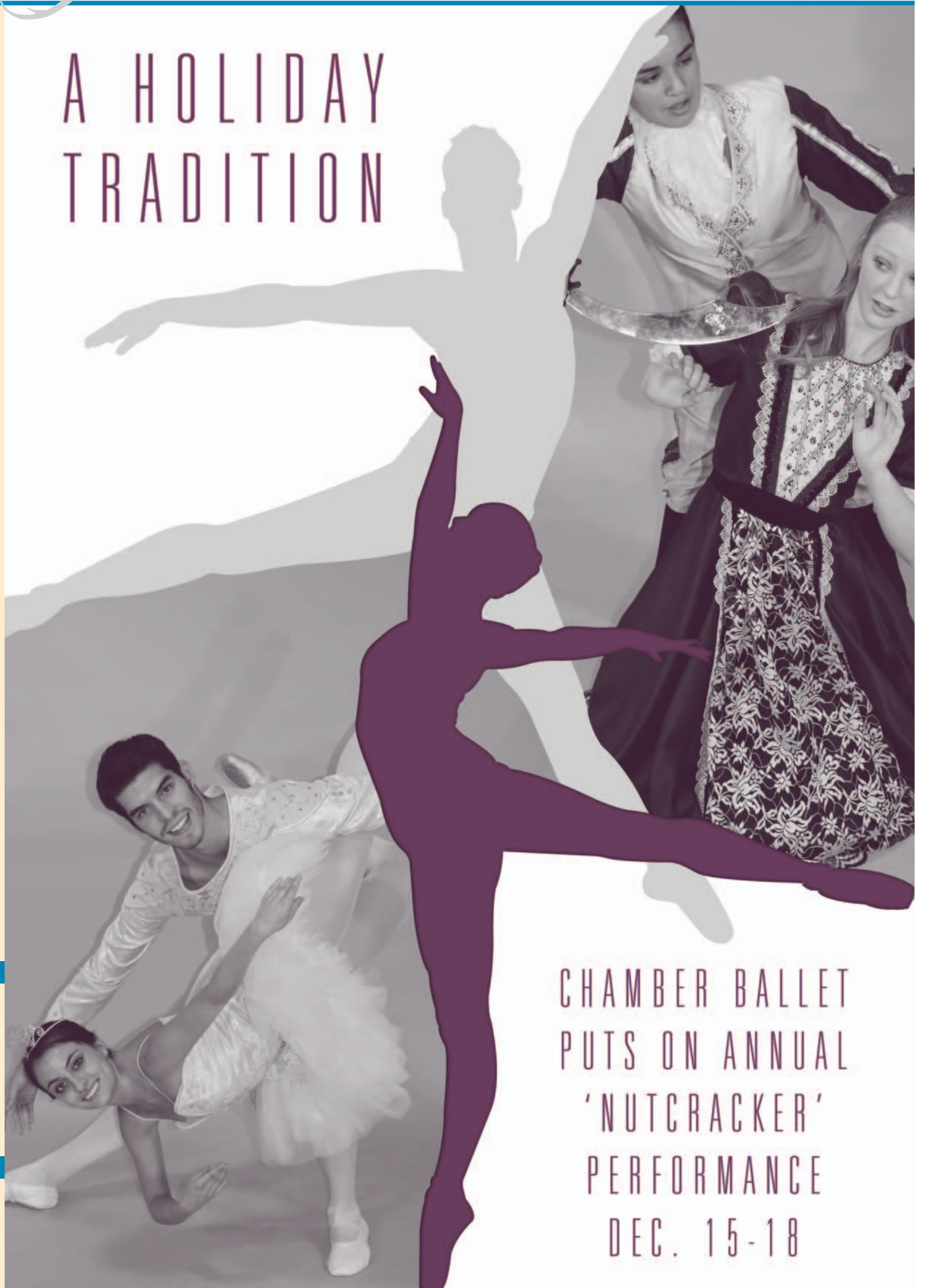
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A HOLIDAY TRADITION



CHAMBER BALLET
PUTS ON ANNUAL
'NUTCRACKER'
PERFORMANCE
DEC. 15-18



Sisters Katharine and Victoria Pryor will perform in this year's production of "Nutcracker."

Katharine Pryor plays Clara, who tries to ward off the evil Rat Queen.



Tradition with a twist

Chamber ballet brings fresh look to 'Nutcracker'

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Even as the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet's production of "Nutcracker" enters its 28th year, the timeless story and fresh choreography continue to wow audiences of all ages.

Chamber ballet artistic director Kevin Self said he hopes for another sold-out year.

"We've been so fortunate that we've always had sold-out years," Self said. "We're so grateful to the community for supporting ballet in the community."

Though there will just be four performances of "Nutcracker," Self said it's a year-round project. He analyzes the amount of talent early on to decide what to tweak for the upcoming performance.

This year, due to the lack of men in the cast, Self said the production will be a little more feminine. Auditions were held Aug. 18, and from there, chamber dancers have been practicing up to six times a week while their supporting cast have rehearsed each Friday and Saturday.

The design for the show was completed in April, and local artist Bob Diven had a new backdrop for Act I completed in June to accommodate the newly choreographed "Ladies Tea Party."

In the chamber's 20 members, most of them began learning ballet techniques when they were as young as 3 years old, and five of them are seniors in high school. The majority of the 60-member cast includes children age 13 and younger.

"It's really quite a good group of kids," Self said. "They are committed and they don't complain because they really enjoy it."

The Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier are played by native Las Cruces Jacquelin Huerta

and Frederico Garcia, who "have blossomed into professional-quality leading dancers," Self said.

They'll preside over a realm filled with sparkling Chinese firecrackers and dragons, endearing flower-tending Mirlitons and fiery Spanish ballerinas. The role of Clara will be played by Katharine Pryor, whose older sister Victoria had played the role in 2007. In this year's performance, Victoria Pryor – who was the Sugar Plum Fairy in 2010 – will be dancing the roles of Dew Drop Fairy and Harlequin Doll.

Travis Manning will return to his role as Drosselmeyer for the third consecutive year, and will have a "few new tricks under his sleeve" to

make sure Fritz (Ashleigh Randazzo) keeps his mischievous ways under control.

While there are new twists to the "Nutcracker" performance, there will be a subtle change to the battle between Nutcracker Prince (Matthew Turner) and the leader of the mice. Instead of the Rat King, Applehelen Kirby will serve in the role of the Rat Queen, and her mice have donned Roman armor in hopes of defeating the Nutcracker's army.

Emily Mackenzie will play the Snow Queen in her final year with the chamber ballet.

"We're going to miss her," Self said.

The dancers in the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet are usually students of Michele's Dance Academy, which donates the rehearsal space and choreography. The Las Cruces Chamber Ballet is a nonprofit organization and all involved with the "Nutcracker" performance volunteer their time to the production.

"Everything we make from the ticket sales goes back to the kids," Self said. "There are no grants or federal funding. All of our contributions come from the community, and it's incredible to get their support."

“ We’re so grateful to the community ... ”

KEVIN SELF,
LCCB artistic director

Details

Las Cruces Chamber Ballet 28th annual 'Nutcracker' performance

When

7 p.m. Dec. 15-17
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Where

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Featured artist: *Ron Thielman*

Marking a milestone Longtime composer publishes 50th work

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Longtime composer and music professor emeritus at New Mexico State University Ron Thielman recently hit a milestone in his music-writing career.

His 50th composition will be published in 2012, going into music stores throughout the nation. This isn't just a work for a single instrument; it's an involved piece for 28-piece concert band.

Thielman, who said he's "notoriously slow," worked for months on this piece, which he named "Thorn Crown" after a chapel in the small town Eureka Springs, Ark.

As he's reached this career milestone in Eureka Springs, his career in music began a little more than 200 miles away in Jonesboro, Ark.

Originally from Stuttgart, Ark., Thielman moved with his family to Jonesboro when he was in junior high. As a seventh-grader, he said it was too late to try out for sports, so he decided to join the band.

Though he dreamed of being on the road playing with greats such as Guy Lombardo, Thielman said his aspirations of going on the road went to the wayside when he got married and had children. So he took a more practical approach to his talent – teaching.

As band director in Marianna, Ark., Thielman was able to triple the program and led the students to setting a state record by winning more than 500 first- and second-place medals in solo and ensemble competitions. The band was also invited to present a concert at the Mid-South Band Clinic and was invited to perform for President Lyndon Johnson during a visit to Memphis, Tenn.

"I really loved teaching," Thielman said. "At one point, I thought, 'I can't believe they're paying me to do this.'"

The children he taught also enjoyed their band teacher, Thielman said, and a majority of the students he had from 1961-64 recently attended their high school reunion to show their appreciation.

"There must have been about 40 kids – well I'm sure they're in their 60s now – from throughout the country," he said. "I was nearly in tears the entire weekend."

After teaching in the public schools in Arkansas and Missouri for six years, Thielman continued his career at the University of Mississippi as associate director of bands.

He moved to the Southwest when he was offered a position of director of bands for New Mexico Highlands University.

"I grew up in the South, and moving to New Mexico Highlands was like a foreign country," he said.

In the two years Thielman was there, 1967-69, he nearly tripled that program and created a larger marching band than NMSU and the University of New Mexico.

"When NMSU called and offered me their job, I almost didn't want to go," Thielman said. "I had such a great time there."

He took the position at NMSU in 1969, where his pattern of growing the music program continued. His concert bands were selected to perform at national conferences and several of

the band's recordings were selected for inclusion on the Educational Record Reference Library series.

While directing the marching band, Thielman said he also directed three separate concert bands in addition to teaching music appreciation courses and other music classes.

Despite a busy schedule, Thielman still composed music for various organizations on the side, including the Mississippi All-State Band and the New Mexico All-State Band. He said he writes each piece to fit just what they need.

In his piece for the Raton, N.M., concert band centennial celebration piece, he said he made sure to include sounds of ice skating in his piece since it was going to be played during the winter time.

"I write something to fit what everyone wants," he said.

And he's not in it for the money.

"I remember when I got my first international royalty check from (the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers); I must have been in my late 20s," he said. "Something like 25 countries

had played my music internationally, and I thought, 'Wow, I've hit the big time,' but when I looked at the royalty check, it came out to something like \$75. It was a nice reality check for me."

Today, Thielman stays active with his own band, the High Society Orchestra, playing for community events and for organizations such as the Big Band Dance Club.



THIELMAN

Details

Ron Thielman

Composer, professor emeritus

Education

- Bachelor's degree in music, University of Central Arkansas
- Master's degree in music, University of North Texas
- Honorary doctorate in music, National Conservatory of Music of Mexico

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FRI. DEC 16	3 P.M.
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FRI. DEC 16	8 P.M.
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SAT. DEC 17	9 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
LC Farmers & Crafts Market	Downtown Main St.
SAT. DEC 17	10:30 A.M.
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Magic Carpet StoryTime	Branigan Cultural Center
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SAT. DEC 17	8 P.M.
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- 4 **It Will Rain**
Bruno Mars
- 5 **The One That Got Away**
Katy Perry
- 6 **Paris**
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- 7 **Someone Like You**
Adele
- 8 **5 O'Clock**
T-Pain featuring Wiz Khalifa and Lily Allen
- 9 **Red Solo Cup**
Toby Keith
- 10 **We Are Young (Glee Cast Version)**
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Top 5 albums

- 1 **Beyond Magnetic EP**
Metallica
- 2 **Christmas**
Michael Bublé
- 3 **Mac and Devin Go to High School**
Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa
- 4 **El Camino**
The Black Keys
- 5 **21**
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A benefit for Kenya

Concert raises money for faith-based mission

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As she prepares for a mission in Kenya, Las Cruces Cristianna Smith is turning to the community to assist her with helping displaced farmers and merchants who have been living in a "temporary" camp since 2007 regain their stability.

The community can contribute by attending a Christmas in Kenya benefit concert, featuring Jazz Unlimited and Judy Day, at 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St.

Smith, daughter of former mayor Rubén Smith who also plays in the band, began her faith-based missions shortly after she graduated from New Mexico State University in 2010.

While at NMSU, she became involved with the organization Aggies for Christ and went to Kenya for the first time for 10 days.

"She was bit by the bug (for helping people)," said her mother Liz Smith, who is assisting with organizing the concert.

She traveled to teach English in rural communities throughout Hungary, and after Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in 2010, Cristianna Smith traveled to provide disaster relief through the organization Adventures in Missions.

"She was supposed to go for one week, but ended up staying for six or seven weeks," Liz Smith said.

From there, it was an orphanage in Peru, and she returned to Haiti for Christmas in 2010. While in Haiti, she learned of the initiative in Kenya to help Kenyans displaced in their own country to return to the lives they once knew.

"They're in a camp just trying to survive," Liz Smith said.

While in Uganda for three months, Cristianna Smith was able to travel to Kenya after a missionary dropped out of the initiative. Eager to return, Cristianna is in training to head back to Kenya – this time for nearly a year.

"They're working to help them get land, clean water and get back to society because their government couldn't care less," Liz Smith said. "They're all college graduates, but it's just a slow process. There are no rules or regulations like we know in the United States."

While in Kenya, Cristianna Smith and her colleagues will stay with other missionaries in bunks.

"She's gotten used to bathing in cold water," Liz Smith said. "She's willing to forgo all that. It's so amazing how many young people can give – even her friends have committed to giving her \$25 a month."

As the concert will assist with the mission, it's not just for raising money, Liz Smith said. It's mostly about raising awareness.

In addition to the concert, there will be a silent auction set up in the lobby of the Rio

“They're in a camp just trying to survive.”

LIZ SMITH,
event organizer



Las Cruces Cristianna Smith will travel to Kenya in mid-January on a faith-based mission to help displaced Kenyans return to society.

Grande Theatre with items that include handmade jewelry made by women in Kenya, wine, art and gift certificates to local restaurants.

Tickets for the concert are \$10 at the door. To learn about Cristianna's missions, visit <http://cristiannasmith.theworlddrace.org>.

Details

Christmas in Kenya

When
3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17

Where
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The January mission to Kenya will be Smith's third visit to Africa. While assisting Kenyan farmers, she has also helped care for orphaned children in previous visits.

Galleries & Openings

OPENING

GALERIA TEPIN will host a sale of Mexicano, Chicano and Latino art and books to celebrate Christmas and the upcoming 2012 New Year.

The sale will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 16, and runs through Jan. 8, 2012.

Featured in the sale will be papel picado by master artist Catalina Delgado Trunk, who grew up in Coyoacán, México, and who is considered to be the Picasso of papel picado, one the world's top artists. Delgado Trunk recently gave a stellar workshop of papel picado in Mesilla and will return to offer a workshop at the book festival in April 2012.

The gallery is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sundays. Call 523-3988.

ONGOING

NOPALITO'S GALERIA will host "Layers," an exhibit of paintings by local watercolorist Melanie Stone Jack. Jack has exhibited locally since 2006. She has paintings in collections in Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Kansas and New Mexico. The exhibit will continue through Jan. 14, 2012.

The gallery is located at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 524-0003.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY is showing the work of Harvey Daiho Hilbert. The exhibit will run through Jan. 7, 2012. The gallery is located at 340 N. Mesquite St. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Call 640-3502.

CUTTER GALLERY continues to exhibit works of three fine artists in December - watercolors by Robert Highsmith and clay Indian folklore pieces and clay santos by Richard and Susi Bergquist. The gallery is located at 2640 El Paseo Road. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS is showing several new sculptures by Tomi LaPierre during "The Insighters' Holiday Art Exhibit and Sale" through Jan. 31, 2012.

The gallery is located

Coming Soon

Mixed Nutz
Rokoko Gallery
1785 Avenida de Mercado
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Opens Sunday, Jan. 1

adjoining the Lundeen Inn of the Arts boutique hotel at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 526-3326.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES display the personal work of photographer/filmmaker Steven Kaepler in the El Paso Electric Gallery through December.

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. 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." Much of the artwork offered in this special event will be small in size, but big in concept and designed to be hung.

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.

LA IGUANA hosts artists from Truth or Consequences. 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. La Iguana is located at 139 N. Main St. Call 523-8550.

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. 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.

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 through Dec. 30. This juried show includes contemporary craft work of a high standard of workmanship. 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.

QUILLIN STUDIO AND GALLERY will have holiday cards, stocking stuffers and gifts of art through December. 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.

MVS STUDIOS features pottery by Russell Mott and work by Kathryn Holmes, Guenevere McMahan, 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.

BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER presents "Don Omar Castro: A Final Farewell" through the photography of Robert Kaiser. The exhibit 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 who 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.

THETHEATREGALLERY opens "Kicking Nature Up a Notch," a gourd exhibit by Karen Currier, through Feb. 15, 2012.

The gallery is located in the lobby of the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The

A final run



The Las Cruces Community Theatre production of "Nun-crackers" will end its run Sunday, Dec. 18. In the play, the sisters of Hoboken, N.J., return to put on their annual pageant, but this time it's televised from a basement. For tickets, call 523-1200.

gallery will be open an hour before performances and by appointment. Call 523-1223.

LAS CRUCES CITY HALL will display the work of 12 senior amateur artists for the seventh annual "Creativity is Ageless" art show 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.

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 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.

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.

LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART displays "NASA I 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 I 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.

Nun-crackers

by Dan Goggin
Directed for LCCT by Dale Pawley
Choreographed by Janet Mazdra



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Show Dates and Times

Fridays: Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at 8:00 PM
Saturdays: Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 8:00 PM
Sundays: Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 at 2:00 PM

Ticket Prices

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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/16

10 a.m. Christmas tree 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 the Preston Contemporary Art Center and the Mesilla Digital Workshop will lead the workshop. Free. Call 541-2137.

