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## EPE blames cold spell

### Rolling blackouts prevented power system meltdown

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

The winter storm that brought persistent and unusually cold temperatures led to El Paso Electric Co. (EPE) losing most of its local generation units, which forced the need for rolling blackouts, the utility's top officials reported this week.

EPE CEO David Stevens fielded questions from the Las Cruces City Council and New Mexico EPE Vice President Clay Doyle did the same before the Doña Ana County Commission.

Because this region more commonly experiences very hot temperatures in the summer, the plants are made less enclosed with a low-temperature tolerance of 18 degrees, Stevens said. The storm front last week brought in temperatures significantly below that, he said.

But even more significant was the duration of the cold, Doyle said. The cold brought down eight of nine local generation units, he said.

With that many units down, local generation couldn't even supply normal peak demands, Doyle said, let alone the extra demands being put on the system because of the cold.

Doyle said he hadn't seen this kind of situation in the 19 years he's worked at EPE, and it was so dire that EPE had to use a load-shedding plan that resulted in the rolling blackouts.

He said power wasn't shut off where it was needed for critical circuits in the system or critical community services, such as hospitals, police and fire departments.

So many of those decisions had to be made quickly to balance demand with power availability, Doyle said, which led to some areas experiencing many more outages than others. For example, the system demand often hit 1,300 megawatts when there was only 900 megawatts available.

County Commissioner Leticia Duarte-Benavidez asked why homes in her neighborhood had multiple blackouts at

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## Love is in the air

To prepare for the upcoming holiday, Barb Baumann, owner of Barb's Flowerland, organizes 5,800 roses to be made into approximately 350 arrangements. While most married couples ask for their flowers to be delivered on Friday and Saturday, a bulk of the deliveries will be made on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14. Baumann has eight drivers who are mostly firemen because, according to Baumann, "they know the town and make the women smile." One special creation by Barb's Flowerland is a puppy arrangement made from another popular blossom – white carnations.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Theresa Montoya Basaldua

## Residents feel winter weather woes

### Water, power restored to most areas as temperatures rise

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

Last week ended with government, schools and many businesses closed due to a freezing winter weather front that froze water and, for some, daily life.

Even as the temperatures began to return to normal, some areas – mostly those out of reach from the city water service – were still lacking water, but many had to deal with busted water pipes, both large and small.

During the worst of the storm, Las Cruces Police Chief Richard Williams said officers mainly had to deal with car accidents caused by people not used to driving on frozen roads. Fortunately, he said, there was no police equipment loss.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, Doña Ana County commissioners declared a state of emergency to help pay for some of the costs incurred, such as equipment and overtime expenses. County spokesman Jess Williams said the declaration

allows officials to seek reimbursements for some of the cost.

Later that day, winds blew heavily from the west. On Wednesday, Feb. 9, however, there was snow again on St. Augustine Pass that had officials warning drivers about slick conditions.

Going into the weekend, the temperatures are predicted to rise to the low 60s by Saturday, Feb. 12, with winds diminishing every passing day.

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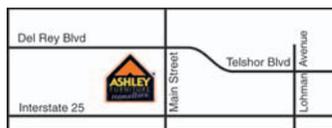
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# Opening the Las Cruces office for U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce

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Mayor Ken Miyagishima, Mike Tellez, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce and Santiago Soto exchange conversation at the open house Friday, Feb. 4, of the 2nd Congressional District Las Cruces office at 570 N. Telshor Blvd., Suite A.



Pearce field representative Joe Martinez joins the Congressman in saluting the American flag during the Star Spangled Banner. Also attending the open house were members of the Greater Las Cruces and Hispano chambers of commerce.

## Briefs

### 'Waddie' readings continue

The Branigan Cultural Center and The Las Cruces Museum of Art are hosting a public reading of "Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community," a story of friendships that transcended divisions of disability, race and income.

The event will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St.

The "Waddie Welcome" reading is supported by Campo Behavioral Health and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Grassroots Network.

For more information, call Kay Lilley at 637-4448 or visit [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

### Advisories issued for water in Sacramento Mountains

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Secretary David Martin has issued a Precautionary Boil Water Advisory for Ruidoso, as well as the Sacramento Mountain Range in Otero and Lincoln counties.

Due to extreme weather conditions, many water systems in the Sacramento Mountains and Ruidoso has frozen or ruptured water lines. Residents in that area are encouraged to boil their water until further notice.

The NMED Environmental Health Division has also closed some restaurants that currently have no water and they are asking other restaurants in Ruidoso or the Sacramento Mountains to close if they have no water at this time.

NMED inspectors are working with restaurants and other food facilities to reopen as soon as possible.

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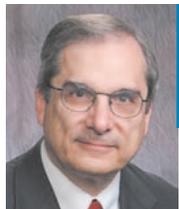
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# Opinions



## From the publisher

BY DAVID MCCOLLUM

# It was snow joke

The 'blizzard of '11' was no joke as snow and sub-zero temperatures put Las Cruces in the 'icebox' last week

What a difference a week makes.

As I write this column, the weather forecast for Valentine's Day calls for the daytime high temperature to be nearly 70 balmy degrees. This is contrasted with the arctic blast of snow, ice and bitter cold that southern New Mexicans faced for several days last week. Most of our schools, government offices and many businesses were forced to shut down when the outside thermometers hovered around zero degrees for several days.

Jaki and I had an exciting, white-knuckle drive last Tuesday as we cautiously negotiated the 300-mile trek along Interstate 25 from Santa Fe to Las Cruces. We were returning from the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce's Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe event. We had stayed in Santa Fe an extra day to finish up delivery of the Bulletin's 2011 Legislative Guide to state offices. We also thought the extra day would help make the return trip to Las Cruces a little less pressure-filled. Boy, were we wrong!

We left Santa Fe about 10 a.m. amid light, blowing snow flurries and occasional sunshine. The highway was clear of snow and ice all the way into Albuquerque. However, as soon as we crossed the Rio Grande near the Hard Rock Casino south of Albuquerque, the snow clouds gathered and white, fluffy stuff of which Christmas dreams are made began to fall with increasing consistency.

Ten miles later, when we reached Los Lunas, the snow began to accumulate in patches on the highway. By the time we passed Belen, the highway lanes converged into a single lane and the snowfall continued to increase. The 35-mile trip between Belen and Socorro, which usually takes 25 or so minutes driving time, was stretched to more than two hours. Along the way we passed about a dozen vehicles that had slid off the highway into the median, likely because of excessive speed and their trying to pass other vehicles in the icy conditions.

Taking no chances of running out of gas, we stopped at a Socorro service station where we heard that the interstate was about to be closed. Not wanting to get stuck in Socorro for an overnight stay, we jumped back into the car after refueling and headed to the north entrance back onto I-25. However, the car immediately in front of us did a half U-turn and came to a stop at the ramp entrance, blocking all traffic from entering the interstate. Turns out this car was driven by a Socorro police officer who advised us that the ramp was now closed and we would have to stay in Socorro.

After pleading our case that we really wanted to get to Las Cruces before dark, the officer advised us that we could probably still get out of Socorro if we could make it to the ramp at the south end before the other police car arrived to block the entrance. We drove as quickly as we could, about 5 miles an hour, across town to the south ramp, and sure enough, we found it to still be open. We were on our way home, or so we thought.

The distance between Socorro and Truth or Consequences is about 75 miles, normally an hour's drive. However, after two hours, we had covered less than 30 miles. The snow was relentless. At times the crosswind was so strong that the blowing snow caused a virtual whiteout. To navigate the winter storm, we followed the dim tail lights of a semi immediately in front of us. At one point, we passed an unfortunate RV that was lying on its side after being toppled by the fierce winds.

After four-plus tedious hours in the howling blizzard, and as darkness closed in, the weather cleared about 10 miles north of T or C. There, we refueled, grabbed a quick burger and set out for the final leg of our trip to Las Cruces, just before the interstate was closed at T or C. The roads were clear for a few miles. Then the snow began falling again. It was another two hours before we finally were welcomed by the bright lights of Las Cruces. It was good to be home.

The next day, despite the bitter winter conditions and treacherous road conditions, our entire Bulletin staff, except for a few, made it safely to work. Thanks to everyone, including our Las Cruces printer, Signature Offset and our dedicated carriers, for ensuring that the Bulletin was out once again on time to our highly valued customers.



## Letters to the Editor

### No guns for you!

There's a lot of talk about keeping guns out of the hands of the mentally ill. Let's see who should be included.

First, anyone who is on medication for stress, anxiety or depression should obviously not have a gun.

Second, people who are on medication that has possible side effects should not own a gun, if only because drug makers spend most of their commercials warning us about the deadly side effects of their products. Third, given the nature of today's world, anyone not on medication is living in denial of his or her own emotional instability, and clearly should not own a gun.

Finally, wanting a gun should be prima facie evidence of mental illness. Therefore, those who want guns are by definition mentally ill and should not have them. Those who have 250 reasons why they need guns to protect the Constitution or engage in "Second Amendment remedies" are off-the-charts ill. They should be fitted with an electro-shock mechanism that self-tasers if they even think of a gun, and double-tasers if a pleasure-center in their brain lights up when a gun comes to mind.

On the basis of mental health alone, then, no one is really stable enough to have a gun.

And people who don't want guns? They're the only ones who might be stable, but they're smart enough not to want guns. I know there have to be exceptions: for military, the police and hunters.

Michael Walsh

### Cap and trade can work

Thank you for Chris Erickson's thoughtful column on the Environmental Improvement Board's decision to limit carbon emissions in the state. Fortunately, he recognizes the desperate need for an international effort to gain control of green house gas emissions.

He is mistaken, however, in saying that New Mexico should not join a consortium of Western states and Canadian provinces in limiting carbon emissions because the initiative would be regional rather than international.

In an article in the December 2010 issue of Governing Magazine, there is a detailed account of a cap-and-trade program already in place in nine New England states. Not only has this initiative not crippled those states' economies, it has, in only two years of operation, delivered almost \$750 billion to clean energy and retrofitting projects in local communities.

The advantage clearly lies in carbon regulation, and in developing and supplying a brand new economic sector – a sector that will create thousands of jobs in communities across the state. The impact of the EIB ruling has been estimated to be less than 1 percent on electricity costs and even lower for the oil and gas industry. We absorb far greater fluctuations in those costs on a weekly, if not daily, basis.

Let's move ahead and seize the advantage for all New Mexico businesses, not just the noisy few fighting to protect narrow interests.

Gary Camuñez

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# Will it be curtains for film rebates?

## Surprising political alliances may appear in the final reel

The film industry cleared its first hurdle recently when it succeeded in getting Rep. Dennis Kintigh's bill to wipe out the rebate film companies receive for doing business in New Mexico defeated in committee.

The vote was along party lines with Democrats winning 5-4 in a House committee meeting held before a packed audience.

The next hurdle will be higher. Gov. Susana Martinez wants to lower the film rebate from 25 percent to 15 percent.

Industry insiders predict they won't have the luxury of going after a free-standing bill from Martinez. They think her effort will be tucked away in the general appropriations bill.

Insiders also believe their support will not be along straight party lines. A number of Albuquerque Republicans are well aware of the jobs and business filmmaking brings to their districts. Many rural Democrats realize the industry doesn't

help their area at all.

The urban-rural split is one of the problems faced by those supporting a big rebate to keep movie makers coming to New Mexico. Most of the action is in Albuquerque and Santa Fe where the labor pool is.

Companies that have ventured to smaller towns usually are greeted with open arms, but occasionally, neighbors complain that the activity disrupts their quiet lifestyle.

Some states have bumped up rebates for filming in rural areas. Michigan is reported to be willing to go as high as 42 percent.

The big question faced by the governor and legislators is how much is enough. We can be rather positive that lowering the rebate from 25 percent to 15 percent will lose some business.

But is even 15 percent a good deal for the state? Some

“ Officials from top Hollywood studios have recently visited quietly with Martinez in Santa Fe. ”

studies say it isn't. Some states in even worse financial shape than New Mexico have dropped their rates or suspended their programs.

Why is it so hard to determine what is a good deal and what isn't? It's because the movie and television industry is so different from other businesses. It's a comparison between apples and oranges.

Most businesses come to town, put down stakes, hire permanent employees and pay taxes on their business profits. With filmmakers, it's hello and goodbye. If we take out some of the sweetener, it's not even hello.

We know the film industry hires several thousand temporary workers, rents a great deal of equipment, buys a lot of supplies and fills up motels and restaurants. We give the companies back 25 percent of what they document they've spent.

That means they've put 75 percent, three times as much, into the state's economy we wouldn't have had otherwise. It helps the economy. But do the taxes these companies pay the state help or hurt our deficit situation?

We don't seem to know. What if discouraging Hollywood makes our deficit worse? My wife once had a commission job in which she sold much more than expected. She was told the budget item for commissions had run out. What do you think happened next?

The state must get better information. But not all the information seems to be available because of taxpayer confidentiality. Martinez doesn't agree the state should withhold the information so maybe we'll find out more. We need a definitive study.

Until then, Martinez says the money will come out of school budgets. The other side says New Mexico is closer than any other state to having a film industry big enough to be full time like Hollywood. Do we toss that chance away?

Officials from top Hollywood studios have recently visited quietly with Martinez in Santa Fe to explain the situation as they see it. There's no word yet on how that turned out.

Possibly a more serious problem is the money borrowed at no interest by film companies from the state's permanent fund. Wouldn't you think the state should receive at least a prime interest rate?

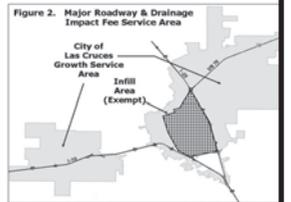
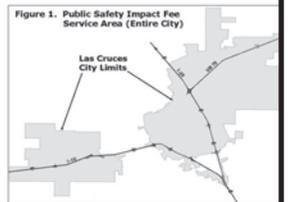
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## Letters to the Editor

### Mayor's proposal unacceptable

At the Las Cruces City Council meeting Monday, Feb. 8, Charlotte Lipson asked what steps the city was taking to prevent criminals from buying guns at the Lions Club Gun Show, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 19 and 20, and shipping them to Mexico. Police Chief Richard Williams commented that those sales are regulated by federal law and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and the city has little authority over them.

Mayor Ken Miyagishima stated he wants to pass a resolution to require background checks on all individuals who purchase guns within the city. City Attorney Harry "Pete" Connolly stated it would be unconstitutional because the New Mexico Constitution says cities have no right to interfere with the Second Amendment right to bear arms. Miyagishima said we should do it anyway and force the citizens to challenge it in the courts.

And who pays for court costs to defend the city? You guessed it, the taxpayers.

Councillor Nathan Small said the gun show has been hosted by the Lions Club for many years and that the proceeds from this event are used to support their children charities. He said the city should first try to work with them before passing such a resolution.

I applaud Small for his common sense approach and recognition of the true role of government. Obviously, Miyagishima is showing his disdain for our constitutional Second Amendment rights. Here is another liberal politician who believes he knows what's best for us, even if it violates our constitutional rights and a well-established rule of law.

Jim Harbison

### Band is not physical education

As a physical education teacher of 17 years, I am extremely insulted and offended by the designation of classes such as band, athletics and cheerleading for physical education credit, especially when these classes are not taught by a certified PE professional.

It is bad enough that these extra-curricular activities are being pursued during school hours. It is even more

outrageous that students in these classes are being given academic credit for them. These teachers coaching these activities during school hours could be best used relieving some of the overcrowding in certain classes.

Many of these students could also benefit from extra classes in math, science and English.

There are standards and benchmarks required for all subjects taught in New Mexico public schools. We are required to follow and incorporate these into our lessons. How do athletic classes, band, cheerleading and the other programs designated for physical education credit get away with not adhering to these standards and benchmarks?

It is my understanding that the state of New Mexico wants highly qualified teachers in the classroom, certified in the subjects that they teach. How is it a band teacher can give a grade for band, which again counts as physical education, if they are not a certified, highly qualified PE teacher?

Without a doubt the most egregious part of this whole policy is the grading. School districts have coaches that are not in the education profession. They are insurance salespeople, social workers, store clerks, etc. These same individuals are teaching a class during school hours. How is it possible for a non-certified person to teach a so-called academic class and give students grades? This is, without a doubt blatant academic fraud and hypocrisy.

Non-certified individuals have no business giving grades, let alone teaching a class. The only valid justification for grading would be having an administrator or certified teacher submit the grades. In that case there is no doubt fraud is being committed. School districts and the state cannot have it both ways. We are either going to follow the standards and benchmarks or not. We are either going to have highly qualified teachers in every classroom or not.

Tony Mitchell

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# The spending generation will stop

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*A hundred years after we are gone and forgotten, those who never heard of us will be living with the results of our actions.*

— Oliver Wendell Holmes

For some people, society was created with their birth, nothing preceded that act. They have no thoughts of how we, as a nation, got to be the way we are now. Others realize today is the product of past generations.

For example, we live the result of actions of Presidents Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt,

yet rarely hear their names.

If an assassin's bullet had not cut down President William McKinley, casting Teddy into the presidency, we would be a very different nation. Likewise, if Franklin Roosevelt had said, "Two terms are enough," World War II might have been quite different and the world that followed. We can never really know just as we cannot know for sure what effect our actions today will have years from now.

We are planting the seeds for generations unseen who will not know our names

or deeds. They will know the results but not exactly how we came to create such a future for them.

There are a few things that generations from now will know. They will know we, the spenders generation, were the most self-centered generation in all history. We spent all of the money we had and then spent much of the money from the future generations on ourselves. They will know this when they realize they are not able to live with the same abundance their ancestors experienced.

And, if the past is any predictor of the future, our spender generation will continue to spend money from the future for our desires today. Future generations will know we did so until we came to the very end of the money available. Then it was not pretty.

When the money runs out, the spenders point fingers and try to fiddle with the system to restore that to which they are not due. I suspect if we could see what the history books write in the future about this time in America they will say, "Then the spender generation cried because there were no more ways to cheat the system. They thought the world owed them the ability to spend beyond their means forever and ever."

As long as we intend to spend that which we do not have and make no plan to pay it back that terrible moment will come. It seems to me that there is no value in recording the names of politicians who have taken us to the edge and beyond because it is not productive to gaze backward.

The next generation beyond the spenders will have to grab themselves by

the bootstraps and fix what we have spent several generations breaking.

Will America ever be strong again? No way to tell, but every day we are taking the strength of tomorrow and expending it today with no regard for tomorrow.

The real stupid thing is that the young people today are walking to slaughter with no desire or awareness that they are the ones being harmed by this spender generation. They text and chat and are social as if there is no problem. Us geezers know what is happening, but are just as helpless to stop the descent by our fellow spenders who say, "We deserve this, and more."

I guess it is the betweeners who are not young nor old who will see this change in our world. They have the most control but have no will to protect the coming generations. They will be held accountable by the young who will wail plaintively, "You could have stopped the spenders, but you did not." That much is true, they could have stopped

the spender generation, but did not. I would stop the spender generation, if I could. It seems that the spender generation cannot be stopped by anything other than completely running out of money. Trust me, they will run out and they will stop spending.

As many know, this country has a spending rather than taxing problem. The only restraint on the spending generation is when they can no longer borrow. That day is very near.

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## The corn attack!

In the last few years we have watched an increasing attack on corn. The skewed reasoning is: corn syrup is available, reasonably priced, and good for the average person, therefore; it must be bad!

This is the kind of logic that has been applied to farmed salmon, Big Macs, lower taxes, capitalism and pasteurized milk.

I'm sure this same kind of reasoning was applied to earlier "civilizing" discoveries such as air conditioning, the steam engine and fire.

In the book, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," by Michael Pollan, it was noted that "too much" corn syrup can make you fat, reduce the popularity of competing vegetables like beets and wheat straw and someone can make a profit on it!

In the book "FIRE, © 5286 BC," the author noted that "too much" fire could cause global warming, reduce your ability to withstand the cold and someone could likely invent matches and make a profit!

Too often, in the long-established profession of the Luddites, nay-sayers, and otherwise unemployed columnists, their motives can be found by "following the money."

To sell a book or theory, wacko as it may be, you must first find a trend, discovery, or product that is well-known and well-liked. Then you make a persuasive observation casting doubt on the safety, ecological impact, availability and/or the morality of its use.

The purpose is to create a problem where none exists; i.e., wild horses, hormone implants, preservatives, oil drilling the tundra, pesticides, irradiation of food, hog confinement sheds, Alar in apples and antibiotics in cattle.

Look at what a waste of common sense and money has resulted from the discovery of BSE – in one cow in the United States. It was a fear monger's feast!

So while lettered experts, authorized "mullers," activists, and writers are trying to portray corn syrup as some evil substance, others of their kind are searching for easy prey so they can be the "nay-sayer de jour."

Potential headlines:

"Burnt toast, a carcinogen suspect!"

"People who lean have a tendency to fall over!"

"Carrots used as weapons in Arctic battle!"

"Could bovine dewlap be related to snood shrinking in turkeys?"

"Should Holsteins sue the Dairy Improvement Association for the Chick-Fil-A ads?"

"Is Tractor Fantasy Dangerous?"

"Can Tolstoy save your Marriage?"

"Packers blame the tennis ball shortage in New Zealand for the drop in the beef market!"

The corn attack has stimulated discourse on why we eat so good, have so much cheap food, and can feed the world's hungry if need be. The majority of this discussion has been among non-producers, non-scientists and journalists, wherein common sense, economic impact, scientific validity and overwhelming acceptance are not on the table.

Pollan, in "The Omnivore's Dilemma" caused a ripple. He put corn syrup on the stage for its 15 minutes of fame. But, as Lincoln said when his dog swallowed an Indian head penny, "This too shall pass."

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## Bird count takes wing

### Audubon Society coordinates annual event

By **Marvin Tessneer**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

The Mesilla Valley Audubon Society will conduct the 14th annual Great Backyard Bird Count Feb. 18-21 as part of a nationwide scientific survey, coordinators announced.

The data will be collected and reviewed by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell University Laboratory of Ornithology.

"The purpose behind the bird count is to get an idea of what kind of and the number of birds are observed across the country," said Mark Pendleton, a Mesilla Valley Audubon Society member. "It's one more way of collecting data on the bird population across the country."

As a guide to help observers, the bird count coordinators gave this list of what to look for:

- Silhouette, size like a sparrow, robin or crow, shape and posture. Does it perch or fly?
- Head markings. Does the bird have a colorful or striped cap or crown, does it have a stripe above or through the eye or eye rings? Also look for cheek patches, a

mustache or white throat patch.

- Body markings. What are the overall back, breast and belly colors? Does the chest have a patch, spots, streaks or is it clear? Are the flanks clear or streaked, and is there a white or yellow rump patch?
- Wing markings. Are the wings a different color than the body? And do the wings have bars or spots?
- Tail shape or markings. Is the tail long or short compared with the body? Is it forked, squared, pointed or have a keel shape? Does it have stripes, vertical or horizontal?

Participants can enter their bird identification on-line, [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc), for the Cornell laboratory.

A broad field survey is necessary. Bird populations are constantly shifting. A single scientific team could not collect data on the distribution and movements of so many different species said Pendleton.

For more information about the bird count, call Pendleton, 635-8711 or email [mpendleton@q.com](mailto:mpendleton@q.com).

## BLM plans burn in Organs

### Smoke expected to be visible from Las Cruces

The Las Cruces District Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to conduct two prescribed burns. The Dripping Springs prescribed fire project is located about 12 miles east of Las Cruces and firefighters will need only one day to treat the fuels within the 40-acre project area. The planned date of ignition is Friday, Feb. 11, replacing the cancelled bur set for Feb. 9.

The goal of the project is to reduce fuel loading, consisting mostly of grass and shrubs, and to create a safety zone along the popular Dripping Springs Trail, within the Dripping Springs Natural Resource Area (DSNA). Highly trained BLM personnel from fire and resource management programs, along with other firefighting personnel from neighboring agencies, will be on site to carry out the burn. Approximately 40 acres will be treated with prescribed fire.

The upper portion of the DSNA, which includes the Visitor's Center and the Dripping Springs Trail, will be closed to the public Feb. 11 in order to ensure that public and firefighter safety remains a top priority.

Smoke will be present during the ignition phase of the burns. The primary fuel type being treated is grass, and it is expected that smoke emissions will have a short duration, where light winds will help with smoke dispersal.

On a prescribed burn, ignition is dependent on weather and fuel conditions on the day(s) of the burn. Conditions, including temperature, humidity, wind speed, ventilation that will allow for good smoke dispersal.

For more information about the prescribed fire projects, call Loretta Benavidez, fire mitigation and education specialist at 749-3278 or visit [www.nmfireinfo.com](http://www.nmfireinfo.com).

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# In the news

## Martinez makes spaceport board appointments

Gov. Susana Martinez announced Wednesday, Feb. 9, that she has made appointments to all positions on the Spaceport Authority Board of Directors.

"I believe that with the right leadership and the right approach, the spaceport can be a successful venture that brings jobs to New Mexico," Martinez said. "New Mexico's taxpayers have made a significant investment in the spaceport project. It's time to see the project through to completion by bringing in private funding."

"In order to let taxpayers know that their government will operate in an open and honest manner, I have also asked each board member to make a commitment that they will not conduct business with the spaceport (Spaceport America) for two years after their tenure on the board ends."

"I look forward to working with the new board members to ensure that we responsibly develop the spaceport to its full potential, bring new jobs into New Mexico and give taxpayers a healthy return on their investment."

The members of the Spaceport Authority Board of Directors are:

- **Chairman Richard Holdridge** is a retired Air Force officer from Deming whose military service included a heavy focus on satellite program acquisition and overseeing the manufacturing, planning and operation of Defense De-

partment satellite programs. Holdridge was elected to the Deming City Council, where he served from 1998 to 2000. He currently manages his family's real estate development and farming businesses in southern New Mexico. Holdridge earned his bachelor's degree in astronautical engineering from the Air Force Academy, his master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Dayton and his doctorate in astronautical engineering from Stanford University.

- **Irvin Diamond** is a certified public accountant and a senior principal at REDW Stanley Financial Advisers in Albuquerque. He is also a certified financial planner and chairs the board of directors at Amerinst Insurance Group. Diamond holds degrees from John Carroll University and the University of New Mexico.

- **Sid Gutierrez** is a former NASA astronaut who currently serves as director of ES&H and Emergency Management as well as chief of safety for Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. Gutierrez piloted the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1991 and served as mission commander for the Space Shuttle Endeavor in 1994. He also served on NASA's Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel and International Space Station Management and Cost Evaluation Taskforce. Gutierrez earned his bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from the United States Air Force Academy and his

master's in personnel management from Webster University.

- **Jerry Stagner** is the president of Citizens Bank in Truth or Consequences. He also served as president of State National Bank and has an extensive background in the banking field. Stagner holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern New Mexico University. He previously served as a member of the Spaceport Authority Board of Directors.

- **David Buchholtz** is an attorney at Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck LLP in Albuquerque. His practice includes government finance law, economic development and state tax incentive law, financial institutions law, securities law and corporate law. Buchholtz has been a private practice attorney since 1976. He is a founder and member of the board of directors of Think New Mexico! and also served as an adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico Law School. He earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton and his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

- **Scott Krahling** is a marketing consultant from Las Cruces who specializes in developing and implementing marketing plans for small businesses and real estate clients in Doña Ana County. Krahling also serves as a member of the Doña Ana County Board of Commissioners. He holds a bachelor's degree in government and journalism and mass com-

munications from New Mexico State University.

- **Benjamin Woods** serves as the senior vice president for external relations and chief of staff at NMSU, managing the office of government relations as well as the University Communications and Marketing Services in that capacity. Woods has served as an administrator at NMSU since 1987, working in multiple fields for the university, including Planning, Physical Resources and University Relations. He holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University and earned his master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Woods previously chaired the Spaceport Authority Board of Directors.

The appointments come as the Martinez administration continues to review all boards and commissions.

## Credit card scam targets cell phones

Las Cruces police are warning residents of a scam that attempts to gain access to credit card information by calling customers on their cell phone.

Several cell phone users have reported receiving the automated call from an unknown phone number, usually only a four digit number such as "1402."

Once the call is answered the automated voice says the customer's credit card has been deactivated. The automated voice then asks the customer

to use their cell phone keypad to enter their 16-digit credit card number in order to reactivate the card.

Residents are warned that the call is a scam and an attempt to gain access to the resident's credit card. The source, or origin, of the calls is unknown at this time.

Police suggest residents who receive such a call to simply end the call, or hang up, without speaking or entering any numbers.

Residents also are reminded to refrain from divulging any financial or personal information over the phone – or via the Internet – unless you are absolutely positive of whom you're communicating with.

## Sonoma student wins statewide essay contest

Sonoma Elementary School fifth grader Sara Algarate-Carter has won the New Mexico Association for the Gifted (NMAG) statewide essay contest, said Sonoma Elementary Principal Wendi Hammond.

The topic of the contest was "How will you impact tomorrow?"

Sara, 11, is the daughter of Megan and Daniel Algarate.

Algarate-Carter won a \$50 gift card as the statewide winner in the K-5 contest.

Winners also were named for students in middle and high schools. Winners and runners-up will be asked to appear at the NMAG Summer Institute on Gifted Education, July 18-19, in Albuquerque.

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In the 1960s, filmmakers from the margins of cultures, from Asia to Mexico to South America, transformed movie cameras into weapons in the fight against injustice, creating a vivid and powerful new form of cinema. Foremost among them was Ousmane Sembene of Senegal, who dedicated his life to creating redemptive, liberating stories for Africa, and became perhaps the greatest independent filmmaker who every lived.

Once, stories were told from one person to another. But since the birth of the mass media, the stories that dominate our culture have been told by the few to the many, shaping our culture in often unrecognized ways. But now, a new era is dawning in which individuals, using consumer-grade technologies, are making and distributing their stories themselves, sometimes to large audiences. This interactive lecture, filled with clips and examples, examines the history of storytelling in the age of media, and points us towards the future.

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## Coming Up

### HSSNM adoptions

The Humane Society of Southern New Mexico in partnership with PetSmart, will hold a two-day "Looking for Love" adoption event at PetSmart, 2200 E. Lohman Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, and Saturday, Feb. 12.

### Enchilada dinner

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star (OES), will host its annual Enchilada Dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include red enchiladas, beans, rice, coleslaw, dessert and drink. Tickets are available from any OES member and at the door. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Takeout will also be available.

### Camera club meets

The Doña Ana Camera Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Downtown Mall. Members and guests are invited to bring a few photos for critiquing and possible tweaking during the meeting. For more information, visit [www.dacameraclub.org](http://www.dacameraclub.org) or call 532-1919.

### SWEC river cleanup

The Southwest Environmental Center will have a cleanup on the Rio Grande near Mesilla from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Participants should bring gloves and sun protection and are asked to meet at 10 a.m. at the southeast corner of the Calle del Norte (Mesilla) bridge, across the river from the Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park, and work south. SWEC will provide water to fill water bottles, lemonade and trash bags.

For more information and to sign up, contact Lauren at 522-5552 or [lauren@wildmesquite.org](mailto:lauren@wildmesquite.org).

### SEA Share Fair

The 12th annual SEA Share Fair will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in front of the Las Cruces Museum of Natural History at Mesilla Valley Mall, 700 S. Telsor Blvd.

The share fair is sponsored by the Science Education Alliance (SEA), a nonprofit educational organization in partnership with the museum.

The share fair is a science and math fair full of activities and demonstrations. Scientists and mathematicians from organizations around the community will be conducting hands-on science activities

appropriate for elementary and middle school-aged children. There is no charge to attend.

For more information, call Pamela Egan at 527-9314 or email [sciad@lps.k12.nm.us](mailto:sciad@lps.k12.nm.us).

### ALR lectures, part II

Miriam Chaiken and W. Thomas Connelly, professors of anthropology at New Mexico State University, will continue their discussion of life in Africa during the final two February Academy For Learning in Retirement lectures on Monday, Feb. 14, and Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Good Samaritan Society-Las Cruces Village Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle.

The lectures will concentrate on the contributions of various development programs in Africa with a focus on gender issues and health care initiatives. Each lecture will begin at 10:30 a.m. and complimentary refreshments are available prior to each presentation. There is a \$5 fee for each lecture and no advance registration is required.

For more information, call Adrian Edwards at 521-1485 or visit [www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR](http://www.dacc.nmsu.edu/comed/ALR).

### See the stars

The New Mexico State University Department of Astronomy will hold an observatory open house at the NMSU campus observatory at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11. Astronomy personnel on hand will be Rene Walterbos and graduate assistants Jessica Evans, Ryan Hamilton and Kyle Uckert.

Sky viewing through telescopes will include the moon close to the Pleiades star cluster; Jupiter might still be visible near the western horizon and interesting objects, such as the star cluster M35 and the Orion Nebula. Guests are welcome to spend an evening of stargazing. Admission is free and children are especially welcome to attend.

For more information, call 646-4438.

### NARFE meets

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) Chapter 182 will meet at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 in the Columbus Conference Center, Days Inn Suites & Mesilla Valley Conference Center, 901 Avenida de Mesilla. Dan Duggan, a volunteer at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, will share information about activities, exhibits, classes and permanent features of the museum.

There is a cost (cash only) for the breakfast buffet, and reservations must be made by calling Joy Davenport at 522-1160.

### Railroad club meets in El Paso

The Roadrunner Division of the National Model Railroad Association will meet at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Railroad and Transportation Museum of El Paso, 400 W. San Antonio Ave. in El Paso. All model railroaders are welcome.

For more information, call 915-422-3420.

### RV chapter meets

The Mesilla Valley Good Sam RV Chapter will meet at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Encantada Park, 1000 Coyote Trail.

For more information, call Ken at 647-5333.

### German club meets

Friends of the German Language ("Freunde der deutschen Sprache") meet at 7:15 p.m. every third Thursday of the month during the school year at Breland Hall, Room 170-A, on the New Mexico State University campus. On Thursday, Feb. 17, the club will welcome old and new members and view a German comedy movie "Die Geschichte vom Brandner Kaspar" (2008) in Bavarian dialect with standard German subtitles. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Christine at 524-2530 or Heike at 522-5393.

### Valentine's Day weddings available

Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will perform free weddings from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Room 1-113. To make an appointment for a Valentine's Day wedding at the Doña Ana County Government Center, call Lydia Chaparro at 525-6115. Reservations are required.

In addition, the Doña Ana Magistrate Court, 110 Calle de Alegria, will be open for business on Feb. 14, for couples who would like to get married that day. While no notice is required, Presiding Judge Oscar C. Fietze is asking couples to make an appointment for their ceremony. To make an appointment for a wedding in Magistrate Court, call Court Manager Bernice Ramos at 524-2815.

In New Mexico, each couple must

bring two witnesses and a valid New Mexico marriage license. For information about marriage license requirements, call the Doña Ana County Clerk's Office at 647-7421.

### Mayor to give annual address

Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima will deliver his annual State of the City address at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, in City Council chambers at City Hall, 700 N. Main St. The public is invited to attend.

The address will be televised live on CLC-TV, Comcast Cable channel 20. Live video streaming will be available online at [clctv.com](http://clctv.com).

### Water lectures set

New Mexico State University's Spring 2011 Water Lecture Series will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, in the Gerald Thomas Hall Auditorium, Room 194. Jay Stein, a water lawyer from Stein and Brockman P.A., in Santa Fe, will present a lecture about water rights administration on the Rio Grande, particularly how municipalities, irrigators, Native American tribes and others own certain rights and how those rights are exercised and administered in accordance with state and federal law. The use of imported water under the San Juan-Chama Project will also be examined. This event is sponsored by NMSU's College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences and NMSU's Department of Civil Engineering.

For more information, contact Leeann DeMouche at [ldemouch@nmsu.edu](mailto:ldemouch@nmsu.edu) or 646-3973, or through the webpage of [aces.nmsu.edu/wls](http://aces.nmsu.edu/wls).

### Asombro walk

The Asombro Institute for Science Education scientists will present a "Getting Ready for Spring" nature walk on at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Participants will walk the Desert Discovery Trail in search of local flora and fauna, discover some new things and greet the desert as an old friend. Families are encouraged to participate. The walk is free.

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

Park sign. Follow the entrance road to the parking area and trailhead. The park is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, call 524-3334 or visit [www.asombro.org](http://www.asombro.org).

### MVCS open house

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (MVCS), 3850 Stern Drive, will have an open house at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18. Visitors can view a presentation by students, tour the campus and classrooms and participate in a question-and-answer session. Everyone is welcome.

MVCS is a college prep, non-denominational school offering classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. The curriculum focuses on inspiring character, faith in God and love for learning.

For more information, call 525-8515 or visit [www.mvconline.com](http://www.mvconline.com).

### Tri-Unity Conference

The 2011 Tri-Unity Conference will be held Friday, Feb. 18, at the New Mexico State University Corbett Center Student Union. The event is offered by the NMSU College of Education, Aprendamos Intervention Team and Direct Therapy Services.

This year's conference will feature discussion on "Supporting Treatment for Autism with Evidence-Based Practice." Keynote speaker Jennifer Ganz is an associate professor of Special education at Texas A&M University.

Go to [www.triunityconference.com](http://www.triunityconference.com) to download registration forms. All participants must pre-register by Monday, Feb. 1.

For more information, call Felicia Olivas at 526-6682.

### Spaghetti dinner

Mesilla Valley Christian Schools (MVCS), 3850 Stern Drive, will host its annual "All American" spaghetti supper from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the school. The all-you-can-eat meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread and a beverage.

There will be a special tribute to veterans at 12:30 p.m. featuring the New Mexico State University Air Force ROTC color guard.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors, veterans and children under 12, and are available from any MVCS student or at the school office.

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**FREEMAN**

*Editor's note: This is part one of a two-part story.*

When Apollo 11 touched down on the moon, Krafft Ehrlicke was already familiar with the broadcasted lunar images, Marsha Freeman said in "Krafft Ehrlicke's Extraterrestrial Imperative." Ehrlicke had first seen such a visage 40 years earlier when he was 12 and in a Berlin movie house watching Fritz Lang's 1929 film, "The Woman in the Moon."

"The visual representation of the Moon's surface," Freeman said, "led Krafft Ehrlicke to relate, in later years, that when the first astronauts landed on the moon in 1969, the thought that crossed his mind was, 'It's just like Oberth's movie!'"

Transylvanian-born Hermann Oberth and German-born Willy Ley worked on the movie, including helping "build a model of a spacecraft that looked very realistic even by today's standards," said Ted Spitzmiller in "Astronautics: Book 1 - Dawn of the Space Age" (Apogee/2006).

At that moment Ehrlicke knew what he wanted to do with his life. His desire only solidified after watching the movie "a dozen times," Freeman said. At Christmas, he presented his mother a wish list of "books on astronomy, flight mechanics and propulsion."

Eventually, technology caught up with art. Feb. 17-18, 1970, at the Citizen's Campaign for Space conference in New York City, Ehrlicke presented "A Case for Space." He declared space was no longer a "romantic notion," but a destination to be explored for the "potential" to mankind.

Ehrlicke was born in 1917 in Berlin. According to the website history.nasa.gov, he earned an aeronautical engineering degree and "took postgraduate courses ... in celestial mechanics and nuclear physics." According to Freeman, when Ehrlicke was 14, he "applied for membership in the German Society for Space Travel," but was told "he was too young." Ley had helped found the society that, within a year, topped 500 members, including writers, engineers, such as V-2 developer Wernher von Braun, and professors, such as Oberth.

"Rocket fever" had infected this band of young men, who not only carried out some amateur experiments, but took their vision of space travel as far and wide as they could," Freeman wrote. "Through public lectures and debates, exhibits in department stores, and articles in magazines, they carried forth their optimistic message."

In the 21st century, the vision continues in facilities such as



New Mexico's Spaceport America.

Freeman said in addition to Ehrlicke's consummate studies, he "penned a number of short stories" that "addressed some of the most challenging questions facing science." He wrote "fiction ... to summarize the state of scientific knowledge at the time, and bring forth his hypotheses on subjects as broad as the biology of the creation of intelligent life, to the creation of the planets."

Ehrlicke's writing turned into a lifelong passion. In November 1957, Astronautics magazine published what Freeman called his "seminal work," "Anthropology of Astronautics," in which he postulated his Three Fundamental Laws of Astronautics:

First law: No one and nothing under the natural laws of his universe may impose any limitations on man except man himself.

“ Not only the Earth, but the entire solar system ... are man's rightful field ... ”

KRAFFT EHRLICKE,  
author

Second law: Not only the Earth, but the entire solar system, and as much of the universe as he can reach under the laws of nature, are man's rightful field of activity.

Third law: By expanding through the universe, man fulfills his destiny as an element of life, endowed with the power of reason and the wisdom of the moral law within himself.

In 1948, Ehrlicke wrote the "space adventure, Expedition Ares ... about a manned mission to Mars," Freeman said. 21st Century Science and Technology magazine published the "optimistic tale of the future" for the first time in its Spring 2003 issue. The story includes an "Earth-orbiting space station ... the perilous trip for the crew through the asteroid belt," various propulsions, and "even accidents."

After World War II erupted, the military "drafted" Ehrlicke "into doing manual labor for the Third Reich," Freeman wrote. "But no matter his circumstance, his passion for space flight never diminished."



New Mexico Space History Museum archives

**Krafft Ehrlicke's passion for space travel turned into a lifetime of writing on the subject.**

Ehrlicke was injured in France, recovered, then "served in a Panzer division on the Russian front" until he was "reassigned to (V-2) rocket development work at Peenemunde in June 1942," history.nasa.gov stated.

"Those were the 'Wild West' days of rocketry and space flight," Freeman quoted Ehrlicke from a 1985 PBS Space Flight documentary. "The (rocket) lifted off with a roar, it lifted up straight, and, of course, we all screamed with delight. ... Then came the enormous roar - the whole sky seemed to vibrate. This kind of unearthly roaring sound was something human ears had never heard."

As Germany's downfall became imminent, Ehrlicke "helped move Peenemunde records into Bavaria, to keep them out of Russian hands," history.nasa.gov reported. Afterward, "Ehrlicke walked for 30 days to get to Berlin," Freeman said. After being reunited, his wife "described the agonizing wait ... hoping each day that an American military official would find Krafft, and that the Russian troops would not."

"Ehrlicke wanted to work for the Americans," according to history.nasa.gov, "and he hid each time someone knocked on his door, waiting for the right caller. One day his wife answered the door and routinely said, 'I don't know where he is.' As she did so, she recognized the insignia of a U.S. Army officer and immediately began screaming, 'He's here! He's here!'"

He signed a contract with the Army in December 1946.

Ehrlicke "was greatly impressed with the wide open space and economic prosperity of America, especially having come from war-ravaged Europe," Freeman wrote. He immigrated under Operation Paperclip, and was sent to Fort Bliss, Texas. "The initial purpose of bringing the German space pioneers to America was to transfer the knowledge, technology, and experience of their more than 53 years of rocket research and development to the U.S. military." Ehrlicke was assigned "to transfer his technical knowledge, from memory, of the German (V-2) to the military, and to carry out theoretical work."

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# Weather

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By Wednesday, the city announced it had completed repair work on the city's swimming pools and reopened the Las Cruces Regional Aquatic Center and Frenger Pool.

