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Year in review

Martinez begins her historic term

Las Cruces is home to another NM governor

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

Gov. Susana Martinez taking the oath of office on the Santa Fe Plaza on a bright-but-freezing day started 2011 off in a historic way with her becoming the first Hispanic woman governor in the United States.

It was an achievement Martinez duly noted the night before as supporters filled the Las Cruces Convention Center to send off the longtime prosecutor and four-term Doña Ana County district attorney.

Noting that she came from El Paso just on the other side of the U.S. border with Mexico, she recognized how far she had come and she attributed it to the opportunities this country gives to its citizens.

"Not every New Mexican voted for me," Martinez said at her inauguration Jan. 1. "But every New Mexican deserves and will receive my best efforts to protect and promote their

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Spaceport America poised for business

With main facilities done, Virgin Galactic moves in

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

The desert between Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences was host to an image in October that was sent worldwide – British billionaire Richard Branson hanging by ropes off the side of a glass-walled balcony for the terminal hangar at Spaceport America.

The Oct. 17 event was the ceremonial dedication for the 110,152-square-foot building that will hold Virgin Galactic's fleet of spaceliners and be where its affluent passengers begin and end their \$200,000 rides into space.

The Virgin Galactic system launches its spaceship from midair using a hybrid rocket engine. When asked about when the craft would be flying into space, Branson was only willing to say the first rocket-powered flight tests would be sometime in 2012, but wouldn't say exactly when he would begin flying passengers to achieve the goal of taking 500 people to space the first year of operations.

Branson told reporters he couldn't afford even the

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Area feels sting from big freeze

Officials learn lessons from last winter's chill

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

To some, 2011 is feeling like it's ending the way it began – with colder than normal temperatures and snow on the ground that doesn't melt overnight.

The storm that hit southern New Mexico Feb. 1, however, was a monster – 2,000 miles wide and full of heavy snow. Besides snarling traffic nationwide, it severely stressed the Western power grid.

For more than a week, parts of the city and the county were subjected to rolling blackouts due to an effort by El Paso Electric Co. to conserve electricity.

Since then, El Paso Electric has taken preventive measures to reduce the chances of another major power outage from unusual weather, and there have been very few power problems during the two snow storms in December.

At a briefing for local media, government officials, police,

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Centennial celebration

Las Cruces celebrates 100 years of statehood with a parade and other centennial related festivities



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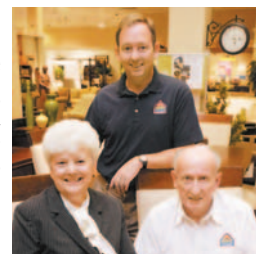
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These renderings show how the old Las Cruces Furniture building will be transformed into a new charter school, the New America School, which expects to open next fall. The above left rendering shows the view facing Downtown Main Street and the rendering to the right shows the view facing the Harold Runnels Federal Courthouse.

Downtown building to find second life as charter school

New America School to open in fall 2012

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

A landmark building on the southern end of Downtown Main Street will get a new life as the city's latest charter school.

New America School, which has charter schools in Albuquerque and Denver, is geared to help new immigrants and others learning English master the language with the goal of earning a high school diploma.

With two schools in Denver and one in Albuquerque, the state Public Education Department has approved the charter for a New

America School in Las Cruces. The school curriculum focus is English immersion, said Ben Dominguez, president of the local governance council.

The former Las Cruces Furniture building, constructed in 1950, will be remodeled over the summer at the same time that work will begin to re-open the south end of Downtown Main Street. The building is on the east side of that end of Main Street.

Dominguez said the school expects to open by August 2012 with 150 students. The school is chartered directly with the state and doesn't fall under Las Cruces Public Schools, he said.

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From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

Our 100th year

New Mexico became a state in January 1912
Our hundredth year, 2011, is one to remember

This week's edition of your Las Cruces Bulletin is our annual "Year in Review" edition featuring many of the top stories and events in and around Las Cruces during the past 12 months. Using the same theme, in this week's column I have listed 10 of the key items from the past year that remain top of mind as we prepare to welcome a new year. In no particular order, here are the events I recall most vividly from 2011.

In January, one of our residents, Susana Martinez, was sworn in as the first Hispanic woman governor in the United States. As a Republican candidate from the southern part of the state, few people gave her a chance to win. However, her message of less costly government, improved education, elimination of corruption, protection of citizen rights and creating a business-friendly state resonated well across the state.

A business breakthrough for the new governor was the announcement of the \$400 million Union Pacific intermodal hub construction project in southern Doña Ana County. This vital project is planned to bring 3,000 jobs during the four-year construction phase and provide 600 permanent, well-paying jobs when completed in 2015.

The central area of the city of Las Cruces was given two significant boosts. The eagerly anticipated opening of the north end of Main Street in Downtown became a reality in August when the area hosted its annual Salsafest! event, which also served as the opening statewide event for New Mexico's Centennial celebration. Nearby, just south of Downtown, the commercial area along El Paseo Road has sprung back to life with the opening of Pro's Ranch Market along with several new retail businesses.

In January, another long-awaited project finally came to fruition with the grand opening of the Las Cruces Convention Center. The center has attracted an array of events and activities, and is poised to post an even more successful year in 2012.

New Mexico State University has continued to expand strategically with the opening of the dual-credit early college high school at the Arrowhead Center. The new Barnes & Nobles campus bookstore opened in September. Construction on NMSU's new Center for the Arts is now well under way with a planned opening in 2012.

The \$209 million Spaceport America construction is nearing completion and will soon be ready to welcome commercial passengers, assuming our state legislators approve the expansion of the state's limited liability law to protect spaceport suppliers.

In August, White Sands Missile Range and the community welcomed its 27th commander, Col. John G. Ferrari, reminding us that the range remains as an incredibly important part of our economy with \$1.8 million-a-day economic impact in our area.

Many rejoiced when the City of Las Cruces distributed 30,000 collection bins for weekly curbside recycling in April.

Weather was big news during 2011 with a blizzard and several days of hard freeze in early February that ruined many palm trees and other non-indigenous plants. Also, the ongoing super-drought with ferocious spring winds and hotter-than-usual summer temperatures made those of us with refrigerated air at home very happy that we had made the extra investment. Of course, the snow across the Mesilla Valley was a delightful holiday treat, except for the couple of mornings of icy road conditions.

Las Cruces sports team fared well in 2011 as Mesilla Valley Christian Schools earned two state championships, one in football and one in boys basketball. Oñate boys won the Class 5A basketball and the Mayfield girls were Class 5A girls state champions. NMSU softball ladies won the Western Athletic Conference handily, both in the regular season and the conference tournament. Las Cruces sports lost a great friend in March when our nationally recognized, award-winning sports editor, John Keith, passed away.

A highlight of our year was our Bulletin's team producing a 288-page photo book, "Las Cruces: A Photographic Journey," in commemoration of New Mexico's centennial celebration. The book, which features photographs from the past 100 years in Las Cruces, was a labor of love and dedication. We look forward to centennial celebrations across the state.

We wish each reader a safe and prosperous New Year. May God bless our residents, our state and our nation in 2012.



Letters to the Editor

LCCC moves on

On Monday Nov. 21, the Las Cruces Country Club (LCCC) started play at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. The move is the first step in a process of a new beginning.

The owners of Sonoma Ranch Golf Course have entered into an agreement with the club to provide playing privileges to the membership while the board reviews the club's options in acquiring a new facility.

In 2006, the membership voted to enter into an agreement with local developer Philip Philippou to exchange properties. A new 200-acre championship golf course on the East Mesa was built by Philippou that would have become the new home of the club. The developer would have obtained the 110-acre developed property owned by LCCC.

In 2009, Sierra Norte Land Holdings (SNLH) assumed Philippou's rights and obligations of the Philippou/LCCC agreement. After a year of negotiations, SNLH was unable to perform the obligations contained in the exchange agreement. The state of the economy and many delays in construction of the course, clubhouse and other amenities prolonged the exchange, which eventually did not occur. Due to the failure of SNLH to honor their obligations, it strained the club's resources, forcing LCCC to review its options.

The ultimate goal of the club remains to acquire a facility for the membership. The

board of directors is in the process of assessing the assets of the nonprofit corporation to reach that goal. In the interim, the membership will have playing privileges at the Sonoma Ranch Golf Course.

As the process develops, all inquiries should be directed to Frank Marquez and Robert Caldwell, who can be reached by calling 526-9723.

Robert Caldwell
LCCC board of Directors

Ship not commissioned

In your article about White Sands Missile Range in the Dec. 23 issue of the Bulletin mentioned that the "Desert Ship" building is the "Navy's only commissioned naval vessel on land for testing systems before they actually go to sea." That is actually not true.

There is a long-standing misconception that the Desert Ship is or was a commissioned U.S. Navy ship but it never was.

The contractor crew, upon completion of the building, did conduct a mock christening. Congressional approval was, however, required to name it the USS Desert Ship. It is also known as the LLS-1 or Land Locked Ship Number One. Further proof is available at www.nvr.navy.mil. You will find no listing for LLS-1 or USS Desert Ship.

It is just local lore that has no basis in truth.

Mark Best

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Crystal ball had mixed success

No glaring mistakes in yearly prognostications for 2011

Jay Miller

Inside the Capitol



So how good were my predictions for the year? In keeping with long tradition, this column made predictions at the beginning of the year about New Mexico politics. Let's see how I did.

The first year of a new administration always is difficult to foresee. Would new governor, Susana Martinez, be able to carry out her campaign promises? This column will deal with those gubernatorial predictions.

Actually, she has done a decent job of accomplishing her purposes. She's just doing it more subtly than expected. Her two predecessors — Gary Johnson and Bill Richardson — tended to do things with a flourish.

Martinez promised bold action. We wondered why she copied Gov. Richardson's slogan from eight years earlier until it was discovered that the words are out of the GOP's national playbook. Many new Republican governors around the country are using the same phrase.

Martinez announced that her top priority would be to cut \$500 million out of the state budget, but only proposed about a \$150 million cut. However, quietly, she has slashed much more by reducing staff and lowering salaries.

We predicted she would be different, and that she is. We predicted she would listen carefully to her party advisers. She has done that more than any other governor.

Since government corruption was a major part of Martinez's campaign, we predicted an emphasis on ethics legislation during the regular legislative session. But, as usual, little happened.

We knew Martinez's concern about illegal aliens, but we didn't mention the driver's license issue. That became the cause she bled the most for during both the regular and special sessions.

The issue of voter fraud, a Republican staple everywhere, was left to new Republican Secretary of State Dianna Duran. Since nothing has come of that, so far, Martinez has managed

to avoid any fallout from the issue.

Reorganization was expected to be a major topic of the Legislature this year. The governor's office introduced legislation to merge departments, but interest waned, just as we had predicted, when the projected savings didn't turn out to be as big as expected.

But Martinez has proceeded on her own, to quietly merge various functions of several departments.

Surprisingly, she has retained some of the public information officers that former Gov. Richardson had hired out of the media ranks. But they have assumed double duties with other departments and at a lower salary.

Other duties have been combined between departments and many more are expected. All cabinet secretaries were hired with the understanding that their departments might be combined with others and that their salaries could well be lowered.

It appears that Martinez will try to accomplish as much reorganizing as she can without legislative action. She may get away with quite a bit of reorganizing since many lawmakers also see a need for streamlining government.

At some point, a line will be drawn and the governor will find herself in court again for exceeding her powers. Some of that already has happened and Martinez has not fared well.

Quietly, she likely is very irritated, but she hasn't taken the approach of former Gov. Johnson, who used to describe our Supreme Court as a bunch of guys who sit around and arrange chicken bones in order to reach decisions.

This seems to be Martinez's style. She hasn't directly confronted her opponents as some other new Republican governors have taken on unions in battles that end up in court or recall elections.

Her style is working, for now at least. Most polls show her popularity increasing since being elected. She is said to be one of only 11 governors in the nation with an approval rating of 50 percent or better. And she is the most popular of the new Republican governors.

Martinez has fared better than I expected for a district attorney who never had been to Santa Fe. Will next year be as tranquil or will behind-the-scenes tensions erupt?

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“At some point, a line will be drawn and the governor will find herself in court again for exceeding her powers.”

BaxterBlack

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE



Taking the other side

Like many of you, I receive all kinds of news stories, jokes, blogs, etc. Last week, three items came my way that stimulated a predictable knee-jerk response.

“Why” I asked myself, “can't I be more generous and examine the opposite side of view?” So I will.

The first item was, “In France, eating animals becomes legal obligation.” The government is decreeing to school, colleges, nursing homes, children's hospitals and prisons that they must serve meat as their main source of protein.

Taking the side of Verona the Vegan I would say, “Meat is bad for you. Even a sip of chicken broth can upset the system of the strongest vegan's digestive tract. To walk by a Pizza Hut can give some of us a rash. A true vegan couldn't even catch a whiff of tuna salad. We'd all be forced to wear Asian face masks.

“At a table where everyone is ordering brisket and ribs, our vegan minority representative would look around and quietly say, ‘Oh ... I guess I'll have the coleslaw.’ It is imperative that we not lose the ‘martyred’ image. Think of the sacrifice it takes to live on a diet of protein from soybeans, carbs from brownies and vitamin B from organic chemicals.

“We suffer on your behalf and proselytize like recovering smokers. France must be stopped!”

Item No. 2 said, “Humane Society of the U.S. still stifling nation's pet shelters. The Humanewatch.org shows how little the HSUS gives to pet shelters across the country!”

In response, as their spokesman I might say, “Of course we don't donate much to pet shelters. Where would you get such an outrageous idea. Probably those pictures of yearning and abused puppies you see in our commercials. Obviously, it's to attract attention, but our lawyers say it would be hard to prove deceptive advertising. The object, of course, is money. Speaking of which, there is not enough in our budget to support pet shelters. By gosh, it takes more than a third of your donations to run these ads featuring yearning and abused puppies that we make to encourage you to send in more money.

“You just don't know! A quarter of all you send is squirreled away, invested, you know. You can't expect us to spend that money on yearning abused pets ... that's our pension. Lawyers are expensive. It takes a lot of cash to sue people. Plus CEOs and officers need to make a little. So I hope you can see, we simply don't have the money to throw around.”

Item No. 3, a notice from Department of Interior about designating additional miles of river and reclassification of “endangered” to the Loach Minnow.

Response from a member of LLLC (Loach Lovers LC); “I am shocked that anyone could object to increasing protection for a fish, that I admit I have never seen and virtually nobody has ever heard of. But think of the benefits; restriction of recreational use of rivers, prevention of access to the public, limiting grazing, timber and mining, anything that might encourage people to live there.

“As you know, LLLC derives hundreds of thousands of dollars by litigating nuisance lawsuits with the government who, in turn supports us by settling out of court.

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The truth about the year

Crushing debt weighs on talk show host's mind

Michael Swickard

In My Opinion



It has been quite a year. America started 2011 in severe financial crisis with far too much governmental spending. We end the year without any real effort by our government to deal with the crisis. Most politicians refuse to even admit there is a crisis.

Europeans are several years ahead in their financial crisis. They are even more intentionally ignorant of the financial calamity. We could watch them and learn from their mistakes, but we do not.

Americans are awash in data. In seconds, we can have huge amounts of information. Yet, America is a nation of people totally unaware of the coming financial catastrophe.

America is operating the government for the fourth year in a row on a huge amount of money it does not have. For every dollar our government spends, about 40 cents was outside this country's revenue stream. The government borrows some of this shortfall and "quantitatively conjures" the rest. That means our government just acts like it has money even though it does not. The government says it has money without explaining where and how that money came into being. It is extreme fraud. If a private citizen did so, they would serve time.

America spent more than 200 years getting \$8 trillion in debt. That amount doubled in less than four years. Additionally, more than half of all wage earners pay no federal tax which means the other half pays it all. But that is not enough

for people who ride on the backs of others. There is the notion America is not a "fair" society because some people have more than others. Politicians work the redistributing wealth angle because that is where the votes are.

Politicians promise to make every day a holiday for those who vote profligate spenders into office. And voters have done so. Last week, it was considered a victory for Democrats that the money intended for Social Security was lessened for 60 days. The Social Security fund has nothing saved in it. The current receipts pay for current expenditures, but do not cover all of the entitled citizens who were to be paid this year. So the nation borrows more money to pay for this political victory.

The core issue in this political crisis is the government holding interest rates to almost zero to be able to borrow at very low rates. Not that it matters since much of what America spends now is "conjured" by politicians out of thin air. It matters because the financial health of Americans is reduced by the interest rate being effectively zero. Americans are not building wealth with their savings.

There are two issues. First, what is really happening financially in our country, and secondly, that the politicians and the media are not being truthful.

There will be a time in the future when these extremely bad actions will have to be redeemed by the next generation's taxpayers. They will pay for political influence entirely consumed by this generation. At best, they will be sullen, at worse, mutinous.

If I am still alive when the financial collapse comes, some citizens may ask how I let this happen. The best I can do is show them all of the columns I have written over the years in which I protested these irresponsible actions. That might be a bright side.

But after you are through looking at the bright side of a disaster, you are still left with the disaster. Several generations of Americans will live lesser lives because the people of 2011 were not responsible.

The tea party was inspired by this realization that the financial actions of our government were not sustainable. But then most of those elected in the 2010 sweep into Congress got weak knees and have not fought with vigor for the future of our country.

At the least, I hope the next generation removes the names of this generation's politicians put on buildings as an honor. We will not otherwise punish this generation of leaders. They will be gone. This generation does not have the will to do the right sustainable actions. Someone in the future will pay for this generation's fraudulent behavior. It is not if, just when. Perhaps 2012.

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Letters to the Editor

A sincere thank you for successful blanket drive

This is a special and sincere "thanks" for your wonderful and generous support of the Las Cruces Community Blanket Drive sponsored by the University United Methodist Women. Due to your help and the help of other individuals and organizations, hundreds of blankets have been given to many folks who would otherwise be suffering from the cold weather here in our high desert.

When there is a great need, the Las Cruces community unites and responds.

We are very aware that getting information out to the city is critical in this type of project. Your expertise in publicity and willingness to help made a great difference in the positive outcome of the blanket drive.

Due to the success of this effort, we plan to repeat the drive in 2012.

Isn't it a blessing to be part of this good city? Again, many thanks.

Mary Lacy

Nutritional needs of children should also be a priority

In light of currently escalating early obesity and even adult diabetes in childhood, plus malnutrition linked to rising poverty, providing proper nutrition for all children is of paramount importance.

With state legislators heading for their 2012 session, do you suppose they and the governor will be just as aggressive about battling poor nutrition as they are about poor reading skills in young children? Most critical is assuring wholesome, balanced meals for every child.

Unfortunately, failure to get adequate amounts of all essential nutrients is by no means a new social predicament. That dilemma was recognized early on.

For instance, it was in the spotlight during the administration of President Richard Nixon, who supported a national conference in Washington on health and human nutrition.

Nixon's opening remarks stirred an overflow audience of nutrition experts from the medical, academic and business worlds and helped fuel the national Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. At none of the sessions did I hear anyone recommend "bribing" or "rewarding" children with sweetened foods, or heaps of goodies to get them to eat.

Nor did any speaker at the annual, daylong seminars for the media held by the Vitamin Information Bureau during the years I served as its Executive Director. For instance, in 1969 in San Francisco, panelists from here and abroad focused on the harmful outcome of poor nutrition during prenatal development and early infancy.

Among them pediatrician Joaquin Cravioto, Mexico City's Hospital Infantil, focused on infant malnutrition and learning, while Dr. Howard N. Jacobson, University of California School of Medicine, detailed intrauterine nutritional needs, and was a consultant for an educational filmstrip "How a Baby Develops Before Birth."

Margaret Markham



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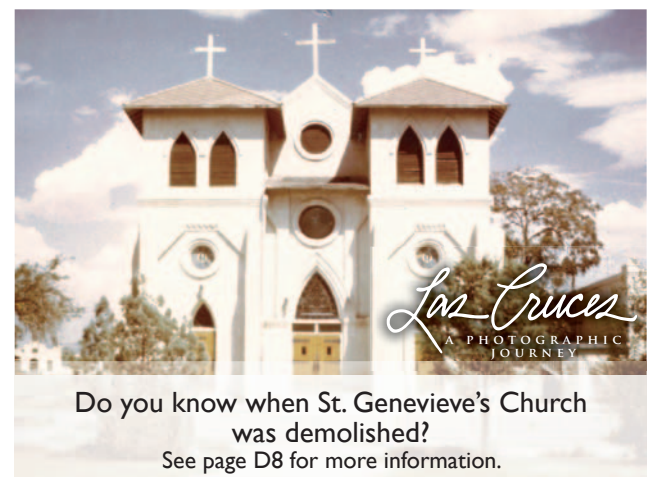
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In the news

Martinez offers money for early college classes

Gov. Susana Martinez said thousands of New Mexico students would be better prepared to graduate high school and enter college under a proposal announced Wednesday, Dec. 28, in Albuquerque.

As part of the governor's budget recommendations for the 2012 regular legislative session, this proposal would add an additional \$4.2 million to fund increased access to advanced placement (AP) programs, PSAT exams for every New Mexico 10th-grader and short-cycle assessments throughout elementary, middle and high school to monitor student progress and preparedness for college.

"Today's students are tomorrow's workforce," Martinez said. "When they graduate high school, New Mexico students deserve every advantage to make sure they are successful in college. When our students earn their diploma, they expect to have all the skills they need for college. These reforms will help us deliver on that promise."

As part of the proposal, \$2.5 million would go to provide statewide short-cycle assessments for over 180,000 students from fourth through 10th grades. These assessments inform teachers and students about significant gaps in understanding throughout the school year, allowing timely adjustments to instruction while learning is occurring.

Some districts in New Mexico already utilize these assessments but there is no statewide standard. Martinez said her proposal would provide teachers with a clear understanding of student learning, even if that student moves from one area of the state to another.

"These assessments mean our teachers would be able to understand quickly where our students need help and how to adjust instruction before a small deficiency becomes a life long struggle," said Public Education Department Secretary-designate Hanna Skandera.

The proposal also calls for \$700,000 to support AP programs across New Mexico and will allow school districts to pay all or a portion of AP test fees for eligible low-income students. In addition, the additional funding will allow 10th grade students to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) test for free.

"These are the tools that will not only help our students attend college, but also make sure

they have the best opportunity to graduate," said Higher Education Department Secretary Jose Garcia. "More students earning college degrees mean more jobs, more opportunity and a brighter future for our state."

The final part of the Governor's proposal calls for \$1 million to purchase books and instructional materials for students enrolled in dual credit programs. These programs allow students to earn both high school and college credit at the same time.

These additional dollars will be part of the governor's budget proposal to the Legislature. In some cases, school districts are funding these important programs already. Passing the governor's proposal would free up those dollars for districts to use in other critical areas.

Registration opens for Bataan memorial march

The 2012 Bataan Memorial Death March commemorates the 70th anniversary of Bataan. It will be conducted Sunday, March 25, at White Sands Missile Range.

Registration and training recommendations can be found at www.bataanmarch.com.

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging trek through the high desert terrain conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their lives.

Participants may choose either the 26.2 mile route or the 14.2 mile route.

Deadline for on-line registration is midnight (MST) March 14. No on-site registration or late registrations will be accepted after this date.

Mail-in registration forms can be downloaded from www.bataanmarch.com. All entry forms sent by mail must be postmarked no later than March 10. All registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a commemorative dog tag, a commemorative timing chip, certificate, draw string sports bag and post-event meal.

Questions and comments may be emailed to www.usarmy.wsmr.incom-fmwr.mbx.bataan@mail.mil. Questions regarding rules may be emailed to www.usarmy.wsmr.incom-fmwr.mbx.bataan-rules@mail.mil.

For more information about the march, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Events Office at 678-1256 or 678-2887.

Lifeguard training workshops offered

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department is offering lifeguard training readiness workshops for those interested in becoming a lifeguard.

The one-hour workshops are free for those 15 and older. The workshops will serve as a practice for pre-test skills for the Lifeguard Training Program. The same material will be covered at each workshop. Workshops will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. every Friday from Jan. 20 to March 9, 2012, at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive.

Learn the front crawl (freestyle) and breast-stroke continuous swim, and how to retrieve a

weighted brick from the deep end of the pool. All participants must sign a liability release form. Those younger than 18 must have a parent come in to sign the permission form.

All candidates must bring approved swim wear and towel to the workshop. Goggles are allowed for some activities, but are not provided. Participation in the workshop does not automatically qualify the participant for the Lifeguard Training Program. An official, required pre-test of these skills will take place prior to Lifeguard Training Program classes to be offered in March and April.

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Soup kitchen gets donation



Rotary Club of Las Cruces officers Ross Ramsey, president, and Paulina Salopek, treasurer, present a check for \$2,000 to Gabe Anaya, vice president of the board of directors of El Caldito Soup Kitchen, center. The Rotary Club raised \$1,000 that was matched by an anonymous donor. The Rotary Club of Las Cruces is challenging other civic organizations to also help as the need is particularly great.

Coming Up

Wisconsin Club meets Jan. 2

The Wisconsin Club will hold its monthly meet and greet from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at the Ramada Palms Resort & Conference Center de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Welcome in the new year with fellow Wisconsinites. For more information, call 312-2088.

Bosque park lists events for January

Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, 5000 Calle del Norte, west of Mesilla, has announced its January 2012 calendar of events.

- A ranger-led nature hike takes place at 3 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
 - Bird tours will be at 8:15 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 4, 14 and 21.
 - The Becoming a Birder Series will be at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.
 - 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28: Naturalist Richard Quick will present: "River of Life or Death." Quick will discuss how fish and other local wildlife are affected by the low water levels this winter. Talk will begin in the park classroom and will continue on the park trails near the drain and ponds.
 - 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21: Trail dedication. Park staff and volunteers will cut the ribbon dedicating the newly redesigned Resaca Trail, now complete with a self-guiding trail booklet. The trail will allow visitors to stroll the trail at their own pace spotting and reading about various points of interest along the way. Also being dedicated is the new pond shade structure designed and constructed by Eagle Scout candidate Gavin Hill of Boy Scout Troop 484.
- For all hikes, bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and wear hiking shoes.
- Daily entrance fee is \$5 per

vehicle. Annual day passes are available for \$40. All events are free with a valid park pass.

Winter hours at the park are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. The park will be closed New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2012.

For more information, call Lu-Ann Tafoya at 523-4398.

Native plant society events

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico, Las Cruces Chapter has announced its events in January 2012.

- Kelly Allred will present "E.O. Wooton: Pioneer Botanist of New Mexico," at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Conference Room.
 - Lisa Mandelkern will present "Five Basic Steps to Improve Your Digital Images," at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the Conference Room. Bring your laptops with photo-editing software (any type is fine), and a couple of photos you would like to work on (not necessarily plant photos).
- For more information, call Carolyn Gressitt at 523-8413 or Al Krueger, at 532-1036.

Fischmann hosts meeting Jan. 5

New Mexico State Sen. Steve Fischmann will hold a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle, in the auditorium. Fischmann will discuss bills, taxes and budget issues likely to be brought up in the upcoming legislative session.

For more information, call 635-9582 or email steve@stevefischmann.com.

Great Conversation New Year's party

A Great Conversation New Year's Eve Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 31, at the Green Works building, 125 S. Main St.

A potluck dinner will be from 5 to 6 p.m., followed by a Great Conversation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the topic "All Things 2012." The evening will wrap up with a New Year's Eve Party with live music from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

MVM lists events in January 2012

Mountain View Market Natural Foods Co-op, 1300 El Paseo Road, has announced its events in January 2012.

- Feral cat care: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3. Nationally recognized expert on feral cat care Joe Miele will present "Trap, Neuter and Return and Winter Feral Cat Care," in the Co-op Community Room.
- Balanced Living Book Club: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25. Life coach Siddeeq Shabazz hosts the club in the Co-op Community Room. Meetings are free. For more information, call 459-2671.
- Psychic Readings and Energetic Healings: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 5 and 19. Dawn Cheney performs readings and healings in the Co-op Café. Donations accepted. For more information, call 233-1108.
- Creating a Chemical-free Home Environment: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. A free class presented by Wendy Robin Weir. For more information, call 650-7543.
- Kids' Crafts with Annie: 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Jan. 15. The free class will feature making butter. Snacks are provided and parents are required to attend with kids.
- New Year, New You: 6 to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16. Kathy and Trish

will demonstrate how to improve life with herbs and supplements for a good night's rest, managing stress and maximizing daily energy. This is the first installment in a free, three-part series that will repeat the third Monday of January, February and March. For more information, email mountainviewgrowers@gmail.com or call 523-0436.

- Evening with a Doctor: 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. Dr. Kelly Elkins will focus on today's health issues and information we don't all have access to. The class is free and will repeat the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, email kelly@anextstep.org.
- Losing Weight through Sensible Nutrition and Exercise: Noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 18 and 25. Rosa Lopez, a registered dietitian with the New Mexico Department of Health, and will be available for free individual sessions. The free class will repeat every Wednesday until March 7. For more information, call 523-0436 or email cheryleneeley@gmail.com.
- Mountain View Market Tour: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. A free, informative store tour with health coach Connie Gahyl. Bring a notepad, because you'll be learning a lot. As you follow the group from aisle to aisle, Gahyl will drop knowledge about planning and preparing healthful meals; introduce you to the benefits of edibles such as chard, kale, quinoa, and flaxseed. For more information, call 524-1449 or email ckhealthcoach@gmail.com.
- Cookin' Breakfast with Mo and Caitlin: 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 21. Learn to make delicious scones and more. The class is free.
- Co-op Rocks!: 5 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. A free monthly concert and art show. Open to all ages. Local food and High Desert Beer are available for purchase. The monthly Co-op Rocks series

will now be located at the Green Works building located on the Downtown Mall.

- Learn to Prepare Classic and Modern Sushi: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. With internationally renowned Chef Tatsu Miyazaki. All materials are included. There is a fee. For more information, call 644-7620 or email tatsu.miyazaki@hotmail.com.
 - Solar energy seminar: 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Positive Energy Solar will present "Plug into the Sun", a free solar energy seminar. Positive Energy is an employee-owned, New Mexico based solar energy company. For more information, call 524-2030.
- Unless otherwise noted, all events are in the community room.
- For more information, call 523-0436.

MV Writers meet

The Mesilla Valley Writers will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave, in the Roadrunner Room. Following a short business meeting, member Linda Ostrander will display her exceptional talent of setting your poetry to music. All are welcome.

For more information, email domorgan@nmsu.edu.

Balloon rally set for Jan. 14-15

The 2012 Mesilla Valley Balloon Rally will be Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15, 2012. Mass ascensions will take place following 7 a.m. ceremonies each day at Brown Farm Field at the north end of El Camino Real. Organizers are still seeking volunteers to help set up, and to work with balloon chase crews. Thirty-four pilots have registered for the event. There is a planned 3 p.m. Saturday flight and a 5:30 p.m. balloon glow, but all events are dependent on weather.

For information, call Lance Smith at 636-7147 or Joan Smith at 640-0817.

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Martinez

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interests. I serve you all, and I am grateful to you for the privilege. I cannot promise we will always agree on methods, but we will share the same goal of a just, prospering and limitless New Mexico."

About two weeks later, she would begin the process of making change with a 60-day legislative session that had to resolve a projected \$400 million budget shortfall.

The Republican governor had support going into that first session, however. The mid-term election that succeeded in getting many GOP candidates elected nationwide also helped get more Republicans into the New Mexico Legislature. With the largest number of Republicans in the House in decades – 33 – it still didn't give the GOP a majority with 37 Democrats elected. That gave hope for an attempt by Las Cruces Rep. Joseph Cervantes, D-Las Cruces, to run for House speaker, but that effort failed.

The fallout from the attempt included House Speaker Ben Lujan stripping Rep. Andy Nuñez of Hatch of his chairman position on House Agriculture and Water Resources Committee, as well as his removal from two other committees.

Nuñez responded by leaving the Democratic Party and becoming the Legislature's only independent.

"At least I don't have to go to caucus meetings anymore," he joked with reporters after signing his new registration letters. "Now

I'm not beholden to any party."

Nuñez would become a key player in getting a bill on adding a citizenship requirement to driver's licenses "blasted" out of a committee for long debate on the floor. Though the bill didn't pass, Martinez was successful in her first session, getting several initiatives passed, such as giving schools grades of A through F.

Martinez was less successful getting her proposals passed in a 30-day special session that ended in late September. Lawmakers also failed to draw new district lines following the release of 2010 census figures – the main purpose of the special session.

While the fate of redistricting lies in the courts, lawmakers did approve proposals to supplement food stamps for needy New Mexicans, tighten a preference given to New Mexico businesses that bid on state government contracts and passed a capital outlay bill that appropriates \$86 million for various projects.

Left unfinished for debate in the coming 30-day special session are the driver's license issue and Martinez's promise to end social promotion in the third grade if a student isn't reading at grade level.

Despite these setbacks, Martinez is enjoying high approval ratings as she ends her first year in the governor's office.

According to a poll conducted by Public Opinion Strategies (POS), 65 percent of those surveyed said they approve of the job Martinez is doing, while 29 percent said they disapprove. The survey asked 500 registered voters about their opinion of the governor and

was conducted between Dec. 12-13, Fox Latino reports.

The poll surveyed respondents who were 34 percent Republican, 51 percent Democrat and 15 percent independent. This reflects the general electorate in the 2008 general election and mirrors the current voter registration gap between Republicans and Democrats in the state at 17 percent, according to the POS.

"Our governor is keeping her promises to New Mexico families. Her integrity, work ethic and dedication to improving the lives of everyday New Mexicans are at the heart of her soaring job approval," Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman Monty Newman said in a news release.

Another survey – this time conducted by Public Policy Polling – found that 50 percent of voters approved of her to 39 percent who disapprove. According to Fox Latino, this makes her one of only 11 governors the poll company found this year with an approval rating at 50 percent or higher, and she's the most popular of the new Republican governors elected last fall that the group polled.

That has national GOP leaders eyeing her, but she has said she's not yet interested in a national office and won't decide if she has a role in the national presidential election until after the Republican primaries are completed.

The poll found Martinez has almost unanimous approval from Republicans, but 32 percent of Democrats said they also liked her and 48 percent of independents approve of her as well.

Freeze

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fire and other first-responders in July, El Paso Electric Vice President of Transmission and Distribution Clay Doyle said the company hired an outside consultant following February's outages from extreme cold weather.

Unlike most outages that happen with power being lost at a specific point in power delivery – a down line or blown transformer – February's outages were caused by a loss of generation, Doyle said.

El Paso Electric gets almost half of its energy supply from the Palo Verde nuclear plant in Arizona. The rest of its energy comes from a coal-fire generating plant in the Four Corners and three natural gas generation plants in El Paso.

In February, El Paso Electric lost generation from two of the three El Paso plants because water froze in the system from the prolonged sub-zero temperatures.

"That was incredible," Doyle said. "That was a 50-year weather event."

Because prolonged cold weather is highly unusual for this area, the plants in El Paso were designed to operate in hotter weather and to withstand the more common triple-digit summer temperatures.

Still, the outside consultant has given El Paso Electric a number of recommendations – such as improved insulation to certain critical systems – that can be done quickly and without extreme expense.

For El Paso Electric's New Mexico operations, the average is roughly one outage a year, Doyle said, with power usually restored in an hour to

an hour and a half.

People are much more dependent on the electricity than 15 or 20 years ago, Doyle said. Besides more gadgets requiring electricity, more homes are converting to refrigerated air, which consumes more energy than the traditional evaporative coolers.

Also, cities such as Las Cruces are requiring newer housing developments to have underground lines, which are harder to isolate if there is a line failure, Doyle said.

One of the lessons learned from February's outage is El Paso Electric officials can't assume other officials and the media already understand the situation, "and that's where communications get lost," he said.

El Paso Electric serves 387,000 customers in west Texas and southern New Mexico, covering 10,000 square miles. During its peak load, the utility is providing 1,689 megawatts of power.

Local officials said they have fared better in responding to recent storms through those lessons learned last winter, but they emphasize the two recent snow storms lacked the prolonged sub-zero temperatures of February's storm.

Along with power outages, the extreme February temperatures also took a toll on the Las Cruces landscape. Homeowners and businesses throughout the area tried to revive or cut down their cacti and palms, which were severely damaged by the elements.

Lessons were learned with many homeowners and apartment complexes taking precautions this December to ensure the pre-Christmas snowfall didn't result in frozen pipes and lack of water once again.

Beth Sitzler contributed to this report.

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Espionage in space

Cold War creates need for spy satellites



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

U-2 spy plane flights over the Soviet Union yielded a wealth of intelligence, the January 1962 Popular Science reported. So why was the United States “renouncing the use of its most successful intelligence-gathering instrument – the aerial camera – just when Russian missile and space technology was advancing with giant strides?”