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

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring KRL Band, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

7 p.m. "Nutcracker," Atkinson Music Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. Presented by the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet. Cost \$19-\$21. Call 646-1420.

7 p.m. Verdi Academy of Dance presents a "Holiday Spectacular Recital," featuring students from the academy. The recital will be at the Oñate High School Performing Arts Center, 5700 Mesa Grande Drive. Cost \$8. Call 522-3147.

7 to 9 p.m. Pride Cinema, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Free. Call 635-4902.

SAT. 12/17

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market, Downtown Main

Playbill

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Through Sunday, Dec. 18

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9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Holiday ornament-making classes, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Make foam picture frame, Pearler bead and wooden train ornaments. Cost \$1. Call 647-4480.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Sarah "Juba" Addison will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Jean Gilbert 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 a.m. to noon, Story Time featuring Thomas the Tank Engine, Las Cruces Railroad Museum, 351 N. Mesilla St. Free. Call 647-4480.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "Speaking of Art" lecture series, Las Cruces Museum of Art, 491 N. Main St. Bob Diven will lead a tour of the "NASA 50 Years of Exploration exhibit." Advance registration required. Free. Call 541-2217.

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

3 p.m. Christmas for Kenya concert, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Featuring Jazz Unlimited. A benefit for Cristianna Smith's faith-based mission to Kenya. Cost \$10. Call 526-3080.

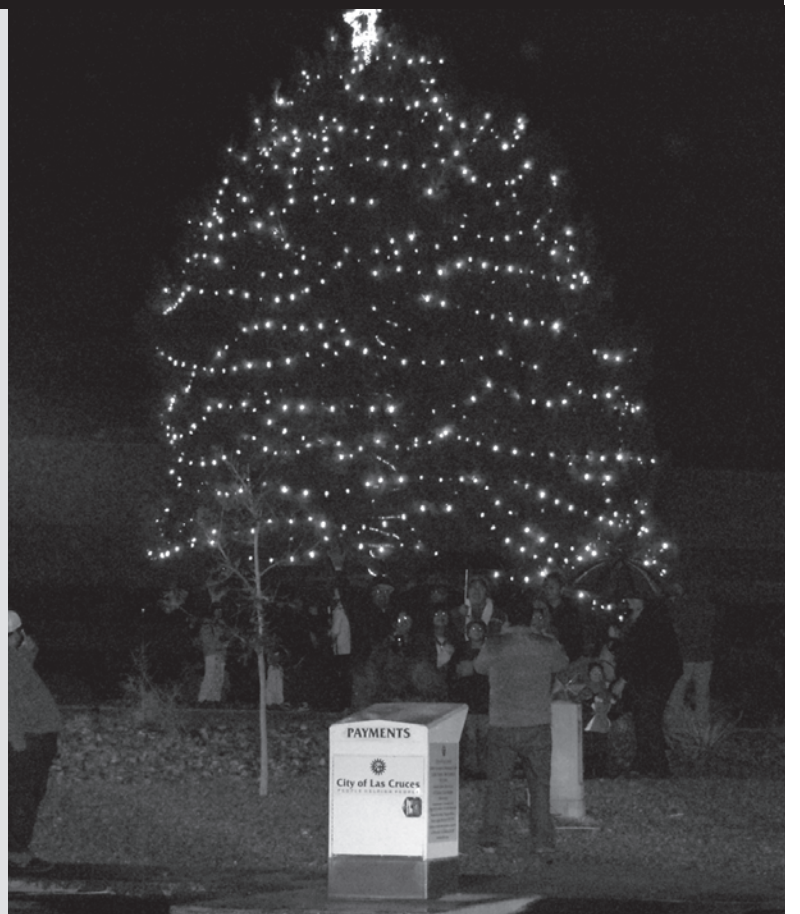
5 to 6 p.m. Beginning drum class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn the basic Middle Eastern rhythms. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Jamie Midez, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

'O Christmas tree'

The City of Las Cruces will light its Christmas tree between City Hall and the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library each night through New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2012. The city-sponsored tree-lighting ceremony was held Friday, Dec. 2, with Christmas carols, hot chocolate and cookies.

City of Las Cruces photo



7 p.m. "Nutcracker," Atkinson Music Recital Hall, New Mexico State University campus. Presented by the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet. Cost \$19-\$21. Call 646-1420.

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.

SUN. 12/18

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

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.

1 and 7 p.m. "Deckin' the Halls" concert, Lemongrass, 2540 El Paseo Road. The Earth Angels ensemble will sing familiar Christmas tunes during lunch or dinner. Cost \$27.50. Call 523-8778.

1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Arts Association meeting, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library Roadrunner Room, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Cindy and Ramiro Gonzalez will help the LCAA celebrate Christmas Mariachi style. Free. Call 532-6293.

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Free. Call 526-5174.

MON. 12/19

10 a.m. Yarn Junkies meeting, Barnes & Noble

Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet to exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

TUE. 12/20

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

7:30 p.m. SPLAT open reading and 21st birthday party, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Hosted by Michael Mandel. Call 525-2910.

7:30 p.m. Literary open mic, Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 521-7311.

WED. 12/21

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, email meadows@zianet.com or visit <http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com>.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living Book Club, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Hosted by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 12/22

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

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class, My Place Jewell 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m. La Cella Bella cello quartet, St. Clair Winery & Bistro, 1800 Avenida de Mesilla. The quartet will play a variety of pop, rock and holiday music. No cover.

FRI. 12/23

10 a.m. Holiday story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

SAT. 12/24

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AtTheMovies

Maybe not so 'Happy, Happy'

Norwegian film is a dark comedy

Review by **Jeff Berg**

For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Shot in the chill of beautiful Norway, "Happy, Happy" is a pitch dark comedy/drama that tells the story of two very different couples who become neighbors by accident, after the wife of one of the couples is caught in a most compromising position while living in the city.

Directed by newcomer Anne Sewitsky, it is sometimes hard to disseminate the comedy from the drama, but that is what helps make the movie interesting.

Kaja is a kind and loving woman, a teacher who lives in rural Norway with her complete jerk husband, Eirik, and her jerk of a son, Theodor. Both take every opportunity to ridicule her in most every possible way, which makes it easy to figure out why Kaja is so emotionally vulnerable.

Into her life comes Elisabeth (the aforementioned wandering wife), her husband Sigve and their adopted Ethiopian son Noa. Glad to get a neighbor, and so hopeful that it will be someone she can relate to and who will subconsciously (we hope) puncture her permanent jolliness, Kaja grasps the sometimes chilly and usually distant Elisabeth like a long-lost sister.

Things quickly escalate – as they must in the film's somewhat-too-short running time of 85 minutes – at the couple's first get-together, as dinner is followed by a round of "The Newlywed Game," where

secrets come fast and furious to the forefront.

Kaja and Eirik have not been physically intimate for quite some time, he blaming it on her past yeast infection, she blaming it on his frequent "hunting trips" (what he is really hunting for is revealed later in the film), and the evening ends up with Kaja slipping away with Sigve for a few moments of intimacy.

Time's a wastin', Barney Google used to say, and Kaja firmly (wink, wink) believes that.

Theodor, always the little passive-aggressive brat, is also making waves with the new neighbors, and after reading a book about American slavery to Noa, decides that rekindling that farfetched notion might be just the thing to do.

The situation progresses or digresses from there, depending on your taste. Perhaps partially in revenge for his wife's affair, Sigve is more than interested in discovering uncharted flesh-related territory, and the pent up emotions of Kaja come at him full bore. She is not to be denied anymore and takes full advantage of his situation.

Eirik also reveals other secrets, mistakenly coming on to Sigve, and soon enough Eirik takes a shine to Elisabeth, who may or may not be interested.

The silent Noa continues to acquiesce to Theodor's demands that he carry things and do chores for him, all of this unknown to their parents.

Layering this odd little thinking person's comedy together are occasional injections of an a cappella choir after some of the darker scenes, which helps to pull us back and remind us that this is indeed a comedy, but one as dark as a Norwegian winter night.



Henrik Rafaelsen and Agness Kittelsen star in "Happy, Happy," a Norwegian comedy/drama, now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

Personally, I really liked this film, but it is, as I love to say on occasion, decidedly not for all tastes. It is quirky and clipped, the characters are sometimes off-putting, but stays on track, as it must since I don't recall any scenes in the film that had even a cast of extras. It is the two families on screen at all times.

"Happy, Happy" may leave you that way or then again it may make you puzzled.

"Happy, Happy" is being sponsored in part by Café de Mesilla en la Plaza, located two blocks north of the theatre. Pop in any time during the week run of the film, and say the secret words "happy, happy," and receive a 10 percent discount on your order.

Jeg elsker deg – jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com. Jeff Berg is a board member of the Mesilla Valley Film Society. His reviews are his opinion and do not reflect that of the film society.



Call to Artists

'BECKY'S NEW CAR' AUDITIONS

No Strings Theatre Company will hold auditions for "Becky's New Car" by Steven Dietz, directed by No Strings Theatre Company Artistic Director Ceil Herman. Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 2012, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St.

"Becky's New Car" is a witty play about a middle-aged woman who is tempted to flee her own life. It has been described as a thoroughly original comedy with serious overtones, a devious and delightful romp down the road not usually taken. Performances are March 9-25, 2012, with an option to extend to April 1, should audience response warrant.

Needed are two women (40s-60s), one woman (20s) and three men (40s-60s). The role of Chris Foster is precast. Auditions will be cold readings from the play. A perusal copy of the script will be on reserve at the reference desk at Branigan Library.

The rehearsal schedule will be Sundays through Thursdays and some Saturday daytime rehearsals, all to be arranged according to actors' schedules. For more information, contact the director at nstcbt@zianet.com or 523-1223.

ROKOKO GALLERY SHOW

Rokoko Gallery seeks art pieces or creations for a group show called "Mixed Nutz." Artists are encouraged to submit pieces inspired by the idea of nuts or nuttiness. All interpretations and medias welcomed. Entries are due at Rokoko Gallery by Jan. 8, 2012. The entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call 405-8877.

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. Those interested may sign up for an audition slot on the callboard in the Hershel Zohn Theatre lobby.

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.

NEW DESERT HARMONY SINGERS

The New Desert Harmony Singers have openings for male and female singers for their 2012 summer concert series. 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.

'Love, Actually' returns

Star-studded holiday film featured in CineMatinee

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, is "Love, Actually" (2003, 125 minutes, rated R).

"Love, Actually" is irresistible. You'd have to be Ebenezer Scrooge not to walk out smiling. The combination of the clever script, top-notch talent and engaging subject – love in its many forms – makes "Love" one of the more entertaining experiences a moviegoer is likely to have during the holiday season.

It's hard to fail when you have the cream of the U.K. crop signed on. Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant, Alan Rickman, Liam Neeson and Colin Firth are all in top form. Laura Linney, the lone American major player in the film, was a brilliant addition. (Billy Bob Thornton makes a cameo appearance as a Clintonian American president.)

As good as all of these actors are in their various roles, the movie is nearly stolen from them by Bill Nighy. As an aging rock star, he stages a comeback with an awful Yuletide rendition of the Troggs' '60s song "Love Is All Around." His elder stoner swagger is hilarious.

Writer Richard Curtis ("Four Weddings and a Funeral," "Notting Hill") makes his directorial debut, wisely choosing an ensemble romantic comedy with several intertwined stories. "Love, Actually" is a light and winsome version of a Robert Altman character study.

Among the better scenarios is Grant as a bachelor prime minister who is too busy to look for a wife. He surprises himself by being smitten with a down-to-earth staffer. There's an unexpectedly bittersweet bond

between the luminous Keira Knightley and her husband's reserved best friend (Andrew Lincoln). For tear-jerking moments, no one can beat Thompson's performance as the stalwart wife of the straying Rickman. A Christmas Eve scene showcases her talent for comedy, pathos and pluck, all the while breaking our hearts.

The sum of "Love, Actually" is greater than its parts. The film is book-ended by shots of ordinary people affectionately greeting and tearfully seeing each other off at an airport. The device is a bit sentimental, but ultimately touching. The same could be said for the movie as a whole, which winningly demonstrates that despite all odds, love is indeed all around us.

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West – which could mean the new West, the Old West or anything in between – and "movies that missed us" – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment! At least one film a month for this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent – film festival-quality movies in the world's oldest adobe theatre!

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287 and leave a message.

Centennial Gospel Concert at Phillips CME Chapel

Photos by Richard Coltharp

Community celebrates Christmas, raises funds for chapel restoration

It was sitting room only at Phillips Chapel Friday, Dec. 9, as the tiny church hosted a Centennial Christmas Concert featuring the New Mexico State University Gospel Choir.

All the chairs were filled, and overflow attendees happily took a seat on the floor.

The concert was a fundraiser for the old church, which was founded in 1911 by Clarence Fielder's grandparents.

Fielder, who has been active in the church's restoration efforts, addressed the crowd before the concert. He described his early memories of the church, and thanked volunteers who have helped with the restoration.

NMSU Gospel Choir director Bobbie Green also shared memories of the chapel.

"I remember as a child coming here at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for Sunday services," Green said. "They had a good piano that worked, with all 88 keys."

"I'm hoping tonight we can channel some of those spirits, those ancestors that paved the way."

Those wishing to help with the chapel's restoration, through financial or other contributions, may contact Fielder at 524-7210, or Beth O'Leary at 646-2560.



Clarence Fielder addresses the audience at the Centennial Christmas Gospel Concert at Phillips Chapel. Fielder's grandparents founded the church in 1911.



Bobbie Green directs the NMSU Gospel Choir.



Teresa Chavez of the NMSU Gospel Choir plays a flute solo on the song "Tell it on the Mountain."



Dan Fernandez and Shineeka Wilson alternate solos on the song "God Favored Me."

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Phillips Chapel appeared humble on the outside, but was rocking on the inside during the Christmas Gospel Concert Dec. 9

The cost of doing business

Rio Grande Theatre hosts upcoming fundraisers



David Salcido
Art Happens

Baby, it's cold outside. The recent snow-storm is a fading memory, though as I write this, another cold front is moving in quickly, and the Organ Mountains are receiving yet another confectionary dusting.

Yes, it is beautiful and, quite frankly, I can't think of many other places I'd rather be on a cold winter's morning, than the Rio Grande Theatre. Sure, she's a little drafty and prone to leaking, but those are small prices to pay for the best vantage point in town.

It's hard to believe that, as of September, this theater is 85 years old. A lot of history resides within these walls. The ghosts of winters past huddle together swapping stories, and the floorboards creak with their passing.

I'd like to believe that they would all be very happy with the state of this theater, now in the beginnings of the 21st century. If the comments we get from those still living – who remember courting their high school sweethearts in the balcony or sneaking friends in through the back door – are any indication, the changes have been real improvements. As manager of this historic venue, I take a lot of pride in that fact.

Keeping her running is a full-time job, and I'm lucky to have a fantastic crew, each of whom lavishes a lot of love on the old girl to keep her operational. But doing so comes with a price tag and, in today's economy, that price tag is high. Which is why the Doña Ana Arts Council, stewards of this grand old lady, take every opportunity to stage fundraisers to keep her operational.

"What, exactly, are those fundraisers for?"

I've been asked that many times by patrons and supporters from all walks of life. Well, to be perfectly honest, they allow us to keep up with the times.

Though she is sturdy and the city goes out of its way to address issues such as leaky roofs, buckling floors and cracked walls, there are still other "needs" that arise to challenge us. In order for her to continue to be a "full-scale performance venue addressing the needs of the community," she must be kept up to date.

Things like microphone stands, cables and light bulbs are standard needs. Then there's our soundboard, which is so patched together it has been declared dead more than once and keeps pulling through with coaxing and the invaluable expertise of its operators. Oh,

and don't get us started about a computer system that is so out of date many of the software programs necessary to run our equipment have become incompatible.

Though I have the best crew in town, there are only so many miracles they can pull off.

So we turn to a community that made this theater what it is today.

Would she still be standing if it hadn't been for civic-minded men and women who wouldn't stand for her demolition during the

late '60s and early '70s?

Would she be in use today if it hadn't been for all of the wonderful contributions of time and money to renovate her and bring her back from near death only a decade ago?

Would she continue to be the "jewel in the crown" of downtown revitalization if not for you? No, she wouldn't. It's as simple as that.

And so, in addition to the wonderful contribution being made by the 60-plus men and women of the Mesilla Valley Chorale, who will donate the proceeds from their annual holiday concert on Dec. 11 to the Rio Grande Theatre, we have slated several more fundraising events in the coming months of which I would like to make you aware.

On Sunday, Jan. 29, '50s tribute band Remember Then will donate their time to a

Remember Then will perform Sunday, Jan. 29, at the Rio Grande Theatre.



The world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will put on a benefit concert Feb. 15.

“ Keeping her running is a full-time job, and I'm lucky to have a fantastic crew ... ”



Le Chat Lunatique will return to Las Cruces for a swingin' good time Jan. 14, when they perform at the Rio Grande Theatre. The concert is one of several fundraising events for the historic theater.

Nifty Fifties benefit that will bring with it a classic car show on the street outside the theatre, along with a '50s fashion show and "50s food at '50s prices." It will be great family fun; a hallmark of the Rio Grande Theatre and the arts council.