Unlike water supply conditions faced by many in El Paso, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima assured residents that the City of the Crosses water was totally safe to drink and that there was adequate water supply throughout the weather event.

He praised city workers for their hard work and long hours put in during the extreme weather.

"I wish to publicly thank our utility workers, switchboard operators, police, fire, public safety, senior services, various support staff and public works employees for taking care of our residents," Miyagishima said in an official statement. "It's been close to 50 years since our region had experienced temperatures that we sustained during the past few days and our employees performed their duties professionally and efficiently."

In between Las Cruces and El Paso, water systems recovered at varying rates. Sunland Park's water system didn't recover until mid-week. Earlier that week, residents were advised to boil their water before use. City officials have contacted the Office of Emergency Management to request potable water.

But southern New Mexico's issues were slight in comparison to what was faced by residents of Española and Taos, places that are more used to cold weather. Gov. Susana Martinez sent members of the New Mexico National Guard to assist gas company technicians in restoring natural gas service to residents of the northern New Mexico communities.

New Mexico Gas Co. executives apologized for problems that kept 32,000 New Mexico residents in the cold for several days, according to news reports. President Annette Gardiner acknowledged restoration proved to be more difficult than anticipated.

More than 400 utility employees, firefighters, plumbers and pipe fitters worked throughout the affected communities to restore natural gas, according to Martinez, who noted that plumbers and pipe fitters who sign up to help restore natural gas service in New Mexico will be exempt from certain unemployment rules.

"Those who are answering the call to assist New Mexicans in regaining their heating will not be inhibited from receiving future unemployment benefits," she said.

Similarly, the El Paso City Council is expected to waive plumbing permit fees for repairs related to the extreme cold conditions.

Fire safety and pipe thawing tips are available on the governor's website at [www.gov.state.nm.us](http://www.gov.state.nm.us) and on the website of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at [www.nmdhsem.org](http://www.nmdhsem.org).

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## Time running out to nominate local heroes

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society and Foundation announced nominations for the Citizen Service Before Self Honors close Friday, Feb. 18. Citizens may submit an eligible nominee by completing the online nomination form at [www.citizenservicebeforeselfhonors.org](http://www.citizenservicebeforeselfhonors.org).

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society and Foundation are looking for citizen heroes for the Citizen Service Before Self Honors, which recognizes and honors those ordinary Americans who have clearly

demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice for others whether through a single act of extraordinary heroism at risk to one's life or through a prolonged series of selfless acts.

Finalists will be announced March 7. The three recipients will be announced March 21 and honored March 25 in conjunction with National Medal of Honor Day. The ceremony will be held near the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. Profiles for each of the finalists will be available on the Citizen Service Before Self Honors website.

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# Things get chilly in Southern New Mexico

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Ice built up on the corner of Water and Organ streets after a waterline break.



In front of the Just Chillin' Nutrition Club on the Downtown Mall, the fountain at La Esquina Plaza was still solid ice Thursday, Feb. 3, after first freezing over late Tuesday, Feb. 1, when an extreme, nearly nationwide winter storm reached Las Cruces.



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# Hopeful fans celebrate at Farley's Bar & Grill

Photos by Derek Brandt

Linda Carnagy and Brenda Miranda aren't afraid to show their Green Bay colors amidst a sea of black and yellow at Farley's Bar & Grill - the city's unofficial Steelers gathering spot - on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6.



Karen Payne and mother Phoebe Pierce said they have showed their support for the six-time world champions every week at Farley's for the past five years.



Farley's was packed with hopeful Steelers fans.

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Milosz Reterski, who works for Bridges to Prosperity, measures the 187-foot span for a future bridge walkway in Nicaragua.

Photo by Milosz Reterski



Photo by Jared Martinez

Measurements were made for New Mexico State University engineering students in order to draw up designs and plans before they arrive in May to build the bridge.

# Engineering students prep for Central American journey

## Future bridge to serve three villages in Nicaragua

By **Katy Barnitz**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

As many students look forward to summer vacation, a group of New Mexico State University engineering students are working hard and gearing up for the chance to help out a village in South America.

In May, members of NMSU Engineers Without Borders will travel to Hondura Azul, Condega, Nicaragua, in May, where they will build a pedestrian bridge that will serve Hondura Azul and three nearby villages.

"The bridge will give passage from one town to another, so that students will be able to walk to school during the rainy season," said club member Salvador Hernandez. "Now, the two towns are separated by a river that floods during the rainy season."

The students will spend two weeks in Nicaragua working every day to finish the bridge.

"We'll probably be camping out there in hammocks with mosquito nets in a community center," said Jared Martinez, club member. "We'll be roughing it for two weeks, but it's worth it."

The project allows the students to

see the process from the very beginning, from gathering the funds required for the project all the way to people actually crossing the 187-foot long bridge.

"This gives students an opportunity to interact with different cultures and apply what they learn in the classroom to real-world problems," Hernandez said.

Participating students will spend most of the school year organizing bake sales, car washes and banquet dinners and seeking donations from area and regional businesses to pay for the trip and materials, Hernandez said.

Earlier this year, Hernandez and Martinez traveled with the group adviser to Hondura Azul to survey the site and gather all the appropriate information required to design the bridge. Later, club members used a partner organization, Bridges to Prosperity, to develop final plans, Hernandez said.

"We went with the plans provided by Bridges to Prosperity and used it like a cookbook," Martinez said. "We altered the plans according to what we surveyed to figure out how much material we would need."

This will be the group's first trip to Central America, although in the past they have done similar projects in Mexico. According to the organization's website, in 2009, they traveled to Las Boquillas, Chihuahua, where they spent 1,200 man hours designing, planning, raising money for and, finally, building a 100-foot-long bridge over a river bed. In 2010, the group returned to Mexico over spring break to build a 30-foot-deep well that now supplies clean water to about 100 people in Ruiz de Ancones, Chihuahua.

The group isn't limited to projects south of the border. They're also currently working with the Colonias Development Council in Anthony, N.M., to assist in providing sustainable construction solutions for a community center and a garden, Martinez said.

"We can use local assets to help a community improve itself," Martinez said. "We're able to see how other communities live and see their conditions and help out while we're at it."

For more information on NMSU Engineers Without Borders, visit the organization's website at [web.nmsu.edu/~ewb/](http://web.nmsu.edu/~ewb/).

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## Democratic women elect officers



The Doña Ana County Democratic Women held its election of officers Saturday, Feb. 5, and elected the following officers: Terri McBreyer, treasurer; Nancy Blecha, vice president; Dr. Ardeth Norem, secretary; and Judy Baker, president. The organization, which is affiliated with the Doña Ana County Democratic Party, is also the local organization affiliated with the National Federation of Democratic Women, an organization that supports Democratic candidates nationally. Its next meeting will be March 5. Baker announced that she was a candidate for treasurer of the National Federation of Democratic Women. The national organization will meet and elect its officers in Washington, D.C., during its annual conference May 18-22.

## School pushes text pledge

### Students hope to win contest in drive

San Andres High School is asking everyone to take a pledge against cell-phone texting while driving as part of a national campaign, said Principal Joy Walkey.

The winner of the X the TXT contest will receive a private concert by singer, songwriter, dancer Ashlyne Huff, a live Channel One News taping and \$10,000, said Walkey.

All LCPS students, teachers, parents, family members, friends and community members can sign up at [www.channelone.com/xthetxt](http://www.channelone.com/xthetxt) through Sunday, Feb. 13, to take the pledge.

"Pledge not to text and drive on behalf of our school," Walkey said. "Get others to take the pledge. Everyone you know can participate on behalf of San Andres High School."

## FEMA assessing damage

### Bill would allow VA to contract locally

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region 6 office, the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), the Small Business Administration (SBA) and county and local officials are making plans to assess damage in the aftermath of recent winter storms.

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) are the first step for a state in determining whether or not to request a presidential declaration.

The PDAs will include assessment of damages to both residences and community infrastructure through FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) programs.

During the assessment, the team will collect estimates of the expenses and damages such as the following:

- Amount and type of damage
- Threat to public safety and people's health
- How many people may be displaced and for how long
- Extent of insurance coverage
- Extent of business losses

- Extent of infrastructure damages
- Impact to critical facilities
- Cost of emergency workers' overtime
- Need for debris removal
- Damage to roads, bridges or public facilities
- Additional data from the American Red Cross or other local voluntary agencies may also be reviewed

The governor's office reviews the results of the PDAs and then decides whether the damage is beyond state and local recovery capabilities. The findings could then be used by Gov. Susana Martinez to support a request for a presidential declaration.

The request for a presidential declaration is then submitted in writing by the governor to the president through FEMA's regional office. In this request, the governor certifies that the combined local, county and state resources are insufficient to meet the emergency situation and that the situation is beyond the state's recovery capabilities. The request is reviewed and FEMA provides the president with a recommended course of action.

## Pearce drafts legislation to improve veterans care

### Bill would allow VA to contract locally

Congressman Steve Pearce has reintroduced H.R. 575, a bill that will improve health care access for veterans across New Mexico and nationwide.

This legislation, titled the Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare for Your (HEALTHY) Vets Act, will allow veterans access to local health-care facilities, saving them time, money and physical strain.

Currently, the federal government requires veterans to drive to VA hospitals for treatment. Pearce said this is a major roadblock to health care for veterans in New Mexico, who may have to drive hundreds of miles to Albuquerque for medical attention.

Pearce's legislation would allow veterans to use local health providers in their own hometowns in southern New Mexico. This saves both medical and travel expenses for veterans, allows them the convenience and comfort they deserve and provides for quicker, less stressful treatment, Pearce said.

Under the legislation, the VA secretary will contract with local hospitals and doctors on a case-by-case basis to provide medical services, including primary care, for those veterans who live far away from VA medical facilities.

Pearce, a Vietnam veteran, said he has made veterans a priority throughout his more than six years in Congress.

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# Electricity

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her house, while some other places didn't experience any, such as Picacho Hills.

"I want to make sure that we all had our fair share of blackouts," she said.

Noting that his home also experienced blackouts, Doyle said the Picacho Hills example illustrated the priorities given, which in that case had to do with providing electricity to wastewater services.

Both Doyle and Stevens said EPE needs to find better ways to communicate during this kind of crisis. EPE asked residents to conserve electricity, but Doyle admitted to frustration about how little some residents and businesses heeded those warnings.

"We don't have the authority to mandate,"

Doyle said. "We can only ask."

Commissioner Karen Perez said she was appalled by "how incredibly stupid people are when they are asked to conserve."

But it seemed that many ignored the warnings to conserve power or were ignorant of the need, she said.

"That's a lesson to everybody - when they say conserve, that means you," Perez said.

"Every light switch you don't use means someone else gets heat."

With many relying on electricity for their communications, it was often unclear who was to get notified and how, Doyle said.

Also, he said EPE can't yet afford "smart grid" technology, which could have made the blackouts more precise.

Doyle disputed criticisms that EPE wasn't keeping good maintenance on its older plants.

Stevens said the cold also made it extremely difficult to perform repairs to those units brought down by the frigid temperatures. He told how hydraulic systems froze up on backhoes and solidified biofuels in trucks.

All of EPE local generators run on natural gas, including its newest plant that began generating electricity last year.

“... when they say conserve, that means you ...”

KAREN PEREZ,  
county commissioner

Still, EPE could have better communicated with local businesses, said Commissioner Scott Krahling.

Las Cruces Councillor Dolores Connor noted that Memorial Medical Center opted to switch over to its own diesel-generated power out of fear that the hospital's power system could have gone down.

The situation could have been worse, Doyle said. If the storm had brought more ice, there could have been a loss of transmission lines, he said.

Doyle and Stevens said EPE will conduct a thorough review of its actions and seek advice on how it can handle a similar event in the future.

New County Commissioner Billy Garrett said he believed that extreme weather fluctuations are becoming more normal and that the utility need to consider that in their plans.

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Football junkies, there is no need to despair. Football goes on.

Right here in Las Cruces as a matter of fact.

Las Cruces has a semi-pro football team called the Las Cruces Kings, a member of the New Mexico Premier Football League. The team practices and plays its home games at Oñate High School.

The Kings' offensive coordinator/quarterback/jack-of-all-trades Matt Parsons wants the people of Las Cruces to come out and watch his team play. Or even watch practice.

"We're getting about 50 people watching every practice now," he said.

"We have a head coach, David Lopez, but he works out at White Sands and he's kind of a busy guy, so I take a lot of his responsibilities."

Parsons said there are 13 teams in the league.

"I believe eight of them are in Albuquerque," he said, "then there are teams in Alamogordo, Los Lunas, Bernalillo and one up in the Four Corners, also."

Las Cruces High School football fans will recognize players such as Fernie Varela, Jacob Lilley, Ricardo Duran, Joseph Hernandez and Ryan Farley.

From Mayfield vitage are Blake Fabian, Anthony Tellez, J.B. Orduñez, Jose Bustillos and Carlos Olivas.

Former Oñate players also dot the roster, Parsons said.

The team has been around for about eight years, and they used to be called the Sun Kings, Parsons said.

"In 2008, Lopez took the team over and changed it to the Kings instead of the Sun Kings, Parsons said. "He changed the colors to red and white, but this year we wanted to start fresh and we changed our colors to green and orange, kind of a Miami Hurricane look."

Parsons said the team's website would be up by Friday, Feb. 11, at [lascruceskings.com](http://lascruceskings.com).

The Kings' next game will be Sunday, Feb. 20, in Albuquerque versus the Albuquerque Predators, but Las Cruces fans can see the Kings play in Las Cruces Saturday, March 5.

Parson said the games are free.

"The city of Las Cruces is a big football community, and if we can just get the word out that we're here, we can get a lot of people out to our games," Parson said.

"We have concessions, hamburgers, hot dogs, slushies. We have two different vendors out there for every home game."

What more does a football junkie need?

## Ags tame Bulldogs

### Gillenwater 'day-to-day'

By **Jim Hilley**  
 Las Cruces Bulletin

The New Mexico State Aggies had little difficulty defeating the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in the Pan American Center on Monday, Feb. 7. Coach Marvin Menzies is probably more troubled by the health of his leading scorer Troy Gillenwater than he is about the Aggies' return game at Louisiana Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

Gillenwater turned his ankle in Monday's game, and Menzies said his status is day-to-day.

"We're calling it a sprain at this time," said Menzies, adding that it didn't seem like anything is torn or broken, and he didn't think an MRI was necessary.

Before injuring his ankle, Gillenwater scored 19 points against La Tech. The senior forward was joined in double figures by Tyrone Watson with 17 points, and Hernst Laroché with 13 points against the Bulldogs. The win kept the Aggies perfect in Western Athletic Conference home games for the season.

"Home is home, that is where the crowd is," Menzies said.

Menzies said Monday's home win against La Tech was good, but it is important for his players to realize the importance of every game.

"The WAC is a log jam and everybody is playing for that second position since Utah State is playing so well and probably has the No. 1 position locked up," Menzies said.

He said he wasn't too concerned about playing La Tech again so soon.

"It's tough to play the same team back-to-back, but La Tech has to do the same thing that we do," he said.

After the repeat game against La Tech, the Aggies will play Northern Colorado in a ESPNU BracketBuster game at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Pan American Center. Menzies said that would be a "tough match up," but he hadn't yet done much scouting on them.

Menzies said center Hamidu Rahman is healing up from a mouth injury and should be ready to play on Saturday.

He also dispelled notions that sophomore center B.J. West was complaining about his playing time.

"B.J. is a team player and is intelligent and knows that he is still young. Like any player, he would like to get in there and help his team," he said.

With Rahman injured, West was able to play Monday against the Bulldogs, his first appearance in several games.



Las Cruces Bulletin photo Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

**Aggie center Tshildizi "Chili" Nephawe soars above teammate Tyrone Watson and Louisiana Tech's Lonnie Smith for a block in the Aggies' 75-57 win over the Bulldogs Monday, Feb. 7, in the Pan American Center.**

## Doing a lot right at Oñate

### New coach, players bring more wins

By **Craig Massey**  
 Las Cruces Bulletin

Maybe it's just as simple as the right coach with the right players at the right time.

Whatever it is, Oñate girls basketball coach Ben Trujillo and his team have surprised a lot of people this season. In Trujillo's first year at Oñate, the team has compiled a 15-7 overall record and entered Thursday night's game against Gadsden with a perfect 4-0 mark in District 3-5A.

"If you would have asked me at the end of the summer, there's no way I could have predicted this," Trujillo said. "I'm definitely surprised, but not as surprised as the people that

don't know these kids."

Trujillo took over for the retired Rick Viramontes last summer, becoming the program's fifth head coach in the past eight seasons. Lacking stability and an identity, the team routinely finished behind Mayfield and Las Cruces High each year.

When Trujillo, who had been an assistant coach at LCHS, huddled with his assistant coaches at the end of last summer, they pinpointed two areas that the Knights needed immediate improvement – fundamentals and mental toughness.

To improve fundamentals, they put the players through hours of ball-handling drills and set a team goal of shooting 40,000 baskets

in nine weeks, using a shooting machine that counts each shot and passes the ball back to the player who is shooting. They ended up with 55,000 shots during that time and the improvement is evident in the team's ability to bury opponents under a barrage of 3-point shots.

To improve mental (and physical) toughness, the coaches put the players through a variety of outdoor drills during the off-season. Two days a week were spent outdoors running up and down bleachers, working through an obstacle course, or running a 5k.

"It was a lot of non-basketball stuff and they worked hard to improve their times," he said. "They responded."

The team started the season winning only one of its first four games. But the breakthrough

See **Knights** on page A22

# Round one: Aggies NMSU tops La Tech

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Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Tyrone Watson was a major factor in the Aggies' 75-57 win over the visiting Louisiana Tech Bulldogs in the Pan American Center Monday, Feb. 7. Watson tallied 17 points, four rebounds and four assists. The Aggies travel to Ruston, La., to play a rematch with the Bulldogs at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.



Assistant coach Paul Weir, B.J. West, Gordo Castillo, Coach Marvin Menzies and Hernst Laroche



Watson gets control of the basketball from a La Tech Bulldog.



Laroche dribbles around Bulldog Tevin Hall.

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# Aggie Insider

## Coach Walker plugs the gaps with jucos

Building blocks make solid foundation

The unexpected appearance of the frozen tundra 40 miles from the Mexican border postponed the Aggie National Signing day celebration for a brief time. The real celebration is coming this fall after each football victory.

As he said he would, head coach DeWayne Walker looked to bolster his defense and the experience level of his team.

Ten junior college transfers were selected to improve the secondary, offensive line and wide receiving corps. Walker added a junior college linebacker and a defensive end, which may enable him to move around some other personnel on the defensive side of the ball.

As far as the secondary, Jeremy Harris and Anthony Edwards come in from East Los Angeles and Antelope Valley Junior Colleges, respectively. They join Lester White, a two-year starter at Riverside JC in southern California, in the pass-defending area.

The hole left by the departure of All-WAC Corner Davon House is a big one. Donyae Coleman and George Callendar return at safety, but you can't have too many good defensive backs. Walker is a guru of "DB Science" and will also have a freshman to mold in Samuel Oyenuga of Rowlett, Texas, where he was an all-district honoree on a team that went 9-3.

Two of the biggest finds for the defensive side of the ball head to the linebacking and defensive end positions. Alexander LaVoy and Sean Brown have the credentials



**Jack Nixon**  
*Jack's Corner*

that prove they bring real stopping power. LaVoy led Butte College to a bowl game where he was named the most valuable player. He is from Reno, Nev., and was a first team NorCal selection as a senior.

Brown is expected to put the "rush" back in the pass rush when the Aggies are harassing the quarterback. Brown is a 6-5 mobile 253-pound end who was a big reason for Chabot College's winning ways in the last two years.

Walker continued his commitment to landing local talent as well. Mayfield High School running back Brendan Betancourt, tight end Mathew Jaramillo from West Mesa and defensive lineman Abram Holland from Rio Rancho all enter as freshmen, along with grey shirt Adam Shapiro.

Shapiro is a wide out from Rio Rancho who will count against this year's class, even though he signed last year.

The building blocks are lining up, and some seasoned junior college help should solidify the foundation as Walker heads into his third year of building the Aggie program.

Even though the party last week was "called" due to cold weather, you should have plenty to celebrate when the fall rolls into the Mesilla Valley.

## College Tennis 101

Want to get close to the action? Tennis will put you at court side

As the spring semester gets under way, the Aggie women's tennis season goes into full swing. Over the next three months, we will play more than 20 matches, eight at home, leading to the season-ending WAC Championships in Boise, Idaho.

Since becoming the women's tennis head coach at New Mexico State, one of my goals has been to try to get more fans to come out, support the Aggies and see how much excitement college tennis has to offer.

The level of tennis that these student athletes bring to NM State is of the highest caliber available other than that on the Pro Tour. Collegiate tennis also allows the fans to be within 10 feet of the action. This close proximity gives the spectators the opportunity to interact with the tennis players a lot more than many other sports and really makes the fans feel like they have a direct impact on the outcome of the match.

For those of you who have never attended a live collegiate tennis match, you would be surprised at how exhilarating it can be. The energy and excitement of a college match is intense, and being able to be so close to the players makes you feel part of the action.

Collegiate tennis is so much more than just watching a regular tennis match because of the team aspect. We play dual matches, which means head-to-head doubles and singles matches versus another university. The format is quite unique which adds to the excitement. We begin by playing three doubles matches that are played at the same time. One team has to win two of the three matches to earn one team point. Following the doubles, we play six singles matches

**Ivan Fernandez**  
*Women's Tennis Head Coach*



worth one team point each that are again played at the same time. With the doubles and singles matches, there are a total of seven team points available. The first team to accumulate four team points wins the dual match.

So imagine a dual match that is tied up at 3-3 and there is only one singles match left on the court. The outcome for the entire match comes down to one Aggie. You have both teams surrounding the court and the fans so close that they can see the yellow fuzz coming off the ball with each shot hit. It allows you to live each point with the players themselves. This is what makes collegiate tennis so exciting and it is something that all sports fans should experience.

My challenge to all the readers is to give us a chance to make all of you Aggie tennis fans. I promise you will not be disappointed.

The Aggies tennis teams have the potential to contend for the WAC Championship in April and are looking forward to an exciting spring season. We have a total of 14 men's and women's home matches here at the University Tennis Center on campus this semester, and attendance is free.

The Aggies look forward to seeing all of you out on the courts starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, when both women's and men's teams will be in action.

For more information on our tennis team and match schedules, visit [www.nmstateports.com](http://www.nmstateports.com).

## This Week

### In Aggie Athletics

#### Friday, Feb. 11

**Equestrian**  
Winter Equestrian Festival Collegiate Invitational Wellington, Fla.  
All day

**Track and Field**  
UNM Team Challenge Albuquerque  
9 a.m.

**Track and Field**  
University of Washington Seattle  
5 p.m.

**Softball**  
Northern Colorado Las Cruces  
4 p.m.

**Softball**  
Colorado State Las Cruces  
6 p.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
New Mexico Albuquerque  
5 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 12

**Men's Golf**  
New Mexico Collegiate Cup Truth or Consequences, N.M.

**Women's Equestrian**  
Oklahoma State (Western Only) Las Cruces  
All day

**Women's Track & Field**  
University of Washington Seattle  
9 a.m.

**Men's Tennis**  
Denver Denver  
10 a.m.

**Women's Tennis**  
Montana State Albuquerque  
Noon

**Softball**  
Northern Colorado Las Cruces  
12:30 p.m.

**Men's Basketball**  
Louisiana Tech Ruston, La.  
2 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Alumni Las Cruces  
2 p.m.

## Aggie student-athlete spotlight



**Amy Arenas**  
Senior  
Track and Field

Senior Amy Arenas led the New Mexico State University track and field team at the University of New Mexico Classic Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5. She posted a seventh-

place finish in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 19:55.17.



**Troy Gillenwater**  
Junior  
Men's Basketball

Junior forward Troy Gillenwater scored a game-high 33 points at Fresno State Thursday, Feb. 3. He now has four games over the 30-point plateau this season, and he

was one point shy of tying a career best.



**Orlando Superlano**  
Sophomore  
Men's Tennis

Sophomore Orlando Superlano won two of his three singles matches against UNLV, Southern Miss and Cal Poly to bring him to 5-1 on the season. Superlano won all three

of his doubles matches to stay undefeated in doubles in 2011 at 6-0.



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## Variety equals enchanting golf

### Climate, beautiful views and great values highlight golf in southern NM

As we read about major flooding in California and blizzards in the Northeast, it affirms the notion that we have the perfect weather for year-round golf here in southern New Mexico. At least most of the time, anyway.

This region is fast becoming a golfers' destination, not just because it's mild in the winter and temperate in summer, but because golf is extremely affordable, with a fabulous variety of beautiful places to play that are easy to get to.

Let's start with the mountain golf courses in Lincoln County. In the resort town of Ruidoso, you have your pick of The Links at Sierra Blanca, a challenging public course, or Cree Meadows Country Club, which is semi-private. The Links is a big championship course that grows teeth as the wind picks up, while Cree is a fairly short track with some tight driving holes and tricky greens. Just to the south of town is the Inn of the Mountain Gods golf course, on the Mescalero Apache Indian reservation. The Inn is a must-play venue, set in the shadows beneath Sierra Blanca, and it has everything you could want in a resort course at altitude.

It's a long course, winding through the pine forest, with greens that can be completely baffling without a bit of local knowledge. The scenery is truly breathtaking, even a distraction at times. Call in advance for tee times, as the Inn course is often busy with tournaments and is closed part of the winter. The hotel and casino are always open, featuring some of the finest entertainment in the region.

Among the fun private golf clubs to play near Ruidoso are Alto Lakes Golf Club and Kokopelli Golf Club. Both are located in the direction of Ski Apache and are private, but if you belong to another club elsewhere, you stand a good chance of getting to play under reciprocity with your course. Alto has such a diversity of holes, with some newly designed, it is hard to describe, except that the variety will keep your interest. Kokopelli is an extraordinarily fun little executive golf course, with a lot of par 3s and some driveable par 4s.

One of the very special places in Lincoln County is The

Golf Club at Rainmaker's, a private golf course located very close to the famed Spencer Theater. On any given day of golf, expect to see elk, deer, hawks, and an occasional coyote and other native species. With 360 degree mountain views the golf is truly spectacular. But the difficulty is high also, with steep penalties for misplays.

At the foot of the Sacramento mountains in Alamogordo there is a hidden gem of a public golf course called Desert Lakes. At 6,524 yards from the championship tees, Desert Lakes is basically two golf courses – an old nine (short and very narrow) and a new nine that is long and wide with some fun par 3s. With a new clubhouse and restaurant, plus great rates, this is a winner.

Over in the quaint little resort town of Cloudcroft is a nine-hole golf course at The Lodge that sits at more than 9,000 feet in elevation, and at one time was that highest golf course in the United States. Claiming a Scottish tradition from its beginnings with six holes in 1899, The Lodge course is a lot of fun, starting with the very first hole that drops some 200 feet from tee to green.

If you're visiting Truth or Consequences, don't miss the natural hot springs, said to have healing effects, and don't miss the golf at one of New Mexico's finest newer golf courses, Sierra Del Rio, located right at Elephant Butte Lake. Both the course and the slope ratings serve as a warning that the layout is formidable, with steep elevation changes, some enormous greens and target golf at its best. Sierra Del Rio is open all year, with a full restaurant and dining patio, bar, practice facility and pro shop. Call for seasonal rates and tee times.

In greater Las Cruces, there are actually five beautiful places to play golf. Picacho Hills Country Club is private, and you must play with a member to get on, but it is worth going to see. The course underwent a renovation less than two years ago with a \$1 million irrigation system installed, and it is lush green year round. It's now a showcase and a very difficult track, requiring all the clubs and shots in your bag, with greens that are fair but hard to read.

New Mexico State University has one of the finest college golf courses in the country, and is home to two very good Division I golf programs, plus a PGA Professional Golf Management program. Built in 1962, it's a traditional parks course, with no homes lining the course, with plenty of length and big greens. It's open to the public and very affordable.

**Charlie Blanchard**  
Golf Doctor



Las Cruces Country Club is located closer to the center of town and is one of the oldest original 18-hole golf courses in the entire Southwest. The Country Club reminds one of when golf courses were designed for regular weekend golfers, using persimmon drivers and balls that didn't fly very far. Fairways are tight and the greens are tiny, but fun. You must call for availability and rates.

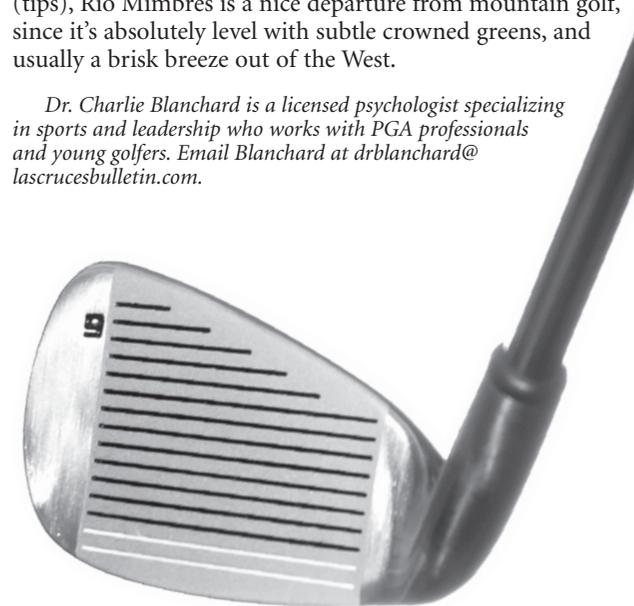
The newest golf course in Las Cruces is the Sonoma Ranch Golf Club, which opened just 10 years ago. Sonoma Ranch, also the name of the enormous residential development surrounding the golf property, has become a destination for golfers from all over, as word has gradually gotten out about our terrific climate, both summer and winter. True to its billing at the inception, Sonoma Ranch represents a little flavor of Scottsdale here in Doña Ana County.

Only 20 miles east of Las Cruces, over the 6700 foot St. Augustine Pass, you'll have fun playing the golf course at White Sands Missile Range. The golf course itself is flat but the jagged granite faces of the Organ Mountains rise abruptly, almost from the fairways, to 9,000 feet. It's an 11-hole course, which is configured so that you play a full 18, mostly from different tees, and you don't really notice the repeats, since most of the layout is first quality.

Only 30 minutes to the south of Las Cruces is Dos Lagos Golf Club, a public course, in Anthony, N.M., just off Interstate 10, near El Paso. It's a tree-lined 6,500-yard layout with plenty of good holes and perfect for a leisurely, unhurried round followed by beverages in the lounge.

Heading just a little west of Las Cruces you might want to make a stop in Deming and play a quick round at Rio Mimbres Country Club, which is open to everyone. At 6,700 yards (tips), Rio Mimbres is a nice departure from mountain golf, since it's absolutely level with subtle crowned greens, and usually a brisk breeze out of the West.

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Mayfield High School

## High School

### Athletes of the Week

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### Brook Coffeen

Brook Coffeen is a 15-year-old freshman at Mayfield High School. She plays #2 singles on the Lady Trojan tennis team. For the 2010 season, Coffeen was 3-1 in district singles and 3-1 in district doubles play. The team was the district tennis champions. Coffeen is a great player and a hard worker on the court. She keeps everyone upbeat. She is trustworthy, friendly, outgoing, happy and is always smiling. Coffeen is a great student with a 4.0 GPA. Her interests outside of sports are reading and drawing.



### Easton Hill

Easton Hill is an 18-year-old senior at Mayfield High School. He plays #3 or #4 singles on the Trojan tennis team. This season, Hill was 3-0 in district singles and 4-0 in district doubles. The team was both district and state tennis champions. Hill is the team captain and motivator. He pushes himself and the team to excel. He initiated and led the team's off-season practices. Hill is helpful, hard working, friendly, courteous and a great player. He is an exceptional student with a 4.07 GPA. Hill is a four-year member of the Mayfield Madrigal Singers. He enjoys the outdoors and is an Eagle Scout. Hill is also a leader in his church youth group.

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Among Aggie fans kicking off the Football Success Fund at the New Mexico State University Fulton Center on Tuesday, Feb. 8, are fund chair Mike Cheney, Athletic Director McKinley Boston, President Barbara Couture, coach DeWayne Walker and NMSU former All American Hank Cook.

## Rooting for Aggie success Fund modeled after program at Boise State

The New Mexico State University Athletics Department and Aggie football team has announced that a Football Success Fund has been established to help create a source of funds that will address key needs for football, including academic support and summer school scholarships, training table and nutrition, recruiting top talent and retaining assistant coaches.

NMSU alumni Mickey Clute and Hank Cook started the Football Success Fund early last year. The vision driving the fund is to make football competitive in the Western Athletic Conference. Membership in the fund is \$5,000 per person and to date, 22 people have committed to join the effort.

"A key focus of this fund is to ensure the dollars are utilized for the designated purposes and to enhance the current football budget,"

Football Success Fund chair Mike Cheney said.

The prototype for this program is similar created at Boise State about seven years ago. Now called the Football Coaches Club, the Broncos went from about 35 members the first year to raising \$550,000 in 2010-11 with 110 contributors. The Boise State model is an example of what a football success fund can do for a collegiate football program.

"Football is a top priority for New Mexico State Intercollegiate Athletics. Coach Walker is the right coach for this university and we have an opportunity to help his team succeed," Wayne Stickney, associate athletic director for development, said.

For more information on the Football Success Fund, call the Aggie Athletic Club at 646-5151 or email aac@nmsu.edu.

# H I G H S C H O O L SportsSchedule

## Las Cruces High School

Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Mayfield High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 11-12	Tennis	at Americas Tennis Tournament	TBA
Saturday, Feb. 12	Wrestling	At 3-5A District Tournament	TBA
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Girls Basketball	Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Gadsden High School	7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18	Girls Track	at Americas Track Meet	9 a.m.
Feb. 18-19	Swimming	at State Diving meet	TBA
	Wrestling	at State Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Tennis	at Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA



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	Boys Basketball	at Oñate High School	7 p.m.
Feb. 18-19	Track	at Parkland Tack Meet	4 p.m., 9 a.m.
	Wrestling	at State Wrestling Tournament	TBA
	Tennis	at Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA



## Oñate High School

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	Tennis	Oñate Tennis Tournament	TBA
	Track	at Parkland Tack Meet	4 p.m., 9 a.m.



## Mesilla Valley Christian Schools

Friday, Feb. 11	Girls Basketball	at Tularosa	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Tularosa	6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15	Girls Basketball	at Lordsburg	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Lordsburg	6:30 p.m.
	Tennis	at Gadsden High School	3 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18	Girls Basketball	at Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.
	Boys Basketball	at Cloudcroft	6:30 p.m.



## NM STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETE of the WEEK



### Kelly Conrad Senior, Swimming and Diving

Senior Kelly Conrad led the Aggie swimming and diving team to its fourth consecutive win over in-state rival New Mexico in a 144-98 victory in the regular season finale, Feb. 5. Conrad won a pair of individual titles in her final meet in Las Cruces. She won the 50 free (24.45) and 100 butterfly (57.92) with a season-best time for the team. Conrad also anchored the winning 200-medley relay (1:45.24) that set a season-best mark.



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# Trout is world champ

## Las Cruces wins WBA 154-pound world title

By **Craig Massey**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

A world championship is usually the culmination of years of hard work and preparation. It's like finally reaching the mountaintop.

It is that for Las Cruces boxer Austin Trout, but it's also a new beginning. Trout is ready to circle that mountaintop and protect it.

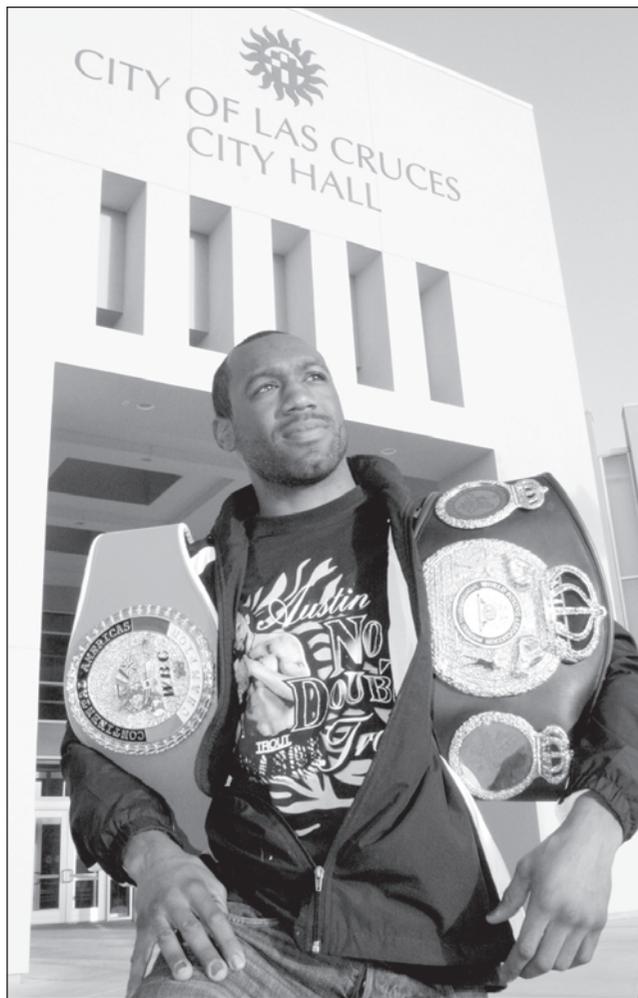
"My career has wings now," he said. "I'm ready to take flight."

Trout captured the World Boxing Association (WBA) Super Welterweight (154-pound) world title last Saturday, Feb. 5, with a 12-round unanimous decision over Mexico's Rigoberto Alvarez in Guadalajara, Mexico. He became the fourth New Mexico fighter to win a world championship, joining Bob Foster, Johnny Tapia and Danny Romero, all of Albuquerque. Trout says he is the first boxer from the Borderlands (Las Cruces, El Paso and Juárez) to win a world title.

"It's definitely a dream come true," said the 25-year-old Trout, who has a 22-0 record as a professional. "This solidifies all the hard work and all the faith, and it will bring way more exposure to me and my city. People will finally get to know me."

Trout, who is trained by Las Cruces boxing icon Louie Burke, prepared for the fight by working out in the higher altitude of Ruidoso.

Despite his perfect record in the ring, which includes



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey  
**Las Cruces boxer Austin Trout is the new WBA 154-pound world champion. He is the city's first world champion in boxing and the fourth all time from New Mexico.**

13 knockouts, and his willingness to fight anyone anywhere, getting big fights and gaining exposure hasn't been easy. Trout is confident that this world championship

is about to change all that. He said there is already talk of a bout sometime in June.

"I'm in the driver's seat now," he said. "This was all part of the plan."



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Craig Massey  
**Oñate girls basketball coach Ben Trujillo instructs his players during practice earlier this week.**

## Knights

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came with back-to-back wins over a pair of very good teams – Cleveland and Roswell – in late November. Facing a size disadvantage in both games, the Knights forced their opponents to extend the game far beyond the lane.

"That's our style," Trujillo said. "We're fortunate to have a lot of girls who can shoot the basketball. We shot 33 3-pointers in one game."

Trujillo also raves about the work ethic and unselfish attitude of the players. An example of the players' willingness to put the team first was evident early on when the coach asked senior Josie Morales to move to point guard after teammate Kelcie Niehoff suffered an injury.

Morales has adapted to the position so

well that she has become the team's most consistent player, Trujillo said. Niehoff has returned and played her best basketball of the season the last three games. Now, the team has two point guards.

Alexyss Burkhartsmeier and Jackie Lopez are two of the primary shooting threats, and Marissa Polanco, at 5-7, has done a great job defensively, matching up with players much taller than her. The 5-3 Jasmine Barnes leads the team in rebounding and also is a 3-point threat, while Kiana Frank is another good shooter and possibly the team's best athlete.

Balanced scoring has been a theme this season with eight different players having scored more than 14 points in a game.

"This is a tribute to the players," Trujillo said. "For whatever reason, they've bought into what we're trying to do. They don't question anything we do. They're understanding there's no magic to winning. It's just a lot of hard work."



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# Bill targets health insurance rates

## Increases would require companies open books

By **Trip Jennings**  
The New Mexican

Health insurers seeking to hike premiums would have to open their financial books to the State of New Mexico under a bill that cleared the Senate Public Affairs Committee.

The proposal also would give the Public Regulation Commission veto power over disputed rate increases.

The 7-to-1 vote came after more than an hour of debate Tuesday, Feb. 8, that alternated between personal stories of hardship and complex policy discussions that bordered on the arcane.

The rise of monthly health care insurance premiums has become a hot-button issue in New Mexico since April 2010 when the then-insurance superintendent agreed to let Blue Cross Blue Shield New Mexico raise monthly rates on 40,000 New Mexicans by more than 20 percent. The legislation that cleared the Public Affairs Committee would change how New Mexico vets health insurers' requests to raise premium costs.

Under the bill, sponsored by Sen. Dede Feldman, D-Albuquerque, the New Mexico superintendent of insurance would be able to consider factors that currently can't be weighed, including a company's surplus and the salaries of its executives, to decide whether to grant the insurer's request.

The legislation also would alter how to appeal decisions by the insurance superintendent, who has sole authority over requests to raise insurance premiums under current state law. Under the bill, the Public Regulation Commission would be empowered to review and send back any of the insurance superintendent's decisions that aren't backed by "substantial evidence." Currently, the only way to appeal a decision is to sue in state court.

Feldman's legislation also would require more public input at every step in the vetting process.

"If this bill had been in effect, maybe we would still have insurance," Billie Bolton of Dixon told lawmakers. Bolton told of how she and her husband had to abandon health care insurance

last year when the premiums became a sizable portion of their monthly income. "I don't have any insurance now because of how increases were done in the past," Bolton said.

John Franchini, New Mexico's current superintendent of insurance, endorsed the legislation, as did Brian Harris of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office. "I wish we had had this statute in place when we were reviewing the Blue Cross Blue Shield case," Harris said.

But not everyone favored the bill.

"We think this bill is the most stringent rate review plan in the U.S.," said Mark Padilla, speaking for the New Mexico Association of Health Plans. "And it doesn't do anything to control the costs of health care."

Dan Najjar, lobbyist for Lovelace Health Systems, meanwhile, said the requirements for insurers to provide the state with more financial information could put Lovelace at a disadvantage.

Lovelace's insurance division is only a slice of its business, but the information requirement would cast a wide net to include information from all parts of Lovelace's businesses, Najjar said. "We are not an insurance system," Najjar said.

"A lot of the information requested here would have nothing to do with our insurance."

While insurers' representatives predicted hardships if the legislation becomes law, lawmakers debated exactly how bold a step the legislation represented.

"This is a very modest step forward," said Sen. Eric Griego, D-Albuquerque. "But if anybody thinks this will rein in the costs, good luck."

Sen. Mark Boitano, R-Albuquerque, however, thought Griego understated the impact of the legislation. "Can we agree that they (the steps) are more than modest," Boitano said to Feldman, Franchini and Harris, who sat together at a presenter's table.

"Yes," Franchini said. "The steps are more than modest. But I don't think they are excessive."