Two years earlier, on May 1, 1960, a ground-to-air missile had crippled Francis Gary Powers’ U2. “With the Soviets now able to bring down the high flying spy planes, the West had to turn to other means of intelligence gathering,” said the website nation-coldwarexhibition.org. Now, according to Popular Science, the Department of Defense was “betting millions of dollars and a sizeable part of the nation’s technological skills” on “secret photo equipment” in a new type of orbiting craft, the spy satellite.

“Could an automatic space camera be built with power enough to do, from a satellite in orbit several hundred miles above the earth, the job the manned U2s had done less than 20 miles up?” Popular Science asked.

The Air Force had been developing “earth satellite program studies” since around 1948, said “Space Weapons: A Handbook of Military Astronautics.” German rocket engineer Werner von Braun brought such an idea with him when he surrendered to the Allies at the end of World War II. A May 15, 1945, report he gave

interrogators spurred “repeated discussions of a satellite inside the American military,” said “Von Braun: Dreamer of Space, Engineer of War.” “A Navy group had actually started such a project in the fall of 1945, and had approached the (Army Air Force) to collaborate.”

In 1946, a May 2 “report by the Douglas Aircraft think tank, Project RAND ... stated the technology from the German V-2 could put a satellite in orbit,” said “Satellite Surveillance.” “Although it listed many civilian uses for these craft, it stated, ‘It should also be remarked, that the satellite offers an observation aircraft which cannot be brought down by an enemy who has not mastered similar techniques.’”

The newly created “satellite science,” said “Satellite,” “embraces all sciences, giving researchers new ways to attack old problems.” The book pointed out that “thousands of engineers are being hired every month by ... aircraft manufacturers working in the field of satellite flight.” The massive influx of workers “to central Florida ... as a direct result of rockets and satellites” earned Patrick Air Force Base the nickname “Satellite City U.S.A.”

In 1959’s “Man In Space,” Brig. Gen. Homer A. Boushey, the first appointed director of the Air Force Office of Advanced Technology, declared satellites could not only “provide a manned space patrol for peaceful purposes” but also sound an “attack warning.”

The military’s first Satellite and Missile Observation System launch on Oct. 11, 1960, failed. But SAMOS II successfully lifted off from Point Arguello, California, adjacent to Vandenberg Air Force Base, on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1961. On the same day on the other side of the country, NASA was launching the chimpanzee HAM.

For a spy satellite, SAMOS certainly was



U.S. Air Force photo

Francis Gary Powers poses next to a U2 spy-plane similar to the one that crashed with him aboard in the Soviet Union in 1960.

not super-secret. The U.S. Postal Service announced it on a First Day Cover. Postmarked Jan. 31 at Lompoc, with the stamp depicting the Echo I passive communications balloon, the envelope noted: “A camera-carrying satellite was launched Tuesday from this West Coast missile base. It was the first in the program to successfully enter orbit.”

A year later, Popular Science’s assessment was: “The 4,100-pound SAMOS II, its nose loaded with intricate automatic photographic gear, has been whirling in a polar orbit that takes it across the Soviet Union seven times a day at an altitude slightly above 300 miles. ... The heart of the system is a prodigious camera embodying many great and largely unheralded advances in aerial photography. The notion of a robot camera in space seemed a wild pipe dream when Air Force ‘anticipators’ began feasibility studies of it 15 years ago.”

Because “unparalleled accuracy” was “required of the Samos camera in identifying locations,” the story said “Samos will get a ‘fix’ for each ground shot by photographing the stars directly above it simultaneously.”

However, “Satellite Surveillance” declared SAMOS “a failure,” explaining that while the satellites “transmitted the images to earth electronically ... the images were poor and interpreters couldn’t even decide if the pictures were of Russia or China.” SAMOS was cancelled. Other, more successful programs, ensued.

“We’ve spent 35 to 40 billion dollars on the space program,” President Lyndon Johnson said on March 16, 1967. “And if nothing else had come out of it except the knowledge we’ve gained from space photography,

it would be worth 10 times what the whole program cost. Because tonight we know how many missiles the enemy has and, it turned out, our guesses were way off.”

More than a decade after SAMOS first launched, the Feb. 1, 1971, Today: Florida’s Space Age Newspaper reported there were “more than 2,000 man-made objects in orbit around the earth.” Among them were “64 space probes or associated pieces of debris ... moving in wide-ranging orbits around the sun.” Of those, “18 probes and 27 pieces of debris” belonged to the U.S., “and 14 probes and five related fragments” to the Soviets.

In addition to the 2,000 orbiting objects, “more than 2,700 items” had “fallen out of orbit.” Most, but not all, debris disintegrates in the atmosphere. On Sept. 21, 2011, foxnews.com reported that in January 1997 in Tulsa, Lottie Williams “and two friends were walking through a park ... around 3:30 a.m. when they saw a huge fireball.” Williams said she “felt a tapping on my shoulder,” – the weight “‘comparable to an empty soda can’” – then “heard something hit the ground behind her.”

The Center for Orbital and Reentry Debris Studies determined “the piece of blackened, woven material to be part of the fuel tank of a Delta II rocket that had launched a U.S. Air Force satellite in 1996.” While there are cases of people being struck by meteorites, Williams is “the only individual to be struck by space debris.”

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marginal failure rate of NASA space flight experience. Branson said he plans to conduct many test flights before those passengers are taken to space, with him and his family being the first passengers. Virgin's first spaceliner has made more than 70 flight tests, including a number of solo glide flights of SpaceShip Two, a six-passenger version of the two-seater that was the first private-sector rocket vehicle to reach suborbital space in 2004.

Creating the spaceliner fleet is "the biggest dream of my lifetime," Branson said.

"I still get goose bumps every time I think that I'm doing this," he said.

Called "Keys to a New Dawn," the terminal hangar dedication signaled that construction was nearly finished on the \$32.5 million building, which is designed by URS/Foster + Partners to both be modern and blend in with the surrounding desert. It is LEED certified gold for its environmental sensitivities and energy efficiencies.

Virgin Galactic designers and interior architects will begin working on making the insides of the hangar as other-worldly and upscaled as the exterior.

In return for building the terminal hangar and two-mile-long runway at the spaceport, Virgin Galactic has promised to set up its headquarters in New Mexico, and Las Cruces will be home to its first offices opening in January 2012.

Virgin has already hired more than 100 people, many of them

Americans, because large-scale rocketry falls under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) passed after the 9/11 attacks.

As work continues to make sure the spaceliner is safe for its passengers, the company is now focusing on preparing the on-ground experiences. Virgin plans to fly at least twice a day with passengers arriving two days before their flight. Those passengers also are expected to bring family, friends and others during their visit. Virgin is currently assessing what kind of "tourism infrastructure" is available in southern New Mexico.

Virgin also is looking into establishing reliable sources of materials, equipment and facilities near Spaceport America.

One of the critical issues facing the tourism and supply chain economic development for the spaceport is adding suppliers to liability protection, which lawmakers have only been willing to give to the main launch companies such as Virgin. Without similar liability protections given to those supporting the companies taking passengers on space flights, spaceport supporters are saying the effort won't generate many jobs, especially if Spaceport America's business becomes limited to only government and testing launches.

One local company, Barnett's Las Cruces Harley-Davidson dealership, debuted merchandise that flew to suborbital space 73 miles over Spaceport America in a rocket launch May 20. Along with student educational experiments, the UP Aerospace rocket carried 30 insignia pins for Barnett's. The three varieties of pins all come with certificates about the flight and

a display case to be sold online for between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each.

Other companies eye spaceport

In 2011, NASA awarded companies contracts to provide near-space flight services include several companies working out of Spaceport America. Each of the companies will integrate and fly technology payloads to the boundary of space using commercial suborbital launch systems as part of a package of contracts worth a combined total of \$10 million.

As part of NASA's Flight Opportunities Program, the seven companies selected will receive two-year contracts that will allow NASA to deliver research and technology payloads by drawing from a pool of commercial space companies.

The selected companies include: Armadillo Aerospace of Heath, Texas; Near Space Corp. of Tillamook, Ore.; Masten Space Systems of Mojave, Calif.; UP Aerospace Inc. of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; Virgin Galactic, anchor tenant at Spaceport America; Whittinghill Aerospace LLC of Camarillo, Calif.; and XCOR Aerospace of Mojave, Calif. Besides Virgin Galactic, Armadillo and UP Aerospace have conducted launches from Spaceport America.

"This is exciting news for the future of the commercial space industry and Spaceport America," said New Mexico Spaceport Authority (NMSA) Executive Director Christine Anderson. "UP Aerospace, Armadillo Aerospace and Virgin Galactic are already clients of our spaceport, and we are in a unique position to help these companies and the others deliver on their new

NASA contracts."

Armadillo Aerospace began flight testing of multiple vehicles at Spaceport America in 2011 and UP Aerospace has conducted nine launches from Spaceport America since 2006. Spaceport America also has been working with aerospace firms Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Moog-FTS for research and development flight tests of designs for systems, such as reusable rocket boosters that glide back to the ground after launch.

Other Spaceport America milestones in 2011 included the awarding of contracts for different services.

Enterprise Advisory Service Inc. (EASI) has been awarded a contract to provide general services for Spaceport America. EASI will have nine New Mexico resident staff members at the spaceport, while 29 local subcontractors - 22 from Las Cruces, five from Albuquerque and two from El Paso - will be available to support surge activities.

EASI was awarded the two-year base contract for \$630,125 as a firm-fixed price for key personnel and a not-to-exceed value of almost \$1.2 million that is managed through task authorizations by the NMSA. As its primary function, EASI will develop policy and procedures for Spaceport America's general services requirements, which will include: maintenance of buildings, utilities, roads and airfield; grounds keeping, waste management, janitorial services, fuel storage operations and maintenance; and the fueling of motor and air vehicles.

Integrity Arts & Technology Inc., dba IDEAS, is the contractor to develop the Spaceport America Visitor experience. The Orlando, Fla.-based

company was awarded a two-phase contract of a not-to exceed value of \$7.5 million to oversee the design and development of the visitor experience and related facilities at Spaceport America, as well as the design, fabrication and installation of all exhibits and attractions for visitors to the spaceport.

The company will also conduct market research, enhance branding and marketing, as well as broker alliance and sponsorship development opportunities. The IDEAS team includes Integrated Insight Inc., ORCA Consulting LLC, Cordova Marketing Group, Exline Design and Architecture, MYDesign Inc. and Blackhorse Worldwide. New Mexico team members are SMPC Architects of Albuquerque and Larry Littlebird of Santa Fe.

Team IDEAS clients have included every major Walt Disney theme park and resort, major Universal Studios theme parks, NASCAR, the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum, the U.S. Capitol, the Statue of Liberty, the Air Force and the Navy. Visit www.ideasorlando.com to learn more about the company.

"Their relevant experience in the entertainment and education industry, with an emphasis on creative storytelling and a strong focus on education and learning design, is a great match for Spaceport America," Anderson said.

Gov. Susana Martinez has set a goal of making Spaceport America able to operate without state support, but getting to that point of operations is expected to take at least another year of state-funded support through the New Mexico Economic Development Department.

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Pvt. Larry Cloyes holds his 5-month-old son, Trystin, as mom, Kassie, watches during an arrival ceremony April 17 for soldiers from the 2nd Engineer Battalion at White Sands Missile Range after a year-long deployment in Afghanistan.



Emilio Tapia visits the "bar" with Mariano Martinez at the restored De la O Saloon in the village of Doña Ana Jan. 15.



Archie Avalos, president of the local letter carriers' union chapter, waves with other carriers protesting in front of U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce's Las Cruces office on Telshor Boulevard Sept. 27.

Doña Ana Community College President Margie Huerta, board chair of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce, introduces ABC newsman Sam Donaldson and his wife Jan at the Las Cruces Convention Center Jan. 21.



UP Aerospace rocket launches with student experiments at Spaceport America May 20.



Isabel Aguirre and Johnny Florez perform during the 40th anniversary kick-off celebration of the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market May 11.

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After taking the oath of office, Gov. Susana Martinez and husband Chuck Franco endure freezing temperatures Jan. 1 on the Santa Fe Plaza.



Local competitive eater Stephanie Torres "trains" at Roberto's Mexican Food for the enchilada-eating contest at The Whole Enchilada Fiesta in September.



Ken Dusenberry tells visitors about an early howitzer cannon that played a pivotal role in the Taos Pueblo revolt of 1860 for Fort Selden Frontier Days activities Sept. 10.



Las Cruces City Counsellors Miguel Silva and Nathan Small join Mayor Ken Miyagishima after all three succeeded in getting re-elected Nov. 8.



Breast cancer survivor Lynda Marie Garcia, a junior at New Mexico State University studying pre nursing, sits behind her pink "Cinco de Pink" candle-lit bag Oct. 12 outside the Pan American Center.



Joe Castañeda points out names of friends and relatives on the Veterans Memorial Wall to his 3-year-old son Michael as they pay their respects at Veterans Memorial Park on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

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Christmas dinner at El Caldito Soup Kitchen

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Clarissa, Elva, Chelsea Nanawa and Amanda Dick-Peddie volunteer their time on Christmas Day.



Parisa Rad and daughter Yazy, 10, help serve carrots and celery at El Caldito Soup Kitchen Sunday, Dec. 25.



Donna Gonzalez, 2, went straight for the mashed potatoes.



El Caldito volunteers pose for a Christmas photo.



Elena Ruiz, 2, months, gets to sit on Santa's lap. Toys were provided to children of all ages.



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Mesilla celebrates Christmas Eve

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Gail Larkin and Michelle Archuleta join the Christmas caroling.



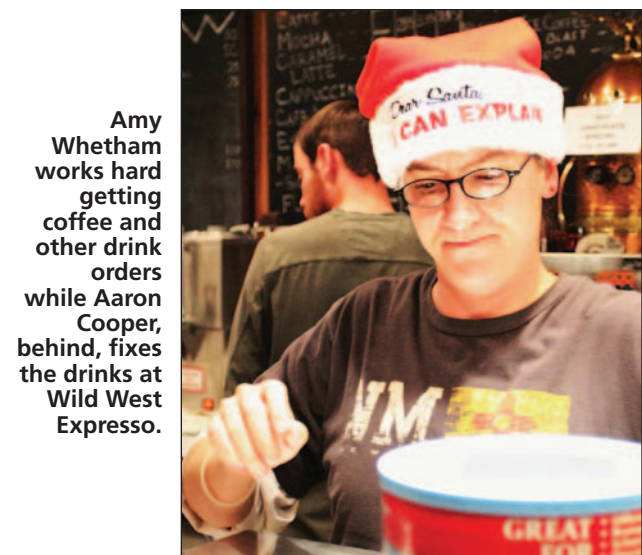
Duke and Charlotte Gard took their 4-month-old daughter Morgan to the festivities.



The Town of Mesilla stayed open late on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, to celebrate the holiday and to give shoppers a last chance to buy gifts. The event included caroling by candlelight on the plaza. Pictured in the front row are Chase Forster, 12, Asa Chadwell, 8, Nicky Forster, 9, and Faith Chadwell, 9; and in the back are Halsey Forster, 13, Hannah Chadwell, 13, and Caleb Chadwell, 13.



Nick Hervol of the Mesilla marshal's office, paramedic Tausha Sim, Gabe Gil of the Mesilla Fire Department and Ben Azcarate of the National Guard were honored as part of the recognition of the men and women in various uniforms.



Amy Whetham works hard getting coffee and other drink orders while Aaron Cooper, behind, fixes the drinks at Wild West Espresso.



Luminarias not only lit up the plaza, but also the entrances to businesses such as Josefina's Old Gate restaurant.

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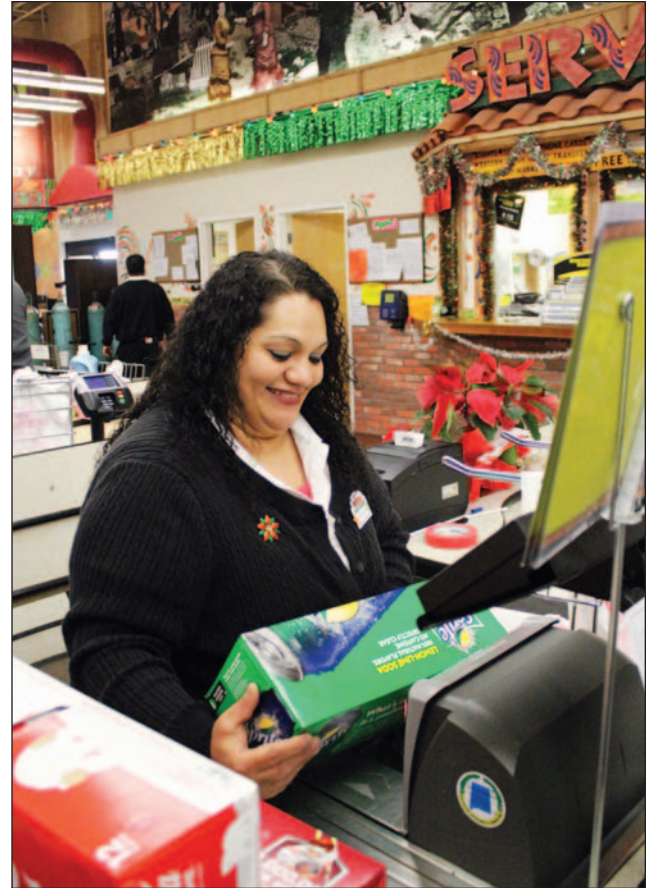
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Having to work on Christmas Day

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Not everyone got the Christmas holiday off. Rhonda Fromm, who works at Bradley gas station on El Paseo Road, didn't mind working Sunday, Dec. 25, because she said people are usually nicer on the holidays. But customer attitudes really depend on how they are treated, she said.



Pro's Ranch cashier Jacqueline Gomez helped customers who rushed in to get last-minute items for holiday celebrations.

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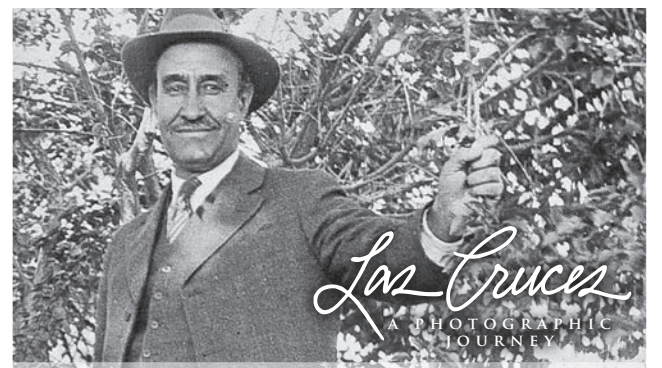
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Carlos Armenta and Cheyenne McCravey serve refreshments to people waiting to see a movie at the Telshor 12 Cinema on Christmas evening.



Do you know who was the "father of the chile pepper"? See page D8 for more information.

Know/no reason why

Jeff Barnett
The Reason Why



When I wrote my first "The Reason Why" column a few months ago, I had hopes that I would be able to know the reason why.

I have failed.

As a journalist, I have covered such stories as City Council controversies, drug cartel violence in Juárez, arcane zoning code disputes and complex financial matters.

It turns out that's the easy stuff. If you really want to be challenged as a journalist, it's sports writing, most of all, that shows you how little you really know.

When one city councillor disagrees with another, they usually state their reasons in a few minutes. If one cartel is targeting the turf of another, you usually know the players and how much money is involved. Even the city and county zoning codes are not rocket science.

But ask New Mexico State University quarterback Matt Christian how he is going to prepare for his opponent's defensive schemes, and what you will hear will sound like quantum physics. Screens, pass rushes, blitzes, zones, traps, the 3-4, the 4-3 and the 2-5: they don't teach you this stuff in graduate school.

It turns out, if you write about sports, you have to actually know stuff.

You might try to fake it. You might try asking basketball coach Marvin Menzies something like, "How are you guys going to improve the inside game?"

Before he completes his answer, he will have given you a five-minute crash course on why the question isn't the inside game, but rather 10 other things you have never heard of.

You venture to ask football coach DeWayne Walker if it wasn't turnovers that caused the Aggies trouble, and it turns out you are not even in the ballpark. It's either schemes or routes or something, but it's never what you thought. And every fan you talk to has a theory on the game, as well as a detailed analysis of what the team needs to do.

If people paid as much attention to the government as they do to sports, we'd be a nation of Abraham Lincolns.

Americans are geniuses at sports. You don't walk into a pack of geniuses and say something like, "I hear Fresno State has a good passing game," and expect to receive a medal.

I don't know the reason why.
 I never did.

All I know is "football is football."

Coach Walker said that a few times.

That's the last thing I actually understood.

Jeff Barnett has accepted a new job teaching college English because it's easier. This is his last "The Reason Why" column.

A look back

Softball championship highlights NMSU's year

By **Jeff Barnett**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Although my favorite Las Cruces sports teams are the Horny Toad rugby club and the ace New Mexico State University Frisbee Golf Squadron, neither team qualified for the NCAA Tournament this year. (The fact that they are not yet recognized as NCAA Division I sports, is another story.)

However, one NMSU team did get to the Big Dance (see below) and several Aggie individuals qualified as well. Several noteworthy sporting milestones occurred beyond campus as well. (For high school highlights see Craig Massey's story below.)

Just a test to see if you are reading: which Aggie sports star won a Western Athletic Conference championship for the javelin throw — as a sideline?

1. Aggie softball team advances to NCAA Tournament. In eight seasons, coach Kathy Rodolph took the Aggies from the 14th worst-ranked team in the nation to a victory in the NCAA tournament. The Aggies won their first regular season WAC title with a 40-15 record, 17-4 in conference, and went on to win the WAC Tournament. Sophomore pitcher Alex Newman threw a no-hitter in a 9-0 victory in the first NCAA game against Texas Tech. (Texas Tech eliminated the Aggies by winning two the next day.) It was the Aggies' first NCAA appearance in 37 seasons.

2. Aggie football on the rise. After several down seasons, the 2011 Aggies were suddenly competitive, beating Minnesota of the Big Ten 28-21, taking down Fresno State for the first time in 18 tries and beating the UNM

See **A look back** on page A21



Senior forward Wendell McKines returned to the New Mexico State basketball team for the 2011-12 season and has had seven double-doubles for the Aggies.

Senior Kylie Randall high-fives her teammates after the Aggie softball team secured the WAC regular season championship in May.

Triple championship highlights 2011

Mayfield girls, Oñate and MVCS boys bring state hoops titles to Las Cruces

By **Craig Massey**
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Basketball championships and coaching hires highlighted high school sports in Las Cruces in 2011.

March 12 was a historic day for local sports when three of the city's high school basketball teams won state championships that day in Albuquerque at the state tournament.

The Oñate boys won it all in the 5A bracket, as did the Mayfield girls. In Class 2A, the Mesilla Valley Christian Schools boys won the title.

Oñate, which was ranked No. 1 for much of the season, defeated Manzano, 54-48, in the championship game at The Pit. It was the first state basketball title for second-year coach Saul Perez.

The other two coaches — George Maya at Mayfield and Terry Adler at MVCS — had been there before. It was the third championship for each of them at their respective programs.

The Mayfield girls had a strong season, but took their play up a notch at the state tournament, beating Cibola 51-42 in the championship game.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools struggled early on as the team adapted to many new players and earned the trip to Albuquerque with a hard-fought pre-playoff win over Texico. After beating the rivals, Tularosa, 58-47, in the semifinals, the SonBlazers went on to defeat Tucumcari in the title game, 69-42.

Those were the only team championships in

See **Triple** on page A22



Oñate's Jaren Foote and a Las Cruces player scramble for the basketball during the district championship game Feb. 26.

Lobos thump Aggies

NMSU offense sputters against UNM

By Jeff Barnett
Las Cruces Bulletin

Apparently, the New Mexico Lobos have gotten better.

The same team that lost to the New Mexico State University Aggies by nine points at The Pit in Albuquerque six weeks ago unleashed an amazingly accurate volley of three-pointers at the Pan Am Center, Dec. 28, hitting 12 total, including 10 of their first 14 attempts. The Aggies, on the other hand, made their first and only 3-pointer in the second half.

The 33-point difference was too much for NMSU to overcome, and the Lobos (11-2) coasted to an easy 89-69 victory.

The loss left NMSU with an 8-5 record. "The Lobos shot the lights out tonight," said NMSU coach Marvin Menzies. "That was the story of the game. You've got to give them credit."

NMSU forward Wendell McKines, who notched his seventh double-double on the season with 25 points and 14 rebounds, said, "Wow. That was the best 3-point performance in shooting I've ever seen in my life ... this was the team they were predicted to be, top of the Mountain West (Conference)."

Six minutes into the game, NMSU and UNM were tied 9-9.

Ten minutes later, the Lobos were ahead 40-19. Throughout the evening and well into the second half, the Lobos held leads of 23, 25, 28 and even 32 points. The Aggies were simply never in the game.

Sophomore guard Tony Snell led the Lobos with 24 points and hit 5-for-8 from the 3-point line. Junior guard Jamal Fenton was a perfect 3-for-3 from the perimeter.

The Aggies, meanwhile, were 1-for-14 from the 3-point line. McKines sank the Aggies' only trey.

Menzies predicted the Aggies would not shoot so poorly from the 3-point line "for the rest of the year forward."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Nicolas Bañales
Wendell McKines scored 25 points and pulled down 15 rebounds against the University of New Mexico Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the Pan American Center.

"You can't live and die on the 3-ball," he said. "The 3's we took tonight were good shots. To make more shots, young guys have to be more confident. That comes from repetitions in the gym."

The Aggies shot poorly both from the floor and the free-throw line, hitting at 32 percent and 62 percent, respectively.

The Lobos' Drew Gordon, who played poorly at the Nov. 16 game at The Pit, dominated the Aggies all night, scoring 23 points and grabbing 19 rebounds. He pulled down 14 defensive rebounds, repeatedly ending Aggie offensive opportunities.

"Drew came out and made a statement," Menzies said.

UNM coach Steve Alford said plainly, "Our team's gotten better."

The Aggies conclude a five-game home stand against Arkansas-Pine Bluff, at noon Saturday, Dec. 31, inside the Pan American Center.

SportsBriefs

Meet CHS coach Jan. 5

New Centennial High School football coach Aaron Ocampo is hosting a "Meet the Coach Night" Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012.

The informational meeting begins at 6 p.m. and will be at the Early College High School at 3600 Arrowhead Park Drive.

This meeting is for next year's ninth-, 10th- and 11th-graders who may have interest in playing football at Centennial High School. Information will be given and questions will be answered.

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Las Cruces Police Athletic League Boxing Center is now on Facebook. "Like" Las Cruces PAL Boxing and get the latest information on upcoming events, fight results and news releases. You will also be able to stay updated on past and present Las Cruces PAL boxers such as WBA Junior Middleweight Champion Austin Trout and nine-time national champion Ayanna Vasquez. Simply click or go to the following link that takes you to "Las Cruces PAL Boxing" Facebook page and click on the "Like" button: www.facebook.com/pages/Las-Cruces-PAL-Boxing/289989014364793.

Martin leaves NMSU

New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker announced Dec. 22 that offensive coordinator Doug Martin has accepted the offensive coordinator job at Boston College.

"This is a great opportunity for Doug," Walker said. "When other schools come and recruit our coaches, I see it as a positive step because this means we have hired good coaches and good people here at NMSU. I wish coach Martin the best in the future."

Martin guided the Aggie offense in 2011, as NMSU averaged 398.1 yards of offense a game, which ranked 46th in the nation and 25th in the nation in passing offense.

Bedell joins NMSU staff

New Mexico State University football coach DeWayne Walker announced Dec. 22 that Brad

Bedell was hired as the Aggies' new offensive line coach. Bedell spent one season at California-Davis.

"I've known Brad since he was a high school player and as he worked his way through the junior college ranks and then at Colorado," Walker said. "When he got into coaching, I just continued to follow his coaching career. Tom Cable recommended Brad to me, and Tom and I have a great relationship. Brad is an up-and-comer and I think with the type of work that Jason (Lenzmeier) did for us, Brad can come in and continue to build on that and even take it further."

Prior to UC-Davis, Bedell coached at Northern Colorado where he served on the Bears' staff in 2010. He previously interned with the University of Colorado program after playing five seasons in the NFL with Cleveland, Miami, Green Bay and Houston.

Aggie softball signs two

New Mexico State University softball coach Kathy Rodolph inked two additions to the team for the 2012-13 season. In November, Emma Adams and Makayla McAdams each signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Aggies.

Adams is an outfielder from Cibola High School in Albuquerque and McAdams a pitcher from Ironwood Ridge High School in Tucson, Ariz. Adams hit .594 at the plate last season and batted in 33 runs while posting a slugging percentage of 1.000 at Cibola.

As a result of her numbers and accomplishments, Adams was named to the 2011 New Mexico High School Coaches Association Class 5A First team as an outfielder.

An Aggie legacy athlete, McAdams is the daughter of former NMSU volleyball standout Connie Monks.

McAdams is an accomplished athlete in her own right. With a 30-7 record, McAdams led Ironwood Ridge to the Arizona Class 5A State Championship game last season, as the Night-hawks finished as the state runner-up.

The Aggies open the 2012 season against Indiana on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, as part of the Hotel Encanto Invitational that runs through Feb. 12, 2012.

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Changes ahead

NMSU has a chance to be a force as new version of WAC evolves



Jack Nixon
Jack's Corner

The one thing you can safely say at this time in December is that the coming year will bring change.

That most certainly will be the case for the Western Athletic Conference. There will be an initial infusion of five members in most sports, with Boise State coming back 12 months hence. In the next few months one or two more football members should be in tow as well.

The new members might actually be existing members if Fresno State and Hawai'i accept Karl Benson's "amnesty" offer. The WAC Commissioner extended an olive branch to those two and Nevada earlier this month when he broke the news of Boise State's return in everything but football.

Any other candidates would likely be refugees from the Sun Belt or Conference USA. But for the year ahead, the Aggies will compete in a conference with six other football playing members and 10 fighting it out for the rest of the league honors.

The Aggies have real reasons for optimism in the fall. The four other remaining WAC gridiron programs are on the same footing as New Mexico

State, and the Aggies are moving forward in the fourth year of coach DeWayne Walker's time.

Volleyball will be the favorite to head back to the NCAA Tournament as conference champions. Their consistent strength and Hawai'i's departure should put another championship within Mike Jordan's reach. Utah State and Idaho have moved into contention, but none of the new members have the record of success of those currently at the top.

Hoops on the men's side adds a consistent winner in Texas-San Antonio, with Denver currently enjoying a 10-2 season. The Pioneers are coached by Joe Scott, who preaches the "Princeton style" of ball-control offense. If the league stays with a home-and-home format, it will simplify scheduling to a degree. Nine home and road games plus UTEP and New Mexico, an ESPN BracketBuster to return and a new opponent and that leaves four dates to fill.

Baseball and softball will have good rivals in Texas State. The baseball team there has won 78 games in the last two seasons, and its softball team also registered 20-plus wins in the last two years. Travel costs should be reduced. Traveling to San Antonio, Denver and Dallas-Fort Worth is more economical than visiting Hawai'i and California.

Needing a reason to travel to Las Vegas?

March Madness and the Aggies



Maria Roth
Associate Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator

This may be the time of year that people slow down to celebrate and enjoy the holidays with family and friends, but for the Aggie men's and women's basketball programs, days of rest and relaxation are limited as Western Athletic Conference play is just around the corner.

All eyes are on the prize, the coveted WAC Tournament Championship Title and automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Now before all that, preparation and execution will be critical for success. The WAC regular-season play consists of a round-robin format in which all institutions will have the opportunity to compete on their respective home floors, therefore, the Aggies will have to travel to the other seven WAC member schools as well. These games are important for a number of reasons. They count toward the team's overall win-loss record that will determine the WAC regular season champion and ultimately place all 16 WAC men's and women's programs in their seeds for the WAC Tournament.

The 2012 WAC men's and women's basketball tournament will take place on a neutral floor at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., March 7-10, 2012. The tournament is a combined men's and women's event in a single elimination format. The competition tips off with a full day of women's

action, Wednesday, March 7, 2012. All eight teams will be featured in four quarterfinal games and times are set for noon PST.

Winners will advance and have a day off from competition on Thursday as the men take the floor and battle in their quarterfinal games.

The men's schedule will be in the identical format and times. Friday combines women's and men's play with semifinal women's games at noon and 2:30 p.m. and men's semifinals that night at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Both finals are slated for Saturday and will crown two champions, guaranteeing the winner's participation in the NCAA Tournament.

Join the teams, enthusiastic fans and proud alums in the Aggies' quest for both a women's and men's WAC Tournament Championship. The Aggies have a successful history of participation in this tournament as they have a combined six title game appearances since joining the WAC – the most of any school in that time frame.

What a great excuse to visit a non-stop city filled with world-class cuisine and wine sommeliers, an endless variety of entertainment, extensive shopping outlets, numerous free attractions, live music in hotel lounges, blissful and therapeutic spas and much, much more. This truly is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a complete vacation all while supporting the Aggies.

The fairness of a neutral court for the WAC Tournament comes at a price of which each member institution must subsidize. New Mexico State is financially responsible for selling a minimum of 200 all-session tickets.

This Week

In Aggie Athletics

Friday, Dec. 30
Women's Basketball
New Mexico
Las Cruces
6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 31
Men's Basketball
Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Las Cruces
Noon

Sunday, Jan. 1
Women's Basketball
Shaw
Las Cruces
3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 2
Cal State Bakersfield
Bakersfield, Calif.
8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Women's Basketball
UMKC
Kansas City, Mo.
6 p.m.

Aggie student-athlete spotlight



Wendell McKines
Senior
Men's basketball

Redshirt senior forward Wendell McKines led the Aggies to a pair of wins. He averaged 21.5 points and 16.5 rebounds per game. McKines moved into

third all-time on NM State's career rebounding list. He has 882 career rebounds and only trails Sam Lacey (1,265) and Slab Jones (951).



Hamidu Rahman
Senior
Men's basketball

Senior center Hamidu Rahman helped the Aggies collect two wins before the holiday break. He averaged 12.5 points and 7.5 rebounds per contest.

Rahman posted a 9-of-13 shooting performance from the floor. He also recorded two blocked shots, a steal and an assist.



Hannah Womack
Freshman
Women's basketball

Freshman guard Hannah Womack came off of the bench at Utah, Dec. 21, to lead all Aggie scorers with 15 points. She shot 50 percent from long

range (4-of-8). On the season, Womack is averaging 8.6 points per game to rank second on the team.



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Wishing you health in 2012

Here are my golf wishes for the New Year



Charlie Blanchard
Golf Doctor

It was a pretty interesting year in golf. Luke Donald is the new Numero Uno for all of men's golf; Yani Tseng is the world Uno-ess for all women. I agree with some that Tseng, after winning eight times, should have been Player of the Year in all the golf magazines.

My favorite new players are Webb Simpson, Nick Watney and Keegan Bradley. Last spring, I watched all three with awe and amazement from my couch as I was laid up with my injuries, as they won multiple times.

Bill Haas (Jay's kid) was pretty awesome, too, late in the year, emerging as the unlikely winner of both the Tour Championship and the FedEx Cup.

For professional golf, my 2012 wish list is topped by Tiger Woods. I know, I know, we're always talking about Tiger. Well, it turns out that the golf world hasn't missed Tiger as much as everyone thought. New stars have emerged, such as Rory McIlroy. Old stars, such as Irishman Darren Clarke, produced a fabulous story that was both nostalgic and entertaining. Tiger's first official win was a few weeks ago in his own tournament at Sherwood CC when he topped a field of 29 other players with the first "W" since late in 2009.

Like him or not, Tiger lights up the marquee when he's in the field, and more importantly lights up the Nielson ratings when he is on the leader board. I wish him good fortune in the coming year.

My local wish list for 2012 starts off with the hope that Red Hawk Golf Club, the new golf course in town, will become a go-to spot for those who want a difficult and scenic golf

experience. A thorough rundown of the course is forthcoming in the near future, but for now, I wish the folks at Red Hawk only the best.

Our publisher, Dave McCollum, with two long-hitters and myself won the Doña Ana Community College scramble in October at Red Hawk, and that was the last time I had played the course.

Granted, a scramble is not a real way to experience a golf course for commentary, appraisal or critical judgement. Nevertheless, no one can doubt that it is a classy layout with plenty of dangers to get your attention. More later.

While on golf course design, my next wish for 2012 is that the new bunker project at Picacho Hills is a resounding success. The work will start in early January 2012, with removal of up to eight present bunkers and the redesigning of three times that number. Best of all, the bunkers will be raised up to near their original height, thereby eliminating those awful steep walls that look like cliffs once your down there.