Two events sponsored by the arts council, which are now finalized and proceeds from which will go toward the theater, are also quickly approaching. On Jan. 14, gypsy jazz quartet Le Chat Lunatique will return to Las Cruces, bringing with them a swinging good time. Then, on Feb. 15, the world-famous Glenn Miller Orchestra will also return for another big show.

As I write this, we are working on another benefit to take place in the spring, featuring four different local bands, coming together on

one stage to Rock The Rio Grande Theatre. You can find out more about each of these events and others by checking visiting www.riograndetheatre.com.

What will all this fundraising do for the Rio Grande Theatre? Nothing short of making her the best place to catch a show in the Mesilla Valley and the kind of place that the community of Las Cruces can take pride in.

I'm very fond of this beautiful old gal. I know you are too, so mark your calendars and come out to see her at her best, whether it be one of the events I've already mentioned here, or any of the continuing events sponsored by local organizations and national touring companies.

What better way to rediscover the Rio Grande Theatre and find that she's everything you remember – and then some.

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Boba Café offers flavorful variety

By Natisha Hales
Las Cruces Bulletin

Even in its convenient location in a the E-Street shopping center near New Mexico State University, Boba Café is no hole in the wall.

The small restaurant maintains a clean, contemporary look, high-quality food and excellent customer service – and once the weather warms up, a great patio. So great that you forget you're on the corner of a well-traveled thoroughfare and next door to a shack that sells cigarettes.

Despite its proximity to NMSU, Boba – as many of us have started to call it – attracts diners from throughout the city.

The lunch menu is ideal for professionals with an hour lunch break and students who have time to grab a quick bite before their next class. The restaurant boasts a blend of Oriental and West Coast cuisine, with sandwiches, wraps, salads, soups and –



Boba Café is the anchor of the E-Street shopping center on Espina Street.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

course – their “bubble” or boba tea, which earned the café its namesake.

For lunch, my favorite is the chicken salad sandwich on rye with coleslaw. It comes with your choice of bread and a different side that includes potato chips, salad or sweet potato fries. Though I opt for the “plain” chicken salad, since I’m allergic to nuts, there’s a chicken salad that includes all the fun stuff – grapes, walnuts, etc.

The coleslaw is a sweet variety with pineapples, and it’s definitely my favorite coleslaw anywhere – except my grandparents’ house.

When I have lunch at Boba, I’m full but not uncomfortably stuffed.

On a cold day, or when a co-worker is under the weather, our office has the aroma of the green chile chicken wonton soup. Two co-workers pair their soups with a salad topped with wasabi ranch.

Those aren’t the only selections. While many restaurants include a soup of the day, Boba boasts fresh noodle soup, Albuquerque chicken tortilla soup and shrimp tofu seaweed soup as part of its everyday selection. You don’t have to have a boring side salad, either. Boba has an Asian chicken salad, Thai coconut shrimp salad and honey orange salad in addition to the traditional selections.

The café boasts some of the best appetizers as well – green chile wontons, crab wontons, sushi and chips with a yummy dill dip and salsa.

While I’ve had the Boba lunch menu down since my college days, I never realized how extensive – and affordable – the dinner menu is.

Tuesday through Thursday evenings are “Caribbean Nights,” offering jerk dinners – beef, chicken or pork, marinated overnight with a green chile jerk sauce. Shrimp skewers, spicy fish, coconut shrimp and curry also are dinner options, with the most expensive plate priced at \$9.95, according to the online menu.

On Friday night, Boba offers Asian dinner specials with Chinese vegetables and rice, beef stir fry or a variety of sushi ranging from the California roll to marinated yellow-tail.

Over recent years, owner Chris Waggoner has livened up dinner at Boba Café to include beer, wine and a dinner theater.

Waggoner expanded his restaurant to include the Boba Café and Cabaret, hosting local theater productions, musical numbers and comedy. The comedy cabaret debuted earlier this year and has brought in acts from throughout the region and country.

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Honoring tradition at the Living Christmas Tree concert

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Often sold out each year, patrons come from throughout the region to see the Living Christmas Tree Concert come to life with a 70-piece choir. The concert was held Dec. 10-13 at First Baptist Church.



The First Baptist Children's Choir join in to sing "Happy Birthday, Jesus."



"Carol of the Kings" features the First Baptist Youth Banner Ensemble.



"Fear Not with the First Noel" is performed by the First Baptist Senior Adult Choir. The adult choir was in the tree, a steel structure that reaches to the ceiling of the sanctuary and is adorned with evergreen garlands, lights and red and gold lamé.

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Television Listings

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Sports News Movies

FRIDAY EVENING		DECEMBER 16, 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	The Little Mermaid					T. Smiley
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	A Gifted Man	CSI: NY	Blue Bloods	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	20/20 (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	"Happiness Is"	Ice Age	Simpsons	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Chuck (N)	Grimm (N)	Dateline NBC	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW	14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Nikita "Falling Ash"	Supernatural	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		Basketball Studio	College Football: NCAA Division I, First Semifinal: Teams TBA				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27		College Football					NFL Kickoff (N)	NFL Live (N)	NFL Kickoff	NFL Kickoff	SportsNation	SportsNation		
USA	31		NCIS	NCIS "Probie"				*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell.	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene		
TNT	32		Law & Order	Christmas 2011				** "Fred Claus" (2007) Vince Vaughn.	Christmas 2011	Christmas 2011	"Good Morning, Killer" (2011)				
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne	Worse	Worse	"Anchorman: Legend of Ron"			Conan One Hr	
COM	35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Completely Serious	(:34) Dane	Cook Vicious Circle	Patrice O'Ne.			Roast of Bob Saget	
LIFE	39		Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Amer. Most Wanted	Starving Secrets	Unsolved Mysteries	Amer. Most Wanted			
FOOD	40		Best	Best	Ba.	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Drive	My. Din	Diners	Diners	Diners	Drive
HGTV	41		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
A&E	43		Criminal Minds	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011) Pierce Brosnan, Melissa George.				(:01) "Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011)							
HIST	44		American	American	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	Invention	IRT Deadliest Roads	Pawn	Pawn	Real Deal	Real Deal	
TLC	45		Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes	Say Yes	Brides	Brides	Say Yes
DISC	47		Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush (N)	Flying Wild Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	Gold Rush	
ANPL	50		Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions (N)	Infested!	Infested!	Infested!	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Infested!	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	
FAM	51		**** "Beauty and the Beast" (1991)	**** "Up" (2009) Voices of Ed Asner.				The 700 Club (N)	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?	Whose? Whose?
DISN	52		Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Kickin' It	Kickin' It	Austin	Austin	** "The Game Plan" (2007) (In Stereo)	Good	Good	Good	Good
NICK	54		"Merry Christmas"	Sponge.	Kung Fu	70s Show	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show
AMC	57		"Mission Impsbl."	*** "The Aviator" (2004) Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett. Premiere.				** "Thinner" (1996) Robert John Burke.							
SYFY	59		"Jeepers Crpr 2"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N)	Sanctuary (N)	Haven	"Silent Night"								
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	
CNBC	63		Report	Trading	American Greed	American Greed	Crime Inc.	Mad Money	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	Eddie Lowery	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	The Squeeze

SATURDAY MORNING		DECEMBER 17, 2011											
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PBS	22	Mermaid	T. Smiley	Builder	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr. Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	Sewing	Liv'g
CBS	3	3	MagicJack	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo)			Doodlebop	Doodlebop	Busytown	Busytown	Danger	Horseland
ABC	7	7	Reporter	Storms	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America		Good Morning El Paso	Hanna	Ocean	Explore	Culture	Culture
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Lose 30lbs	Paid Prog.	Eco Co.	Anti-Aging	House	Secrets	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Walk Fit	Today Real estate: actor Daniel Craig. (N)			Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (El)	Willia's	Pearlie (El)
CW	14		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Magi	Magi	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Dragon
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Law Order: CI	Stargate SG-1
ESPN	26		SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter (N)	NFL Countdown	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football
ESPN2	27		SportsNation	Year/Quarterback	Year/Quarterback	Year/Quarterback	NFL Live	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football
USA	31		FREE Bras	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Psych	Burn Notice "Fail Safe"	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.
TNT	32		Law & Order "Venom"	Law & Order "Brazil"	Law & Order "Brazil"	Leverage	Rizzoli & Isles	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	The Closer	"Good Morning, Killer"
TBS	33		Earl	Earl	Earl	Earl	Jim	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(8:55) ** "Kicking & Screaming" (2005)
COM	35		Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Comedy	(:24) ** "Police Academy" (1984)		(:26) ** "Beverly Hills Cop II" (1987)					Scrubs
LIFE	39		Paid Prog.	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Chris	Chris	"Christmas Child" (2008)	
FOOD	40		Ace of Cakes	Guy's Disney Holiday	Deen Family Christmas			Gia.- Christmas	Barefoot in London	The Pioneer Woman	The Pioneer Woman	The Pioneer Woman	The Pioneer Woman
HGTV	41		Disaster	Disaster	Income	Kitchen	Property	Property	Yard	Yard	Crashers	Crashers	Bath
A&E	43		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House	Flip This House	Sell: Extreme
HIST	44		Heavy Metal	Blood Diamonds	Illicit trade in Sierra Leone.			Modern Marvels	Clash of the Cavemen	Clash of the Cavemen	Clash of the Cavemen	Clash of the Cavemen	Clash of the Cavemen
TLC	45		Oreck	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	House	Stager	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up	Moving Up
DISC	47		Oreck Vac	Sexy	Vacuum	Take It Off!	MythBusters	MythBusters	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns	American Guns
ANPL	50		Wild Amazon (In Stereo)	The Crocodile Hunter	Dogs 101			It's Me or the Dog	Bedbug Apocalypse	Bedbug Apocalypse	Bedbug Apocalypse	Bedbug Apocalypse	Bedbug Apocalypse
FAM	51		Nestor	Drummer	Pinocchio's Christmas	Rudolph's Shiny Year	Xmas	Cranberry	Jack Frost	Jack Frost	Jack Frost	Jack Frost	Year Without a Santa
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas
NICK	54		Rugrats	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Power
AMC	57		Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	*** "Bend of the River" (1952, Western)	(:45) *** "Chisum" (1970)	(:45) *** "Chisum" (1970)	(:45) *** "Chisum" (1970)	(:45) *** "Chisum" (1970)
SYFY	59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Vacuum	** "Storm" (1999) Luke Perry, Martin Sheen.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.	"The Storm" (2009) (Part 1 of 2) Treat Williams.
CNN	62		Sat. Morn	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning			Bottom	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Oreck Vac	Sexy Face	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)	Live news coverage. (N)	Live news coverage. (N)	Live news coverage. (N)	Live news coverage. (N)	Vegas Undercover

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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	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook's	Cooking	Mexican	Lawrence Welk	Lawrence Welk	Lawrence Welk
CBS	3	3	Third and Long (N)	College Basketball Butler vs. Purdue. (N)				College Basketball Arizona vs. Gonzaga. (N)	Cindy C	CarMD	Cindy C	CarMD	CarMD
ABC	7	7	Health	Food	Paid Prog.	Tummy	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday (N)		
FOX	8	14	*** "The Prestige" (2006) Hugh Jackman.					70s Show	Tummy	Spirit of Christmas			
NBC	9	9	Pets.TV	3 Wide Life	RECLAIM	Swimming			Action Sports (N)				
CW	14		Tai Chi	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Danger	Go for It!	Ani. Tails	Ani. Tails	Exploration	Exploration	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments
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	Law Order: CI
ESPN	26		College Basketball	College Football Gildan New Mexico Bowl - Temple vs. Wyoming. (N) (Live)				College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football
ESPN2	27		College Football	SpoCenter	College Basketball Temple at Texas. (N) (Live)			College Basketball Notre Dame at Indiana. (N)	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball	Basketball
USA	31		** "Land of the Lost" (2009) Will Ferrell.	** "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" (2006) Johnny Depp.				NCIS "False Witness"					
TNT	32		"Good Morning, Killer"	** "What Women Want" (2000) Mel Gibson.				** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.					
TBS	33		"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy"	Family Guy	Family Guy	King	King	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
COM	35		Scrubs	Scrubs	(:07) * "Underclassman" (2005) Nick Cannon.			(:11) ** "Sex Drive" (2008, Comedy) Josh Zuckerman.					40 Year
LIFE	39		"Christmas Child" (2008)	"Thomas Kinkadee's Christmas Cottage" (2008)				"A Holiday to Remember" (1995, Romance)					"Home by Christmas"
FOOD	40		Cupcake Wars	Next Iron Chef	Challenge			Diners, Drive	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter "Quay"
HGTV	41		Room Cr.	Curb/Block	Bang, Buck	Bang, Buck	Candice	High Low	Design	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	House
A&E	43		Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Parking	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight	Beyond Scared Straight
HIST	44		Little Ice Age: Big Chill					MonsterQuest Abominable Snowman.			Bigfoot: The Definitive Guide	Bigfoot: The Definitive Guide	Bigfoot: The Definitive Guide
TLC	45		Cake Boss: Next Baker	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras
DISC	47		American Guns	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs	MythBusters
ANPL	50		Infested!	Infested!	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha	Ned Bruha
FAM	51		Miser Brothers	Santa Claus, Town	Frosty's	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) Joe Pesci			*** "Up" (2009)				
DISN	52		Phineas	Fish Hooks	Jessie	Austin	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Good Luck
NICK	54		SpongeBob	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Big Time	Victorious	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly
AMC	57		(9:45) *** "Chisum" (1970)	(:15) *** "The Shootist" (1976, Western) John Wayne.				*** "Pale Rider" (1985) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty.					
SYFY	59		"The Storm" (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Treat Williams.	** "Megafault" (2009) Brittany Murphy.				"Storm War" (2011) Stacy Keach.					
CNN	62		Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	Situation Room	Situation Room	Situation Room	Situation Room	Situation Room
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	FREE Bras	Grt Pillow	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Kindness of Strangers	Too Fat to Kill			Body Snatchers	Criminal Mindscape	Sex Bunker	Sex Bunker	Sex Bunker	Sex Bunker	Sex Bunker

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PBS 22	News	Heartland	Ebert	News	Keep Up	Wait...	Antiques Roadshow	Austin City Limits	Red...	From Gershwin	Quest				
CBS 3	MyDest.	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Frosty	Frosty	Santa Claus	48 Hours Mystery	News	Paid	Paid	Jdg Judy			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News	Insider	Wipeout		CMA Country Christmas (In Stereo)	ABC 7	TMZ (N)			Cheaters			
FOX 8	House		The Unit		America's Most Wanted: U.S. Marshals		News	Big Bang	Hell's Kitchen		Daughter	Two Men			
NBC 9	Walk Fit	News	News (N)	Raymond	Grimm		WWE Tribute	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live (N)					
CW 14	** "Fluke" (1995)	Matthew Modine.		** "Chances Are" (1989)	Ryan O'Neal		Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Punk'd	South Pk	South Pk				
WGN 15	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine		30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	'Til Death			
ESPN 26	College Football				College Football: R&L Carriers New Orleans Bowl					SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
ESPN2 27	College Basketball		Women's College Volleyball		College Basketball					Football Final					
USA 31	NCIS		NCIS "Kill Screen"		NCIS (DVS)		NCIS "Tell-All"	** "Quantum of Solace" (2008)	Daniel Craig		Becker				
TNT 32	**** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)				(:15) **** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939) (DVS)		**** "Pretty Woman" (1990)	Richard Gere							
TBS 33	Funniest Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "The Hangover" (2009)	Ed Helms	Commercials		"I Love You, Man"					
COM 35	(:42) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"				* "The Love Guru" (2008)	Mike Myers.	(:02) ** "Shallow Hal" (2001)	Gwyneth Paltrow.		My Best					
LIFE 39	"Home-Christ"	"Christmas Angel" (2009)	K.C. Clyde.		"Dear Santa" (2011)	Amy Acker.		(:01) "Christmas Angel" (2009)	K.C. Clyde.						
FOOD 40	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	
HGTV 41	House Hunters	Design High Low	Color	Dina	Color	Dina	House	Hunters	Color	Dina	Donna	House			
A&E 43	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	
HIST 44	Pickers	Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Invention	Invention	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	
TLC 45	Cmas Lights	Christmas Trees	Christ	Cupcake	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Trees	Christ	Cupcake	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Trees	Christ	Cupcake	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Trees	
DISC 47	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	
ANPL 50	Too Cute!	Too Cute! (N)	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Pit Bulls-Parole	Too Cute! (In Stereo)			
FAM 51	(4:00) *** "Up"	*** "Toy Story" (1995)	Tim Allen	Santa Claus, Town	*** "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory"	Chip									
DISN 52	Good	Good	Austin	Jessie	** "The Game Plan" (2007)	(In Stereo)	ANT	Jessie	Random	Shake It	Good	Good			
NICK 54	iCarly	iCarly	Victo	Big Time Rush	iCarly	70s	70s Show	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	George	George		
AMC 57	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976)	Clint Eastwood.	Hell on Wheels	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976)	Clint Eastwood.										
SYFY 59	"Snowmageddon" (2011)	Michael Hogan.	"Earth's Final Hours" (2011)	Premiere.	"Path of Destruction" (2005)	David Keith	"Earth Final"								
CNN 62	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute	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	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	
MSNBC 64	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	Lockup: Indiana	