# GOP lawmaker targets science ed

## Bill OKs intelligent design, global warming skepticism

By **Steve Terrell**  
The New Mexican

Public school science teachers who want to teach intelligent design alongside evolution and want to challenge the accepted scientific views about global warming would be protected under a bill introduced in the House.

Rep. Tom Anderson, R-Albuquerque, said his House Bill 302 is not intended to promote intelligent design or creationism. When a reporter said he wanted to talk about Anderson's "evolution bill," the lawmaker replied, "I don't have an 'evolution bill.'"

"I'm just trying to protect teachers ... I'm trying to prevent another Galileo," a reference to the father of modern physics, who was tried during the Inquisition as a heretic.

But the bill has been attacked by state and national scientific organizations.

The bill says the state "shall not prohibit any teacher, when a controversial scientific topic is being taught in accordance with adopted standards and curricula, from informing students about relevant scientific information regarding either the scientific strengths or scientific weaknesses pertaining to that topic. A teacher who chooses to provide such information shall be protected from reassignment, termination, discipline or other discrimination for doing so."

The bill lists several protected "controversial scientific topics" including "biological origins, biological evolution, causes of climate change, human cloning and other scientific topics that are often viewed by society as controversial."

Similar bills have stalled in the Legislature in recent years. A 2009 bill never got a committee hearing. However, as a result of last year's election, intelligent design supporters got a boost in the Legislature. A majority of incoming freshmen representatives told The New Mexican they believe that creationism should be taught in schools if evolution is.

Dave Thomas, who teaches classes at New Mexico Tech in Socorro, is president of New Mexicans for Science and Reason and said the state has good science standards for its schools, which he said protects students from "religious indoctrination" by their teachers.

"This is really just a ploy to get creationism in the classroom," he said.

"Allowing creationist teachers to attack evolution is an injustice to the education of their students, who will live and work in a world increasingly dependent on understanding science and technology," Steve Newton, programs and policy director of the National Center for Science Education, said in an email.

Newton argued that high-paying manufacturing jobs of the future will be in biotechnology — "an industry that assumes workers understand evolution."

Therefore, he said, New Mexican students would be put at a competitive disadvantage "if their teachers, under HB 302, are given cover to adulterate science education."

The bill says it "does not protect the promotion of any religion, religious doctrine or religious belief."

Anderson said if someone used his bill to teach religious tenants in school, "I'd go after them. I'd bring them down."

But opponents argue any teaching of creationism as fact is tantamount to promoting religion.

Newton said "academic freedom" bills represent a "current trend in anti-evolution activity" nationwide. Court decisions since the 1980s have discouraged creationism backers from seeking a ban on evolution or requiring equal time for creationism in the classroom.

Both Newton and Thomas said they believe Anderson's bill is based on model legislation from a Seattle-based intelligent-design think tank called the Discovery Institute.

Anderson said he'd heard that accusation, but says the bill is his own.

Though Anderson insisted the bill is not focused on evolution, it is being backed enthusiastically by an anti-evolution group in the state.

Joe Renick, head of the state chapter of the Intelligent Design Network, said evolution is a "dogma" pushed by "a priesthood whose underlying philosophy is scientific materialism."

The motive of Charles Darwin — whose "On the Origin of Species" is the foundation of evolution any science — was "to get God out of nature," Renick said.

The bill has been referred to the House Education and Judiciary committees.

# Panel OKs cut to NM auditor

## Balderas: 'We are desperate'

By **Trip Jennings**  
The New Mexican

A year and a half after an alleged multi-million-dollar embezzling scheme at a small northern New Mexico school district left state officials aghast, both the Legislature's budget arm and Gov. Susana Martinez are recommending fewer dollars for the Office of the State Auditor.

For months, state officials, including Martinez during last year's gubernatorial election campaigns, have said New Mexico needed more auditing, especially given the high-profile scandal at Jemez Mountain School District. The district was rocked by the loss of nearly \$4 million due to a long-running scheme that the auditor's office helped uncover.

But on Monday, Feb. 7, State Auditor Hector Balderas found himself playing defense at the Capitol. He told state lawmakers that his office would be hamstrung if the New Mexico Legislature funded his agency at the levels proposed either by the Legislative Finance Committee or the governor's recommendation. Balderas asked legislators to add back \$150,000 to his proposed budget.

"We are desperate," the state auditor told lawmakers.

Despite Balderas' plea, the House Appropriations and Finance Committee voted to recommend cutting \$250,000 from the office's funding levels this year.

"Instead of cutting our budget as per the LFC recommendation of 7 percent or \$212,000, we took two steps back and we were cut 8.8 percent or \$250,000," Caroline Buerkle, a spokeswoman for the State Auditor's Office, said Monday evening. "If we want government accountability we need to adequately fund it."

The proposed cuts would have devastating effects, Balderas said. It would leave his office with only \$60,000 to train state and local officials around the state and to keep private-sector auditing firms up to date on regulations.

Of that \$60,000, only \$5,000 would go toward travel, Balderas said, a small appropriation at a time when employees from his office are traveling to several southern New Mexico correctional facilities to examine records and documents. The facilities are part of a federal corruption probe involving allegations of contract irregularities.

"Ongoing cases like that are essential," Balderas told The New Mexican.

The State Auditor's Office is charged with an oversight role in how taxpayer money is spent, and each year it contracts private firms to perform annual audits on hundreds of local governments, school districts and state agencies around New Mexico.

The office, with about 25 employees, reviews all those outside audits once they're completed. In addition to reviewing those audits, many of them complex, the office's internal auditors also perform three or four public audits themselves.

Another big problem that might only worsen with less funding is the nagging problem of government audits not completed on time, which — as in the case of Jemez Mountain School District — can lead to significant problems, Balderas said.

More than 50 political entities across New Mexico, including several towns, villages, sanitation districts and a couple of counties, are designated "at risk" for not complying with a state law requiring annual audits to confirm how public money is spent, according to the State Auditor's website.

Balderas' complaints seemed to fall on sympathetic ears.

"It seems to me that there are no consequences," Rep. Patricia Lundstrom, D-Gallup, said of the noncompliant towns, villages and districts. "With money tight these days, we need to make sure it's going where it's saying it is."

The lack of consequences could change, though. After the hearing on Balderas' budget, legislative staff conferred with Martinez administration officials about adding language to legislation scheduled to be introduced this week. The new language would give the state the power to withhold funds from state agencies, cities, towns, villages and other political entities that do not comply with the state law requiring an accounting of how public funds were spent every year. If passed, that would be similar to what's already in the law for public school districts that don't meet the annual accounting standard, state officials said.

# Looking Back

## This week in the history of the Mesilla Valley

**Marvin Tessneer's**  
*Out of the Past*



### 100 years ago

• The weather in Las Cruces this week in 1911 ranged from a high of 76 on Saturday, Feb. 4, to a low of 25 Monday, Feb. 6.

• The Las Cruces Citizen called on Las Cruces to support building a new "Camino Real" to El Paso, saying "the county south to El Paso is full of nice, cute chuckholes. It takes a good team to travel them and the automobile isn't any fun going over them."

• The U.S. government announced that a site had been selected for a new federal building to house the post office, the U.S. Commissioner, the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. District Attorney, the U.S. courts and more.

### 75 years ago

#### 1936

• Gov. Clyde Tingley visited La Mesa and lauded the benefits of the farm program, which controlled the growing of crops to protect farmers' income. He later dedicated a new school in La Mesa. The governor continued on to Hot Springs, where he was to break ground on a new hospital for "crippled" children. More than 100 Las Cruces in 25 cars were expected to attend the ground breaking. The Agricultural College band led a parade through the

streets of Hot Springs.

• Olive Bush, a nationally known muralist from Santa Fe, was in Las Cruces to produce preliminary sketches of murals to be placed on buildings on the ag college campus. Frescos were to be placed in Foster Hall and the Hadley Administration Building.

### 50 years ago

#### 1961

• School children planted rose bushes on the plaza in Mesilla. One hundred roses of different varieties were donated for the project. A Las Cruces Citizen photo showed Mike Murray, Ralph Lucero, Michael Taylor and Hall Meek planting a bush.

• New Mexico was one of only three states spending more than 4 percent of its total income on education, but results were still below average. One problem was New Mexico's poverty relative to other states, as New Mexico's per-pupil funding was \$365 compared to a national average of \$400. The Land of Enchantment had 202,000 children attending elementary and secondary schools at the time.

• The Las Cruces Bulldogs won the district title with a 54-53 win over Gadsden, overcoming a 1-point halftime deficit.

### 25 years ago

#### 1986

• Citizens Bank of Las Cruces broke ground on new headquarters at the north end of

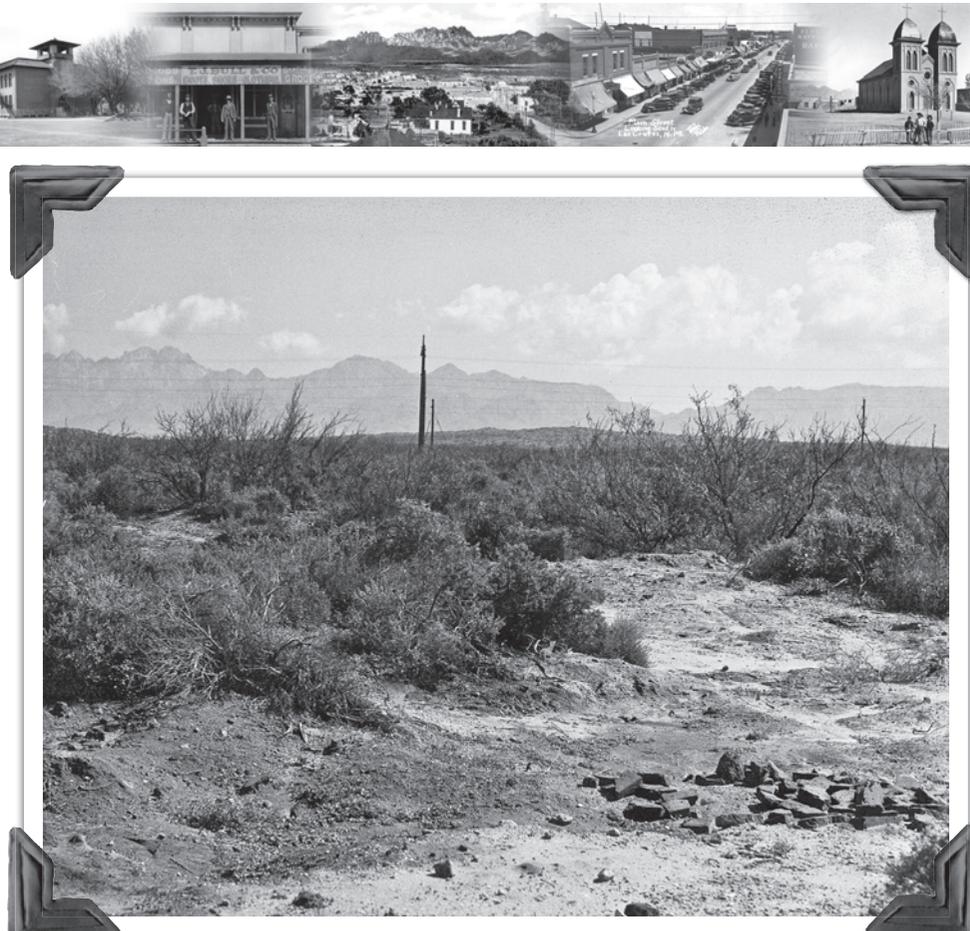


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**Very little was left of Fort Fillmore but a few firebricks when this photo was taken circa 1940. Fort Fillmore was established in 1851 to protect settlers. During the Civil War, the fort fell to invading Confederate forces from Texas. The fort, located just south of Las Cruces, was closed in 1862. Photo reproduced courtesy of the New Mexico State Library Rio Grande Historical Collection.**

Loretto Shopping Center. The 30,000-square-foot building would have eight drive-through lanes. The building design incorporated the ability to expand the bank to three stories if needed.

• Singer-songwriter Michael Martin Murphy was to appear at Popcorn's night club as part of a tour promoting his album "Tonight we Ride." Murphy is best known for his songs "Wildfire," "Geronimo's Cadillac" and "Cherokee Fiddle."

• The New Mexico State Aggies whipped UC Irvine at the Pan American Center 98 to 75. The Anteaters led by as much as 10 points in the first half before the Aggies' Kenny Travis made a three-pointer and then stole the ball for a lay-up. Late in the second half, Travis scored 12 consecutive points to break the game open and ended up with 31 points.

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# NMSU aids Afghan farmers

## Program delivers 5,000 tree sapplings

New Mexico State University specialists are helping farmers in Afghanistan create a better life for themselves and their families by establishing income-generating fruit and nut orchards.

The Afghanistan Water, Agriculture and Technology Transfer Program (AWATT) program, led by NMSU under a three-year \$16 million USAID cooperative agreement, provided 5,000 tree sapplings to farmers in Nuristan last year through a coordinated effort involving several partner organizations.

"This AWATT project benefits participating Afghan farmers because it provides them an additional source of income," said Roger Beck, NMSU's Kabul-based director of AWATT, in a recent interview while he was on home leave in Las Cruces. "In a country where the average farm income is between \$250 and \$400 a year, any new earnings are a welcome bonus.

"There is also increased employment for laborers," Beck said, explaining how the program hires available community labor at \$4 a day to do everything from preparing the fields to nursing the sapplings to planting them. Not only will the trees help reclaim upper watersheds, but participating farmers will eventually be able to sell the fruits and nuts.

"Most importantly, they gain a sense of pride and accomplishment and responsibility for their environment."

The kinds of fruits and nuts the participating farmers are growing include apple, apricot, almond and walnut. The farmers involved in this project had previous experience, Beck said. AWATT provided them technical training to design and lay out their orchards, alongside the extension staff from the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, which is the program's Afghan counterpart.

The seedlings were provided by IFHope, a U.S.-based, non-governmental organization

working in eastern Afghanistan. The Nuristan Conservation Corps provided appropriate village-level contacts in the districts where the seedlings were planted, which is an important part of work in Afghanistan where outsiders are viewed suspiciously. IFHope conducted both classroom and practical training for supervisors and NCC workers, who then trained the farmers in proper orchard management.

AWATT selected the 200 participating farmers based on their land availability, soil quality and whether they had access to adequate water. Farmers also were given tools such as shovels, spades and pruning shears.

"You hear on the news about the military and civilian strategy in Afghanistan. AWATT is a very important part of that civilian strategy," Beck said. "NMSU students, faculty and staff gain by the very fact that we are working in Afghanistan. We are part of a global economy. We are putting the lessons learned in the classroom into practice. And we are part of the U.S. counterinsurgency strategy in Afghanistan. Eventually, if the Afghan economy improves and security becomes less of an issue, there may well be opportunities for exchanges of students and faculty between NMSU and the universities we work with here in Afghanistan."

The purpose of the three-year AWATT program, which is scheduled to end this summer, is to increase food security, agricultural productivity and employment in rural Afghanistan and to help re-establish healthy watersheds by improving irrigation and agronomic practices and strengthening support services to farmers. It is a long process, but Beck will leave Afghanistan and return to New Mexico this spring, satisfied that the AWATT program has successfully introduced sustainable farming to a country that was isolated and without access to changing agriculture practices for more than 30 years.

# CrimeStoppers

## Armed robberies



Las Cruces Crime Stoppers is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to the arrests of the suspects who may be responsible for as many as six armed robberies that have been committed in the past couple of weeks.

The armed robberies were Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Eagle Quick Mart at 4790 Stern Drive; Friday, Jan. 28, at the Eros bookstore at 2200 W. Amador Ave.; Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Lotaburger at 1300 S. Valley Drive; and Sunday morning, Jan. 30, at Domino's Pizza at 2645 Missouri Ave.

In addition to those four armed robberies, another was reported late Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Chucky's convenience store in Doña Ana and an attempted armed robbery was reported at the Pic Quik store at 3925 S. Main St.

All six armed robberies were committed during late-evening or early-morning hours.

Of the six armed robberies, at least four

have similarities that lead detectives to believe they may have been committed by the same two or three young men or teenage boys.

The suspects in each of those four cases are described as young Hispanic or black men or teenage boys, all of whom were wearing masks or dark-colored hoodies. The suspects were said to be armed with handguns and, in at least one case, possibly a shotgun.

The suspects in some of the armed robberies may be driving a white, older model sport utility vehicle – possibly a Suburban or Tahoe.

If you have any information on the identity of the suspects 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.

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Bulletin Staff Report

Local health executives will update the community on issues facing the health services industry at the annual Medical Update Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave.

Speakers for the event include Mesilla Valley Hospital CEO Kevin Burgess, Advanced Care Hospital of Southern New Mexico CEO Suzanne Quillen and Pamela Schultz, interim director of the New Mexico State University School of Nursing. The professionals will talk about the current issues facing the medical community. Dr. Catherine Torres, recently nominated New Mexico Secretary of Health, has been invited to serve as keynote speaker.

Torres is a practicing pediatrician at the Rio Grande Medical Group in Las Cruces. She has served on the U.S.-Mexico Border

Health Commission and the New Mexico-Sonora Commission. Torres also served on the Medical Advisory Committee of the Doña Ana County Detention Center and chaired the New Mexico Border Health Advisory Committee. She earned her bachelor's and medical degree from the University of New Mexico.

The Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce is hosting the event, which kicks off this year's Membership Luncheon series. The series consists of six luncheons with presentations on key sectors of the Las Cruces economy throughout the year. Other luncheons in the series will focus on education, military, city and county government, and an address from the governor.

Tickets to the Medical Update Luncheon are \$20 for chamber members or \$40 for nonmembers. For reservations, contact the chamber at 524-1968 or [relo@lascruces.org](mailto:relo@lascruces.org). Registration also is available online at [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org).

# School board sets meeting

## Agenda includes action on Rounds' contract

The Las Cruces Public Schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, in the board room of the LCPS Administration Building.

The agenda is expected to include action on the employment contract of Superintendent Stan Rounds, a report from Rounds on student athletes' grade point averages, recognition of educational assistant Susan Hampton, who performed an act of heroism at Mayfield High School and acceptance of 2009-10 financial reports from LCPS, La Academia Dolores Huerta Charter School and Las Montañas Charter High School. There also will be first readings of policies on volunteer services and fiscal reporting.

# Neighbors We've Lost

## JEANNINE STIDHAM POLSTON

*Nov. 8, 1930 - Jan. 19, 2011*

Jeannine Stidham Polston, resident of Riverside, California for the past 8 years, passed away 1/19/2011 at Riverside Community Hospital.

Jeannine was born on 11/8/1930 in Electra, Texas to Carney and Blanche Stidham. The family moved to Las Cruces when Jeannine was young. She attended public school and graduated from Las Cruces Union High School in 1948. She was active in school activities while in high school. Following graduation, she attended New Mexico State University. Jeannine was a member of First Baptist Church while living in Las Cruces.

On 6/24/1949, Jeannine was married to

Carl Polston. To this union two sons were born. When their sons were very young, the family moved to Lompoc, California. Jeannine worked as Operations Manager for Security Pacific National Bank in Lompoc and, after 25 years of service, she retired.

Jeannine is survived by her husband of 61 years, Carl Polston of Riverside, California; sons, Phil Polston of Magalia, California and Carlie Polston of Riverside, California; brother, Ralph Stidham of San Diego, California; 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Jeannine was a member of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church in Riverside where services were held on 1/29/2011.

## MARY MATHERS WELCH

*Sept. 30, 1923 - Feb. 7, 2011*

Mary Mathers Welch, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, passed away at Memorial Medical Center on February 7, 2011. Mary was born on September 30, 1923 in Los Angeles, California to Allece Bolinger Martin and Joseph Martin. She lived in Lancaster, California until age seven, when she moved to Mason City, Illinois. Mary graduated from Mason City High School in Mason City, Illinois and later graduated from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. In 1945, she graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree and went on to teach school in Heyworth, Illinois. Later, Mary moved to Chicago where she worked briefly before becoming a stewardess for United Airlines.

In March of 1947, Mary married L.E. "Gene" Mathers, Jr. They joined with Gene's dad in the family cattle and farming operation and went on to expand the farming operation while enjoying many years of exhibiting Shorthorn cattle from coast to coast. Mary and Gene moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1965 and soon after started Mathers Realty.

Mary was very active in the community. She served on the Jr. Cotillion Board; she was a member of the Rio Grande Girl Scout Council; a founder of the "Lassies," a supporting organization of the American Shorthorn Association; a member of the Women's Council of Realtors, and a member of the NMSU President Associates Board. Mary belonged to the Las Cruces City Panhellenic, and was a big part of the Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink campaign. Mary was seen at most NMSU basketball and football games and at many other events.

Mary was predeceased by her husband Gene in 1978, but continued to operate Mathers Realty in his absence, up until the time that she



turned over the reins of the business to Van Bullock and her daughter Laura in 1992. She continued her Real Estate Broker duties energetically until her passing. In 1991 Mary married Dr. James E. Welch and they enjoyed many happy years together before his passing in 2009. Mary's positive attitude about life was an inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by her two children, Dr. L.E. "Les" Mathers, III of

Morton, Illinois and Laura Mathers Conniff and husband Dr. John Conniff of Las Cruces, New Mexico and grandchildren Tom Mathers, Peoria, Illinois.; Katie Mathers, Upland, Indiana; Lindsay Mathers, Morton, Illinois.; Ryan Paulowsky and wife Whitney of Atlanta, Georgia.; Sarah P. Rice and husband Cameron of Dallas, Texas.; two great grandchildren, Mary Kiley and William Paulowsky; and stepchildren James Welch, Julie Shultz, Holly Finlay and their families.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mary Mathers Welch fund, NMSU Foundation Box 3590, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003 or to the NMSU Aggies are Tough Enough to Wear Pink Fund/ Cowboys For Cancer Research P. O. Box 202, Dona Ana, New Mexico 88032

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on Friday, February 11, 2011, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz, Las Cruces, New Mexico with services to follow at 4 p.m. Rev. Norm Story will be officiating. Graveside services will be held at Mason City Cemetery, Mason City, Illinois, February 14, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. with reception to follow at Jack and Jo's, Mason City, Illinois.

Arrangements by Getz Funeral Home corner of Solano and Bowman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 526-2419. To sign the local online guest book, go to [www.GetzCares.com](http://www.GetzCares.com)

# DEATH NOTICES

## ALFARO

Mario Q. Alfaro, 62, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2011 at La Posada. Visitation services for Mr. Alfaro were held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home Chapel with cremation following. Services under the direction of La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 526-6891.

## MARTINEZ

Maria Margarita Martinez, 80, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 526-6891.

## MONTOYA

Robert R. Montoya, Jr., 53, of Las Cruces passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2011. Services are pending with La Paz - Graham's Funeral Home. 526-6891

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

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## A right to resolution

**Gabriel Vasquez**  
Business Editor



El Paso Electric Co. has faced tough criticism and backlash from El Paso and Las Cruces residents after it failed to provide power to many homes during the “rolling blackout” phase of the arctic freeze that brought life to a standstill last week.

It all started Thursday, Feb. 3, when EPE announced it would continue rolling outages lasting up to an hour and encouraged all EPE customers to curtail the use of electricity.

Given the sub-zero temperatures and blizzard-like conditions, it seemed understandable.

“The system isn’t set up for this type of weather,” I thought.

But the blackouts continued for three days, and after increasing frustration, logic turned to anger.

“This should’ve already been fixed,” I thought.

Like many others in Las Cruces, I began to question the infrastructure and repair capabilities of EPE. Living in the digital-information age when instant results have become the standard, it’s natural to think these type of repairs, too, should be soon, if not immediate.

EPE CEO David Stevens recently addressed some pressing questions from reporters and consumers.

The bottom line is, Stevens said, EPE did everything within its power and infrastructure to restore power in a timely manner. Before the freeze, EPE completed a full “winterization” of its equipment and generators.

That wasn’t enough.

At one point after several of EPE’s generators locked up, transmission lines in the borderland were at capacity and EPE had just one generator putting out 63 megawatts, as close as the area has ever been to a total blackout.

More frustration.

Then, EPE asked the city, county and schools to shut down for two days as not to overload the grid and cause more grief or a full blackout.

Again, more frustration, especially for parents who had take a day or two off of work to watch their children.

Stevens said EPE’s primary concern throughout the crisis was the health and safety of its customers. Rather than risk

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## Plumbing sales break records

### Freeze drives thousands to local hardware stores

By **Gabriel Vasquez**

Las Cruces Bulletin

“Insane,” commented one local hardware store owner.

Another described his store’s sales as “through the roof.”

In the midst of, and in the days following last week’s winter storm, thousands of Las Cruces flocked to area hardware stores looking for plumbing and other supplies to repair damaged hardware caused by the arctic freeze.

“We had about 1,100 customers on Saturday, a day that we normally see about 450,” said Gary Mook, general manager of Sutherlands Lumber Co. on El Paseo Road. “I’m completely sold out of almost every major part that everyone is looking for right now.”

Compounding Sutherlands inventory problem is another winter storm that’s affecting the store’s suppliers in the Midwest.

“A lot of our stuff comes from Elkhart, Ind., and they’re having their own problems – about 9 inches of snow,” he said. “They’re not even producing the parts this week.”

The most sought-after items, Mook said, were three-quarter-inch PVC pipe, hot-water PVC pipe, copper fittings and pipe insulation.

“We’re not expecting the pipe insulation and pipe wrap back in until Thursday (Feb. 10), and the rest will have to wait until Monday (Feb. 14),” he said.

Sutherlands also had to make its fair share of repairs.

“I had a water line on the roof that is double wrapped, and it still had three breaks,” he said. “We’re just not insulated for this type of cold.”

At Johnston’s True Value Hardware on Picacho Avenue, sales clerk Adrian Gonzales said, “We’ve had record sales – through the roof.”

He said starting late last week, droves of customers came in looking for PVC pipe,

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Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

**Richard Lopez, hardware manager at Sutherlands Lumber Co. on El Paseo Road, shows one of the in-demand copper fittings for pipe repairs Wednesday, Feb. 9.**

## A smartphone for the masses

### Verizon begins local sales of Apple’s iPhone

By **Gabriel Vasquez**

Las Cruces Bulletin

One of the most tightly guarded monopolies in the electronics industry has been disbanded, and the doors have opened to a new wave of consumers who want to use Apple’s iPhone, but not the mandatory AT&T service agreement that used to come with it.

To much fanfare and Internet buzz, Apple announced last month that Verizon Wireless would begin carrying the iPhone Thursday, Feb. 10.

“We are thrilled about this,” said local Verizon spokesperson Jenny Weaver. “There’s a lot of built-up demand for this device.”

As of press time Wednesday,

Feb. 9, Nate Warren, the Verizon Wireless Lohman Avenue store manager, said he expected lines to begin snaking around the building Wednesday night.

“We’re expecting a lot of people,” he said.

Adrian Olague, an AT&T customer and iPhone user with AT&T for almost two years, said he planned on showing up to the Verizon store at 10 p.m. Wednesday.

“I don’t mind camping out,” he said. “It will be worth it because I plan on buying two phones. One for me and one for my wife.”

Olague, whose AT&T contract expires in March, said he’s choosing Verizon because it receives a

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better and faster signal where he works and lives.

"I work at White Sands, and I know the Verizon signal is better out there," he said. "And I also go to Mexico a lot, so I know it's better there, too."

Olague said he primarily uses the iPhone for entertainment.

"Facebook, YouTube and anything on the Internet," he said. "It's so easy."

Las Crucen Daniel Basaldua has never owned a smartphone, but said he is strongly considering purchasing an iPhone in the near future, although he admits he's not prepared to brave the long lines this week.

"I've never bought a smartphone because I felt the phone and service agreements were too expensive," he said. "But with the iPhone coming out, I can sync it up with my stereo, use the Bluetooth and use it for all kinds of entertainment – and it's on Verizon."

Basaldua, already a Verizon customer, said he would make the buying decision once he evaluates the cost of the data plan and a new two-year contract.

"I've liked Verizon quite a bit, and I've had other services before that were really terrible," he added.

Given the expansive media campaign Verizon launched last month and the buzz surrounding the Verizon iPhone, Weaver said the company is prepared to handle an influx of new customers and the Internet data usage associated with the use of the new smartphones.

"We have the largest 3G network," she said. "We have made significant investments – to the tune of \$65 million – to handle the increased data traffic. We feel confident customers will have a great experience on the Verizon Wireless network."

A customer pre-order date for the Verizon iPhones was set Feb. 3, "a historic sales day" for Verizon, Weaver said.

"(That day) we had to stop taking orders

on the iPhone 4s," she said. "But customers can go online and pre-order or come in to any one of our stores across the country open at 7 a.m. on Thursday."

Responding to rumors that Apple may release an iPhone 5 this summer and sell it exclusively through AT&T, Weaver said, "We don't speculate on any rumors, but why would a customer want to wait for the unknown when they can get a great phone today?"

In a perhaps not-so-subtle response to what is being called "Verizon iPhone Day," T-Mobile is offering a free-phone giveaway on Feb. 11 and 12. The last time the company attempted the same promotion on Father's Day 2010, it added 110,000 new customers, according to Tmo News.

Sprint is also countering "Verizon iPhone Day" by unveiling a new dual-screen Android phone from Kyocera, a device being touted as an "industry first."

"Sprint is proud to boast the most powerful Android portfolio available today, and Echo adds to that legacy with industry-leading technology that will change the way our customers use smartphones," said Sprint CEO Dan Hesse.

And while undoubtedly AT&T stands to lose the most from "Verizon iPhone Day," the Google-powered Android phones could be in hot water as well.

Electronics reseller and recycler Gazelle, a Boston-based company, which pays consumers for their old and unwanted gadgets, has reported a spike in the number of Droid phones people are trading in for cash. The volume of Droid shipments the company usually gets have doubled, said Gazelle President Israel Ganot, suggesting that Verizon Droid users may be flocking to the iPhone faster than AT&T customers.

Some subtle changes have been made to the Verizon iPhone, including a world-mode chip that can operate in different countries, a dual-antenna design, a new vibrator, integrated standalone GPS and a lighter battery unit.

For more information on the iPhone, visit [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com).



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Nearly half of the PVC-related items in the plumbing department at Sutherlands Lumber Co. were out of stock Wednesday, Feb. 9.

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fittings and other plumbing accessories, which created lines in the store that snaked around various departments.

"Man, it has been hectic," he said. "We just got a new supply yesterday and as soon as we got the truck in, people were like piranhas, taking everything left and right. We weren't even able to put product on the shelf it went so quick."

The clerk added his store was looking at other buying options to replenish its plumbing inventory because of the regional shortage.

"Everyone right now is looking everywhere for this stuff," he said.

Gonzales said many homeowners didn't come in until days after the deep freeze, when their pipes began to thaw.

"The problem is with the frozen water, after the pipes start thawing, that's when the leaks start coming," he said. "As the water thaws, it expands the pipe and they start to burst, especially on the copper."

Theresa Trujillo, vice president of RTD Hardware on North Valley Drive, said last week was one of the busiest for the store in months.

"Our inventory is really low right now, but a truck is coming in tomorrow (Feb. 10) to replenish some of that stock," she said. "We've called some places and their lead times are from seven to 10 days just to get these products out the door."

Virginia Oxford, owner of Hayden's Hardware on Foster Road, said she saw a threefold rise in sales during the last week.

"It tripled," she said. "It's been insane."

Also trying to replenish inventory, Oxford said her staff has been working patiently with customers seeking solutions to broken water pipes and other problems associated with the freezing temperatures.

"We've been running as fast as we can trying to get people what they need or trying to create something to help them out so they can get their water back on," she said. "We tell them that we may not have the coupling they need, but if they want, we can put two or three things together and get them back in business. We do our best to find a solution for them and get them going."

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a total blackout or tripping the generators again, EPE again pleaded with city and county officials to reduce power or stay closed if they could.

While most of the city experienced rolling, one-hour blackouts, many were left without power for several hours. Stevens said in those cases, the breakers didn't trip back properly and EPE crews struggled in the winter temperatures to get to each site.

Eventually, EPE had to purchase power from other utilities just to meet demand.

Will customers get rebates or discounts following the outages?

Probably not, Stevens said, because if there's no electricity, there's no charge.

But EPE is considered one of the most profitable utilities in the country, shouldn't

the administration have invested more heavily on its infrastructure?

Not exactly, because as Stevens put it, the company doesn't build its infrastructure to withstand recurring temperatures below 18 degrees, which is what brought the generators to a grinding halt, not a lack of capacity.

I know there are still angry customers and questions lingering about EPE's responsiveness and communication following the blackouts, but I think they did a fairly good job getting information out to the public and explaining the situation honestly and sincerely.

Let's not forget that any organization, especially following a calamity of this nature, has the right to respond and the right to resolution.

EPE was honest, and now that the lights are back on, I can't much argue with that.

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# The quirky side of advertising

## Sparky's owner talks about restaurant's success

By **Gabriel Vasquez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Attendees of the February meeting of the Advertising Federation of Las Cruces got a taste of "quirky marketing" and how it led a Hatch business owner to unprecedented success.

Teako Nunn, owner of Sparky's Burgers, Barbecue and Espresso, took center stage Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Lorenzo's de Mesilla, where he spoke about both the support and outcry he's seen since erecting oversized statues placed on and around the grounds of his Hatch restaurant.

"It's the best thing that ever happened to us," he said.

At Sparky's, visitors can pose with life-sized statues of Col. Sanders and Ronald McDonald, take pictures of the A&W Root Beer family perched on the roof or marvel at the statue of Uncle Sam holding a giant green chile.

"Our decoration is very unconventional," Nunn said. "Most of the big figurines and stuff are things we have collected over the years."

Nunn admits he's spent somewhere between \$50,000 and \$60,000 on new statues since opening the restaurant more than two years ago.

"We bought the colonel from a KFC in Socorro," he said. "And my buddy from West Virginia made this giant green chile with Uncle Sam standing next to it. It's beautiful, if you ask me — such a nice juxtaposition."

Since erecting more figures, Sparky's has received a lot of local and national attention, and not all positive. A Hatch resident who considered "Sparky's Pig" to be an eyesore, reported



Following their passion for music, the Nunns have recently added the "Green Chile Room" to Sparky's. The room will be host to blues and jazz musicians every month.

to the New Mexico Department of Transportation that the statue was in violation of state code for roadside advertising. The NMDOT promptly asked Nunn to remove it last year.

"You can't have a sign on wheels that directs people to your business," he said. "This guy knew the law and he turned us in. Before that, the DOT didn't even know we existed."

Frustrated at first, Nunn said he was surprised when local and regional media outlets picked up the story and as a result, began to draw bigger crowds to the restaurant.

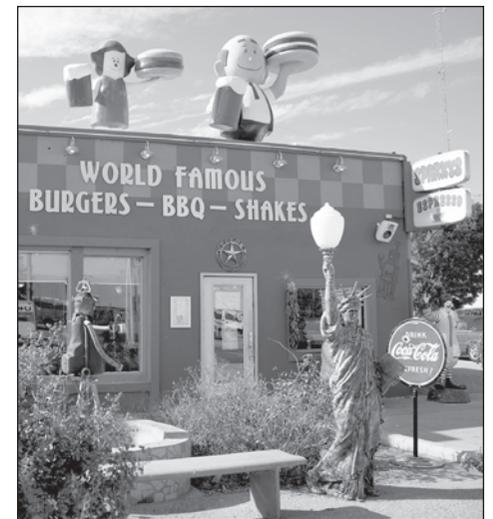
"The village had a bunch of meetings and changed the law to make the pig legal," Nunn

said. "The mayor supported us."

But the problems didn't stop there. While having lunch with his wife, Nunn said a Hatch police officer approached them and said a local ordinance required him to also remove a giant rooster statue he had placed on a trailer nearby.

"He hated to do it, but he said there was an ordinance in town that says a vehicle cannot be parked for two weeks in one spot without moving," Nunn said. "That's when my wife Josie started making calls and all the national publicity started coming."

Recently, the Nunns were contacted by the



Sparky's Burgers, Barbecue and Espresso, located at 115 Franklin St. in Hatch, features life-sized figurines and quirky décor that has caught the attention of local and national news outlets.

producers of an upcoming Discovery Channel show, "Road Eats," which brought its film crew to Hatch recently to film Sparky's and one of the stars of its shows eating the restaurant's "World Famous Green Chile Cheeseburger."

"That was a lot of fun," said Nunn, who added he doesn't know when the episode will air. "They filmed everything from scratch and wouldn't let me meet the (host) until he came through the front door and they were filming. He was a big guy and we invented a new burger on the spot just for him."

Business at Sparky's has gone up about 30 percent since "the news about the pig thing came out," Nunn said.

"What's important to us is that when people eat at Sparky's, they come back," he said.

Sparky's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday and is located at 115 Franklin St. in Hatch.

## Building Las Cruces

### Motor Vehicle Division



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Gabriel Vasquez

Excavation is under way to make room for a new Motor Vehicle Division office at 3681 N. Main St., behind Papa John's and the old Hollywood Video. Morrow Enterprises is doing the groundwork, and the construction manager said the facility should be operational by the end of the year.

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# Tight budget means creativity to improve schools

## Graduation rates an embarrassment to the state

New funding to support K-12 education is unlikely to come from the current Legislature.

The Legislative Finance Committee wants to hold K-12 flat while the Gov. Susana Martinez budget recommends cutting funding by 1.5 percent. Meanwhile, New Mexico's graduation rate is only 67 percent, ranking it 44th among the states. Perhaps it is time – during this period of very tight budgets – to try to come up with a new plan for better allocation of funds rather than just spending in the same unproductive way. Here, economics can help.

It turns out that students who have higher skills as measured on standardized math and reading tests earn higher income. So, teachers who raise test scores contribute more to students' future earning power. For example, studies show that in one year, a good teacher can increase test scores by a year and a half and a bad teacher will only

improve scores by a half year.

So, students in a good teacher's classroom will gain a year more in skills over a student in a poor teacher's classroom. If you apply these gains over a class of 25 students, this one-year advantage will result in an additional \$500,000 in earnings over the lifetime of the students.

We can drill down even further.

The evidence suggests educational achievement in kindergarten and first grade is more persistent than in other grades. A half-year gain in achievement in the first or second year of school is more likely to translate into high achievement later in life than the same half-year gain in, say, fourth grade.

This suggests a way to reallocate resources so as to get better results – we need our best teachers in kindergarten and first grade. The easiest way to achieve this would be to pay kindergarten and first grade teachers a premium of, say, an extra \$5,000 per year.

Such a premium, about half the bump of becoming an assistant principal, would be sufficient for teachers to compete for these positions. Principals can then select the best teachers.

In exchange for these higher salaries, the kindergarten and first-grade teachers would be expected to perform in the top tier of educators, which means achieving gains of 1.5 years per year, so that at the end of first grade, the average student would be ready to start third-grade work. Those who don't achieve these goals should be re-assigned, not fired, but also no longer eligible for the early year salary bonus.

Finding the funds to finance my suggested reform is a challenge. One idea would be to use permanent funds – after all, we are investing into the education of our children. But legislators are understandably reluctant to do this. Another idea would be to cut central administration by another 1.5



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percent and dedicate the savings to early year education. In any case, continuing as is, is a recipe for disaster.

Of course, higher earning capacity is not the only reason for education. School is also important for socializing students into being better citizens and education is important in helping students live a better life. Studies show better educated citizens are healthier, happier and live longer. But these other goals are likely advanced by higher achievement scores. Reallocating the best teachers to critical early years will help our children achieve the kind of lifestyle we want for them.

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# More graduates multiply local successes

## Community stands to gain from a more educated workforce

The connection between education and income is pretty clear – the longer you stay in school, the more money you make over a lifetime.

A college graduate, on average, makes \$1 million more than a high school dropout. A high school dropout is also more likely to be in poverty, twice as likely to slip into poverty in a single year and more likely to be living on public assistance.

The decision to stay in school or not seems, on the surface, like a personal choice that only affects an individual. Right? Sadly, no.

This personal decision quickly affects the community as a whole, especially when large numbers of high school students choose not to graduate. It hinders their ability to support a family. It keeps businesses from having the employees they need to thrive and grow. It reduces the amount of tax dollars going into the system to fund infrastructure growth, but increases the amount going out to programs that fund dependence. According to "The Social Costs of Inadequate

Education" report by the Campaign for Educational Equity, the estimated cost of a dropout on society is about \$271,000 per lifetime.

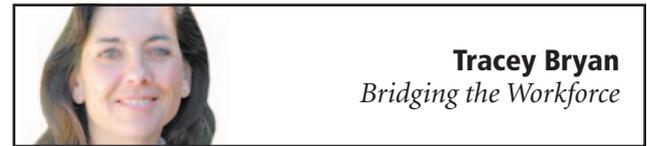
Adding to the number of students who graduate multiplies success throughout the community. Doña Ana County has much to gain if the graduation rate increases. Thanks to the Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University, we can get an idea of exactly how much.

Using data obtained from the Public School Review website and the most recent countywide dropout rate of almost 50 percent in 2008, the Arrowhead Center produced a report, "Dropout Impact Statistics for Doña Ana County, NM." The following is an example of what could be gained if that rate could be cut in half.

If those 50 percent of students graduated high school, there would be an additional \$3.3 million in earnings in the county, and \$3 million in disposable income. The numbers jump dramatically if they stay to complete a college degree, \$12.8 million in increased earnings and \$11.6 million in disposable income.

The report also found that the buying power of those potential graduates would increase home values in the county by \$66 million. Interestingly, the survey revealed that the average high school graduate's home is worth \$153,832. The average non-graduate's home was \$80,245 – or roughly half the value of a graduate. So there's an additional incentive to a student thinking of dropping out – stay in school and you'll be able to afford twice the house.

There's good news for the county's car dealers, too – an additional \$529,474 in auto sales would take place every year.



**Tracey Bryan**  
*Bridging the Workforce*

The increase in income and spending also translates into a boost in tax revenue – \$361,122 in annual federal revenue and \$212,034 for the state.

The final measure of impact was an increase in human capital – or the increase in capacity that comes from pursuing higher education. Currently, about 1 in 5 Doña Ana County high school graduates pursue post-secondary education.

At that rate, there would be an additional 184 students enrolled in higher education institutions – more students in college, and more students prepared for the 21st century workforce.

So, the dropout crisis that plagues the county and nation really is a math problem. Do we, as a community, focus on supporting and encouraging students to stay in school and reach those graduation milestones, so they can add so much to their families, their employers and the community? Or do we simply stand by as they choose a path that reduces, or subtracts from, their individual potential and what we could become as a community?

“ ... the dropout crisis that plagues the county and nation really is a math problem. ”

*Tracey Bryan is president and CEO of The Bridge, a nonprofit organization that brings together business, economic development, government and education to create a stronger, well-qualified workforce in Doña Ana County. The Bridge's top priority is to increase the high school graduation rate in the county and the nonprofit's work has led to the creation of the state's first Early College High School on the Arrowhead Center campus at New Mexico State University. To contact Bryan, email tbryan@dacc.nmsu.edu.*

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# New-home inventory searching for equilibrium

## Builders look to match supply with local market demand

For the past three years, Las Cruces area homebuilders have been striving to reduce their inventories to levels that match the number of available buyers. It appears their efforts are paying off.