If I were to choose the next two projects for Picacho Hills, the first would be establishing turf or stone embankments on the two ponds on holes 12 and 13. The golf holes are fine, but the pond embankments are currently an eyesore. Second, the greens need to be restored to their original shape and size, which means some will have to be extended out quite a ways, like the front on 15th green. They did that a few years ago at New Mexico State University, and they were amazed at how much the greens had shrunken over the years, millimeter by millimeter mowing by mowing. Anyway, it looks like that golf course is in good hands.

My next New Year wish goes out to all the members of Las Cruces Country Club who decided to make Sonoma Ranch Golf Course their new home. The flocks of golfers from the country club that now enjoy playing at

Sonoma all week long have added substantially to the number of rounds that the golf course should have.

The numerous times I have been in the bar and the clubhouse recently, it's refreshing to see that the place is filled with people having a great time. Talking to a few of the ex-LCCC members it seems to be a win-win situation.

This might seem a shade self-serving, but I wish some of you readers would email me with suggestions about articles and stories that would like to see me write. Since joining the editorial staff of this fine newspaper (about six years ago) I have written very close to 300 articles.

Some have been critical, some have been funny, some have been educational, some have promoted some good causes. Of course, all 300 have been original; nothing borrowed. Come every Monday afternoon, I sometimes get to worrying – what will it be this week?

I wish for Las Cruces to continue its phenomenal fundraising accomplishments as so very many organizations recognize golf tournaments as one of the most successful events they have to generate funds for worthwhile causes.

There was a time when I was suspicious of fundraisers, thinking that those weren't "true" golf events, but not any more. In the coming couple of years, I would be pleased to see double the number of worthy groups come forward with events that merit our support.

I applaud the same few dozen businessmen in this town who are there when the need exists – bless their hearts – but I would challenge all of the other regular golfers who stay at home during fundraiser events to come out and be supportive. We live in a great town that is known for its generosity and giving. Come join us.

One of my perennial wishes every year is that some deep-pockets business person would step up and bring an LPGA, Champions, Nationwide or Futures tour tournament to our town. Except for a couple of Hogan Tour events in the 1980s, El Paso hasn't done it since Ray Floyd and Lee Trevino squared off

for that celebrated shootout in the early '60s. Albuquerque failed at least twice in their attempts to host pro tours to their town. There are dozens of small-market tournaments on all tours; they seem to satisfy the tour coffers. Why shouldn't a town like Las Cruces do the same?

While there were a few events the pro women played at the Country Club years ago, as well as a couple of NCAA championships hosted by the university, there hasn't been a big professional golf event since I have lived here.

The way I understand it the PGA equation not only involves money, it concerns a viable charity, hordes of volunteers, and plenty of paying spectators. But mostly both the PGA and LPGA require a suitably manicured golf course that is tour qualified and worthy of professional play.

I could see a pro tour here in town on a sunny November weekend when the rest of the country is frozen.

My last New Year's wish is that I can return to golf sometime in April. Two weeks ago I underwent elective wrist and elbow surgery in hopes of being able to move my hand and wrist fully during a golf swing without pain, and getting some feeling in my numb fingers. Without that I can't even practice my James Taylor and Paul Simon licks on the guitar.

No matter the outcome of the surgery Dr. Robert Bell, the well-respected hand surgeon in El Paso, did my operation, and he had to break the radius bone in half, reposition it, and then connect the two halves with a titanium plate and screws.

I researched this procedure thoroughly. Silly me, I just thought he would go in and move the bones over with some tool; it was much more complicated than that. Not being able to lift weights or swing a golf club for a few months, I feel so much like my golfing friends up north who are already suffering from cabin fever.

Well, to quote Douglas MacArthur some 70 years ago, "I shall return."

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Las Cruces High School

Friday, Dec. 30	Girls Basketball	at Las Cruces Public Schools Tournament	TBA
Thursday, Jan. 5	.....	Wrestling	.....	Oñate High School	.....	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	.....	Boys Basketball	.....	Valley High School	.....	5:30 p.m.
		Girls Basketball	.....	Valley High School	.....	7 p.m.



Mayfield High School

Friday, Dec. 30	.....	Girls Basketball	.....	at Las Cruces Public Schools Tournament	.....	TBA
Thursday, Jan. 5	.....	Wrestling	.....	at Gadsden High School	.....	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	.....	Boys Basketball	.....	La Cueva High School	.....	5:30 p.m.
		Girls Basketball	.....	La Cueva High School	.....	7 p.m.



Oñate High School

Friday, Dec. 30	.....	Girls Basketball	.....	at Las Cruces Public Schools Tournament	.....	TBA
Tuesday, Jan. 3	.....	Boys Basketball	.....	Franklin High School	.....	7 p.m.
		Girls Basketball	.....	Loretto Academy High School	.....	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5	.....	Wrestling	.....	at Las Cruces High School	.....	6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 6	.....	Girls Basketball	.....	at Wet Mesa High School	.....	5:30 p.m.
		Boys Basketball	.....	at West Mesa High School	.....	7 p.m.



Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Dec. 30	Boys Basketball	at VFW Basketball Tournament	TBA
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A look back

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Lobos for the third straight time. The team finished 4-9 and had a chance to win three other games. Senior Taveon Rogers was named to five All-American teams, a school record, and junior running back Kenny Turner rushed for more than 1,000 yards. When sophomore quarterback Andrew Manley went down with a season-ending injury Sept. 17, senior Matt Christian came off the bench to lead the Aggies with more than 2,000 passing yards despite playing most of the season with shoulder and hip injuries.

3. The return of Wendell McKines/NMSU wins at The Pit. The talented forward for the NMSU men's basketball team had to redshirt for the 2010-11 season with a foot injury. The Aggies struggled in a 16-17 season. In the second game of the 2011-2012 season, McKines led the Aggies to a 62-53 victory over in-state rival New Mexico in Albuquerque, Nov. 16. It was the Aggies' first win at the Pit since 2002. The Aggies' pressure defense held the Lobos to 28 percent field goal shooting on the night.

4. Las Cruces boxer Austin "No Doubt" Trout is crowned world champion. Undefeated junior middleweight boxer Trout, born in El



Las Cruces boxer Austin Trout is the WBA 154-pound world champion.

Paso and raised in Las Cruces, where he trains with coach Louie Burke, became the World Boxing Association's world champion in the 154-pound class when he defeated Mexico's Rigoberto Alvarez in Guadalajara, Feb. 5.



Meredith Hays celebrates an Aggie point during the Oct. 12 volleyball match against eighth-ranked Hawai'i.

5. Volleyball team wins 23 games/coach Mike Jordan surpasses 300 career wins. The volleyball team posted 20 or more wins again, the ninth time in 10 seasons, with a 23-10 record in 2011. Jordan won his 300th career victory on Oct. 6.

On Oct. 12, the Aggies took No. 6 Hawai'i to five sets at the Pan Am Center.

Meredith Hays was named All-WAC Freshman of the Year and became the second Aggie in history to record 500 kills in a season. Hays joined seniors Kelsey Brennan and Jennah DeVries on the All-WAC first team. Brennan also went out for track and field in the spring of 2011. She took first in the WAC championships with a javelin throw of 46.15 meters, second-best in NMSU history.

6. The NMSU soccer team wins its first WAC Tourney game. The three-year-old Aggie soccer team concluded its best season with a

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series of firsts: first WAC Tournament victory, first 10-win season and first winning record.

NMSU, the No. 6 seed in the WAC Tourney, defeated No. 3 seed Hawai'i on Nov. 3 with a 2-1 come-from-behind victory. (The Aggies fell to Fresno State in the semifinal round.)

The Aggies lost only one senior on the 10-8-3 team, and Quinn said the Aggies will be a perennial contender in the WAC Tourney.

7. Women's flat track roller derby league debuts in Las Cruces. Although Crossroads City Derby made had its initial "Debutante Brawl" in November 2010, the all-new Las Cruces women's flat track roller derby league swept the city by storm in 2011, playing in the Dickerson's Event Center on West Picacho Avenue. Crossroads City Derby stars such as HearNo Evil, Trixie Trailer Trash and Erika S. Trauma devoted much of their time to charitable causes in addition to demonstrating exciting and bruising play in league competition.

8. Las Cruces Police Athletic League boxers clean up at state Junior Olympics championships/Ayanna Vasquez takes silver medal at nationals. The PAL Boxing Center continued its nearly 40-year tradition with a tremendous showing at the New Mexico state Junior Olympic competition, April 16. Seven PAL Boxers won championships: Amy Salinas (10 years old, 65 pound class); Joel Macias (14, 125); Edmund Guzman (15, 114); Edwin Acosta (16, 132); Destiny Quintero (17, 152); Ayanna Vasquez (16, 114); and Timothy Meeks (men's open 17+, 165). Vasquez would take the silver medal at the national Junior Olympics.

9. The new WAC ... gets WACier. With major upheaval going on all over the country as conferences realign for television revenue (in moves that will ruin the study of geography forever for millions of the nation's youngsters), the WAC picked up Boise State's slate of non-football sports. While BSU's football powerhouse fled the Mountain West Conference to join the Big East, its basketball,

soccer, softball and other sports will come back to the WAC.

In the past year, the WAC also added non-football teams from Seattle, Denver and the University of Texas-Arlington. In football, Nevada, Fresno State and Hawai'i played their last season in the WAC – as far as we know – in 2011. In their place, the WAC added football programs from UT-San Antonio and Texas State University (San Marcos) for 2012.

10. New coaches at NMSU: Quinn, Trakh and Dirks. Aggie fans had good news in the high-caliber quality of new coaches for soccer, women's basketball and men's golf who were hired in 2011.

Quinn, an assistant coach at Arizona State University for four seasons, led the Sun Devils to the NCAA Tournament in 2009 and 2010.

Mark Trakh, who has taken five teams to the NCAA Tournament, was tapped to rebuild the women's basketball team, and his 2012 recruiting class was named one of the top 20 in the nation.

NMSU landed men's golf coach Mike Dirks in the fall of 2011. Dirks built one of the top programs in the nation at the University of Houston and was named Conference USA Golf Coach of the Decade.

Other top sports stories

Champions and NCAA qualifiers:

- NMSU junior cross country runner Courtney Schultz won the WAC championship, Oct. 29 and placed 88th in the NCAA championships, Nov. 12.
- NMSU rodeo star Johnny Salvo won first place in the College National Finals, June 12-18.
- The NMSU women's golf team advanced to the NCAA West Regional for the 14th time in program history.
- NMSU men's golf team placed 12th at the NCAA Regional Golf Tournament.
- NMSU men's senior tennis player Arthur Surreaux advanced to the singles bracket of the NCAA championships.



Gordo Castillo posted his first-ever double-double in his final home game, March 5, in the Pan American Center.

- The NMSU baseball team was the 2011 Division I Statistical Champion in batting average after hitting .337 in their third consecutive 30-win (or more) season.
- Moving up, moving on:** NMSU defensive back Davon House is drafted in the 4th round by the Green Bay Packers and makes the team for 2011.
- Former NMSU wide receiver Chris Williams is named the Canadian Football League's Rookie of Year while playing for the Hamilton Tigercats.
- NMSU basketball player and 3-point ace Gordo Castillo signs to play pro basketball with the Fuerza Regla in Monterrey, Mexico.
- NMSU junior forward Troy Gilenwater forgoes his final year of eligibility to sign with the professional team Apollon Limassoi of the Cyprus League.
- NMSU softball star Hoku Nohara signs with the Akron (Ohio) Racers of the National Fastpitch League.
- Former NMSU tennis coach Don Ball is inducted into the Southwest Hall of Fame.

Trixie Trailer Thrash of the Spitfire Sallies tries to keep ahead of Hearno Evil of the Reguladies while playing in an all-women's flat track roller derby bout held by the Crossroads City Derby Dolls at Dickerson's Event Center, May 22.



Oñate High School

High School Athlete of the Week

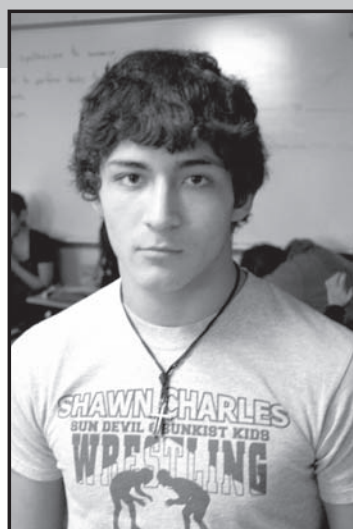
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Rafael Ulivarri

Rafael Ulivarri is an 18-year-old senior at Oñate High School. He is on the Knights wrestling team and is in the 145 pound weight class. Ulivarri's record so far this season is 13-5. He is also a three-time New Mexico high school state placer and three-time district runner up. Ulivarri has great leadership skills, is motivated, a hard worker and demonstrates determination in accomplishing personal success and goals. Ulivarri is a dedicated student with a 3.37 GPA. Outside of school and sports, he enjoys spending time with family and hanging out with friends.

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2011, but Las Cruces Public Schools had other individual state champions. In swimming, Las Cruces High's Samantha Harding won the title in the 200-meter freestyle, the 500-meter freestyle and teamed with Moranda Madero, Lauren Salas and Vivian Links to capture the 200-meter medley relay.

In wrestling, the city's lone state champion was Mayfield's Sterling Lucero, who won the 130-pound title.

At the state track and field meet in Albuquerque, Oñate's Kendra Walker won the 200-meter title, and Mayfield's Jenna Banegas won the championship in the 100 meters. Banegas teamed with Taylor Black, Elena Holguin and Amber Lalla to win the four-by-100 meter relay title, and Mayfield's Rigo Moreno captured the state championship in the 300-meter hurdles.

Holguin, who signed last year to attend New Mexico State University and play basketball for the Aggies, was a state champ in two

sports for Mayfield. She was the leading scorer on the Lady Trojan basketball team.

Holguin wasn't the only city high school athlete to sign with NMSU in 2011. Mayfield running back Brandon Betancourt signed with the Aggie football team, and Oñate's Terrel de Rouen signed with the NMSU men's basketball team. Other city athletes earning Division I scholarships included Mayfield lineman Matt Ramondo signing with Arizona State, and Oñate guard Tim Jacobs signing with the Texas-El Paso basketball team.

The summer had some major events when Las Cruces hosted the annual North-South All-Star games and the New Mexico High School Coaches Association's annual clinic and meetings.

During the fall, Mayfield came close to yet another state championship, but fell to Cleveland, 42-28, in the title game. The Trojans led the game 28-14 at halftime at the Field of Dreams.

Meanwhile the MVCS football team captured their first Class 1A football championship under coach Charles Gleghorn.

Coaching hires also made big news in 2011.

Kelly McKee stepped down as the head football coach at Oñate and was replaced by Caleb Hull, an assistant coach at Las Cruces High. McKee became an assistant coach at LCHS, and Hull and his young Knights team went 1-9 last fall.

Oñate also made another headline-grabbing hire last summer when the school named Marian Bennett as its new volleyball coach. Bennett, who had a hall of fame coaching career in El Paso, replaced Alice Borden and led Oñate to a solid season.

The year came to a close with the new Centennial High School naming its first football coach and volleyball coach. Both come to the school with outstanding credentials. Aaron Ocampo, who turned Manzano into a northern New Mexico power, is the new football coach, and Al Rosen, who led Gadsden to back-to-back state championships, is the new volleyball coach.

With many more firsts to come, 2012 will be a big year for the Centennial Hawks.



Mayfield High School's Taylor Gibbs reaches for the tip-off to start the 3-5A district tournament Feb. 22.

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' football coach Charles Gleghorn is congratulated by quarterback Devon Tourillott after the SonBlazers defeated Fort Sumner to win the Class 1A championship, Nov. 19.



Mayfield High School's Ricky Milks helped his team reach the state championship game in 2011.

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100 years ago

1911

• January: By a majority of nearly 18,000 of the roughly 30,000 votes cast, the people of New Mexico ratified the new constitution for the state of New Mexico.

• March: President Theodore Roosevelt arrived in Las Cruces at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 15, 1911. A group of 34 prominent citizens met the former president at the Mesilla Park station and accompanied him to the Las Cruces Depot, where he was introduced by Mayor R.L. Young.

• October: A ceremony to lay the cornerstone for the new Saint James Episcopal Church in Mesilla Park was set for 11 a.m. Oct. 29, 1911. The foundation was already well under way and the brickwork was set to commence.

• November: Democratic candidate W. C. McDonald was elected to be New Mexico's first governor, defeating the heavily favored Republican candidate H.O. Bursum. Bursum's close ties to the Bernalillo County political machine were blamed for souring his prospects in the rest of New Mexico.

75 years ago

1936

• January: Elephant Butte Irrigation District Manager N.B. Phillips was notified the advertising for bids for the construction of Caballo Dam would be made on Jan. 29, and contracts would be let by Feb. 28. Cost of the dam would be \$2.5 million and construction was expected to take about two years and employ 300 men.

• March: Valley pioneer Albert J. Fountain, 72, died after a brief illness. He was a son of the famous Col. A.J. Fountain, whose disappearance had "grown into a Southwest legend." He was twice superintendent of Las Cruces schools, had held the office of probate judge and founded the Gadsden Museum. He was buried at San Albino Cemetery in Mesilla.

• July: Mayor George Frenger and a group of Las Cruces citizens were on hand for the formal opening of the gas mains to Las Cruces, a project begun by the town board in 1933.

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

50 years ago

1961

• January: The "old house" at the corner of Alameda Avenue and Water Street suffered major damage from a fire. The 81-year-old building was once one of the showcases of Las Cruces and was built by Martin Amador. One of his children, Cotilde, lived her entire life in the house and died in the house exactly one year before it burned. She was married to Antonio Terrazas in 1909. He died in the house at the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, 1919.

• March: The Las Cruces Bulldogs won their third-straight New Mexico basketball title, defeating Los Alamos 77-53. Lou Henson was Coach of the Year and Dave Olson was Most Valuable Player. Olson and David Vargas were selected to the All-Tournament Team and Bobby Benegas and Benny Fielder were honorable mentions.

• June: A \$4.5 million building project was underway at New Mexico State University, including a \$2 million agriculture building. The Board of Regents authorized planning to proceed on a new \$250,000 theater; a \$350,000 music building; a \$250,000 golf course; a \$250,000 athletics office and a stadium expansion; Regents Row dormitory for men; and a \$500,000 expansion of the Physical Science Laboratory.

25 years ago

1986

• April: The Las Cruces Transit System had four buses on display on Saturday in anticipation of buses taking to the roads on Monday. Transit Director Ray Peterson said buses would stop at every block until signs were erected.



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Former President Theodore Roosevelt speaks to a crowd of about 300 who gathered at the Las Cruces Depot March 15, 1911. With Roosevelt on the platform is Las Cruces Mayor R.L. Young and the director of the agricultural college band.

• June: Keith Colson, NMSU athletics director since 1975, announced his retirement in July. Colson was hired as assistant athletic director in 1968, when Lou Henson was the director. He was a letterman in basketball for the Aggies in 1954-56. Colson was also the first head basketball coach for Mayfield High School from 1965-68.

• July: The City of Las Cruces was 43 percent larger after the third major annexation in 1986. The most recent annexation, known as the North Picacho Annexation, involved 200 acres belonging to the Bellamah Community Development and an equal amount of adjacent acreage. The annexation did not attract the kind of controversy the city encountered earlier in the year when it annexed 5,600 acres on the East Mesa.

• September: Las Cruces Public Schools Superintendent Bill Floyd announced a series of meetings to introduce the concept of middle schools to the Las Cruces community. A 50-member citizens advisory committee had unanimously recommended the district adopt the middle school concept.

• November: The basketball floor at the Pan American Center, which had been damaged by a flood a month earlier, was expected to be replaced sometime after Christmas.

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SeniorActivities



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

The center will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

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

AQUATICS CLASS

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

50+ WALKING GROUP

The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation will lead

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

- Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2012: Trivix multi-use path (at Kohl's)
 - Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012: La Llorona Park
 - Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012: Las Cruces Dam at Lohman Avenue.
 - Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012: Downtown Main Street (Moose Lodge parking lot)
 - Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012: Young Park pavilion
 - Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012: Mesilla Valley Bosque, Avenida de Mesilla south to Calle del Norte, right across bridge, entrance to park on left
 - Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012: Former Tee Time building at Del Rey and Telshor boulevards
 - Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012: Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., at the park
- Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 541-2550. The TTY number is 541-2182.

WOMEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

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

For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

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/TABLE GAMES

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

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.

CITY RECREATION

The City of Las Cruces offers recreation and fitness classes at city recreation and community centers.

The following classes are held at Meerscheidt Recreation Center, 1600 E. Hadley Ave.:

- **Aerobics:** 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

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

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

The following class is held at the East Mesa Recreation Center, 5589 Porter Drive:

- **Zumba:** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call 382-1662.
- All classes are \$2. For more information, call the City of Las Cruces Parks and Recreation Department at 541-2550.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program courses are open to drivers 55 years of age or older. A certificate issued upon successful completion of the four-hour course may qualify the participant for a discount on insurance depending on the driver's insurance policy. Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, paid at the door the day of class.

Participants need to bring their driver's license and a pen or pencil, and the correct change if paying with cash. AARP members must bring their membership card to receive the discount. Classes are held on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes in January 2012 are:

- 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20: Village at Northrise, Hallmark

- Building, 2880 N. Roadrunner Parkway.
- Noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24: Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. For more information, visit www.aarp.org or call 505-830-3096.

SOCIAL DANCERS

The Desperados will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at Court Youth Center, 402 W. Court Ave. The dance is sponsored by the Las Cruces Social Dancers. Cost is \$6 per person.

For more information, call 541-5982.

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.

MONTHLY POTLUCK

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

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Each month a selected artist displays his or her work at City Hall. A ceremony with the mayor is at 12:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month to recognize that month's artist. For more information, call 528-3000.

BINGO MANIA

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

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

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

SATURDAY MORNING SINGLES BREAKFAST CLUB

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



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Senator celebrates with dinner at La Posta Restaurant de Mesilla

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



State Sen. Mary Jane Garcia visits with Steven DuBois, a Pearl Harbor survivor and decorated veteran, at her annual birthday benefit dinner for Casa de Peregrinos at La Posta de Mesilla Restaurant Saturday, Dec. 24.



Angelina Gonzales, 8, Charlieze Boyden, 3, and Delilah Ware, 6, celebrate Garcia's 75th birthday.

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Born in Las Cruces in 1934, Jerry Apodaca was elected as governor of New Mexico in 1974, making him the United States' first Hispanic governor since 1918. An athletic scholarship sent him to the University of New Mexico, and he would remain athletic even as governor, running the Boston Marathon in 1978. During a visit to New York, he got lost jogging in Central Park and ended up in Harlem where he approached a New York police officer for help. Apodaca told the policeman he was the governor of New Mexico to which the disbelieving officer responded, "Yeah, yeah."

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Apodaca advances causes as governor

Las Crucen put drive in his athletics, education, politics

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

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

Jerry Apodaca, who would become the 24th governor of New Mexico, was born in Las Cruces in 1934 to bilingual parents, and was held back in first grade to improve his English.

An all-state football player in high school, he earned a scholarship to the University of New Mexico, where he majored in education. After graduating in 1957, he married his high school sweetheart, Clara Melendres, then taught history and coached football at an Albuquerque high school.

After moving back to Las Cruces, he opened a storefront insurance agency. The agency prospered and he opened shoe stores and went into real estate.

"But being rich wasn't exciting enough," Apodaca told

People magazine in 1978.

In 1964, after working on a friend's unsuccessful campaign for mayor, Apodaca decided to try politics himself. Against all advice, he ran for state senator and lost. Apodaca blamed the loss on his nervousness about public speaking, so he took speech lessons and two years later, won the seat.

After eight years in the senate, he ran for governor.

To make a virtue of his anonymity, his campaign manager posed him in a borrowed running suit for a series of billboards proclaiming him as "The Man Nobody Owns."

"I used to be out campaigning," Apodaca told People magazine, "and people would light up and say, 'Hey, I know you - you're the man nobody owns.'"

As governor, Apodaca streamlined the state's bureaucracy, creating a cabinet system with 12 departments. In 1978, President Jimmy Carter appointed Apodaca as Chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness.

After his term as governor, Apodaca became involved in publishing periodicals.





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CrimeStoppers

School break-ins

Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrests of the suspects who committed two burglaries at an area elementary school.

The Doña Ana County Sheriff's Office is investigating the two burglaries committed within the past month at Anthony Elementary School in Anthony, N.M.

One of the burglaries occurred during the late evening of Nov. 13 or the early morning hours of Nov. 14. Taken were seven 42-inch RCA flat-screen television sets. Investigators believe that the suspects may have been driving a small white pickup, possibly a Chevrolet S-10. It's believed they cut a fence near the 700 block of Madison Street to gain access to the northeast side of the school's campus.



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

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

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

Neighbors We've Lost

OBITUARIES

PABLO "PABLOTE" M. DELGADO

Pablo "Pablote" M. Delgado, 84, of Mesquite, New Mexico, entered eternal life Thursday, December 22, 2011 at home surrounded by his loving family. Pablote, as he was fondly known to his family and friends, worked at Stahmann's Farm for many years and continued his working career as a farm laborer in the Mesilla Valley. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.



Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Candelaria C. Delgado; three sons, Paul, Alfredo and Pablo Ramon Delgado; five daughters, Gloria A. Prieto, Rosie D. Hernandez, Maria Socorro and Sylvia "Nena" Delgado, Bertha A. Collins; a sister, Candelaria Delgado Martinez.

Visitation for Mr. Delgado will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 29, 2011 in Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Catholic Church, 125 W. Mesquite Street in Mesquite where the Prayer Vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. Family and friends will join together to celebrate the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Friday, December 30, 2011 in the same church with Reverend Martin Cordero officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow in the Missionary Ridge Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

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FRANK "KIKO" S. PAZ

Frank "Kiko" S. Paz, 82, of Tortugas, New Mexico, entered eternal life Sunday, December 25, 2011 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He retired as a grounds foreman from New Mexico State University. He was an early day member of the "Holy Name" men's group and an honorary member of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Corporation.



Survivors include his loving wife, Fermína Paz; one son, Rafael Paz and daughter, Sylvia Paz Lozano; five brothers, Agustine, Rinaldo, Jesus, Jose and Arturo Paz; three sisters, Genoveva Martinez, Alice B. Saenz and Virginia Jacquez.

A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in

the Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where the Funeral Liturgy was celebrated Thursday, December 29, 2011 with the Reverend Vincent Petersen, officiating. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in the Tortugas Cemetery where he was laid to rest.

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DEATH NOTICES

VALDEZ

Surrounded by her family, Christine V. Valdez, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and sister entered our Lord's presence on Friday, December 16, 2011 after a courageous and valiantly fought battle with a chronic illness, and most recently, cancer. Her family honored her last wish to spend her final days in the comfort of her own home. Christine touched the lives of all that knew her. She will always be remembered for her smile, sense of humor and wit, strength, bravery, and honesty.

She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Phillip Valdez of the family home; daughter Monica (Alfredo) Montoya, grandchildren, Marisol, Carlos, and Paloma; sister Diana (Nick) DeSantis, niece Marisa Valdez and fiancé Tim Rivera, Tio Adelaido (Yolanda) Griego, special Tia Cecilia (Anastacio) Griego, and many deeply cherished cousins and friends. Christine was preceded in death by her parents, Alejandro and Josefina Ortega.

Cremation has taken place and a Funeral Mass and celebration of life was held Thursday, December 29, 2011 in Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, 1240 S. Espina Street, and will be celebrated by close friend, Father Jose Vigil. Inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date in a private burial in Tesuque, NM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to La Posada - Mesilla Valley Hospice, 299 E. Montana Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005

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ARZAPALO

Guadalupe H. Arzapalo, 68, passed away on Sunday, December 25, 2011. Arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

HERNANDEZ

Mr. Isabel J. Hernandez, 69, of Tortugas, New Mexico entered eternal life Monday, December 19, 2011 at his home. Mr. Hernandez was employed at Burn Construction as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator.

Those left to mourn his passing include his loving wife, Celia Hernandez; a son, Israel Easey Hernandez, Jr; six daughters, Christina Hernandez, Stephanie Moreno, Yolanda Roman, Cynthia Moreno, Gloria Moreno, Michelle Salaiz Villegas; his mother, Angelita Hernandez; two brothers, Albert and Johnny Hernandez; five sisters, Antonia Gallegos, Margaret Ramirez, Stella, Concha and Anna Hernandez.

A Prayer Vigil was held Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer; 300 E. Boutz Road where the Funeral Service followed immediately thereafter. Cremation will follow and inurnment of cremains will take place at a later date.

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HERNANDEZ

Jose Carlos Hernandez, 58, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, entered eternal life Friday, December 23, 2011 at Casa Del Sol Care Center.

Those left to mourn his passing include three daughters, Xochitl, Esmeralda and Luisa Hernandez; three brothers, Felipe Jr., Raul and Miguel Hernandez. Other survivors include ten grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Mr. Hernandez will begin at 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 2012 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer, 300 E. Boutz Road. The Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 10 a.m. in Church of God in La Mesa, New Mexico. Concluding Service and Interment will follow at the La Mesa Cemetery.

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PIÑA

ERLINDA C. PIÑA, 84, of Hatch, New Mexico was called home by our Lord on Thursday, December 22, 2011. Mrs. Piña retired as a grocery store clerk and was a foster grandparent. She enjoyed knitting, sewing and making quilts. Mrs. Piña was a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a communicant at Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church.

Left to treasure her memory include a son, Danny Piña; her daughters, Alice Trujillo and Estella Mendoza; daughter-in-law, Sylvia Piña; brother, Sonny Carreras; five sisters, Helen C. Trujillo, Flora Ibarra, Carolina Gorman, Esther Ramirez and Anita Griffett; brother-in-law, Paul Herrera.

A Prayer Vigil was held Tuesday, December 27, 2011 in Baca's Chapel of Prayer. Family and friends celebrated the Funeral Mass Wednesday, December 28, 2011 in Our Lord of Mercy Catholic Church in Hatch. The Rite of Committal and Interment followed in Garden of Memories Cemetery where she was laid to rest next to her husband.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces 575-527-2222. For online condolences log on to www.bacasfuneralchapelslascruces.com

TORRES

Anna Quevedo Torres passed away on Monday, December 26, 2011 at Las Palmas Medical Center. Service arrangements are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 575-526-6891

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Bowl me over online



Samantha Roberts
Business Editor

Toward the beginning of February, TVs are tuned into the most-watched sporting event of the year – the Super Bowl.

Last season's game – the Green Bay Packers versus the Pittsburgh Steelers – drew a record 111 million viewers, the most watched program in the U.S.

Whether a favorite team is in the game or not, millions of fans gather around to watch men on the field duke it out, chanting for the underdog or betting against your most-hated team.

Super Bowl parties are thrown with more food than Christmas Day and oversized TVs are rented for the evening.

But 2012 might be a little different. Fans, cancel the parties and ignore the 55-inch TV because Verizon is making it possible to view the famous pigskin game online and with mobile devices.

NBC's broadcasts of wild-card Saturday, the Pro Bowl and the Super Bowl will be available on the league's and network's websites and through Verizon's NFL Mobile app. Online viewers will even get extras, including additional camera angles, in-game highlights and live stats as well as replays of Super Bowl ads.

If Americans needed one more reason to be glued to their mobile electronic devices, they certainly have it. But Rick Cordella, vice president and general manager for NBC Sports Digital Media, said the goal is to not limit people's time in front of the TV.

"Whether it's just for a quarter if somebody has to run out to the store to get something they forgot, now they can stay connected to the game," said Hans Schroeder, the NFL's senior vice president of media strategy and development to The Associated Press. "With such a big television audience, it will be interesting to see the expanded reach."

Football isn't the only sport to take over the lives of millions a few days out of the year. March Madness consumes cities and basketball fans. Just ask my fiancé why we really switched our March wedding date; or my co-worker who had to reschedule a trip because she couldn't find an empty hotel room in New Orleans.

Email me at samantha@lascrucesbulletin.com.

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Development grows in 2011

Mesilla Valley shows increased business activity

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

After taking a hard hit in 2009, the number of new commercial development permits were on the rise in 2011.

Doña Ana County had increased activity in the south with the groundbreaking of Union Pacific's intermodal station and commercial development along the U.S.-Mexico border. On April 5, Gov. Susana Martinez signed a bill that eliminated a tax on diesel fuel in New Mexico. Four months later, a ceremony was held with New Mexico legislators celebrating the "groundbreaking" of Union Pacific.

"This is a cornerstone to creating jobs in southern New Mexico," said New Mexico Economic Development Secretary Jon Barela. "This \$400 million project will create 3,000 construction jobs, 600 permanent jobs and many more will stem from that."

Also in southern Doña Ana County, the Santa Teresa Port of Entry broke ground on its upcoming expansion. On July 8, just one day after the Santa Teresa Port of Entry groundbreaking, a complementary development was also breaking ground in Sunland Park.

"Although the commercial market still appears somewhat sluggish, there have been some notable sales and a few larger leases in our market," said Grady Oxford, commercial Realtor with Steinborn Real Estate & Associates. "The companies that are doing well in the unusual economy seem to be taking advantage of the lower values in the market and bought this year where they had been leasing."

Las Cruces has also seen commercial development growth.

In 2011, Pro's Ranch Market moved into its new home on El Paseo Road and Wyatt Drive, Alaska Structures in the West Mesa Industrial



Doña Ana County saw growth in commercial development in 2011, including the opening of Pro's Ranch Market (top left), L&M Radiator moving into the former Coca-Cola factory (top right), Union Pacific officially building an intermodal station in Santa Teresa (bottom left) and CVS moving into Las Cruces (bottom right).

Park doubled in size, Tractor Supply set up shop on the corner of Picacho Avenue and Valley Drive and Vangent hired more than 100 people.

"The redevelopment of the Pro's Ranch Market plaza was a great stride in the right direction for Las Cruces," said Louis Edwards, general manager of NAI 1st Valley, the property manager for the shopping center.

"Las Cruces is a natural fit for Pro's Ranch; it filled a niche," added Randy McMillan, managing broker of NAI 1st Valley.

A third Walmart and CVS have also made commitments to move to the City of the Crosses.

"CVS is actively seeking many locations in southern New Mexico," McMillan said.

Since talks of a third Walmart coming to Las Cruces started, Edwards said retailers are looking to move to the Sonoma Ranch area as well as other locations throughout Las Cruces, including a regional bank that will open two

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Late snowfall might not be enough

Dormant grass can't fully benefit from recent precipitation

By **Marvin Tessneer**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Recent rain and snow storms in the southern part of New Mexico have been welcomed, but cattle ranchers said they will need more precipitation to "green up" the grass.

Range specialists report the recent storms might have been too late to fit in with the range production cycle. Ranges need precipitation before October when the plants go into dormancy to maintain a healthy growth condition, according to Nick Ashcroft, New Mexico State University Extension Service range specialist.

"The plants need to establish a healthy root system so in the spring they can take up water and nutrients from the soil," Ashcroft said.

Last October, the rainfall was .05 inches – .89 inches or almost an inch short of average, and too late to improve range conditions.

Ranchers also look forward to the so-called monsoon season and rain from July to September. But if there is another dry spring before the monsoons, the grass won't start greening up, Ashcroft said.

The recent storms moved in from the west, the Pacific Ocean and the Gulf of Alaska, according to the National Weather Service Santa

See **Range** on page B2



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Todd Dickson

Snowstorms in the Mesilla Valley covered the Organ Mountains in early December. Though that snow had barely melted, another snowstorm made for a white Christmas, but the precipitation might have come too late for farmers.

2011

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offices on the east side of Las Cruces. The rumor the old Sportsman's Warehouse will soon be converted into a Dick's Sporting Goods is "a done deal," McMillan said.

"Many of our older buildings that had been sitting around a while have been picked up and put to use again," Oxford said. "Examples are the old Coca-Cola building on Valley Drive, (which is now L&M Radiator), and the large plants on the West Mesa. We are also seeing some reasonable activity on buildings being sold in the Downtown area and being remodeled. This is very encouraging."

Oxford said he has also noticed developments along Roadrunner Parkway, such as the Green Offices.

"They are being filled with companies like Virgin Galactic, governmental agencies like the ATF and assorted medical," he said. "I would say there is more of an increase in leasing as opposed to buying."

However, with the good also comes the bad, and the down economy didn't completely miss Las Cruces.

"The flip side, of course, is that the companies that haven't fared well through these times have struggled with keeping their property," Oxford said. "The foreclosure rates are not just up for homes, but we're seeing quite a few in commercial as well."

Oxford said the economy can't "get the gas it needs," and impact fees that go into effect

Jan. 1, 2012, will not help the process.

"The impact fees will have a terrible effect on development," McMillan said. "Jake Redfearn, (an associate broker) has had major chains tell him if they don't get here before the end of the year, they are not coming."