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PBS 22	Gershwin	Quest	McLaughlin	Contrary	Santa Fe	Scully	Need	E Street	Wash.	Inside	Religion	McLaughlin			
CBS 3	Home.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation	Nieman	Cindy C	The NFL Today (N)						
ABC 7	Business	Wall Street	Good Morning El Paso	Good Morning America	Good Morning El Paso	This Week-Amanpour	Paid Prog.	Removal							
FOX 8	Paid Prog.	MagicJack	Walk Fit	Bndg Brkr	Abndnt L	Secrets	Fox News Sunday	Jones	J. Garrett	FOX NFL Sunday (N)					
NBC 9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N)		Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Snowboard				
CW 14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
WGN 15	Armor	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock	"The Nurse"	In the Heat of the Night	** "Moonlight Mile" (2002)	Jake Gyllenhaal.						
ESPN 26	SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		Sunday NFL Countdown (N) (Live)								
ESPN2 27	SportsCenter		E:60	NFL	College Football Final	Outside	Reporters	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live)						
USA 31	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Miracles	J. Osteen	** "The Break-Up" (2006)	Vince Vaughn.	(:08) ** "The Wedding Planner" (2001)								
TNT 32	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Acid"	Law & Order "Maritime"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993)	Robin Williams.									
TBS 33	Saved/Bell	Saved/Bell	Home Imp.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "Kindergarten Cop" (1990)	Arnold Schwarzenegger.						
COM 35	MagicJack	Butt Lift	Comedy	(:20) * "My Best Friend's Girl" (2008)		(:44) ** "The Heartbreak Kid" (2007)	Ben Stiller.								
LIFE 39	In Touch	Hour of Power	J. Osteen	Cindy C	America's Supernanny	America's Supernanny	Army Wives								
FOOD 40	Diners, Drive	The Pioneer Woman	Dinners	Money	Hungry Girl	Guy's, Bite	Cooking	Be.- Made	Chopped						
HGTV 41	Holmes on Homes	Income	Income	Property Brothers	Disaster	Disaster	Weekends	Yard	House	Hunters					
A&E 43	Parking	*** "The Negotiator" (1998)	Samuel L. Jackson.	Premiere.	The Sopranos		The Sopranos		The Sopranos						
HIST 44	Modern Marvels Roads.	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads			
TLC 45	Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	MagicJack	Sexy	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	World End?	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush		Almost, Away						
ANPL 50	Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Dogs 101	Wild Kingdom		Wild Kingdom						
FAM 51	Chipmunk	"Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws"	"The Search for Santa Paws" (2010, Comedy)	"Richie Rich's Christmas Wish"											
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Little	3rd & Bird	Mickey	Mickey	Never Land	Phineas	Phineas			
NICK 54	Rugrats	T.U.F.F.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Victorious	Victorious			
AMC 57	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Mad Men	Hell on Wheels	*** "The Outlaw Josey Wales" (1976)									
SYFY 59	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Eureka	Haven "Silent Night"	** "The Hitcher" (2007, Suspense)	Sean Bean.							
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.	MagicJack	Oreck	Paid Prog.	Sexy Face	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.			
MSNBC 64	Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage.	Vegas Undercover									

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PBS 22	News	New Mexico In Focus	Frontieras	Truth	Healing	Healthy	Greener	Generation	Growing	Antiques Roadshow					
CBS 3	NFL Football	Cincinnati Bengals at St. Louis Rams. (N) (Live)		NFL Football	New England Patriots at Denver Broncos. (N) (Live)										
ABC 7	*** "Rising Sun" (1993)	Sean Connery.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Extreme Makeover	Extreme Makeover	Entertainment Tonight								
FOX 8	NFL Football	Washington Redskins at New York Giants.		The OT (N)	Futurama	** "House on Haunted Hill" (1999, Horror)									
NBC 9	Snowboarding	Action Sports From Breckenridge, Colo. (N)		Brian Boitano Skating Spectacular (N)		Paid Prog.	NBC News								
CW 14	Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino TV	LatiNation	Cold Case Files	True Hollywood Story						
WGN 15	*** "The Station Agent" (2003, Drama)		** "Summer Catch" (2001)	Freddie Prinze Jr.	Funniest Home Videos	Chris	Chris								
ESPN 26	PBA Bowling	College Football Final	Herbies	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards	Billiards								
ESPN2 27	Timber	2011 Wen	Poker	World, Poker	2011 World Series of Poker Final Table.	Poker - Europe									
USA 31	Wedding	** "He's Just Not That Into You" (2009)	Ben Affleck.	*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy)	Will Ferrell.	Law & Order: SVU									
TNT 32	Mrs. Dfire	(:45) **** "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)	Judy Garland.	(:05) ** "Four Christmases" (2008)		"Shawshank R."									
TBS 33	(10:55) * "Joe Dirt" (2001)		(:45) ** "Road Trip" (2000, Comedy)		(:45) *** "I Love You, Man" (2009)		Hangover								
COM 35	Heartbrk	Scrubs	(:21) * "The Love Guru" (2008)	Mike Myers.	(:25) ** "Along Came Polly" (2004)	Ben Stiller.	Shallow								
LIFE 39	Army Wives	Army Wives	Army Wives	** "A Different Kind of Christmas" (1996)		"A Dad for Christmas"									
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Impossible	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Ace of Cakes	Diners	My Diners							
HGTV 41	First Place	Renovatn	Property	Property	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters					
A&E 43	"Stephen King's Bag of Bones" (2011, Suspense)	Pierce Brosnan, Melissa George.	Criminal Minds "Jones"	Criminal Minds											
HIST 44	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads	IRT Deadliest Roads			
TLC 45	Brides-Hills	Brides-Hills	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Wedding			
DISC 47	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away	Almost, Away			
ANPL 50	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters			
FAM 51	Richie	** "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992)	Joe Pesci	*** "The Polar Express" (2004, Fantasy)		**** "Toy Story"									
DISN 52	Good Luck	Shake It	Austin	Random	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Good Luck	Shake It	Shake It	Jessie	Austin			
NICK 54	Victorious	Victorious	iCarly (In Stereo)		Big Time	Big Time	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	SpongeBob	SpongeBob			
AMC 57	"Outlaw Josey"	*** "Silverado" (1985, Western)	Kevin Kline, Scott Glenn.	** "Young Guns" (1988)	Emilio Estevez.										
SYFY 59	* "The Hills Have Eyes 2" (2007, Horror)	** "My Bloody Valentine" (2009, Horror)		*** "An American Werewolf in London" (1981)											
CNN 62	Fareed Zakaria GPS	Next List	Newsroom	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)			
CNBC 63	Paid Prog.	FREE Bras	Wealth	Paid Prog.	Vacuum	Grt Pillow	Butt Lift	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	FREE Bras	Wealth			
MSNBC 64	Bomb Patrol	Meet the Press	Forensics-Killer	The Haunting	Lives changed forever.	Caught on Camera									

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PBS	22	Live From Lincoln Center (N) CC				Masterpiece Classic CC		Masterpiece Classic CC		Toolbox	Best Fest	Stevens	Equitrek		
CBS	3	News	News	60 Minutes CC		Survivor: South Pacific "Finale" CC		Survivor-Pacific		News	Without a Trace	Paid			
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos		Once Upon a Time		"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"		News (N)	News	Insider	Betty		
FOX	8	14	Futurama	Futurama		American Cleve		Simpsons (Allen)		Famly Guy CC	KFOX News at Nine	Mother	Office	Mother	
NBC	9	9	Football Night		(:15) NFL Football	Baltimore Ravens at San Diego Chargers. (N) CC		Sports		News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid		
CW	14		*** "Kissing Jessica Stein" (2001)		*** "Rising Sun" (1993, Mystery)			TMZ (N) CC		Ugly Betty CC		Brothers & Sisters			
WGN	15		30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit CC		Monk CC	Monk CC		
ESPN	26		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		Women's College Basketball			SportsCtr		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		SportsCtr	
ESPN2	27		Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe		Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe		
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	*** "Elf" (2003) Will Ferrell. CC			*** "Semi-Pro"			
TNT	32		(4:00) "The Shawshank Redemption"		Leverage (N) CC		*** "Twister" (1996)	Helen Hunt. CC		Leverage CC		"Shawshank R."			
TBS	33		(4:45) *** "The Hangover" (2009)		*** "Wedding Crashers" (2005) Owen Wilson.		Conan One Hr			(:35) * "Joe Dirt" (2001) CC					
COM	35		(4:27) ** "Shallow Hal" (2001) CC		*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell.		"Harold & Kumar Escape Guantanamo"		Work.						
LIFE	39		"Dad-Christmas"		*** "The Christmas Hope" (2009) CC		"Christmas Angel" (2009) K.C. Clyde. CC		(:01) *** "The Christmas Hope" (2009)						
FOOD	40		Next Iron Chef	Cupcake Wars (N)	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America	Chef Hunter "Quay"	Next Iron Chef	Iron Chef America						
HGTV	41		House	Hunters	Celebrity Holiday	Holmes Inspection	Celebrity Holiday	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters					
A&E	43		Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds						
HIST	44		IRT Deadliest Roads	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal	IRT Deadliest Roads	Big Shrimpin' CC	American Pickers	Real Deal	Real Deal				
TLC	45		Gypsy Wedding	Gypsy Christmas	Geek	Geek	All-American Muslim	Geek	Geek	All-American Muslim	Gypsy Christmas				
DISC	47		The Earth Wild	Alien Invasion	Secret Service	Moonshiners CC	Secret Service	Moonshiners CC	Alien Invasion						
ANPL	50		Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Ned	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Ned	Wildman	Ned	Ned	
FAM	51		(4:00) "Toy Story"	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999) Tim Allen	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999) Tim Allen	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999) Tim Allen	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince					
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Good	Good	Random	Shake It	Austin	Random	"Good Luck Charlie"				
NICK	54		Sponge.	Sponge.	70s	70s Show	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife	
AMC	57		Young	** "Young Guns II" (1990) Emilio Estevez.		Hell on Wheels (N)	Hell on Wheels	Breaking Bad CC	Hell on Wheels						
SYFY	59		* "Friday the 13th" (2009, Horror) CC	** "House of Wax" (2005) Elisha Cuthbert.	Murderous twins entomb their victims in wax.										
CNN	62		CNN Newsroom (N)	Black in America	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)	Black in America	Piers Morgan	CNN Newsroom (N)						
CNBC	63		Diabetes	Wall St.	Apocalypse 2012	Mexico's Drug War	Supermarkets	BMW: A Driv.	American Greed	Pepsi's Challenge					
MSNBC	64		Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera					

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		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	American Masters (N) CC	Charlie Rose (N)	T. Smiley						
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS CC	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable CC	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Panda	Chip	You Deserve It (N)	Castle CC	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Terra Nova "Occupation: Resistance"	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Fear Factor (N)	Rock Center	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late			
CW	14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Hart of Dixie CC	Hart of Dixie CC	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN	26		Monday Night Countdown (N)	NFL Football	Pittsburgh Steelers at San Francisco 49ers. (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC	NFL PrimeTime (N)							
ESPN2	27		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC	Poker-Eu.	Poker - Europe	Poker - Europe	SportsCtr	Football	SportsNation CC	NFL	Football				
USA	31		NCIS "Ravenous"	NCIS "Ravenous"	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) CC		(:05) *** "Knocked Up" (2007) Seth Rogen. CC	Knocked							
TNT	32		Law & Order	The Closer CC	The Closer (N)	Rizzoli & Isles (N)	The Closer CC	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY CC						
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N) CC	Office	Office	Conan CC			
COM	35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE	39		"While-Sleeping"	** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. CC		Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	(:01) ** "The Holiday" (2006) CC						
FOOD	40		Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Love It or List It (N)	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	
A&E	43		Hoarders CC	Hoarders CC	Hoarders CC	Intervention CC	Intervention CC	(:01) Hoarders	(:01) Hoarders						
HIST	44		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Invention	Real Deal	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers			
TLC	45		Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Cake Boss:Next	Candy	Candy	Candy	Candy			
DISC	47		Gold Rush CC	Gold Rush CC	Raw Alaska (N)	American Guns (N)	Raw Alaska CC	American Guns	Gold Rush CC						
ANPL	50		Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC			
FAM	51		(4:30) *** "Aladdin" (1992)	*** "The Incredibles" (2004) Holly Hunter		The 700 Club (N)	Panda	Merry	Paid	Younger					
DISN	52		Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Good	Phineas	ANT	Random	"Beauty and the Beast" (1991)					
NICK	54		Sponge.	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s	70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s
AMC	57		"Last-Dogmen"	** "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.	** "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.	** "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.
SYFY	59		(4:30) ** "House of Wax" (2005) CC	** "The Haunting in Connecticut" CC	** "Population 436" (2006) Jeremy Sisto.	** "Joshua"									
CNN	62		E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper						
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report	Biography on CNBC	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	Apocalypse 2012	American Greed						
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word						

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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	Lidia Celebrates	Christmas-Olaf	Frontline CC (DVS)					World	T. Smiley		
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS CC	NCIS: Los Angeles	Unforgettable CC	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Suburg.	Body of Proof CC	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	Glee CC	New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny	
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	SNL Presents: A Very Gilly Christmas	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14		Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	90210 "Rush Hour"	Ringer CC	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access			
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futurama	
ESPN	26		SportsCtr	Football	College Football: Beef 'O' Brady's St. Petersburg Bowl		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC	SportsCenter (N)							
ESPN2	27		College Basketball	Samford at Kentucky	College Basketball	Butler at Gonzaga. (N)	SportsCtr	Sport Sci.	NFL Live (N) CC	SportsNation CC					
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Psych CC	Law & Order: SVU	"Quantum-Sol."						
TNT	32		Bones	Fragments.	Rizzoli & Isles	"Deck the Halls" (2011) Kathy Najimy.	CSI: NY CC	"Deck the Halls" (2011) Kathy Najimy.							
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N) CC	Office	Office	Conan CC			
COM	35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Work.	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE	39		Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	One Born Ev.	One Born Ev.	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny	Supernanny			
FOOD	40		Cupcake Wars	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped	Chopped			
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	First Pla.	My	White House	House	Hunters	Hunters	Property	White House	House	Hunters	
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44		Real Deal	Real Deal	American	American	101 Gadgets That Changed the World	The Real Story	American	American	101 Gadgets				
TLC	45		What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Gypsy Christmas	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Gypsy Christmas				
DISC	47		Dirty Jobs CC	Dirty Jobs CC	Dirty Jobs (N) CC	Swamp Loggers (N)	Dirty Jobs CC	Swamp Loggers	Dirty Jobs CC	Swamp Loggers	Dirty Jobs CC				
ANPL	50		Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC	Planet Earth CC				
FAM	51		(4:30) *** "The Incredibles" (2004)	*** "The Polar Express" (2004)		The 700 Club (N)									

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PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Nature	NOVA	Development of the embryo.	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Home-Holidays	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Guilt"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor (In Stereo)	Daughter	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Harry's Law	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW 14	Funny Home Videos	"Til Death	"Til Death	Gossip Girl	Gaga by Gaultier	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	SportsCtr	Football	College Football: San	Diego County Credit Union	Poinsettia Bowl	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball				
USA 31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"	NCIS "Faith"				
TNT 32	Law & Order	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist	The Mentalist				
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Jokers	Jokers	Conan		
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futurama	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	"Christmas Bless"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"	"Christmas Angel"				
FOOD 40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Food	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	Next Iron Chef	Food	Diners	Restaurant: Im.	Food	Diners	Restaurant: Im.		
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	House	Hunters	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Storage	Storage	Storage
A&E 43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
HIST 44	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens	(:01) Ancient Aliens		
TLC 45	Toddlers & Tiaras	Geek	Geek	Gypsy Christmas	Toddlers & Tiaras	Gypsy Christmas	Toddlers & Tiaras	Gypsy Christmas	Toddlers & Tiaras	Geek	Geek			
DISC 47	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns (N)	Moonshiners (N)	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns		
ANPL 50	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth		
FAM 51	Landing	Prep &	*** "The Santa Clause"	(1994)	"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	Rudolph's New Year	Paid	Paid						
DISN 52	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Shake It	Good	Phineas	ANT	ANT	**** "Toy Story"	(1995)	Jessie	Shake It	
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show
AMC 57	(3:30) "The Sandlot"	** "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.	** "A Christmas Carol"	(1984) George C. Scott.	** "A Christmas Carol"	(1984) George C. Scott.	"See No Evil"
SYFY 59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	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	The Facebook	Apocalypse 2012	Mob Money:	Mad Money:	Apocalypse 2012	Surviving the Future							
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