In January 2010, the 225 active new-home listings offered for sale represented a 23-month supply at the then sales rate of 10 units per month.

Through a combination of building fewer homes and reducing prices to move excess inventory, builders were able to reduce the size of their available stock by more than 100 units during the remainder of the year. By this January, the 110 new homes listed for sale represented a 10-month supply at today's sales pace. A six-month supply is considered normal, according to the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

Average and median new-home prices continued to decline throughout 2010, mak-

### January 2010-11 home sales comparison

New homes	# Sold	Average price	Median price	Active listings	Months' supply
2010	10	\$272,287	\$251,250	225	23
2011	11	\$145,137	\$155,000	110	10
Change	+1	-\$127,150	-\$96,250	-115	-13
Existing homes	# Sold	Average price	Median price	Active listings	Months' supply
2010	48	\$206,628	\$185,500	966	20
2011	47	\$179,967	\$158,500	940	20
Change	-1	-\$26,661	-\$27,000	-26	0

Source: Las Cruces Association of Realtors

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ing home buying more affordable for area purchasers. The average price dropped by a little more than \$127,000, while the median price – where half sold for more and half sold for less – fell to a little more than \$96,000.

The number of existing homes sold in

January of this year was nearly identical to the number sold in January of last year, with just under 50 closings reported in each period. Unfortunately, today's 20-month supply is no improvement over the 20-month supply reported one year ago. The only ways to reduce

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our area's inventory to a normal level are to reduce prices further, add more buyers to the marketplace or a combination of both.

Sales statistics indicate the number of buyers searching for homes in our area is about the same as it was last year. What's different this year is the type of "deal" they are looking for. One year ago, about 8 percent of the buyers opted to purchase properties owned by banks (REOs) or that were offered as short sales. A short sale is where the owner's lender agrees to accept a price that is below the amount owed on the property. Today, more than one-third of existing-home buyers have contracted to purchase short sale or REO properties.

Until equilibrium is reached in both our Las Cruces new and existing-home markets, prices will most likely continue to decline.

# Fund gives voice to people with disabilities

## Local champion developing online network to pool state resources

Courtesy of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico

Terry Keibel is no stranger to advocacy. After health issues caused Keibel to lose his vision in 2003 while living in Cleveland, he served at the Cleveland Sight Center as a public relations committee member, on the director's advisory committee, as campaign fundraiser for the White Cane Walk and advisor on accessibility for website development. He has volunteered as a facilitator for a monthly vision-loss support group, served as a volunteer public speaker for the United Way in greater Cleveland, lobbied for and obtained a computer with accessible software for use by individuals with vision loss and provided computer training to staff and individuals.

When he moved to Las Cruces in 2009, Keibel didn't stop serving. He sat on the city ADA Advisory Board, facilitated support groups for low vision and veterans and served as vice president of the Rio Grande Chapter of the Blinded Veterans Association.

It wasn't long before Keibel went virtual, becoming a moderator for an online discussion group using special conferencing on the Blinded Vets and Friends website, providing online computer training using

Skype and advocating for the blind on his website, [www.step-in-out.com](http://www.step-in-out.com).

Now, with a new fund developed through the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico (CFSNM), Keibel and his wife Maryellen are starting the Disability Coalition from Southern New Mexico.

"When I moved to New Mexico, I realized that it's often a day's drive to get from one town to another, making it nearly impossible to bring people together physically. So, my idea is to bring people together in the virtual world through the Internet," Keibel said.

Keibel designed the coalition so it would enable the various disability groups in New Mexico to share ideas and common goals through blogs and an online resource library, which will be a repository for disability groups to access and share information. The

website is in the development stage at this time.

"In addition, we will use online conferencing to conduct monthly meetings with groups from around New Mexico. Our website will provide members of the disabled community a way to promote various products they have created such as artwork, books and reference materials," Keibel said.

Keibel chose the CFSNM

### For more info

For more information on the Disability Coalition from Southern New Mexico, or the website currently in development, email Terry Keibel at [terrykeibel@gmail.com](mailto:terrykeibel@gmail.com).

to help him set up the fund because it was an opportunity to get the coalition up and running without the worry and hassle of managing the funds.

"I investigated trying to set up my own nonprofit, but the paperwork alone probably would have taken me over a year to establish," he said. "Using the CFSNM allowed me to focus on the mission of the coalition while they focus on the finances."

While Keibel focuses on building the coalition so each advocacy group has a voice, the fund will grow the money from donations so the coalition can access the online support group and resource materials posted in the online library.

"It's important to me to do this because I want to encourage people to know that they are a person first with a disability, and not a disabled person. That is a very clear distinction," said Keibel, an army veteran who served in Vietnam as a helicopter instrument



Terry Keibel, a retired Vietnam veteran who lost his sight in 2003, is active in pursuing technology related to the blind community and has recently established a fund with the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico.

repairman and spent his career as a power lineman, field service engineer, application sales engineer, distributor sales manager and a regional sales manager selling automation equipment. "When I first became blind, I received so much support from family, friends and the community where I lived at the time. I find that people often don't know where to go for help when they find they are losing their hearing or vision, or that they can't drive anymore, or that they can't access information using the computer. Helping is a way to give back to others all that I have received."

To donate to the fund, visit the CFSNM website at [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org) or call CFSNM Executive Director Luan Wagner Burn at 521-4794.



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# Briefs

## NMSU to host medicinal herbs seminar



**Monique Gutierrez-Ortega shows NMSU Agricultural Specialist Charles Martin locally obtained cedar chips that she uses in preparing some of her traditional "remedios." Gutierrez-Ortega will be among the presenters at the Southwest Medicinal Herbs Production and Marketing seminar hosted by NMSU.**

To help herbalists decrease risks while they grow their businesses, New Mexico State University is hosting "Southwest Medicinal Herbs Production and Marketing," a two-day seminar from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 4-5, at the NMSU Albuquerque Center, 4501 Indian School Road NE. During the program, participants will develop sensitivity to, and an understanding of, the need to balance culture and commerce; gain insights into the principles of entrepreneurship; identify herb species; and learn techniques for incorporating value-added production methods in growing, harvesting and producing their products. Pre-registration for the seminar is required. Total cost is \$40 for both days and \$30 for students, who must submit a copy of their student ID

with the registration form. To register, email [klombard@nmsu.edu](mailto:klombard@nmsu.edu) or obtain a registration form at <http://farmingtonsc.nmsu.edu/> and send a check or money order payable to NMSU and designated for Alcalde Herbs Workshop, to P.O. Box 1018, Farmington, NM 87499-1018.

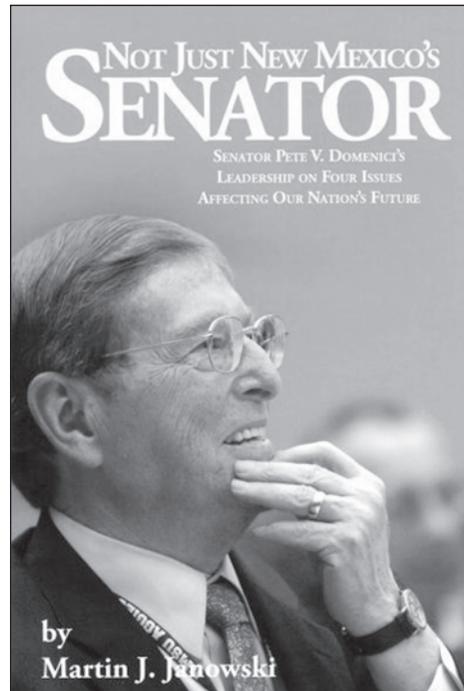
## Deming wind farm construction begins

Construction of the first full-scale wind farm development in Luna County has begun, according to Oregon-based Element Power. The Macho Springs Wind Farm is being built about 20 miles northeast of Deming. It will have 28 turbines once it's completed in August and will employ 150 workers. Mortenson Construction, a renewable energy construction contractor, is the builder. Company officials estimate the project will provide more than \$8 million in revenue to Luna County over 20 years.

## Channel 98 launches new health show

Healthy living for Las Cruces residents will be the main topic of "Staying Well with Sunnie Bell," a new TV show that debuted at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, on Las Cruces Channel 98 on Comcast cable. The show aims to educate viewers on how to achieve physical well-being and a positive mental and emotional outlook toward health. Each show will cover many aspects of healthy lifestyles, including good nutrition and physical activity. The show's host, Sunnie Bell, is a registered nurse and certified diabetes educator. Her credits include National Diabetes Educator of the Year 1995, American Diabetes Association President's Award and co-recipient of State of New Mexico Medical Society Medical Journalism Award. Programs will present information in a motivational manner. Content will frequently be based on material from Bell's book, "Weight Loss: How To Use The Marble Method." Bell will take questions from a small participating studio audience who will form a regularly attending class on the show. Las Cruces Channel 98 broadcasts on Comcast Cable channel 98 and on the Internet at [www.lascruceschannel.com](http://www.lascruceschannel.com). For more information, call 650-3398.

## Domenici books honored at NM Book Awards



**"Not Just New Mexico's Senator," written by Martin J. Janowski, won best political book at the 2010 New Mexico Book Awards. The book was published in collaboration with Rio Grande Books and New Mexico State University's Domenici Institute.**

"Not Just New Mexico's Senator," written by Martin J. Janowski, won best political book at the 2010 New Mexico Book Awards recently. "Senator Pete Domenici's Legacy; The Proceedings from the 2009 Pete V. Domenici Public Policy Conference," edited by Vicki Taggart, was a finalist in the same category. Both books were published in collaboration with Rio Grande Books and New Mexico State University's Domenici Institute. Janowski is a journalist, a public relations consultant and served as press secretary for Domenici during the 1980s.

His book highlights Domenici's contributions to reducing the threat of nuclear proliferation, the Congressional budget process, energy policy and mental health care parity. Domenici represented New Mexico for 36 years in the U.S. Senate before retiring in 2008. The book also includes a foreword by Garrey Carruthers, NMSU's vice president for economic development and director of the Domenici Institute. All three books are available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Another book, which will chronicle the 2010 Domenici Public Policy Conference, will be published later this year.

## Golf classic to benefit NMSU

Golf enthusiasts can hit the links – and support future New Mexico State University College of Engineering students – by participating in the inaugural Volt Information Sciences Slide Rule Golf Classic. The tournament will be played at the NMSU Golf Course Thursday, Feb. 24, in the midst of National Engineers Week. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and play opens with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.. An awards luncheon will follow in the NMSU Golf Course banquet room at 1 p.m., with prizes offered by Callaway Golf. Entry fees are \$100 for individual players and \$400 per four-person team, with proceeds supporting engineering scholarships for future NMSU engineering students. For more information or to register, email Tracey O'Neill at [traceyo@nmsu.edu](mailto:traceyo@nmsu.edu) or Mack Haley at [mhaley@nmsu.edu](mailto:mhaley@nmsu.edu) or call 646-2913.

## Garment-making class

Adults are invited to a knitting class that is designed for beginners and novices who have never knitted before and want to learn. Students will develop a solid foundation in six weeks and be able to advance to garment making. Men and women ages 18 and above are welcome. Initial supplies will be provided. During the class, students will be advised on what they will need to purchase. Classes are free and begin from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Thomas Branigan Memorial Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. Call 528-4005 to register.

## On the Agenda

### Social Security seminar

Toby Sanchez Rue of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney will host "Understanding Social Security Benefits," a seminar that begins at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Morgan Stanley office, 3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway, Suite B. Ray Vigil, public affairs specialist for the Social Security Administration, will be the featured speaker. The seminar is free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 521-2377.

**Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 15  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Morgan Stanley Smith Barney  
3050 N. Roadrunner Parkway,  
Suite B  
**Contact:** 523-5627

### Surviving in tough times

The Las Cruces SCORE chapter will host "How to get a Business to Survive in Tough Times" from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at MountainView Medical Center, 4311 E. Lohman Ave. Learn how to review your entire business operation to be sure you are minimizing your risks and making the most of the opportunities presented. This seminar will be a hands-on guide to good business practices, tuning up your marketing and sales efforts and maintaining good financial management of your operations from the front to the back door. Financial institutions that can help will be identified. Dave Chapman, chair of the local SCORE chapter, will lead the seminar. The seminar is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is at

5:45 p.m. For more information or to reserve a seat, call SCORE at 523-5627.

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 17  
**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.  
**Location:** MountainView Medical Center  
4311 E. Lohman Ave.  
**Contact:** 523-5627

### HTC meeting

Local actor and filmmaker Mark Vasconcellos will present research regarding available resources for media production projects during the next meeting of the High Tech Consortium of Southern New Mexico from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch, 1274 Golf Club Road. Vasconcellos has been seen as Pastor Jeff in the CW network's "Easy Money" and writes, produces and hosts the New Mexico travelogue show, "Enchantments." He is also an instructor at Doña Ana Community College. At the meeting, Vasconcellos will provide information for the foundation of a feasibility study on creating a multi-function media production facility to serve the needs of digital media efforts in the region. Following the regular meeting, there will be a focused session to discuss the feasibility study from 1 to 3 p.m. Both meetings are open to the public. For more information, call 521-0018.

**Date:** Friday, Feb. 18  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Sunset Grill  
1274 Golf Club Road  
**Contact:** 521-0018

### LCAR Lunch & Learn

The Las Cruces Association of Realtors (LCAR) will host a Lunch & Learn workshop on the topic of tax lightning from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, at the LCAR offices, 150 E. Idaho Ave. Doña Ana County Assessor Andy Segovia will discuss property taxation issues currently affecting all property owners and every county assessor in the state. A silent auction will be held. LCAR agents and affiliates are welcome, as are Building Industry Association members. Lunch is \$5. No RSVP required. For more information, call LCAR at 524-0658.

**Date:** Thursday, Feb. 17  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Location:** Las Cruces Association  
of Realtors  
150 E. Idaho Ave.  
**Contact:** 524-0568

### Free real estate seminar

Toby Jansen and Elaine Heitz of Re/Max Classic Realty will present "What do I do Next?" a seminar that focuses on short sales, foreclosures and bankruptcy in real estate at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Bueno Title, 2802 Doral Court. The seminar will address questions dealing with back payments, unemployment, bankruptcy and foreclosure. For more information, call 524-8788.

**Date:** Saturday, Feb. 26  
**Time:** 10 a.m.  
**Location:** Bueno Title  
2802 Doral Court  
**Contact:** 524-8788

### Solar Energy Zone public meeting

On Jan. 14, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu announced a schedule of public meetings to gather comments on a comprehensive environmental analysis that has identified proposed "solar energy zones" on public lands in the West most suitable for environmentally sound, utility-scale solar energy production. The study, known as the Draft Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, was compiled over the past two years as part of the Obama administration's efforts to create a framework for developing renewable energy. As a result of the Las Cruces area being identified in the study, a public-comment meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces, 705 S. Telshor Blvd. Individuals may register to speak at a meeting in advance through the Solar PEIS project website, <http://solareis.anl.gov>, or may register prior to the public meeting. The public may also review maps and informational posters that will be on display. Additionally, computers for reviewing the project website or for submitting electronic comments will be available. There is no cost to attend the meeting. For more information, call Kendra Barkoff of the Department of the Interior at 202-208-6416.

**Date:** Thursday, March 3  
**Time:** 6 p.m.  
**Location:** Hotel Encanto de Las Cruces,  
705 S. Telshor Blvd.  
**Contact:** 202-208-6416

# Local foundation offers students financial support

Interested high school students have until March 31 to apply

The Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico is offering a variety of scholarships to qualified students in southern New Mexico.

The scholarships offered by the foundation include:

**The Harold Cousland Fund for Young Journalists Scholarship**, which was created by the friends, family and colleagues of the late Harold Cousland, who served as editor of the Las Cruces Sun-News from 1991 to 2001. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors from Doña Ana or Luna counties, with an interest in journalism.

**The Hispanic Scholarship**, established by Dr. Robert Villalobos and Dr. Ernest Flores, supports minority youth pursuing higher education. Applicants must be minority graduating high school seniors from a local area high school planning to attend New Mexico State University or Doña Ana Community College.

**The Kevin T. Riedel Memorial Scholarship** is a result of the local soccer community coming together. This scholarship is in memory of Riedel, who was a major contributor to the soccer community and serves as a tribute for Riedel's love of the game. Applicants must be active members in the Las Cruces Soccer Referee Association and may be a graduating high school senior or currently enrolled in a higher education institution, including professional and trade schools.

**The Zachary Eiland Lansford Memorial Scholarship** is in memory of Zachary Eiland

Lansford and was established by his family. Because Lansford loved life and hated to see people hurting, the scholarship is designated for students who want to go into the nursing field. In addition, applicants must be a graduating senior from Sierra, Otero or Union counties.

**The R.W. Van Pelt Education Fund Scholarship** is in memory of "Rusty" Van Pelt, who was a principal at Mayfield High School from 1967-85. The scholarship was established by his family upon his passing in January as he had a passion for education. Applicants must be a senior graduating from Mayfield High School this year and enrolling as an education major at NMSU.

Applications for all scholarships may be obtained at high school guidance counseling offices or downloaded online at the foundation's website, [www.cfsnm.org](http://www.cfsnm.org).

Applications must be submitted to the community foundation office, 301 S. Church St., Suite H, Las Cruces, NM 88001 (in the one-story annex directly behind the First Community Bank) no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, March 31.

## Details

**Looking for more information on local and regional scholarships?**

Visit your local high school counselor or visit [fa.nmsu.edu/sch.html](http://fa.nmsu.edu/sch.html) for NMSU-specific scholarships.

# Bucking the tax trend

Why the U.S. continues to have high corporate income taxes

By **Jerry Pacheco**  
Director, New Mexico International Business Accelerator

In a move designed to jumpstart an economy that has been in the dumps for several years, the government of Japan recently announced that it would cut its corporate income tax rate by 5 percent.

Japan's corporate tax rate, which stands at 39.5 percent, is currently the highest among the industrialized nations of the world. When the dust is settled on Japan's tax cut, this will leave the U.S. as the industrialized country with the highest corporate taxes (39.2 percent). Rounding out the top five highest corporate tax nations are Japan (35.5 percent), France (34.4 percent), Belgium (34 percent) and Germany (30.2 percent).

Since 1990, every nation on this list has cut their corporate income taxes except the U.S., which has seen a rise of 0.6 percent. Ten years ago, the U.S. rate was in the middle of the list. However, while nearly every other industrialized country has followed the trend of reducing corporate taxes, the U.S. has undertaken the opposite approach.

Ironically, the nation's new position at the top of this list comes as the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index indicates that in December 2010 manufacturing in the U.S. expanded at its highest rate in seven months. The report identifies the manufacturing sector's quest to rebuild depleted inventories, increase auto sales and increase consumer spending as key factors in the expansion.

Being at the top of the corporate tax list will undoubtedly become a bigger factor for the U.S. in its future economic success by affecting its real and perceived competitiveness, and its ability to maintain both domestic and foreign investment in the country. Virtually every nation in the world plays a balancing act between attracting

new foreign investment and fostering existing business, while collecting badly needed revenues for the government coffers. The goal is for decreased taxes to spur increased production and jobs. This will in turn generate a new tax base, which will offset the reduced corporate taxes.

job losses in the U.S. because they move to other countries that have low labor rates. In fact, labor rates are but one of many factors that are considered in addition to corporate taxes. These rates are more of a factor when comparing an industrialized country such as the U.S. to an emerging economy such as Mexico.

If other countries continue the trend of decreasing their overall corporate taxes, it appears certain that the higher U.S. corporate tax rate will become a bigger factor in companies' site selection decisions. This could lead to decreased investment in the U.S. and job losses to more attractive countries.

It seems that the U.S. is in a pickle when it comes to the corporate tax issue. With a federal budget deficit estimated at \$1.3 trillion, or approximately nine percent of GDP, it's a difficult political sell to advocate for cutting taxes that in the short term may exacerbate the deficit, but in the long term make the U.S. more business-friendly. The question remains, how long can the U.S. continue to strangle the golden goose of our economy that has created millions of jobs for Americans and has helped establish the quality of life that Americans have generally enjoyed over the past 100 years?

Opponents of cutting corporate taxes may point to the latest figures showing manufacturing on the rise in the U.S. during the latest reporting period as evidence that high taxes have not affected the corporate sector. However, whether the U.S. can continue to attract and keep corporations in a high-tax environment in the long-term remains to be seen.

*Jerry Pacheco is the director of the New Mexico International Business Accelerator in Santa Teresa. The state agency is a one-stop shop of resources for New Mexican businesses and individuals wishing to introduce their product or service to the global market. For more information, visit [www.nmiba.com](http://www.nmiba.com).*

“ ... it's a difficult political sell to advocate for cutting taxes that in the short term may exacerbate the deficit ... ”

Increased corporate investment in the U.S. market plays a major role in helping to steer the economy from recession to growth. However, in today's highly competitive world of fluid capital and investment, corporations can locate to countries they believe provide them with the best opportunity to maximize their profits for their shareholders. Corporations compare the business and political climates in countries when making their site selection decisions.

Due to its stable political environment (no armed coups or government takeovers), and traditionally business-friendly climate, the U.S. remains one of the most attractive places for global corporations to operate. Many people believe that corporations create

# Venture Acceleration Fund now accepting proposals

Up to \$100,000 offered to support new technology

By **Monica Abeita**

Regional Development Corp.  
for Northern New Mexico Connect

*Courtesy of Finance New Mexico*

Northern New Mexico technology companies have been using the Venture Acceleration Fund (VAF) since 2006 to help bring their products to the marketplace. The fund, administered through Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), awards up to \$100,000 to qualifying ventures.

This year, the VAF is changing some of its rules. Calls for ideas will be accepted year-round and companies no longer must have a direct technology-transfer association with the lab – though some preference is given to those ventures.

The fund supports technology ventures in almost every step of the commercial process,

including proof of concept, prototyping, product engineering, finding customers and market validation. Startups and companies that receive the funding work in diverse fields, including biotechnology, software development and renewable-energy ventures.

In the past, some of these projects involved scientists who formed spinoff companies using LANL technology. For example, Santa Fe's Mesa Tech is applying a DNA dipstick developed at LANL to the real-world concern of food safety.

The VAF also supports New Mexico startups and small businesses developing their own ideas. The Taos renewable-energy company ThermaSun used VAF funding to develop a prototype and manufacturing capacity for its home and commercial solar-energy systems. SimTable, a Santa Fe company that creates wildfire simulations for use by

emergency responders, used its award for marketing and business development.

VAF also helps attract additional investors. Albuquerque's Southwest Biofuels' award gave the company leverage for investments and loans, which enabled the company to design and build a high-capacity biofuels processing plant to meet increased demand.

“Acoustic Cytometry Systems was the first company we assisted with VAF funding,” said Belinda Snyder of the LANL Technology Transfer Division. “Within a year, the company hit a home run and was integrated into a major biotechnology company based in Oregon. Most companies we assist make more incremental progress by increasing their revenues, hiring new employees and advancing their technology and business to the next level of success.”

VAF is one program of Northern New Mexico Connect, the principal economic-development investment of Los Alamos

National Security, which in part oversees the lab's commitment to helping small businesses in New Mexico. Many award recipients also participate in other Northern New Mexico Connect programs that provide coaching, market research and technical assistance.

Technological and business advancement are the real winners for VAF recipients. Proposals are evaluated on regional impact, technical feasibility, market opportunity and the availability of matching funds, which might come from grants, government programs, investors or other sources.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit [www.nnmconnect.net](http://www.nnmconnect.net).

*Finance New Mexico is an initiative of the New Mexico Small Business Investment Corporation (NMSBIC) and its partners created to assist individuals and businesses in obtaining skills and funding-resources for their business or idea. To learn more, visit [www.finance.newmexico.org](http://www.finance.newmexico.org).*

# NMSU Engineering builds opportunity

## Graduate changes course, finds niche in environmental work

A desire to help others, an unplanned job opportunity and the persistence of a faculty member led to an unexpected career path for New Mexico State University graduate student Sarah Williamson.

"When I first came to NMSU, I was not enrolled as an engineering student; I was enrolled as a government major because I felt that politics was the only avenue for a job where I could get paid to do outreach projects," said Williamson, who graduated in December 2010 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering with an emphasis in environmental engineering. "I had hopes of working internationally with developing countries on their human and health rights. I was able to get a job working on campus, but not in the government department. The only job I could find was working as a research assistant in civil engineering for Dr. Ricardo Jacquez."

Williamson reluctantly took the job, and Jacquez, now dean of the College of Engineering, repeatedly encouraged Williamson to consider changing her major.

"I finally gave in and enrolled as a civil engineering student and in my very first semester, I was asked to participate in a field research project with a professor," Williamson said. "I was able to gain firsthand knowledge of environmental engineering work, in the field, doing research for the Environmental Protection Agency. And I was hooked."

That first experience then led to opportunities to do outreach projects, Williamson's original goal.



**Sarah Williamson found a passion for civil and environmental engineering while trying to find a job related to politics and outreach projects.**

"Dr. Jacquez started encouraging me to look into outreach projects in which engineers traveled to foreign countries and helped them with some of their basic civil engineering needs: water and wastewater facilities, drilling for water, performance-based building for bridges and

homes, etc.," Williamson said. "That is how I came to be interested in contaminant removal in water systems, as well as sustainable engineering projects."

Williamson, from Farmington, N.M., has been employed by the Civil Engineering

Department since her freshman year teaching labs and has worked on several research projects under the tutelage of civil engineering faculty members.

Williamson started work on her master's degree in the spring 2011 semester with associate professor Paola Bandini and professor Adrian Hanson, civil engineering department head.

"I am hoping to pursue the aspects of sustainability in geo-environmental engineering in my research," Williamson said. "Hopefully I will be able to continue this work with a doctoral program, and go on to teach at the university level. It's an excellent avenue to continue my own education, work as a consulting engineer and continue doing research with students."

During her time at NMSU, Williamson has also been active in student organizations. She has held leadership positions in the NMSU student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers and has been a member of the Concrete Canoe team for several years. Last spring, Williamson was one of the captains of the team, along with Adrian Delgadillo, and they helped organize the American Society of Civil Engineers' Rocky Mountain Regional Conference, which was held at NMSU last spring.

"We competed in the conference and won the concrete canoe competition," Williamson said.

They went on to the National Concrete Canoe Competition at California Polytechnic State University in June where they placed 11th. They enjoyed the experience and are hoping to make it to nationals again this year.

They also were able to raise about \$45,000 to cover the costs of hosting the 13 universities that attended the regional conference at NMSU.

# Restaurant Week comes to Las Cruces

## Local eateries will offer discounted meals during Feb. 20-27

*Courtesy of the Wings Media Network*

After a successful 2010 debut in Santa Fe and Albuquerque, New Mexico Restaurant Week is back to celebrate eateries throughout the state and will feature Las Cruces restaurants from Feb. 20-27 with various local businesses participating.

The event has now blossomed into four consecutive Sunday-to-Sunday celebrations throughout the state, with more than 100 restaurants expected to offer value-priced dinners. Restaurant Week kicks off in Las Cruces Feb. 20-27, continues in Taos Feb. 27 to March 6, Santa Fe from March 6-13 and Albuquerque March 13-20. Participating restaurants in other New Mexico communities will be included on [www.nmrestaurantweek.com](http://www.nmrestaurantweek.com).

In addition to New Mexico's iconic cuisine, diners will have the opportunity to experience a diverse world of flavors and restaurant styles at discounted prices. Three-course, prix-fixe dinners begin at just \$25 for two for casual-dining restaurants and fine dining for \$20, \$30 or \$40 per person, depending on the restaurant.

Restaurant Week in Las Cruces will feature a variety of daytime events, such as chef demonstrations, wine, beer and spirit tastings, cooking classes and more. Special rates will also be offered at several hotels throughout the state. In conjunction with ski season, New Mexico Restaurant Week provides a good reason to plan an economical "eat-stay-ski" vacation in the Land of Enchantment.

"Last year, both local and out-of-town diners embraced the opportunity to sample new restaurants at an affordable price in Santa Fe and Albuquerque," said Michele Ostrove, president of Wings Media Network, the Santa Fe-based public relations firm that organizes the event. "Hundreds of people went out several nights to take advantage of the great deals. In response to popular demand, we've expanded Restaurant Week to four eight-day events



**Luz Robinson, Maribel Aguilar and Vicky and Tom Parrett enjoy diner at La Posta de Mesilla. La Posta will offer discounted meals Feb. 20-27 as part of New Mexico Restaurant Week.**

throughout New Mexico."

New Mexico Restaurant Week sponsors include Sysco, [southwestrestaurants.com](http://southwestrestaurants.com), the New Mexico Rail Runner Express, Hutton Broadcasting, Citadel Broadcasting, DMC Broadcasting, [opentable.com](http://opentable.com), New Mexico Tourism Department, Santa Fe New Mexican, The Taos News, Las Cruces Bulletin, Edible Santa Fe, localflavor, Local IQ, Su Casa, Santa Fean Magazine, Marble Brewery, Devine Limousine, Crown Royal, Patron, Gray Goose, Skyy, Absolut, Bacardi, Captain Morgan, Jim Beam, Antinori, Beringer, Chateau St. Jean, Chateau St. Michelle, Santa Rita, Sutter Home and Yellowtail.

Las Cruces restaurants participating in the

Restaurant Week celebration include La Posta de Mesilla, De La Vega's Pecan Grill & Brewery, Double Eagle and the Sunset Grill at Sonoma Ranch.

All participants' prix-fixe menus, contact information and maps are listed on [www.nmrestaurantweek.com](http://www.nmrestaurantweek.com), along with hotel discounts, special daytime events, sweepstakes sign-up and more. Advance reservations are suggested.

*The Wings Media Network is a public relations and marketing firm in Santa Fe. The organization created New Mexico Restaurant Week out of a desire to create a new culinary event that would boost business in the shoulder season and showcase the region's dining to a wider audience.*

## New Business Resources

**City of Las Cruces**  
541-2286 • [www.las-cruces.org](http://www.las-cruces.org)  
700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Doña Ana County Planning Office**  
647-7237  
[www.donaanacounty.org/clerk/business](http://www.donaanacounty.org/clerk/business)  
845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007

**Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce**  
524-1968 • [www.lascruces.org](http://www.lascruces.org)  
760 W. Picacho Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88005

**Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces**  
532-9255 • [www.hispanochamberdelascruces.org](http://www.hispanochamberdelascruces.org)  
1990 E. Lohman Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Las Cruces Economic Development Business Registration and Licensing**  
Economic Development Department  
541-2287  
700 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Downtown Las Cruces Partnership**  
525-1955 • [www.lascrucesdowntown.org](http://www.lascrucesdowntown.org)  
130 S. Water St., Las Cruces, NM 88004

**Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance**  
525-2852 • [www.mveda.com](http://www.mveda.com)  
227 E. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88001

**NM Dept. of Taxation and Revenue**  
524-6225 • [www.tax.state.nm.us](http://www.tax.state.nm.us)  
2540 El Paseo Road, Bldg. 2  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Small Business Administration/SCORE**  
523-5627 • [www.zianet.com/score.397](http://www.zianet.com/score.397)  
505 S. Main St., Suite 125  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

**Small Business Development Center DACC**  
527-7676 • [www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces](http://www.nmsbdc.org/lascruces)  
2345 E. Nevada Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88011

**Town of Mesilla**  
524-3262 • [www.mesilla-nm.org](http://www.mesilla-nm.org)  
2231 Avenida de Mesilla, Mesilla, NM 88046

**WESST Corp Economic Team**  
541-1583 • [www.wesst.org](http://www.wesst.org)  
P.O. Box 444, Las Cruces, NM 88004

# Buy a shirt, feed 50 at the ROJO Launch Party

Photos by Gabriel Vasquez



New Mexico State University alumni Jose Rodriguez and Aron Jones, founders of ROJO Apparel, show off their company's new designs during the ROJO Launch Party organized by the Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, Feb. 8, and hosted by MVS Studios, 535 N. Main St.

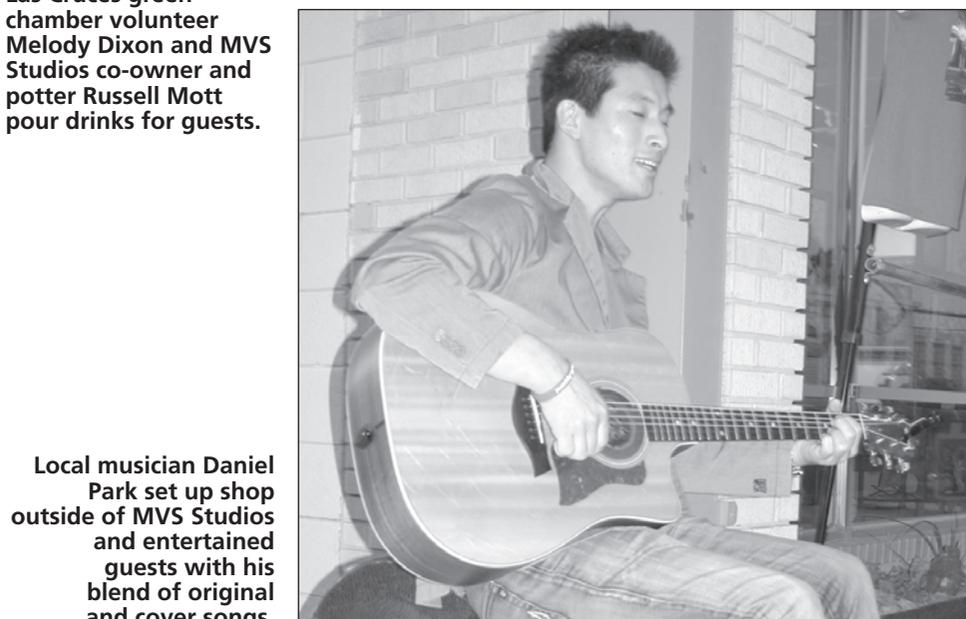


MVS Studios' featured artist Michael Ponce and studio co-owner Meg Sanchez Lammers welcome guests to the ROJO celebration. The name ROJO comes from the last names of its two founders, Rodriguez and Jones.

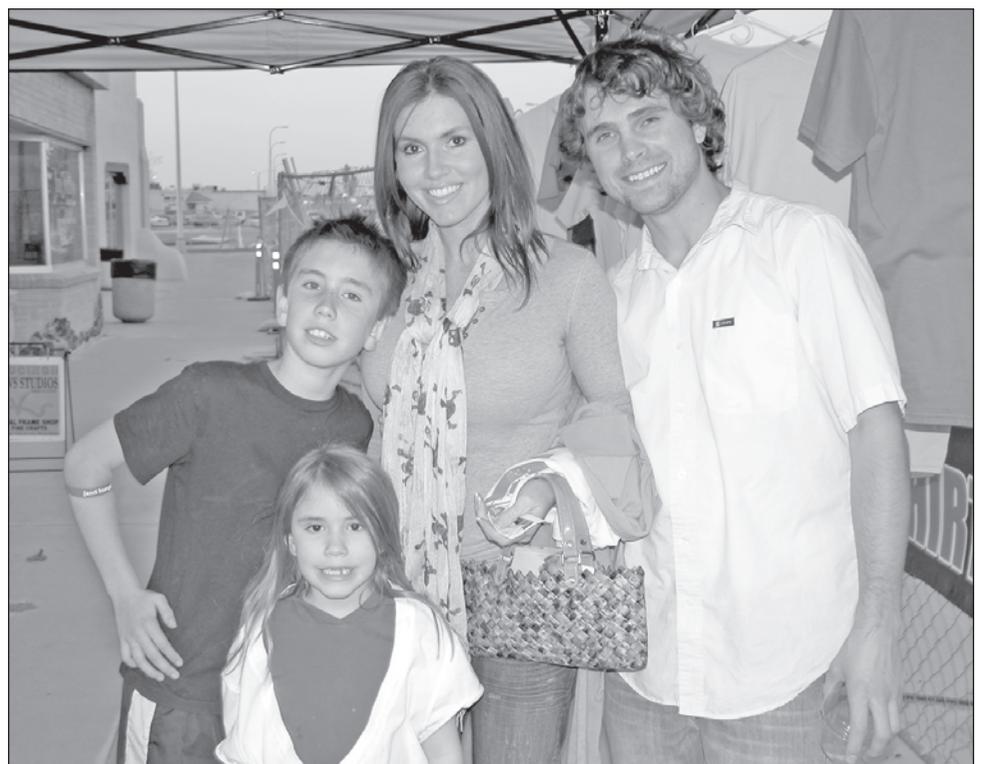
ROJO gear was put on display at the Downtown Mall as an addition to the Downtown Ramble activities. ROJO's mission is to help those facing extreme poverty while creating awareness about poverty. With every shirt that's sold, ROJO sends 50 meals to people living with extreme hunger.



Las Cruces green chamber volunteer Melody Dixon and MVS Studios co-owner and potter Russell Mott pour drinks for guests.



Local musician Daniel Park set up shop outside of MVS Studios and entertained guests with his blend of original and cover songs.



Isaac Soberon, Sofia Soberon, Amber Soberon and Ben Cluff bought several ROJO T-shirts Tuesday.

## Profile

# Elisa Cundiff: Green business is good business

## New chamber director thinking local

By **Gabriel Vasquez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With big aspirations and a growing sense of adventure, Mayfield High School student Elisa Cundiff ventured to Hong Kong at the age of 16 to learn Mandarin, and live among students representing more than 140 different countries.

"My parents supported me because I was really excited about it," she said. "But like any other parent, they were worried about their child going to live on the other side of the world."

Busy learning about the world and other cultures, Cundiff began to plan out her career – become a writer? A marketing consultant? Maybe an entrepreneur?

"After China, I went to New York University where I studied dramatic writing, but focused more on TV writing," Cundiff said. "I was interested in playwriting and storytelling and cultural discussion. I enjoyed

community conversation and learning how you can engage audiences through storytelling."

The professional growth opportunities were plentiful for Cundiff, who said the NYU system has robust internships and co-op programs that employ thousands of students looking for work in New York City.

"I worked on off-site shoots for 'The Daily Show' and a lot of other different places," she said. "That's one of the best things about NYU, the internships and being able to work with local businesses."

After graduating, Cundiff took a job with a strategic communications firm in New York.

"It's one of the best ways to make money if you like writing," she said. "But that job really got me more interested in the 'dot-com' world."

Cundiff left her writing position to start a business with a group of like-minded friends and former colleagues at NYU. Together, they developed Thrive, a personal finance tool that allows users to

categorize their expenditures and financial information all in one place.

"We went through three rounds of venture capitalists before we ended up selling our company to the Lending Tree," she said. "That (software) is very useful for consumers to quickly see where all their expenses are, from their credit cards to their checking accounts."

After selling the company, Cundiff and the NYU group were at it again, this time creating a company called GetRaised, which featured an application that helps people apply for raises.

"It walks you through the process and gives you information on different salaries and positions in the area," she said. "So you know whether you're over or underpaid, and if you're underpaid, it walks you through the steps to get a raise."

By the time GetRaised was started in mid-2010, Cundiff had already returned to Las Cruces.

"I missed Las Cruces," she said, "and working on (GetRaised) here was really the best of both worlds because I could still work remotely with my friends in New York. After eight years, it was just the perfect thing for me at that point in my life."

While working on GetRaised, Cundiff was also serving on the steering committee along with a group of environmentally and socially conscious business owners who wanted to start a grassroots "green" business organization in Las Cruces.

"After being in Las Cruces for a year and a half and talking to business people who wanted to form this organization, I felt there was a lot that could be done," she said.

As the steering committee became a board of directors and the group's intention was to become an accredited nonprofit, Cundiff was hired part-time as the executive director of the newly formed Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce. In September 2010, she was hired full time and began to help grow the group's membership.

"Our membership and our sponsors have been incredible," she said. "They all came on board and gave us enough capital to carry us through at least half a year. That was a huge help for us."

The chamber has since grown to more than 200 members and a week in December has already been designated as "Think Local First Week" by the city as part of a local shopping campaign organized by the green chamber.

"We are still looking for additional funding sources for our bigger projects," she said. "Right now we're applying for some grant funding from the USDA to develop a farm-to-table program."

Other green chamber initiatives for 2011

“... we're really trying to develop a consumer base that supports companies that make green decisions.”

ELISA CUNDIFF,  
executive director, LCGCC

## Details

### Elisa Cundiff

Executive director, Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce

### Family

Little sister Bellanice Duarte (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

### Education

Bachelor's degree in TV writing, New York University

### Organizations

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern New Mexico
- Las Cruces Green Chamber of Commerce

### Contact

- [ecundiff@lascrucesgcc.com](mailto:ecundiff@lascrucesgcc.com)
- 649-7694



include an eat local first campaign promoting local restaurants, monthly networking meetings and a monthly luncheon, featuring local experts talking about various business and green programs in Las Cruces.

"One of the things we're really trying to develop is a consumer base that supports companies that make green decisions," Cundiff said. "In five years, the chamber will continue to grow and support local businesses and local consumers who want to see Las Cruces thrive and want to see local businesses thrive and young people stay in Las Cruces to start their own businesses."

For more information about the green chamber or to contact Cundiff, call 649-7694 or email [ecundiff@lascrucesgcc.com](mailto:ecundiff@lascrucesgcc.com).

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# In Good Company: Calabrese Hair Studio

## All natural, all the time

### Calabrese Hair Studio ditches the chemicals

By **Gabriel Vasquez**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Nestled inside the "Salon City" shopping center, customers can find an earth-friendly hair studio that has recently changed its inventory and its way of doing business.

Cathy Calabrese, owner of Calabrese Hair Studio at 1625 S. Main St., has decided to ditch the chemicals and go "all-natural, all-organic."

"I recently started thinking a lot about environmental and health issues, and made the decision to become chemical-free and run a more natural salon," she said. "I've always been concerned with the quality of my products and using as many natural ingredients in the products, so I think it was the right thing to do."

No chemicals means no more hair coloring at the studio, a business move Calabrese said she's prepared to deal with.

"If anyone wants to color their hair, I have nothing against that, it's just a personal decision that I've made," she said. "This is a risk I took that I debated for a long time, but I'm determined to make it work."

The salon owner said getting rid of the hair coloring will also allow her to focus more on her core business and her passion.

"I did this also because I love cutting more than anything,"

## Q&A

### Talking business with owner Cathy Calabrese

#### What inspired you to become an entrepreneur?

I wanted the flexibility and to carry the products that I wanted and be able to be my own boss.

#### What products and services do you offer?

I offer shampooing and styling and unique hair cuts as well as brow and lip waxing. Pretty soon, I want to invite people to the salon to learn about belly dancing. I think it helps bring out your inner beauty.

#### Who are your customers?

I have awesome clients. They range from NMSU students, faculty and staff, nurses, lawyers, doctors, farmers and all kinds of business people. I have a great clientele.

#### What do you think about the Las Cruces economy?

I think it's fine. Las Cruces is a growing place for people and business. It has been very successful in attracting people from all the over the country.

#### What business would you like to see in Las Cruces?

A Trader Joe's

## Details

**Company**  
Calabrese Hair Studio

**Address**  
1625 S. Main St., Suite 9

**Phone**  
640-3728

**Hours**  
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday  
By appointment

she said. "I go to the fall and spring shows in Las Vegas to learn the latest cuts. I love hair cutting, and I'm still doing brow and lip waxing. That's my passion."