"Fortunately for us, we still have a market in this town and everyone really wants to get it moving, but all are still hesitant with so many negative indicators throughout the country and internationally," Oxford said.

But the future of commercial development in Las Cruces could reach the stars, literally.

"We are actually seeing some growth in the space industry," Oxford said. "You read about the obvious ones in the paper, but there are actually many subcontractors and related parties that have been looking hard at this area as Spaceport America has become a reality."

"I don't want to pretend to have a crystal ball, but I feel 2012 will be very similar to 2011. We will continue to have business, some from companies expanding or moving in, and some business from others going out or shutting down."

Edwards, McMillan and Oxford agree the key to growth in Las Cruces is becoming more business friendly at the governmental level.

"City of Las Cruces (officials) have been talking about being much more business friendly, and I have seen some indications to that effect," Oxford said. "They are very key to things getting better and moving forward."

"There are a number of staff who are doing the best they can to make things happen; we would be lost without (City Manager) Robert Garza," McMillan said.

“ I don't want to pretend to have a crystal ball, but I feel 2012 will be very similar to 2011. ”

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Range

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Teresa station. The rain and snowstorms brought one to two inches of precipitation to the ranges, depending on locations.

The forecast for this area for the next couple of weeks and through March is "warmer and drier than normal," according to Jesse Haro, head NWS Santa Teresa meteorologist.

The rainfall has been spotty, said Tom Mobley, who grazes Black Brangus cattle near the Las Uvas Mountains.

"I was just lucky enough to have some pretty good rains in July and August, so I'm in better shape most ranchers," he said. "The forbs are looking pretty good, but we need the right temperatures to get anything growing."

Rancher Tom Cooper said his range is short of grass cover because of the lack of precipitation during the last growing season. He is maintaining his cattle in good shape with supplemental protein feeding.

"We're hoping for some good spring

rains to build up the weed crop and green up the grass," Cooper said.

New Mexico ranchers have sold about 30 percent of their cowherds because of the lack of grazing. During this winter season, the ranges haven't been restoring grass, according to Caren Cowan, New Mexico Livestock Producers Association director.

"The cattle sell-off may continue this winter," she said. "We hope we'll have some good strong rains next spring to grow grass."

Ranchers are just holding down their cowherd numbers.

"Most ranchers in this area have reduced their herds to the point they can hold the balance of their herds through the winter," said Charlie Rogers, owner of Clovis Livestock Show.

The range conditions are a statewide concern. Cattle and calves were the second cash commodity at 41.5 percent for \$999.4 million, according to the latest New Mexico Agricultural Statistics.

Milk remained the leading cash revenue at 57 percent for \$1.36 billion, according to agricultural statistics.

Briefs

FYI employees of the year honored

Families & Youth Inc. (FYI) honored Norma Amador as "Employee of the Year" for 2011. She is the supervisor for FYI's El Crucero Transitional Living Program. Imelda Jaramillo, administration, received the "CEO's Special Selection Employee of the Year" award from CEO Jose Fritze.

2011 outstanding employees in other FYI programs included: Brigitte Herrera, administration; Maria Franco, child care program; Gregory Gonzales, family focus; Elizabeth Fernandez, multisystemic therapy; Tina Rodriguez, prevention/youth employment; Stephanie Giron, community support; Jenifer Bonalumi, drug court; Luz Higley, home-based services; Ramon Montes, juvenile community corrections; Joshua Romero, Americorps; Michelle Rodriguez, Stepping Stones for Boys;

Maria Piñon, Stepping Stones for Girls; Esther Parra, consumer benefits; Ted Nieto, functional family therapy; Elizabeth Baca, access and visitation, Rachel Padilla, treatment foster care/ shelter care; and Angie Frias, Juvenile Assessment and Reporting Center (JARC).

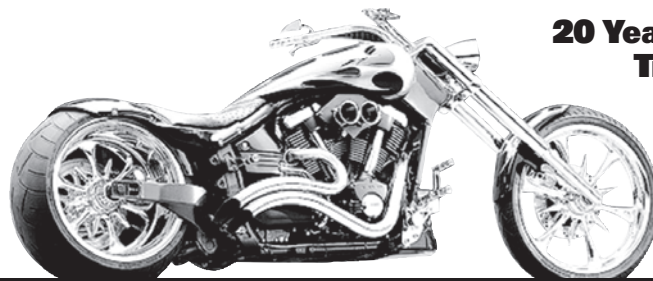
Spaceport Community Forum

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012, Virgin Galactic and key Spaceport America operations contractors will provide a briefing on activities for the new year as the Commercial Space Committee of the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce sponsors the first Spaceport Community Forum of the year. The meeting will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., in the Commission Chambers.

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By the Numbers



Building Las Cruces



Valley Drive

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

Construction along Valley Drive near Mayfield High School continues Dec. 28. Road demolition has one lane closed starting at Tractor Supply.

Recent projects featured in Building Las Cruces

Publish date	Building	Address	Contact
Dec. 23	Doña Ana Community College	2800 Sonoma Ranch Blvd.	528-7250
Dec. 16	Eyemart Express	3050 E. Lohman Ave	521-5970
Dec. 9	Quick Care Clinic	3030 W. Picacho Ave.	524-8061
Dec. 2	Pic Quik	Lohman Avenue	523-5611
Nov. 25	Lorena's Mexican Food	3961 E. Lohman Ave.	527-8206

Our numbers

\$3 billion

was the amount Fox made on advertisements on the 2011 Super Bowl

8

is the most appearances a team has made in Super Bowl history. This record is held by the Pittsburgh Steelers and Dallas Cowboys

35

was the Green Bay Packers' score when the team won Super Bowl I, defeating the Kansas City Chiefs

2002

was the year the first Super Bowl was held in February

Source: www.superbowlhistory.net and www.nfl.com

Gas update

Monday, Dec. 26

Average retail gasoline prices in New Mexico have **risen 0.6 cents** per gallon in the past week, averaging **\$2.90** per gallon. This compares with the national average that has **increased 0.8 cents** per gallon in the last week to **\$3.23** per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in New Mexico during the past week, prices **Monday, Dec. 26**, were **7.6 cents** per gallon **higher** than the same day one year ago and are **10.2 cents** per gallon **lower** than a month ago. The national average has **decreased 8.9 cents** during the last month and stands **21.3 cents** per gallon **higher** than one year ago.

1. Sam's Club	2711 N. Telshor Blvd.	\$2.82
2. Bradley's	920 El Paseo Road	\$2.82
3. Dylan's	1900 N. Main St.	\$2.82
4. Bradley's	1260 El Paseo Road	\$2.82
5. Valero	1305 El Paseo Road	\$2.84

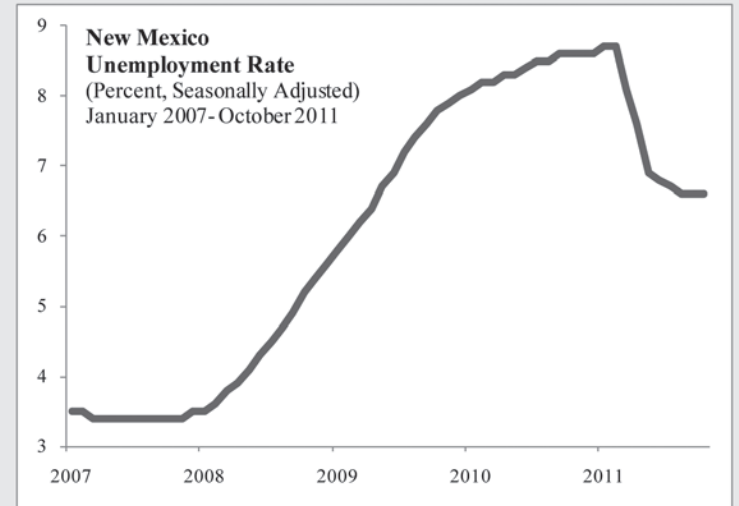
Source: www.newmexicogasprices.com

Adjusted unemployment rate

New Mexico's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was **6.6 percent** in October, unchanged from September but down from **8.6 percent** a year ago. The national unemployment rate dropped to **9.0 percent**.

The rate of over-the-year job growth, comparing October 2011 with October 2010, was **0.6 percent**, representing an increase of **5,000 jobs**. This was the fifth straight month of over-the-year job growth, following a **32-month period** of losses.

Analysis of the seasonally adjusted data shows that employment peaked in February 2008 and then declined over an almost three-year period through December 2010. From peak to trough, New Mexico lost almost **53,000 jobs** from effects of the national recession. October data indicate that the state has regained about **9,000 jobs**.



Money

Comparing the U.S. dollar

Euro

\$1.29467 in U.S. dollars
0.7724 per U.S. dollar

Mexican Peso

\$0.07148 in U.S. dollars
13.989 per U.S. dollar

Japanese Yen

\$0.01283 in U.S. dollars
77.94001 per U.S. dollar

Source: www.msn.com



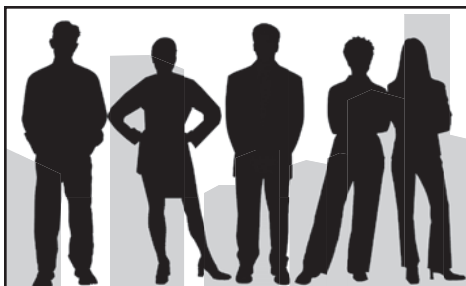
Market Snapshot

For the week of Dec.19-23, the market reports:

Index	Started	Ended	Change	% Change	% YTD
DJIA	11866.39	11229.4	427.61	3.6	6.2
Nasdaq	2555.33	2618.64	63.31	2.5	-1.3

Strong: There is nothing with a change of 1 percent or greater.
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Gas is No. 2 cause of lung cancer

January: National Radon Action Month

Gary Sandler's
Real Estate Connection



For two weeks straight, Stanley Watras set off the radiation alarms as he entered his workplace at the Limerick Nuclear Power Plant in Pennsylvania.

Authorities at the plant were stunned to learn that the source of the radiation was astoundingly high levels of radon gas in the basement of the Watras family home and not from the nuclear plant itself. That was in 1984.

Since then, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Surgeon General have determined that exposure to radon gas is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. and the No. 1 cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.

Radon, which has been found in all 50 states, is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water from the natural decay of uranium. Radon typically moves up through the ground to the air above and into homes through cracks and other holes in the foundation. It can also be introduced in small amounts through well water from private wells. The gas is released into the air when the water is used for showering and other household uses.

The EPA assigns one of three "zones" to each of the 3,141 counties in the U.S., rating the average short-term radon measurement that can be expected in a building without the implementation of radon-control methods. Zones are assigned numerical ratings of one, two or three, indicating whether the

designated areas are considered to be areas of high (1), low (2) or moderate (3) risk.

According to EPA's Map of Radon Zones, nearly three-quarters of New Mexico is considered to have "moderate" levels of radon emissions, while the remaining one-quarter of the state (seven counties in northern New Mexico to be exact) is coded as being at high risk of experiencing radon emissions. Although Doña Ana County is designated as having moderate levels of radon emissions, actionable levels of radon (more than four picocuries per liter of air or higher) have been found in Las Cruces.

As part of the EPA's National Radon Action Month's activities, homeowners and prospective purchasers are encouraged to test

for radon by conducting an easy and inexpensive do-it-yourself test. The New Mexico Environmental Department has free radon test kits available for people who share their test results with the department and participate in a statewide radon survey.

Residents can also purchase those test kits for less than \$25 at local hardware and home improvement stores. The price of the test includes the cost of the mail-in laboratory analysis by an EPA-approved lab.

If elevated radon levels are present, simple

abatement solutions for the average home can be employed at a cost of about \$800 to \$2,500, with \$1,200 being the nationwide average, according to EPA. A popular remedy for preventing the gas from entering the home includes the sealing of cracks and other openings in foundations along with the utilization of a system with pipes and fans called "subslab depressurization." The remedy prevents radon from entering the house by rerouting the outside atmosphere gases that

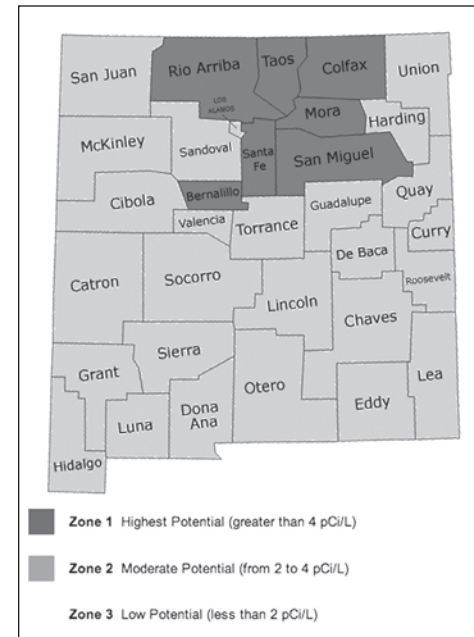
“ If you are building a new home, radon mitigation systems can be integrated with construction at a normal cost. ”

would normally radiate into the structure from beneath the slab. If remedial work is necessary, Michael Taylor of the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) points out that it is against New Mexico law for anyone other than EPA- or state-certified and/or qualified radon mitigation contractors to legally install radon mitigation systems that meet state requirements.

If you're building a new home, radon mitigation systems can be integrated with construction at a nominal cost. Since radon is such a hot topic across the country, there's plenty of information available on the subject. The booklets "Homebuyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon," "Reducing Radon Risks, A Citizen's Guide to Radon" and "Radon, A Physician's Guide" are available by calling EPA's National Hotline at 800-SOSRADON or visiting www.epa.gov/radon.

State radon information and free testing kits may be obtained from the NMED by phoning Michael Taylor, the NMED Indoor Radon Outreach coordinator at 505-827-1093. Should you have your home tested? Doing so is like chicken soup ... it certainly couldn't hurt.

See you at closing!



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

U.S. recovery helps; others could pose large problems

Outlook for Las Cruces in 2012 good thanks to expansion at the border



Chris Erickson
State of the Economy

Forecasting the local economy is something I've been doing for 25 years, so I look forward to the year-end.

As it turns out, 2011 was not as prosperous as I had hoped, with the Las Cruces economy suffering a period of stagnation. Employment was essentially flat and income only kept up with inflation. Looking forward, however, I expect 2012 to be a better year for our community.

Locally, the border is likely to be the main source of growth in the coming year. The construction by Union Pacific of the \$400 million intermodal transshipment hub in Santa Teresa promises to create 1,000 construction jobs during the expected three years of construction. Meanwhile, Geronimo, just across the border from Santa Teresa, is seeing explosive growth thanks to the Foxconn plant. This continues to create business opportunities for New Mexico.

National trends will also contribute to a growing Las Cruces economy in 2012. If you look at the 40 or so financial crises that have occurred worldwide since World War II, these have taken on average five years to play themselves out. If we date the start of the current crisis to the bursting of the housing bubble in 2007, then 2012 should be a year of recovery with 2013 being the first "normal" year since the crisis began.

National data supports this conclusion. The unemployment rate is down, new unemployment claims have returned to pre-crisis levels and job creation has finally achieved a pace sufficient to keep up with

population growth. All these trends should strengthen in 2012.

While local and national factors point to a better 2012 for Las Cruces, when looking at the international scene there are some negatives. The financial crises in Greece, Ireland and Italy are a major concern for European leaders. Concern about a potential breakup of the Euro has already contributed to a slow down in Europe and that continent may already be in recession.

A Euro recession means a major customer will be buying less from U.S. exporters. It also means that international investors, looking for a safe haven, will look increasingly to the United States, making it easier for U.S. businesses to raise funds. The net impact of a European downturn, if history is any guide, is likely to have only a small effect, one way or the other, on the U.S. economy.

One item that has not gotten the play in the media that it deserves is the slowdown in the Chinese economy. China is expected to grow "only" 7.5 percent in 2012, down from rates exceeding 10 percent in recent years. The main cause of this slowdown is recognition by Chinese leaders, as expressed in the current five-year plan, that the phenomenal growth of the last decade has put strains on the Chinese financial system that potentially could create a long-term problem. A slowdown now is better than a crisis next year.

So what is my bottom line? What do I predict for job growth for Las Cruces in 2012? I expect nonfarm job growth to be about 1.5 percent, up from -0.5 percent in 2011. This is about average for Las Cruces prior to the subprime crisis and represents a return to normal.

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Spreading the wealth

Seven counties benefit from giving now and in the future

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Even with the end of the year fast approaching, it's not too late to make a difference now and forever; or make a commitment to a year of giving.

Dr. Jana Williams, a local pediatrician at Full Bloom Pediatrics, and her husband, Richard, make giving a priority every year through time and money.

"It's something that's always been important to me as far as giving back," said Williams, who encourages giving among children Caroline, 11; Barrow, 9; and Cate, 6. "We want our children to see that a little bit of time and money can make a difference."

Williams currently works with Healthy Kids Las Cruces and serves on the board for Mariposa Autism Service Center (MASC).

"As a pediatrician, I see the needs out there," she said. "I know that together we can collaborate and make a bigger difference. People in the community have the power to change the community."

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM) is an organization that helps people, like the Williams family, do good now and forever in southern New Mexico.

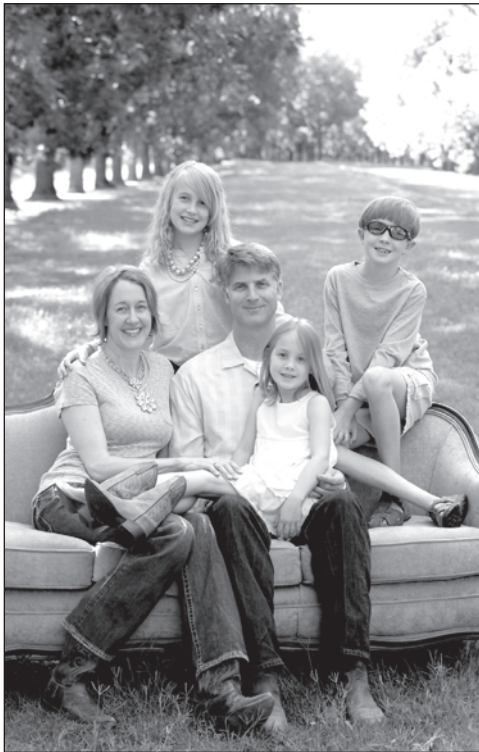
The CFSNM improved the health of more than 800 adolescents by making health care more accessible and affordable through school based health centers; enhanced 1,000 middle school students' understanding of science and increased their interest in becoming scientists and helped 16 women return to or continue to earn their university or community college degrees. In addition, the CFSNM brought \$435,000 of new funding to the community and with the services and expertise offered, 23 community groups were able to raise money for their causes without having to form their own charity.

The CFSNM allows people to support a wide variety of funds focusing on issues such as literacy, social issues, the arts and health that support the seven southern New Mexico counties.

This year, the CFSNM and the Williams family offered support to the Las Cruces Chamber Ballet in a unique way. The Williams family sponsored CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn to star as Mother Ginger in The Nutcracker's Sunday matinee.

"It's important to find a group or organization that will allow you to give to your full potential," Williams said. "Everyone can give in one way or another."

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



Jana, Caroline, Richard, Cate and Barrow Williams devote time and money to make the community a better place.



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.

SBA accepting nominations

Hall of Fame, Tibbetts awards to be presented in April 2012

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

Three awards will be given – one for companies that have participated in the SBIR/STTR programs, one for individuals who advocate on behalf of the programs and a third "Hall of Fame" award recognizing companies that have an extended period of extraordinary success of research, innovation and product commercialization within the SBIR or STTR program.

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

The SBIR and STTR programs currently account for more than \$2.5 billion per year in federal research and development funds and are coordinated by the SBA in cooperation with 11 other federal agencies with large external research and development budgets.

The awards are presented to companies and individuals that are beacons of promise and models of excellence in high technology. Typical of past award winners are a Maine company that created a self-propelled and eco-friendly "AquaPod" for sustainable aqua-culture. A previous Hall of Fame award winner that won numerous SBIR grants – a major west coast chip manufacturer – started with a staff of 35 and has expanded to a global work force of 17,500.

Selections for Tibbetts Awards are based on several factors, including the economic impact of the technological innovation, overall business achievement and demonstration of effective collaborations.

Nominations for these awards opened Dec. 15 and will close at 5 p.m. (EST) Jan. 31, 2012. Awards will be presented in Washington, D.C., in April 2012. To submit a nomination, visit tibbetts.challenge.gov for Tibbetts Awards – companies and individuals. For Hall of Fame Awards, visit sbrhof.challenge.gov.

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New executive director plans for bright Downtown future

Main Street growth ripe with prosperity, opportunity

Carrie LaTour

Executive director,
Downtown Las Cruces Partnership



Hello and season's greetings to all.

The last few months have been an exciting time for MainStreet and the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership (DLCP), and I feel honored and privileged to recently be chosen as the new executive director of this dynamic organization.

However, before I begin sharing my ideas and thoughts on Downtown revitalization, I would first like to extend a sincere thank you to former director Laura Kindseth. Through Kindseth's guidance and leadership, we have persevered and continue to remain the only organization in Las Cruces charged with the role of promoting a thriving MainStreet community.

As the new executive director of DLCP, I have an exciting time ahead. Actually, one would be hard pressed to think of a time riper for Downtown economic growth than now. With construction to begin this January on the south end of Main Street, we will once again have a through street that will increase traffic flow, allowing businesses to market store fronts to cars and pedestrians alike.

With our state's centennial upon us, excitement is in the air, and we are reminded of how proud we are to be part of the diverse and intriguing community that is Las Cruces.

DLCP is undertaking new and exciting initiatives as well, ones that will promote economic development Downtown while also establishing partnerships within both the public and private sectors. Our creation of an economic development think-tank has helped us to prioritize the components of a successful downtown model. We have also undertaken a robust membership campaign will help us better meet the needs of our MainStreet constituency.

Another new and exciting relationship we have established is with New Mexico State University. Our intention is to promote human and intellectual capital by working with college interns and university instructors to provide a real world classroom where students can conduct valuable research that pertains to economic development and MainStreet revitalization. Our most recent intern, Brenda Alvarado, worked with us this fall while completing a Masters in Public Administration from NMSU.

"I would strongly recommend an internship with this organization," Alvarado said. "It will provide you further understanding and allow application of knowledge obtained in the classroom, because as promised, the Downtown Las Cruces Partnership provided an excellent educational and working experience."

Brenda completed an analysis of an economic development report for Downtown and the greater Las Cruces area. The report painted an impressive economic picture for MainStreet, showing vast opportunities and a positive impact of the growing economic environment of our Downtown community. This information should serve as an invitation to business owners, business developers and the public to be a part of the experience in making Downtown an exciting place for the community to live, work, shop and play. You might be surprised at what MainStreet has to offer, and the following data shows why this is an ideal time to support downtown revitalization:

MainStreet District:

- Wages and salaries are more than 50 percent higher than other parts of the city.
- A total of 4,444 employees are located in the Downtown district. This encompasses a payroll of nearly \$182 million.
- Compared with the city as a whole, Downtown employees earn on average 62 percent more than those working in other parts of the city.
- With more than 1,900 businesses operating in the area (including most of the city offices), the district houses only 12 food and drinking establishments. This low level of accommodations is an invitation to vast opportunity.
- There are larger and diverse communities immediately adjacent to the Downtown district that are severely underserved with nearby retail goods and services. This low level of retail activity is again an invitation to vast opportunity.
- Retail annual spending for all households within a three-minute driving radius from the center of the MainStreet district is nearly \$77 million.
- Nearly 14,000 people with a combined

“Another new and exciting relationship we have established is with New Mexico State University.”



Antonio Perez, 14, and Isaiah Romo, 14, play for folks meandering about during the Las Cruces Downtown Ramble Aug. 5.

income of \$215 million live within a three-minute drive from Downtown, a greater density than any other part of the city.

Main Street arts, entertainment and dining:

Don't forget to visit the many vendors downtown during the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market every Wednesday and Saturday. You'll find a great array of products along with a delicious assortment of tasty food. It is also a great time to browse the many shops that have opened Downtown.

If you would like to get to know our local artists and gallery owners make sure you attend the Downtown Art Ramble on Main Street the first Friday of

every month from 5 to 7 p.m. Move from gallery to gallery, view some beautiful art and meet some incredibly interesting people.

Visit one of our restaurants while you are out to make it the perfect evening. Our Main Street theaters and museums also provide incredible venues for culture and the arts

and are another reason to visit Downtown Las Cruces.

As I write this, I am enjoying the first batch of holiday tamales that are making their way from house to house in my family and I am happy to be part of the traditions of New Mexican culture.

Other New Mexican traditions include gathering with family and friends while enjoying community festivals, eating incredible food, listening and dancing to fabulous music, patronizing locally owned shops and supporting a renowned arts community.

Coincidentally these are also the elements of a thriving Downtown, providing a one-stop-shop to meet your dining, cultural and entertainment needs. This is what we continue to strive for at the DLCP and I am asking for your help in supporting the many businesses that believe in our mission, and who want to provide a downtown experience for Las Cruces families to enjoy for generations to come.

To inquire about how to be a part of the continuing economic growth and development for Downtown, contact the DLCP at 525-1955.

Information provided by Downtown Las Cruces Partnership volunteers and staff. For more information, call 525-1955 or email downtown@dlcp.org.

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U.S. Bank awards nearly \$500,000

New Mexico nonprofits to benefit from donations

Forty-six nonprofit organizations in New Mexico are being awarded \$487,000 in grants and community affairs contributions by U.S. Bank and the U.S. Bancorp Foundation. Paul DiPaola, regional president for U.S. Bank in New Mexico, announced the affordable housing, artistic and cultural development, economic opportunity, education, health and welfare grants and other contributions.

"The U.S. Bank team is delighted to wish our valued nonprofit partners happy holidays by providing nearly \$500,000 in vital support," DiPaola said. "They are our key partners in building our communities across New Mexico, providing essential services and helping us create affordable housing, small business growth, economic opportunity, jobs and more financially savvy New Mexicans. We are proud to work with them to make New Mexico a better place to live, play and work."

The U.S. Bancorp Foundation is supporting the following nonprofit organizations:

Albuquerque

- A Better Way of Living Inc. – education
- Albuquerque Community Foundation – general operating support
- Albuquerque Meals on Wheels – human services
- Albuquerque Museum Foundation – cultural and artistic development
- Anderson School of Management Foundation – economic opportunity
- Assistance League Albuquerque – economic opportunity
- Boys & Girls Club of Albuquerque and Rio Ranch – education
- Catholic Charities – economic opportunity
- Circles – Move the Mountain Leadership Center – economic opportunity
- CNM Foundation – economic opportunity
- Cuidando Los Ninos – education
- Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership – affordable housing
- Habitat for Humanity Albuquerque – affordable housing
- Hispanic College Fund – education
- Hispano Chamber of Commerce – economic opportunity
- Keshet Dance Company – cultural and artistic development
- National Dance Institute of New Mexico – cultural and artistic development
- National Museum of Nuclear

- Science & History – education
- New Mexico Museum of Natural History Foundation – cultural and artistic development
- NMAA Foundation – education
- Quality New Mexico – education
- Reading Works – education
- Sawmill Community Land Trust – affordable housing
- United Way of Central New Mexico – general operating support
- U.S. Green Building Council – economic opportunity
- YMCA – Step Up for Kids – education



Gallup

- Gallup Catholic School Foundation – education
- Navajo Partnership for Housing – affordable housing
- Teach for America – education

Las Cruces

- Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico – economic opportunity
- Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico – general operating support
- Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity – affordable housing
- The Bridge of Southern New Mexico – education
- Tierra del Sol Housing Corp. – affordable housing

Moriarty

- Estancia Valley Foundation – economic opportunity

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- Haven House Inc. – economic opportunity

Sante Fe

- Habitat for Humanity Santa Fe – affordable housing
- Homewise – affordable housing
- Sante Fe Business Incubator – small business development
- The Housing Trust of Santa Fe – affordable housing
- United Way Santa Fe – general operating support

Taos

- Habitat for Humanity Taos – affordable housing

Federal Board shows economic conditions

The Fed will signal when the economy is recovering



Jim Spence
Business Matters

There is a politician-proof way to determine if the U.S. economy is really improving. It is better than listening to the coming pre-election chatter. Simply keep an eye on the Federal Reserve Board's interest rate policy, especially if you are relying on interest income to pay your bills. The Fed's actions will speak much louder than all politician words.

The Fed's current policy is to force all savers to settle for virtually no return whatsoever on their savings. With the Fed's near zero interest rate policy, which has been in place since 2008, we have the facts we need to understand exactly what people in possession of relevant economic data think of the U.S. economy. The Fed has been keeping rates low for what it thinks are good reasons. It is going out of its mind trying to "help" a rotten U.S. economy.

Still, Fed watchers hear Chairman Ben Bernanke regularly extol the virtues of a low interest rate policy in his speeches. When he does so it is important to realize that low rates do not help most people who need to borrow or lend. Few citizens and very few small businesses can take advantage of 1 to 2 percent interest rates. Only the federal government, huge publicly traded companies, and well-served homeowners using Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, enjoy the fruits of borrowing at low rates.

By and large, small businesses and individuals daring enough to borrow, and willing enough to risk going into debt, are forced to shoulder the burden of 6 to 8 percent commercial loan rates, if not higher. And regulator-weary community bankers are routinely forced into a policy of being not very willing

to lend to anyone who truly needs money even at 6 to 8 percent.

Naturally, the Fed does not spend much time talking about these realities or the fact that savers are getting the shaft. They would have us believe low rates are a magic economic tonic for our economy.

There is more. Most banks, contrary to popular belief, are actually losing money on short-term deposits, thanks to a minuscule overnight Fed Funds rate, which is also determined by the Federal Reserve Board.

2012 offers Americans great certainty. It is a virtual certainty that Democrats will blame all bad news related to the economy on Republicans. It is also quite certain Democrats will try to simultaneously take credit for any good news on the economy.

On the other hand, the GOP will most certainly downplay any improvements in the economy. And the GOP will surely blame the Democrat's policies of big government-run healthcare, banking, green energy "investments,"

and affordable energy disinvestments, for our terrible economy and high unemployment rate.

The bottom line for truth-seeking Americans is pretty simple. The Fed will let us know when sustained job creation and the prosperity associated with real economic expansion takes hold. It will be when the Federal Reserve, not politicians seeking affirmation, shows appropriate confidence by changing its interest rate policy.

In the meantime, if you, like millions of Americans haven't benefited over the last three years from the near zero interest rate environment created by the Fed, don't assume the country is back on the right track, no matter what any politician tries to tell you. Politicians are master manipulators. Fed monetary policies offer the closest thing to the truth about what the government's data tells us about a rebound in our economy.

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

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Do you know what annual celebration was held at New Mexico A&M on May Day?
See page D8 for more information.

In Good Company: *Las Cruces School of Dance and Music*

Dance, music school comes to Las Cruces

Long-time Alamogordo resident reopens Main Street building

By **Samantha Roberts**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Dance studio owner Monique Foster decided one was not enough.

Born in Cloudcroft, N.M., Foster said dancing is something she has always done.

"I have always danced, and I couldn't imagine doing anything else," Foster said.

After graduating from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts with a bachelor's degree in drama, Foster opened The Academy of Ballet in Alamogordo in 2000.

"It's been a great success," she said about her studio in Alamogordo. "We have maxed out."

In 2006, Foster choreographed and danced

for the HEAL Benefit, raising money for domestic violence victims. That year, she also started working at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo, teaching summer workshops for community education programs, such as Kids on Stage and Beginning Tap for Adults.

Foster, who also attended the Broadway Dance Center, said she felt her next step was to open a second dance location, and with many of her students traveling from nearby cities, she wanted to pick a location that would suit everyone.

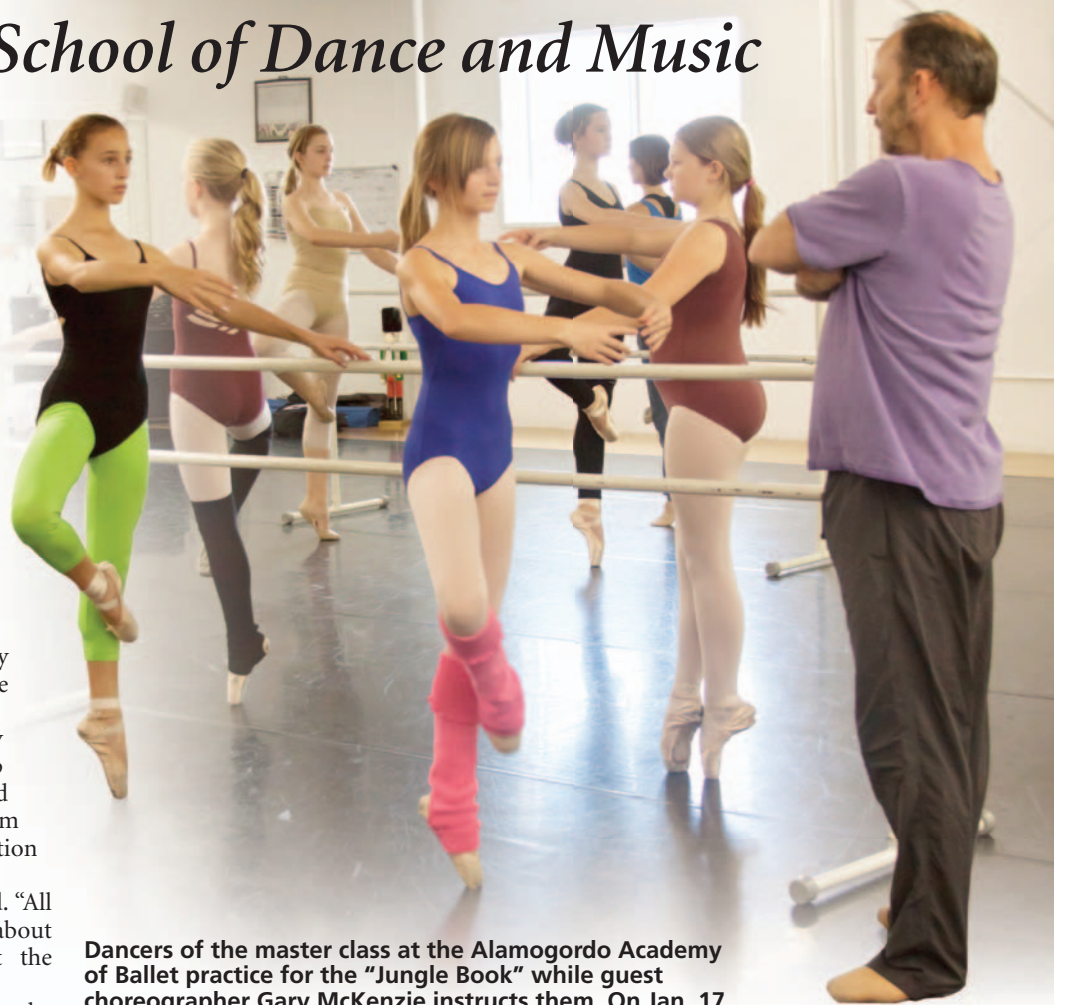
"Las Cruces was the best fit," she said. "All businesses want to grow. I thought about opening a studio in Cloudcroft, but the expansion seemed logical in Las Cruces."

With the military town filling up the Alamogordo studio, Foster said she hopes the Las Cruces location provides room for everyone.

The Las Cruces School of Dance and Music, which opens Jan. 17, 2012, will reside in the former Rio Yamaha store at 1390 N. Main St. The building is 12,186 square feet.

"There is so much room," Foster said. "We will have multiple dance rooms and music classes. It will be a place where the brother can take drum lessons and the sister can take ballet. I want to create a space that is convenient for parents and easily allows kids to go from one class to another."

Foster said she will also be enlisting the help of graduate dance students from New Mexico State University.



Dancers of the master class at the Alamogordo Academy of Ballet practice for the "Jungle Book" while guest choreographer Gary McKenzie instructs them. On Jan. 17, 2012, Alamogordo Academy of Ballet owner Monique Foster will open a second ballet studio in Las Cruces – the Las Cruces School of Dance and Music.

"When I was selecting a location for the second studio, I was drawn to Albuquerque and Las Cruces because of the universities. Grad students serve as great teachers and assistants," she said. "Las Cruces just seemed more realistic."

In addition to teaching in Las Cruces, Foster said she is also in the process of hiring a staff. She currently has four staff members in Alamogordo.

"I'm looking for a handful of dance and music teachers, including students from NMSU in selected majors," she said, adding that musical classes will include voice, woodwinds and percussion. "Eventually, the studio will put on performances that incorporate music and dance."

To maintain a high level of excellence, Foster said her schools strive to ensure the traditions of dance and music are sustained through exposure and celebration, education and training.