THURSDAY EVENING											DECEMBER 22, 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	News	Travel	Globe Trekker	Fronteras	Coach	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley			
CBS 3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Big Bang	Rules	Person of Interest	The Mentalist	News	Letterman	Late			
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Landing	Prep &	Dog for Christmas	Grey's Anatomy	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX 14	Simpsons	Big Bang	News	Two Men	The X Factor	The winner is announced.	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC 9	News (N)	News	News (N)	News	Still Standing	Office	Whitney	Prime Suspect (N)	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	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Futurama			
ESPN 26	Audibles (N) (Live)	College Football	Maaco Bowl Las Vegas --	Arizona State vs. Boise State.	SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)								
ESPN2 27	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball	College Basketball				
USA 31	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				
TNT 32	Bones	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY				
TBS 33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan		
COM 35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Work.	Work.	Work.	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert
LIFE 39	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	Project Accessory	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	Chopped	Chopped	Cupcake Wars	Chopped	Chef Hunter			
HGTV 41	Hunters	House	Hollywood at Home	Homes	Hunters	House	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Homes	Hunters	House	Hunters
A&E 43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48		
HIST 44	Big Shrimpin'	Big Shrimpin'	Swamp People	Big Shrimpin' (N)	Modern Marvels	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People	(:01) Big Shrimpin'	(:01) Swamp People	
TLC 45	Cmas Lights	Invasion: Lights	Christmas Light	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Christmas Trees	Invasion: Lights			
DISC 47	Shell Energy	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Weed Wars (N)	Moonshiners	Weed Wars	Moonshiners	Weed Wars	Moonshiners	Weed Wars	Moonshiners			
ANPL 50	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth	Planet Earth		
FAM 51	"Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause"	"National Lamp. Christmas"	The 700 Club (N)	Dr. Seuss	Dr. Seuss	Paid	Paid							
DISN 52	ANT	Austin	Austin	Shake It	Good	Phineas	ANT	Shake It	**** "Toy Story 2"	(1999)	Jessie	Shake It		
NICK 54	Sponge.	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	70s Show	70s Show	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	70s Show	70s Show
AMC 57	"A Christmas Carol"	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	*** "A League of Their Own"	(1992) Tom Hanks.	
SYFY 59	"Narnia: Prince Caspian"	** "Batman Forever"	(1995, Action) Val Kilmer.	** "The Brothers Grimm"	(2005) Matt Damon.									
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	"Enron: Smartest Guys"	CNBC Titans	Mad Money	Mexico's Drug War	Apocalypse 2012							
MSNBC 64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word							

Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	8	7	1	2	5	6	3	9	4
	6	5	4	7	3	9	8	2	1
	2	3	9	8	4	1	7	5	6
	3	2	5	4	1	8	9	6	7
	7	4	6	9	2	5	1	3	8
CHALLENGER	1	9	8	3	6	7	5	4	2
	9	1	2	6	7	3	4	8	5
	4	8	7	5	9	2	6	1	3
	5	6	3	1	8	4	2	7	9
	7	2	5	1	9	3	4	6	8
EXPERT	8	5	2	7	1	3	9	4	6
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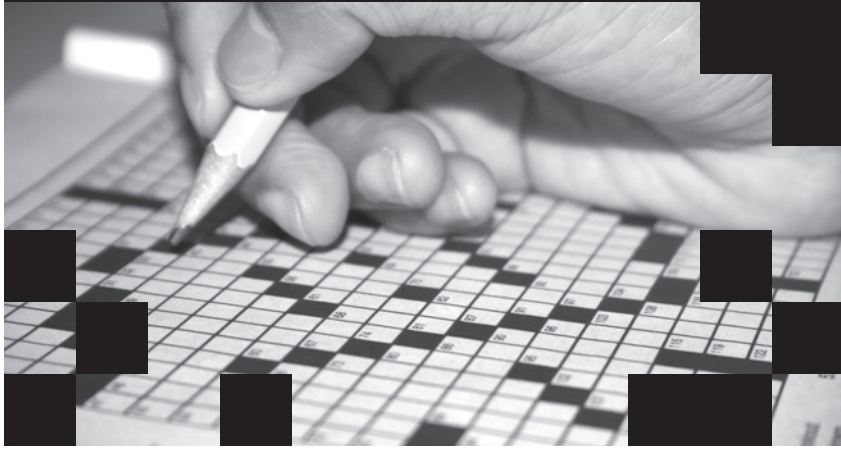
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BrainGames



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.

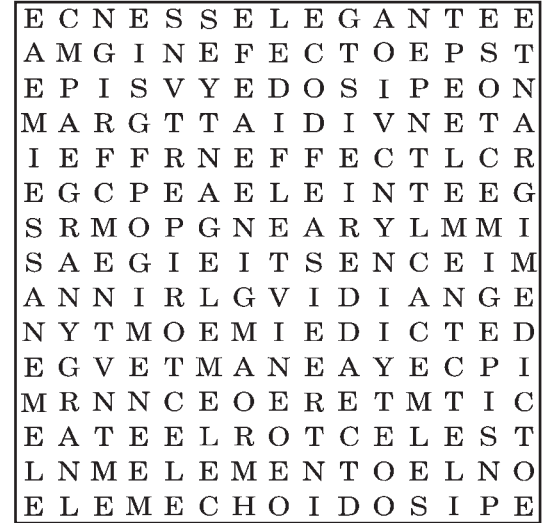
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ESSENCE

SPANISH

ECO
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Crossword Puzzles

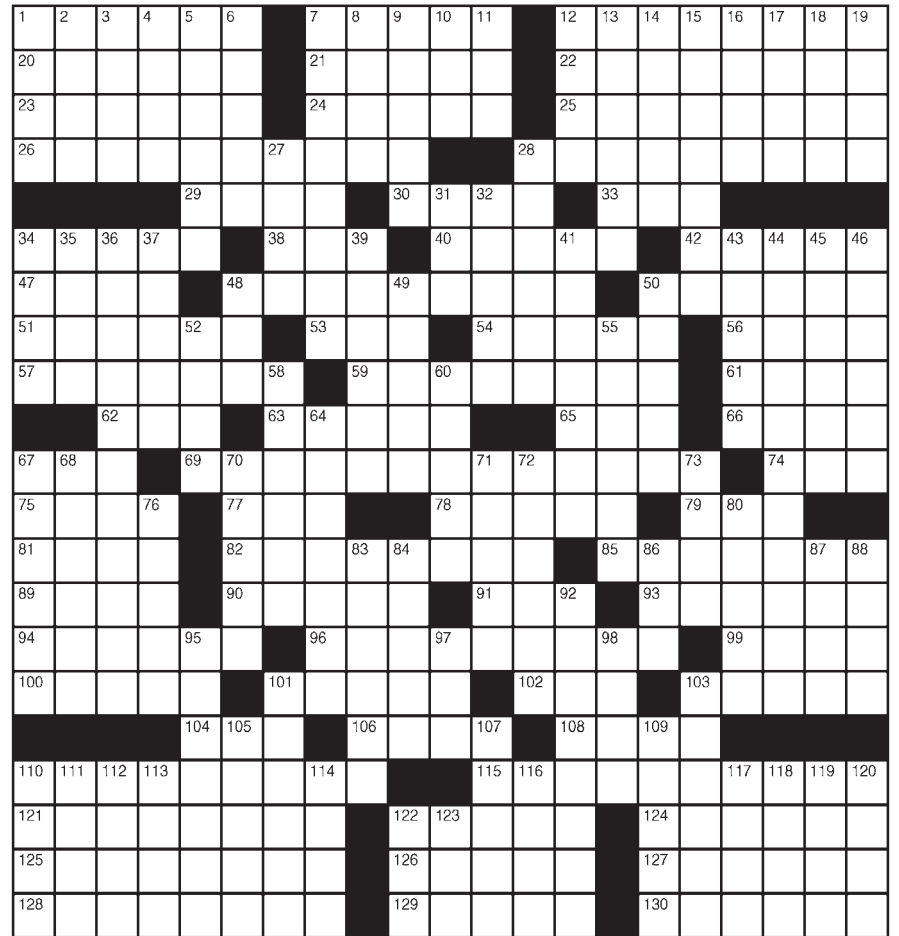
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 Stallion's mate
 - 5 Gulf V.I.P.
 - 9 Scope
 - 13 Absurd
 - 14 Fears
 - 16 Repairman
 - 17 Sticker
 - 18 Amigo
 - 20 Annual foursome
 - 24 Paris Hilton?
 - 29 Check out
 - 30 A Roosevelt
 - 31 Witness perhaps
 - 34 What a driver sees almost all the time
 - 38 Cyst
 - 39 Roman street
 - 40 "___ alive!"
 - 41 "Chicago" lyricist
 - 42 Man's name and girl's name for short
 - 43 Civil War soldier
 - 44 Pekoe
 - 45 Addition
 - 46 Final resting place, sometimes
 - 47 "Comprende?"
 - 48 Plutons
 - 56 Skilled professional
 - 63 Make smooth
 - 64 Eliminate from the investigation
 - 65 Mandarin orange type
 - 66 Science of the ear
 - 67 Little bird
 - 68 "i" lid
 - 69 Statistic
 - 71 Lensless pix maker
 - 79 Look scornful
 - 80 Put behind one
 - 81 Enduring symbol
 - 82 "___ Only Just Begun"
- DOWN**
- 1 Wharton degree
 - 2 Duchamp contemporary
 - 3 Good name, for short
 - 4 Ring bearer, maybe
 - 5 "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
 - 6 ___ Zedong
 - 7 What a keeper may keep
 - 8 Musical notes
 - 10 Extinct
 - 11 Needing a drink....
 - 12 Bewitch
 - 13 Nazareth native
 - 15 Relative
 - 17 ___ War
 - 19 Bank claim
 - 20 "Dear" one
 - 21 Abolish
 - 22 Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
 - 23 Getaway
 - 25 "Way cool!"
 - 26 "Star Trek" rank (abbr.)
 - 27 Opera landmark (abbr.)
 - 28 Mr., abroad
 - 31 Washing machine
 - 32 Social climbing lady in ancient Greece
 - 33 Coffee choice
 - 35 High point
 - 36 Respondent in some law suits
 - 37 Not a professional
 - 49 The Platters' "___ Mine"
 - 50 Fertility clinic stock
 - 51 Authorize
 - 52 Helpful connections
 - 53 Plug
 - 54 Cuban's home?
 - 55 Texas related, e.g.
 - 56 Fruit and veggies
 - 57 Self service restaurant
 - 58 Coin opening
 - 59 Addr. book entry
 - 60 Jersey call
 - 61 Calendar abbr.
 - 62 Chester White's home
 - 70 Two-year-old sheep
 - 71 "___ Luv U" show
 - 72 Publicity, slangily
 - 73 Recent
 - 74 Main layer
 - 75 Do some yard work
 - 76 Role in Haydn's "The Creation"
 - 77 Increase, with "up"
 - 78 "You ___" (Lionel Richie hit)

PREFIXED PEOPLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 San Joaquin Valley tribe
 - 7 Outshines
 - 12 Mixed sandwich spread
 - 20 Dismount
 - 21 In the work cited
 - 22 Type of gland
 - 23 "Robocop" co-star
 - 24 Pee Wee or Della
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 - 30 Matador's foe
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 - 42 Assesses
 - 47 Hawaiian port
 - 48 Small country singer?
 - 50 Most docile
 - 51 Estevez of "Repo Man"
 - 53 NASA's ISS partner
 - 54 Fellini's "La ___ Vita"
 - 56 High: pref.
 - 57 Canine pest
 - 59 International business conflict
 - 61 Fervor
 - 62 CBS hit
 - 63 Supplied with hints
 - 65 Dog tags, e.g.
 - 66 Noble family of Ferrara
 - 67 Mouths: Lat.
 - 69 Driven director?
 - 74 DDE's foe
 - 75 Forfeiture
 - 77 Spread seeds
 - 78 "Hollywood Squares" panelist Paul
 - 79 Carpool-lane letters
 - 81 Sprint
 - 82 Sirens
 - 85 "The Bartered Bride" composer
 - 89 French cheese
 - 90 Frost over again
 - 91 Born
 - 93 Cured
 - 94 Virgil's Trojan hero
 - 96 1/10 of a bandleader?
 - 99 Boffo review
 - 100 Pulverize
 - 101 Object mildly
 - 102 6-pointers
 - 103 Lucci or Dey
 - 104 Breakfasted
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 - 115 Dry Broadway star?
 - 121 Rabble-rouser
 - 122 Canonical hours
 - 124 Mysterious
 - 125 Number sheets
 - 126 Hit hard, old-style
 - 127 Sundial
 - 128 Unit of radiation wavelengths
 - 129 Stellar blasts
 - 130 Kennedy assassin
- DOWN**
- 1 Bawl
 - 2 Butter's bro
 - 3 Murder
 - 4 Unattractive
 - 5 Neighbor of Luxor
 - 6 Scatter
 - 7 "Marty" star
 - 8 Fencing item
 - 9 Odor
 - 10 Third word of "America"
 - 11 Fr. holy woman
 - 12 Actor Morales
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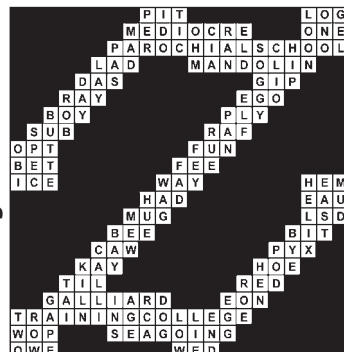
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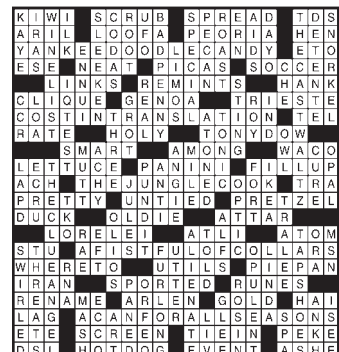
Word Salsa



Diagramless



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

Santa is being more environmentally friendly. The proof? He ordered Rudolph to turn his bright red nose olive green!



AtTheMovies

Is star power enough for 'New Year's Eve'?

Marshall's latest film fails to develop its characters

Review by **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

New York City is the place to be on New Year's Eve, and millions brave the bitter, cold weather to gather on Times Square to ring in the new year.

Director Garry Marshall brings the experience to audiences nationwide with his latest film, creatively titled "New Year's Eve."

If you saw his 2010 film "Valentine's Day," you may feel like you've already seen "New Year's Eve." Though set in a different city, the stories are similar. All characters in the movie, though they don't seem to know each other at first, are all intertwined. Both films are also written by Katherine Fugate.

I was not impressed with "Valentine's Day," even with the huge number of celebrities, but thought maybe "New Year's Eve" would be better. Just the stars alone are enough to lure any viewer to the theater, no matter your preferred movie genre. Some stars from "Valentine's Day," including Ashton Kutcher and Jessica Biel, return for Marshall's latest film. I'm not their biggest fan, but I was ready to give them another chance.

The story begins on New Year's Eve with Times Square Alliance Vice President Claire Morgan (Academy Award-winner Hilary

Swank) making final arrangements for the ball drop with help from her friend Brandon (rapper Ludacris, but known to the film world as Chris Bridges).

At the same time, record label secretary Ingrid (Michelle Pfeiffer) quits her job after a near brush with death and comes into contact with a delivery man named Paul (Zac Efron). She offers Paul her tickets for the record label's New Year's ball as long as he helps her complete some New Year's resolutions by midnight.

Paul's sister Kim ("Sex and the City" sweetheart Sarah Jessica Parker) is having trouble with her teenage daughter who is dying to be part of the masses and spend New Year's with her friends. Paul's roommate Randy (Kutcher), a comic book illustrator and somewhat of a grinch who hates the holiday after his girlfriend dumped him. He gets stuck in an elevator with Elise (Lea Michele of "Glee" fame) who is going to sing backup for Jensen (Jon Bon Jovi).

Stan Harris (Robert DeNiro) is suffering from full-blown cancer but refuses chemotherapy. He just wants to watch the ball drop one last time. His nurse Aimee (Halle Berry) keeps him company once he finds out there's not much time left in his life. His doctor is played by Cary Elwes. In the same hospital, Griffin and Tess (played by Seth Myers and Biel) are about to have their first child and are in the running with one other couple to have the first baby of the new year.



Cynical comic book illustrator Randy (Ashton Kutcher) finds an unexpected love in Elise (Lea Michele) after they are stuck in an elevator together.

If you thought that was star-studded enough, there are still more names to drop. Hector Elizondo plays Kominsky, an electrician who shows up when one of the billboard lights in Times Square malfunctions. Sofia Vergara – who seems to be making lots of money in the last couple of years after small roles in Tyler Perry films and Kmart commercials in addition to her recurring role on "Modern Family" – plays sous chef Ava, the boss of Jensen's ex-girlfriend Laura (Katherine Heigl). Josh Duhamel is Sam, an executive of the record label where Kim previously worked. He is supposed to deliver a speech at the label's party, but he can't keep his mind off a mysterious woman he met the previous year.

Rapper Common – who has been making more moves into the film industry lately – also has a role in the film. John Lithgow even has a cameo, as Kim's evil

boss at the record label.

Who's the mystery woman? How do all of these people know each other? Of course, much of that doesn't unfold until the end of the film, and Marshall does an excellent job of seamlessly intertwining the characters.

However, because there are so many characters in the film, it's difficult to see each character at its full potential, especially the way you know these Oscar winners can perfect it. If you think about it, each character's vignette is probably less than 20 minutes altogether, and even the best shows on TV are in one-hour slots.

I'm not a big fan of Efron, Biel, Swank or Kutcher, and I wanted more from DeNiro, Berry and Parker. Those are the real stars, yet their brightness was dimmed by the B list.

Still, I was highly entertained.

Film Review
Grade **B-**

I hoped for more from the big celebrity names, but they failed to deliver.