The hair products Calabrese now carries are not just chemical-free, but "they're social and fair trade products," she said.

Calabrese, a mother of two teenage girls, moved to Las Cruces 10 years ago from Cincinnati, Ohio. She earned her cosmetology license there and worked for a couple of hair studios in Las Cruces, including Bernadine's, which is next door to the Calabrese Hair Studio.

"They do great work, and if you're looking to do color, I recommend going to Bernadine's," she said.

Calabrese decided to open her own studio out of a desire to be her own boss and work on her schedule so she could spend more time with her family.

"I wanted the flexibility and to carry the products that I wanted," she said. "I honestly have not been affected by the economy. I'm paying my bills, saving some money and putting my oldest daughter through college. Business has been good."

A self-described "hair coach," Calabrese said her niche is providing personalized cuts.

"I offer personalized and unique cuts for men and women," she said. "I focus on hair cuts that complement a person's bone structure, their hair type and their lifestyle."

Calabrese said her clients include students, faculty and staff at New Mexico State University, nurses, lawyers, doctors, farmers and "all kinds of business people."

"I have a great clientele," she said. "But I'm always looking for more."

Calabrese offered advice to would-be entrepreneurs who are on the fence about starting a business doing something they love.

"Just got for it and have a positive attitude," she said. "Surround yourself with people that support you. Research, go online or join an organization in town that can support you."

"I believe that if you're doing something that you love, you're going to be successful. It's an attitude, that's all."

For more information, call Calabrese at 640-3728 or email [calabresehairstudio@gmail.com](mailto:calabresehairstudio@gmail.com).

“ This is a risk I took that I debated for a long time ... ”

CATHY CALABRESE,  
owner, Calabrese  
Hair Studio



Las Cruces Bulletin photos by Gabriel Vasquez

Cathy Calabrese, owner of Calabrese Hair Studio, has recently made the decision to go "all-natural" with the products and services she offers.

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

No. CV-2010-2631

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

vs.

**EDWARD R. FRIETZE; JOSIE  
D. FRIETZE; NATIONAL  
CITY BANK, Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 16, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 5060 Ralls Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 8h, Block 13, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST COMPANY AMENDMENT NO. 2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 17, 1967, in Book 10 Page(s) 10-12 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 January 5, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$171,689.39 and the same bears interest at 5.875% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,741.01. 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 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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

No. CV-2010-882

**CITIBANK, N.A., as Trustee  
for the Certificateholders of  
Structured Asset Mortgage  
Investments II Inc. Bear  
Stearns ALT-A Trust,  
Mortgage Pass-Through  
Certificates Series 2006-4,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**SCOTT ENGEL; JAMIE  
ENGEL; MORTGAGE  
ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,  
INC., as nominee for Plaza  
Home Mortgage, Inc.,  
Defendants.**

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Lot 20 in Block N of Dos Suenos Estates, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on December 23, 2004 and recorded in Book 21 at Pages 84-89, 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 June 28, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Defendants were dismissed from bankruptcy proceedings in case number 1:10-bk-18727-MT. The amount now due on the judgment is \$111,967.00, plus interest thereon at the rate of 7.500% per annum from May 29, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$6,073.83. 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.

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No. CV-10-2856

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AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.  
by merger, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**KENNETH MONTOYA, JR.;  
CHRISTINA MONTOYA,  
Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 16, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2011 Avenida De Antigua, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 34, TIERRA VERDE-PHASE 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 30, 1997, in Book 18 Page(s) 715-717 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 January 12, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$254,978.96 and the same bears interest at 6.500% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,134.14. 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2969

**BAC HOME LOANS  
SERVICING, LP fka  
Countrywide Home Loans  
Servicing LP, Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ALEXANDER J. LOPEZ;  
and LILLIAN LOPEZ,  
Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant(s) Alexander J. Lopez and Lillian Lopez 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 1650 Colorado Avenue, in the City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

Part of Lot 2, Block J, MONTECITO SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on March 5, 1953, in Book 7 Page 36 of Plat Records

**SAVING AND EXCEPTING  
THAT PORTION OF THE  
ABOVE DESCRIBED LOT 2,  
BEING MORE FULLY  
DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

Beginning at the northerly common corner of Lots 2 and 3, Block J, on the southerly boundary of Colorado Avenue, being the point of beginning;

Thence along the common boundary of Lots 2 and 3, the easterly boundary of the portion herein described, S.25 deg. 18'00"E., 119.49 feet to the southeasterly corner of the portion herein being the southerly common corner of Lots 2 and 3;

Thence along the southerly boundary of Lot 2 N.74 deg. 24' 00" E., 23.61 feet to the southwesterly corner of the

portion herein;

Thence N.20 deg. 47' 38"W., 122.16 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

Defendant(s) is/are required to serve upon the Plaintiff an Answer or Motion in response to the Complaint within thirty (30) days and file a copy of the Answer or Motion with the Court as provided in Rule 1-005 NMRA 2005.

If the Defendant(s) fail(s) to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant(s) for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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January 6, 2011  
By: Phyllis L. Jankowski/  
Phyllis L. Jankowski/  
Deborah A. Nesbitt  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable, 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 11th day of January, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By: Mary E. Apodaca  
(SEAL) Deputy

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

No. CV-10-2878

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ISIDRO M. PENA, JR.; ALMA  
PENA; and BENEFICIAL  
NEW MEXICO INC. d/b/a  
BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE  
CO., Defendants.**

### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 620 Rocky Road, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 2A  
A tract of land situate South of the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, situate in Section 3, T. 24 S., R. 2 E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of Lot 2, Block 2, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision "B" No. 3, filed June 2, 1911, in Plat Record 4, Page 24, Doña Ana County Records, and more particularly described as follows, to wit:

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rod found on the South line of Rocky Road for the Northwest corner of the tract herein described identical to the Northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2 of the mentioned Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision B;

THENCE from the point of beginning, along the South line of Rocky Road, S. 89 deg. 55' 00" E., 148.79 feet to an iron rod found on the South line of Rocky Road for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE leaving the South line of Rocky Road, DUE SOUTH, 330.00 feet to an iron rod found for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 89 deg. 55' 00" W., 148.79 feet to an iron rod found identical to the Southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 2 of the mentioned Elephant Butte Land and Trust Company Subdivision B;

THENCE DUE NORTH, 330.00 feet to the point of beginning containing 1.1272 acre of land more or less.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 11, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$309,848.84 and the same bears interest at 4.2500% per annum from December 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,984.31. 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-2010-2876

**BAC HOME LOANS  
SERVICING, LP, FKA  
COUNTRYWIDE HOME  
LOANS SERVICING, LP,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**RICHARD HAMMRRICH;  
and GREGG GANTNER aka  
GREGORY GANTNER, if living;  
if deceased, THE ESTATE  
OF GREGG GANTNER  
aka GREGORY GANTNER,  
Deceased, Defendant(s).**

### NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

Defendant Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, if living; if deceased, the Estate of Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, Deceased, is hereby notified that Plaintiff has filed a civil suit against Defendant Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, if living; if deceased, the Estate of Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, Deceased, in the above-entitled cause of action, the general object thereof being to foreclose a mortgage on property located at 3044 Estrada Dr., in the City of Mesilla, New Mexico, more particularly described as:

A parcel of land situate within the limits of the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico in Section 36, T.21S., R. 1E, NMPM of the USRS Surveys and more particularly described as follows on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof;

A tract of land situate in the Town of Mesilla, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, in Section 36, T.23S., R.1E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being part of U.S.R.S. Tracts 11B-49A2 and 11B-49A1B and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a ½" iron rod found for the Southeast corner of the tract herein described; whence the Southwest corner of U.S.R.S. Tract 11B-49A3B bears N.56 deg. 21' 00" E., 189.01 feet;

Thence from the point of beginning, S. 56 deg. 21' 00" W., 205.36 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Southwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 33 deg. 40' 30" W., 145.93 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

Thence N. 56 deg. 35' 00" E., 205.36 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northeast corner of this tract;

Thence S. 33 deg. 40' 30" E., 145.10 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.6860 acres of land, more or less. Subject to any easements and restrictions of record.

Information in the preparation of this description derives from Deed filed February 11, 2004, in Book 497, Pages 354-355, Doña Ana County records. A plat was prepared under Job #06-0752. Field Notes by Moy Surveying, Inc., License No. 5939.

Defendant Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, if living; if deceased, the Estate of Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, Deceased, is 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 Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, if living; if deceased, the Estate of Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, Deceased, fails to file a timely Answer or Motion, a default judgment may be entered against Defendant Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, if living; if deceased, the Estate of Gregg Gantner, aka Gregory Gantner, Deceased, for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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December 27, 2010  
By Karen H. Bradley  
Attorney for Plaintiff

WITNESS the Honorable Manuel I. Arrieta, District Judge of the First Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, this 11th day of January, 2011.

JAMES H. DEMPSEY  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By Peggy R. Brock  
(SEAL) Deputy

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

PB-10-117

**IN THE ESTATE OF NANCY  
ANN COLEMAN, Deceased.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, MONTE W. COLEMAN 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 the notice filed with the Court.

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

DATED this 19 day of January, 2011.

/s/ MONTE W COLEMAN  
Personal Representative

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

CASE NO: CV-2010-1682  
Judge James T. Martin

**CITIZENS BANK OF LAS  
CRUCES, Plaintiff,**

vs.

ANA E. FELIX, Defendant.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Default Judgment issued out of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 23, 2010, in the above entitled cause in which it was determined that Plaintiff had a judgment against the Defendant and the amount of the judgment is \$49,679.65, together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum, from and after October 26, 2010, and by which judgment I am among other things commanded to sell all of the lands described in said judgment which real estate is to be sold in this foreclosure sale is more particularly described in the Judgment in said cause and hereafter described.

Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of March, 2011 at the hour of 2:00 p.m. in the front of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex located at 201 W. Picacho Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, I will in obedience to said Judgment sell the following described real estate to wit:

A tract of land situate east of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Lot 4, Section 4, Township 22 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the tract herein described, whence the northwest corner of said Section 4, bears the following two courses and distances: N. 89 deg. 50'40"W. a distance of 326.15 feet; thence N. 0 deg. 56'41"W. a distance of 314.01 feet; thence from said point of beginning S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 119.29 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 170.95 feet to a point; thence S. 89 deg. 50'40"E. 216.50 feet to a point; thence S. 0 deg. 53'30"E. 130.11 feet to the southeast corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 89 deg. 39'41"W. 337.98 feet to the southwest corner of the tract herein described; thence N. 0 deg. 28'45"W. 299.95 feet to the northwest and beginning corner of the tract herein described and containing 1.474 acres of land, more or less.

The property or its address is commonly known as 6880 #2 Moongate Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88012. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the real property address, the legal description shall control together with the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging to said real estate and in any way pertaining to said premises to satisfy Plaintiff's Judgment in the amount of \$49,679.65, together with interest thereon to the date of sale in the amount of \$3,062.50 together with all costs of said sale.

If the amount bid is over and above the amount due the Plaintiff, plus costs of sale, the amount of the proceeds shall, pursuant to said Judgment, be paid into the registry of the Court for determination of the amounts to be paid, and to whom said amount shall be paid, said sale shall be to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds provided however that Plaintiff shall be entitled to bid all or a part of its judgment.

DATED this 20 day of January, 2011.

RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED,  
By /s/ Stephen Hosford

Special Master  
P.O. Box 420  
Arrey, NM 87930-0420  
(575) 644-6068

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

No. CV-10-2442

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

vs.

**SONYA L. DELGADO and, if  
married, JOHN DOE A, (True  
Name Unknown), her spouse;  
MELANIE D. VIRAMONTES  
and, if married, JOHN DOE  
B, (True Name Unknown), her  
spouse; BANK OF AMERICA,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
fka LaSalle Bank Midwest  
N.A., Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 623 Kristin Drive, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

The westerly portion of Lot 3, SUNDOWN ACRES, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on January 9, 1976, in Book 12 Pages 33-34 of Plat Records, more fully described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northwest corner, a found iron rod, which is identical with the northwest corner of Lot 3;

Thence from the point of beginning N. 70 deg. 54' E., 145.20 feet along Kristin Drive, to the northeast corner;

Thence S. 19 deg. 06' E., 150.35 feet to the southeast corner;

Thence S. 71 deg. 34' 48" W., 113.84 feet to a set iron rod;

Thence S. 19 deg. 06' E., 1.00 foot to a point on the south line of said Lot 3;

Thence S. 70 deg. 54' W., 31.37 feet to the southwest corner, marked by a found iron rod, which is identical with the southwest corner of Lot 3;

Thence N. 19 deg. 06' W., 150.00 feet to the point of beginning.

**THE FOREGOING SALE** will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on January 14, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$130,874.49 and the same bears interest at 5.625% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$1,411.83. 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,  
Special Master  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-105

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Successor in Interest to ABN  
AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**TANY P. NIETO; and JOHN  
DOE and JANE DOE (true  
names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendants.**

## FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 2710 Boldt Street, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 5, Block D, MESILLA FARM SUBDIVISION, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on December 5, 1988, in Book 15 Page(s) 389-390 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 August 21,

2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. Subsequent to the entry of the judgment, the Debtor(s) made payments pursuant to a Forbearance Plan and partially satisfied Plaintiff's judgment. The amount now due on the judgment is \$402,547.86, plus interest thereon at the rate of 6.375% per annum from December 31, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$3,866.95. 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-200900355

**HSBC BANK USA,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,  
AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS  
FARGO HOME EQUITY  
TRUST 2004-2, Plaintiff,**

v.

**ROBERT ANTHONY  
GUTIERREZ; OCCUPANTS  
WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE  
UNKNOWN; UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF ROBERT  
ANTHONY GUTIERREZ,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lots 1,2,3 AND 4, Block

2, GRANDVIEW ANNEX SUBDIVISION, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on Plat No. 354, thereof filed for record in the Office of the County Clerk of said county on March 3, 1948, and recorded in Book 6, Page 71, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1502 Arizona Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 27, 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 \$40,161.06 plus interest from November 11, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 10.500% 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.

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

Jeffrey Lake  
Special Master  
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Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
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(505) 848-9500

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201002528

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**TYLER J. KETELHUT-  
HERRERA; MEGAN L.  
WARD; THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF TYLER J.**

**KETELHUT-HERRERA,  
IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF MEGAN L.  
WARD, IF ANY, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 7, Block 1, SETTLERS' RIDGE, UNIT ONE, AT RANCHO DEL REY, 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 November 22, 1991, in Book 17 Page(s) 108-110 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3931 Ramrod Forge, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 21, 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 \$205,437.39 plus interest from November 8, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.50% 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.

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201002690

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER  
TO WELLS FARGO HOME  
MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,**

v.

**EDWIN R. CLARK; MARY  
T. CLARK; BENEFICIAL  
NEW MEXICO INC. D/B/A  
BENEFICIAL MORTGAGE  
CO., Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on February 24, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 218, Hacienda Acres (Revised), 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 August 22, 1961, recorded in Book 8, Page 77, Plat Records, Doña Ana County, New Mexico.

The address of the real property is 5208 Wilt Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 14, 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 \$79,791.86 plus interest from November 26, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.00% 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.

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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.

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**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.

**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-2010-0052  
Judge Arrieta

**BBVA COMPASS BANK f/k/a,  
STATE NATIONAL BANK,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**WESTMORELAND  
ENTERPRISES,  
LLC, FORREST W.  
WESTMORELAND and  
JOYCE WESTMORELAND,  
Defendants.**

## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on the 24th day of February, 2011, at 10:00 AM, at the front entrance to the Doña Ana County Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho Avenue (corner of Alameda and Picacho), Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005, the undersigned Special Master will sell all the right, title, and interest of Defendant Westmoreland Enterprises, LLC, Forrest W. Westmoreland and Joyce Westmoreland and to the hereinafter described real property to the highest bidder for cash or certified funds. The property which is the subject of this action (the "Real Property") is a series of lots located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, which is attached as Exhibit A.

This is an action by Plaintiff upon indebtedness and foreclosure of mortgages, and the sale will be made to satisfy a Stipulated Judgment, Order of Foreclosure, and Dismissal of Counterclaim entered by the Court on January 4, 2011, in favor of Plaintiff as follows:

BBVA Compass Bank shall have judgment against the Property and against Defendants to the extent of their interest in the Property, in the following amounts;

1. On Note #8506894 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$4,551,359.70, plus accrued interest of \$558,883.91 plus late fees of \$46,312.29, and appraisal fees of \$23,700.00 for a total judgment of \$5,180,255.90 as of November 9, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

2. On Note #88535109 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$1,000,000.00, plus accrued interest of \$113,353.90 plus late fees of \$1,610.28,

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appraisal fees of \$705.00, and title fees of \$1,074.38, for a total judgment of \$1,116,743.56 as of October 21, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

3. On the Note #88579610 in the amount of the unpaid principal balance of \$413,135.73, plus accrued interest of \$15,244.50 plus late fees of \$1,595.11, for a total judgment of \$429,975.34 as of November 9, 2010, plus additional interest accruing at the default rate of 18% per annum from that date until the judgment is paid.

4. BBVA Compass Bank has an additional judgment for its attorneys' fees, costs, interest, appraisal fees, environmental assessments and other charges expended or to be expended in this proceeding in the amount of \$39,590.00.

Should any judgment holder, including Plaintiff, herein bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, it may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The purchaser or purchasers at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the above-described properties, subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

The Special Master is empowered, without notice, to postpone the time and date of the Special Master's sale in the event the Special Master deems postponement advisable.

The real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold as is, 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. Lots may be sold separately, in groups, or in bulk.

SPECIAL MASTER  
/s/ Douglas Boberg  
P.O. Box 1119  
Mesilla Park, New Mexico  
88047  
Phone: (575) 644-9469

EXHIBIT A

TRACT 1

Lots 2, 4 and 6, Block A, Lots 2, 3, and 4, Block B, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22, Block C, Lot 11, Block D, Lots 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block E, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block F, Lots 1, 2, 3, 8 and 14, Block K, Del Rey Estates Phase 1, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on October 25, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Pages 363-365.

AND

TRACT 2

Lots 18 through 31, Block 14 and Lots 13 and 14 and 14 through 22, Block 15, Elephant Butte Land and Trust Co. Amendment #2 of Subdivision "C", Blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15 as Corrected, located in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico as shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of said County on July 17, 1967 in Book 10, Pages 10-12.

AND

TRACT 3

A TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING WITHIN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, BEING COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF LOTS 28, 29 AND 31, ALL OF LOT 30, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION "C", CORRECTED 2ND AMENDMENT, AS RECORDED 07-17-1987 IN PLAT RECORD 10, PAGES 10-12, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THAT TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 828, PAGES 197-198 (RECORDED 07-18-2005), AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A U.S.G.L.O. BRASS CAP FOUND FOR THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, T.22 S., R.2E., BEARS S. 86° 24' 07" E. 6584.42 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N. 26° 11' 21" W, 45.89 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 85° 32' 32" E., 121.31 FEET TO 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 42° 27' 08" E., 289.05 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 50° 22' 12" E., 157.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 24° 26' 30" W., 932.38 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 64° 28' 30" W., 2.83 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 24° 26' 30" W., 110.00 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 31, BLOCK 15, FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF LOTS 31, 30 AND 29, BLOCK 15, N. 64° 26' 30" E., 827.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A 1/2" REBAR FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 29 BEARS N. 64° 26' 30" E., 15.53 FEET;

THENCE S. 24° 20' 46" E., 549.27 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N. 64° 26' 42" E., 257.30 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 12.79 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 205.00 FEET, A

CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03° 34' 15", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N. 82° 39' 35" E., 12.77 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S. 24° 23' 37" E., 677.81 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH SUBDIVISION LINE, S. 64° 14' 06" W. 1532.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 28.764 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SUBJECT TO EASEMENTS AND RESERVATIONS OF RECORD;

AND

TRACT 4

LOTS 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36 AND 37, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, 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 JULY 17, 1967, IN BOOK 10 PAGES 10-12 OF PLAT RECORDS.

AND

TRACT 5

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, BEING A PART OF LOTS 34 AND 35, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND AND TRUST CO. AMENDMENT #2 OF SUBDIVISION "C", BLOCKS #12, 13, 14 AND 15 AS CORRECTED, FILED JULY 17, 1967, IN BOOK 10 PAGES 10-12 OF PLAT RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT:

BEGINNING AT A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026, ALSO KNOWN AS DEL REY BOULEVARD, FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT HERIN DESCRIBED. SAID MONUMENT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 35, BLOCK 15 OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED SUBDIVISION, WHENCE STATION 51-23.84 OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026 PLAT FILED AUGUST 4, 1977, IN BOOK 12 PAGES 119-121 OF PLAT RECORDS BEARS S.64°12'38"W., 639.94 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, S.64°14'06"W., 670.69 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, 45.74 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 104°49'08" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.11°49'33"W., 39.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DEL REY BOULEVARD FOR THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING ON THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD

THENCE LEAVING THE WEST BOUNDARY OF LOT 35, N.64°26'02"E., 659.63 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 34 FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER

OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE EAST BOUNDARY OF LOT 34, S.24°29'22"E., 704.40 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT THE NORTH LINE OF A PLOTTED ROAD FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID CORNER BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 34;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE PLOTTED ROAD S.64°12'38"W., 395.21 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND AT A POINT OF INTERSECTION OF DOÑA ANA COUNTY ROAD D-026 AND AT 660.06 FEET THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 10.687 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

SAVING AND EXCEPTING THE FOLLOWING TWO TRACTS OF LAND FROM TRACTS 4 AND 5

ALL OF DEL REY ESTATES, PHASE I, FILED OF RECORD ON OCTOBER 25, 2007, IN PLAT BOOK 22, PAGE(S) 363-365, PLAT RECORDS AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

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BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A U.S.G.L.O. BRASS CAP FOUND FOR THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, T.22S., R.2E., BEARS S.86°24'07"E. 6564.42 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, ALONG THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION, S.64°14'06"W., 670.69 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, 45.74 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 104°49'08" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.11°49'33"W., 39.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DEL REY BOULEVARD FOR THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING ON THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD

THENCE LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, 45.74 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 104°49'08" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.11°49'33"W., 39.82 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET WITHIN THE EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DEL REY BOULEVARD FOR THE MOST SOUTHERLY CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING ON THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD

RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT;

THENCE ALONG SAID PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 102.73 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1460.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04°01'64", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.42°35'57"W., 102.72 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT);

THENCE LEAVING SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 31.05 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 71°09'00", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.80°11'24"E., 29.08 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.64°14'08"E., 186.40 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.24°26'27"W., 635.34 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.64°26'42"W., 337.06 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 139.36 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 185.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 43°09'43", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.42°03'54"W., 136.09 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 39.43 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88°04'13" AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS S.23°33'05"E., 34.78 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT) LYING IN THE PROPOSED EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE DEL REY BOULEVARD RE-ALIGNMENT PROJECT;

THENCE ALONG SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 98.34 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 1460.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°51'33", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.69°30'58"W., 98.32 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET, FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT AND A POINT OF COMPOUND CURVATURE (NON-TANGENT);

THENCE LEAVING SAID PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 38.43 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 25.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 88°04'14", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.84°31'09"E., 34.76 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.20°29'02"E., 45.64 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A

CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 177.36 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 235.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 43°14'33", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.42°06'19"E., 173.18 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET AT THE POINT OF TANGENCY AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.64°26'44"E., 603.48 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL DESCRIBED IN BOOK 254, PAGE 625, AS RECORDED 03/05/79;

THENCE N.24°25'09"W., 489.15 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT FOUND FOR THE MOST NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT, SAID POINT BEING IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PARCEL DESCRIBED IN BOOK 254, PAGE 625, AS RECORDED 03/05/79, AND ALSO IDENTICAL TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 33, BLOCK 15;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF SAID LOT 33, 32 AND PART OF LOT 31, N.64°26'30"E., 807.50 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.24°26'30"E., 110.00 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.64°28'30"E., 2.63 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.24°28'30" E., 932.38 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.50°22'12"W., 167.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.42°27'08"W., 289.05 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.65°32'32"W., 121.31 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.25°11'21"E., 45.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 26.938 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

ZIA ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2006.

AND

ALL OF THE PROPOSED DEL REY SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;

A TRACT OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, LYING WITHIN SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 22 SOUTH, RANGE 2 EAST, N.M.P.M. OF THE U.S.G.L.O. SURVEYS, BEING COMPRISED OF A PORTION OF LOTS 28, 29 AND 31, ALL OF LOT 30, BLOCK 15, ELEPHANT BUTTE LAND & TRUST COMPANY SUBDIVISION

"C", CORRECTED 2ND AMENDMENT, AS RECORDED 07-17-1967 IN PLAT RECORD 10, PAGES 10-12, OF THE DOÑA ANA COUNTY RECORDS, ALSO BEING A PORTION OF THAT TRACT DESCRIBED IN BOOK 626 PAGES 197-198 (RECORDED 07-18-05), AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT:

BEGINNING AT A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A U.S.G.L.O. BRASS CAP FOUND FOR THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SECTION 20, T.22S., R.2E., BEARS S.86°24'07"E., 6584.42 FEET;

THENCE FROM THE POINT OF BEGINNING, LEAVING SAID SUBDIVISION LINE, N.26°11'21"W., 45.89 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.85°32'32"E., 121.31 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.42°27'06"E., 289.05 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.50°22'12"E. 157.60 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

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THENCE N.24°26'30"W., 110.00 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 31, BLOCK 15, FOR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINES OF LOTS 31, 30 AND 29, BLOCK 15, N.64°26'30"E., 827.62 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT; WHENCE A 1/2" REBAR FOUND FOR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 29 BEARS N.84°28'30"E., 15.53 FEET;

THENCE S.24°20'46"E., 549.27 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE N.64°26'42"E., 257.30 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A POINT OF CURVATURE AND A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE 12.79 FEET ALONG THE ACRE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A RADIUS OF 205.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°34'15", AND WHOSE CHORD BEARS N.82°39'35"E., 12.77 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET FOR A CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE S.24°23'37"E., 677.81 FEET TO A 1/2" REBAR SET ON THE SOUTH BOUNDARY LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBDIVISION FOR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THIS TRACT;

THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH SUBDIVISION LINE, S.64°14'06"W., 1632.56 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 28.764 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

ZIA ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, LLC, DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2006.

A.P.N. 03-06642

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA  
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. CV-09-145

CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWARD R. SALAZAR;  
JOHN DOE I, JANE DOE I,  
JOHN DOE II, JANE DOE II,  
JOHN DOE III, JANE DOE III,  
JOHN DOE IV  
AND JANE DOE IV, (true names unknown), Tenants,  
Defendants.

FIRST AMENDED NOTICE  
OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 23, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 238 Desert Rose Court, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 18 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROSE VILLAGE 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 SEPTEMBER 25, 1978 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGES 219-220, 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 April 22, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. After accounting for the amounts paid by the Defendant(s) Edward R. Salazar while protected under the bankruptcy action with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Mexico, Case No. 13-10-11060 SL, entitled "Edward Salazar", in which bankruptcy action an Order of Dismissal was entered on November 8, 2010, and additional advances made by Plaintiff after the Judgment, the amount due on the Judgment including interest is \$162,772.21 plus interest thereon at the rate of 8.375% per annum from December 16, 2010, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,614.39. 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

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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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
(505) 525-2711

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

NO. D-0307-CV-2010-00100

**NORCO SYSTEMS, INC.,  
PROFIT SHARING PLAN  
AND TRUST, Plaintiff,**

v.

**STONE CANYON HOMES,  
INC., JOHN TOTH III, a/k/a  
JOHN TOTH, ROBERT and  
TINA BRADSHAW, and  
JOHN DOE and JANE DOE,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the above entitled Court, having appointed the undersigned as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered the Special Master to sell the below described real property, situated in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, more particularly described as:

LOT 21, THE VILLAGES AT RANCHER'S CLUB, UNIT 1, in the City of Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on June 9, 2006, in Book 21, Pages 650-651.

The sale shall commence at 10:00 a.m. on March 15, 2011, at the front entrance to the Third Judicial District Court House, at 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005. The property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. The property will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and to any liens and assessments not otherwise foreclosed upon herein. Interested bidders should undertake to make their own determination as to the

status of title.

For purposes of this sale, "cash" shall mean (1) cash on hand, (2) other immediately available funds, including, but not limited to, bank cashiers checks, or (3) an irrevocable letter of credit payable at sight issued by a financial institution acceptable to and in a form acceptable to the Special Master in an amount not less than the bid amount, delivered to and approved by the Special Master prior to sale.

For purposes of this Sale, the term "immediately available funds" shall refer to those funds that can be delivered to the Special Master within TWENTY-FOUR (24) hours of the acceptance of the bid.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proceeds of sale will be applied as follows: first, to all costs and expenses of sale, including the Special Master's fee and costs; second, to the judgment awarded to Plaintiff for damages in the amount of \$79,916.07, plus interest from March 28, 2009, at the rate of 11.0% per annum, damages in the amount of \$10,000.00, plus interest from February 2, 2009, at the rate of 12.0% per annum; plus attorney fees in the amount of \$4,352.76 and costs incurred by Plaintiff in the amount of \$43.78, plus interest from December 20, 2010 at the rate of 8.75% per annum; third, in such manner as the Court may determine by order entered after the sale.

**NOTICE IS FINALLY GIVEN** that Plaintiff may bid and purchase the property at the foreclosure sale and may apply all or a portion of its judgment as cash toward the purchase price.

JOHN P. COSENTINO  
Special Master  
500 N. Church St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88001-3440  
(575) 523-9505

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201003254

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**CHRISTOPHER R. BAKER;  
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE  
OF CHRISTOPHER R.  
BAKER, IF ANY, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Christopher R. Baker and The Unknown Spouse of Christopher R. Baker, 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 1954 Redwood St, Las Cruces, NM 88001, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot 7, BLOCK 16, Unit NO. 8 LOMA HEIGHTS SOUTH, 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 December 24, 1974, in Book 12 Page(s) 7 of Plat Records.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 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 J. Lucero  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 13 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By:  
Deputy

10-3283 FC01

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201003256

**WELLS FARGO BANK, NA,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**LOUISETTE H. CONLEY;  
THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE  
OF LOUISETTE H. CONLEY,  
IF ANY, Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Louissette H. Conley and The Unknown Spouse of Louissette H. Conley, 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 4682 Rimrock Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

Lot numbered 12 in Block numbered D of Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, Las Cruces, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat of said Parkhill Estates Subdivision, Phase 2, filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on November 7, 2007 in Plat Book 22, Folio 372-373.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 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 J. Lucero

20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable JAMES THOMAS MARTIN, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 19 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By:  
Deputy

10-3736 FC01

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201003329

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**NICHOLAUS F. WILLIAMS;  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC  
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,  
INC. (SOLELY AS NOMINEE  
FOR LENDER AND  
LENDER'S SUCCESSORS  
AND ASSIGNS); WELLS  
FARGO BANK, N.A.;  
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE  
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,  
IF ANY; THE UNKNOWN  
SPOUSE OF NICHOLAUS  
F. WILLIAMS, IF ANY,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SUIT

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO** to the above-named Defendants Nicholas F. Williams, Occupants, Whose True Names are Unknown, if any, and The Unknown Spouse of Nicholas F. Williams, 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 4805 Camino Dos Vidas, Las Cruces, NM 88012, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, said property being more particularly described as:

APN: 02-32258  
LOT 6, BLOCK M, DOS SUENOS ESTATES, IN THE COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY AS PLAT NO. 4230 ON 09/28/2005 IN BOOK 21 PAGE(S) 352-57 OF PLAT RECORDS.

Unless you serve a pleading or motion in response to the complaint in said cause on or before 20 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 J. Lucero  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

WITNESS the Honorable MANUEL I. ARRIETA, DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, of the Third Judicial District of New Mexico Judicial District Court, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 18 day of January, 2011.

James H. Dempsey  
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT  
COURT

By:  
Deputy

10-4070 FC01

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

Case No.  
D-0307-CV-200802442

**MATRIX FINANCIAL  
SERVICES CORPORATION,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**VICTOR M. MEZA; SANDRA  
O. MEZA; CITIFINANCIAL,  
INC.; THE STATE OF NEW  
MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF  
TAXATION & REVENUE,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 2, 2011 at 10:00 AM, front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 9, BLOCK 5, OF CANYON POINT SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO AS SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON APRIL 27, 1995 AND RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 18, FOLIO 243-245, PLAT RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 4675 Rock Canyon Loop, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on April 20, 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 \$83,270.67 plus interest from April 15, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other

condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the 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.

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

Pamela Carmody  
Special Master  
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

08-1539 FC01

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

No. CV-10-2913

**CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,**

vs.

**GARY SIDA, and if married,  
JANE DOE SIDA (true name  
unknown, his spouse; and  
MARCY SANCHEZ- SIDA,  
aka MARCY SANCHEZ,  
Defendants.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on March 2, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 1203 Edgewood Avenue, Las Cruces, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

LOT 15 IN BLOCK 107 OF COUNTRY CLUB MANOR NO. 3, 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 FEBRUARY 7, 1966 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 9 AT PAGES 86-87, 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 January 18, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's Judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$184,410.08 and the same bears

interest at 6.500% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,003.25. 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 real property and improvements 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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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

Cause No. CV-10-1735  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

**FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,**

v.

**RANDAL SOUTHERLAND  
and MELISSA  
SOUTHERLAND, husband  
and wife, Defendant.**

## AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

**Notice is hereby given** that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 8, 2011, at 11:10 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 218, AMBER MESA SUBDIVISION, in the County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico, as shown and designated on the plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County as Plat No. 1868 on October 20, 1988 in Book 15 Pages 326 through 349 of Plat Records.

The address of the real estate is 6531 Topaz Rlad., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale

will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into January 12, 2011, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose two notes and two mortgages held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$78,021.09 (\$73,967.10 plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count I, \$4,053.99 plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale in Count II), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

**Notice is further given** that the real property and improvements 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 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, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

**Notice is further given** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February, 2011.

D. Lyle Wood, Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88004-0578  
(575) 526-3336  
Submitted by:

THE DARDEN LAW FIRM,  
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P.O. BOX 578  
LAS CRUCES, NM 88004-0578  
(575) 541-6655  
(575) 524-2059 (FAX)

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

Cause No. CV-10-1737  
Judge Manuel I. Arrieta

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## FIRSTLIGHT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,

v.

## OBED ROMERO, Defendant.

### AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 8, 2011, at 11:00 a.m., in front of the main door of the Third Judicial Complex, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash at the time of the sale all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant in and to the following described real estate located in the above-named County and State:

Lot 32, of PRADERA DORADA, located in the City of Las Cruces, County of Doña Ana, State of New Mexico as shown on Plat thereof recorded on March 19, 1996 in Plat Book 18, at Page 436-437 as Plat No. 2785, records of Doña Ana County

The address of the real estate is 1001 Aguilera Court., Las Cruces, New Mexico. The sale will be made pursuant to the Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered into on December 13, 2011, in the above-entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by Plaintiff and where Plaintiff was granted judgment and has a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$169,372.97 (plus interest from February 16, 2010 to the date of sale), plus additional costs and attorney's fees necessary to protect the real estate, together with costs of sale including a reasonable Special Master's fee. Plaintiff has the right to submit its respective bids verbally or in writing. Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its respective judgments to the purchase price in lieu of cash. At the date and time stated above, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements 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 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, this sale will be null and void. The successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and Plaintiff shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

Notice is further given that the

purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to any rights of redemption provided by applicable law.

DATED at Las Cruces, New Mexico, on February, 2011.

D. Lyle Wood, Special Master  
P.O. Box 578  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88004-0578  
(575) 526-3336  
Submitted by:

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 11-0025  
Judge Alice M. Salcido

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES J. MCALLISTER, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Tracie L. Valenzuela and Timothy M. McAllister were appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of James J. McAllister, deceased, without bond in an informal probate of the Estate of James J. McAllister, 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 Co-Personal Representatives 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 28th day of January, 2011.

Tracie L. Valenzuela  
Co-Personal Representative

Timothy M. McAllister  
Co-Personal Representative

Prepared by:

LAW OFFICE OF  
KATHERINE N. BLACKETT,  
P.C.

/s/ Katherine N. Blackett  
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Representative  
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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA PROBATE COURT

No.: 11-0024  
Judge Alice M. Salcido

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE R. JOHNSON, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Marilyn Cox was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Marjorie R. Johnson, deceased, without bond in

an informal probate of the Estate of Marjorie R. Johnson, 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 28th day of January, 2011.

/s/  
Marilyn Cox,  
Personal Representative

Prepared by:  
LAW OFFICE OF KATHERINE  
N. BLACKETT, P.C.

/s/  
Katherine N. Blackett  
Attorney for Personal  
Representative  
Post Office Box 2132  
255 W. Hadley Avenue,  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
88004-2132  
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(877) 457-7213 facsimile

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

No. SA-2010-17  
Judge Fernando Macias

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

No. SA-2010-17  
Judge Fernando Macias

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF GUILLERMO TELLEZ ALVAREZ and MARIA MERAZ ALVAREZ

### NOTICE OF PROCEEDING OF ADOPTION AND TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

The State of New Mexico to: April Alvarez, Carlos Sanchez, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Miguel Herrera and the unknown fathers of M. J. Alvarez and C. R. Alvarez.  
Greetings:

You each are hereby notified that a Petition for Adoption and Proceedings to Terminate your parental rights was filed in the District Court of Doña Ana County, wherein you are identified as the parent of the person to be adopted and wherein the Petitioners seek to obtain service of process upon you.

The general object of said action is to terminate your parental rights to your children,

A female child born April 06, 1994 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A male child, born July 09, 1995 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A female child, born July 27, 1997 in El Paso, Texas,

A female child, born June 08, 2001 in Las Cruces, New Mexico;

A male child, born September 09, 2003 in El Paso, Texas;

A male child, born July 25, 2005 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

and to allow the adoption of said children, pursuant to the Children's Code and New

Mexico Adoption Act.

You are further notified that you shall respond to the Petition within twenty (20) days if you intend to contest the adoption and the failure to so respond shall be treated as a default and your consent to the adoption shall not be required. A Hearing will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 2:00 pm at the Las Cruces District Court, 201 West Picacho Ave #A Las Cruces, New Mexico, Courtroom No# 5

The name and address of the attorney for Petitioners are: New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. Evangelina Mercado 600 E. Montana, Suite D Las Cruces, NM 88001 (575) 541-4855

Witness and seal of the District Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, this 20th day of January, 2011.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK  
By /s/ Peggy Brock  
DEPUTY CLERK  
SEAL

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

CV-201002619  
Judge Manuel I Arrieta

### IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BRENDA AND RAUL GOMEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF URIEL ENRIQUE GOMEZ REQUEJO

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Brenda and Raul Gomez have filed a Petition to Change the Name of THEIR child, from URIEL ENRIQUE GOMEZ REQUEJO to URIEL ENRIQUE GOMEZ.

This petition will be heard before the Honorable Manuel I Arrieta District Judge, on Thursday, March 4, 2011 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. (trailing docket), at the Doña Ana County District Courthouse, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Brenda and Raul Gomez

Address:  
485 E. Hall Street  
Hatch, NM

Mailing Address if different:  
PO Box 382  
Hatch, NM 87937

Telephone:  
575-267-4063

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NOTICE is hereby given that on January 12, 2011, Frank Sloan, 309 W. Sloan Rd., La Mesa, NM 88044, filed applications numbered LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4 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-731 located on land owned by Sierra Vista Farms LTD CO and others within the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of

Section 31, Township 25 South, Range 03 East, NMPM, and drilling replacement wells LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4. Both wells will have 6-casing to an approximate depth of 150 ft. on land owned by the applicant. LRG-731-POD3 will be located in the NW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31 at approximately X=1,506,330 Y=397,463 feet and LRG-731-POD4 will be located in the SW1/4 SW1/4 NW1/4 of said Section 31 at approximately X=1,506,344 Y=397,347 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83), and will be used for the continued claimed diversion of shallow groundwater in that amount required for beneficial use for the irrigation of 4.29 acres of land owned by the applicant and located in Pt. NW1/4 of said Section 31, of which groundwater is combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District. Well LRG-731 is located approximately 1,200 feet north of the intersection of NM Hwy 28 and W. Sloan Rd. on the east side of NM Hwy 28. Proposed wells LRG-731-POD3 and LRG-731-POD4 are located approximately 760 ft. and 650 feet, respectively, north of said intersection on the west side of NM Hwy 28, southeast of La Mesa, NM. Well LRG-731 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 (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.

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NOTICE is hereby given that on January 21, 2011, Gary V. Arnold on behalf of Arnold Brothers Partnership, PO BOX 450, Fairacres, NM 88033, filed application numbered LRG-4396-POD2 with the State Engineer for Permit to Drill Supplemental Well to supplement ground and surface waters within the Lower Rio Grande Underground Water Basin in Doña Ana County by drilling well LRG-4396-POD2, located within the NE1/4 NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 19, Township 19 South, Range 02 West, NMPM at approximately X=1,386,028 Y=600,408 feet (N.M.S.P., Central Zone, NAD83) with 16" casing to an approximate depth of 120 ft. on land owned by the applicant, supplemental to existing well LRG-4396, located on land owned by Nancy W. Mahoney, within the SW1/4 NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 02 West, NMPM, for the

continued diversion of that amount of shallow groundwater required for beneficial use, combined with surface water from the Elephant Butte Irrigation District, for the irrigation of 16.81 acres of land located within the Pt. NE1/4 of said Section 19. Proposed well LRG-4396-POD2 is located approximately 125 ft. southwest of the intersection of Rincon Rd. and NM Highway 185. Existing well LRG-4396 is located approximately 850 feet south of said intersection, south of Rincon, NM.

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

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### STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF DOHA ANA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-11-07 (Martin)

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ERNESTO LUCERO LOPEZ, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two 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 in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 251 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: January 27, 2011

/s/ Lisa Willman  
Personal Representative of the Estate of Ernesto Lucero Lopez, Deceased.

JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

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Dates 2/4, 2/11, 2011

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

No. PB 2011-10  
Judge Martin

### In the Matter of the Estate of DOROTHY S. BRODY, Deceased.

### NOTICE TO HEIRS DEVISEES AND OTHER PERSONS OF HEARING ON PETITION IN FORMAL TESTACY PROCEEDINGS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Jacqueline M. Porter has filed with the above-named Court a petition in formal testacy proceedings for the Estate of Dorothy S. Brody, Deceased. Hearing has been set to consider the petition on the 8th day of March, 2011, at 10:00 A.M. in the District Courtroom of the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico, before The Honorable Jim T. Martin, District Judge.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2011.