"Our reputation for excellence is grounded in a solid commitment to progress by consistently providing excellent faculty,

individual attention, a diversity of styles, a healthy environment and performance opportunities," she said.

The Las Cruces School of Dance and Music will host its first performance – "Alice in Wonderland" – in May 2012 at Oñate High School.

The school is currently accepting students for ballet, tap and jazz classes.

"If I find a good hip-hop or modern teacher, I will add those classes, too," Foster said.

She said she is also toying with the idea of adding a ballroom dance class.

"I am open to the demand," she said. "If adults want to take classes, we will make adult ballet classes. We take students from 3 years old and up."

"I am just so excited about the space because I really feel that we can do so much with it. I am also excited to be in Las Cruces because this is a community that really values and appreciates the arts."

For classes schedules or more information, visit www.lascrucesschoolofdanceandmusic.com or call 525-5670.

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Holiday shopping at the Las Cruces farmers market

Photos by Nicolas Bañales



The cold weather did not stop many from shopping last minute at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, on Downtown Main Street.



Michael Armenta completes his last-minute shopping. Many of the gifts he bought at the farmers market are being sent to his California family and friends who appreciate the art that comes from Las Cruces.



Ira Henry, 10 months, is one of the lucky ones to sit inside the doggie Christmas wagon.



Erika, 4, and Arabella, 7, Camuñez play around as their parents shop for gifts.



John Gaskill, from Arrow K-9 Academy, is a hit with his Christmas decorated dogs.



Jeremy, Shelbi and Grey, 1, Baldillez bought all their gifts locally for the first time this Christmas.

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Pub # 11250
Dates 10/14 - 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. D-307-CV-201101555

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.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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-201101917

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

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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.

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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-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.

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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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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.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys

disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF 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°56'00" 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

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 follows:

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

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA 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-named 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

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.

Plaintiffs' 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 situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 40, Block 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a 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. 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.

Attorneys for the Plaintiff:
Susan C. Little & Associates,
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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

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 3901 Elks Rd., Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Country Club Manor No. 1, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 11, 1957, recorded in Book 1, 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.

Pamela A. Carmody,
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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 its 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

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, T2S, 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.

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,

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(575) 524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

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Dates 12/16, 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.

Bidders, to the extent that they do not have a judgment permitted to be bid in lieu of cash, must bid cash at the sale. The successful bidder will be given until the close of the second business day following the determination of the winning bidder to supply to the Special Master cash, certified check, or cashier's check in the amount of the bid. Failure to do so will void that bid, and the Special Master shall either accept the next highest bid, or the Special Master may, in his sole discretion, telephone each bidder who attended the sale, using the telephone number each bidder submits at the sale, and communicate a new date and time for a subsequent sale, without republication of any further notice. Responsibility

for reception of notice of any subsequent sale is on the bidder submitting the telephone number.

Notice is further given that the above-described real estate and improvements located on such real estate will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein and all recorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. All prospective bidders are notified that they are responsible for making their own determination as to the extent and nature of the title being conveyed by purchase at the Special Master's sale.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, this 12th day of December, 2011.

Submitted by:
/s/ Kelly P. Albers,
Special Master
650 Montana, Suite D
Las Cruces, NM 88001
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

Case No.
D-0307-CV-0201102474

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.

BRENDA LUM, CHATTEL VENTURES LLC AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF BRENDA LUM, IF ANY, Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Brenda Lum and The Unknown Spouse of Brenda Lum, 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 3756 Damonite Court, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 42A in Block 24 of Las Colinas Planned Unit Development, Phase VI-B, Replat #1 located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 2, 2002 and recorded in Book 20 at Pages 144, Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

By:
Elizabeth Mason
Keya Koul
Steven Lucero
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Telephone: (505) 848-9500
Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District

Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 8 day of December, 2011.

James H. Dempsey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM11-01694_FC01

Pub # 11397b
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No. D-307-CV-201102358

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO BAC HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P., Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT E. ROBERTS, ANN ROBERTS AND AMERICAN GENERAL FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-named Defendant(s) Robert E. Roberts and Ann Roberts.

GREETINGS:
You are hereby notified that the above-named Plaintiff has filed a civil action against you in the above-entitled Court and cause, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 142 Key Deer CT, Las Cruces, NM 88007-5236, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 57 of Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 1, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Los Venados Estates Subdivision Phase 1, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on January 18, 2006 in Plat Book 21, Folio 488-489.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 30 days after the last publication date, judgment by default will be entered against you.

Respectfully Submitted,
CASTLE STAWIARSKI, LLC

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Fax: (505) 848-9516
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 7 day of December, 2011.

Gregory Toomey
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

By:
Deputy

NM00-03286_FC01

Pub # 11398
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-10-2652

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

vs.

EDWARD R. FRIETZE; JOSIE D. FRIETZE; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, successor in interest to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 18, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2065 O'Donnell, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block 5, College Park Replat, in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 18, 1963, recorded in Book 8, Page 91, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on February 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtors made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$100,105.34, plus interest thereon at the rate of 5.750% per annum from January 1, 2012, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$283.86. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

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

575-642-5567

Pub # 11399
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE 3rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA

NO. D-0307-CV-201102429

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff,

vs.

Charles Gonnell, Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Judgment in Favor of Plaintiff entered on December 6, 2011, the undersigned Special Master will sell at public auction, for cash or certified funds, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on January 25, 2011, at Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, New Mexico, the real property situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED 17 IN BLOCK NUMBERED H OF CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF SAID CHAPARRAL SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON FEBRUARY 15, 1971 IN PLAT BOOK 10, FOLIO 72-74.

(the "property"), which is commonly known as 508 Amparo Road, Chaparral, New Mexico 88081 (if there is any discrepancy between the property address and the legal description, the legal description shall control).

The property will be sold subject to rights of redemption; easements, reservations and restrictions of record; taxes and governmental assessments; any liens or encumbrances not foreclosed in this proceeding; 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; environmental contamination, if any; and zoning violations concerning the property, if any. No representation is made as to the validity of the rights of ingress and egress. Transfer of title to the highest bidder shall be without warranty or representation of any kind. ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

This action is a suit to foreclose a mortgage secured by the real property described above. The total amount awarded by the Judgment to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., with interest to the date of sale, is \$75,932.54; plus its costs and attorney fees through the date of sale of the property and any amounts advanced by Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. to protect its interest in the property before sale, including insurance, maintenance, taxes, assessments or other expenses relating to the property.

The proceeds from the judicial sale will be applied first to

the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale; then to the payment of the Judgment in favor of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., including additional fees, costs and expenses as stated in the foregoing paragraph. Any excess funds shall be deposited with the Clerk of Court. Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. may apply all or a portion of its judgment towards the purchase price. Otherwise, terms of sale shall be cash or certified funds.

Plaintiff's attorneys are The McFarlin Firm, PLLC (Jeremiah Hayes appearing), 5646 Milton Street, Suite 895, Dallas, Texas 75206; telephone (972) 630-6193.

Pamela A. Carmody,
Special Master

Pub # 11400
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2011, Innovative Communications Systems, PO Box 6160, Las Cruces, NM 88006, filed application numbered LRG-506 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-506 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 15' 53.68"N, 106° 46'0.97"W NAD83, on land owned by Britta Armstrong, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 350 feet for 18-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 15' 38.31"N, 106° 45' 54.34"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 4.575 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 32, Township 23 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for new well LRG-506 POD2 is located within Las Cruces, NM and may be found at the physical address of 4010 Old River Road. Existing well LRG-506 will be retained for other rights.

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

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

Pub # 11402
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 5, 2011, Ollie Mae Griffith and Columbus Jack Griffith III, 8454 Calle De Brazito, Mesilla Park, NM 88047, filed application numbered LRG-1261 POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-1261 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 5.9"N, 106° 42' 44.6"W NAD83, on land owned

by Chapter 72 NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11401
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 30, 2011, Mark Lawrence and Michelle Gutierrez, PO Box 6160, Las Cruces, NM 88006, filed application numbered LRG-8 POD5 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by abandoning the use of existing well LRG-8 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 47.58"N, 106° 39' 33.18"W NAD83, on land owned by Triple D Farms, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 350 feet for 18-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 31° 55' 18.87"N, 106° 39' 19.44"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicants,

for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 2.5362 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4 of Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 3 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-8 POD5 is located southwest of Anthony, NM and may be found approximately 950 feet northeast of Alvarez Road and Egret Road. Existing well LRG-8 will be retained for other rights.

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

Pub # 11403
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2011, Robert Brooks, 35 Franco Rd., Vado, NM, 88072, filed application numbered LRG-15067-POD 1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8432 located on land owned by Amaya Isaia, Jr. and Elisa A. Lopez within the NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 28, T25S, R03E, NMPM and drilling new well LRG-15067-POD 1 on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 29, T25S, R03E, NMPM at approximate Latitude/Longitude N32d05m59.22s W106d39m07.40s (NAD83) for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 11.49 acres of land owned by the applicant located in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 29. Well LRG-8432 and the proposed location for well LRG-15067-POD 1 are located approximately 2,725 ft. and 1,120 ft. northeast, respectively, of the intersection

of the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 220 feet for 16-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 12' 6.0"N, 106° 42' 46.5"W NAD83, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 40.0 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the SW1/4 of projected Section 23, Township 24 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for replacement well LRG-1261 POD2 is located northwest of Mesquite, NM and may be found approximately 250 feet west-northwest of the intersection of Harper Road and county road Calle De Brazito. Existing well LRG-1261 will be 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 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 # 11404
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on June 17, 2011, Robert Brooks, 35 Franco Rd., Vado, NM, 88072, filed application numbered LRG-15067-POD 1 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-8432 located on land owned by Amaya Isaia, Jr. and Elisa A. Lopez within the NW1/4 NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 28, T25S, R03E, NMPM and drilling new well LRG-15067-POD 1 on land owned by the applicant within the NW1/4 SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 29, T25S, R03E, NMPM at approximate Latitude/Longitude N32d05m59.22s W106d39m07.40s (NAD83) for the continued diversion of shallow groundwater, combined with surface water received from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 11.49 acres of land owned by the applicant located in Pt. SE1/4 of said Section 29. Well LRG-8432 and the proposed location for well LRG-15067-POD 1 are located approximately 2,725 ft. and 1,120 ft. northeast, respectively, of the intersection

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of HWY 478 and Franco Rd., approximately 1.0 mile southeast of Vado, NM. Well LRG-8432 will be retained for other rights.

Any person, firm or corporation, or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application: (1) if impairment, you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show that you will be substantially effected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protests can be faxed to 575-524-6160. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6 and 72-12-3 of NMSA 1978.

Pub # 11404
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 2012

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

No. PB 2011-000120
Judge James T. Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN N.
KRUMRINE, II, 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/ JANE LAWSON-BELL
Personal Representative of the Estate of JOHN N. KRUMRINE, II
229 Monroe St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147

MELISSA J. REEVES, P.C.

/s/ Melissa J. Reeves
200 W. Las Cruces Ave., Ste. A
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-522-5009
522-5031 FAX
Attorney for Personal Representative

Pub # 11405
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. PB 2011-127

**IN THE MATTER of the
Estate of ERNESTO E.
MISQUEZ, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rudy T. Misquez has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the estate

are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at the address shown in this notice or filed with the court.

The attorney for the personal representative is William L. Lutz of the law firm of Martin, Lutz, Roggow & Eubanks, P.C., 2110 North Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001.

DATED this 16th day of December, 2011.

/s/ Rudy T. Misquez
Personal Representative

Pub # 11407
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011

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

VEY FINANCE LLC, Plaintiff,

v.

**ROBERTO A. BLANCO,
CASSANDRA BLANCO,
BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC. and TG
TIERRA GRANDE, LP,
Defendants,**

**BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC. Counter-
Claimant,**

v.

**VEY FINANCE, LLC.,
Counter-Defendant,**

**BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., Cross
Claimant,**

v.

**ROBERTO A. BLANCO,
CASSANDRA BLANCO, and
TG TIERRA GRANDE, INC.,
Cross-Defendants,**

**BURN CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC., Third Party
Plaintiff,**

v.

**LOGOS DEVELOPMENT,
INC., et, Third Party
Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Lots numbered 2, 5, 8, 11, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60, 61 and Tract A in the subdivision plat of Tierra Grande Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Tierra Grande.

The sale is to begin at 11:00 a.m. on January 25, 2011, in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment granted Vey Finance, LLC.

Vey Finance, LLC was awarded a Judgment on October 13, 2011, in the amount of \$749,558.11,

as of July 10, 2010, with pre and post judgment interest on the sum of \$590,203.23 at the rate of thirteen and one half (13.5%) per annum until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS
AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED
TO MAKE THEIR OWN
EXAMINATION OF TITLE
AND THE CONDITION
OF THE PROPERTY AND
TO CONSULT THEIR
OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE
BIDDING.**

/s/ John A. Darden, III
Special Master
P.O. Box 578
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0578
(575) 541-6655

Pub # 11409
Dates 12/23, 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-0307-CV-201102153

**PHH MORTGAGE
CORPORATION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROSARIO RUEDAS
AND MIGUEL RUEDAS,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: Lot 4, TIERRA BONITA SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 2444 on, September 23, 1993 in Book 17 Pages 341 and 342 of Plat Records

The address of the real property is 17 Tierra Bonita Ct, La Mesa, NM 88044. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 28, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$261,484.89 plus interest from October 19, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.000% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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

NM00-00668_FC01

Pub # 11410
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201102123

**WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL,
NEW MEXICO, Plaintiff,**

v.

**LEOPOLDO RIOS,
GRISelda RIOS AND
SUNPORT FINANCIAL, LLC,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 26, BUENA VISTA SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 2626, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on February 14, 1995, and recorded in Book 18, Page 199, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 111 Sun Court, Sunland Park,

NM 88063. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property 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 17, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$97,733.15 plus interest from November 3, 2011 to the date of sale at the variable rate per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

NM11-01231_FC01

Pub # 11411
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201101915

**OCWEN LOAN SERVICING,
LLC, Plaintiff,**

v.

**FELIPE CORTEZ AND
CLAUDIA ELENA CORTEZ,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A tract of land situate in Hatch, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 9, T.19S., R.3W., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tract G1-113 and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at an iron pipe found for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described; being identical to the Northwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract G1-113;

Thence from the point of beginning, N. 81°37'17" E., 122.00 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 14°28'45" E., 96.99 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 70°39'46" W., 104.92 feet to a ½" iron rod set on the East line of U.S. Highway 85 for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence along the East line of Highway 85, N.22°30'41" W., 120.02 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.279 acre of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

The address of the real property is 531 Hall Street, Hatch, NM 87937. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal 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 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 \$71,727.71 plus interest from September 30, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 17 OF BERINO TOWNSITE, LOCATED IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 7, 1909 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 3 AT PAGES 65, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 308 San Benito St, Mesquite, NM 88048. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the

location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 28, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$20,371.56 plus interest from November 16, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.3200% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale.

Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
Special Master
Southwest Support Group
20 First Plaza NW, Suite #20
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Pub # 11412
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201101781

**CITIFINANCIAL, INC.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**FELIPE DEL HIERRO
AND LORI DEL HIERRO,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State: LOT 4 AND 5 IN BLOCK 17 OF BERINO TOWNSITE, LOCATED IN DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO ON DECEMBER 7, 1909 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 3 AT PAGES 65, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 308 San Benito St, Mesquite, NM 88048. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the

location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 28, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$20,371.56 plus interest from November 16, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 11.3200% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Pub # 11413
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Case No.
D-307-CV-201101075

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,
Plaintiff,**

v.

**CHERIL BANNING,
CITIZENS BANK OF
LAS CRUCES AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
CHERIL BANNING, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE NORTHEAST OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LOCATED IN SECTION 33, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A ½" IRON ROD FOUND AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF DRAGONFLY ROAD AND FOX ROAD FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 33, T.21S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS BEARS S. 89°57'00" W., 1332.11 FEET;

THENCE, FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF DRAGONFLY ROAD, N.89°57'00" E., A DISTANCE OF 333.02 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, LEAVING DRAGONFLY ROAD, S. 00°07'54" W., A DISTANCE OF 330.55 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD FOUND FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 89°55'48" W., A DISTANCE OF 332.94 FEET TO A ½" IRON ROD SET ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF FOX ROAD FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF FOX ROAD, N.00°07'07" E., A DISTANCE OF 329.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ENCLOSING 2.527 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD.

INFORMATION IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS DESCRIPTION DERIVES FROM WARRANTY DEED FILED JANUARY 23, 2004, IN BOOK 492, PAGES 1419-1420, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS. A PLAT WAS PREPARED UNDER JOB NO.04-05-0431.FIELD NOTES BY SCANLON WHITE, INC., LICENSE NO. 9433.

A.P.N. 03-10526

The address of the real property is 9520 Dragonfly Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the judgment entered on November 28, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and

wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$330,861.23 plus interest from November 1, 2011 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.250% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

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 mortgage giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Jeffrey Lake
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

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Pub # 11414
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 1/20, 2012

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

Case No.
D-307-CV-201001548

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,
Plaintiff,**
vs.

**DORA MURILLO AND THE
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF
DORA MURILLO, IF ANY,
Defendant(s).**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on January 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following

described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 3 in Block 17A of Dale Bellamah Manor Section 2, Plat 2, Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Dale Bellamah Manor Section 2, Plat 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 11, 1958 in Plat Book 8, Folio 21.

A.P.N. 02-13643

The address of the real property is 1221 Skyway Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more 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 December 3, 2010 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$92,602.58 plus interest from November 19, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.125% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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 mortgage 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

NM00-01452_FC01

Pub # 11415
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 1/20, 2012

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

No. D-307-CV-2011-02417

**BOKE, N.A. dba BANK OF
OKLAHOMA, N.A., Plaintiff,**
vs.

**REBECCA K. DWAKE
and DENNIS DWAKE,
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE ON
FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, commonly known as 1924 Calle de Suenos, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 14, BLOCK 12, DALE BELLAMAH ANNEX, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 429 ON 6/29/1954 IN BOOK 7 PAGE(S) 56 OF PLAT RECORDS.

The sale is to begin at 11:45 a.m. on February 3, 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. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A.

BOKE, N.A. dba Bank of Oklahoma, N.A. was awarded a Judgment on December 19, 2011, in the principal sum of \$110,059.27, plus outstanding interest due on the Note through November 1, 2011, in the amount of \$4,035.52 and accruing thereafter at the rate of \$16.58 per diem, plus late charges of \$161.40, plus escrow advances of \$1,212.00, plus fee and cost advances in the amount of \$700.00, plus attorney's fees in the amount of \$950.00 and costs in the amount of \$540.15, with interest on the above-listed amounts, plus attorney's fees and costs at the rate of 5.500% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendants as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS AT THE SALE ARE ADVISED TO MAKE THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF TITLE AND THE CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY AND TO CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEY BEFORE BIDDING.

/s/ Faisal Sukhyani,
Special Master
c/o Leverick and Musselman,

L.L.C.
5120 San Francisco Road NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico
87109
(505) 858-3303

Pub # 11416
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 1/20, 2012

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

No. CV-2011-1346

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,
successor in interest to ABN
AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.
by merger, Plaintiff,**
vs.

**RAFAEL A. ARREOLA;
RAQUEL ARREOLA;
COUNTRYWIDE BANK,
N.A., Defendants.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 25, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 6029 Lourdes Road, Sunland Park, and is situated in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 15, Block 1, MASON FARMS SUBDIVISION UNIT 2, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said county as Plat No. 4040 on 10/26/2004 in Book 21 Page(s) 18-21 of Plat Records.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$138,661.34 and the same bears interest at 6.250% per annum from December 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,329.63. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special 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 sub-

ject to a one month right of redemption.

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

Pub # 11417
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 1/20, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA
PROBATE COURT**

No.: 11-0271
Judge Alice M. Salcido

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF ANNELEISE
CASWELL, Deceased.**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Shirley Goins a/k/a Shirley G. D. Goins was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Anneliese Caswell, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of Anneliese Caswell, deceased. All persons having claims against this Estate must present their claims within two months after the date of first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative c/o Law Office of Katherine N. Blackett, PC, Post Office Box 2132, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2132, or filed with the Doña Ana County Probate Court, 845 N. Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

Dated this 20th day of
December, 2011.

/s/
Shirley Goins
a/k/a Shirley G. D. Goins
Personal Representative

Prepared by:
LAW OFFICE OF
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT,
P.C.

/s/
Katherine N. Blackett
Attorney for Personal
Representative
Post Office Box 2132
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Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Location of State Liquor License #4004 to Brewer Oil Co. d/b/a Holiday Chevron, located at 2645 South Valley Drive, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 21st day of December 2011.

/s/ Linda Lewis, CMC,
Deputy City Clerk

Pub # 11419
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership of State Liquor License #2752 to Sunilaben Patel d/b/a Best Western Mission Inn, located at 1765 South Main Street, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 12th day of December 2011.

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 11420
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
2012

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO
ADOPT**

Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces City Council will hold a Public Hearing to discuss approval or disapproval of the Transfer of Ownership and Location of State Liquor License #0097 to RJ's Red Hawk License d/b/a Red Hawk Golf Club, located at 3600 Arroyo Trail, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Public Hearing will be held in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Las Cruces City Council to be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 700 North Main Street, City Hall. If passed, the State of New Mexico Regulation & Licensing Department may approve the issuance.

Witness my hand and seal of the City of Las Cruces on this the 12th day of December 2011.

/s/ Esther Martinez, CMC,
City Clerk

Pub # 11421
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
2012

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Colonias Infrastructure Board will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2012. The meeting will be held at Western New Mexico University, Bess-Forward Global Resource Center, 1000 W. College Street, Silver City, New Mexico. The agenda will be available at the NMFA office at 207 Shelby Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico and the web site (www.nmfa.net). Anyone who has questions regarding the meeting or needs special accommodations should contact Yolanda Valenzuela at (505) 992-9632.

Pub # 11423
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 2012

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

No. D-307-CV-2011-02298

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC. dba
Citicorp Mortgage, Plaintiff,**
vs.

**JOEL R. GALVAN and, if mar-
ried, JANE DOE GALVAN,
(True Name Unknown),**

NMFA at 992-9632 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

Pub # 11422
Dates 12/30, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 3, 2011, Perelli-Minetti Trust III, 2815-A Lafayette Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92663, filed application numbered LRG-1788 POD3 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 existing well LRG-1788 located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 4' 34.89"N, 106° 41' 1.53"W, on land owned by the applicant, and drilling a replacement well to a depth of 500 feet for 16-inch casing to be located where Latitude and Longitude intersect at 32° 4' 36"N, 106° 41' 2"W, on land owned by the applicant, for the continued diversion of an amount of water reserved for future determination by the May 24, 1999 Order of the Third Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, State of New Mexico, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 121.80 acres of land, owned by the applicant, located within the NE1/4, the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 SW1/4 of projected Section 1, Township 26 South, Range 2 East, NMPM. The site for proposed replacement well LRG-1788 POD3 is located north of Chamberino, NM and may be found approximately 135 feet northwest of the intersection of State Highway 28 and Veterans Road. Existing well LRG-1788 will be 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 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 # 11423
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6,
1/13, 2012

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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his spouse; MELANIE A. GUERRA and, if married, JOHN DOE A, (True Name Unknown), her spouse; NEW MEXICO MORTGAGE FINANCE AUTHORITY; TAXATION and REVENUE DEPARTMENT of the STATE of NEW MEXICO, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 25, 2012, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 4172 Calle Nuestra, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot numbered 60 of Mi Tierra Subdivision, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Mi Tierra Subdivision, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on April 8, 1999 in Plat Book 19, Folio 258-259,

and all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto and more particularly

described as a 2000 Schult DW, VIN SB450919AB, title to which has been deactivated with the Motor Vehicle Division of the State of New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 19, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$91,055.99 and the same bears interest at 5.810% per annum from December 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$811.68. The Plaintiff and/or its assignees has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to,

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

Pub # 11424
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 28, 2011, Pablo Canales, on behalf of Maria Laura Canales, 108 Hwy 28, Anthony, NM 88021, filed application numbered LRG-15143-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Change Location of Well within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Dona Ana County by discontinuing the use of well LRG-15143-POD1, on land owned by Raul and Maria Laura Canales located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of

Section 34, T27S, R03E, NMPM and drilling proposed well LRG-15143-POD2 to an approximate depth of 200 ft. below ground surface with 6-inch casing, located within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 34 on land owned by the applicant, at approximately X=1,524,650 Y=334,308 ft. (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) for the diversion of up to 3.0 acre-feet per annum, or that amount required for beneficial use, of shallow groundwater for domestic and livestock purposes on land owned by the applicant within Pt. SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 34 at the physical address of 108 Highway 28. Well LRG-15143-POD1 and proposed well LRG-15143-POD2 are located approximately 450 ft. east southeast and 475 ft. east, respectively, of the intersection of Westside Rd. and NM Hwy 28, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of Santa Teresa, NM. Well LRG-15143-POD1 will be properly plugged.

Any person, firm or 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 con-

servation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show how you will be substantially and specifically affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with the State Engineer, 1680 Hickory Loop, Suite J, Las Cruces, NM 88005-6598 within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is hand-delivered or mailed and postmarked 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 # 11425
Dates 12/30, 2011 and 1/6, 1/13, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Intent to Adopt The Following Ordinance at a Regular City Council Meeting to be Held on January 17, 2012:

1. Council Bill No. 12-021; Ordinance No. 2643; An Ordinance Amending Las

Cruces Municipal Code, Section 24-61, to Modify the Structure of the Selection Advisory Committee to Reflect Organizational Changes Within the City of Las Cruces.

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 27th day of December 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC
City Clerk

Pub # 11426
Dates 12/30, 2011

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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Roberta Y Morales
1012 Bison Trail
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Mary L Holt
2301 El Camino Real # 707
Las Cruces, NM, 88007
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Las Cruces, NM 88005
UNIT CONSISTING OF:
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NEXT WEEK

Celebrating 100 years
Las Cruces observes statehood centennial in citywide events



2011 was a celebration

Annual events mark milestones, new traditions

By **Natisha Hales**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

While 2012 promises to be an eventful year with the 100-year anniversary of New Mexico's statehood, the year leading up to it was packed with plenty of its own events and fun.

The year 2011 marked milestones and new beginnings as well as plenty of tried-and-true traditions in the Mesilla Valley.

New milestones

Two country music legends – Reba McEntire and George Strait – made a point to stop in Las Cruces and played in front of a sold-out crowd at the Pan American Center at New Mexico State University. It was the highest grossing show and the fastest sellout in at least 10 years.

Special Events Director Scott Breckner said the Pan Am set an all-time record in gross receipts with more than \$1 million. Tickets were gone in the first two hours after they went on sale, and between 10 a.m. and 10:01 a.m., there were 5,000 tickets cued up in the system to purchase.

The duo was brought to the area by local legend Barbara Hubbard in conjunction with American Collegiate Talent Showcase (ACTS), started by Hubbard to raise money for scholarships and “hands-on” internships for students interested in performing and working behind the scenes.

The Las Cruces Farmers Crafts & Market celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2011, and monthly concerts and special events were held throughout the summer months, beginning in May, among the dozens of vendors who sell

their locally made wares. The market has a lot to celebrate, especially remaining successful despite having to relocate from its 30-year home of north end of the former Downtown Mall while Main Street was being reopened to vehicular traffic over the past several years.

The perfect icing on the cake? It was voted the No. 1 large market in the country in American Farmland Trust's America's Favorite Farmers Markets contest.

It was a 40th anniversary for the Hatch Chile Festival, a Labor Day Weekend event held in the village of Hatch. Over the years, the festival has evolved to include the Chile Festival Queen coronation, chile- and

“The arts council's Las Cruces Zombie Walk was a Halloween thrill on Downtown Main Street in October as hundreds filled the area ...”

watermelon-eating contests, vendors and a chile-themed fine art exhibit.

The Doña Ana Arts Council's Renaissance ArtsFaire also celebrated 40 years, and has grown from an arts fair in the tiny parking

lot of Holy Cross Catholic Church to one of the largest arts events in the region. Held Nov. 5-6, hundreds of vendors from throughout the country – and even Canada – filled Young Park dressed in Renaissance garb and selling arts, crafts and food. Even with inclement weather over the weekend, thousands from southern New Mexico still came to see what the fair had to offer.

The Southern New Mexico State Fair & Rodeo, evolving from a junior livestock sale held at NMSU, celebrated 45 years in 2011. The weeklong event now covers eight counties – Doña Ana, El Paso, Luna, Grant, Sierra, Catron, Otero and Hidalgo – and lures agricultural experts, craftspeople, artists and fairgoers from all over the region. The Turquoise Circuit Rodeo Finals saw the best in the area compete for a chance at national competition.

New traditions

Although the fate of the White Sands International Film Festival was unsure after its projected April event dates came and went, the board pulled together for a film festival to top other years when the event opened Aug. 25-27. New artistic director Ross Marks attracted top films to be screened during WSIFF, and he took the reins with invaluable experience as a filmmaker.

Val Kilmer was the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and spent the evening with Las Cruces at the Preston Contemporary Art Center after-party. More than 60 films were screened at the Cineport 10, and student shorts also were screened at the Rio Grande Theatre, which joined as a venue for the first year.

Downtown Las Cruces was alive that weekend as SalsaFest! officially kicked off the state's centennial celebration. Organizers expected thousands visited Downtown to celebrate all things salsa. Though Las Cruces SalsaFest! celebration began in 2009, this year was a little bit different. A gala was held Saturday evening before the SalsaFest! was held Sunday, Aug. 28, featuring homemade and commercial salsas, a dedication of the reopening of North Main Street, salsa music and a vintage car show.

The Whole Enchilada Fiesta remained cozy in its new home at the Hadley Sports Complex. While vendors, music and the world-record flat enchilada remained tried and true features of the weekendong event, the 2011 board implemented several new events, including Fire in the Whole, an enchilada-eating contest.

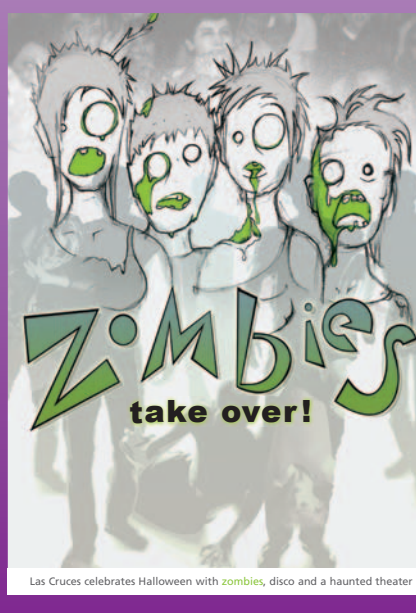
The arts council's Las Cruces Zombie Walk was a Halloween thrill on Downtown Main Street in October, as hundreds filled the area trudging along in full costume and character in search of brains.

New beginnings

With a new convention center came a new arts event organized by arts council board member George Griffin, his wife Maggie and gallery owners Glenn and Sally Cutter. The

Las Cruces Arts Fair was held March 25-27 as a spring fundraiser for the Doña Ana Arts Council. The idea was to make the indoor art fair completely different than the unique Renaissance ArtsFaire, but still recruit artists. The first event was a success, drawing 80 artists from throughout the country.

The NMSU Atkinson Music Center was transformed into an art venue to make way for the New Age Contemporary Arts Festival held Feb. 7-9. The three-day event combined arts and music and was said to be unlike anything Las Cruces had ever seen.



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Las Cruces Catholic School students perform "Colores de Cristo" during Mesilla's Cinco de Mayo celebration.



"Pink ladies" Mary Henson, Magellia Boston, Pat Sisbarro and Laura Conniff kick off a pink fashion show at the Las Cruces Convention Center in October.



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SAT. DEC 31	11:30 A.M.
Magic Carpet Storytime	Branigan Cultural Center
TUE.-FRI. JAN 3-6	10:00 A.M.
Overstock Book Sale	Branigan Library
TUE. JAN 3	10:30 A.M.
Read To Me - stories for ages 3 and up	Branigan Library
WED. JAN 4	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
WED. JAN 4	11 A.M.
Mother Goose Time - Activities for Infants	Branigan Library
THU. JAN 5	10 A.M.
Toddler Time! Stories for kids 1-3	Branigan Library
FRI. JAN 6	10:30 A.M.
Rhythm Roundup: Music, Song & Dance ages 2-5	Branigan Library
FRI. JAN 6	10:30 A.M.
Fantastic Fridays! Stories & Crafts for ages 7-11	Branigan Library
SAT. JAN 7	10 A.M.
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SAT. JAN 7	10 A.M.
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TUE. JAN 10	10 A.M.
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TUE. JAN 10	10:30 A.M.
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TUE. JAN 10	5:30 P.M.
Advanced Beginners' Knitting Class	Branigan Library
WED. JAN 11	9 A.M.
Computer Class - MS Word 2007	Branigan Library
WED. JAN 11	10 A.M.
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Galleries & Openings

LAST CHANCE

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.

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

Coming soon

New Mexico artists and art of New Mexico

M. Phillip's Gallery
221 N. Main St.
525-1367
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Bobby Johnson, Kachina Mythmaker

Rio Grande Theatre galleries
211 N. Main St.
523-6403
Opens Friday, Jan. 6, 2012

Tucson Paints With Colored Pencils

Unsettled Gallery
905 N. Mesquite St.
635-2285
Opens Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012

Mixed Nutz

Rokoko Gallery
1785 Avenida de Mercado
405-8877
Opens Friday, Jan. 13, 2012

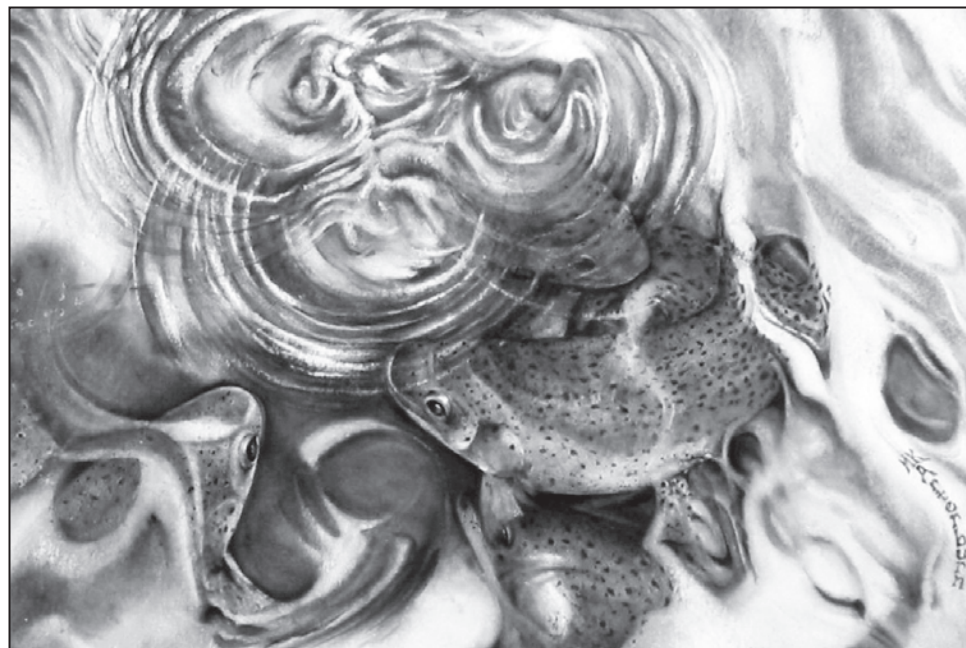
and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 312-1064.

MVS STUDIOS features pottery by Russell Mott and work by Kathryn Holmes, Guenevere McMahon, Sherry Doil-Carter and Michael Ponce, as well as jewelry by Ginny Wolf and Laverne Stinnett.

MVS Studios is located at 535 N. Main St. Call 524-3636.

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



"Rainbow" by Michelle Arterburn is on display at the Tombaugh Gallery through January.

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.

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.

RIO GRANDE THEATRE GALLERIES

display the personal work of photographer/filmmaker Steven Kaeppler 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.

OPENING

MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY'S featured artists for January are Ruth Ann Sugarman and Yvonne Postelle. Sugarman, a New Englander, received a bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa and came to the Southwest after retiring as an educator. Her love of landscapes fascinated her to communicate in color, shape, line and texture the miracle of

seeing and the joy of sharing with the public. Sugarman is primarily a landscape painter.

Postelle, a native Texan, works primarily in oils as a landscape painter. The love of art has been a constant passion as long as she can remember. She retired in 1989, to pursue her love of art. She has exhibited regularly in both group and juried shows, serving in different capacities in the local art association.

The gallery also welcomes new member, jewelry artist Karen Feder.

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.