NEW YEAR'S EVE
Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel
Rated: PG-13
Running time: 118 minutes
Director: Garry Marshall

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Picking the Flicks

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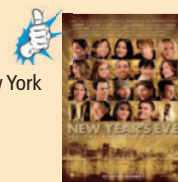
The Sitter

Rating: R
Plot Overview: A comedy about a college student on suspension who is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door, though he is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him.
Starring: Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor **Director:** David Gordon Green



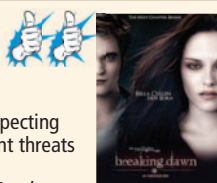
New Year's Eve

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: The lives of several couples and singles in New York intertwine over the course of New Year's Eve.
Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Jessica Biel
Director: Garry Marshall



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



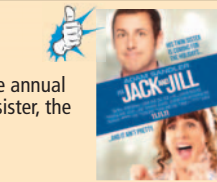
Puss in Boots

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



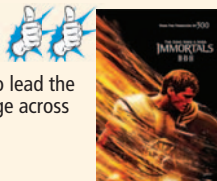
Hugo

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



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



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



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



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



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



Dolphin Tale

Rating: PG
Plot Overview: A story centered on the friendship between a boy and a dolphin whose tail was lost in a crab trap.
Starring: Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Director: Charles Martin Smith



Young Adult

Rating: R
Plot Overview: Soon after her divorce, a fiction writer returns to her home in small-town Minnesota, looking to rekindle a romance with her ex-boyfriend, who is now married with kids.
Starring: Charlize Theron, Patrick Wilson
Director: Jason Reitman



OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 16

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chip-Wrecked

Rating: G
Plot Overview: While aboard a cruise ship, the Chipmunks go overboard and end up marooned in a tropical paradise.
Starring: Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler **Director:** Mike Mitchell
OPENING FRIDAY, DEC. 16



Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows

Rating: PG-13
Plot Overview: Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson join forces to outwit and bring down their fiercest adversary, Professor Moriarty.
Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law **Director:** Guy Ritchie
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New this week on DVD Tuesday, Dec. 20

Dolphin Tale

Rating: PG
Genre: Family, Drama
Starring: Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick Jr.
Director: Charles Martin Smith

Midnight in Paris

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy, Romance
Starring: Owen Wilson, Rachel McAdams
Director: Woody Allen

Colombiana

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action, Crime
Starring: Zoe Saldana, Michael Vartan
Director: Olivier Megaton

Warrior

Rating: PG-13
Genre: Drama, Action
Starring: Tom Hardy, Joel Edgerton
Director: Gavin O'Connor

Straw Dogs

Rating: R
Genre: Suspense, Crime
Starring: James Marsden, Kate Bosworth
Director: Rod Lurie

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- 1 **New Year's Eve** (Week No. 1) **\$13,019,000**
- 2 **The Sitter** (Week No. 1) **\$9,851,000**
- 3 **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (Week No. 4) **\$7,819,000**
- 4 **The Muppets** (Week No. 3) **\$6,987,000**
- 5 **Arthur Christmas** (Week No. 3) **\$6,510,000**
- 6 **Hugo** (Week No. 3) **\$6,050,000**
- 7 **The Descendants** (Week No. 4) **\$4,380,000**
- 8 **Happy Feet Two** (Week No. 4) **\$3,690,000**
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Psychology of survival



Michael R. Hurst, MS, LADAC, CEAP
Life and Work Solutions

This week's column will begin a series of articles on the necessary survival skills to assist you in having a successful life. The first skill is the psychology of survival.

This is the first step in the application of the blueprint "SURVIVAL."

A recent historical example of people dealing with a life and death situation was Hurricane Katrina. Several physically able-bodied people relied on the assistance of other people or the government and due to this reliance, some tragically died or were seriously injured.

During the same disaster, numerous other people walked north out of New Orleans to higher ground and safety. Survivors were interviewed and contributed their survival to accepting responsibility for their own situation.

Numerous other survivors contributed their survival to military and/or outdoor experience and training.

Research of the Hurricane Katrina and other disasters has resulted in a renewed interest in the psychology of survival. Some experts believe that people are born with the desire to survive and others believe that it is a learned skill.

As a result of my own education and experience, I believe that the psychology of survival is a combination of education and experience.

All people have some degree of desire to survive. This can be studied further if you research how an individual responds to stress – fight, flight and freeze.

People with a rural upbringing that includes faith, service to others, hard work, hunting, fishing and camping skills, are better able to deal with adversity.

Unfortunately, a significant number of Americans have not had the opportunity or requirement of this upbringing, education and experience.

This is partly due to 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.

I have conducted numerous conversations and read extensively about World

See **Survival** on page D2

Taking to the mats

Cheer champs clean house

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

All-star cheerleading, one of the most popular sports in the nation, has hit Las Cruces at a tumbling speed.

The staff at Rival Cheer and Tumble fostered several champion teams during the Land of Enchantment regional cheer competition on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Albuquerque Convention Center.

At the largest cheer competition in New Mexico, the Purple Catz, a youth team consisting of 9- to 11-year-olds, and Team Onyx, a special needs team, both took home gold medals.

The feat was not an easy one, as the competition involves the entire state, including other teams in Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

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The Purple Catz competitive all-star cheer team won first place in the Land of Enchantment regional cheer competition, the largest cheer competition in New Mexico Sunday, Dec. 11.

The truth about IBD

Why it's not as bad as you think

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Let's face it, there are some things in life that are just plain hard to share and talk about, even to close friends, family and co-workers.

Due to feelings of embarrassment and shame, chronic diseases such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis go unacknowledged and continue to negatively affect millions of lives.

These diseases, also known as Inflammatory Bowel Diseases (IBD), can harm one's ability to lead a normal life both socially and physically.

Jo Bloom, an IBD support group facilitator in Las Cruces since 2006, said she has seen people of all different ages and backgrounds feel "isolated and alone" from being unaware of what is happening or what to do.

"People just want to be able to talk about it, share horror stories and share the small victories," Bloom said.

There is no known cause or cure of these chronic intestinal disorders, but it is manageable and treatable on an individual basis.

In addition to discussing the everyday dealings with IBD, Bloom said the support group members discuss doctors and treatments that have worked for them, and may be helpful to others.

"The first thing I would tell someone who has IBD is to keep a food chart," Bloom said. "Eating the right foods won't make it go away, but eating the wrong foods

can make it worse."

The most common symptoms people with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis suffer from are frequent and uncontrollable bowel movements as well as excruciating intestinal pain.

According to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA), IBD is a biological disorder, which is not caused by emotions such as anxiety and stress, although these factors may worsen symptoms.

Las Cruces resident Carmella Myers was diagnosed with ulcerative colitis in 2001, and started attending the support groups, where she said she was more optimistic than most.

"I just see so many other things like cancer and lung disease that can kill people," Myers said. "As far as I know, I'm not going to die from this, because it is treatable."

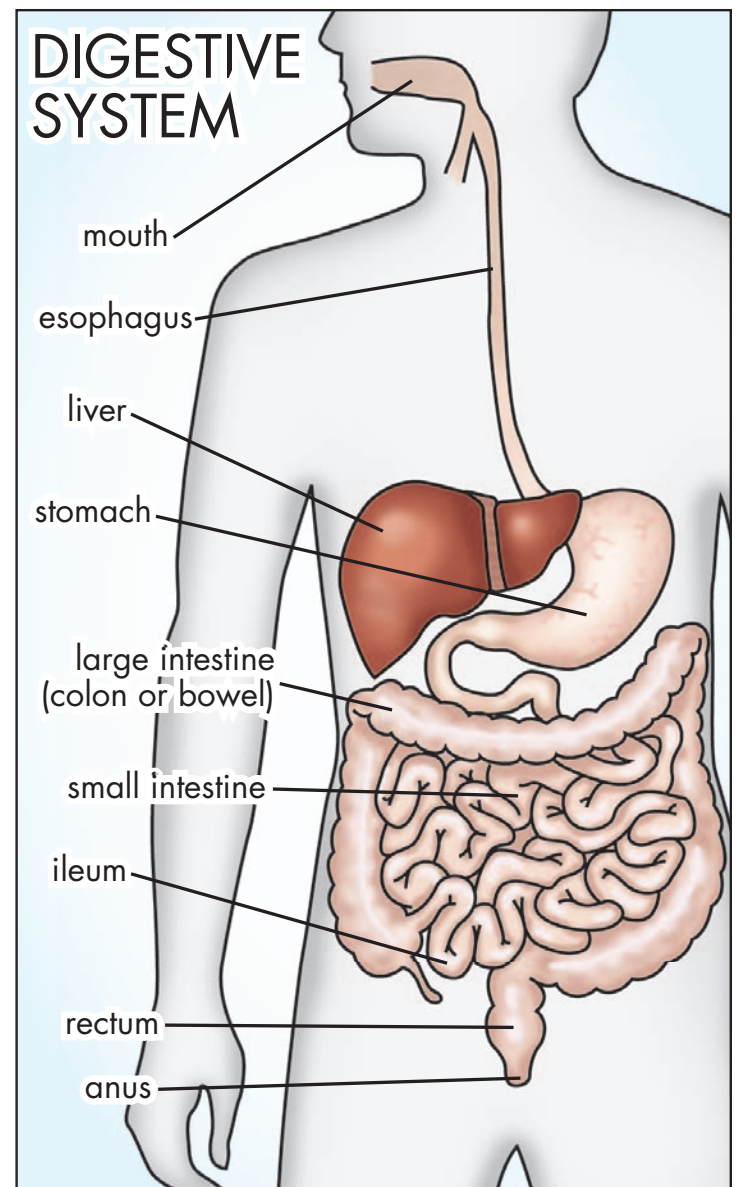
Unfortunately, Myers said, it is younger people who don't deal with the issue well and need the most help and support.

"Parents will come with their children to seek help, and it's really comforting for them to be open and frank about what is happening," Myers said.

According to Bloom, finding the right doctor to create an appropriate treatment plan is just as important as telling the people in your life what is happening.

"Unfortunately, it can be a very expensive disease because you can't just go (to the doctor) once and find your magic cure," Bloom said. "Everyone is different."

The ulcerative colitis and



Las Cruces Bulletin graphic by Marissa Barrio

Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) is a group of inflammatory conditions, affecting the colon and small intestine.

Crohn's disease 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.

For more information about IBD, visit www.ccfa.org.

National expert speaks to Las Cruces physicians

How to avoid frivolous lawsuits

Bulletin Staff Report

Dr. Jeffrey Segal, CEO and founder of Medical Justice, spoke to a room of Las Cruces physicians Thursday, Dec. 8.

Segal is established as one of the country's leading authorities on medical malpractice issues, counterclaims and Internet-based assaults on reputation.

"Each year many groundless medical malpractice suits are initiated against health care providers," Segal said.

According to Segal, physicians are pressured to settle frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits in order to minimize their financial risk. Unjustified settlements that can damage

physicians' reputations, create undue stress and greatly increase medical malpractice insurance premiums.

"The legal system leaves local physicians vulnerable to frivolous medical malpractice lawsuits filed by unethical plaintiffs, attorneys and 'expert' witnesses," Segal said.

The American Medical Association boldly states, "Our nation's medical liability system is broken."

Segal shared his passion for protecting and preserving the reputation of Las Cruces health care providers. While addressing family practitioners, surgeons, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and chiropractors, Segal laid out Medical Justice's three step process: 1. Deter against frivolous lawsuits 2. Get physicians

dropped more quickly from meritless cases 3. Give viable remedies for countersuits and counterclaims.

The hot topic discussed among the attending physicians was online rating sites such as www.yelp.com and www.angieslist.com.

As the number of rating sites grow with virtually no clear norms, Segal and his team have even seen a rise in fictitious posts from people posing as patients – such as ex-spouses, disgruntled employees and competitors.

One of Segal's pieces of advice, among many, is that when a physician is a victim of an unjustified and inaccurate online assault on reputation, "have the rating site live to the terms of use for their site."

More information about issues facing local physicians is available online at www.medicaljustice.com.



Jeffrey Segal and Chris East of Medical Justice, an organization protecting the rights of physicians, spoke to Las Cruces health care providers on Thursday, Dec. 8.

Survival

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War II including concentration camp survivors, Korean War, and Vietnam War prisoners of war (POWs) stories. Their individual experiences are a blueprint of how to survive life-threatening situations. These valiant men and women have provided the necessary life experience knowledge base for future generations to emulate.

In the 21st century, we need to read history and receive education on how to survive. This requires much more than the knowledge and skills to build shelters, get food, make fires and travel without the aid of standard navigational devices to live successfully through a survival situation.

A good start on the necessary goal to accomplish survival is to apply the lessons learned from history.

There are recorded cases of people who have had no prior training, to survive a harrowing situation.

There are cases of people with survival training losing their life. The stress of a survival situation can produce numerous self-defeating thoughts and emotions.

These negative thoughts and emotions can cause self-doubt and possibly lead to the person making tragic decisions, or no decisions at all.

That is why having a psychology of survival is very important. Finally, if an individual can learn the skills to function in a life-threatening situation; they can function in a routine daily routine.

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.



An action shot from the middle of the Purple Catz' winning performance in Albuquerque Sunday, Dec. 11.

Rival

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"Even though we teach them to hold their heads high no matter what, it meant so much to them to win," said owner of Rival Cheer and Tumble Audra Scofield.

Scofield, who co-owns the gym with Jeremy Ernest, said it was great to see the "underdogs" win for the second year in a row.

Scofield and Ernest, both former cheerleaders and alumni of New Mexico State University, work hard to retain quality coaching in a high-intensity sport while keeping costs lower for parents during a sluggish economy.

"Times are tough right now and we don't want to see parents give up their kid's extracurricular activities because of money," Scofield said.

Due to such a high-intensity sport, Ernest said, the kids not only get exercise and conditioning, they learn life skills such as respect and manners.

"I've had both parents and teachers come up and say how much better their attitude and grades have become," Ernest said.

Alongside these highly energized youth teams, Scofield and Ernest also teach the only special-needs competitive cheerleading team in the state.

According to Scofield, after Team Onyx finished their act during Albuquerque's competition, they received a standing ovation.

"People love seeing them," Scofield said. "We started this a couple of years ago with the hopes that it would catch on in the state."

That dream has yet to come true, other than for the 15 Team Onyx members

who practice diligently at their craft at least once a week.

Certified with the United States All-Star Foundation, Rival Cheer and Tumble also offers recreational cheer, dance and tumble classes for those of all ages, as well as a competitive team for ages 8 and under, also known as the Black Catz.

The next local competition to host all three competitive teams from Rival Cheer and Tumble will be held Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012, at Mayfield High School, and is open to the public.

The teams are also heading to Dallas, in February for an NCA National's championship, the second largest cheer competition in the world.

To find out more about the classes and teams Rival Cheer and Tumble offers, or to find out how to help, call 523-0808, or visit the gym's website at www.rivalcheer.net.

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Take Off Pounds Sensibly Chapter 381 is open to new members of all ages at its Thursday morning meetings, which start with a private weigh-in from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Weigh-ins are followed by group discussions of weight loss, dietary help and nutrition. The group meets at Trails West Senior Community Clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla, in the Main Room. For more information, call 523-6240.

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 St. James Episcopal Church, 105 Saint James St., in the library. For more information, call Wayne at 647-5684. The group also has a big-book meeting at 2 p.m. Fridays at Newman Center, 2615 S. Solano Drive.

HIV SUPPORT GROUP

A Las Cruces HIV Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. The group offers advocacy and support for both those

infected with or affected by the HIV virus, and focuses on the rebuilding of community, outreach, education, self-advocacy and wellness.

For more information, call Seth at 621-0681.

WATER AEROBICS CLASSES

Water aerobics classes will be held at 1 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday and Friday in a shaded outdoor pool at The Village at Northrise, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway. Cost is \$3 per session or \$35 monthly. For more information or to register, call Pam at 382-8218 or sfurandfeathers@aol.com.

BRAIN INJURY GROUP

The Brain Injury Group meets from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Friday at the Housing Authority of Las Cruces, 926 S. San Pedro St. Each meeting features games, movies, artwork, music, books, puzzles, coffee and conversation.

For more information, call Dolores Garcia at 805-1301.

CITY RECREATION SCHEDULE

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 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, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Classes are drop in but participants must be registered with Las Cruces Senior Programs.

- **Aqua Fit:** 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.
- **Aqua Zumba:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. 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.

YOGA CLASSES AT UU METHODIST

Olivia Solomon is offering yoga classes for all levels from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Thursdays at the University United Methodist Church, 2000 S. Locust St. For more information, call Solomon at 522-5350 or email wildyoga@yahoo.com.

YOGA CLASSES

Karen Nichols is offering 90-minute yoga classes for adults and upper teens at 6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at My Place Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donations in excess of space rental benefit Jardín de los Niños. Participants should bring a yoga mat and any props they may need. Classes are suitable for all

levels of experience. For more information, email Nichols at karen_f_n@yahoo.com or leave a message at 882-4943.

TAIJI QIGONG DANCE

Mei Ling Po McKay is offering a slow and relaxed moving meditation exercise with gentle elements of dance from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Fridays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email McKay at harmeizianet.com or call 382-8978.

BELLY DANCE YOGA

Suhaila offers a new yoga experience geared to stretching and toning muscles. Suitable for all levels of experience from 5 to 6 p.m. Wednesdays at My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Cost is \$5. For more information, email mail4jewell@yahoo.com or call 621-2746.

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.

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.

APHASIA SUPPORT GROUP

The Southern New Mexico Aphasia Support Group is a community group for social conversation, support and education about aphasia. The group meets at 4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, 4441 E. Lohman Ave. For more information, call 521-6400.

RED CROSS CPR, FIRST AID CLASSES

The American Red Cross will be offering CPR and first-aid classes at its Las Cruces location, 1301 E. Griggs Ave., the first and third Saturday of each month in 2012. Participants are asked to register by the Tuesday before the class.

For more information or to register, call 800-733-2767.

HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION

The Hearing Loss Association of America Las Cruces Chapter will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Munson Senior Center, 975

S. Mesquite St. The speaker will be Rocco Viera from the El Paso Hearing Aid Bank. Attendees can learn how the hearing aid bank can aid lower income people who have difficulty affording hearing aids.

For more information, email halascruces@yahoo.com.