/s/ Jacqueline M. Porter  
Petitioner  
5505 Tres Sendas Road  
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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

No. PB-11-11 (Driggers)

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH JEANNE SANTA MARIA, Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two 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 in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P.O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Dated: February 4, 2011

/s/ Joel Bustillos Santa Maria  
1044 Aguilera St.  
Las Cruces, NM 88007

PREPARED & SUBMITTED BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
Attorney at Law  
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Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for the Estate

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

No. CV-10-2682

### CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTONIO PICADO; ROCIO PICADO, Defendants.

### FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 9, 2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Doña Ana County Judicial Complex, Las Cruces, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 350 Chile Patch Lane, La Union, and is situate in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situate Southwest of Anthony, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, located in Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at a ½" iron rod set for the Southwest corner of this tract:

WHENCE the Northwest corner of Section 17, T.27S., R.3E., N.M.P.M. of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, bears the following two courses and distances:

N. 89° 46' 30" W., 853.85 feet; and N. 62° 12' 12" W., 2501.88 feet;

THENCE, from the point of beginning, N. 00° 13' 02" E., a distance of 280.84 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Northwest corner of this tract;

THENCE, S. 89° 46' 30" E., a distance of 155.11 feet to a ½" iron rod found for the Northeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, S. 00° 13' 02" W., a distance of 280.84 feet to a ½" iron rod set for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE, N. 89° 46' 30" W., a distance of 155.11 feet to the point of beginning, enclosing 1.000 acre of land, more or less. A plat was prepared under Job No. 1071a. Field Notes by SCANLON WHITE, INC. License No. 9433.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above entitled and numbered cause on December 29, 2010, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$171,484.23 and the same bears interest at 7.500% per annum from January 1, 2011, to the date of sale. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,396.09. 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,

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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  
c/o Bobby M. Mayfield, P.A.  
PO Drawer 16169  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-6169  
575-642-5567

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ADOPTION PETITION  
OF E.A. and B.S. DAVIS,  
Petitioners.**

Cause No SA-2011- 02  
Judge Macias

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
ACTION**

TO: DAVID ULLOA

Please be advised that there is currently pending in the Third Judicial District Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Ave, Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, a Motion to Terminate your Parental rights. In their adoption petition, Petitioners, E. A. Davis and B. S. Davis, and the natural mother of the adoptee, Cruze Jax Vigil, named you as the natural father of the adoptee.

You are hereby requested to respond to this notice by informing the Petitioners, E. A. Davis and B. S. Davis, in care of their attorney E. Ann Strahan at 741 N Alameda, Las Cruces, NM 88005, USA, telephone number (575) 523-9052, of your current address and position concerning this matter.

If you fail to respond within thirty (30) days your parental rights, concerning the adoptee, will be forever terminated.

The Law Office of Ann Strahan  
LLC  
E. Ann Strahan  
New Mexico Bar Number  
23501  
Attorney for the Petitioners  
741 N Alameda, Suite 9  
Las Cruces, NM 88001  
(575) 523-9052  
(575) 523-9055 fax

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201002914

**INTERSTATE ADVISORS,  
LLC, Plaintiff,**

v.

**RICARDO TALAMANTES;  
LINDA TALAMANTES AKA  
LINDA M. TALAMANTES;**

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL  
ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE  
FOR THE REGISTERED  
HOLDERS OF SALOMON  
BROTHERS MORTGAGE  
SECURITIES VII, INC.,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 3110, BLOCK 16, SUNRISE TERRACE PHASE NO. 3, 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 28, 1979 RECORDED IN BOOK 12 AT PAGES 246-248 OF PLAT RECORDS

More correctly known as: Lot 3110, Block 16, Sunrise Terrace Phase No. 3, 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 28, 1979, recorded in Book 12, at Pages 246-248, of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 1718 Defiance Avenue, Las Cruces, NM 88001. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 12, 2011 in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a mortgage held by the above Plaintiff and wherein Plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$13,469.74 plus interest from December 29, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 14.500% 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.

**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  
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201002972

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**DAVID G. HANCOCK  
SR.; MYRNA HANCOCK;  
OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE  
NAMES ARE UNKNOWN, IF  
ANY, Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

A 6.79 acre tract of land situate in the SE1/4 of Section 20, Township 25 South, Range 3 East, N.M.P.M., of the U.S.R.S. Surveys, being a part of U.S.R.S. Tract 21-74-B, East of Vado, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the south line of Vade Drive (a.k.a. NM State Highway 227) for the northeast corner of the tract herein described, marked by an iron rod, WHENCE the east ¼ corner of the aforementioned Section 20 bears N. 00 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds W., 29.05 feet;

THENCE from the point of beginning leaving Vado Drive S. 00 degrees 06 minutes 30 seconds E., 1092.38 feet to a point on the east line of the Mesquite Drain for the southernmost corner of the tract herein described, marked by a found iron rod;

THENCE along the Mesquite Drain N. 26 degrees 33 minutes 29 second W., 1215.02 feet to a point on the south line of Vado Drive for the northwest corner of the tract herein described, marked a set iron rod;

THENCE along Vado Drive N. 89 degrees 24 minutes 40 seconds E., 541.20 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 6.79 acres, more or less.

This legal description based on field data by Gerald K. Donohue, NMPLS No. 8172. Date of Survey: September 25, 2008, Job No. 157-09.

The address of the real property is 800 Vado Drive, Vado,

NM 88072. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 20, 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 \$170,278.18 plus interest from December 30, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.25% 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.

**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  
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

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

Case No.  
D-307-CV-201002026

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**JULIAN GUTIERREZ,  
Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 10 in Block 2 of Mirasol Subdivision No. 1, located in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as the same is shown and designated on the plat thereof filed for record in the office of the County Clerk of Doña Ana County, New Mexico on October 9, 1984 and recorded in Book 13 at Pages 335-337, Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 5473 Valle Alegre, Las Cruces, NM 88007. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 11, 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 \$141,565.56 plus interest from October 26, 2010 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.

**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  
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

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

Case No.  
D-0307-CV-200903027

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,  
Plaintiff,**

v.

**SONIA D. CROSE; DAMON  
L. DWIGGINS; CITIZENS  
BANK OF LAS CRUCES,**

**Defendants.**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 10, 2011 at 1:00 PM, Front entrance to the Doña Ana County District Court, 201 W. Picacho, Las Cruces, NM., sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

Lot 16, Block G, SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION PLAT NO. 5, in the City of Las Cruces, in Doña Ana County, New Mexico, as shown and designated on the Plat thereof, filed in the office of the County Clerk of said County on February 25, 1988, in Book 15 Pages 157-158 of Plat Records.

The address of the real property is 3335 Highridge Street, Las Cruces, NM 88012. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure 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 \$93,330.32 plus interest from November 19, 2010 to the date of sale at the rate of 5.25% 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.

**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  
c/o Castle Stawiariski, LLC  
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 602  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(800) 286-0013;  
(505) 848-9500

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

NO. D-307-CV-200901885

**CHARTER BANK, A  
FEDERALLY CHARTERED  
SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff(s)**

v.

**PHILLIP A. ORQUIZ AND  
JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE  
(WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE  
UNKNOWN) TENANTS,  
Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will on March 9, 2011, at 10:00am, on the front steps of the Third Judicial District Courthouse, 201 West Picacho, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 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, BLOCK J, LEGENDS WEST SUBDIVISION PHASE II, IN THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES, DOÑA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS THE SAME IS SHOWN AS DESIGNATED ON PLAT NO. 4152 THEREOF FILED FOR RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF SAID COUNTY ON MAY 19, 2005 AND RECORDED IN BOOK 21, PAGES 208-209, PLAST RECORDS.

The address of the real property is 2842 Fountain Avenue, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 88007. Said Sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 24, 2009, 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 \$145,193.51, plus interest from January 1, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 6.360% 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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take to the above-described real property subject to the rights of redemption. Dated: , 2011.

Pamela Carmody  
Special Master  
c/o Robert J. Hopp &  
Associates, LLC  
333 West Colfax, Suite 200  
Denver, CO 80204  
(303) 225-0800

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2011

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

No. PB-11-08 (Arrieta)

**IN THE MATTER OF TEE  
ESTATE OF WILMA JUNE  
HEICK, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two 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 in care of Joseph M. Holmes, P.A., P. O. Box 366, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-0366, or filed with the Third Judicial Court of Doña Ana County, 201 W. Picacho Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated: February 7, 2011

/s/ Lynna G. Asbury  
5247 Melanite Ct.  
Las Cruces, NM 88012

PREPARED & SUBMITTED  
BY:  
JOSEPH M. HOLMES, P.A.  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 366  
Las Cruces, NM 88004-0366  
(575) 524-0833  
(575) 526-0960 (fax)

/s/ Joseph M. Holmes  
Attorney for Estate

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

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

No. PB-2010-126  
Judge Martin

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF JOSE M. DURAN,  
Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** THAT Sylvia Duran, has been appointed as Personal Representative of the Estate of Jose M. Duran, deceased. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months of the first publication of any notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the Personal Representative in care of HOLT BABINGTON MYNATT MATINEZ P.C., P.O. Box 2699,

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DATED this 31st day of January 2011.

HOLT BABINGTON  
MYNATT MARTINEZ P.C.  
/s/ STEPHEN A. HUBERT  
Attorneys for Personal Representative  
Post Office Box 2699  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004  
Telephone: (575) 524-8812

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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

### STATE OF NEW MEXICO IN THE PROBATE COURT DOÑA ANA COUNTY

No. 2011-0010

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF GERALD  
NATHAN LOEWE,  
DECEASED.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARY ANN LOEWE has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd.,

Room 1-200, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 7, 2011.

MARY ANN LOEWE  
c/o Alan D. Gluth  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
Telephone: (575) 556-8449  
Facsimile: (575) 556-8446

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 2011-0027

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF KEITH EARL  
FLOREN, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THOMAS A. FLOREN has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County,

New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 1, 2011.

THOMAS A. FLOREN  
236 Cherry Hill Lane  
Santa Teresa, NM 88008

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
2455 East Missouri, Suite A  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001  
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### IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF DOÑA ANA STATE OF NEW MEXICO

No. 2011-0026

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF SUZANNE  
BARRETT, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RONALD LORD has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this 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 personal representative in care of Alan D. Gluth, 2455 E. Missouri, Suite A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, or filed with the Probate Court of Doña Ana County, New Mexico, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Rm. 1-201, Las

Cruces, New Mexico 88007.

DATED: February 4, 2011.

RONALD LORD  
107 Chestnut Hill Ln. South  
Amherst, NY 14221

Prepared by:  
ALAN D. GLUTH  
New Mexico Bar #14980  
Gluth Law, LLC  
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Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

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

No. PB-2010-124

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF R. L. BECKETT,  
also known as ROBERT LACY  
BECKETT Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of R. L. BECKETT, also known as ROBERT LACY BECKETT, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within the time prescribed by law, 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 to the Attorney for the Personal Representative, R. Glenn Davis of ScottHulse PC,

201 North Church Street, Suite 201, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001, Phone: (575)522-0765, FAX: (575)522-0006, or filed with the Court at Third Judicial District Court, 201 W. Picacho #A, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Dated this 31 day of January, 2011

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
Personal Representative of the Estate of R.L. BECKETT, also known as ROBERT LACY BECKETT, Deceased

/s/ Sandy Medina  
Assistant Vice President  
And Trust and Fiduciary  
Specialist

Pub # 10415  
Dates 2/11, 2/18, 2011

#### NOTICE OF ADOPTION

The City Council of The City of Las Cruces, New Mexico, Hereby Gives Notice of Its Adoption of The Following Ordinances at a Regular City Council Meeting Held on February 7, 2011:

1. Council Bill No. 11-020; Ordinance No. 2600: An Ordinance Approving a Major Amendment to the Sierra Norte Master Plan; a Zone Change Request from Multiple Zoning Districts to PUD (Planned Unit Development); and a Request for Approval of a Concept Plan for the PUD to Be Known as Metro Verde South. The Intent of the Concept Plan Is to Develop a Mixed-Use Development That Entails Residential, Commercial, Office, Retail, and

Manufacturing Development Combined with Open Space Areas. The Subject Properties Encompass 892 ± Acres of Land and Are Generally Located South of the Future Extension of Arroyo Road, North of Thurmond (Engler) Road, and Generally West of the Future Extension of Sonoma Ranch Boulevard. Submitted by DVI on Behalf of Sierra Norte Land Holdings LLC, United Land Group of New Mexico LLC. And James A. & Josephine A. Phillips, Property Owners (PUD-10-04).

2. Council Bill No. 11-021: Ordinance No. 2601: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3c (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for 1.83 ± Acres of Land Located at 421 Avenida De Mesilla. The Proposed Zone Change Brings the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Justin Estes on Behalf of Larry Guaderrama, Property Owner (Z2817).

3. Council Bill No. 11-022; Ordinance No. 2602: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from UR (Urban Ranch from the 1981 Zoning Code) to R-1a (Single-family Medium Density) for 0.42 ± Acres of Land Located at 7116 Cortez Drive. The Proposed Zone Change Brings the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by Jeremiah Lay on Behalf of the Community Foundation of Southern New Mexico, Property Owner. (Z2818).

4. Council Bill No. 11-023; Ordinance No. 2603: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3 (Commercial High Intensity) for 5.50 ± Acres of Land Located at 1300 El Paseo. The Proposed Zone Change Brings the Subject Property into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by DK Mullin Architects on Behalf of El Paseo Limited, Property Owner (Z2819).

5. Council Bill No. 11-024; Ordinance No. 2604: An Ordinance Approving a Zone Change from C-2 (Commercial Medium Intensity) to C-3c (Commercial High Intensity-Conditional) for Two Properties Located at 2040 W. Picacho Avenue and 980 17th Street. The Subject Property at 2040 W. Picacho Avenue Encompasses 1.069 ± Acres and the Property at 980 17th Street Encompasses 2.00 ± Acres. The Proposed Zone Change Brings the Two Properties into Compliance with the 2001 Zoning Code, as Amended. Submitted by William & Laura Bullock, Richard & Denise Dimsha, Stanley J. Dimsha and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Property Owners (Z2820).

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 8th day of February, 2011.

Esther Martinez, CMC  
City Clerk

Pub # 10416  
Dates 2/11, 2011



New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will hold Bids at 4:00 p.m. local time in the office of the Director of Procurement Services & Risk Management of the following:

Bid Invitation:  
I0099704-F Medical Training Equipment for NMSU-Carlsbad

Bid Opening Date:  
03/01/2011

Vendors are encouraged to register with NMSU's Online Bidding System at <https://scquest.ionwave.net/nmsu> to obtain a copy of this bid electronically and be registered for future bids for this commodity.

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New Mexico State University, an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, will receive Proposals at 2 p.m. local time in the Central Purchasing and Risk Management Admin. Office for the following:

Request for Proposal:  
I0098972-P NMSU -  
Leyendecker Plant Science  
Center Roof Replacement

Proposal Due Date:  
03/24/11

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the NMSU - Leyendecker Plant Science Center, 8 miles SE on Highway 28, Las Cruces, NM on Tuesday March 1, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Proposal documents will be available on Friday February 11, 2011 from Crenshaw Consulting Group 1475 N. Main, Ste. E, Las Cruces, NM. Tel: 575-647-1881.

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**Operations and Maintenance Technician** - Zia Natural Gas Company, a local gas distribution utility, is seeking to fill the position of Operations and Maintenance Technician. H.S. Diploma or GED preferred. Plumbing, mechanical, maintenance, or construction experience desired. CDL, backhoe experience, and/or bilingual beneficial. Applications are available at Mesilla Town Hall, Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce (760 W Picacho), NM Workforce Solutions, or online at [www.zngc.com](http://www.zngc.com). Zia Natural Gas Company is an EOE. Seven to nine positions available.

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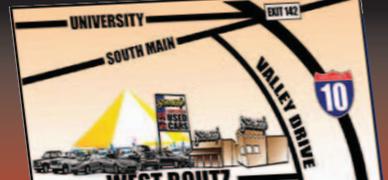
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# Love is in the air

## Take part in Las Cruces' Valentine's Day affairs

By **Samantha Roberts**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Next to the circle, square and triangle, the heart is one of the most recognized shapes in the United States. Symbolizing love and desire, the heart is ever more apparent on cards and signs during a popular February holiday – Valentine's Day.

For some, the holiday is an anticipated event to get dressed up for a romantic dinner, maybe a movie and a night expressing to your loved one how special they are. But for others, the commercialized holiday brings dismay and reminds the lonely that they are alone.

Established around 500 A.D., the annual holiday, observed every Feb. 14, was deleted from the Roman calendar of saints in 1969 by Pope Paul VI. However, its religious observance is still recognized throughout the world. Although its origin is still unclear, it's believed to have been named after St. Valentine, who was killed for refusing to give up Christianity. Before he died, on Feb. 14, he wrote a love letter to the jailer's daughter-



"Blessings" by Linda Hagen is part of the "For the Love of Toys" exhibit at Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St. A reception will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

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and signed it "From Your Valentine."

Today, the day of love is celebrated in many ways throughout the world. Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart, doves and the figure of the winged Cupid, and since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

In the United Kingdom, sending cards, flowers, chocolates and other gifts is traditional. In France, the holiday is known as Saint Valentin and is celebrated in much the same way as other Western countries.

In Finland, Valentine's Day translates to "Friend's Day." As the name indicates, this day is more about remembering all your friends, not only your loved ones.

However you choose to celebrate the holiday, one thing is clear – you can't avoid the hearts, flowers, candies and cards that flood America in February. But if you love it or hate it, there is plenty to do in Las Cruces with your honey.

### 'Love Letters' at the Black Box Theatre

No Strings Theatre Company presents its 11th annual production of A.R. Gurney's 1988 smash hit "Love Letters," with one performance on Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. The annual production features a different couple each year. This year, Steve and Meredith Loring star in the production, a two-character play that chronicles the lifelong relationship between a man and a woman solely through their correspondence.

"Love Letters" tells the story of Andrew Makepeace Ladd and Melissa Gardner, whose poignantly funny friendship and ill-fated romance takes them from second grade through adolescence, maturity and middle age.

"Love Letters" has gained a unique reputation all over the United States and overseas, thanks to the celebrity casts who performed it throughout the '90s. It is a truly unique and imaginative theater piece, which in the words of playwright Gurney, "needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no special set, no memorization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of performance." The letters, as the actors read them aloud, create an evocative, touching and frequently funny, but always telling pair of character studies.

Tickets are \$10 for regular admission and \$9 for students and seniors over 65. Refreshments will be served after the performance. Reservations are highly recommended. For reservations or more information, call 523-1223.

### A weekend of art

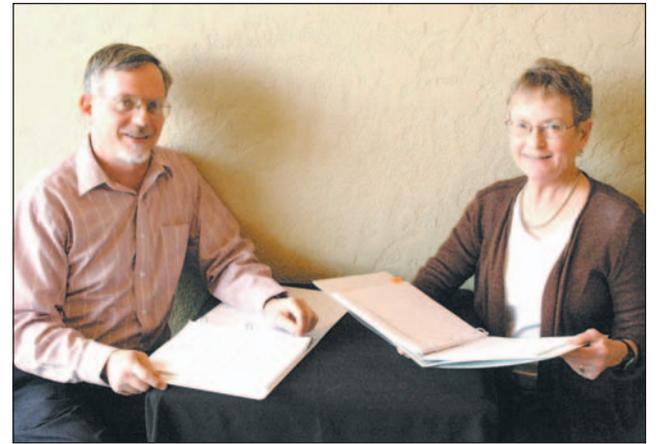
With For the Love of Art Month ongoing, gallery exhibits are in abundance. Galleries opening pre-Valentine's Day weekend include Art Galaxy, 2521 Avenida de Mesilla, Suite A, in Caballero Plaza. The inaugural Anniversary Opening will include a special reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Door prizes and refreshments will be available.

Also opening, the Las Cruces Arts Association "For the Love of Toys" exhibit at Nopalito's Galería, 326 S. Mesquite St., will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in conjunction with Camino del Arte, a tour of galleries on Mesquite Street. The exhibit includes oil and acrylic paintings, sculptures and

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Steve and Meredith Loring star in "Love Letters," playing Monday, Feb. 14, at the Black Box Theatre.

fiber arts, and continues through Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Mesilla Valley Fractal Artists will host "A Celebration of Mandelbrot," an exhibit of framed and unframed fractal art as well as artsy cards. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Funky Karma Incense & Tea Shop, 3207 N. Main St.

The Unsettled Gallery and Studio, 905 N. Mesquite St., will host an exhibit from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, and participating in Camino del Arte from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit by C.C. Cunningham is titled "A Map of One Journey" and will run through Saturday, Feb. 26.

Get the kids involved with Valentine's Day crafts at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 12. Make old-fashioned Valentines with recycled materials, such as vintage wallpaper, tins, buttons and ephemera. Children can also create small gifts, such as Valentine's Day bookmarks and portrait magnets for loved ones. Bring photographs and/or sentimental charms or beads to include. Juice and cookies will be provided. The class is \$12 per child and \$10 for Friends of the Museum members.

### Get married

If you really want to say, "I love you," Doña Ana County Probate Judge Alice Salcido will be performing free weddings from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the Doña Ana County Government Center, 845 N. Motel Blvd. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 525-6115. Each couple must bring valid New Mexico drivers' licenses and two witnesses.

## Alternative plans

### Anti-Valentine's Day?

- Throw an anti-Valentine's Day party for all of your single friends
- Make an anti-love song playlist
- Rent a few horror movies the day before Valentine's Day – to avoid the lovebirds – and catch up on missed flicks
- Get nose deep in a book you've been putting off
- Three words: Heart-shaped piñata



## Featured artist: Georjeanna Feltha

# All the colors of the rainbow

Feltha uses recycled materials and lets her art speak for itself

By **David Edwards**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Georjeanna Feltha is almost a walking collage – wearing multiple patterns and textures and especially bright colors layered upon each other. She is a striking figure and with a style all her own.

These unique qualities are reflected in her multi-media art pieces made of cloth, hand-made paper, clay and found objects. And there is always the color.

Feltha's latest exhibit – at the Tombaugh Gallery through Friday, March 4 – is called “Colored: new works by Georjeanna Feltha” in

fact, and the gallery looks like someone tipped over a bunch of paint buckets or wrung out a rainbow or two with the ensuing flood sweeping some funky flotsam along for the ride.

And being a woman of color, her show has a multi-layer of meaning.

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the '50s, Feltha said she experienced racism that was so prevalent during a time in our country's history. She has stated that the reason she named her show “Colored” was in part because when she was born, in the space on her birth certificate where it asked for “race,” hers says “colored.” The word, used to describe people of the Negro race, came to be considered a slur. Other terms replaced it over the years – African-American, black – but Feltha, who is of African, Native American and white ancestry, she said she never really felt like those terms described her. She still feels “colored” is an appropriate reference, perhaps taking away the stigma associated with the word.

Feltha received a master's degree in fine art from New Mexico State University in 2000, after coming to Las Cruces in 1997. She was a partner in a gallery (White Raven) and a retail art store (Black Gold from the Sun) and artist-in-residence at both, but is now just “being an artist.”

She works out of her home studio, sells her work at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market on Saturdays and said she feels that if she just focuses on her art, things will happen for her.

“My kids keep thinking I am going to come back to the Midwest,” Feltha said. “But that's

not going to happen.”

Her father was born in New Mexico and she had conversations with him about the area when she was a 5-year-old child. She confessed that she always felt out of place in Cincinnati and finally felt at home when she got to Las Cruces.

“It's a wonderful place to be, and I want to stay,” Feltha said.

To create installations – sculpture and wall-mounted work – she said she loves using recycled materials. Friends drop off things they find, and some of her favorite hang-outs are SOB's Antiques on West Picacho Avenue and the Mesilla Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore.

“I want to incorporate things that are ecologically good,” she said. “I want to show that we can make some really great art without using up our resources. I have recycled toilet paper in some of these pieces as well as recycled denim jeans. I leave things outside in the sun and let them get rusty. They can sit out there for years until I say, ‘Hey, I know what I want to do with that.’”

She has a wonderful time creating her colorful and often whimsical sculptures. And as she told some of the opening reception's attendees, “I don't like to explain them. I like for you to get whatever you get out of it when you see it.” And to verify that, one woman saw a sno-cone in one painting and another saw a volcano.

“It's all subject to individual interpretation,” Feltha elaborated. “That's what all art is.”

While there is African imagery and sensibilities in her work, there is nothing that overtly



Georjeanna Feltha's exhibit “Colored” is currently on display at the Tombaugh Gallery through Friday, March 4.

references her race – other than the “colored” part. Even so, the exhibit is a celebration of Black History Month as well as For Love of Art Month.

Feltha is planning an open studio tour in March – the first Sunday of spring. She plans to help with some shows at Mikey's Place-A Workshop for the Arts, working with the SumArt Fest students. She said she hopes to delve more into kinetic art in the future continuing to use recycled materials.

Feltha is loving living the life of an artist, creating all the things she does – including clothing and home furnishings and, of course, colorful art out of whatever strikes her fancy.

### Details

#### What

Colored: new works by Georjeanna Feltha

#### When

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# A time to honor

## University pays tribute to influential Americans during Black History Month

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Although February is commonly associated with love, hearts and flowers, it is also a time to pay tribute to African-Americans who have worked and/or sacrificed their life to make America a more equal country.

New Mexico State University has established a Black Studies Programs that works toward equalization and retention within African-American students as well as uniting students of African-American, Caribbean and African descent by increasing the awareness and appreciation of black history through educational, cultural, social and academic programs.

The goal of the Black Studies Programs is to help students reach their potential both in and out of the classroom, recognizing that education does not stop at the classroom door, but springs forth in all facets of life. The program sees students as unique individuals with personal values that must be developed and nourished to the highest level by the entire community's dedication to the educational process.

"Just like the Black Studies Program, Black History Month commemorates achievements of African Americans," said Festus Addo-Yobo, director of the Black Studies Program. "Having an awareness of culture and conversations about being aware of inequalities the still exist in our societies is how we can move forward."

In honor of Black History Month, the

program is putting on two upcoming events – "Comedians are on the Dark Side" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, and "Rediscovering Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24. Both events will be held in the Corbett Center Ballroom.

"Comedians are on the Dark Side" features former Aggie and professional comedian Tony Baker. Baker was originally born and raised in Chicago, but graduated from NMSU. His creativity flourished while he was attending NMSU, and after graduation he and his family moved to California to follow his dreams.

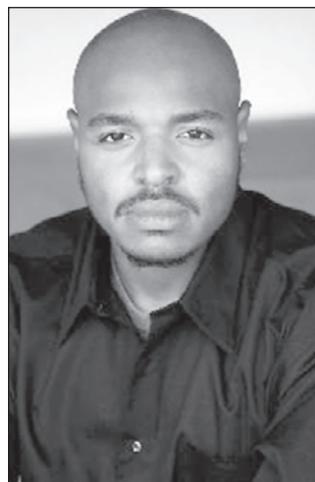
“African-Americans have led struggles ... we want to continue with their struggles in terms of bringing equality.”

FESTUS ADDO-YOBO,  
director of Black Studies Program

"He is a professional comedian, but he's also an Aggie. I think the students will really like that," Addo-Yobo said.

Baker's passion for film started at an early age and stayed with him throughout his life, and his comedic skills developed while hosting pageants, talent shows and fundraising events on the NMSU campus. Baker's love for theater further developed when he made his stage debut in NMSU's production of "Of Mice & Men," in which he received his first acting award.

On a not-so-comic note, "Rediscovering Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention" will feature Dr. Manning Marable. His soon-to-be published comprehensive biography of Malcolm X presents surprising new details about this



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charismatic black leader's life and assassination.

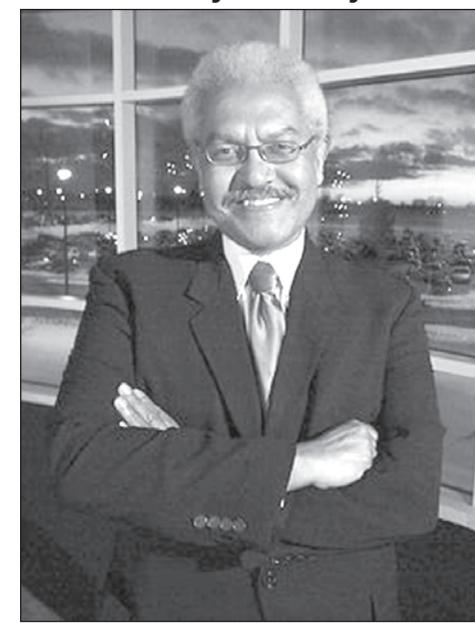
"The talk will feature Malcolm's life and the progression of his philosophies," Addo-Yobo said. "It will also discuss the pros and cons of equality and dismantling races."

Marable is a national leader in the fields of African-American and ethnic studies. He is currently Columbia University's professor of public affairs, political science and history, in addition to being the founder and director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia.

Widely respected for his insight on the politics of race in America, Marable also champions the struggles of racial minorities, women, lesbian, gay, labor and social justice groups.

To bring events such as these to NMSU, the Black Studies Program partners with other departments on campus, including arts and sciences, education, athletics, women's studies, engineering and more.

"Our main goal is to recruit and retain African-Americans at NMSU," Addo-Yobo said. "The program helps African-Americans graduate and adapt to the new environment of being in college. The program also helps African-Americans understand who they are, where they came from and where they want to go. These programs help bridge the gaps and helps us be seen on campus."



To continue the celebration, Dr. Manning Marable will give a talk titled "Rediscovering Malcolm X: A Life of Reinvention" from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, in the Corbett Center Ballroom.

"We also honor Black History Month because a lot of our leaders have passed away for equality and social justice. African Americans have led in struggles and for those who have gone before us, we want to continue with their struggles in terms of bringing equality. We want to show them, they didn't die for nothing. We want to honor their memories and their hard work for civil rights."

### Details

#### When

7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 24

#### Where

Corbett Center Ballroom

#### Cost

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## Call to Artists

### 'A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE'

The Preston Contemporary Art Center announces a call to artists for an exhibition titled "The Photographic Experience."

In celebration of all photographic media and processes – from non-silver to silver-based and digital collage – the exhibition will include 24 of the finest photographic-based works. The exhibition will be displayed at the Preston Contemporary Art Center from May 13 to June 30. Selected works will also be showcased in Photo Technique magazine or the Photo Technique website. Three works from the 24 selected will be awarded cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 and valuable camera case systems from f-stop. The top winner will also be awarded a workshop from Mesilla Digital Imaging Workshops.

The exhibit is open to all photographers. Judging will be based on aesthetic concept and skilled presentation using any photographic-based process. To enter, a non-refundable \$30 entry fee must be paid prior to sending the images for submission. Payments should be made online at

www.regonline.com/photo\_technique\_juried\_exhibition\_contest. After paying the entrance fee, artists can enter up to five works online at exhibition@phototechmag.com. Image size should be 300 dpi, 6 inches on their longest side and jpeg compression no less than 7. Any subject matter is acceptable. Label images as follows, "last name\_first initial\_title." In the email message, include a list of images submitted by title and the medium and size of each work submitted. Also include artist name, email address, mailing address and phone number to match the submission fee payment receipt.

Submissions must be received by Monday, Feb. 28.

### 2011 AUTHOR AWARD

Applications are being accepted for the 2011 Author Award provided by the Friends of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library. Authors must be current residents of Doña Ana County. The book must have been published in 2009 or 2010 and can be non-fiction, fiction, poetry, a collection of short stories or children's book. Two copies

of the book must be submitted with the application form, which can be obtained at the reference desk on the first floor of the Thomas Branigan Library, 200 E. Picacho Ave. by March 1. Forms can be obtained online from Sue Fletcher at sjfletcher1940@yahoo.com.

The books will be reviewed by a reading selection committee comprised of members of the Friends of the Library, and the award winning author will be chosen in late July. The official Author Award will be presented at the Author Award Luncheon Sept. 17.

### CHILD COMPOSER PROJECT

The 2011 "Hey, Mozart!" New Mexico competition will be accepting submissions through Thursday, March 31. New Mexico children born on or after March 31, 1998, are eligible to submit one or more of their original melodies, either in music notation or simply by providing a CD of the child performing.

Past "Hey, Mozart!" composers have performed not only at the project's free, community concert in Albuquerque at the Journal Theatre of the

National Hispanic Cultural Center, but also in concerts around the state.

The project focuses on the creativity of the composer, not his or her technical performance skills. It recognizes and encourages the creative impulses of children making music. Karl Hinterbichler of the University of New Mexico faculty, is the music director for "Hey, Mozart!" He will oversee selection of the melodies and the orchestration of the selected works. Information on how to submit your applications will be posted in the coming weeks.

### ART MUSEUM SEEKS SOLO AND GROUP EXHIBITS

The Las Cruces Museum of Art seeks submissions of utilitarian and sculptural ceramics for the 2011 exhibition "From the Ground Up XXV." The submission deadline is April 8. This call for submissions is open to ceramic artists from the Rocky Mountain region of the United States – New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Artists may submit up to four entries that were completed

within the past three years. The submission fee for one to four entries is \$30 and is payable to Potters' Guild of Las Cruces. Submission forms can be downloaded from the Las Cruces Museum of Art website, www.las-cruces.org/museums. Mail entries to Museum of Art, Attn: From the Ground Up, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004. For more information, call 541-2137.

### CENTENNIAL ART WANTED

New Mexico-based artists and artisans are invited to submit proposals for special commemorative pieces for the upcoming statehood centennial. A wide range of artistic media will be considered, including glassware, jewelry, basketry, pottery and fiber arts (both wearable and decorative). The work should be inspired by the New Mexico Centennial, but will not include the Centennial logo, nor be a souvenir or promotional in nature.

New Mexico Creates, a program of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, is working in partnership with the New Mexico Centennial Foundation

to promote the "New Mexico Creates/Centennial Commemorative Art" line. The 16-month commemoration period begins fall 2011.

For more information, visit www.nmcentennial.org, call 505-984-2012 or email nmcentennial@gmail.com.

### MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

The Mesilla Valley Fine Arts Gallery, 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla, has openings for interested artists and digital photographers to display their work. For more information, call 522-2933, stop by the gallery for an application or visit www.mesillavalleyfinearts.com.

### OPEN STUDIO TOUR

Artists residing in the Alameda area interested in participating in a one-day Open Studio Tour must reside in the area and be willing to open their studio to the public for an event from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21. For more information, contact Georjeanna Feltha at 704 El Prado Ave. or email gfelthathartist@gmail.com. Deadline for entries is Monday, Feb. 14.

# ArtsBriefs

## Poetry Out Loud contest includes two Las Cruces students

Join 11 New Mexico high school students at the St. Francis Auditorium of the New Mexico Museum of Art, 107 W. Palace Ave., at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, as they compete to become the New Mexico's Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest finalist.

The New Mexico competition was held statewide with more than 1,500 youth from 13 schools and almost 50 teachers participating at the classroom level.

Participants in the state finals include Sean Michael Routt of La Cueva High School, Albuquerque; Triniti Pankach of Southwest Learning Centers, Albuquerque; Dalton Carey of Bernalillo High School, Bernalillo; Elyssa-Moreno of Carlsbad High School, Carlsbad; Stephanie Garcia of Clayton High School, Clayton; Kayla Hoosier of Clovis High School, Clovis; Ethan Wertz of Deming High School, Deming; Zachary Lowery of Las Montañas High School, Las Cruces; and, Nicole Bartlett of Oñate High School, Las Cruces.

This year's judges include poet Anne Valley-Fox, poet Barbara Rockman and Debbi Brody.

The state winner will receive \$200 and an all-expense-paid trip with adult chaperone, to Washington, D.C., to compete at the national finals. The winner's school will receive \$500 to purchase poetry books for the school library. The national champion receives \$20,000 in prizes.

## Collage workshop

The Black Range Artists are hosting a workshop in Las Cruces, featuring local artist and member Laurel Weathersbee, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. Weathersbee is a

signature member of the New Mexico Watercolor Society. The workshop will focus on torn and cut paper landscape collages. During this hands-on workshop, participants will finish a small matted collage created with a variety of papers while learning tearing and cutting techniques. The workshop is \$50 and includes all materials. Bring resource landscape photo subjects. To register or for more information, call 373-1971. The workshop is limited to 12 participants.

## 'Waddie Welcome & the Beloved Community'



"Waddie Welcome & the Beloved Community" will be read at the Branigan Cultural Center Saturday, Feb. 12.

The Branigan Cultural Center and The Las Cruces Museum of Art are hosting a public reading of "Waddie Welcome & the Beloved Community," a story of friendships that transcend divisions of disability, race and income. Citizens of Las Cruces are invited to hear the story and discover what lessons it holds for our community.

The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Branigan Cultural

Center. The "Waddie Welcome" reading is supported by Campo Behavioral Health and the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council Grassroots Network.

Funded by the City of Las Cruces, the Branigan Cultural Center is located at 501 N. Main St. For more information, call Kay Lilley at 637-4448 or visit [www.las-cruces.org/museums](http://www.las-cruces.org/museums).

## Yolanda Martinez in concert

Yolanda Martinez will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Martinez is a singer, songwriter, performer and recording artist. Her musical roots go back to her early childhood, when she would sing with no instruments.

Martinez is a Native American Grammy winner in 2004, named "Best Female Artist." She was also nominated in 2000, 2003 and 2007 and is up again this year for her new CD. Martinez is also considered to be a master drum maker and holds workshops and drumming circles all over the U.S. and Europe. She recently returned from touring in Norway where she did concerts and a drum making workshop in Kristiansand.

The second half of the concert will be a drumming circle. The audience is invited to bring drums and percussion instruments. Tickets are \$15. For more information, call 523-1223.

## History notes at the Branigan return

History Notes, informal discussions focusing on local and regional history, are back and will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on the second Thursday at the Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. The programs are free and open to the public. No registration is required. Look for more information about upcoming History Notes in future issues.

## Mesilla Valley Christian Schools concert

A performance by Grammy Award-winner Rebecca St. James will launch Mesilla Valley



Grammy Award-winner Rebecca St. James will perform Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God.

Christian Schools' \$12-million campaign to build a new campus for mid-high and high school students. St. James headlines the concert, which takes place at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West.

Australian born, St. James is both a Grammy Award winner and multiple Dove Award recipient as well as lead actress in the film "Sarah's Choice." Songs like "Wait for Me" and "Yes, I Believe in God" have driven her record sales into the multi-millions globally, and she was named "Favorite Female Artist" in Contemporary Christian Music for seven consecutive years.

Tickets for the event range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist, \$75 for platinum seating only, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for Blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at Mesilla Valley Christian Schools, the New Mexico State University Box Office or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).



Rachel Edwards as Elizabeth Proctor, Ross Rad as John Proctor and Jared Hinojosa as Francis Nurse star in "The Crucible" at Oñate High School.



Andrew Prince as Rev. Parris and Meghan Lang as Abigail Williams star in "The Crucible." The play will run Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 17-19.

## 'The Crucible' moved to Feb. 17-19

The Las Cruces High School Theatre Arts Department has rescheduled its performances of Arthur Miller's "The Crucible" for Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 17-19, at the Las Cruces Public Schools' Performing Arts Center at Oñate High School, 5700

Mesa Grande Drive. Performances will be 7 to 9:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults and are available at the school or at the door. For more information, call 527-9400.

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# EventsCalendar

## FRI. 2/11

**10 a.m. Friday morning storytime,** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Free. Call 522-4499.

**6 to 9 p.m. Live music,** Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

**6:30 p.m. Mike Dowling and Randy Sabien concert,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. Cost \$15. 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 649-7561.

**7:30 p.m. Southwest Honor Band concert,** Atkinson Recital Hall on the NMSU campus. The event is in conjunction with the Southwest Honor Band Festival. Free. Call 646-2304.

## SAT. 2/12

**9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org](mailto:staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org).

**9 a.m. to noon, Valentine's Day crafts for children,** New Mexico Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Cost \$10-\$12. Call 522-4100.

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m. River cleanup,** Rio Grande near Mesilla, southeast corner of

the Calle del Norte (Mesilla) bridge. The Southwest Environmental Center will provide water (to fill water bottles), lemonade and trash bags. Bring gloves and sun protection. Free. Call 522-5552.

**10:30 a.m. Storytellers of Las Cruces,** COAS Bookstores, 317 N. Main St. and 1101 S. Solano Drive. Loni Todoroki will be the storytellers at the Downtown location, and Judith Ames 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.

**10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Unravelers Knitting Guild,** the Health and Public Services Building, Room 294, on the DACC campus. A meeting and workshop on up-cycled T-shirt yarn will be held. Bring old T-shirts, jersey sheets or knit fabric yardage; sharp scissors or rotary cutter and mat; and knitting needles U.S. 11 to U.S. 15. Free. Call 523-0442.

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ninth annual For the Love of Art celebration,** Mesilla Plaza. The event will highlight several area artists and feature artwork, including jewelry, ceramics and more. The Border Jazz Trio will perform from 2 to 3 p.m. Free. Call 524-3262, ext. 116.

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moods of the Organs photographic exhibit,** by Yanick D'hooge, Studio 308 #1, 308 N. Mesquite Street. Free. Call 571-1670.

**11 a.m. Valentine's Day storytime,** Barnes & Noble

Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. "Ruby Valentine Save the Day" will be read along with other favorite Valentine's Day stories, refreshments and crafts. Free. Call 522-4499.

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

**1 to 3 p.m. "Waddie Welcome & the Beloved Community,"** Branigan Cultural Center, 501 N. Main St. Free. Call 541-2155.

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

**6 to 9 p.m. Live music,** Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

**7 to 9 p.m. Swinging Dancers of Munson Center Valentine's Dance,** Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, singles and guests are welcome to dance to the music of Mark Coker. Semi-formal attire is optional, and Valentine's pictures will be taken and can be purchased that night for \$4. Bring finger foods to share. Cost \$6. Call 528-3000.

**7 p.m. Yolanda Martinez concert,** Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. Cost \$15. Call 523-1223.

## SUN 2/13

**11 a.m. to noon, Kids Crafts for Valentine's Day,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. Join co-op employees Annie and



The Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society will host a concert Friday, Feb. 18, at the Mesilla Community Center.

Bunny during this event. Snacks will be provided and parents are required to attend with their children. Free. Call 523-0436.

**11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Moods of the Organs photographic exhibit by Yanick D'hooge,** Studio 308 #1, 308 N. Mesquite Street. Free. Call 571-1670.

**Noon to 4 p.m. Uptown Craft and Growers Market,** Mesilla Valley Mall in front of Sears in the parking lot, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Shop for local arts, crafts and produce. Free. Call 650-7414.

**1 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

**2:30 p.m. Las Cruces Symphony Chamber Orchestra,** Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main St. The show will feature cello virtuoso Julian Schwarz performing selections from Mozart, Haydn and Schubert. The 18-year-old cellist is being recognized as a young musician with great talent and even greater potential. Cost \$5-\$15. Call 646-3709.

**3 to 7 p.m. Open Mic,** Blue Moon Bar, 13060 N. Highway 185. Free. Call 647-9524.

**5 to 9:30 p.m. Dancing with Heart Dinner/Dance,** Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. Proceeds benefit the Free Wheelchair Mission. Cost \$35. Call 525-2450.

## MON. 2/14

**10 a.m. Yarn Junkies,** Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 700 S. Telshor Blvd. Meet in the café for fun and exchange knitting ideas. Free. Call 522-4499.

**1:30 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

## TUE. 2/15

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

**7 p.m. Doña Ana Camera Club meeting,** Southwest Environmental Center, 275 N. Main St. The meeting will examine digital photos from members and use Photoshop elements to improve them. Members and guests are invited to bring photos for critiquing. Free. Call 532-1919.

**7:30 p.m. A literary open mic,** Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla. The event will be sponsored by Sin Fronteras. Bring up to three poems or five minutes of prose to read. Free. Call 521-7311.