TOMBAUGH GALLERY

presents "Friends - Art - Food" by Cally Williams and friends for January. An opening reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31. The exhibit will run through Jan. 27.

Friendship is the link that unites this group of six Las Cruces artists – Cally Williams, Michelle Arterburn, Kathryn Holmes, Jessica Kurtz, Steve Hornung & Elaine Querry.

The gallery is located in the United Universalist Church at 2000 S. Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 522-7281.

ONGOING

GALERÍA TEPIN will host a sale of Mexicano, Chicano and Latino art and books to celebrate both Christmas and the upcoming 2012 New Year.

The sale will run through Jan. 8. Featured in the sale will be papel picado by Master artist, Catalina Delgado Trunk, who grew up in Coyoacán, México, and 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.

The gallery is located at 2220 Calle de Parian. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday through Sundays. Call 523-3988.

NOPALITO'S GALERÍA

hosts "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.

MESQUITE ART GALLERY

shows 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.

LUNDEEN INN OF THE ARTS

shows several new sculptures by Tomi LaPierre during The Insighters' Holiday Art Exhibit and Sale through Jan. 31, 2012.

The gallery is located adjoining the Lundeen Inn of the Arts boutique hotel at 618 S. Alameda Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Call 526-3326.

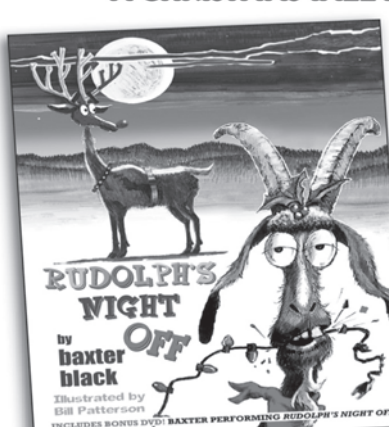
UNSETTLED GALLERY

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.

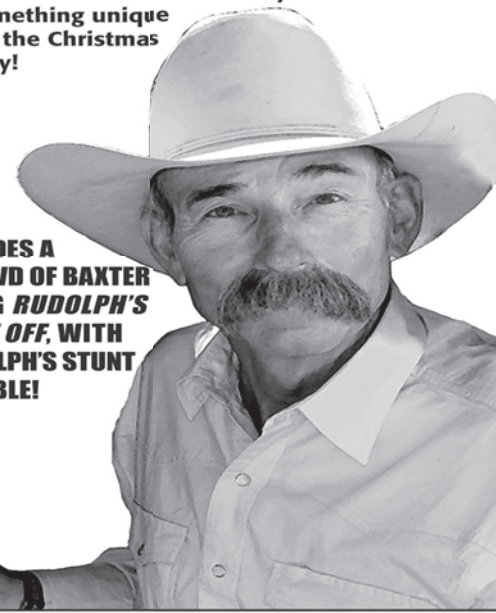
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EventsCalendar

FRI. 12/30

10 a.m. New Year's story time, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

6 to 9 p.m. Live music featuring Anthony Pacheco, Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

SAT. 12/31

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 fmarket@las-cruces.org.

10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces, COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Douglas Jackson will be the storyteller at the Downtown location, and Sarah "Juba" Addison 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.

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

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

Playbill

Coming Soon

The Sisters Rosensweig Black Box Theatre
430 N. Main St.
523-1223
Cost \$7-\$10
Opens Friday, Jan. 20

7:30 p.m. Naughty New Year's Burlesque Show, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Presented by Desert Dolls Burlesque. Cost \$10. Email desertdolls5050@gmail.com.

8 p.m. to 2 a.m. New Year's Eve Grand Opening, Passion Ultra Lounge, 201 E. University Ave. Includes hot and cold buffet, champagne toast and nacho and posole bar. Cost \$35. Call 496-7488.

9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball 2011, De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, 500 S. Telshor Blvd. Includes hors d'oeuvres buffet, dessert bar, party favors and champagne toast. Cost \$10-\$20. Call 521-1099.

SUN. 1/1

11 a.m. Mesilla Valley Film Society double feature, Fountain Theatre, 2469 Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" and "Blackthorn" will be shown. Separate admissions. Cost \$5-\$7 per movie. Call 524-8287.

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

2 to 4 p.m. Bluegrass and folk music jam, Doña Ana Community College commons area, 3400 S. Espina St. All players are welcome. Park behind building on Gregg Street. Free. Call 526-5174.

MON. 1/2

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

5 to 7 p.m. Wisconsin Club Meet and Greet, Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Free. Call 312-2088.

TUE. 1/3

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Overstock Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers also will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free admission. Call 649-5591.

5 to 6 p.m. Beginning bellydance class, My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

6 to 7:30 p.m. "Trap, Neuter and Return and Winter Feral Cat Care" presentation, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Presented by feral cat

care expert Joe Miele. Free. Call 523-0436.

7:45 to 9:30 p.m. Argentine Tango Group, First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. Beginners, singles and couples over 21 are welcome to join. Cost \$5-10. Call 642-1699.

WED. 1/4

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 fmarket@las-cruces.org.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Overstock Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers also will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free admission. Call 649-5591.

6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting, Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625.

7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Balanced Living book club, Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Led by life coach Siddeeq Shabazz. Free. Call 510-459-2671.

THU. 1/5

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

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Overstock Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers also will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free admission. Call 649-5591.

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 to 8 p.m. "Our Reluctant President" lecture, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Dale Liikala will portray President William Howard Taft, who signed New Mexico into statehood. Cost \$2. Call 522-4100.

8 to 10 p.m. Big Band Dance Club, Las Cruces Country Club, 2700 N. Main St. Dance ballroom, swing and Latin style. Beginners, singles and couples are welcome. Must be 21 years or older. Dress code. Cost \$7-\$9. Call 526-6504.

FRI. 1/6

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Overstock Book Sale, Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. All hardcover mystery and fiction books are two for \$1. Volunteers also will raffle a getaway package to Truth or Consequences. Free admission. Call 649-5591.

11 a.m. to noon, "Eyewitness to History: New Mexico Becomes a State," New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. A re-enactment of the signing of New Mexico into statehood. Free. Call 522-4100.

12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Centennial luncheon, New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum. Jon Hunner will speak about New Mexico's struggle for statehood. Cost \$25. Call 522-4100.

5 to 7 p.m. Downtown Arts Ramble, along Downtown Main Street. Area galleries

host receptions and open new exhibits. Free.

5 to 7 p.m. "Music for Winds and Piano" concert, Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Internationally acclaimed pianist Robert Miller and others will play the music of Mozart, Reinecke and Poulenc. Free. Call 541-2154.

5:30 to 7 p.m. Literary open mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The event is sponsored by Sin Fronteras. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 521-9314.

7 p.m. Howling Coyote Coffeehouse and open mic, Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Featuring musicians, singers and songwriters with family-appropriate material. Free. Call 523-6403.

7 to 10 p.m. Live classic country music by The Spur Ride Band, Cattleman's Steakhouse, 3375 Bataan Memorial West. Cost \$5. Call 649-7165.

7 to 10 p.m. Coffeehouse and Open Mic Night, Las Cruces GLBTQ Center, 1210 N. Main St. Enjoy talents of musicians, poets, comedians, drag queens and other performers. Free. Call 635-4902.

SAT. 1/7

10 a.m. Centennial parade, Downtown Las Cruces. Las Cruces celebrates the 100-year anniversary of New Mexico becoming a state. Free.

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 fmarket@las-cruces.org.

Call to Artists

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.

SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

The deadline to apply for acceptance into New Mexico School for the Arts Charter School & Institute is Sunday, Jan. 13. Applications are being accepted for incoming ninth-, 10th- and 11th-grade students. The necessary forms are available for download at www.nmschoolforthearts.org/about/application. Completed forms can be faxed to 505-629-4108 or mailed to 275 E. Alameda, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

New Mexico School for the Arts is a public/private partnership comprised of

a statewide charter high school and an art education institution. NMSA offers pre-professional instruction in the performing and visual arts in combination with rigorous academics leading to a New Mexico diploma. NMSA is located in the former St. Francis Cathedral School in Santa Fe. For more information, visit www.nmschoolforthearts.org.

ONE-ACT FESTIVAL

The Las Cruces Community Theatre is seeking submissions for the 2012 One Act Festival to be held March 8-11. Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m. and Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m.

The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, Jan. 10. Submissions should be sent to Kathi-Jane Alvarado at 8925 N. Valley Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88007 or emailed to southam97@gmail.com. Directors of plays chosen for the festival will be notified Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Submitted plays should run no longer than 45

minutes. Props and set pieces should be minimal and fit in an offstage storage area no larger than 8 feet by 8 feet. No special lighting will be available except for a spotlight. The director will provide a spotlight operator if needed. The director will have access to the costume shop as well as any props and set pieces on LCCT premises. Other special props and set pieces will be supplied by the director. The stage will be bare and a black curtain will be upstage from the performing area. Each show must be able to

set up in 5 minutes and take down in 5 minutes. LCCT will provide a small budget for purchase of some props and these props become the property of LCCT after the festival. LCCT will purchase scripts, pay royalties for performances and keep all proceeds from admission fees.

Submissions must include a copy of the play as well as a cover letter stating the director's name, contact information, title of the play, publisher of the play, number and gender of characters, royalties for the play and a

brief synopsis of the play. Unusual costumes, props or set pieces not commonly found in the theatre's inventory must be listed if the director wishes LCCT to provide these items. However the acquisition of unusual items will ultimately be the responsibility of the director. For more information, call 523-1200.

CENTENNIAL QUILT

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Quilt squares will be given out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the library, and is open to children 9 to 14 years old accompanied by adults. For more information, call 528-4085.

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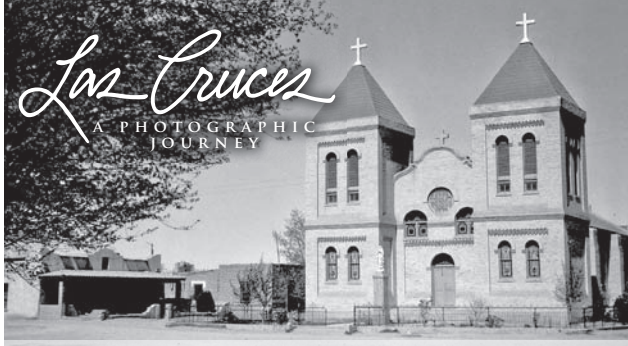
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AtTheMovies

Film follows life of 'retired' Butch Cassidy

'Blackthorn' a new take on legendary thugs

Review by **Jeff Berg**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Those who follow the history of the western United States will be most intrigued by the beautifully shot, interesting, "revisionist" Western "Blackthorn."

Those who aren't should still see it anyway, just to see former Albuquerque resident Sam Shepard's performance as James Blackthorn, aka Robert LeRoy Parker, aka Butch Cassidy.

The film takes place in 1927 and picks up on the old legend that Butch and Sundance didn't get smoked in Bolivia in 1908 as is commonly believed. Rather, they lived for some time after, although Sundance not nearly as long as Butch and Sundance's squeeze, Etta Place.

They continued to rob various entities

Closed

On New Year's Eve, the showing of "Blackthorn" will be bumped and grinded out of the way for a performance by Las Cruces' Desert Dolls Burlesque Troupe, starting at 7:30 p.m. No nudity, just good, old-fashioned tease.

until they tired of the game and Sundance is killed.

Butch takes up the name of Blackthorn, operates a horse ranch, but finally becomes homesick, especially after learning that Etta is in poor health.

As he rides back from town with his life savings that he wants to use for a return to the U.S., a highwayman, well played by Eduardo Noriega, ambushes him in the desert. Blackthorn is able to turn the tables on the somewhat incompetent Spanish bandito wannabe, but not until after his horse has run off with his money, never to be seen again.

By necessity, Eduardo and Blackthorn form a very uneasy partnership, after Eduardo tempts Blackthorn with a story of a hidden cache of cash.

The two men travel back to civilization with a posse on their trail; something that Eduardo explains away as being a group of men hired by the local rich man whose money the two are trying to retrieve.

The film plays out on their journey, but Blackthorn remains suspicious of this fast talking young man, and, of course, things aren't as they seem.

Pacing is critical in a film such as this, and director Mateo Gil handles it well. Combined with the breathtaking grandeur of rural Bolivia, the film works hard to keep one's



Sam Shepard plays witty gunslinger James Blackthorn, better known as Butch Cassidy, in "Blackthorn."

interest, but sometimes relies too much on Western movie stereotypes.

Shepard is a fine choice for the character of Blackthorn. Looking just grizzled enough and still being sharp in wit and with a gun, Shepard takes advantage of his skill and experience to carry the picture.

It is also a bit odd, although fun, to see noted English actor Stephen Rea in a Western. Rea, introduced late in the movie, was once Blackthorn's nemesis, but now, as he explains it, is a village guide for English-speaking tourists. However, his work is most infrequent, and more often, he keeps company with the bottle.

One part of the film that doesn't work is some flashback scenes to the "old" days of Butch and Sundance. The actors chosen for these roles seem to be mugging their way through their parts, and give those scenes a distinctive made-for-cable feel.

All in all, however, "Blackthorn" works on most every other level and a revival of the revisionist-type Westerns that were very

popular in the 1970s. Looking at moments like Cliff Robertson's terrific "The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid" or the odd little Western "Barbarosa," which starred Willie Nelson and Gary Busey, "Blackthorn" is a terrific film on its own level, and thankfully continues the latest comeback of the Western genre.

Westerns remain my favorite genre of film ... more, please - jeffberg@lascrucesbulletin.com.



Head into 2012 by going back in time

'Lust in the Dust' a unique Western

The CineMatinee for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, is "Lust in the Dust" (1985, 87 minutes, rated R, made in New Mexico).

Brought to the Fountain Theatre after patron demand, the one-of-a-kind Western film is the first part of the Mesilla Valley Film Society's New Year's weekend celebration, "Bawdy Naughty Saturday."

Nothing's sacred in Chile Verde, the wild western town where lone gunman Abel Wood (Tab Hunter) arrives after rescuing corpulent saloon singer Rosie Velez (Divine) from being defiled by Hard Case Williams (Geoffrey Lewis) and his gang of misfit gun-slingers. Saloon owner Marguerita Ventura (Lainie Kazan) gets hot and heavy for Abel, and passions flare up in a race for hidden treasure - the map to which is tattooed in two sections on Rosie's and Marguerita's ample posteriors.

To reveal more would spoil the wretched hilarity. One needn't love Westerns to enjoy this mindless sort of comedy, but it helps if you know the legacy of screen villains such as Henry Silva, who's riotous while barely shifting his vile expression. No doubt, this

is the wackiest Western that ever cooked under the what Amazon.com calls the "blistering, burning, blazing, scorching, roasting, toasting, baking, boiling, broiling, steaming, searing, sizzling, grilling, smoldering, very hot New Mexico sun."

CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the West - the new West, Old West or anything in between - and "movies that missed us," notable films that never had a lot of publicity.

The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment. At least one film a month in this series has a New Mexico "connection," drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent.

Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1.

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AtTheMovies

The movie that became a pop icon

Highly anticipated film finally goes mainstream

Review by **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The long-awaited release of director David Fincher's film adaptation of the first of the "Millennium" novel series by Stieg Larsson, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," packs a serious punch.

And that's not just referencing Rooney Mara's stellar portrayal of the vengeful, computer-genius heroin, Lisbeth Salander – although it does have a lot to do with it.

From the very beginning of the film's 153 minutes, Fincher takes viewers on a roller-coaster ride of dark visual effects to illustrate the suspenseful nature of the story.

Salander's many quirks, along with her tattoos and piercings, have worked their way into creating their own category of an iconic pop culture legend.

Completely socially awkward with a computer-genius mind, Salander's slight, 100-pound, 5-foot frame shouldn't fool audiences of her tolerance for any wrongdoers.



Rooney Mara stars in "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" film based on the "Millennium" novel series by Stieg Larson.

Not for the weak-hearted, as the film bars no holds to depict a violent rape scene, paramount in understanding Salander's character. Justifiably is the equally as violent vengeance Salander takes upon said rapist.

The plot develops by introducing viewers to good-hearted journalist Mikael Blomkvist, played by Daniel Craig, emerging from a very

nasty – and very public – libel lawsuit against a Swedish corporate extraordinaire Hans Erik Wennerstrom.

The film immediately embodies a rather dirty truth about the corrupt, corporate ran present-day Sweden.

With his career and reputation in hanging in limbo, Blomkvist is propositioned by an aging former CEO of a family-owned corporation, Henrik Vanger, to not only write the old man's biography, but to try and solve a murder mystery nearly 40 years old.

Vanger whole-heartedly believes that a

member of his own family – complete with Nazis, rapists, thieves and alcoholics – is to blame for the disappearance of his up-and-coming grandniece.

The family, all living on the bone-chillingly cold and eerie town of Hedestad, an island north of Stockholm, proves to unfold a dark and complicated past, which is why Blomkvist needs help.

Enter the collision of the two paths of Blomkvist and Salander, which until this point in the film have been told separately.

As different as night and day, Blomkvist and Salander make quite the working pair, and begin to uncover long-buried secrets of the Vanger family, some that not everyone is happy to have dug up.

The chemistry between the two, which takes an unexpected turn when the otherwise distant Salander climbs into bed with Blomkvist, provides a bit of release for the otherwise edge-of-your-seat story line.

The film may have been a second-ground for fans who already watched the Swedish-made film, released in 2009, leaving a pretty high expectation for Fincher.

As any good book enthusiast, I was skeptical of Hollywood giving justice to one of my favorite series of books.

The complicated plot of the book must not have been an easy task for David Fincher, but – in my opinion – he nailed it.

Several details of the book were changed, but nothing that drastically alters the dark mystique, or the true essence of character development for future episodes.

In fact, after trying to cohesively put my excitement about this movie into words, I decided I must go see it again – just to make sure I captured everything.

After all, I think we can all relate to Lisbeth Salander in one way or the other.

Film Review

The anticipation surrounding the movie didn't disappoint. "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" is everything it should have been.

Grade A+

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

Starring: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara and Christopher Plummer

Rated: R

Running time: 158 minutes

Director: David Fincher

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Satisfy your craving

Metropolitan Deli hits the spot

By **Natisha Hales**
Las Cruces Bulletin

The next time a craving for a sandwich hits, don't forget the hidden jewel that is Metropolitan Deli. I guess it's not really hidden, since it's a popular lunch place for New Mexico State University students and staff during the school year. Even during summer and winter breaks, there are still plenty of patrons dining at the small eatery.

A sandwich is a sandwich, right? Wrong. The right combination of meats, cheeses and toppings with perfectly baked bread is not available at any average delicatessen. But at Metropolitan Deli, the staff strives for that perfection.

The business was taken over by Vinny and Annette Tontodonati in



Lori Tontodonati takes orders at the counter at Metropolitan Deli, 1001 E. University Ave. The Tontodonati family took ownership of the deli in 2007.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

2007, and they have truly made it a family business. Originally from New Jersey, the Tontodonati family brought the flavors of the East Coast – which in my opinion, produces the best deli sandwiches, but I may be a little biased – to Las Cruces.

Vinny Tontodonati boasts that Metropolitan Deli is the only deli in town that uses Thumann's meats – a New Jersey-based company. His daughter Lori Tontodonati, who also works at the restaurant along with brother Anthony and grandmother Barbara, said the meats are shipped in to the deli weekly.

The bread is also homemade – and I might add has the perfect crust-softness combination. The deli offers more than 30 lettered and numbered combination sandwiches – I switch between the "D," Cajun turkey, Cajun roast beef and Swiss cheese, or the "K," turkey, bacon and avocado – on a 5-, 7-, 9-, 12- or 24-inch French roll or sliced sourdough, rye or wheat.

Metropolitan specials made on an 8-inch French roll include the Briesciutto with prosciutto, brie and roasted red peppers and the

Specialty with turkey, cranberry and cream cheese.

If you're in the mood for hot sandwiches, Lori Tontodonati said the Hot Santa Fe is very popular and is made with Santa Fe turkey, green chile and Swiss cheese.

If you get a combo, you can have a drink and chips or a deli salad – made-from-scratch macaroni or potato salad.

The staff also prepares from scratch chicken salad and egg salad, and all salads are available by the pound, as are the meats.

Yes, in many delis, having gourmet sandwiches and salads can be pretty pricey, but Metropolitan Deli offers specials for the student on a budget. And you can have a 5-inch sandwich, chips and a drink for less than \$10, which is hard to find at any sit-down eatery. And if you don't have time to eat there – or even wait for them to prepare your sandwich – call ahead and pick it up.

I'm not sure if I've become an official regular at the deli, but I've eaten there plenty of times and have never been disappointed.

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PBS	22	News	Heartland	Ebert	News	60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music) [CC]	Santana -- Live at Montreux	Jazz	Coldplay New						
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	*** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon.	News	Paid	Paid	Jdg Judy				
ABC	7	News (N)	Storms	News (N)	Insider	New Year's Rockin' Eve: 40th Anniversary	Dick Clark	ABC 7	Entertainment 'Night	Dick					
FOX	8	14	House [CC]		The Unit "Freefall"	Terra Nova Taylor looks for a Sixer mole.	News	Big Bang	To Be Announced	New Year					
NBC	9	9	Paid	News	News (N)	Raymond	Grimm "Beeware"	Grimm [CC]	New Year's	News (N)	NUMB3RS [CC]	Daly			
CW	14		"Delirious" (2005) Steve Buscemi.				*** "Buddy" (2005, Documentary)		Access Hollywood	Punk'd	Big D NYE				
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos			*** "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) John Travolta.		*** "Saturday Night Fever" (1977) John Travolta.						
ESPN	26		Football	College Football	Chick-Fil-A Bowl -- Auburn vs. Virginia. From Atlanta. (N)		Red Bull: New Year	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter [CC]						
ESPN2	27		College Basketball	College Basketball	Gonzaga at Xavier. (N)		College Basketball	Oregon at Washington.	NBA	Red Bull: New Year	Football				
USA	31		NCIS [CC] (DVS)	NCIS "Baltimore"	NCIS "Swan Song"	NCIS "Pyramid"	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS [CC]	NCIS "Short Fuse"						
TNT	32		Training	*** "Transformers" (2007, Action)	Shia LaBeouf. [CC]		*** "Training Day" (2001) Denzel Washington.		*** "The Rock"						
TBS	33		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** "She's the Man" (2006) James Kirk					
COM	35		(:15) ** "Dance Flick" (2009) [CC]												
LIFE	39		(4:00) "Fool's Gold"	"Maneater" (2009, Romance-Comedy)	Sarah Chalke, Maria Conchita Alonso. [CC]					(:01) "Maneater" (2009) Sarah Chalke.					
FOOD	40		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41		Hunters	Hunters	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House	House
A&E	43		Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Bounty Hunter	Dog	Dog	Dog
HIST	44		Prophets of Doom	Marijuana: A Chronic History [CC]			Cocaine: History Between the Lines	(:01) Marijuana: A Chronic History [CC]							
TLC	45		Strange Sex [CC]	Strange Sex	Virgin Diaries [CC]	Geek	Geek	Strange Sex	Virgin Diaries [CC]	Geek	Geek				
DISC	47		Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]	Moonshiners [CC]				
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FAM	51		Sweet	** "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (2009)		** "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002) Josh Lucas		*** "Elf" (2003, Comedy) Will Ferrell.							
DISN	52		Good	Good	*** "Surf's Up" (2007) [CC]	"Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2" (:35) ** "Cats & Dogs" [CC]	(:10) "G-Force" [CC]								
NICK	54		iCarly "iPsycho"	iCarly "iStill Psycho"	Sponge. Sponge.	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	My Wife	My Wife			
AMC	57		The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	The Walking Dead	*** "Scream 3"					
SYFY	59		Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone
CNN	62		CNN Newsroom (N)	Best, Worst	Piers Morgan	Best, Worst	New Year's Eve Live	New Year	Best, Worst						
CNBC	63		Money in Millions	American Tax	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	American Tax	Suze Orman Show	Debt/Part	Debt/Part	Debt/Part			
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CBS	3	Home.	Paid Prog. Bondage	CBS News Sunday Morning (N)	The Nation					Nieman	Secrets	The NFL Today (N)	
ABC	7	Business	Wall Street	New You-New	Good Morning America	Holiday Festival on Ice	This Week (N) [CC]	Paid Prog.	FREE Went!				
FOX	8	14	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Tom Brown	Abndnt L	Paid Prog.	Fox News Sunday	Jones	J. Garrett	FOX NFL Sunday (N)		
NBC	9	9	In Wine	Old House	Today (N) [CC]	Horse Ctry	Church	Home	Frvr Yngr	Meet the Press (N)	Matthews	Paid Prog.	
CW	14		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Facts	Key/David	Beyond	Matlock [CC]		In the Heat of the Night	* "Three to Tango" (1999) Matthew Perry. [CC]			
ESPN	26		SportsCtr	NFL	SportsCenter (N) [CC]	SportsCenter (N) [CC]	Sunday NFL Countdown	(N) (Live) [CC]					
ESPN2	27		Football	SportsNation [CC]	NFL	Road to the Bowls (N)	Outside	Reporters	SportsCtr	Fantasy Football Now (N) (Live)			
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		
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Seed"	Law & Order (In Stereo)	Law & Order "Bling"	Law & Order "Smoke"	Law & Order "Empire"					
TBS	33		Saved/Bell	Saved/Bell	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	** "She's the Man" (2006) Amanda Bynes.	"Just Like Heaven"			
COM	35		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Comedy	(:45) * "Disaster Movie" (2008) Matt Lanter.	(:45) *** "American Pie" (1999) Jason Biggs.	Fanboys					
LIFE	39		In Touch	Hour of Power [CC]	J. Osteen	Paid Prog.	Chris	Chris	** "Elvis and Anabelle" (2007) Max Minghella.				
FOOD	40		Mexican	Ingred. Fix	30-Minute	30-Minute	Diners	Money	Hungry Girl	Guy's, Bite	Paula	Be.- Made	Chopped
HGTV	41		Home	Home	Weekends	Room Cr.	Crashers	Property	House Hunters World	House	Hunters	Million Dollar Rooms (N)	
A&E	43		The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	The Sopranos [CC]	Storage	Storage	
HIST	44		Modern Marvels [CC]	Invention	Invention	Hairy Bike	Hairy Bike	Hairy Bike	Top Gear [CC]	Top Gear "Blind Drift"			
TLC	45		Dr. Frederick K.C. Price	MagicJack	Paid Prog.	600 Pound Mom [CC]	Fattest Man		Half-Ton Teen [CC]	Half-Ton Dad [CC]			
DISC	47		Paid Prog.	Youssef	J. Osteen	In Touch	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska	Gold Rush [CC]		
ANPL	50		Weird	Weird	Untamed and Uncut	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters		
FAM	51		** "New York Minute" (2004) Ashley Olsen.	The Lying Game "Pilot"			The Lying Game		The Lying Game		The Lying Game		
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Chugging	Babar	Manny	Mickey	Mickey	Never Land	Best-2011	Best-2011
NICK	54		The Fairly OddParents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	iCarly "iStill Psycho"	
AMC	57		Mad Men [CC]	Mad Men [CC]	Mad Men [CC]			*** "The Shootist" (1976) John Wayne. [CC]	"Last of the Dogmen"				
SYFY	59		Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone
CNN	62		Newsroom	Gupta	CNN Sunday Morning	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N)	State of the Union				
CNBC	63		Natural Ad.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Brk. Bod.	Oreck Vac	Paid Prog.	Show Sexy	WEN	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Hardball	Business	Up W/Chris Hayes (N)			Weekends With Alex Witt	Live news coverage.	Lockup: Corcoran			

SUNDAY AFTERNOON		JANUARY 1, 2012											
		11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30
PBS	22	Perfect Health	Suze Orman's Money Class	Financial strategies.	60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music) [CC]							Antiques Roadshow	
CBS	3	NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N) (Live) [CC]			NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N) (Live) [CC]								
ABC	7	*** "Millions" (2004) Alexander Nathan Etel.	Paid Prog.	MagicJack	Once Upon a Time	Once Upon a Time	Entertainment Tonight						
FOX	8	14	NFL Football Regional Coverage. (N Subject to Blackout) [CC]		NFL Football Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals. (In Stereo Live) [CC]								
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Tummy	Paid Prog.	Skin	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Salute to Ladies of Ice			Paid Prog.	NBC News
CW	14		Edgemont	Edgemont	Funniest Moments	Dog	Dog	Latino TV	LatiNation	Cold Case Files		True Hollywood Story	
WGN	15		*** "In Her Shoes" (2005) Cameron Diaz. [CC]			** "I Am Sam" (2001) Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer. [CC]						Chris	Chris
ESPN	26		PBA Bowling	Roll Tide/War Eagle	The Fab Five [CC]						Unguarded [CC]		
ESPN2	27		CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit	CrossFit
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		
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)	** "Four Brothers" (2005) [CC]	(:45) *** "The Rock" (1996, Action) Sean Connery. [CC]	"The Dark Knight" [CC]							
TBS	33		"Just Like Heaven"	** "The House Bunny" (2008) Anna Farris.	** "Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen"	*** "Mean Girls"							
COM	35		(10:45) ** "Fanboys" (2008) [CC]	Futurama	Futurama	(:15) ** "Dance Flick" (2009) Shoshana Bush.	** "Office Space"						
LIFE	39		** "Waitress" (2007) Keri Russell, Nathan Fillion. [CC]	** "The Secret Life of Bees" (2008) Queen Latifah. [CC]	"Did You Hear?"								
FOOD	40		Restaurant: Impossible	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
HGTV	41		Million Dollar Rooms (N)	Cool Pools (N) [CC]	RV 2012 (N) [CC]	Best I Sold	Property Brothers	House Hunters World					
A&E	43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage
HIST	44		Top Gear [CC]	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Real Deal	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration
TLC	45		Half-Ton Man [CC]	Half-Ton Mom [CC]	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Hoarding: Buried Alive		
DISC	47		Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]	Gold Rush [CC]		
ANPL	50		River Monsters	Birth of a Legend	Birth of a Legend	Finding Bigfoot: Further	Finding Bigfoot: Further	Finding Bigfoot: Further	Finding Bigfoot: Further	Finding Bigfoot: Further	Finding Bigfoot: Further		
FAM	51		The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game	The Lying Game		
DISN	52		Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011	Best-2011
NICK	54		iCarly "iParty With Victorious" [CC]	"Fred: The Movie" (2010) (In Stereo)	SpongeBob	"SpongeBob SquarePants"	SpongeBob	iCarly					
AMC	57		(10:15) ** "Last of the Dogmen" (1995) [CC]	Hell on Wheels "Pilot" [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]	Hell on Wheels [CC]		
SYFY	59		Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone
CNN	62		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Next List	Newsroom	Your Money (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)	CNN Newsroom (N)		
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	FREE Bras	Paid Prog.	Cindy C	Paid Prog.	Butt Lift	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
MSNBC	64		Lockup: Corcoran	Meet the Press [CC]	Lockup: Corcoran	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Raw	Lockup: Indiana	



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PBS 22	Globe Trekker		Live From Lincoln Center (N) CC				Masterpiece Classic CC		Great Performances CC		Steves	Equitrek			
CBS 3	News	News	60 Minutes CC		Unforgettable CC		The Good Wife		CSI: Miami CC		News	Without a Trace		No	
ABC 7	News (N)	ABC	Once Upon a Time		Once Upon a Time		Once Upon a Time		Once Upon a Time		News (N)	News	Insider	Betty	
FOX 8	14	News (N)	The OT		Simpsons/Cleve		Fam. Guy/American		KFOX News at Nine		Big Bang	Mother	Office	Mother	
NBC 9	9	Football Night		(-15) NFL Football Teams TBA. (N) (In Stereo Live) CC					Sports		News (N)	Road	Nieman	Paid	
CW 14		** "Kingdom Come" (2001) LL Cool J.			*** "Millions" (2004, Comedy-Drama)				TMZ (N) CC		Ugly Betty CC		Brothers & Sisters		
WGN 15		30 Rock	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	The Unit "Endgame"		Monk CC		Monk CC		
ESPN 26		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		SportsCenter Special (N) (Live) CC					SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC		
ESPN2 27		SEC Storied		The Real Rocky		30 for 30		The Dotted Line		Year of the Quarterback		College Football			
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32		(4:00) *** "The Dark Knight" (2008)			Leverage (N) CC		*	"Rush Hour 3" (2007) Jackie Chan.		Leverage CC		"The Matrix" (1999)			
TBS 33		(4:00) "Mean Girls"		*** "Shrek" (2001)			*** "Shrek 2" (2004) Voices of Mike Myers.				(9:50) "The House Bunny"		Confes		
COM 35		"Office Space" CC		** "Employee of the Month" (2006) Dane Cook.			Tosh.0		** "Office Space" (1999, Comedy) CC		Tosh.0		Futurama		
LIFE 39		"Did You Hear"		** "August Rush" (2007, Drama) CC			*** "The Memory Keeper's Daughter"				(-01) ** "August Rush" (2007) CC				
FOOD 40		Chopped		Cupcake Wars (N)		Rachael v. Guy		Iron Chef America		Chopped		Rachael v. Guy		Iron Chef America	
HGTV 41		House	Hunters	Extreme Homes		Holmes Inspection		House	Hunters		House	Hunters		Hunters	
A&E 43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST 44		Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	Pawn	
TLC 45		Hoard-Buried		Dr. G: Caylee		Hoard-Buried		All-American Muslim		Hoard-Buried		All-American Muslim		Dr. G: Caylee	
DISC 47		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC		Gold Rush CC	
ANPL 50		Finding Bigfoot: Birth of a Legend				Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Gator Boys (N)		Finding Bigfoot		Birth of a Legend	
FAM 51		*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.				*** "Pretty Woman" (1990) Richard Gere.					J. Osteen	Ed Young	Z. Levitt	Prince	
DISN 52		Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	Best-	
NICK 54		iCarly	"Still Psycho"		'70s Show	'70s	My Wife	My Wife	George	George	Friends	Friends	My Wife	My Wife	
AMC 57		Hell on Wheels		Hell on Wheels		Hell on Wheels		Hell on Wheels (N)		Hell on Wheels		Breaking Bad CC		Hell on Wheels	
SYFY 59		Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	Zone	
CNN 62		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom (N)	
CNBC 63		Millions	Wall St.	Billions Behind Bars		Marijuana: Industry		American Tax		Apocalypse 2012		Mexico's Drug War		Mob Money:	
MSNBC 64		Lockup Special		Lockup Wabash		Lockup Wabash		Lockup Wabash		Lockup Wabash		Lockup Wabash		Lockup Wabash	

MONDAY EVENING												JANUARY 2, 2012			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Martin Luther CC		Charlie Rose (N)		World	
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy		Wheel		Mother	Broke	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)		News	
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)		Ent		The Bachelor (Season Premiere) (N) CC		Celebrity Wife Swap		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five		Big Bang		Two Men		House	House tries to treat a fellow inmate.		KFOX News at Nine		Big Bang	30 Rock	
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)		News		Still Standing		Fear Factor (N)		Rock Center		News (N)	
CW 14		Funny Home Videos		'Til Death		'Til Death		The Secret Circle		The Secret Circle		Excused		TMZ (N)	
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock		Scrubs		Scrubs	
ESPN 26		2012 Rose Bowl		(-37) 2012		Tostitos Fiesta Bowl		Oklahoma State vs. Stanford. (N) (Live)				(-15) SportsCenter (N) CC		SportsCtr	
ESPN2 27		NFL32 (N) CC		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) CC				SportsCenter (N)		NFL PrimeTime		NBA	
USA 31		NCIS "Cover Story"		NCIS "In the Dark"		WWE Monday Night RAW (N) CC		(-05) "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"				CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC	
TNT 32		Law & Order		The Mentalist CC		The Mentalist CC		The Closer CC		The Closer CC		CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY CC	
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan One Hr		Office	Office	Conan One Hr	
COM 35		30 Rock	30 Rock	Work.	South Pk	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	South Pk	South Pk	Gabriel Iglesias: Fat	
LIFE 39		"Perfect Room."		"The Perfect Teacher" (2010) CC				** "A Perfect Murder" (1998) CC				(-01) "The Perfect Teacher" (2010) CC			
FOOD 40		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
HGTV 41		House	Hunters	Love It or List It (N)		Love It or List It (N)		House	Hunters	Dream Home		Love It or List It		House	
A&E 43		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Hoarders CC		Intervention CC		Intervention "Jeff"		(-01) Hoarders		(-01) Hoarders	
HIST 44		American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers		American Pickers		Pawn	
TLC 45		Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss:Next		Cake Boss:Next		Candy	Candy	Candy		Cake Boss:Next		Candy	
DISC 47		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC		Moonshiners CC	
ANPL 50		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Gator Boys		Finding Bigfoot		Finding Bigfoot		Gator Boys	
FAM 51		Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars		The Lying Game (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club CC		The Lying Game		Paid	
DISN 52		Good	Good	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	*** "Spy Kids" (2001) CC		Austin	Jessie	
NICK 54		Victo	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	
AMC 57		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami "Legal"		CSI: Miami CC		The Killing "Pilot"		CSI: Miami CC		CSI: Miami CC	
SYFY 59		(4:30) *** "Serenity" (2005) CC				** "Outlander" (2008)		James Caviezel. CC		* "Mutant Chronicles" (2008, Action) Thomas Jane.					
CNN 62		E. B. OutFront		Anderson Cooper		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper		E. B. OutFront		Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper	
CNBC 63		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
MSNBC 64		Hardball Matthews		The Ed Show (N)		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	