STROKE SURVIVORS SUPPORT GROUP

A stroke survivors support group meets at 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. The facilitator is Dolores Hendricks. For more information, call 528-3000.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.ccfca.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.



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Helping the four-legged at Critter Christmas

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



Erica, 9, John, Olivia, 6, and Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Director Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock gather while La Cella Bella performed Saturday, Dec. 11, at the annual Critter Christmas event held at the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico.



Charissa Paskowski puts her camera down for a picture with Jack and Charlene Curry.



Doña Ana County Humane Society Vice President Tom Townsend enjoys the food that was catered by Andele Restaurant.



Lori English holds up Smokey, 10, who performed a song at the Critter Christmas event.



Pax, a Hungarian Kuvasz, gives his owner Karen Rawers a high five while in line at the buffet.



Brianna Villa takes a look at a ring by Austin's Jewelers during the live auction that Kieran Binkley, 11, showed the attendees.

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Spreading smiles at the Sisbarro bike giveaway

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Hundreds of people lined up Saturday, Dec. 13, for Sisbarro Buick/GMC's bike giveaway and safety classes given by Las Cruces Codes Enforcement officers.



New Mexico State University cheerleaders were there to entertain the kids while they wait in line.



Officer Mary Ann Telles gives kids lessons in bicycle riding safety which, included how to signal making a left turn, right turn and a complete stop.



Codes Enforcement officer Jill Rockhill assists Leslie James, 7, with putting on her bicycle helmet.



Francisco Alvarado, 6, and officer Jesus Aguirre get ready to start the bike course that taught kids how to properly ride their bikes.



Carson Behanna, Christina Noriega, Aram Sanchez, 9, Juan Oñate, 4, and Jasmine Garcia Noriega, 6, wait in line to receive new bicycles and helmets.



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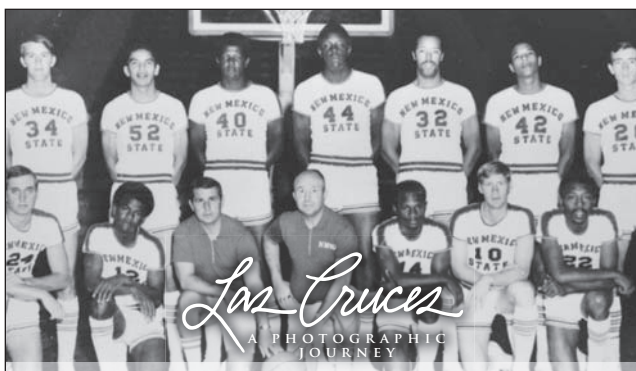
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Alameda Elementary School counselor Kristina Jockman stands with some of the gifts St. Paul's United Methodist Church collected as part of its annual Angel Tree collection. During the event, congregants select an ornament from a tree that has the name, age and wishes of a child in need.



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Church News

UNITY CHRISTMAS

Christmas services at Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, include Advent celebrations at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, candle lighting service at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, a visit to assisted living centers in town to take cookies and sing carols at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, and a Burning Bowl ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 1, 2012. For more information, call 523-5592 or visit www.unityoflascruces.org.

HOLIDAY MUSIC SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, presents Christmas cantata No. 142 “For Unto Us a Son is Given” at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. The choral cantata is accompanied by an orchestra and soloists to remind event-goers of the true meaning of Christmas. For more information, call 526-5559.

LIVING NATIVITY

Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will hold a living nativity outdoor presentation of Christ's birth from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19-20. This will be a live reenactment of the time of the birth of our Lord. For more information, call 525-7900.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The New Mexico State University Gospel Choir and New Heights Faith Community

will share in a free Christmas concert and worship service at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at Interstate 25 and University Avenue. For more information, contact Rev. Joe Whitley at pastorjoe@newheightsfaith.org or 202-9908.

SPEAKER AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

University of Iowa professor emeritus Ford Parker-Perret will give a talk titled “Chanukah: Significance of the Jewish Maccabean Revolt for a Secular and Christian Society” at the Temple Beth-El, 3980 Sonoma Springs Ave., Wednesday Breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. Dec. 21. For more information, call 524-3380.

ADVENT AT PEACE LUTHERAN

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 E. Missouri Ave., will have Holden Evening Prayer service during Advent at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21. A Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and a Christmas Day service will be at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25. All are invited to attend. For more information, call 522-7119.

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. This event is free to the public. Artisans interested

in selling their products, either at the fair or permanently in the store should call 523-7577 for more information.

A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Calvary Baptist Church, 1800 S. Locust St., will present its Christmas musical “A Journey to Bethlehem” at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16-17. Tickets are free, based on availability and can be picked up at the church from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 522-7900.

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.

ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free event from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 17, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The theme will be “Have you had a Spiritual Experience?” For more information, call

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DREIDEL HOUSE AND CHANUKAH CONCERT

The Chabad of Las Cruces will host “The Dreidel House,” during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, on Downtown Main Street. Later that day, the Chabad presents a performance by Israeli superstar Yoel Sharabi, a master of modern Israeli and classical music, during the lighting of its 9-foot Menorah at 5:30 p.m. on the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-1330 or visit www.jewishlc.com.



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Safety tips for the holidays

Don't be a victim

Bulletin Staff Report

The holiday season is a great time for giving, but sadly, there are people out there who will prey on this generosity.

Scammers and fraudulent acts escalate around the holidays, but avoiding these scams is not difficult. MSN Money offers tips and precautions to look for to avoid being a victim of certain scams.

During this time of the year, getting a seasonal job can be a great idea, especially for students who have an extended break from classes. However, try to avoid fake holiday help.

Common scams may include work-from-home jobs. If an employer asks for money up-front or a Social Security number, you may be on the verge of becoming a victim rather than an employee.

Around Christmas time, charities become present and noticeable. Before donating, make sure the charity is legitimate. You can do this by reviewing their mission statement, research how the money is spent, reviewing charity status or contacting the charity.

When buying gifts for the holidays, it's important to watch out for counterfeit merchandise. These scams are conducted by selling the merchandise online where the buyer has less opportunity to inspect the item.

Try to avoid these items that are priced below their competitors and be sure to buy from an authorized retailer. When purchasing items over the Internet, whether it's an online store, eBay or Craigslist, it is important to know who the seller is.

Another scam to avoid is fake vacation rentals. This is been a growing scam that involves people advertising property they don't own.

Scammers will go to the effort of stealing the real owner's email or even showing pictures of a

place they fail to own.

Make sure to take every possible step to ensure you are conversing with the true owner of the residence, always pay with a credit card and never wire transfer.

The Las Cruces Police Department would also like to remind holiday shoppers of some basic safety tips that will help keep them out of harm's way and should make this a more enjoyable time of year.

- Take a friend and travel in pairs. Women and men are less vulnerable to criminal activity when traveling as a pair.
- Do not leave valuables or merchandise visible in a vehicle. Conceal those items in a trunk or take them home before continuing to shop.
- Roll up windows and lock doors when leaving your vehicle.
- If you take children shopping, keep them within sight and close at all times.
- Do not allow young children to go shopping on their own.
- Never leave children or pets in a parked vehicle.
- If possible, avoid placing a purse in a shopping cart. If you do, use the cart's safety strap to help secure it.
- Carry your purse close to your body or avoid taking a purse and carry a wallet in a front pocket.
- When possible, pay for items with a credit or debit card and avoid flashing large amounts of cash while shopping.
- Do not overburden yourself by carrying too many bags or packages, especially in darkened or busy parking lots.
- Do not hesitate to ask store security for an escort to your vehicle.
- Always be aware of your surroundings.

If you are a victim of one of these scams or would like to report fraudulent or suspicious behavior, call police dispatch at 526-0795.

Health briefs

Join the 50+ walking group

The 50+ Walking Group will be meeting in January and February 2012 every Tuesday and Thursday at various locations in the city. It's free to join with a total walking distance of no more than two miles. The group will meet at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

- Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Triviz multi-use path at Kohl's parking lot
- Thursday, Jan. 5 - La Llorona Park, off Picacho Avenue at the Rio Grande
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 - Las Cruces Dam, behind Albertsons off Lohman Avenue
- Thursday, Jan. 12 - Main Street Downtown, Moose Lodge parking lot
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Young Park, at the pavilion
- Thursday, Jan. 19 - Mesilla Valley Bosque, take Avenida de Mesilla South to Calle del Norte, turn right crossing the bridge and entrance to the park is visible on the left.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Former Tee Time building at Del Rey and Telshor Boulevards
- Thursday, Jan 26 - Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., at the park.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 - Desert Trails Community Park, 3492 Sonora Springs Blvd.
- Thursday, Feb. 9 - La Llorona Park, off Picacho Avenue at the Rio Grande
- Tuesday, Feb. 14 - Baylor Canyon, take US-70 east to Baylor Canyon Road. at the trailhead
- Thursday, Feb. 16 - Sam Graft Park, 4230 Sedona Hills Parkway
- Tuesday, Feb. 21 - NMSU track on the campus of New Mexico State University

- Thursday, Feb. 23 - Tony Gomez Park, Espina Street and Farney Road
- Tuesday, Feb. 28 - Chihuahuan Desert Nature Park, take US-70 east to the Mesa Grande exit, make a u-turn on Bataan Memorial West, turn right on Jornada Road.

Call Parks & Recreation at 541-2550 for more information.

NAMI Christmas party

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill is hosting its annual Christmas party at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave. The event is open to the public and food will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a \$5 to \$10 gift with them for a gift exchange. Come support those who struggle and overcome the everyday challenges of having mental disorders and anxieties.

Child Crisis Center fundraisers

To celebrate the first year anniversary of providing help to local children, the Child Crisis Center will host two fundraisers this holiday season to boost the amount of support available.

The first will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, at Gold 'n' Cash Roundup, 2195 N. Main St. Gold 'n' Cash Roundup will be matching donations from businesses and will be contributing a minimum of \$1,000 to the Child Crisis Center.

The second event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Tutti Bambini, 300 El Molino Blvd.

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Featured home: 2034 Sedona Hills Parkway

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Rich colors and detailed tile work fill a bathroom near the entrance of the home.



The home at 2034 Sedona Hills Parkway was a stop on the Spring Showcase of Homes in 2005.



Green granite countertops cover pecan cabinets in the kitchen, which is connected to a breakfast nook.



A tray ceiling accents the dining room, which is separated from the rest of the house by columns.



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Finding the light and warmth

Sonoma Ranch home features Tuscan inspiration

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Sonoma Ranch is home to a bevy of showcase-worthy abodes drenched in style and elegance, including the residence at 2034 Sedona Hills Parkway.

Built in 2005 by Larry Jeter, the 3,400-square-foot home was featured in the Spring Showcase of Homes that year, drawing guests from around the region who wanted a peek inside the large iron and glass door. Among the masses that visited that year was Sue and Russ Yeager.

"We were looking for a new home," said Sue Yeager, adding that their previous home sold quickly and they had two weeks to find a new place. "We looked at two places up here. This place was it."

"It was peaceful. The house itself flowed really well. It's great for having parties and guests."

A short wall encloses the front patio area accented in rock and native landscaping as well as a fountain. Inside, a swirling medallion of black and gray granite and ceramic tile lines the floor.

The entrance opens to the living room. The couple replaced the carpet in the space with specially ordered hand-hewn hickory floors. The rich color adds a pleasant contrast to the light tan walls, which lead to the 12-foot tray ceiling with rope lighting.

A fireplace covered in Venetian plaster rests in the corner next to a wall of large windows that allow in light and the view of the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course and Organ Mountains.

"There is a lot of light," Yeager said. "It's a very welcoming home. It's inviting and easy to come into."

Columns are placed along the grand space and dining room to create the illusion of separation and privacy while remaining open and involved.

"It gives the area dimension," Yeager said of the hand-textured columns.

Accented in a tray-ceiling variation and a wall of windows that slightly bows out, the dining room is the ideal spot to entertain guests, Yeager said.

"I think this dining room is the perfect dining room," she said. "It's convenient. When we have family dinners, it lends

itself to talking. The kids can run around and we can sit in here talking. It's a great gathering spot."

A short hallway leads from the dining room to the kitchen. The large kitchen is filled with green granite countertops featuring oversized flakes, pecan cabinets detailed in crown molding and copper accents and various modern amenities, such as drink drawers and a wine refrigerator.

Tile work in various shades of slate grays and blues as well as neutrals cover the backsplash in the room, complementing the earth-tone flooring and black sink.

"The tiling in this house is just great," Yeager said. "I think a lot of artisans must have worked in this house. I just love the detailing."

Yeager added her own artistic touch to the skylight. She designed a cast iron grating of leaves that matched the pantry door.

"It just needed something," she said.

Connected to the kitchen is a breakfast nook encircled by a round wall of windows that gaze outside. Yeager said this is her favorite place to sit and enjoy a book.

Two bedrooms can be found beside this shared living area. Each bedroom includes a walk-in closet and they both have access to a bathroom in the wing.

The right side of the residence includes the other bedrooms as well as the feature that made Yeager feel like she had found her home.

"I walked into this bathroom and said this was my house," she said. "It's just lovely."

Hand-textured walls create warmth, as a red-glass sink bowl rests on top of a marble countertop. From the mirror – set in a tiled wall of creams and sandy hues of travertine – is the faucet. The intricate work continues in the tiled shower.

While the couple uses one of the bedrooms as an office, the last bedroom of the four-bedroom house is the master suite.

Shut behind double doors, the master bedroom features another variation of a tray ceiling as well as the unique wood floors found in the living room. The couple added their special touch in other ways, such as the granite-adorned fireplace and an arched, lattice-cut door closing off the bathroom.

"I just love this room," Yeager said. "It's so peaceful and it's a great place to hang out."

While the bathroom features the standard luxuries – two sinks, a jetted bathtub housed in tile – the jewel of the room is the shower. A curling circle of glass blocks placed at the center of the room, the snail shower features delicately placed tile on

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the wall and ceiling.

"You really don't see tile on the ceiling too often," Yeager said.

The luxuries of the interior of the Tuscan-inspired home can also be found outside of the 8-foot glass doors scattered in the home. A covered patio shelters a sitting area around a fireplace as well as a built-in barbecue grill.

Among the rock landscaping, Yeager said she was able to express her passion for gardening by planting Chinese bamboo, magnolia trees, junipers and various potted plants and ferns.



The master bedroom includes a fireplace adorned in tan granite.



Do you know which year the Whole Enchilada Fiesta began? See page C20 for more information.

Home Sales Scoreboard

LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	2	2	6
Homes Sold Existing	9	26	14
Pending Home Sales (All)	158	154	151

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$300,250	\$241,791	\$164,440
Median Price Existing	\$150,900	\$185,750	\$124,750

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	141	126	140

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,132	1,133	1,093
Real Estate Agents	408	408	426

"Homes" include detached single-family homes, townhomes and condominiums

Source: Las Cruces Multiple Listing Service (MLS)* for the period 12/05/11 -12/11/11
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There is still time to stuff that stocking

Creative gadgets can make a big splash Christmas morning

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

If you haven't checked your calendar, Christmas is only nine days away. For those of you who need help finding ideas for items to fill a loved one's stocking, here are some fun and ingenious gadgets anyone will appreciate receiving.

1 Animal farm magnetic clips

Chip clips don't have to be boring or flimsy. If you know someone in need of a heavy-duty clip with a little pizzazz, give them these fun farm-inspired creations.

These magnetic clips come in a variety of barnyard animals including cows, goats and pigs, and measure 3-by-2.5-by-1.5-inches. Not just purely decorative, they also have an extra strong spring, which allows them to securely close chip bags as well as hold onto numerous sheets of paper while hanging.

The animal farm magnetic clips cost about \$7 for a pack of three. They can be purchased online at websites such as www.amazon.com.

2 Soda straws

While the jury is still out on whether or not drinking from a straw is beneficial, many believe it can help protect teeth from coming in contact with acidic drinks.

For those friends who have to have their daily soda or fruit juice fix, help them guard their teeth with soda straws – “the straw that saves your smile,” according to manufacturers. Not just any ol' straw, these bendy items have a

rubber stopper that allows them to create a tight fit around the bottle opening as well as a cap, stopping any spills if knocked over.

After adjusting the flex straw to fit the bottle size, insert the soda straw and press down for a tight fit. When using, place the straw past the teeth, near the back of your mouth. This will help protect your enamel. Clean the straw by hand or toss it into the top rack of the dishwasher.

The soda straw costs about \$3 for a pack of two and can be purchased in the kitchen gadget section at stores such as Sears.

3 Microwave omelet maker

Do you know someone who loves omelets but doesn't have the time – or know-how – to make one? Help them create the fluffy egg dish in a matter of minutes with the microwave omelet makers.

With the microwave omelet maker, no longer will oil, butter, flipping or even a hot pan be needed. To use, first, beat one to three eggs and prepare your other ingredients for the filling. Next, pour half of the beaten eggs into each side of the baker and leave open. Microwave on high for 30 seconds if using one egg, one minute for two eggs and a minute and a half for three.

Take it out of the microwave and let it set. While it is still moist, add the fillings to one side of the omelet and close the lid. Microwave it for another minute if using three eggs. Reduce the time if using only one or two.

Just about anything can be added to the omelet, whether mushrooms, bacon, cheese, green peppers, green chile or tomatoes. When done,

place it in the dishwasher to clean.

The microwave omelet maker costs around \$4 and can be found at stores such as Bed, Bath & Beyond.

4 Glue tape

For the scrapbook junkie or craft lover in your life, give them the ability to conduct their projects quickly and mess-free with glue tape.