## WED. 2/16

**8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market,** Downtown Mall, along Main Street. Wide variety of arts and crafts, food, fresh produce, unique fine art and much more. Free. Email [staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org](mailto:staff@lascrucesfarmersmarket.org).

**6:30 p.m. Stitch & Visit meeting,** Hastings, 2350 E. Lohman Ave. Creative ideas and good conversation are shared. To participate, bring a portable craft. Free. Call 525-1625, email [meadows@zianet.com](mailto:meadows@zianet.com) or visit [lascrucesstitches.multiply.com](http://lascrucesstitches.multiply.com).

## THU. 2/17

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

**4 p.m. The African Who Changed America lecture by Samba Gadjigo,** DACC Auditorium, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Free. Call 527-7573.

**5 to 6 p.m. Beginning belly dance class,** My Place Jewell, 140-A Wyatt Drive. Learn to dance and use props. Great exercise for the body and mind. Cost \$2. Call 526-9509.

**6 to 9 p.m. Live music,** Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

**6 p.m. Cooking Quality Meat on a Budget,** Mountain View Market, 1300 El Paseo Road, Suite M. A continuation of the free monthly cooking series with Kate Maynard of Maynard Cattle Co. Free. Call 523-0436.

**7 p.m. Doña Ana County Historical Society's monthly program,** Good Samaritan Auditorium, 3011 Buena Vida Circle. Jon Hunner will speak on the long and difficult road followed to make New Mexico a state 100 years ago. Free. Call 521-8771.

**7 p.m. Bingo,** Las Cruces Event Center, 522 E. Idaho Ave. Doors open one hour before the games begin, with early-bird sessions beginning before the regular games start. There is a snack bar available. Cost \$10. Call 680-6515.

**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. 2/18

**10 a.m. Southern New Mexico Music and Dance Society concert,** Mesilla Community Center, 2251 Calle de Santiago. The SNMMDS is a nonprofit organization that sponsors dances and music jams. Cost \$4-\$5. Call 522-1691.

**Noon, Storytelling 3.0 by Jason Silverman,** DACC Auditorium, 2800 N. Sonoma Ranch Blvd. Free. Call 527-7573.

**6 to 9 p.m. Live music,** Amaro Winery, 402 S. Melendres St. No cover. Call 527-5310.

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# AtTheMovies

## Living in slow-mo

‘7 Days in Slow Motion’ is simply delightful

Review by **Jeff Berg**  
For the Las Cruces Bulletin

This family-friendly comedy from India is a sweet little film about some young would-be filmmakers who find a movie camera, which sets them on the path to making their own film.

At once a simple parody of the filmmaking process and industry, and a sweet look at youthful vigor and imagination, “7 Days in Slow Motion” is a bit amateurish at times, but it is all done with a light heart and in good fun.

Young Ravi’s life is plotted out by his overbearing but well-meaning mother, which is illustrated by the pie chart of his life that we are greeted with in the opening scenes

of the flick.

Education heavy, Ravi’s time for his distinct love and admiration for movies is allowed less than 1 percent by his mom (who would certainly ground me for life if she knew my movie-watching tendencies).

His dad remains somewhat distant from what Ravi does, since his life is taken in by soccer matches, as he tries to hide the headphones he wears to listen to the games from his well-meaning, but somewhat emasculating wife.

Determined to get around his dilemma, Ravi enlists his friends (all of these lads are about 10 years old or so), Hamid and Onka into doing something about the problem.

Ravi is a good student and as luck would have it, one day while

walking to school, an HD video camera falls off of a passing vehicle, literally right in front of them. The movie gods are smiling on these lads, but even with this good fortune, they try to return the camera immediately to its rightful owner, an American filmmaker who is in town for a week for a film festival. Daunted by a security guard with the most outrageous mustache ever viewed in recent movies, at the festival site, the lads embark on their own filmmaking project, never thinking that it won’t be as easy as pie ... or korma.

However, they need a story, cast, plot and location, all while pretending to study for their final exams, seven days away.

They toss around a variety of ideas, nothing too original, as they try and combine action film plots with blockbuster appeal, with no budget or experience, but Ravi does invest in a copy of “Directing for Dummies,” which I think probably happens too much in real life after seeing so many horrible movies make it to the big screen.

Casting becomes prominent, as they decide to use Ravi’s beautiful teenage cousin for the star, but the problem is she has an arranged wedding coming up to a 40-year-old nerd. But this problem is actually a



Ravi and his friends Hamid and Onka discuss the pros and cons of movie making.

FILM REVIEW

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Visually astute and a simple plot, “7 Days in Slow Motion” is a fun and smile provoking piece perfect for all audiences who don’t mind a few subtitles.

tempered a bit with a good sized helping of standard Bollywood fare, using a lot of bright colors, fun visuals and some song and dance routines for some flare which adds even a bit more to the fun of the movie.

“7 Days in Slow Motion” won’t be playing at hundreds of theaters nationwide, but it is a fun and frisky piece, and if you want to introduce the kids or grandkids to a foreign film, here is a perfect opportunity.

The Mesilla Valley Film Society, housed at the Fountain Theatre is pleased to bring you this film from Friday, Feb. 11, through Thursday, Feb. 17. Not rated, it is for everyone, and is mostly in English, but the accents can sometimes be a bit difficult to work with.

*I wish my life was in slow motion sometimes ... jeffberg@lascrucebuletin.com.*



“7 Days in Slow Motion” is now playing at the Fountain Theatre.

## French rom-com has morals

‘Amélie,’ a sense of justice and a sense of love

The CineMatinee for Saturday, Feb. 12 is “Amélie” (2001, 120 minutes, rated R-In French with English subtitles) “Amélie” is a buoyant French film directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet. This creatively energized film presents an unforgettable portrait of a woman who demonstrates a remarkable talent for the spiritual practice of kindness.

In a 10-minute introduction to this delightful fable set in Paris, a witty and omniscient narrator gives an overview of Amélie’s origins and the forces that shaped her soul and imagination – an extraordinary birth; the strange antics of her father, a doctor; the bizarre accidental death of her mother at Notre Dame Cathedral; her schooling at home; and her childhood secret world of enchantment.

After setting out on her own, Amélie (Audrey Tautou) lands a job as a waitress at an old-fashioned restaurant in the Montmartre district of Paris. There, she charms the regulars and works under the supervision of Suzanne (Claire Maurier), the owner.

Amélie, upon hearing of the death of Princess Diana, discovers a box hidden

away in her apartment containing a boy’s treasured possessions. She decides to return these to the owner. With a little help from Dufayel (Serge Merlin), an elderly painter, she tracks the now middle-aged man down and savors the tearful moment of his reunion with the past. Rejuvenated by this act of kindness, Amélie vows to do more good works.

She comes up with a clever and funny way to get her reclusive father (Rufus) out of his house and into the adventure of travel. She plays matchmaker for Georgette, a lonely tobacconist at the restaurant, and Joseph, a customer who’s been jilted. She lifts the spirits of her building’s sad concierge and stands up for Lucien, an Arab clerk in a grocery store who’s constantly being shamed in public by his authoritarian boss.

It’s not enough, and Amélie needs to find a way to express her amorous feelings for Nino, an eccentric who collects discarded ID photos and holds down jobs at a porno shop and at a carnival where he’s a skeleton in a tunnel of horror.

Jeunet’s direction makes exquisite use of Paris as a delectable playground for

Amélie’s missions of mercy. The screenplay he co-wrote has sparkle, fizz, and incredible ingenuity. From the magical opening to the enchanting closing scenes, “Amélie” is something special – a fool-proof way to lift your spirits.

*CineMatinee is a unique blend of movies presented by the Mesilla Valley Film Society which showcases unique films, past and present, often with an emphasis on life in the west – which could mean the new west, the old west, or anything in between – and “movies that missed us” – films that are notable but never had a lot of publicity.*

*The series is designed to show area residents that film is a form of art and education as well as entertainment! At least one film a month for this series has a “New Mexico Connection,” drawing from the vast pool of movies made in the state (nearly 500) or perhaps featuring a star/story from New Mexico talent ... film festival quality movies in an old adobe theatre!*

*Unless otherwise noted, screening time is 1:30 p.m., and admission is \$4 for everyone except film society members who are admitted for \$1. The theater is located one-half block south of the Mesilla Plaza. For more information, call 524-8287, and leave a message.*

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# Galleries & Openings

## OPENING

### NOPALITO'S GALERÍA

will host "For the Love of Toys" with Camino del Arte from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Expressions, Expressions photographs will be there along with two local artists. The artists are Mary Beagle and Linda Hagen. Beagle will be showing "Native Spirit," a collection of oil paintings with a Native American theme. A reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12. Hagen is influenced by the openness and light of the Southwest. The gallery is at 326 S. Mesquite St. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday or by appointment. Call 524-0003.

**JOYCE T. MACRORIE STUDIO GALLERY** celebrates the Love of Art Month with a group exhibition featuring Linda Gendall, Paul Lawrence, Joyce T. Macrorie, Or-Dima and Scott Weaver.

Gendall works in sculpture as well as oil paintings. Lawrence, a relative newcomer to Las Cruces from Jackson Hole, Wyo., will exhibit his color photography. Macrorie is a respected artist and works in many media. She will exhibit acrylic paintings, pastels and monotype prints as well as displaying examples of her popular and unique approach to jewelry-making. Or-Dima, a native of Las Cruces, is best known for his fantastical pen-and-ink wash drawings. He will exhibit several new works, including his own take on Botticelli's Birth of Venus, and a very large drawing titled "Santa Brigida de Compostela Cartouche." Weaver will exhibit his photography, including some work from the past that had only once been briefly exhibited. Expect some controversy from some of these images. This special event will be held for two days only from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13. The exhibit can also be viewed by appointment through February. The gallery is at 639 S. San Pedro St. Call 571-8349. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, by appointment only. Call 571-8349.

**LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY** will host "Disease Detectives"

through Sunday, June 5. "Disease Detectives" is an interactive exhibit that explores infectious diseases. Visitors can study three cases of illnesses represented by mannequins. They can learn how to examine each patient by taking temperatures, listening to hearts, lungs and other internal organs, and assessing symptoms in order to determine what's making them sick. Then, visitors can analyze test results and try to trace the origins of the microbes at the root of their patients' illnesses.

The Las Cruces Museum of Natural History is next to JC Penney inside Mesilla Valley Mall. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-3120.

### NEW MEXICO FARM & RANCH HERITAGE MUSEUM

is showing "Greetings to You: Historic Postcard" Friday, Feb. 11. With the arrival of email, text messaging and phones that can take photographs and deliver them to a family member or a friend in seconds, communications have changed dramatically in recent years. But there's still nothing like opening your mailbox and holding in your hand a colorful postcard sent by a friend in another city or a family member on vacation. The exhibit traces the history of postcards and is an extensive exhibit that features more than 500 postcards that date back as early as the 1880s. The museum is at 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-4100.

## ONGOING

### TOMBAUGH GALLERY

hosts "Colored: new works by Georjeanna Feltha," an exhibit of all new work by Las Cruces artist Georjeanna Feltha to coincide with Black History Month. The show will run through Friday, March 4. The show is titled "Colored" because when Feltha was born, in the space on her birth certificate where it asked for race, it said "colored." In celebration of Black History Month as well as For the Love Art Month, Feltha presents the many facets of color. The

gallery is at 2000 Solano Drive. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call 522-7281.

### UNSETTLED GALLERY & STUDIO

hosts a new work by C.C. Cunningham titled "Traces a Map of One Journey." Cunningham, who recently relocated to Colorado, will be welcomed by her many area friends and collectors. Cunningham's work blends elements of the push and pull of her journey - her ties to the Las Cruces art community and love of the Southwest light and desert landscape as well as her connection to, and feelings for, the iconic figures from "Affection" (her first solo exhibit in Las Cruces). The exhibit also displays the uncertainty of the unknown, the creation and birth of her grandchild, the determination to move on and the process of relocating. Unsettled Gallery is 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 or by appointment. Call 635-2285.

### SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

hosts "Raptors of the Southwest," at Cottonwood Gallery inside the SWEC. The show consists of 42 color prints reproduced from paintings created by Richard Sloan for the "Raptors of Arizona" book, published in 1998. Hawks, vultures, falcons, kites and owls are portrayed in their typical Southwestern habitats. The show will run through March. The gallery is at 275 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 522-5552.

### LAS CRUCES MUSEUM OF ART

presents "Sight Unseen," a retrospective exhibition showcasing 30 years of work by sculptor Michael Naranjo. The exhibit will be open through Saturday, April 2. Many of the sculptures on display are cast in bronze with a dark black patina. Works on display include intimate scenes of everyday life, reflections of the pueblo culture and a life-sized figure of an eagle dancer. The museum is at 491 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2137.

### LAS CRUCES CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

hosts "Love in the Dream Garden" during February's Love of Art Month.



"Conversation" by Linda Gendall will be on display at the Joyce T. Macrorie Studio Gallery.

The exhibit features an eclectic grouping of eight pieces by Margaret Bernstein. With an eye toward open space and its creatures, Bernstein creates a short narrative in each of these visual art works designed both to stand-alone and to intertwine. The bureau is at 211 N. Water St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 541-2444.

### UNIVERSITY MUSEUM

hosts "Masked Traditions of Venetian Carnival." This exhibit explores the vibrantly colorful tradition of "il Carnevale di Venezia" through display of costumes, masks and photographs. A major part of the festival of carnival has traditionally been masquerade, which provides a way for ordinary people to adopt an extraordinary personality or character. Many of the masks in this exhibit were commissioned from Venetian mascherari (mask-makers) by costume designer Shawn Dudley Reeves for use on popular soap operas, such as "The Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns." The museum is at 1280 E. University Ave. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-5161.

### THE CUTTER GALLERY

hosts "The Bridge to Tir na nog" by Rosemary McLoughlin. The exhibit is a tribute to her brother Bill, who has recently died of cancer. Tir na nog is the land of eternal youth and her show is a reminder of her brother's wonderful spirit. McLoughlin is well known for her whimsical paintings with cats, family and friends flying around her work in a dream like way. Settings for her work are both magical and based on real life with references from Brooklyn, Europe and Mesilla predominant in her work. The gallery is at 2640 El Paseo Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Call 541-0658.

### MESILLA VALLEY FINE ARTS GALLERY

will participate in the eighth annual For the Love of Art Month celebration in Mesilla in conjunction with the Las Cruces celebration. The gallery will hold the annual "My Masterpiece" contest. "My Masterpiece" challenges local artists to mimic oil-famous artists, such as Charles Russell, R.C. Gorman, Monet and many more. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner of the contest. The gallery will also feature Carol Lopez and Karin Bradshaw during the month of February. Lopez has been involved in the arts for more than 25 years, working with a variety of media, including the ancient painting medium encaustic (beeswax). Bradshaw's work depicts traditional Pueblo Indian designs burned into beautiful symmetrical gourds. From a distance, these decorated gourds look like Indian pottery.

The gallery is pleased to announce new member Aubrey de Cheubell. Both an art historian and a working studio artist, Cheubell has developed into a unique perspective on creating ceramic art. Cheubell has participated in numerous art shows and received many awards. The gallery is at 2470-A Calle de Guadalupe in Mesilla. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 522-2933.

### BRANIGAN CULTURAL CENTER

presents "By George!" through Saturday, Feb. 26. "By George!" (the theme of the 2011 President's Challenge exhibit) presents the exciting possibility for a wide variety of interpretations in the use of George Mendoza's fabrics. Mendoza, now a Las Cruces resident, was a promising high school athlete when a degenerative eye disorder caused legal blindness. Mendoza's talents remained intact as he became a world-class runner, a motivational speaker and a full-time artist. His colorful art has become a 100-percent cotton fabric collection that debuted at the International Quilt Market Show in October 2009.

The Las Colcheras Quilt

Guild will hold hand-quilting demonstrations from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the month of February. An opening reception with light refreshments will be held at the Branigan Cultural Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, during the Downtown Ramble on Main Street. Awards will be presented at 5:30 p.m.

"I See Red," an intimate exhibit by the Southern Chapter of the New Mexico Watercolor Society, will run at Branigan through Saturday, Feb. 26. The New Mexico Watercolor Society was founded as a statewide chapter of the Southwestern Watercolor Society of Dallas in 1969. In 1975, the NMWS became an independent entity. Founded in 2001, the southern chapter is located in Las Cruces and serves the state's southern counties. NMWS promotes watercolor as an art medium and educates the public as to the significance of watercolor as an important painting medium. Its goal is to make New Mexico known nationally for its watercolorists.

The center is at 501 N. Main St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 541-2154.

### THE MAIN STREET GALLERY

features Material Girls Judy Licht, Lynn Unangst and Ann Angel through February. Fiber artworks include hand-dyed silk, quilted constructs and hand weavings. Other artists exhibiting at the Main Street Gallery include Winfrey Hearst, Daphne Wirthlin, Lois Wilson, Margaret Berrier, Joanna Bradley, Rudy Lucero, Paula Gonzalez, Jan Severson and Annette Paajanen, Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt and Woody Hoffman. The gallery is at 311 N. Main St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Call 647-0508.

### NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

presents the 2011 Art Faculty Biennial exhibition. The exhibition showcases current work by NMSU studio art faculty in a wide variety of media, including photography, sculpture, metalwork, painting, ceramics and drawing. The exhibit will remain on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. The gallery is at 1390 E. University Ave. on the NMSU campus. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 646-2545.

### THE ADOBE PATIO GALLERY & STUDIO

hosts an exhibition focusing on regional excellence, featuring the works of local and area artists. The exhibition includes the vinyl tile murals of Tony Pennock; Joseph Ireland, a long recognized regional artist; the powerful watercolor and pastels of Glenda Bucci; and many more. The building contains spaces that were designed to show off a variety of paintings and sculptures. The gallery is at 1765 Avenida de Mercado. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and by appointment. Call 523-0573.

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## Spoil yourself on chocolate

The Chocolate Lady serves up tasty treats, gourmet chocolate

By **Samantha Roberts**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

There are a few things a woman should splurge on – shoes, handbags and chocolate.

Although the Mesilla shop may not have trendy accessories, The Chocolate Lady offers delicious and delicate sweets from truffles and toffee to ice cream and chocolate pops.

Originally J. Eric Chocolatier, the sweet shop was purchased by Rick Jackson, and his wife Linda manages the store.

"I started making chocolate as a hobby while my daughter was in school," Linda Jackson said. "I loved making it and eating it, so when I saw the business was for sale, I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of."

Jackson said she saw a need to keep a gourmet chocolate shop in Mesilla because of the large number of tourists that visit the town, including out-of-town family members of Las Cruces.

"My father-in-law sold his business for the reason that you have to do chocolate because you love it, not for the money," said Lucy Rathgeber, daughter-in-law of J. Eric Rathgeber and a current employee. "The business was ready for someone fresh and new."

After successfully running for more than a decade, and with one of their busiest holidays around the corner, Jackson and her employees are putting the final touches on Valentine's Day chocolate-covered strawberries and the "Terrible T's."

"We call our most popular sellers the 'Terrible T's' – truffles, Turtles and toffee," Rathgeber said.

A truffle is a round chocolate ball with a creamy chocolate ganache center, and they are delicious. Chocolate on chocolate may seem like a cocoa overload, but in the world of gourmet chocolate, this combination is perfect. Although a generous amount of TLC goes into each delightful concoction,



Linda Jackson of The Chocolate Lady at 2379 Calle de Guadalupe, serves delicious chocolaty treats year round, including truffles, Turtles, toffee and more.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Samantha Roberts

truffles require the most time.

"The truffles take four days to make," Rathgeber said. "First, the ganache is made and sits overnight. Then, ganache balls are individually scooped and rolled in chocolate. After sitting another night, the balls are coated by hand in chocolate once more and sit a final night. The fourth day, they are ready to be served."

A candy that is known around the world, Turtles contain caramel, a nut (The Chocolate Lady uses pecans and cashews) and milk or dark chocolate, no matter where you go. I have developed a love/hate relationship with these sweet little things. I love them and my waistline hates them, but opting for dark chocolate makes them good for you. Right?

Toffee at The Chocolate Lady is an English-style toffee that has been flattened and coated with chocolate and pecans on both sides – so good. I can't think of enough tasty ways to describe this treat.

If your mouth is already beginning to water, calm down, I've only described three items.

Along with the "Terrible T's," the sweet shop serves chocolate-covered cherries, Oreos, graham crackers and Ritz crackers and peanut butter – each coated in your choice of milk or dark chocolate.

During the holidays, specialty items are also made, such as molded chocolates and covered strawberries.

"We can mold just about anything, as long as we have a mold," said Rathgeber, adding that the sculpted chocolates are also put on sticks to make chocolate pops – a favorite with the kids.

Since chocolate at The Chocolate Lady is made without wax – unlike some larger chocolate companies – the candies melt at around 78 degrees. To combat this dilemma, the store began serving homemade whipped ice cream, becoming popular enough to keep year-round. Made with whipping cream and crushed homemade creations, the cold treat comes in chocolate, vanilla, pecan crunch and chocolate chip as well as seasonal flavors, such as peppermint.

Other indulgences include frozen bananas, strawberries and blackberries covered in chocolate, available from March through September, as well as dried ginger, apricot and spiced mango dipped in dark chocolate – a healthier option.

"We make everything in small batches," Jackson said. "While other large companies are putting wax in their chocolate and working seasons ahead, everything here is fresh. We focus on a holiday as it comes. That is why we only serve fresh strawberries during Valentines – their shelf life is too short to keep fresh and stocked."

Jackson asks that fresh strawberries be ordered early during this holiday.

"We make something every day," Rathgeber said. "We don't make everything, every day, but we are constantly making something."

Other than white, milk and dark chocolate-dipped strawberries, The Chocolate Lady also carries heart-shaped boxes and other Valentine's treats.

"Christmas and Valentine's Day are our busiest times of the year," Jackson said, adding that she urges buyers to make their selections quickly. "Although we get busy, the economy has really hurt (the chocolate industry). We have also felt the pinch from a decline in tourists from Mexico. But there are many loyal customers out there, and to them I am thankful. We would be nothing without them."

Although people are cutting back, gourmet chocolate is still affordable, with prices ranging from \$1 to \$3 a piece.

"Buying one good piece of chocolate can be more satisfying than a larger candy bar from the store," Jackson said, adding that her 5-year-old granddaughter has already gotten spoiled on Grandma's chocolate. "You can come in and buy one piece or a pound, it's whatever you want."

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# Discovering local treasures at the Downtown Art Ramble

Photos by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney

Guests weaved throughout colorful artwork at the Branigan Cultural Center during the Downtown Art Ramble Tuesday, Feb. 8.



Memariaa Encee stands with Boys & Girls Club of Las Cruces Teen Coordinator Emilie Gibson. Gibson said she brought 12 club members to the Ramble to ignite creativity and art appreciation.



Kris Turrentine stands in front of a display in the Main Street Gallery. The exhibit, "Material Girls," is an assortment of clothing, jewelry and women's wear displayed for their artful style.



Flo Hosa Dougherty serves refreshments to guests as they visit the Branigan exhibit.

Linea Egbert poses with Natalia Henry.

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FRIDAY EVENING													FEBRUARY 11, 2011			
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PBS	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Wash.	McLaughlin	Need to Know (N)	Frontline (In Stereo)	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	The Defenders (N)	CSI: NY (N) [C]	Blue Bloods [C]	News	Letterman	Late					
ABC	7	News (N)	ABC News (N)	Ent	Be My Valentine	20/20 "Wrong Turn: The Kati Kim Story"			News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live					
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Kitchen Nightmares	Fringe "Immortality"	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Who Do You	Dateline NBC (In Stereo) [C]	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late					
CW	14		Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Smallville "Beacon"	Supernatural (N)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15		Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubs	Scrubs	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb	
ESPN	26		SportsCtr	NBA	NBA Basketball: Lakers at Knicks			NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Utah Jazz.	(Live)	SportsCenter [C]						
ESPN2	27		NFL Live	High School	NBA Basketball		Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) [C]		SportsCenter [C]	Live	NFL Live	NBA	Nation			
USA	31		NCIS "Recoil"		NCIS "Broken Bird"		CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene		NCIS "In the Zone"	NCIS "Recoil"				
TNT	32		Bones [C]		** "Shooter" (2007)	Mark Wahlberg. [C]		** "Righteous Kill" (2008) [C]			** "The Recruit" (2003) [C]					
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	** "Bedtime Stories" (2008) Premiere.		** "Bedtime Stories" (2008) [C]			*** "Secondhand Lions" (2003) [C]						
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LIFE	39		Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	"Taken From Me: Tiffany Rubin Story"				Reba	Reba	Reba			
FOOD	40		Flay	Best	Chopped		Diners	Diners	Food	Best	Unwrap	Unwrap	Diners	Diners		
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DISC	47		American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	Flying Wild Alaska		Gold Rush: Alaska	Sons	Sons	Flying Wild Alaska	Gold Rush: Alaska					
ANPL	50		Confessions	Confessions	Confessions		Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions	Confessions					
FAM	51		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos		Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club (N)	Who? Who? Who?	Who? Who? Who?	Who? Who? Who?	Who? Who? Who?	Who? Who? Who?			
DISN	52		Deck	Deck	Deck	Deck	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Shake It	Wizards	Fish	Phineas	Deck		
NICK	54		iCarly	iCarly	"Fred: The Movie" (2010) (In Stereo) [C]		Lopez	My Wife	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny		
AMC	57		(4:00) "Rocky IV"	** "Rocky V" (1990, Drama)	Sylvester Stallone.		** "Rocky V" (1990, Drama)	Sylvester Stallone.			** "Cujo" [C]					
SYFY	59		(4:00) "Eragon"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) [C]	Merlin (N) [C]		Being Human									
CNN	62		John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper 360 [C]				Piers Morgan		Anderson Cooper			
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report	60 Minutes on	Remington Un.		Dead Body		Mad Money		60 Minutes on		Remington Un.			
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup			

SATURDAY MORNING													FEBRUARY 12, 2011			
	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30				
PBS	2	22	PBS NewsHour [C]	Bob Build	Dinosaur	Thomas	Mr Rogers	W'dwright	Best of Joy	Fine Art	Sews	organic	Liv'g			
CBS	3	3	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Early Show (N) (In Stereo) [C]			Busytown	Busytown	Doodlebop	Trollz (EI)	Horseland	Today			
ABC	7	7	Sports	Reporter	Good Morning El Paso			Emperor	So Raven	Replacemn	Hannah	Suite Life				
FOX	8	14	Real-Scrpt	Profit	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Icons	Paid Prog.	House	90 Days!	Marketpl	Marketpl	Marketpl			
NBC	9	9	Paid Prog.	Faith Ave	Today Renting: miniseries	on the Kennedys. (N)		Turbo	Sheldon	Magic Bus	Babar (EI)	Willi's	Pearlie			
CW	14		(3:00) Storm Track	Weather 24/7			Cubix	Cubix	Sonic X	Sonic X	Yu-Gi-Oh!	Sonic X	Dragon			
WGN	15		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Instant	Lifelock		In the Heat of the Night	In the Heat of the Night	Walker, Texas Ranger	Walker, Texas Ranger					
ESPN	26		SportsCenter [C]		SportsCenter [C]		SportsCenter [C]		SportsCenter [C]	College GameDay (Live)	College Basketball					
ESPN2	27		Nation	NBA	Baseball	NASCAR	SportsNation [C]		English Premier League	Soccer	College Basketball					
USA	31		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Fat Loss	Fairly Legal [C]		Royal Pains [C]		** "Over Her Dead Body" (2008) [C]					
TNT	32		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Law & Order "Flight"		Law & Order (In Stereo)		Men of a Certain Age	The Closer [C]		** "The Recruit"				
TBS	33		Harvey	Harvey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	(:05) ** "A Lot Like Love" (2005) [C]		(:05) *** "Secondhand Lions" (2003) [C]							
COM	35		Bosley Hair	Take It Off!	"Revenge of the Nerds II: Nerds in Paradise"		** "Major League" (1989, Comedy)	Tom Berenger. [C]			Scrubs					
LIFE	39		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	No Diets!	WEN Hair	** "She's the One" (1996)	Jennifer Aniston.					
FOOD	40		Tyler's Ult.	Grill It!	Big Daddy	Giada	Day Off	Mexican	30-Minute	Ingred. Fix	Paula	Paula	Secrets			
HGTV	41		Income	Kitchen	Bathtastic!	Sweat Equ.	Holmes on Homes		Disaster	Disaster	Crashers	Income	Designed			
A&E	43		My Ghost Story [C]		Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Sell House	Flip This House [C]		Flip This House [C]			
HIST	44		Heavy Metal "Radar"		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers			
TLC	45		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Home Made Simple (N)		Moving Up [C]		Moving Up [C]		Moving Up [C]			
DISC	47		Paid Prog.	Florida	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Dirty Jobs [C]		American Chopper		The FBI Files [C]		The Bureau [C]			
ANPL	50		(4:00) Puppy Games 2008 (In Stereo) [C]		Animals	Animals	It's Me or the Dog		Pit Boss [C]		Pit Boss [C]		Pit Boss [C]			
FAM	51		Boy World	** "Au Pair" (1999)	Gregory Harrison.		** "Uptown Girls" (2003)	Brittany Murphy.		** "Ella Enchanted" (2004)						
DISN	52		Charlie	Einsteins	Einsteins	Jungle	Chugging	Movers	Manny	Agent Oso	Mickey	Mickey	Phineas			
NICK	54		Parents	Rugrats	Fanboy	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	T.U.F.F.	Penguins	Parents	Planet	Power			
AMC	57		CarMD	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	**** "The Ox-Bow Incident"		(:45) ** "Last of the Dogmen" (1995)	Tom Berenger. [C]						
SYFY	59		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Million \$	"The Terminators" (2009)	A Martinez. [C]		** "SS Doomtrooper" (2006)	Corin Nemic.					
CNN	62		Saturday	Gupta	CNN Saturday Morning		Bottom	Newsroom				Newsroom				
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wealth	Get Ripped	Oreck	People	Paid Prog.	Take It Off!	Paid Prog.	Salad Chef			
MSNBC	64		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		MSNBC News Live (N)		Dead Men Talking: Trail			

SATURDAY AFTERNOON													FEBRUARY 12, 2011			
	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30				
PBS	2	22	Hometime	MotorWeek	NMSU	This Old House Hr	Garden	Garden	Cook	Avec Eric	Legislators	Lawrence Welk				
CBS	3	3	College Basketball	Kentucky at Vanderbilt. [C]		PGA Tour Golf AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am,	Third Round. [C]		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.						
ABC	7	7	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Wipeout [C]		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	ESPN Sports Saturday	Sports anthology. (N)				
FOX	8	14	AAA	Eco Co.	Paid Prog.	Traveler	Raceweek	Donate	** "Bait" (2000)	Jamie Foxx, David Morse.		Two Men				
NBC	9	9	Skiing		Action Sports (In Stereo Live) [C]		Rugby USA	Sevens World Series. From Las Vegas. [C]				Paid Prog.				
CW	14		(10:30) Yu-Gi-Oh! (N)		Into Wild	Wild Am.	Edgemont	Edgemont	Adventures	Adventures	WHAD	Edgemont				
WGN	15		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI		Law Order: CI					
ESPN	26		College Basketball		College Basketball	Ohio State at Wisconsin.		College Basketball	Baylor at Texas. (Live)		College Basketball					
ESPN2	27		College Basketball		College Basketball											
USA	31		** "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008)		** "I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry" (2007) [C]				*** "Sex and the City" (2008)							
TNT	32		(10:00) ** "The Recruit" (2003)		** "Payback" (1999, Action)	Mel Gibson. [C]		** "Four Brothers" (2005)	Mark Wahlberg.			Shooter				
TBS	33		Secondhd (:20) ** "The Bucket List" (2007) [C]		Jim		Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King				
COM	35		Scrubs	Scrubs	Scrubs	*** "Little Miss Sunshine" (2006) [C]		** "Accepted" (2006)	Justin Long. [C]			Wedding				
LIFE	39		"A Valentine Carol" (2007)	Emma Caulfield. [C]		** "Forever Love" (1998)	Reba McEntire. [C]		** "The Lake House" (2006)	Keanu Reeves.						
FOOD	40		Contessa	Contessa	Worst Cooks		Chopped		Cupcake Wars		Iron Chef America	Challenge				
HGTV	41		Unsellable	Get It Sold	Curb/Block	Design	Colour	Bang, Buck	Candice	Sarah	Genevieve	Color Spl.	Designed			
A&E	43		Flip This House [C]		Flip This House [C]		Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter	Manhunter			
HIST	44		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers					
TLC	45		Moving Up [C]		Police Women		Police Women		Police Women		Police Women					
DISC	47		Get Out Alive [C]		Solved [C]		Kidnap & Rescue [C]		Track Me if You Can		Almost, Away	Almost, Away				
ANPL	50		Cats 101 [C]		Cats 101 [C]		Cats 101 [C]		Cats 101 [C]		Cats 101 [C]					
FAM	51		Ella	** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003, Comedy)		** "What a Girl Wants" (2003)	Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth.		** "Nanny McPhee"							
DISN	52		Phineas	Fish Hooks	Sonny	Sonny	Wizards	Wizards	Good Luck	Shake It	Suite/Deck	Suite/Deck				
NICK	54		Victorious	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Penguins	Fanboy	Fanboy	Fanboy				
AMC	57		Last Dog	*** "Jeremiah Johnson" (1972)	Robert Redford, Will Geer.		**** "The Godfather" (1972, Crime Drama)	Marlon Brando, Al Pacino.								
SYFY	59		"Arctic Predator" (2010)	Dean Cain. [C]		"Bone Eater" (2007)	Bruce Boxleitner, Gil Gerard.		*** "Splinter" (2008)	Shea Whigham. [C]						
CNN	62		Your Money		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom		Newsroom	Situation Room				
CNBC	63		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Get Ripped	Wealth	Paid Prog.	People	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.				
MSNBC	64		Dead Men Talk		In Cold Blood		Mindhunter		Bitter Pill [C]		The Stranger	Twist of Fate				

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			5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
PBS	2	22	Globe Trekker		NOVA (N) (In Stereo)	Nature (N)		Masterpiece Classic (N) (CC)		Art-Century		Spain	Europe	Rudy		
CBS	3	3	News	News	60 Minutes (N)	The 53rd Annual Grammy Awards Excellence in the recording industry.				News		Cold Case (CC)				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	Funny Home Videos	Extreme Makeover	Desp.-Wives	Brothers & Sisters	News (N)	News	Insider	Betty				
FOX	8	14	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Simpsons/American	Simpsons/Burgers	Fam. Guy/Cleve	KFOX News at Nine	Seinfeld	Mother	Office	Mother				
NBC	9	9	News	News	Dateline NBC (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		Harry's Law "Pilot"	Harry's Law (CC)	News	Lopez	Nieman	Paid				
CW	14		* "A Guy Thing" (2003)	Jason Lee.	"Master and Commander: The Far Side"			Access Hollywood	Ugly Betty (CC)	Brothers						
WGN	15		Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother	News	Replay	Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		Monk (CC)		
ESPN	26		(4:00) SportsCenter		NBA Basketball: Thunder at Warriors			SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		SportsCenter (CC)				SportsCtr		
ESPN2	27		Score.	Poker	2010 World Series of Poker (CC)		2010 Poker - Europe	2010 Poker - Europe	2010 Poker		NBA Basketball					
USA	31		Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)	Royal Pains (CC)	White Collar (CC)	Burn Notice (CC)							
TNT	32		(3:00) "Fight Club"		** "Walking Tall" (2004)	(:22) ** "Walking Tall" (CC)	(8:55) ** "3000 Miles to Graceland" (2001)				Silence					
TBS	33		"School of Rock"	** "Bedtime Stories" (2008) (CC)		** "Bedtime Stories" (2008) (CC)		*** "The School of Rock" (2003) (CC)								
COM	35		(4:30) ** "Employee of the Month"		*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell.		Tosh.0	South Pk	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama					
LIFE	39		"P.S. I Love You"	** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz. Premiere. (CC)		** "The Holiday" (2006) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. (CC)										
FOOD	40		Worst Cooks	Challenge (N)	Worst Cooks	Iron Chef America	Cupcake Wars	Worst Cooks	Iron Chef America							
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Holmes	Holmes	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters	Income	Income	Holmes Inspection	House	Hunters		
A&E	43		Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds	(:01) Criminal Minds						
HIST	44		Ax Men (CC)	Ax Men (CC)	Ax Men (N) (CC)	Larry the Cable Guy	Top Shot (CC)	(:01) Ax Men (CC)	(:01) Ax Men (CC)							
TLC	45		William, Kate	William & Kate	The Queen (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		The Queen (In Stereo) (CC)		William & Kate							
DISC	47		Sex Appeal	Sex Appeal	Science of Lust (N)	Anatomy of Sex	Sex Appeal	Sex Appeal	Science of Lust							
ANPL	50		Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions (N)	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions					
FAM	51		(3:30) "Enchanted"	"Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"		Funny Home Videos	J. Osteen	Ed Young	Zola Lev	Get Hot!						
DISN	52		Fish	Good	Wizards	Wizards	**** "Toy Story" (1995)	**** "Toy Story 2" (1999)	Fish	Sonny	Wizards	Wizards				
NICK	54		"Angus, Thongs and Perfect Snogging"	News	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny				
AMC	57		"Godfather Pt 2"	**** "The Godfather, Part II" (1974, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diane Keaton.		"The Godfather, Part II" (1974)										
SYFY	59		"Star Trek 6-Undiscovered"		*** "Star Trek: First Contact" (1996)		"BloodRayne 2: Deliverance" (2007) (CC)		Return							
CNN	62		Newsroom	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	Newsroom	CNN Presents	Piers Morgan	Newsroom							
CNBC	63		Diabetes	Wall St.	Walt: The Man Behind the Myth	Supermarkets	One Nation	American Greed	Swoosh! Inside Nike							
MSNBC	64		Caught on Camera	Caught on Camera	Blind Justice	A woman murdered. (N)	Predator Raw	Predator Raw	Longest Night							

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PBS	2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	World	Antiques Roadshow	American Experience: Reagan: Crusade	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley						
CBS	3	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	Mother	Mad	Two Men	Mike	Hawaii Five-0 (N)	News	Letterman	Late		
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	The Bachelor (N) (In Stereo) (CC)		(:01) Castle (N)		News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live			
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	House (N) (CC)	The Chicago Code	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb			
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	Chuck (N) (CC)	The Cape (N) (CC)	Harry's Law (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	90210 (N) (CC)	Gossip Girl (N)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Funny Home Videos	WGN News at Nine	Scrubz	Scrubz	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb			
ESPN	26		College Basketball			College Basketball		SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	Final	SportsCenter (CC)					
ESPN2	27		Women's College Basketball			Women's College Basketball		SportsNation (CC)	NASCAR Now (CC)	NBA	NFL					
USA	31		NCIS "About Face"	Dog Show		WWE Monday Night RAW (CC)		(:05) White Collar	CSI: Crime Scene	CSI: Crime Scene						
TNT	32		Bones Quarantined.	Bones (CC)		Bones (CC)	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli & Isles	CSI: NY "Jamalot"	CSI: NY "Trapped"						
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Fam. Guy	Conan (N)	Lopez Tonight (N)	Conan					
COM	35		(4:45) *** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Daily	Colbert	Presents	Comedy	Futurama	Daily			
LIFE	39		Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	** "Chasing Liberty" (2004) Premiere.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will			
FOOD	40		Iron Chef America	Unwrap	Candy	Diners	Diners	Best	Best	Good Eat	Good Eat	Diners	Diners	Best	Best	
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	Selling	Selling	Selling	Selling	Cash, Hunters	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	Selling	Cash, Hunters		
A&E	43		The First 48 (CC)	Intervention (CC)	Intervention "Erin"	Heavy "Kevin; Flor"	Heavy (CC)	(:01) Intervention	(:01) Intervention							
HIST	44		American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers	Pawn	Pawn	Larry the Cable Guy	Pawn	Pawn	American Pickers				
TLC	45		Cake	Cake	Unpop	Unpop	Cake	Cake	19 Kids	19 Kids	Unpop	Cake	Cake	19 Kids	19 Kids	
DISC	47		MythBusters (CC)	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	American Chopper	Gold Rush: Alaska	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper	American Chopper			
ANPL	50		Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions	Fatal Attractions			
FAM	51		Pretty Little Liars	Pretty Little Liars	Greek (N) (CC)	Pretty Little Liars	The 700 Club (CC)	Who? Who?	Who? Who?	Who? Who?	Who? Who?	Paid	Paid			
DISN	52		(4:30) "Toy Story 2"	(:10) *** "Finding Nemo" (2003) (CC)		Good	Good	*** "Enchanted" (2007) Amy Adams.	Phineas	Phineas						
NICK	54		iCarly	Sponge.	My Wife	My Wife	Chris	Chris	Lopez	Lopez	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	George	George
AMC	57		"Training Day" (CC)	*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)	Tim Robbins.	*** "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994)	Tim Robbins.									
SYFY	59		(4:00) "Identity"	Being Human	Being Human (N)	* "Joy Ride 2: Dead Ahead" (2008) (CC)	Being Human	Moonlight (CC)								
CNN	62		John King, USA (N)	Parker Spitzer (N)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)	Piers Morgan	Anderson Cooper								
CNBC	63		The Kudlow Report	Biography on CNBC	Dog Show (Live) (CC)		Pet Food-Dog	Dog Show (CC)								
MSNBC	64		Hardball Matthews	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show (N)	The Last Word	Rachel Maddow	The Ed Show							

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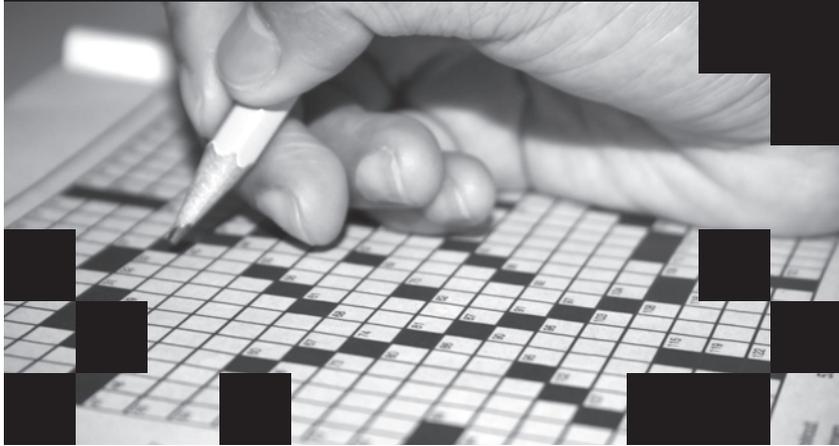
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PBS	2	22	Business	PBS NewsHour (N)	News 22	Pioneers-Tele	Frontline (CC)	Independent Lens	Charlie Rose (N)	World	T. Smiley					
CBS	3	3	News	News	Jeopardy	Wheel	NCIS "Defiance" (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles	The Good Wife (N)	News	Letterman	Late				
ABC	7	7	News (N)	ABC	News (N)	Ent	No Ordinary Family	V "Siege" (N) (CC)	(:01) Detroit 1-8-7	News (N)	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
FOX	8	14	Simpsons	Mother	News	Two Men	Glee "Comeback"	Raising	Traffic	KFOX News at Nine	Simpsons	Seinfeld	Entou	Curb		
NBC	9	9	News (N)	News	News (N)	Lopez	The Biggest Loser (N) (In Stereo) (CC)	News (N)	Parenthood (N)	News (N)	Jay Leno	Late				
CW	14		Chris	Chris	Payne	Chris	One Tree Hill (N)	Hellcats (N) (CC)	The City	Punk'd	Cheaters	Law & Order: SVU	Access			
WGN	15		Funny Home Videos	Chris	Chris	Mother	Mother	WGN News at Nine	Scrubz	Scrubz	South Pk	South Pk	Entou	Curb		
ESPN	26		College Basketball			College Basketball		SportsCenter (CC)	NFL Live	Final	SportsCenter (CC)					
ESPN2	27		College Basketball			NBA Coast to Coast (Live) (CC)		Boston	Boston	SportsNation (CC)	NBA	NASCAR				
USA	31		Law & Order: SVU	Westminster Kennel	Club Dog Show Closing Night. (Live) (CC)		Royal Pains (CC)	Memphis Beat	Southland (CC)	CSI: NY "Wasted"						
TNT	32		Bones (CC)	** "Four Brothers" (2005) (CC)		Southland (N) (CC)		Memphis Beat	Southland (CC)	CSI: NY "Wasted"						
TBS	33		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Office	Office	Office	Office	Conan	Lopez Tonight	Conan					
COM	35		Daily	Colbert	Ralphie May	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Onion	Daily	Colbert	Lopez Tonight	Conan			
LIFE	39		Mother	Mother	Reba	Reba	Kids	Kids	One Born Ev.	Mother	Mother	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Will	
FOOD	40		Iron Chef America	Challenge	Cupcake Wars (N)	Chopped	Private Chefs	Cupcake Wars	Chopped							
HGTV	41		Hunters	House	First Pla.	First Pla.	Selling	Estate	House	Hunters	Property	Property	Selling	Estate	House	Hunters
A&E	43		The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	The First 48 (CC)	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48	(:01) The First 48				
HIST	44		Top Shot (CC)	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy	Top Shot (N) (CC)	Shootout! (CC)	Larry the Cable Guy	Larry the Cable Guy							
TLC	45		19 Kids	19 Kids	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Fabulous Cakes (N)	What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear	Fabulous Cakes						
DISC	47		Pitchmen (N) (CC)	Gold Rush: Alaska	Dirty Jobs (N) (CC)	Auction	Sons	Gold Rush: Alaska	Dirty Jobs (CC)	Auction	Sons					
ANPL	50		Weird	Weird	i, Predator (N)	Human Prey (CC)	Maneaters "Sharks"	i, Predator	Human Prey (CC)	Maneaters "Sharks"						
FAM	51		Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	Funny Home Videos	The 700 Club (CC)	Who? Who?	Who? Who?	Paid	Paid					
DISN	52		Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Deck	Fish	Shake It	Shake It	**** "WALL-E" (2008)	Fish	Phineas	Phineas		
NICK	54		iCarly	Sponge.												