TUESDAY EVENING												JANUARY 3, 2012			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
PBS 22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)		News		Egypt's Empire		Egypt's Empire		Frontline (N) CC		Charlie Rose (N)		World	
CBS 3	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy		Wheel		NCIS (N) (In Stereo)		NCIS: Los Angeles		Unforgettable (N)		News	
ABC 7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)		Ent		Last Man	Work It	Celebrity Wife Swap		Body of Proof (N)		News (N)	
FOX 8	14	KFOX News at Five		Big Bang		Two Men		Glee "Rumours"		New Girl	Raising	KFOX News at Nine		Big Bang	
NBC 9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)		News		The Biggest Loser (Season Premiere) (N)		Parenthood (N)		News (N)		Jay Leno	
CW 14		Funny Home Videos		'Til Death		'Til Death		The Secret Circle		The Secret Circle		Excused		TMZ (N)	
WGN 15		Funny Home Videos		Mother		Mother		Mother		WGN News at Nine		30 Rock		Scrubs	
ESPN 26		College GameDay		Pre/Post		2012 Allstate Sugar Bowl		Michigan vs. Virginia Tech. From New Orleans.				(-08) SportsCenter (N) CC		SportsCtr	
ESPN2 27		College Basketball				SportsNation CC		NFL Live (N) CC				SportsCenter (N)		NBA	
USA 31		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
TNT 32		Bones CC		Bones "Finder"		*** "300" (2007) Gerard Butler. CC				CSI: NY CC		CSI: NY "Prey"		CSI: NY CC	
TBS 33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)		Office	Office	Conan	
COM 35		30 Rock	30 Rock	South Pk	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	Daily	Colbert	Daily	
LIFE 39		Supernanny		Supernanny		Supernanny		Supernanny		One Born Ev.		Supernanny		Supernanny	
FOOD 40		Cupcake Wars		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped	
HGTV 41		Hunters	House	First Pla.	My	Property	Property	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Property	Property	House	
A&E 43		Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	
HIST 44		(4:00) Ancient Aliens		Pawn	Pawn	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Pawn	Pawn	(-01) Ancient Aliens	
TLC 45		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		All-Stars	All-Stars	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		All-Stars	
DISC 47		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs CC		Dirty Jobs (N) CC		Swamp Loggers (N)		Dirty Jobs CC		Swamp Loggers		Dirty Jobs CC	
ANPL 50		River Monsters		River Monsters		Wild Amazon		Wild Amazon CC		River Monsters		Wild Amazon		Wild Amazon	
FAM 51		Switched at Birth		Switched at Birth		Jane by Design		Jane by Design		The 700 Club CC		Switched at Birth		Paid	
DISN 52		Austin	Austin	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	** "16 Wishes" (2010) CC		Austin	Jessie	
NICK 54		Victo	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	
AMC 57		CSI: Miami CC		*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. CC				*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. CC				*** "The Fugitive" (1993, Suspense) Harrison Ford. CC			
SYFY 59		(4:30) ** "Outlander" (2008) CC				* "Primeval" (2007) Dominic Purcell.				"Prey" (2007) Bridget Moynahan. CC		"Eyeborgs" (2009)			

WEDNESDAY EVENING		JANUARY 4, 2012													
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Nature (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	NOVA (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley				
CBS	3	CBS	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	I Get That a Lot (N)	Criminal Minds	CSI: Crime Scene	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	Middle	Suburg.	Family	Happy	Revenge "Duess"	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live		
FOX	8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	Glee		Mobbed (N)	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny			
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News	All Night	Whitney	Harry's Law	Law & Order: SVU	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Secret Circle		The Secret Circle	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	Futura			
ESPN	26	College GameDay	Pregame	2012 Discover Orange Bowl	Clemson vs. West Virginia		From Miami (N)	(:08) SportsCenter (N)			SportsCtr				
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Duke vs. Temple (N)	HS Football	NFL Live (N)		SportsCenter (N)	NFL Live			NBA	Classix			
USA	31	NCIS: Los Angeles	NCIS	NCIS	NCIS "Chimera"		NCIS "Requiem"	NCIS		(:02) NCIS		CSI: Crime Scene			
TNT	32	Law & Order	Law & Order	Law & Order	Leverage		CSI: NY "Yahrzeit"	CSI: NY		CSI: NY		CSI: NY			
TBS	33	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Conan (N)	Office	Office	Conan		
COM	35	30 Rock	30 Rock	Chap	Chap	South Pk	South Pk	Daily	Colbert	South Pk	Futura	Daily	Colbert		
LIFE	39	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap	(:01) Wife Swap			
FOOD	40	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Rachael v. Guy	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.	Restaurant: Im.			
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	House	Income	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Income	Kitchen	Property Brothers			
A&E	43	Storage	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Dog Bounty Hunter	Storage	Storage	Dog Bounty Hunter			
HST	44	American	American	American	American	American	American	Brad Meltzer's Dec.	American	American	American	American			
TLC	45	All-Stars	All-Stars	Hoard-Buried	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Hoard-Buried			
DISC	47	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns (N)	Moonshiners	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Moonshiners	Sons of Guns	Sons of Guns			
ANPL	50	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters			
FAM	51	(4:00) *** "Hairspray"	** "Mamma Mia!" (2008) Meryl Streep, Colin Firth.				The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid				
DISN	52	Random	Random	Wizards	Wizards-Place	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards	** "The Game Plan" (2007) (In Stereo)	Jessie					
NICK	54	Victo	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s
AMC	57	CSI: Miami	** "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.	** "Eraser" (1996) Arnold Schwarzenegger.					CSI: Miami					
SYFY	59	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	Ghost Hunters	"Boa vs. Python"			
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper			
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Supermarkets	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money	60 Minutes on	American Greed	Mad Money			
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word			

THURSDAY EVENING		JANUARY 5, 2012													
		5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News	News	Fronteras	Desert Reef	Travel	NMSU	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	Wipeout	Grey's Anatomy (N)	Private Practice (N)	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	KFOX News at Five	Big Bang	Two Men	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	KFOX News at Nine	Big Bang	30 Rock	Mother	Sunny		
NBC	9	News (N)	News	News	Commun	Parks	Office	Whitney	Office	All Night	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late		
CW	14	Funny Home Videos	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Vampire Diaries	The Secret Circle	Excused	TMZ (N)	Excused	Law Order: CI	Access				
WGN	15	Funny Home Videos	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	30 Rock	Scrubs	Scrubs	Sunny	Sunny	Futura				
ESPN	26	SportsCtr	High School Football	Under Armour All-America Game. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)				
ESPN2	27	College Basketball	Pittsburgh at DePaul.	College Basketball	Michigan at Indiana.	NFL Live (N)	NFL Live	NFL Live	SportsNation						
USA	31	NCIS "Tribes"	NCIS "Dog Tags"	*** "Public Enemies" (2009) Johnny Depp.	Premiere.	Burn Notice	CSI: Crime Scene	Inside the NBA (N)							
TNT	32	Bones	NBA Basketball Miami	Heat at Atlanta Hawks. (N)	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Trail Blazers										
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	Futura	Futura	Futura	Futura	Gabriel Iglesias: Fat	Daily	Colbert	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily	Colbert	
LIFE	39	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Project Runway	24 Hour Catwalk (N)	Project Runway	Cupcake Wars	Project Runway	(:01) Dance Moms	Project Runway	Chopped	Chopped			
FOOD	40	Hunters	House	Price	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters
HGTV	41	Hunters	House	Price	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters	House	Hunters	Selling	Selling	House	Hunters
A&E	43	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48 (N)	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	Beyond Scared	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48			
HST	44	Big Shrimpin'	American Pickers	Swamp People	Big Shrimpin'	Top Gear	American Pickers	(:01) Swamp People	NY Ink	Hook	Hook	NY Ink			
TLC	45	Hook, Line	NY Ink	Man, Woman, Wild	Last Frontier	Man, Woman, Wild	Last Frontier	Dual Survival							
DISC	47	Dual Survival	Dual Survival	Man, Woman, Wild	Last Frontier	Man, Woman, Wild	Last Frontier	Dual Survival							
ANPL	50	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	American Stuffers	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	Wildman	American Stuffers		
FAM	51	(4:00) "Remember the Titans"	*** "Remember the Titans" (2000) Will Patton				The 700 Club	Prince	Prince	Paid	Paid				
DISN	52	ANT	ANT	Wizards	Wizards	Wizards-Place	Wizards	Wizards	"Wizards of Waverly Place"	Phineas	Jessie				
NICK	54	Family	Victo	Sponge.	Sponge.	'70s	'70s	George	George	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	'70s	'70s
AMC	57	CSI: Miami	** "Commando" (1985, Action)	** "Commando" (1985, Action)	** "Commando" (1985, Action)					CSI: Miami					
SYFY	59	"Lake Placid 2" (2007)	John Schneider.	"Lake Placid 3" (2010)	Colin Ferguson.	* "Dinocroc" (2004)	Costas Mandylor.	"Lake Placid 2"							
CNN	62	E. B. OutFront	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	E. B. OutFront	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper			
CNBC	63	The Kudlow Report	Big Mac: Inside	(Dis)Service	American Greed	Mad Money	(Dis)Service	American Greed	Mad Money	(Dis)Service	American Greed	Mad Money			
MSNBC	64	Hardball Matthews	The Ed Show (N)	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word	The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Last Word	The Last Word			

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Sudoku

Complete the grids below so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. It is a game of logic, not math, and there is only one solution per puzzle. Have fun and exercise the gray matter. Tips and computer program at www.sudoku.com

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

BEGINNER	5	4	7	6	3	2	8	1	9
BEGINNER	6	9	8	4	5	1	7	2	3
BEGINNER	2	3	1	7	8	9	4	6	5
BEGINNER	7	6	4	5	2	8	9	3	1
BEGINNER	1	5	2	3	9	4	6	7	8
BEGINNER	9	8	3	1	7	6	2	5	4
BEGINNER	4	7	6	8	1	3	5	9	2
BEGINNER	3	2	5	9	4	7	1	8	6
BEGINNER	8	1	9	2	6	5	3	4	7
CHALLENGER	7	8	4	5	3	9	6	1	2
CHALLENGER	6	1	5	8	2	7	3	9	4
CHALLENGER	2	9	3	6	4	1	7	5	8
CHALLENGER	9	3	8	1	7	5	2	4	6
CHALLENGER	5	6	1	4	8	2	9	3	7
CHALLENGER	4	2	7	3	9	6	1	8	5
CHALLENGER	3	7	9	2	5	8	4	6	1
CHALLENGER	8	4	6	7	1	3	5	2	9
CHALLENGER	1	5	2	9	6	4	8	7	3
EXPERT	7	4	6	3	1	9	2	8	5
EXPERT	8	3	9	5	6	2	1	7	4
EXPERT	1	2	5	8	4	7	9	6	3
EXPERT	5	1	8	2	9	3	6	4	7
EXPERT	4	7	3	6	5	1	8	9	2
EXPERT	9	6	2	4	7	8	3	5	1
EXPERT	6	8	4	1	3	5	7	2	9
EXPERT	3	5	7	9	2	6	4	1	8
EXPERT	2	9	1	7	8	4	5	3	6

BEGINNER

	5			9	8	1			
		2	5						9
9		1			3	8	2		
6		3	4		5		1		
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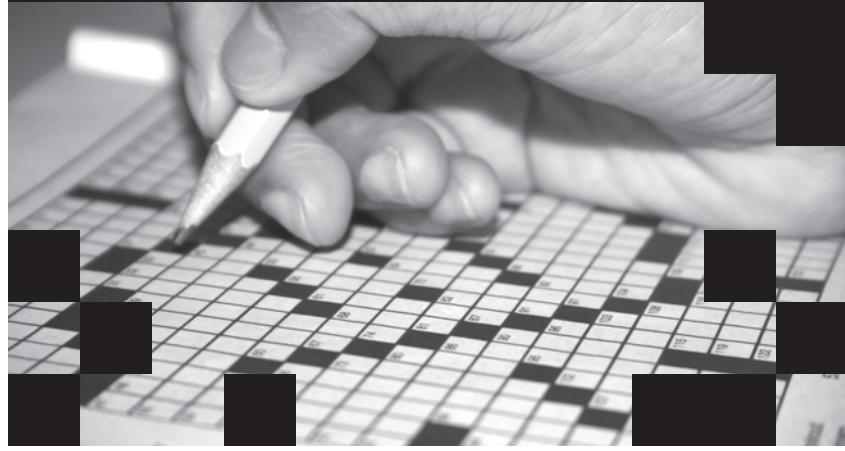
CHALLENGER

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EXPERT

2									
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BrainGames

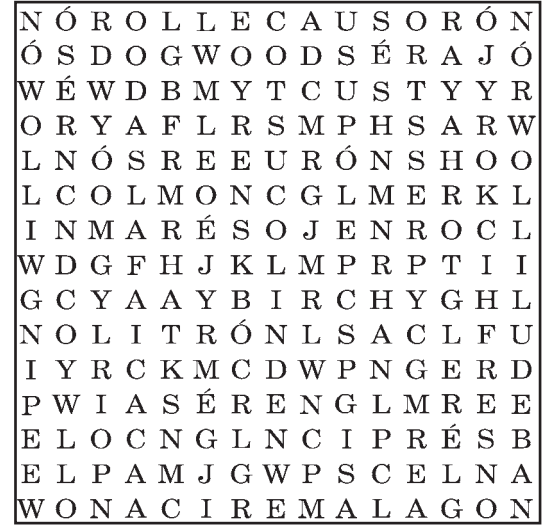


Word Salsa

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.

FALLING LEAVES

ENGLISH	SPANISH
ASH	FRESNO
BEECH	HAYA
BIRCH	ABEDUL
CYPRESS	CIPRÉS
DOGWOOD	CORNEJO
ELM	OLMO
HICKORY	NOGAL AMERICANO
LINDEN	TILO
LOCUST	ACACIA FALSA
MAPLE	ARCE
OAK	ROBLE
WEeping WILLOW	SAUCE LLORÓN



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Crossword Puzzles

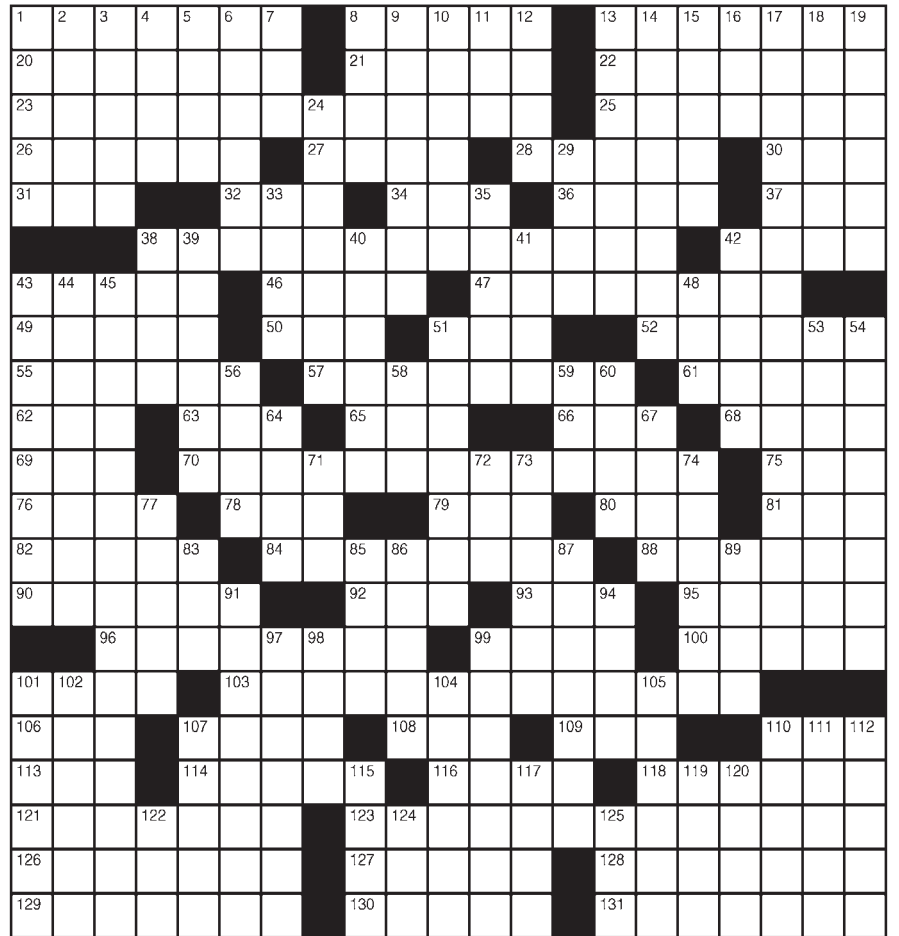
Diagramless, 21 x 21

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 Astronaut views
 - 11 #1 spot
 - 15 Castle feature
 - 16 Hunted
 - 17 All set
 - 18 Burden
 - 19 Peach or rhubarb
 - 20 Freshly painted
 - 21 Of the ankle
 - 25 Other side
 - 26 "A Chorus Line" number
 - 27 Load from a lode
 - 28 "That means ___!"
 - 29 "Go ahead!"
 - 30 Rap sheet abbr.
 - 32 Bring in
 - 33 Mythical monster
 - 35 Modern letter
 - 38 Grp. concerned with defense
 - 41 Action of obliging
 - 46 Detailed mapping
 - 52 Opposition
 - 53 Planets
 - 55 Apprehend
 - 56 Bantu language
 - 57 Chapter in history
 - 58 Scarf fabric
 - 61 Breed
 - 63 Certain something
 - 64 Fond du ___, Wis.
 - 66 Investment option, briefly
 - 67 Ball in a socket
 - 68 Certain digital watch face, for short
 - 69 An impurity added to a pure substance
 - 73 Fifth, for one (abbr.)
 - 74 Cry from Homer Simpson
 - 75 Be hopping mad
 - 77 Contrived
 - 84 Ancestry
 - 85 Spring flower
 - 86 At one time, at one time
 - 87 Rebuild the lego house
- DOWN**
- 1 Passport to business success?
 - 2 Bit in a horse's mouth
 - 3 His "4" was retired
 - 4 Degree in math?
 - 5 Caught some Z's
 - 6 White powder
 - 7 Islamic chieftain
 - 8 Potpie morsel
 - 9 Boundary
 - 10 Hog heaven?
 - 11 Pertinent
 - 12 Buttercup
 - 13 Of a fiery sky streak
 - 14 Give one's ___
 - 22 Salty Chinese sauce
 - 23 Small forest buffalo
 - 24 White blood cell
 - 29 Atlanta-based airline
 - 31 Half-circle
 - 32 Decree
 - 34 Rounded up
 - 35 Letters
 - 36 "Who, me?"
 - 37 Personals, e.g.
 - 38 Store convenience, for short
 - 39 Fancy neckwear
 - 40 30-day mo.
 - 41 "I have an ideal!"
 - 42 Game pieces, e.g.
 - 43 Night spot
 - 44 Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"
 - 45 Kan. neighbor
 - 47 Alternative passage (music)
 - 48 Stare (at)
 - 49 Biochemistry abbr.
 - 50 Wood-shaping tool
 - 51 Fraternity letter
 - 54 Altdorf is its capital
 - 58 Eligible for jail free existence for a bit longer?
 - 59 "Farewell"
 - 60 Old cars for new cars?
 - 62 Send to the canvas
 - 65 Porcino
 - 70 Mine entrances
 - 71 7th day of March, July May and October
 - 72 "So ___!"
 - 76 Tennis call
 - 77 Ballad ending
 - 78 Scot's not
 - 79 Fed. construction overseer
 - 80 Famous movie street
 - 81 Barbecue offering
 - 82 Pipe joint
 - 83 Turn red, perhaps

SANTA'S UPGRADES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Colonel of KFC
 - 8 President Garfield's middle name
 - 13 Skirmishes
 - 20 Made into law
 - 21 Eric of "Top Hat"
 - 22 Newman of "SNL"
 - 23 Online funnies?
 - 25 Included within
 - 26 "Seinfeld" gal
 - 27 Peddle by shouting
 - 28 Land of Oranjstad
 - 30 Small, humble dwelling
 - 31 Member of the fam.
 - 32 E. O'Brien film
 - 34 ___ volente (God willing)
 - 36 Hebrew month
 - 37 Choice abbr.
 - 38 Emoticon contests?
 - 42 Church projection
 - 43 Son of Charlemagne
 - 46 Very small
 - 47 Heart rhythm
 - 49 Bonfire remnants
 - 50 Command to Fido
 - 51 Actor Knight
 - 52 Overrefined
 - 55 Volcanic rock ejecta
 - 57 Type of collar
 - 61 Cohort of Che
 - 62 Light brown
 - 63 IV x XIII
 - 65 Wire-service letters
 - 66 Curry or Russert
 - 68 Feudal laborer
 - 69 Mary of "Where Eagles Dare"
 - 70 Collectibles featuring online notables?
 - 75 Little barrel
 - 76 Spanish red
 - 78 Patriotic men's org.
 - 79 Scrooge's expletive
 - 80 Post-E.R. place
 - 81 Porthos, to Athos
 - 82 Satellite of Jupiter
 - 84 Uttered in a trilling voice
 - 88 \$100 bills
 - 90 Place position
 - 92 Help
 - 93 Married
 - 95 Full of: suff.
 - 96 Prayers, perhaps
 - 99 Golfer
 - 100 Ballesteros
 - 101 Gas from the past
 - 103 Mini-Frisbee?
 - 106 So far
 - 107 Jai ___
 - 108 Sleuth Spade
 - 109 AFL-___
 - 110 School subj.
 - 113 Make a blunder
 - 114 Type of ray
 - 116 Adhesive strip
 - 118 Assign to a feedlot
 - 121 Main movie
 - 123 Small round object?
 - 126 Even less prudent
 - 127 Antiknock fluid
 - 128 Adenauer
 - 129 Pearson and Flatt
 - 130 Final authority
 - 131 Most pricey
- DOWN**
- 1 Passover meal
 - 2 Tropical lizard
 - 3 Of birth
 - 4 Fifth of MMMDV
 - 5 Harrow rival
 - 6 Cure
 - 7 R. Reagan's Star Wars
 - 8 "Fernando" group
 - 9 Hair wash followup
 - 10 Hornswoggled
 - 11 Biblical craft
 - 12 Tableland
 - 13 Rains and Debussy
 - 14 Beat
 - 15 Bellowing
 - 16 ___ Luis Obispo
 - 17 Blazing blades?
 - 18 Takes place subsequently
 - 19 Sink to the bottom
 - 24 Wholly confused
 - 29 Incarnation of Vishnu
 - 33 Kimono sashes
 - 35 Versifier Nash
 - 38 Bleaching vat
 - 39 Store, as fodder
 - 40 Gilberto of Bossa-Nova fame
 - 41 Confidential assistant
 - 42 Michael Caine film
 - 43 Grazing areas
 - 44 Salad green
 - 45 Pick-up sticks call?
 - 48 Slightly askew
 - 51 Single sleeper
 - 53 Apartment building
 - 54 Mournful writers
 - 56 Small isles
 - 58 Center starter?
 - 59 Windy City rail inits.
 - 60 Soprano Te Kanawa
 - 64 Baghdad land
 - 67 1700 in letters
 - 71 Indonesian island group
 - 72 Long-snouted fish
 - 73 Masticated
 - 74 Political pundit John
 - 77 University of Maine town
 - 83 Dijon donkey
 - 85 Over 50 org.
 - 86 Travel stamps
 - 87 Contrivances
 - 89 Corrida cries
 - 91 Trump namer
 - 94 Arnaz of show biz
 - 97 Repair-shop vehicles
 - 98 Issue forth
 - 99 "The Bells of ___"
 - 101 Quantity of a look?
 - 102 Tranquil
 - 104 Like successful jingles
 - 105 Java
 - 107 Get a smile out of
 - 110 Old hat
 - 111 Boston cagers, for short
 - 112 Small harbor
 - 115 Ed or Leon
 - 117 Horseback game
 - 119 Gillette razor
 - 120 Skiers' ride
 - 122 ___ for tat
 - 124 Eng. instruction letters
 - 125 Offbeat



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Word Salsa

GUARDIATUEPARET
 HIBIÓLOREIDLOSH
 TNOGRITROTIRCSSE
 ITGUEÉLEDOMAYOR
 MEAATTORNEYLDLA
 SRDRIRÉTOLEDOMP
 KPODRETERPRETNI
 CRSEWJOIRATERCES
 OSELOIBILOGIST
 LWLÓLETERPRETNI
 ARDORLETOHRESE
 RIA CERRAJEROTKT
 ETDYRAJEROIRNCK
 HHOTELIERJERIOR
 TWRIYRATERCESLW

Diagramless

COURANT MADE OHS
 RESORTED AMEN RET
 TRENCHER XMAS BRA
 YET IONIZATION
 ARUM SLAVONIC
 SEN EPERGNE
 STEM
 CUTANDPASTE
 ORIGINATION
 WINEBAR DAT
 EDITS
 ORE EMETICS
 NONCRITICAL
 ALTERNATELY
 BLIP
 ESCAPED LEE
 LOOSENER FERN
 AIRPASSAGE STY
 IRK ATOM APPEASES
 NEE LIEU WORMHOLE
 EIER TORR LOSABLE

Black to Black

ATBAY AHSO REDDI MAAM
 BURSA NOTV EASES AMMO
 BLACKSTONE STONEFRUIT
 OLTIO WET ROAM GROSSSES
 TENT OSO DALYS ERBE
 TIO WHITEHOT EAMES
 FRUITSALAD SALADGREEN
 RAKESIN ZIT TAKEO NRA
 IRA GETSITON REP TTOP
 GESSO IKE MSG STAR
 GREENFLASH FLASHLIGHT
 WERE TUB URI DONOR
 PCBS OPT TOREADOR OSE
 ALI ASTRO BED EVICTEE
 LIGHTHOUSE HOUSECLEAN
 EPOT NETIZENS RHO
 HOAR DELIA GPA PARR
 APERIES REAR RAW CLEO
 CLEANSULATE SLATEBLACK
 ROSY HONAN EINE COMTE
 EITES TWIGS SETS SPOOR

CRYPTOGRAM

K G H U G ' K C B T C C X O G U
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L J U U P H K !
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
 December is a really notable and uncommon month. Why? Because it's the only month with a D in it.



AtTheMovies

Picking the Flicks



Movie information from www.rottentomatoes.com. Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>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</p> 	<p>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</p> 
<p>Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: The IMF is shut down when it's implicated in the bombing of the Kremlin, causing Ethan Hunt and his new team to go rogue to clear their organization's name. Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner Director: Brad Bird</p> 	<p>The Adventures of Tintin Rating: PG Plot Overview: Tintin and Captain Haddock set off on a treasure hunt for a sunken ship commanded by Haddock's ancestor. But someone else is in search of the ship. Starring: Jamie Bell, Andy Serkis Director: Steven Spielberg</p> 
<p>The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo Rating: R Plot Overview: Journalist Mikael Blomkvist is aided in his search for a woman who has been missing for 40 years by Lisbeth Salander, a young computer hacker. Starring: Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara Director: David Fincher</p> 	<p>We Bought a Zoo Rating: PG Plot Overview: Set in Southern California, a father moves his young family to the countryside to renovate and re-open a struggling zoo. Starring: Matt Damon, Scarlett Johansson Director: Cameron Crowe</p> 
<p>War Horse Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: Young Albert enlists to service in WWI after his beloved horse, Joey, is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and across Europe as the war rages on. Starring: Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson Director: Steven Spielberg</p> 	<p>The Darkest Hour Rating: PG-13 Plot Overview: In Moscow, five young people lead the charge against an alien race who have attacked Earth via our power supply. Starring: Emile Hirsch, Olivia Thirlby Director: Chris Gorak</p> 

New this week on DVD Tuesday, Jan. 3

- Contagion**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Action, Suspense
Starring: Matt Damon, Kate Winslet
Director: Steven Soderbergh
- Don't be Afraid of the Dark**
Rating: R
Genre: Suspense, Horror
Starring: Katie Holmes, Guy Pearce
Director: Troy Nixey
- Shark Night**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Horror, Suspense
Starring: Sara Paxton, Chris Carmack
Director: David R. Ellis
- I Don't Know How She Does It**
Rating: PG-13
Genre: Comedy
Starring: Sarah Jessica Parker, Greg Kinnear
Director: Douglas McGrath
- The Guard**
Rating: R
Genre: Comedy, Mystery
Starring: Brendan Gleeson, Don Cheadle
Director: John Michael McDonagh

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- Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol**
\$29,500,000 (Week No. 2)
- Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows**
\$20,260,000 (Week No. 2)
- The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2011)**
\$12,750,000 (Week No. 1)
- Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked**
\$12,650,000 (Week No. 2)
- The Adventures of Tintin**
\$9,705,000 (Week No. 1)
- We Bought a Zoo**
\$9,450,000 (Week No. 1)
- War Horse**
\$7,512,000 (Week No. 1)
- New Year's Eve**
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Slow food, longer life



Laura Smart
Health Smart

On our recent trip to Italy, I noticed there were no obese Italians. Perhaps it's because every day, from noon to 3 p.m., all stores close for their midday main meal.

Everyone gathers at favorite restaurants or family dining tables for a multi-course, two-hour lunch.

Wine is served and lots of great conversation transpires. Business deals are made, families are chatting and, yes, we as tourists were enjoying our "slow food" meal between 1 and 3 p.m., every day of our trip.

At first, I refrained from drinking wine at one in the afternoon, but after realizing everyone went home and took a 30-minute nap, I decided to imbibe just as the Italians did.

So the key is to "chew more and eat less," according to my Nutrition Action health letter editor. Lean men take four bites per minute, as compared to obese men who take five bites per minute.

Lean men chew 21 times per bite, as compared to obese men who chew 17 times per bite.

During a scientific study, researchers asked the men to chew each bite 15 or 40 times. The men consumed 12 percent fewer calories after 40 chews per bite than after 15 chews.

Whenever we dine with our friend Alan, I know it's going to be at least a two- to three-hour experience. He methodically cuts one piece of food, eating European style (holding his knife in his right hand and his fork in his left hand, without switching as we Americans do) and carefully places it in his mouth.

Then he chews, and chews and chews. And he is not obese.

He thoroughly enjoys each bite and savors the many flavors and spices of his entrée. He makes me want to slow down even more and enjoy the moment.

Along with "slow food," Dr. Jacob Rosenstein, founder of the Southwest Age Intervention Institute, suggests "aging with wit, wisdom and grace and maintaining a positive self-image."

He said, "You can have the wisdom of years with the vitality of youth."

"Right hormonal therapies could improve your skin, muscle tone and most importantly, a boost in your mood and vitality."

I like his philosophy, especially since I'm 60 and feel like I'm 30.

Gourmet food and fine wine go hand in hand with at least an hour of fun dining with friends and or family.

Being health conscious keeps me away from "fast food" and makes me aware of savoring and chewing my food slowly.

It's so relaxing to end a day slowly even though we Americans generally have our main meal in the evening.

Remember eating is not a race, and those who finish last, finish lean.

Striving for perfection



Local health care facilities made big strides in 2011: Memorial Medical Center was named the "best practice" for its ability to retain physicians. The Rehabilitation Hospital has maintained its position in the top 10 percent for five years, and MountainView Regional Medical Center became the first hospital in New Mexico to unveil a Wall of Heroes, honoring organ and tissue donors.

Health care facilities have big goals for 2012

By **Rachel Christiansen**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the future of the nation's health care rests undecidedly in the hands of Washington's lawmakers, pressure is now on providers to ensure quality and efficient care.

Fortunately for those living in southern New Mexico, the idea of leaving the state to receive such care has become a thing of the past, thanks to a very dedicated medical community.

Heightened demands of a growing population combined with an unstable economy have sparked major acute-care facilities in Las Cruces, such as Memorial Medical Center and MountainView Regional Medical Center, to beat the odds.

"Each year we look back and gauge ourselves on things that we've done to move the hospital forward and continue to improve the comprehensiveness and quality of care," CEO of Memorial Medical Center Paul Herzog said.

Quite a year of accomplishments it has been for Memorial Medical Center, which now has one of the leading cancer treatment centers in the nation, with the addition of top-ranking oncologists such as Drs. William Adler and Robert Francis.

Along with 27 open clinical trials, an accredited medical residency program, a neonatal program, a hospitalist program, MMC was named "best practice" by the U.S.-Mexico Border Centers of Excellence Consortium for the ability to retain physicians.

Memorial Medical Center has been a backbone of the community through its key support of the New Mexico State University Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink cancer research fundraiser, the March of Dimes, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Relay for Life and providing more than 3,000 citizens with flu vaccinations.

Despite vast accomplishments, facilities continue to look to the future.

Memorial Medical Center will continue to advance technology and practices, Herzog said, and are working toward opening a new urgent care clinic in 2012.

"A significant issue for the state to address is the continued funding of Medicaid patients, that will have a huge impact on people in this area," Herzog said.

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PAUL HERZOG,
CEO of Memorial Medical Center

Also a vital member of the community, MountainView Regional Medical Center achieved chest pain accreditation, and is working on its stroke certification for 2012.

In 2011, MountainView became the first hospital in New Mexico to unveil a Wall of Heroes, honoring MountainView patients who have given the gift of life through organ and tissue donations.

MountainView also successfully introduced its 30-minute ED pledge initiative, to ensure a physician or other clinical professional will see each patient within 30 minutes of his or her arrival to the emergency room.

"We believe this service pledge has distinguished us from other health care providers in the area, and underlines our commitment to the people who live and work in the Las Cruces region," said CEO Denten Park.

Also in 2011, MountainView invested about \$4.5 million in its interventional radiology and

cath labs. The improvements give physicians the best tools available in the area, which translates to better quality outcomes for our patients.

As envisioned upon its opening in 2002, MountainView Regional Medical Center has become a vital health care resource committed to attracting top physicians and improving the quality of life in southern New Mexico.

Equally important as the acute-care hospitals themselves, are the partnerships they maintain with other specialist care facilities.

The Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico has taken the responsibility to balance the health care continuum so patients needing long-term care can stay close to home.

"Positive patient outcomes is always our goal, and patients recover better when they are close to home with their families nearby," said CEO Suzanne Quillen.

For Quillen, achieving the goal of positive patient outcomes rests in the hands of the people administering the care, which means the education of health care professionals is more important than ever.

"Having a ready workforce in health care will have a tremendous impact on the future of health care in the country," Quillen said.

Next door to the Advanced Care Hospital resides the Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern New Mexico, who for the past five years, has been named in the top 10 percent of rehabilitation hospitals nationwide.

"It's a huge honor to be chosen from more than 800 rehabilitation hospitals in the nation, and our goal for 2012 will be to make that ranking again," said CEO Beverly Muñoz.

Muñoz said she will position the hospital to be ready to face the upcoming challenges facing health care industry, to be able to continue the level of service community residents and partners have come to expect in 2012.

Dogs, cats available

Two pet-adoption events set for Dec. 31

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct two off-site pet adoption events Saturday, Dec. 31. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

Adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market in Downtown Las Cruces. Dogs available for adoption will be located at the north end Main Street Downtown. Cats can be adopted from the offices of the Southwest Environmental Center just north of the Rio Grande Theatre.

Adoptions also will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at PetCo at 3050 E. Lohman Ave.

Adoption fees are \$75 for dogs and puppies and \$50 for cats and kittens. The fee includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

At the PetCo event, microchipping for pets who already have homes will be available for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for unneutered pets are \$25 each. Proof of spay/neuter is

required before a \$5 license will be issued. Pet owners also must bring current proof of rabies vaccination for each animal to be licensed.

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley also offers low-cost spay/neuter operations at the rate of \$35 for dogs and \$25 for cats. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the shelter offices.

For further information, call the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley at 382-0018, or visit www.ascmv.org.

People who are hearing-impaired can call 541-2182. Shelter hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

You can also visit the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley's Facebook page for information about the Pet of the Week and other services and news items. The facility is in need of donations of dog crates, towels, blankets and long-strand shredded paper. Volunteers also are needed to assist with animal care and socializing.