This double-sided tape is touted as being “neat and clean gluing.” The pin-like contraption is filled with a roll of honeycomb-dot pattern tape that provides clean lines. Its shape allows the glue tape to fit comfortably in your hand, making it easy to use for just about everyone as well as portable for the on-the-go craft-maker.

To use the glue tape, simply unscrew the cap and attach it to the back so it doesn't become lost. Press the tip down firmly on the surface you wish to apply the glue and slowly glide it along. When you've covered your desired area, stop pulling and lift the gadget straight up. The line will be broken and ready to use again.

Glue tape is ideal for gift wrapping, scrapbooking, assembling photo albums and much more. It is also great for securely sealing envelopes.

When the roll of glue tape is done, simply refill the pen with a new cartridge.

Glue tape costs about \$3 and refills are around \$2. They can be purchased online at websites such as www.scrapbook.com.

5 Mobile phone holder

Techies love their gadgets – but maybe not all of the cords. Even those tools labeled as wireless have to be pulled in to charge. Keep your friends from becoming tangled with a mobile phone holder.

The mobile phone holder is a platform that hangs from the outlet that your cell phone or anything else you're charging can rest on.

To use, simply hang it between the wall socket and the battery charger. Wrap the cord around the mobile phone holder to keep it neatly organized and out of the way. Set the charging item on the platform and it will be easy to get to when you need it.

The mobile phone holder costs \$6 and can be found in phone accessory aisle at most electronic and household-goods stores including Lulu in Mesilla.

6 CD/DVD cleaner

There is nothing more relaxing than curling up on the couch with a bowl of popcorn, a fuzzy blanket and one of your favorite movies playing on the TV – that is, until the DVD starts skipping.

Get rid of any scratches, dings and marks on your DVDs and CDs with this cleaning gadget. Easy to use, with a few turns your DVDs will play seamlessly and songs will stream out of your speakers with out any jumps or pauses.

To use the CD/DVD cleaner, open it up and place the disc into the post. Snap it down so it doesn't wiggle or move. Close the lid and begin turning. As you turn pads will run along the surface of the disc, buffing out those annoying imperfections.

When you're done, pop off the disc and use. You'll notice a difference in the quality right away. If the pesky disc continues to skip and cause problems, run it through the cleaning machine again.

The CD/DVD cleaner costs around \$20 and can be found at electronic stores around town, such as Best Buy.

Christmas tree care

Make this symbol last

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



It is already Christmas tree time and there are so many choices – artificial, potted, live and cut. I'll skip through the artificial and focus on the other options.

Of the potted trees, you can choose from several varieties such as Eldarica, Afghan, Mondale, Aleppo, Italian stone, Austrian black pine and piñon. These are some of the most commonly available trees that will survive our climate. They are listed by approximate rate of growth and size, Eldarica being the largest and fastest growing and piñon the slowest.

If you choose to plant it after the holidays, keep in mind the mature width and height of each. Too often I see Afghan pines planted or already growing into telephone lines or creeping up and over neighbor's yards. Keep in mind the larger the tree, the larger the root system will be. These roots can upheave foundations, side walks, rock walls and tap into leach lines or sewer systems.

It is advised not to leave them indoors for more than two weeks. The longer they are inside, the more they acclimate to the warmer temperatures. Try to use the coldest room in the home or close the heating vent to the room it's in. Do not place the tree near a fireplace or heating stove.

Keep the soil moist by using ice instead of water. This will slowly saturate the root ball without making a mess.

After the holidays, it is best to let your tree slowly acclimate to the colder outside temperatures before planting it in its final location. Generally, two weeks or more on a patio or porch with an overhang will work. This will help the needles “harden off” before being subjected to the freezing temps. Be sure to use compost and root stimulator. Do not fertilize it until you see new growth in the spring.

Now, cut trees. Whether you go out and cut your own or buy one locally, it's important to make sure you put a fresh cut on it right before you place it in water. You should notice your tree take up a considerable amount of water the first time you fill the basin.

Cut trees that are commercially available are grown on farms specifically for the Christmas season, so don't feel guilty when purchasing one. The varieties available are Frasier fir, noble fir and Douglas fir, among others. The Frasier seems to stay greener a little longer than the noble, but the noble has branches that can hold heavier and larger ornaments. The Douglas fir tends to be very dense and can dry out quickly if in a warm environment.

Mini lights are generally OK to use on cut trees, however, it's recommended to never leave the lights on while you are away from home.

After the holidays, your cut tree and clean yard waste can be mulched and turned into compost by the city. Be sure to remove any wires or nails before taking material to the recycling center.

For more information, visit www.las-cruces.org and click on the links for recycling.

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Featured gadgets: Stocking stuffers

Featured association president: *Jim Reedy*

Meet the new BIA-SNM president

Jim Reedy takes on familiar position

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

On Friday, Dec. 9, the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico installed its new president – Jim Reedy, who already has some experience in the position.

Reedy, a native of the Chicago area, came to southern New Mexico in the 1970s. Already familiar with the construction industry, he helped his uncle work on his home in Deming.

“After I finished, I decided to get into the business,” he said, adding that he earned his construction license in 1979.

Staying in Deming, Reedy said he began constructing homes in a variety of styles.

“I think I’ve always liked to show a finished product,” he said, adding that he thinks this explains his passion for photography. “I just like looking at something when I’m done. I like the finished product.”

Reedy said he became involved with the Deming Home Builders Association, a chapter of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, with which he also participated.

“I thought it was important for the networking and for keeping up with codes,” he said.

Finding power in numbers, Reedy became so involved with the Deming chapter that in 2005 he was appointed president of the organization.

During his time as chapter president, Reedy said city officials of Deming created and tried to implement a new extraterritorial zone (ETZ) subdivision regulation.

“The existing rule was a 68-page document,” Reedy said. “The new rule was about 440 pages. As a builder, if I had gone in and asked for a copy of the ETZ regulation and they pulled that out and set it on the table, I would have turned around and walked out.”

Reedy said he and organization members attended numerous meetings on the matter and worked diligently to show how such an ordinance would hinder or even stop growth.

“That was something we fought and won,”

he said. “It was defeated and the city hasn’t tried to pass anything like that again.”

Once his presidency was over, Reedy said he became more involved with the BIA-SNM, an organization that has seen its share of ups and downs in the recent years.

This past year, Reedy said the 2011 BIA-SNM Board of Directors has done a “phenomenal job” navigating the organization through the battered industry, all without an executive officer.

“When the last board started, they had inherited a few problems,” he said. “There was only two months of capital left. We had to spend nine months without a director to right the ship.”

By lowering entry prices and working with Helping Hands Event Planning, Reedy said the board was able to hold the most successful Home & Garden Show, which generated funds and interest in the organization. In October, BIA-SNM was able to hire Steve Chavira as managing director.

“Things are looking really good for 2012,” Reedy said.

Reedy was asked to take over as president and has plans to continue the improvements made in 2011.

Reedy said 2012 will bring big things to the BIA-SNM, including the addition of a new show – the Fall Renovate and Decorate Show to be held in September 2012. The upcoming year also brings a few challenges, especially dealing with an industry that is still down.

“We’re still down big time in membership just because of where the industry stands today,” he said. “One of my goals is try to get that back up as much as possible.”

Reedy said remains busy constructing Santa Fe-style homes in two subdivisions.

In addition, he will also help his son, Bryan, with a new business venture in the City of the Crosses – the Mimbres Valley Brewery Tasting Room off University Avenue. Planning on opening in March 2012, the tasting room, Reedy said, will include beer brewed in Deming by Bryan as well as various New Mexico wines.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Beth Sitzler
2012 Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico President Jim Reedy and his wife Barbara at the BIA-SNM installation and awards banquet Friday, Dec. 9, at Red Hawk Golf Club.

“(Bryan) has been brewing since June of last year and his beer has already won some awards,” Reedy said.

Helping with the business will bring Reedy to Las Cruces more often and will allow him to make contacts within the community, he said.

“I think it will help,” he said of the tasting room. “I’ll be in Las Cruces more and it will help me get to know the people and the key players in the area.”

Taking on a familiar position, Reedy said he is ready to serve BIA-SNM members.

“I think the last board did such a great job keeping us alive,” he said. “I’d like to set it up event better for the next board.”

“I’ve been in the industry 30-plus years. This is how I’m giving back. Hopefully, I’ll be able to use my expertise to help the industry that has helped me.”

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Coming together at the BIA-SNM installation, awards banquet

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2011 Member of the Year Jen Baca enjoys the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico installation and awards banquet Friday, Dec. 9, at the Red Hawk Golf Club with husband Joe and Max and Kristi Bower.



Pat Casey, New Mexico Home Builders Association vice president, installs 2012 BIA-SNM President Jim Reedy, Past President Farrell Thurston and Vice President Daniel Kolson. Executive committee members not present were President-Elect Jennifer Sandoval and Treasurer Eli Estrada.



Bernice and Eddie Binns pose for a picture during the banquet.



Guests give the 2012 board of directors a round of applause.



Realtors Bill Brady, Michelle Martin and Tom Whatley represented the Las Cruces Association of Realtors during the banquet.

Morgan Switzer accepts the 2011 Associate of the Year award from LCAR President Dolores DeMers, who presented the award on behalf of the organization, which won the honor in 2010.



Reedy presents Thurston with a gavel, signifying the end of his presidency of the organization.

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Recipes for the holidays

Celebrate the season with dishes from Rabbi Kane, Santa

Sunny Conley

Chile Knights



If you've been a bit of a Scrooge, I bet the recent snowfall in Las Cruces got you going.

Photographs of the beautiful wintry desert scenes were posted on Facebook, one after another. My favorites were of the Organ Mountains. Its striking pipes were laden and quilted with the fluffy powder. As one friend posted: "Just in time for the holiday season." Indeed!

Chanukah begins on Dec. 20 and we're only nine days away from Christmas. Makes me hungry just thinking about it. And to assuage the tummy grumbles, former Las Cruces Rabbi Jerry Kane shares two latke recipes – his famous Las Cruces chile potato and an updated version prepared with sweet potatoes. I also share two, one from Santa himself and one from Rudolph. Happy Chanukah and Merry Christmas to Chile Knights readers!

Santa's Favorite Ho-Ho! Crockpot Concoction

4 plump chicken breasts

Lawry's Seasoning Salt

1 teaspoon fresh grated black pepper

1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or to taste)

4 to 5 pearl onions*

1/2 habanero pepper (or other favorite fresh chile peppers), minced (Be sure to wear gloves when handling hot peppers; avoid contact with eyes.)

1 (15-ounce) can crushed pineapple, undrained

2 to 3 sprigs fresh rosemary

Paprika and parsley or cilantro snips for garnish

In a large bowl, season chicken breasts with Lawry's Seasoning Salt, black pepper and cayenne pepper. Add chicken breasts to crock pot. Add pearl onions, habanero peppers and crushed pineapple. Top with fresh rosemary. Set crock pot to low and cook chicken breasts for about 4 hours. Time will vary depending on size of chicken breasts. Serve garnished with sprinkles of paprika and a parsley sprig.

*Boil pearl onions for 3 minutes. Rinse in cold water. Cut ends off with a knife and remove skin.

Rudolph's Roasted Spirited Veggie Toss

2 medium red onions, peeled and cut into eighths

2 small yellow summer squash, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

2 small zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

1 red bell pepper, stemmed and seeded

1 yellow bell pepper, stemmed and seeded, cut into 1/2-inch-wide strips

1 poblano pepper, stemmed and seeded, cut into 1/2-inch-wide strips

1 serrano or jalapeño pepper, stemmed and seeded, cut into 1/4 inch-wide strips

4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

2 tablespoons snipped fresh parsley

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. In a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan, combine red onions, yellow summer squash, zucchini, peppers and garlic.

In a screw-top jar, combine parsley, balsamic vinegar, olive oil, oregano, salt and black pepper; cover and shake well. Pour over the vegetables; toss gently to coat.

Roast about 25 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring twice. Makes 8 servings.



'Tis yet another reason to eat red and green.

Rabbi Kane's Famous Las Cruces Chile Potato Latkes

From the kitchen of Rabbi Jerry and Cyrille Kane

2 1/2 pounds (about 5 to 6) Idaho or

Russet potatoes, unpeeled

1 carrot

1/8 cup of parsley

1/4 cup favorite fresh green chile, chopped

1 large onion, quartered

2 eggs

1/4 cup matzo meal or flour

1 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Oil, for frying

Applesauce (homemade is best), sour cream or salsa

Scrub potatoes well with either a vegetable brush or a plastic scouring pad. Place the onions, parsley and the eggs in a food processor. Zap the mixture a few times until the onion is diced into crunchy bits, and the parsley is chopped fine. Pour the contents of the food processor into a large bowl for mixing.

Cut the potatoes and carrot lengthwise to fit in the food processor feed tube. Use the grating blade and shred the potatoes and the carrot. (Of course, you can always use a hand grater, but be careful!)

When the potatoes and carrot are shredded, put them in a colander over the sink and squeeze. Let the mixture drip for a few minutes. Pour the contents of the colander into the bowl with the onion, parsley and egg mixture. Add the matzo meal or flour, baking powder, salt and pepper and chopped green chiles.

In a large cast-iron skillet, pour in 1/4-inch of the oil. Over high heat, get the oil very hot. Using a 1/4 cup measure or a long-handled serving spoon, start spooning the batter into the skillet. Flatten each with a metal spatula to a diameter of 3 to 4 inches. Cook the latkes until golden brown on one side. Then turn over and fry them some more. When crispy on the outside and moist inside, about 5 minutes per side, remove and place on several thickness of paper towels or clean paper supermarket bags. Keep doing this until you run out of batter. Serve immediately with applesauce, sour cream or salsa.

Variations: Substitute half sweet potatoes instead of all white potatoes. Add a pinch of nutmeg and/or cinnamon and/or curry in addition to the salt and pepper. Add one unpeeled shredded, squeezed dry zucchini into the potato mixture. Makes 4 services. Recipes can easily be doubled or tripled.

Jerry and Cyrille's Updated Latkes for Chanukah 2011

From the kitchen of Rabbi Jerry and Cyrille Kane
3 sweet potatoes, peeled

3 carrots, peeled

1 medium-large onion

1 apple

2 tablespoons grated ginger, peeled

1/2 cup (or to taste) favorite fresh green chile, chopped

1/4 cup matzah meal or all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon black pepper

3 eggs

Canola oil for frying

Grate sweet potatoes, carrots, apple and onion (by hand or in a food processor, using the grating disc). Remove as much moisture as possible by placing and wringing vegetables and apple in a tea towel. Place grated vegetables in a large mixing bowl. Add grated ginger and chopped green chile.

In another bowl, sift matzah meal (or flour), baking powder, salt, pepper and cinnamon. Add eggs to flour mixture. Mix well. Stir batter into vegetable mixture. Heat frying pan with canola oil. (Add enough oil to cover bottom of pan.) Fry latkes in small batches, 2 minutes per side or until crispy. Use 1/4 cup measure to scoop up latke batter. Don't crowd latkes in frying pan. Drain latkes on a paper towels. Keep warm and crisp in a 250 degree oven. Serve with applesauce, salsa or sour cream. Makes 2 to 3 dozen latkes depending on size.

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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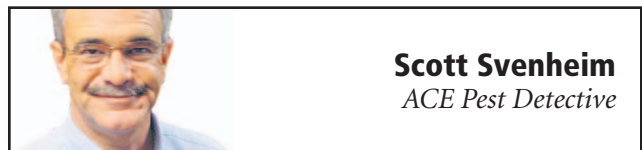
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Quick tips for termite-proofing your home

Tiny insects can cause big damage if left untreated



Scott Svenheim
ACE Pest Detective

You may have heard the old saying: There are two kinds of homes – those with termites and those that will get termites.

That's important to keep in mind, as many parts of the country are in the midst of termite season.

These unwanted pests feast on wood and plants, wreaking an astounding \$5 billion in damage to homes across America

every year. When left unnoticed, they can completely destroy buildings, homes and other wood structures.

Termites live in colonies that when mature can reach from several hundred to several million individuals. Each colony includes workers, soldiers and reproductive termites of both genders, including several egg-laying queens.

Contrary to popular belief, termites can be controlled. The key is accurately identifying them. Unfortunately, homeowners often mistake swarming termites for flying ants and working termites for insect larvae.

What makes identifying these pests challenging is that there are different varieties, which are distinct in their appearance

and nesting patterns. Among the three main groups are damp wood termites, which live in heavily forested areas (not commonly found in homes in the Southwest); drywood termites, which can live in desert climates, but prefer wood with higher moisture levels; and subterranean termites – the most common and most destructive termite group – which live in the soil.

Even within the same classification, termites can appear very different. For example, worker termites are smaller, lighter in color and have soft bodies, while soldiers have worker-like bodies, but larger heads that are usually dark in color and can have large jaws.

These differences can be dizzying; however, understanding where and how termites nest also can help eradicate them.

The most common sign that termites have invaded your home is the occurrence of mud tubes around the interior and exterior of your house, most likely near the foundation. Finally, be aware of any dark or blistered wood structures in your home, which could be a habitat for termites.

To help prevent the infestation of termites, simply eliminate the conditions under which they live. That means shutting off outside faucets to prevent a build-up of moisture in which termites thrive. Be sure that rain run-off is properly directed away from the structure and that woodpiles near the foundation are properly maintained and/or moved away from the structure. Have all tree stumps removed, as well as bushes and shrubs cut back a few feet from your home.

If termites have descended on your property, it is critical to enlist the help of a pest control expert, since the treatment of them varies depending on the species.

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