Pet talk: Pay attention

Watch for warning signs of pet pancreatitis

If your cat or dog is suffering from vomiting and diarrhea, it may be that Fido or Fluffy is spending too much time at the all-you-can-eat buffet.

But vomiting and abdominal pain may also indicate pancreatitis, a fairly common condition among cats and dogs that can lead to severe complications and even death.

"Pancreatitis is an inflammation of the exocrine portion of the pancreas, which produces the body's digestive enzymes," said Dr. Jörg Steiner, professor at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

"This inflammation actually causes the pancreas to digest itself," Steiner said.

"The most common signs are vomiting and abdominal pain, but symptoms may also include diarrhea, fever, loss of appetite and behavioral changes."

Pancreatitis is more difficult to detect in cats because the symptoms are milder.

Steiner says there are two types of pancreatitis: acute and chronic.

Acute cases of pancreatitis are more commonly severe and chronic cases are more commonly mild.

Supportive care, including aggressive fluid therapy to treat imbalances, is given to try to stabilize the patient, he said, and pain medications are used to make the patient as comfortable as possible.

Steiner estimates about 50 percent of acute cases result in death.

In cases of chronic pancreatitis, your veterinarian will begin to treat the underlying disease process while administering symptomatic treatment, including fluid therapy and pain relief.

While these patients tend to have a better

outcome than those with acute pancreatitis, chronic pancreatitis may eventually cause diabetes and/or other diseases that can greatly affect the animal's quality of life.

In some cases, this condition may go undiagnosed and untreated.

"There are some conditions that may be found concurrent with pancreatitis, including hepatic inflammation and intestinal inflammation," Steiner said.

"To give the most accurate diagnosis possible, your veterinarian will also test for diseases that mimic pancreatitis, such as kidney disease and liver disease."

Steiner recommends giving pets with pancreatitis a low fat diet. This includes restricting animals from treats.

"Pancreatitis is a fairly common disease among cats and dogs," Steiner said. "There is no way to cure or prevent pancreatitis, and there is no evidence to suggest that pancreatitis is more common among any particular age or breed of pet."

Since vomiting and abdominal pain are symptoms common to many illnesses in pets, it is crucial that an ailing pet be thoroughly examined by your veterinarian, Steiner said.

"It may just be an upset tummy, but seeking your veterinarian's advice early could actually preserve and improve your pet's life and health," Steiner said.

"New diagnostic tests are now available that can help your veterinarian diagnose pancreatitis early, making successful therapy more likely."

Pet Talk is a service of the College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University. Stories can be viewed at <http://vetmed.tamu.edu/pet-talk>.

Size up the situation

You're responsible for surviving



**Michael R. Hurst,
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*Life and Work
Solutions*

As was discussed in the last article, I am going to breakdown the key word "SURVIVAL," explain what each letter in the acronym means and how to apply it to the modern world of the 21st century.

Today's article will discuss the first letter, "S" in survival: Size up the situation.

In a survival situation, this means that an individual must:

- Find an area where you can concentrate on surviving. Personal security is your No. 1 priority.
- Evaluate your physical condition, as physical fitness is key, and tend to any first aid or medical issues.
- Get an understanding of your surrounding environment.
- Get an understanding of the pattern or daily routine of your surrounding environment.
- Conduct an inventory (make a list) of all the equipment and supplies you have in your possession.
- Evaluate your surroundings and begin planning for your survival.

Utilizing the above information, you can now learn the required aspects to size up your life and work situation.

In the modern society of 2012, having a job or legal means of income is necessary in order to provide you with shelter, food/water, clothes and basic utilities. This is important in ensuring you have a safe place to live in order to accomplish your personal security.

Owning a legal weapon for securing this food and protection is also a necessity. History and common sense proves this point.

You should not be worried about political correctness if you are serious about being a survivor or successful versus being the victim or dead. This fact is just as true today as it was in 1700 America.

History and research has proven that being physically fit is important to being successful in life and work. You must dedicate yourself to a daily exercise program in order to improve or maintain your individual level of fitness.

If you have an injury or medical condition, you must ensure that the injury or medical condition receives the appropriate medical attention.

Understand the surrounding environment where you are living. In a modern society, you must work to provide for the necessities of life and to achieve success.

If you fail or ignore this important fact, you are sentencing yourself and possibly

your family to a life of mediocrity.

If this fact upsets you, then take that energy and seek help to become successful. There are plenty of professional counselors and programs that can assist you.

You will notice a daily pattern of the surrounding environment where you are living. You will notice that the people that are not just surviving, but are successful and thriving, are working six to eight hours a day.

If you are struggling to pay your rent and utilities then you have no business owning a big vehicle, big screen TV, fancy cell phone or expensive clothes.

In order to become successful and thriving, emulate the legal behaviors of successful people in your environment.

You will now need to take an inventory, or make a list, of your possessions and determine what is necessary and what needs to be sold or donated. Keep what will assist in your mission to survive and thrive.

If you follow the advice of someone who is struggling, and not on the path to success, then you are responsible for contributing to your failure. Beware of the old saying "misery loves company." Making and securing the necessary possessions for survival/success should be your focus.

Lastly, organize the above assessment of your surroundings into a workable plan for your own survival and success.

Financial well-being is critical to modern survival. There is information available to assist you in this phase of your plan.

Since a job and money are critical, then you need to seek the assistance of proven long-term solutions and not the latest quick fix fad that does not stand the test of time.

One rule is not to spend more than you earn. All you have to do is read about the current financial problems in America.

There are numerous financial experts that can assist you on this journey. I always try to remember how my grandparents handled finances in the early 20th century:

- Spend less than you earn
- Save a portion of each pay check
- Pay cash for everything
- Never borrow money

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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.

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- **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 Jewel, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Donation is \$2. Classes are suitable for all levels of experience. For more information, email McKay at harmeiz@zianet.com or call 382-8978.

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 Jewel, 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 teach T'ai Chi Chih: Joy Thru Movement classes from 9 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Young Park, 1905 E. Nevada Ave. For more information, call 505-359-5256 and leave a short message or email rositaad@aol.com.

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.

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

A low vision support group meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first Tuesday of the month, except during the summer, at

the Mesilla Park Recreation Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., and from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Facilitator is psychologist Cheryl Black. The groups next meeting will be Jan. 3, 2012. For more information, call 528-3000.

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.

CROHN'S AND ULCERATIVE COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP

Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis are collectively known as Irritable Bowel Disease or IBD. As many as 1 million Americans have IBD and both illnesses are similar. They are marked by an abnormal response by the body's immune system and include chronic inflammation of the intestines. There are no cures and management of the diseases includes medications, diet and surgery.

The Crohn's and Ulcerative Colitis support group meets from 3 to 5 p.m. the second Sunday of each month in the Community Education Room of Mountainview Regional Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. The support group is sponsored by the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (www.cdfa.org).

For more information about the Crohn's and Colitis support group, call Jo Tice Bloom at 382-0722.



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'A disaster ... a burden'

Closing of cancer center impacted patients

By **Jeff Barnet**
Las Cruces Bulletin

Alma Terrell, a cancer survivor, worked for two years as a cancer resource volunteer at Southern New Mexico Cancer Center, formerly at 150 N. Roadrunner Parkway.

She said she never was given a reason for the closing of the cancer center. The center was an affiliate of Texas Board of Oncology, which is part of the U.S. Oncology network. Texas Oncology announced in August that the center would close its doors on Nov. 30.

"It was a disaster," she said. "It created a burden for cancer victims at a time when they did not need any extra burden, any added stress. ... We never knew the reason it was closed."

According to a spokesperson for the Texas Board of Oncology, "After more than 10 years of providing the Las Cruces community with advanced cancer treatment and care, the Southern New Mexico Cancer Treatment Center closed on Nov. 30, 2011. Several factors played a role in our conclusion that the best way for us to serve the residents of this region is through our facilities and staff in El Paso."

Many of the patients whom Terrell served as a volunteer for the Cancer Resource Center, an information and support service located at the Southern New Mexico Cancer Center, were referred to doctors in Albuquerque, El Paso and Silver City, she said.

However, as a volunteer, she said she was involved in garage sales and other fundraisers just so patients, most of whom were low-income and on Medicaid, could have gas money just to get to the Las Cruces-based center.

"It was just devastating," she said. "I don't think a lot of the patients there could afford to drive to Albuquerque or El Paso. ... People have no idea what we lost."

Terrell said she deeply misses being a volunteer and that the Cancer Resource Center is still looking for a new home, a place with utilities and rent provided where cancer patients can get information, supplies and, most of all, care from people who understand what they are going through.

"I loved serving people, I loved listening to their stories, what they were going through," she said. "I miss being there for them and holding their hands. I feel like I let them down, even though it was not my decision. ... We never had a chance to respond. We did not have a voice."

Many of the more than 100 SNMCC patients were taken in by Memorial Medical Center, Terrell said.

Mandy Leatherwood, MMC's marketing director, said Memorial Medical Center has done what it can to meet the increasing demand for cancer care in Las Cruces.

"We have seen some patients that have come to us (from the Southern New Mexico Cancer Center), and we are growing our program appropriately with more staff so we can better

“We’re concerned that some patients may feel there’s nowhere to go in Las Cruces.”

MANDY LEATHERWOOD,
MMC marketing director



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jeff Barnet

A sign is the only remnant of Southern New Mexico Cancer Center's presence in Las Cruces. The company made the decision to close its Las Cruces location in Nov. 30, citing that the best way to serve the region is through facilities and staff in El Paso. Some Las Cruceans, however, feel the closing left a significant void in the community.

serve these new patients," she said.

Leatherwood stressed that MMC offers comprehensive cancer services.

With the Ikard Radiation Oncology Center and its Medical Oncology and Hermatology Center, MMC is able to serve patients with cancer, she said.

Because of MMC's affiliation with the University of New Mexico Medical Center, it is able to offer the latest treatments, including those being used in clinical trials, she said.

"We're concerned that some patients may feel there's nowhere to go in Las Cruces," Leatherwood said. "We want people to know there the care is still here. ... People don't have to leave town to get care. It is available here and they can even sleep in their bed that night."

Through its affiliation with UNM, MMC has two medical oncologists, a radiation

oncologist and a nurse practitioner on staff, she said.

Menuka Karki, president of the New Mexico State University chapter of Voice Against Cancer, a group of students who often volunteered at the Cancer Resource Center, said patients her group was working with were "really saddened by the closing of the Southern New Mexico Cancer Center."

"They had been very happy with the treatment they got there (SNMCC)," she said. "It was very easy, they had very harmonious relationships with the doctors, the treatments were very effective ... the closing had a great impact on the patients and the city."

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More than 900 participants arrived at Young Park April 30, to show their support by walking the 7.5-mile course and raising funds in the Las Cruces March for Babies. Proceeds went to the March of Dimes, which raises funds for research and education to assist families with babies born prematurely or with birth defects.




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Leticia, Camilea, 10, and Emilia, 8, Abbud pay their respects inside the Basilica of San Albino on the Mesilla Plaza Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Gabriel Barrantes, 7, lights a candle with his brother Ignacio in San Albino on Christmas Eve.



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Church News

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Year in review

2011 was still a buyer's market

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As housing markets around the country continue to recover from the downturned economy, statistics show that Las Cruces has seen the bottom and has become stable.

"We still, not to this day, have not seen the huge amount of foreclosures that some other areas have seen," said Isaac Chavez, Las Cruces Association of Realtors CEO. "We've seen more foreclosures, but not a lot."

Chavez said in 2011, the Las Cruces housing market stayed in close lines with the previous year, with lower-end homes on the market a shorter time than higher-end homes.

"Resales are about the same as last year," he said, adding that 894 homes were resold in 2010 and 793 by November 2011. "They're not going down anymore, but they're not increasing, they're remaining stable. It looks like we hit the bottom in 2010."

This year, the median price for a resale home dropped from \$165,000 in 2010 to \$155,000, the level they were at in 2003 before the housing bubble.

"The market is correcting itself," Chavez said. "Prices have continued to drop steadily. They're not plummeting, but it is a buyer's market."

"We're still doing really well. Most families in Las Cruces can still afford a home."

Although slight, the Las Cruces building industry also saw more activity in 2011 than 2010, a sign that the area is still growing.

"We're in the process right now of dealing with the market as it is," said Steve Chavira, managing director of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico. "Builders are still trying to build where they can. Spec homes have gone down, but there is still a lot of activity in new home construction. There is a lot of activity in the \$130,000 to \$280,000 range."

While most building activity has been in the affordable housing market, those who have the means and desire to construct million-dollar homes are still doing so, Chavira said.

"The market isn't the issue," he said. "The question is if banks are willing to lend."

2011 BIA-SNM President Farrell Thurston said permits for renovations and new home construction flipped-flopped throughout 2011.

"I think builders are anticipating the spring and are getting their permits now so they can be ready for the summer buying market," he said.

Unfortunately, 2011 did have its share of low points. Chavez said for the first time in 80 years, the federal government talked about

tinkering or eliminating the home mortgage interest reduction.

"That tax is one of the main benefits of owning your own home versus renting," Chavez said. "That is something we're going to continue to fight in 2012."

Also in 2011, three new impact fees for public safety, stormwater drainage and road construction were passed after being fought for several years.

"What this means for those who don't have a house is that when they choose to buy, the price will be increased, and those who do have a house, their property values just went up," said Thurston, adding that now about 5 percent of a home's cost will go to impact fees. "With the increase in value there will also be an increase in property taxes. The impact fees will produce immediate money, but will have a long-term effect."

Chavez, however, said the impact fees are both a win and a loss. He explained that when the impact fees were first introduced five years ago, they totaled \$10,000. Through advocacy, that amount got whittled down to about \$2,000.

"Sometimes you have to take what you can get," he said.

The public safety impact fee will take effect Jan. 1, 2012, but the other two will not be installed until 2013, unless they are overturned or pushed back by City Council before then.

"The ordinance passed and the dates have been set, so it's an uphill battle right now," Thurston said. "We're still going to be engaged and oppose any tax on building because it affects first-time homebuyers the most. They're the ones who are hurt the most."

While industry experts predict that 2012 will be only slightly better than 2011, with 2013 increasing in sales, organizations in Las Cruces have big plans for the new year.

Chavez said LCAR has a few issues it is watching during the upcoming legislative session, such as a bill that would require home inspectors to become licensed and legislation allowing payment of Broker's Price Option (BPO).

"A Broker's Price Option is an estimation of what a house is worth right now," said Chavez, adding that they aren't as detailed as an appraisal. "In New Mexico, you can do a BPO, but you can't accept any sort of payment for it. We're trying to pass a bill that will allow Realtors to get paid for conducting a BPO, like most states do."

As for construction, Chavira said he sees green building continuing to be at the forefront of the industry if customers continue to ask for such homes.



Clean lines and slate detailing fill the contemporary home at 5664 Georgia O'Keefe.

"The BIA-SNM has been behind the green initiative since before there was a green initiative," he said.

As with recent years, Thurston said he sees growth on the East Mesa continuing to increase in 2012 and well into the following decades. This is in part due to the new Red Hawk Golf Club, which is surrounded by miles of empty space designated for residential and commercial use.

Chavez said officials at the National Association of Realtors believe the housing market will recover within three or four

years, with many factors contributing to this timeline, including the 2012 presidential election.

"The outcome of the election could have a big impact on the real estate market and whether it will pick up or slow down," he said.

Still, Las Cruces will remain a destination for those looking for sunshine, peaceful living and modern amenities.

"We still have people coming here," Chavez said. "Las Cruces is a nice place to live and the cost of living is still low."



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Home Sales Scoreboard

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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Homes Sold New	0	1	5
Homes Sold Existing	11	17	15
Pending Home Sales (All)	150	155	135
Average Days on Market (All)	85	176	113

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	N/A	\$161,000	\$153,000
Median Price Existing	\$144,250	\$160,900	\$170,000
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,087	1,113	1,085
Real Estate Agents	408	408	426

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By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the pre-Christmas snowstorm struck the area, many Las Cruces – including this writer – sought shelter indoors, with a warm blanket, good TV and piping-hot cup of tea.

A comfort for nearly 5,000 years, first discovered by the Chinese, tea has been enjoyed by cultures around the world.

While many have relied on the convenience of tea bags, first created in 1907 and refined in 1953, others have maintained the rich tradition of steeping loose tea leaves. Using loose-leaf tea does have its benefits over the bagged variety.

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The IngenuiTea is a quick and easy way to steep loose-leaf tea. Touted as providing “a great cup of tea anywhere,” the gadget is a light-weight and durable plastic container for the tea.

What makes this tea gadget different than others is that the leaves steep in hot water the container and are then strained out thanks to a valve-controlled filter that is activated when set onto of a cup or other vessel.

Weighing only 9 ounces, it is portable and can be taken anywhere. It is also microwaveable, so there is no need for a kettle.

How does it work?

To use the IngenuiTea, place your desired loose-leaf tea and water inside. If using hot water, let the tea steep for a few minutes. If using cold water, set the gadget into the microwave and heat for several minutes.

After the tea has had a chance to steep, place the IngenuiTea on top of a cup. Resting it on the top of the mug will allow the valve at the bottom to open and let the tea flow down. The filter will catch the tea leaves while letting the liquid drop.

With your tea ready to enjoy, toss out the tea leaves. The contraption can then be placed in the dishwasher or washed by hand.

Where can it be found?

The IngenuiTea can be found in the kitchen section of many department stores, including Sears. It can also be purchased online at websites such as www.gifts.com.

How much does it cost?

The IngenuiTea costs between \$20 and \$70, depending on the size of the gadget, which ranges from 16 to 32 ounces.



Types of Tea

- **White tea:** The purest and least processed of all the teas, white tea has very little caffeine, but contains healthy antioxidants and are the best for skin and complexion.
- **Green tea:** Considered the most popular tea – mainly because it is the beverage of choice in Asia – green tea is a source of antioxidants. This tea can also help maintain cholesterol and blood sugar levels and is good for skin and teeth.
- **Oolong tea:** Also known as wu long tea, this variety is semi-fermented is credited with being a healthy addition to any weight-loss plan.
- **Black tea:** A fully fermented tea, it is often used to create hot and ice teas. This tea can help maintain cholesterol levels that are already in a normal range, cardiovascular function and a health circulatory system.
- **Rooibos tea:** Otherwise known as red tea, rooibos tea is made from a South African red bush and is a healthy source of vitamins and minerals, as well as contains antioxidants. Naturally caffeine free, it can help promote digestion and healthy skin, teeth and bones as well as support your immune system.
- **Mate tea:** Dubbed “the coffee lover’s tea,” mate gives the same energy as coffee, but without the jitters. Containing 21 vitamins and minerals, it can also help curb your appetite.
- **Blooming tea:** These teas, also referred to as artisan or flowering teas, “bloom” as they steep. To create such a feat, tea artists hand tie the bundles and usually include some type of flavor or scent along with the design.

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Finding green during winter

Shorter days, Old Man Winter don't mean a bleak landscape

Gary Guzman
Gardening Guru



Another quick year – they just seem to be going by faster and faster. Even though the days are beginning to slowly get longer, it is just the start of the winter season.

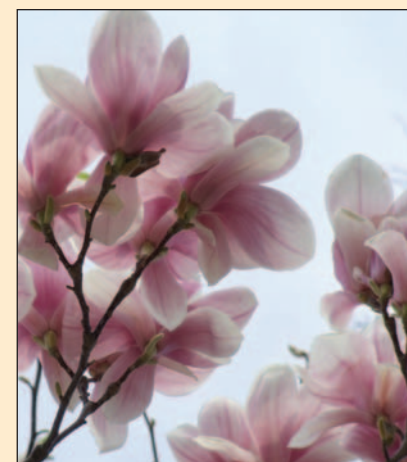
With that in mind, your landscape can look bleak and dormant. It does not have to be this way, however. There are still plenty of plants and trees that don't look so bad during the cold, dry winter months.

In fact, shopping for vegetation during this time of year can be quite fruitful. There are several trees that keep their leaves on even in the dead of winter. Magnolia, upright juniper, live oak, ligustrum, pride of Houston holly, pines, piñon, Arizona cypress and Italian cypress for starters. These trees actually do drop some or all of their leaves but they lose the old leaves at the same time new ones are emerging. This gives them the appearance of being “evergreen.”

Some shrubs that keep their leaves throughout the cold season are several cultivars of euonymus, juniper, nandina, abelia, strawberry bush, pittosporum, Indian hawthorn, pyracantha, star jasmine, mugo pine, yews, boxwood, yaupon holly and mahonia, to name a few. Some of the fore mentioned, such as the euonymus, nandina and abelia, “flush” a purple or reddish color adding even more interest to the winter landscape.

Of course, all this is assuming we do not have a well-below-zero-degree winter such as this past February. On the positive side the “evergreen” plants and trees that did survive the past extreme temperatures were the magnolia, pride of Houston and yaupon holly, Arizona cypress, live oak, yew (*Taxus*) and juniper. Although they did have that rough winter foliage, look they all seemed to have made a full recovery up to date.

This particular group of plants was observed to be quite winter hardy in my own landscape, so every plant and every area or “micro-climate” may have different outcomes. Don't take this as a guarantee that these plants



Although the weather is cold, your yard can still have some color, thanks to a variety of plants, including the magnolia tree.

will be completely immune to Old Man Winter. In almost all instances, nature will prevail.

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Cutting mac 'n' cheese out of the college diet

NMSU executive chef brings fresh approach to old campus dining

By **Mark Cramer**
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

Ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, canned ravioli: the staples of the college diet, for better or worse.

For New Mexico State University students, however, there are significantly better options – after all, they have access to a multitalented, experienced executive chef in Clinton Kifolo.

Kifolo is new to NMSU, having come to town with Sodexo when the popular vendor took over management of the university's food services July 1. He brought with him a friendly, fresh approach to dining services, ensuring that students and guests not only get a good meal at any time, but that they have a positive experience while dining as well.

The culinary veteran is no stranger to the university environment, having relocated to NMSU after a five-year stint at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

"I've worked at Westminster College, just north of Pittsburgh; Susquehanna University, just north of Harrisburg; East Stroudsburg University, in the Poconos, just southwest of New York City," Kifolo said. "And I've worked at various country clubs and restaurants throughout the Philadelphia metropolitan area. At one time, I was a chef on board an offshore oil installation."

That experience took Kifolo to destinations as diverse as Belfast, Northern Ireland; Brazil; Trinidad and Tobago; and the Gulf of Mexico.

"I've been in New Mexico since mid-June and loving every minute of it," said Kifolo, who has been cooking professionally for 27 years and been an executive chef for 25 of those years – the last five of those with Sodexo. "To put it into perspective, Youngstown, Ohio, is 350 days of clouds and rain, and New

Mexico is 350 days of sunshine and virtually no rain. I did enjoy my time in Youngstown, let's not get me wrong, but it's nice to have the sunshine."

Kifolo's work ethic and commitment to his customers' dining experience begins well before ingredients hit the pan – in the Third Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club, in the Stan Fulton Athletic Center on the south side of Aggie Memorial Stadium, everything is made from scratch.

"The ketchup is made from scratch, the hamburgers are hand-ground choice beef, the ricotta cheese appetizer is made in-house – we make it back on the stove using the old way of curdling milk and straining it out," he said. "The brioche buns that the hamburgers are on are all made from scratch, all the salad dressings are made here on the premises. It's something that I firmly believe in – if you're going to do something right, or do something well, do it right to begin with."

The Third Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club is open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Many Las Cruces residents may not realize that the other NMSU dining locations are open to them as well – all with the same devotion to quality ingredients, preparation and service.

A typical work day for Kifolo begins around 7:30 or 8 a.m., as he checks on all of the cooks and everything culinary-related within Taos, the catering department, Third Floor Bistro and the retail environments: Einstein Bros. Bagels, Taco Bell, Chick-Fil-A, Grill 155 and Subway. By 11:30 a.m. he arrives at the Third Floor Bistro to check on things.

He's quick to point out, however, that he is simply part of a total team effort.

"Sodexo has 200 employees at NMSU, and I personally manage 30 of those employees. I delegate things out to my sous chefs and other supervisory cooks. I have one intern now who works with us in the kitchen and does some of our paperwork," he said. "She enters some numbers and she's learning the management end of it. I would love to have more. There are a lot of great people with me that make up what



Executive Chef Clint Kifolo prepares food at the Third Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club on the New Mexico State University campus in the Stan Fulton Center. Kifolo is a certified raw food chef and works wonders with unprocessed, often organic vegetables and other foods.

we do here on campus. If I don't have those 200 employees and the team of managers that I have it would be difficult every single day to do what we do. I would love to be more involved with some of NMSU's Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management programs. We're new, so we really haven't made those connections as of yet."

Kifolo's ultimate goal is to not only team up with HRTM, but to team up with the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences to start bringing in fresh vegetables grown on campus. Already he has brought into the Bistro the Holy Jolokia salsas and sauces marketed by the university's Chile Pepper Institute.

"I would love to make this a self-sustainable dining option on campus, where we can bring products grown and raised on campus into the dining halls – just make it a complete, sustainable program," Kifolo said. "If we can figure

out a way to bring products in that fall into our regulations and are healthy and kept within our guidelines of bringing products into our units, that would be phenomenal."

Kifolo is sure there is something for everyone at NMSU's dining establishments, especially the Third Floor Bistro at the Danny Villanueva Victory Club. In addition to his delectable carnivorous offerings, he is a certified raw food chef and works wonders with unprocessed, often organic vegetables and other foods.

"I do what I do because it's fun. The chef business is hard work; it's not something that I would recommend to people that don't understand the business. It's long hours, it's long weekends, it's time away from family, time away from friends, but the end result of providing quality food products and/or seeing the smiles on happy faces as they eat your food is well worth some of the sacrifices that we make."

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Featured association president: Teri Camacho

From MLS to leading association

Teri Camacho will continue LCAR strides made in previous years

By **Beth Sitzler**
Las Cruces Bulletin

When Teri Camacho became involved with the Las Cruces Association of Realtors two and a half years ago, she was looking to fill a vacancy on the board of directors, but ended up serving in greater capacities – including as the incoming 2012 board president.

Camacho said she was approached by then president Chuck Olsen about the board of directors opening and decided that after being a Realtor for about two years, it was time to give back to the industry.

“I felt like I could – instead of complaining – I could make a difference,” she said.

Camacho quickly learned being active on the board meant more than simply showing up to meetings.

“It took me about six months to understand all of the bylaws and policies and everything involved,” she said.

This year, Camacho served as the 2011 Multiple Listings Service president, a role she was comfortable with thanks to her love of technology, she said.

“Technology changes every day,” she said. “It grows really fast and some associations are behind. I want our association to be most up to date with MLS.”

Camacho said it was a big year for the MLS – not only did they upgrade the program used by members, they also started the process of creating a regional MLS operation, a major goal of the association’s three-year strategic plan designed in 2010.

“The biggest thing we did was open up dialogue for a regionalized MLS in southern New Mexico,” she said. “Talks are going to continue next year as Eddie Valenzuela takes over as president.”

Now operating under the name Southern New Mexico MLS, the local MLS operation will hopefully be merged with the surrounding areas – which have shown interest in such an

operation – in the near future, Camacho said.

“I’m really proud of that,” she said. “It’s an accomplishment to have an open dialogue about a regional MLS and for these other areas wanting to continue the discussion.”

On Dec. 30, Camacho will end her service as the MLS president, and will quickly transition into the 2012 LCAR president role.

Camacho said her work this year made her an ideal candidate for the president’s position because she understands technology and its importance to the industry as well as how LCAR, the nonprofit, and MLS, the subsidiary, operate and coexist.

“I understand where they unite and where they differ,” she said.

“One of my goals is to continue with our strategic plan. We’ve touched its surface last year. I want to look at what we did well and continue with that and improve areas that need it.”

While the Community Service Committee has made tremendous strides – donating \$20,000 to local charities and nonprofit organizations – Camacho said work still needs to be done to bring up membership awareness.

“I want the members to be aware of what LCAR has to offer,” Camacho said. “We’ve been doing a lot of outward stuff lately. Now is the time to focus inward on the membership and work toward our financial goals.”

A big responsibility for Camacho will be holding onto LCAR customs, such as its bylaws and awards ceremonies, while integrating the latest industry developments.

“The association has been around since 1949,” she said. “We have to hold onto our traditions that are extremely important to LCAR, but we have to look to the future and know that sometimes you have to create diversity and change to continue. It’s a balancing act.”

One of Camacho’s first tasks as president will be to visit Santa Fe with LCAR CEO Isaac Chavez for classes offered by the Realtors Association of New Mexico on leadership and understanding legal issues.



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Las Cruces Association of Realtors 2012 President Teri Camacho, front second from the left, stands with her board of directors during their last meeting earlier in December. The LCAR board of directors include, front row, Dolores DeMers, Camacho, Eddie Valenzuela, Billie Haynie, Bill Brady; back row, Karin Davidson, Joe Arnone and Janina Carlona.

“I think it is important for this association to have a good relationship with the state association,” she said, adding that during the event, she will have the opportunity to interact with other representatives of Realtor associations throughout New Mexico.

While there will be a great responsibility on her shoulders this year, Camacho said she will rely on the knowledge and talents of her board to do what is best for members through collaboration.

“I think my leadership style is different,” she said. “I like to act as a team, and I will look at the full board to help lead the organization. Each of us have our own talents and are independent thinkers, and by bringing that together and using that, we will have a stronger entity.”

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Ultimately, Camacho said it is the responsibility of LCAR to be an advocate of property rights, and she will continue in that work.

“We, as a board, have to bring an awareness to the public on our role with property rights and the economy,” she said. “It’s important to use a Realtor, and it’s important for a Realtor to rely on their association.”



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My clothes are a wee bit tight after my holiday binge of cookies, cakes, pies, chocolates and high-caloric dips and cream soups.

Because the season was hectic, I took little time to exercise, hitting the fitness center maybe only two or three times – and my last visit wasn't exercise motivated, but rather to partake in the center's holiday party where plenty of goodies tempted.

So 'tis the time to get back on a healthier track by exercising more and planning meals that are loaded, not with calories, but with full-bodied flavor. I share several in this week's column. Here's to the road to recovery!

Southwest Chopped Salad with Creamy Cilantro Dressing

Full of flavor and texture, this salad can be served as a side or main entrée. Tweak amounts accordingly.

Green cabbage
Romaine lettuce
Carrots
Pumpkin seeds
Green onion
Tortilla strips
Cilantro

Garnish: Orange slices and cilantro

Chop and combine the ingredients and cover in Creamy Cilantro Dressing.

Creamy Cilantro Dressing:

1 cup low-fat or fat-free mayonnaise
1/3 cup low-fat milk
4 tablespoons fresh cilantro, minced
2 teaspoons fresh lime juices
1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 teaspoon white onion, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch cayenne pepper
Pinch black pepper
Pinch ground cumin

Whisk all ingredients together in a bowl. Chill until ready to serve. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Grilled Fajita Burgers

All the flavors expected in a plateful of fajitas, but "wrapped" in a burger. You won't miss the fat in this burger recipe. If you're carb-conscious, skip the buns.

1 pound 90 percent-lean ground beef
3/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped and divided
1/2 cup red onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup scallions, chopped
2 teaspoons garlic, minced
1 tablespoon New Mexican red chile powder (medium-hot, preferably)
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano, preferably Mexican (Mexican-style is more pungent)
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon chipotle chile in

adobo sauce, chopped
1/2 cup shredded low-fat Monterey Jack cheese
4 French rolls, preferably whole-wheat, split and toasted
2 favorite roasted, stemmed and seeded green chile peppers, halved lengthwise
1 cup shredded green cabbage
4 slices tomato
4 thin sliced red onion

Preheat grill to medium-high. Place beef, 1/4 cup cilantro, onion, scallions, garlic, red chile powder, cumin, oregano, pepper and salt in a large bowl. Gently combine, without over mixing. Form into four equal patties, about 1/2-inch thick and oval-shaped to match the rolls. Combine the remaining 1/2 cup cilantro, mayonnaise, lime juice and chipotle in a small bowl.

Grill the burgers about 6 minutes per side. Top with cheese and cook until it is melted, about 1 minute more.

Assemble the burgers on toasted rolls with the chipotle mayonnaise, half a roasted pepper, cabbage, tomato and onion.

Granny Smith Chicken Breasts

You'll love this flavor meld that includes shots of refreshing apple cider.

4 (1 to 1 1/4 pounds) boneless, skinless chicken breasts
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Favorite chile pepper rub mix
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided
2 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored and thickly sliced
1/4 cup shallots, finely chopped
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 cup apple cider
1/2 cup reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 tablespoon reduced-fat sour cream
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Season chicken on both sides with salt, pepper and chile pepper rub. Heat 1 1/2 teaspoons oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and sear until well browned on both sides, about 3 minutes per side. Transfer chicken to a plate and tent with foil.

Reduce heat to medium. Add the remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons oil to the pan. Add apples, shallots and thyme. Cook, stirring, until softened, 2 to 3 minutes. Add cider and broth; bring to a simmer. Cook until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes.

Return chicken and juices to pan; reduce heat to low. Simmer until chicken is cooked through, about 4 minutes. Transfer chicken to a warmed platter. Stir sour cream and parsley into sauce. Season with salt and pepper and spoon over chicken. Makes 4 servings.

Healthy Squash and Hominy Potpie

Southwest-style comfort food at its best.

2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large onion, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 serrano peppers, seeded and minced
1 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon



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Lighten up after your holiday binge spree with a Southwest salad.

Pinch of ground cloves
1 pound butternut squash, peeled, seeded and diced (3 cups)
1 (16-ounce) can crushed tomatoes
1 cup vegetable broth, or reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed
1 (15-ounce) can yellow or white

hominy, rinsed
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
1/4 teaspoon salt
8 corn tortillas
1/2 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese

To make filling, preheat oven to 400 degrees. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic and serrano peppers and cook, stirring, 1 minute more. Add paprika, cumin, oregano, cinnamon and cloves; cook for about 1 minute. Add squash, tomatoes and broth; bring to a simmer. Cover and continue to simmer about 10 minutes or until squash is just tender. Add beans and hominy. Taste and season with salt and pepper if desired. Transfer the mixture to a deep 10-inch pie pan or other 2-quart baking dish. Set aside.

For the topping, combine 1 tablespoon oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt in a small bowl; brush on both sides of the tortillas. Cut the tortillas into 3/4-inch strips with a sharp knife, and cut the strips in half. Scatter the tortilla strips over the filled baking dish.

Set the dish on a baking sheet and bake in the center of the oven until the topping is golden and the filling is bubbling, 25 to 30 minutes. Sprinkle cheese on top and return to the oven until the cheese is melted, about 1 minute. Makes 6 servings. (Recipes adapted from <http://acefitness.com>.)

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Pests, including ants, cockroaches, flies and mice, are all destructive menaces, so it's imperative to take preventive steps to block their entry before they end up inside and invade your space. Not only does pest-proofing your home result in long-term savings in pest management costs, it also improves energy efficiency, which leads to a reduction in utility bills.

In order to limit these unwanted intrusions, take into consideration these useful maintenance tips outlined below. Better yet, make it a New Year's resolution to make your home a lean, mean, anti-pest machine.

Hoarders beware: Simplify, simplify, simplify. Junk piles that have accumulated in your garage and/or attic are open invitations to pests, providing more nooks and crannies for them to hide, feast and sleep.

Fill in the cracks: Invest in a quality caulking gun, preferably a silicone or acrylic latex caulk that dries clear. Be sure to clean the area first then caulk cracks around windows, doors, fascia boards, etc.

Seal utility openings: The most common entry points for pests such as rodents, ants, spiders and yellow jackets are around outdoor faucets, receptacles, gas meters, clothes dryer vents and telephone/cable TV wires, usually where pipes and wires enter the foundation and siding. Plugging these holes with caulk, cement, urethane expandable foam, steel wool, copper mesh or other suitable sealant will be your best method of defense.

Attic vents: By installing pest-proof mesh over access points, it will be nearly impossible for mammalian pests to become tenants in your home.

Screens: Monitor for any holes or tears in your screens. Note that every window in your home should be accompanied by a screen.

Man's best friend: Pests shy away if they sense the presence of a dog or cat. Just be sure you're up-to-date on your four-legged friend's flea and tick prevention.

By discouraging these buggers, you can rest easy at night knowing you won't stumble upon any unexpected visitors. We all know a pest-free home makes for a blissful homeowner. Happy pest-proofing!

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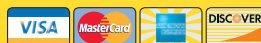
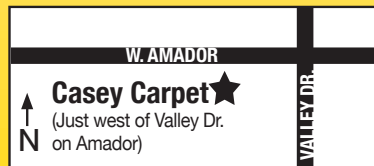


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