# 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.

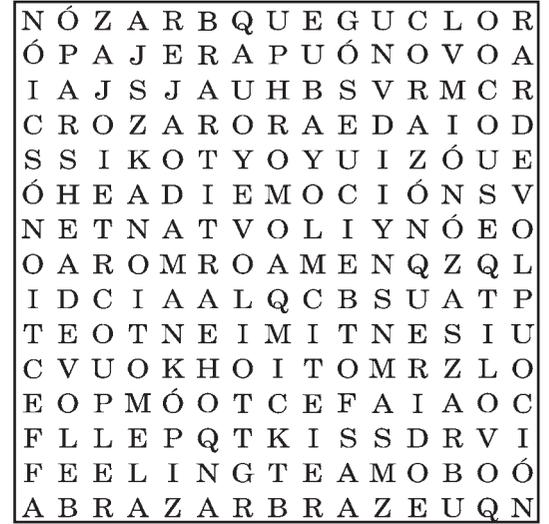
### A DAY FOR SWEETHEARTS

**ENGLISH**

- AFFECTION
- BELOVED
- COUPLE
- DEAR
- EMOTION
- FEELING
- HEART
- I LOVE YOU
- KISS
- LOVE
- TO HUG
- TO KISS

**SPANISH**

- AFECTO
- AMADO
- PAREJA
- QUERIDO
- EMOCIÓN
- SENTIMIENTO
- CORAZÓN
- TE AMO
- BESO
- AMOR
- ABRAZAR
- BESAR



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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 Cleaner
- 4 Jessica's sis
- 7 King or mode?
- 8 Thai people
- 9 Kid
- 10 Don't tase me, \_\_\_
- 11 Exclamation of impatience
- 13 Also called
- 15 Good, in hip-hop
- 16 Van Gogh flower
- 20 Carp
- 21 "Matthew and \_\_\_" Cat Stevens song
- 22 Wall poster favorites
- 25 Crowd
- 29 Argument
- 30 Office reorganizations
- 32 Sombrero
- 33 Monopolize
- 34 Vote marketer, briefly
- 35 Pyramid king
- 36 Gothic or Medieval
- 37 Improvise
- 38 Founder of Dada
- 39 Military corps
- 40 Shade
- 41 Foxy
- 42 Practice
- 43 "\_\_\_ Hard," Bruce Willis film
- 44 Tooth support
- 45 Power \_\_\_
- 46 Approval
- 47 Qualified
- 48 Except
- 49 70's rock group
- 50 Egg layer
- 51 Last in a series of varying amounts
- 54 Tease
- 55 Toe woe
- 56 Tipping target
- 57 Exist
- 58 Lofty point
- 59 "\_\_\_ Man Flint"
- 60 Got you!
- 61 Offer
- 62 1951 Baseball hall-of-famer
- 63 Car storage area
- 66 Beverly Hills officer?
- 67 Orange/yellow color
- 70 Ponders: \_\_\_ on
- 71 Sam Seaborn's actor, Lowe
- 72 Request
- 74 Exhilaration
- 75 Belle at the ball
- 76 Snake pet
- 77 Necessary duty
- 79 Play on words
- 81 Negative prefix
- 82 Idea of oneself
- 83 Cocktail addition
- 84 Just produced
- 85 Drink with jam and bread

**DOWN**

- 1 Climbing palm
- 2 Audibly
- 3 Channels
- 4 Priest-wear
- 5 Thermoplastic resin
- 6 Pipe
- 12 AKA rap
- 14 Back then
- 15 Hair ribbon
- 17 Saudi Arabian coin
- 18 Mont Blanc fluid
- 19 "Boston Legal" action
- 21 Soaked
- 23 Rotten
- 24 Sea foam
- 26 Cold by-product
- 27 Challenge
- 28 Airport abbr.
- 29 Disquiet
- 30 Agile
- 31 Hovel
- 33 Timely units, briefly
- 38 Swiss mountain
- 39 Make look good
- 40 Temporary beach residence?
- 42 Butter dab
- 44 Card game
- 45 Key point
- 46 Taper
- 47 "A \_\_\_ Good Men" (movie)
- 48 Inception
- 49 "\_\_\_ I lie to you?" (Eurythmics)
- 50 Deceptive act
- 51 Indian VIP
- 52 Misstep
- 53 \_\_\_ rather do it himself
- 54 Military training org.
- 55 Piece of the machine
- 56 Voted in, for example
- 58 In addition
- 60 Qualified
- 64 What the kids won't eat (abbr.)
- 65 Pipe bend
- 66 Horse
- 68 Tidal motion
- 69 Recommence
- 71 Salty water body
- 73 Measure
- 75 Make free of frost
- 78 Correct a text
- 80 At this point

### BROKEN HEARTS

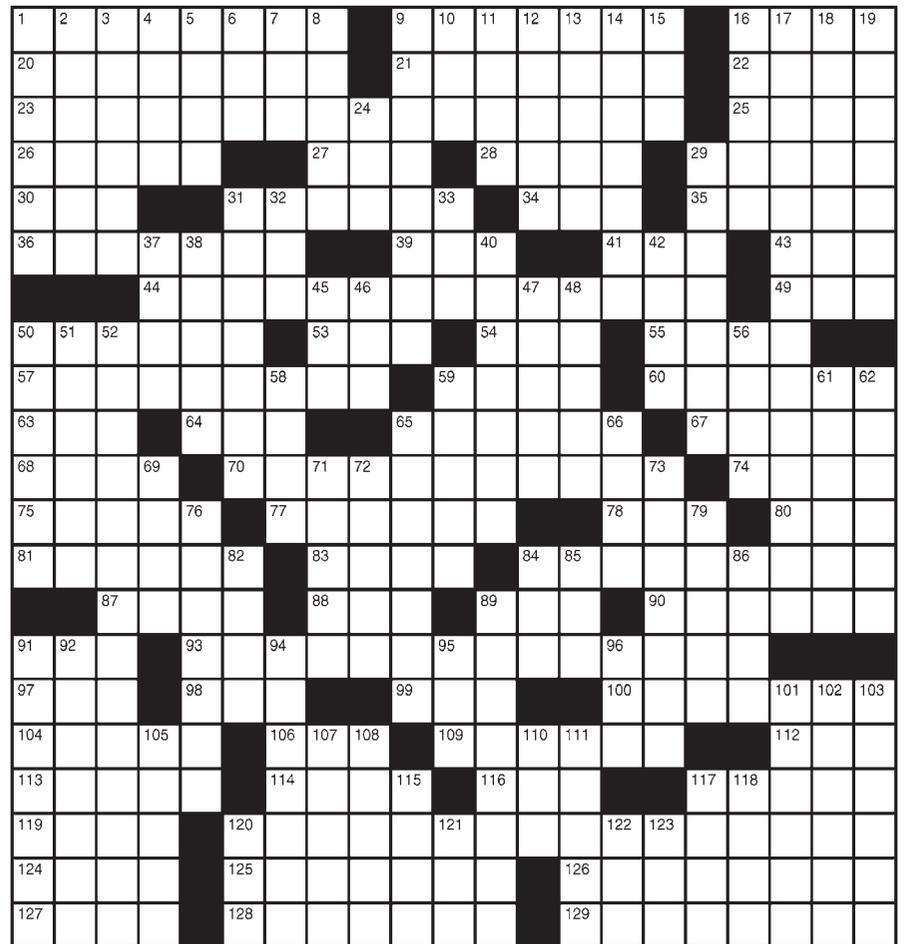
**ACROSS**

- 1 Candle wax
- 9 Green clusters
- 16 Scottish hillside
- 20 Australian city
- 21 Formula math
- 22 Enunciation problem
- 23 "Arrangement in Black and Gray No. 1; \_\_\_"
- 25 Eight: pref.
- 26 Sun: pref.
- 27 Create lace
- 28 Sign gas
- 29 "Over There" composer
- 30 Product to mine
- 31 Prescribing medicine
- 34 Mrs. in Madrid
- 35 Variety of corundum
- 36 Silk-fiber binder
- 39 Mil. address
- 41 Marino or Fouts
- 43 \$ dispenser
- 44 Some sculptures
- 49 Doc in training
- 50 German toast
- 53 Litigate
- 54 Russian chess master
- 55 Once, once
- 57 Stable staffers
- 59 Indonesian island
- 60 For example
- 63 Yes vote
- 64 S. American tuber
- 65 Southwest desert
- 67 Taiwan Strait islands
- 68 Word after Scotland
- 70 Be induced
- 74 Deck off.
- 75 For a specific purpose
- 77 Backs of boats
- 78 Memory unit
- 80 Beat follower?
- 81 See-through curtains
- 83 Art colony in New Mexico
- 84 Salt-scented air
- 87 Beginning on
- 88 Yuck!
- 89 Explode
- 90 China's Sun \_\_\_
- 91 90 degrees from vert.
- 93 Certain Native American item of value
- 97 Make a choice

- 98 49-ers' 6-pointers
- 99 "\_\_\_ Gracias"
- 100 Star in Scorpio
- 104 Iranian religion
- 106 Die dot
- 109 Fragrances
- 112 Electric meas.
- 113 1964 A.L. Rookie of the Year
- 114 Mental spark
- 116 Actress Arden
- 117 Glossed term
- 119 Cows
- 120 Antique Gallic hearing aid
- 124 M.I.T. grad
- 125 Responded to a stimulus
- 126 Reduce by ten percent
- 127 Scottish loch
- 128 City on the Loire
- 129 Desalination byproduct

**DOWN**

- 1 Pitifulness
- 2 Stick
- 3 One who staggers
- 4 Jai follower?
- 5 Gambler's card game
- 6 Tailor's concern
- 7 Brutal Amin
- 8 Brooding places
- 9 Patronymic
- 10 Shade tree
- 11 Greek contest
- 12 Gala celebrations
- 13 Really hate
- 14 Caribbean island
- 15 Jug handle
- 16 Blossom
- 17 Warm browns
- 18 Fertility goddess
- 19 Names turned into words
- 24 Mai \_\_\_ cocktail
- 29 Vitamin brand
- 31 Painting in two panels
- 32 Sailors' grp.
- 33 Coll. student's rating



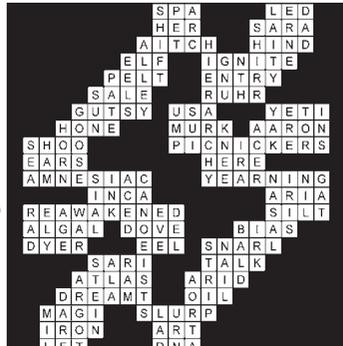
- 37 \_\_\_ dixit
- 38 Capital on the Nile
- 40 Numbers at the pump
- 42 Greek god of war
- 45 Linguistic suffix
- 46 Take flight
- 47 Widespread confusion
- 48 Satellite of Jupiter
- 50 Spanish beaches
- 51 Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 52 Succeed at eavesdropping
- 56 Wound cover
- 58 West and Murray
- 59 Glenn and Lennon
- 61 Court session
- 62 Submerged
- 65 Set the rowing pace
- 66 Jessica of "Dark Angel"
- 69 Bunny moms
- 71 Top room
- 72 Stretch
- 73 Tripoli populace
- 76 Land of Zagreb
- 79 Flier
- 82 Letters for Nob Hill cops
- 84 Bar fly
- 85 Center starter?
- 86 Kett of the comics
- 89 Continues after a pause
- 91 Sinatra's birthplace
- 92 Like a translucent gemstone
- 94 Hopeful one
- 95 DDE's rival
- 96 Excess weight
- 101 Flutist Jean Pierre
- 102 Clown Kelly
- 103 Sudden flows
- 105 States with conviction
- 107 Paradigm
- 108 Pieces of pounds?
- 110 Gabor sister
- 111 Socially inept losers
- 115 Proceedings
- 117 San \_\_\_ Obispo
- 118 Jane Austen novel
- 120 To's companion
- 121 Coop resident
- 122 Golfer's gadget
- 123 Pioneering TV co.

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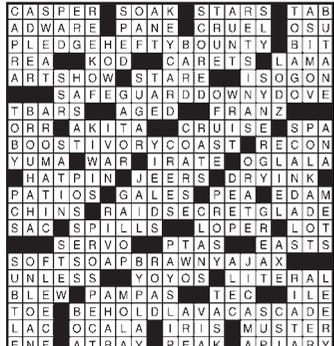
**Word Salsa**



**Diagramless**



**Product Placement**



**CRYPTOGRAM**

S K V R R V W B J E K N Z V I E J  
 E V R V H N Z V I Z E K V W B .  
 S K V R R V W B J E K B N H V H N  
 B N H .

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:**  
 Don't limit your challenges. Instead, challenge your limits.

# AtTheMovies

## Roommate wanted – psychos need not apply

### Do you think we could get the deposit back?

Review by **David Edwards**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

I don't do well with cave movies. Getting trapped underground or buried alive just isn't my idea of a good time. Something about being suffocated doesn't really appeal to me, I'm not really sure what it is – lack of oxygen maybe?

They rank right up there with mountain-climbing movies – that whole fear-of-falling thing. What can I say? I'm a wuss. Give me blood and guts, killer aliens (or any kind of monster), and I have no trouble whatsoever. But put me in a coffin six feet underground, and I get the heebie-jeebies.

So maybe it was that fear factor that made me change my mind at the last possible minute – dump the James Cameron-produced underwater cave-diving movie "Sanctum," to go see "The Roommate." It couldn't have been more suffocating – suffocatingly stinky.

It is a highly predictable story, lamely written and mundanely directed. It's difficult to judge the acting – in fact, I almost felt sorry for the cast having to utter all this less-than-television-quality dialogue. The

whole thing plays like a slightly more violent episode of some WB junk. The target audience is obviously the "Gossip Girl," "One Tree Hill," "OC" crowd (a number of the cast have those shows on their résumés) and it's not aimed at any moviegoer looking for real suspense or even a little "psycho-killer qu'est-ce que c'est." It's rated PG-13 and aspires to be sort of a slasher film for the "Twilight" generation. Now there's a lofty goal.

Minka Kelly plays fresh-faced Sara who has just started her freshman year at the University of Los Angeles (lame). She comes West because her now ex-boyfriend in Iowa couldn't get into Brown, where they both wanted to go. Then, when she moved to LA, he took an empty spot at the prestigious university anyway or some such nonsense. Gosh what a jerk! And what's worse – he keeps calling her! Something bad should happen to him. If only Sara had a psychotic, overprotective roommate. Oh, that's right, she does.

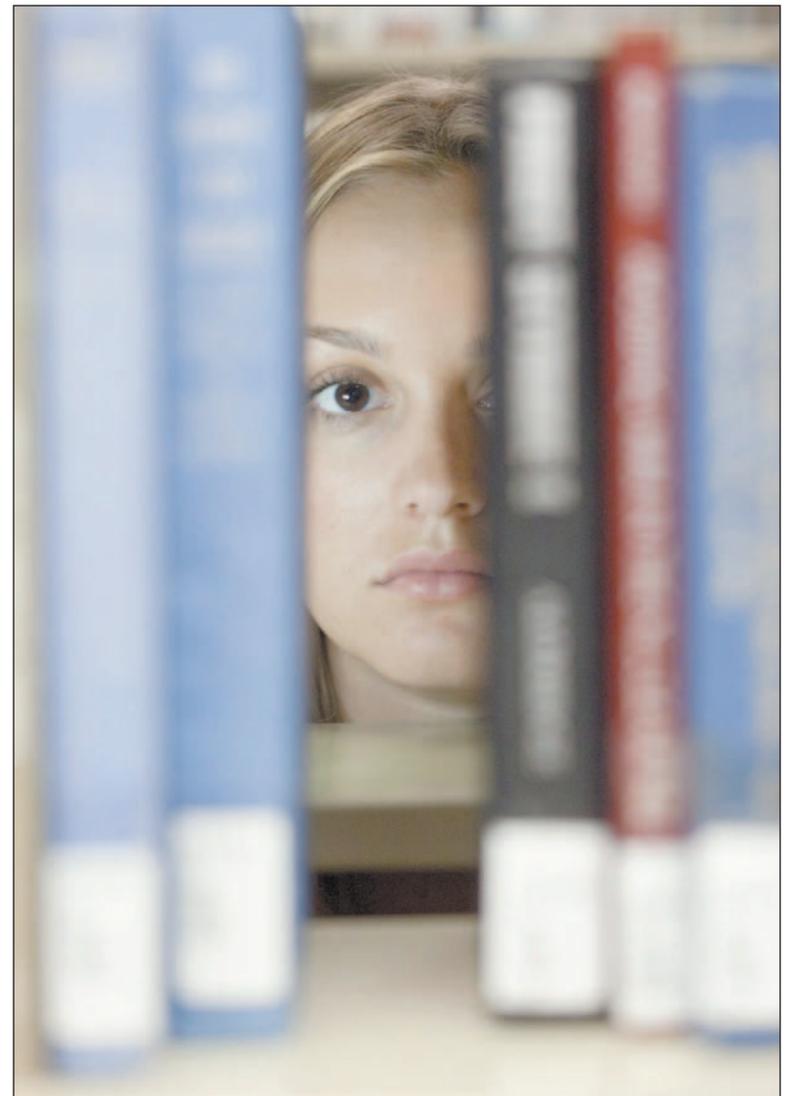
Kelly was voted by Esquire magazine as the "Sexiest Woman Alive 2010." Really? She's pretty and Derek Jeter's girlfriend, but "Sexiest Woman Alive"? I guess that's one reason for

males 18 to 25 to see the film. But that demographic is bound to be disappointed by the lack of sexiness. PG-13, remember?

Leighton Meester is roommate Rebecca, and you can't miss from every bit of advance word about the film that she is just a bit possessive/obsessive when it comes to Sara. I kept thinking that the movie might have been more entertaining if we hadn't known from the poster and the trailer that Rebecca was the source of all evil. In one snappy exchange, Rebecca's uber-rich mom asks Sara, "Is Rebecca taking her medication?" "Medication?" Sara responds.

I don't mean to do writer Sonny Mallhi's job for him (although Lord knows someone should have), but how about having all these bad things happening to people who threaten Sara without us knowing who is doing it? That might build some suspense – is it the roommate? Is it the new frat boy rock 'n' roll band drummer boyfriend? The old Iowa boyfriend? The party girl dorm friend? Sara's fashion designer lesbian friend? Cuddles the cat? Nope, that won't do. Start the Hitchcock violins as soon as we see Rebecca. We know she's cuh-razeeee from the get-go. Predictable, predictable and ... can you guess what I am going to say next? Predictable.

Meester underwhelmed everyone as the young pop-goes-the-country singer in "Country Strong." This type of role, that of a creepy villainess, can be career defining. Patty McCormack struggled to get beyond "The Bad Seed." But Glenn Close didn't allow herself to get pigeon-holed by "Fatal Attraction." It will be interesting to follow Meester (who is a very attractive performer) as she tries to parlay these two not-so-successful



You can tell Rebecca (Leighton Meester) is on medication by the way she stares at you in the library.

turns into an acting future.

Director Christian E. Christiansen from Denmark was nominated for a short film Oscar in 2007 and doesn't really handle the long form very well. He tries some interesting camera angles, but for variety mostly relies on a directly overhead view of the campus quad. He doesn't really build much suspense and only manages to get in one unexpected seat-jumper shock.

"The Roommate" is not true horror or suspense, it's far too watered down to be either. We really don't know much about Sara, other than she is from the Midwest and wants to be a fashion designer. We know she's stylish though because

she's the only one who wears a hat. She is apparently brilliant, however, because she talks her way into creepy professor Billy Zane's class.

We know even less about frat boy paramour Steven, who apparently never goes to class or studies. But what's really disappointing is that we know so little about Rebecca and why she became so disturbed. She comes from a rich family, is an only child, is quite a talented artist in her own right and apparently had some sort of obsession with another girl in high school. Why her and why Sara now? How much more interesting to see what motivates her and puts her in this rather sad, fragile condition.



Sara (Minka Kelly) really needs to get cleaned up, if only her crazy roommate would unlock the door.

### THE ROOMMATE

**Starring:** Minka Kelly, Leighton Meester

**Director:** Christian E. Christiansen

**Rated:** PG-13

**Running time:** 93 minutes



I guess next time I should go 3-D cave diving.

Grade  
**D**



Sara and Rebecca (Leighton Meester) discuss some of the strange goings on in the dorm.



# At The Movies

## Picking the Flicks

Movie information from [www.rottentomatoes.com](http://www.rottentomatoes.com). Thumbs-up based on a 5-point scale.

**No Strings Attached** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** In this comedy, Emma and Adam are lifelong friends who almost ruin everything by having sex one morning.  
**Starring:** Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher  
**Director:** Ivan Reitman



**The Rite** 

**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** The battle against the devil, which is the principal task of Saint Michael the Archangel, is still being fought today, because the devil is still alive and active in the world.  
**Starring:** Anthony Hopkins  
**Director:** Mikael Håfström



**The King's Speech** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** The story of King George VI of Britain, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it.  
**Starring:** Michael Gambon, Colin Firth  
**Director:** Tom Hooper



**Sanctum 3D** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** The 3-D action-thriller follows a team of underwater cave divers on a treacherous expedition to the largest, most beautiful and least accessible cave system on Earth.  
**Starring:** Richard Roxburgh  
**Director:** Alister Grierson



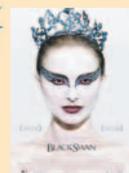
**The Roommate** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A psychological thriller about a deranged college freshman who becomes obsessed with her new roommate.  
**Starring:** Leighton Meester, Minka Kelly  
**Director:** Christian E. Christiansen



**Black Swan** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A psychological thriller set in the world of ballet. Nina, a featured dancer, finds herself locked in a web of competitive intrigue with a new rival at the company.  
**Starring:** Natalie Portman  
**Director:** Darren Aronofsky



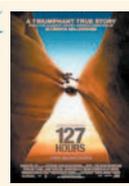
**The Mechanic** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** Arthur Bishop (Jason Statham) is a "mechanic" — an elite assassin with a strict code and unique talent for cleanly eliminating targets.  
**Starring:** Jason Statham, Ben Foster  
**Director:** Simon West



**127 Hours** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A mountain climber becomes trapped under a boulder while canyoneering alone near Moab, Utah, and resorts to desperate measures in order to survive.  
**Starring:** James Franco  
**Director:** Danny Boyle



**The Fighter** 

**Rating:** R  
**Plot Overview:** A look at the early years of boxer "Irish" Micky Ward and his brother who helped train him before going pro in the mid-'80s.  
**Starring:** Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams  
**Director:** David Russell



**The Green Hornet** 

**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** Britt Reid, aka the Green Hornet, and his human weapon Kato, jump into action to rid the city of the mob once and for all.  
**Starring:** Seth Rogen, Cameron Diaz  
**Director:** Michel Gondry



**The Dilemma** 

**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A comedy about a man who finds out that what you don't say to a friend is just as important as what you do and how far you can bend a brotherly bond before it snaps.  
**Starring:** Vince Vaughn, Kevin James  
**Director:** Ron Howard



**Justin Bieber: Never Say Never** 

**Rating:** G  
**Plot Overview:** This is the inspiring true story and rare inside look at the rise of Justin from street performer to global super star.  
**Starring:** Justin Bieber, Miley Cyrus  
**Director:** Jon Chu  
**OPENING FEB. 11**



**Just Go With It** 

**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A plastic surgeon, romancing a much younger schoolteacher, enlists his loyal assistant to pretend to be his soon to be ex-wife, in order to cover up a careless lie.  
**Starring:** Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston  
**Director:** Dennis Dugan  
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**The Eagle** 

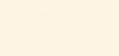
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** In second-century Britain, two men venture beyond the edge of the known world on a dangerous and obsessive quest that will push them beyond the boundaries of loyalty.  
**Starring:** Channing Tatum  
**Director:** Kevin Macdonald  
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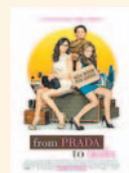
**Gnomeo and Juliet** 

**Rating:** G  
**Plot Overview:** The greatest love story ever told, starring ... garden gnomes. Shakespeare's revered tale gets a comical, off-the-wall makeover.  
**Starring:** James McAvoy, Emily Blunt  
**Director:** Kelly Asbury  
**OPENING FEB. 11**



**From Prada to Nada** 

**Rating:** PG-13  
**Plot Overview:** A modern twist on Jane Austen's "Sense and Sensibility," is a new romantic comedy about two spoiled sisters.  
**Starring:** Calilla Belle, Alexa Vega  
**Director:** Angel Gracia  
**OPENING FEB. 11**



## New this week on DVD Tuesday, Feb. 15

- Unstoppable**  
**Rating:** PG-13  
**Genre:** Action, Suspense  
**Starring:** Denzel Washington  
**Director:** Tony Scott
- You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger**  
**Rating:** R  
**Genre:** Romance, Comedy  
**Starring:** Anthony Hopkins, Naomi Watts  
**Director:** Woody Allen
- Waiting for 'Superman'**  
**Rating:** Not rated  
**Genre:** Documentary  
**Director:** Davis Guggenheim
- Around the World in 80 Days**  
**Rating:** Not rated  
**Genre:** Adventure  
**Starring:** Pierce Brosnan  
**Director:** Buzz Kulik
- Game of Death**  
**Rating:** R  
**Genre:** Action  
**Starring:** Wesley Snipes  
**Director:** Giorgio Serafini

## Top Grossing Feb. 4-6

- 1** **The Roommate** (Week No. 1)  
\$15,002,635
- 2** **Sanctum 3D** (Week No. 1)  
\$9,447,930
- 3** **No Strings Attached** (Week No. 3)  
\$8,004,834
- 4** **The King's Speech** (Week No. 11)  
\$7,712,353
- 5** **The Green Hornet** (Week No. 4)  
\$5,966,229
- 6** **The Rite** (Week No. 2)  
\$5,589,311
- 7** **The Mechanic** (Week No. 2)  
\$5,295,253
- 8** **True Grit** (Week No. 7)  
\$4,640,139
- 9** **Black Swan** (Week No. 10)  
\$3,373,851
- 10** **The Dilemma** (Week No. 4)  
\$3,282,555



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Shows nightly at 7:30, Sunday Matinee at 2:30 Feb. 11 - Feb. 17 <b>7 Days in Slow Motion</b> 2009, 100 min., directed by Umakanth Thumrugoti.	Feb. 18 - Feb. 24 <b>Made in Dagenham</b> 2010, 113 min., starring Sally Hawkins and Bob Hoskins, directed by Nigel Cole.	Saturday CineMatinee at 1:30 only Feb. 12 only <b>Amélie</b> 2001, 120 min., rated R, in French with English subtitles, starring Audrey Tautou, directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet.
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# Local plays triple the fun

## Three productions take stage throughout Las Cruces



James Jensen and Indrani Rauth star in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue," now playing at the Las Cruces Community Theatre.

### 'The Prisoner of Second Avenue' at LCCT

Las Cruces Community Theatre (LCCT) is announces a play by Neil Simon. "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" has all the usual elements one might expect of Neil Simon.

A middle-aged couple living on the Upper East Side of New York City struggles with work, the economy, neighbors and family, yet their troubles are brought out with brilliant humor.

Mel Edison is a well-paid executive of a high-end Manhattan firm that has suddenly hit the skids and he gets "the ax." His wife Edna takes a job to tie them over, then she too is sacked. Compounded by air pollution killing his plants, and with the walls of the apartment

paper-thin, allowing him a constant earfull of his neighbors private lives, things can't seem to get any worse ... then he's robbed and his psychiatrist dies with \$23,000 of his money. Mel does the only thing left for him to do – he has a nervous breakdown, and it's the best thing that ever happened to him.

The play is directed by James Jensen and amply aided by Assistant Director Rebekah Riley. "The Prisoner of Second Avenue" will begin Friday, Feb. 11, and run through Sunday, Feb. 27. Opening night will include post performance drinks and a buffet. Regular performances, Fridays and Saturday, will be held at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 to \$9. For more information, call 523-1200.

### 'A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer' at the Black Box Theatre

"A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer" is a show featured during the V-Day event – Aka "The Vagina Monologues" – that allows both men and women to speak out against domestic violence and social injustice. The play will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, at the Black Box Theatre, 430 N. Main St. It is a series of monologues written by various writers, such as Eve Ensler, Edward Albee, Howard Zinn and Alice Walker. The 12 monologues featured this year explore different avenues of violence, survival and the

human capacity to overcome. A large portion of the proceeds from the event is donated to shelters in Las Cruces and Juárez. "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer" is designed to raise awareness for the anti-violence movement and ultimately allow people the chance to make themselves aware of a cause that affects millions of lives the world over. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 523-1223.

### 'Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead' at the Hershel Zohn Theatre

American Southwest Theatre Company at New Mexico State University Theatre Arts presents the edgy comedy, "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead," Friday, Feb. 18, through March 6 at the Hershel Zohn Theatre on the NMSU campus. An "unauthorized parody," "Dog Sees God" follows the life of the Peanuts gang in modern times as a group of misfit teenagers. Charlie Brown and his friends struggle against the trials of the adult world, confronting love, death, sexuality, abuse and the devastating effects of hatred. The play contains adult content is not intended for youth. The production is directed by NMSU alumnus and visiting assistant professor Ken C. Peterson. All evening performances will be held at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$13 and can be purchased at the Hershel Zohn Theatre Box Office from noon to 4 p.m. or by calling 646-4515.

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## The worst is over

**Natisha Hales**

*Adventures in Dieting*



Coming off a week full of weird winter weather and a holiday that is typically celebrated with family and friends – along with nachos, chili dogs, hot wings, queso and sub sandwiches – the past seven days were not easy for many of us weight loss challengers.

While some of us splurged on Super Bowl Sunday, others tried to make healthier choices while watching the biggest sporting event of the year. I was invited to two parties – one served turkey chili, hot dogs and queso; the other had nachos with ground turkey, steak and chicken fajitas on whole wheat tortillas, a vegetable platter and the most delicious punchbowl cake in the world.

It was hard for all of us to control our cravings, and while Laura told us to be more health-conscious when it came to Super Bowl parties, she also said, “Hey, if it’s the one day a year when you eat what you want, eat what you want.”

That showed during weigh-in. Only a handful of the challengers lost weight – the most lost was 2.8 pounds by Anthony Avallone – and the rest of us gained, even if it was just 0.6 pounds. I gained 1.8 pounds, but I was almost positive that it would have been more.

There were less challengers than usual at our weekly meeting, and it felt like we were losing momentum, so my sister and I took it up a notch. She bet me that she would lose more weight than I would by next week, and if that were true, I’d have to wash her car. I absolutely abhor manual labor (the wager at first was cleaning the winner’s house, but I refused), so I’m working a lot harder to be on my p’s and q’s.

Our fitness challenge last week was to wake up each morning and do a minimum of 25 pushups and crunches in one sitting, eventually working our way up to 75 of each. I can do about six push-ups, and I admit that I gave up almost right away. Others, however, consistently worked their way up – Daniel Basaldua can now do 100 crunches in one sitting. It’s a small victory, he said, and it motivates him to keep going.

Bill told us that the sense of accomplishment was only part of the challenge – the other part was discipline.

“It’s not easy to do that every morning,” he said, “but it’s not meant to be easy.”

He told us to continue with that challenge for the coming week, but he also wanted each of us to write down an exercise plan that includes the days, times and type of workout we plan on doing to meet our individual goals. The key word is “plan.” If we don’t have a plan, we will just be wandering aimlessly – and that goes for anything we do.

Laura had tasked us to skip fried foods – instead grilling, baking, boiling or sautéing our foods. That’s not

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## County Senior Games kick off

Registration for monthlong event begins on Feb. 19

By **Natisha Hales**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Doña Ana County Senior Olympics (DACSO) board members are gearing up for the 2011 Doña Ana County Senior Games with the 2011 Senior Games Kickoff & Registration taking place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Trails West Senior Community Club House, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla.

Anyone who will be 50 or over by Dec. 31, 2011, is eligible to compete in the county games, which will be held from Tuesday, March 15, and close with the annual membership meeting Saturday, April 30.

DACSO President Jack Welch, who has been participating in the games for 19 years, urges others in the community to register.

“They should be involved in Senior Olympics to participate in enjoyable, prudent physical activity and meet new friends,” said Welch, who in addition to serving as board president for the second year is coordinating the swimming and track and field events.

Those are just two of more than 20 events that local seniors have the opportunity in which to participate. The competitions are divided by five-year age groups, and those who place in the top six are eligible to compete in the New Mexico Senior Olympics Summer Games, held July 27-31 at New Mexico State University.

Shahla McDowell has participated in the Doña Ana County Senior Games for three years, but has exercised her entire life, she said.

“I believe the body is like a machine – you have to keep working it,” she said. “Exercise always has been an important part of my life.”

For others, it not only encourages physical activity, but many join for the fun. They also have the opportunity to showcase their skills in a dance and talent competition, coordinated



Shahla McDowell trains for the upcoming Senior Games, which kick off with registration Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Trails West Senior Community Club House.

by Roger McCandless.

“We have a rather loyal group of people who have competed each year,” said McCandless, who became involved in the event after being asked to emcee the competition. “Last year, we had a drummer who was a professional drummer with some of the big bands. He did a fantastic job all by himself out on the stage with a snare drum.”

Whether it’s participating in the triathlon, race walk or huachas events, those interested in competing in the 2011 Senior Games can come to the kickoff event to get registered. The kick-

off also will honor the Dee Harris Award recipients. The award is named in honor of current board member Dee Harris, who has had a hand in not only organizing many events, but participating in them as well.

The DACSO office, in Room 2 of the Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave., will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning Feb. 21.

For more information on the 2011 Senior Games, contact local coordinator Genevieve Garcia at 541-5171 or dacso@myway.com.

## Jazz things up

Jazzercise classes incorporate aerobics and strength training

By **Natisha Hales**

Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether women are employed full time or are stay-at-home mothers, La Buena Vida Women’s Club offers local women the opportunity to stay physically fit and juggle all of their demanding tasks.

The club, which houses a Jazzercise franchise, was started by Dianne Sage and her husband Frank. Dianne Sage has been a Jazzercise instructor for 12 years, first starting classes at Trinity Lutheran Church.

“I started Jazzercise as a student, and I was hooked right away,” she said. “It was easy to do, and at the time, I had three children and my youngest was 2 years old.”

After seven years of teaching Jazzercise classes at the church, Sage decided to open a center of her own, bringing her business to the neighborhood where she grew

up. She opened the two-story club at 3217 El Camino Real, centered around the tried and true results of the Jazzercise franchise.

Started in 1969 by Judi Shepard Missett, Jazzercise incorporates cardio, strength and stretching in an hourlong workout. The class includes a warm-up segment of gentle rhythmic movements and jazz isolations for muscle groups, an aerobic segment to increase cardiovascular fitness and burn calories, an aerobic cool-down to reduce heart rate, muscle toning and a final cool-down stretch segment.

While Jazzercise became extremely popular in the ’80s, Sage assures members that there is no hint of the ’80s fads in the current workouts.

“We don’t wear leg warmers anymore,” she joked.

In fact, today’s Jazzercise



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

Valerie Treon leads a Jazzercise class at La Buena Vida Women’s Club, 3217 El Camino Real.

workouts incorporate Top 40 hits that have been choreographed and proven to be safe, Sage said. The dance moves are easy to learn and can be high-impact, high-intensity aerobic workouts or low-impact, high-intensity.

“It fits everyone without being intimidating,” she said. “There are no mirrors, and no one’s competing with anyone. Our instructors face the students, and we use a mic so that we can give a lot of help

and encouragement during the workout. You don’t have to memorize any moves, and they’re not confusing.

“If you are visiting from across the country or the world – or it’s your first time here – it’s easy to jump right in.”

With new music every three months, instructors teach moves to a wide variety of genres – jazz, country, hip-hop, swing and

See **Jazzercise** on page D2

# Out with the mold, in with the new

## Plumbing problems may present health issues



**Bob Nosbisch**  
*Getting the Word Out*

After running some errands with my wife last Friday evening, we thought a nice, quiet evening at home awaited us. Our son was with some friends, and our daughter was at work. We were not home for even five minutes when the telephone rang. My wife answered it.

"Nellie!" a frantic voice on the other end exclaimed. "Can you and Bob come over right away? We have an emergency in our house!"

My wife asked what happened and said, "We're on our way." I didn't need to know the nature of the emergency because when someone uses that word, you don't ask.

When we arrived at our friends' house, we were told that a water pipe had burst, flooding the kitchen and seeping into the living room, soaking a large chunk of carpet as well as most of the perimeter. Our first task was to get rid of the standing water in the kitchen. Thanks to two water vacuums, mops, towels and quick teamwork, the kitchen floor was dried.

The bigger challenge was the living room because everything had to be moved out. This included not only a sofa, loveseat, stereo cabinet, several bookcases, record albums, lamps and

lots of books, but also a piano. (Helping to move the piano gave me a much greater appreciation for those folks who move pianos up and down flights of stairs.)

Mold, of course, was the biggest concern. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say people with allergies, asthma or other breathing conditions may be more sensitive to mold, while people with immune suppression (people who have received organ transplants, cancer patients working with chemotherapy and HIV-infected people) are more vulnerable to mold infections. Mold infections may develop in the lungs of people with chronic lung diseases or weakened immune systems. People allergic to mold may be susceptible to shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. Others who are sensitive to mold may suffer from irritated eyes or skin, a stuffy nose and wheezing.

Mold may be recognized by sight (discolored walls and ceiling or signs of water damage or mold growth) and smell (a foul smell or musty, earthy stench). To prevent the growth of mold, you should clean up and use fans to dry the affected area within 24 to 48 hours. Open doors and windows, and remove any porous item that has been wet for more than 48 hours and cannot be thoroughly cleaned and dried. Such items may include carpeting, carpet padding, floor and ceiling tiles, drywall, upholstery, wallpaper,

insulation material, wood, paper, leather, some clothing and food. Even dead mold may cause allergic reactions in some people.

The CDC says the most important factor in preventing mold growth is controlling moisture in your home. As the mold is cleaned up, water problems, such as leaks in plumbing, walls or roofs, also should be fixed.

Mold growth can be removed by using soap and water, commercial products or a bleach solution of no more than 1 cup of bleach per gallon of water. Stiff brushes should be used on rough surface materials, such as concrete. If you use bleach, you should never mix it with ammonia or other household cleaners (this will produce toxic fumes). Open your doors and windows for fresh air and wear protective eyewear and nonporous gloves. The CDC also recommends the purchase of an N95 mask at a local home-supply store if you plan to be inside your building for a while, especially if you're going to clean up mold.

More information is available at [www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp](http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp). Following the CDC recommendations will help you stay healthy as you go "out with the mold and in with the new" (clean environment).

*Bob Nosbisch is a senior program specialist with the College of Health and Social Services at New Mexico State University.*

# Have you made someone mad?

## Five-step method could calm heightened situation

**Marcy Shoberg**  
*The Art of Self-Defense*



In my last article, you learned the futility of replying to a mean statement with another mean statement.

If someone says something mean to you, being mean back will just keep them talking to you longer and generally cause them to step up their meanness. Instead, change the subject with a made-up word, make a joke about it, apologize (if they are angry with you for some reason), ask them to stop or give them a reason it would benefit them to stop.

For today, we'll cover what to do when someone you wish to maintain a good relationship with – a loved one maybe – is yelling at you. By yelling at you, I mean speaking loudly, angrily and not giving you a chance to talk. Your first instinct could be to list reasons you are mad at them, too. However, your overall goal should be to get to the root of the problem and create a lasting solution.

The five-step method that I'll explain here comes from Doc Thompson's Verbal Judo book. However, other communication skills authors, such as Brian Tracy, recommend basically the same thing.

First, accept and understand that because of their anger, they are saying things they don't really mean. Resist the urge to defend yourself from each thing they say. We all may blow things out of proportion and say things we don't mean in anger. Just nod your head and let their statements like "you never ..." and "you always ..." roll right off your back.

Meanwhile, listen to what they are saying to try to figure out what they are actually mad about (step two). For example, they could actually be mad at themselves or someone else and "take it out" on you. Or, they could be mad about something you did yesterday, but are pulling up things from years ago to yell at you about.

Step three is only done after you think you have figured out the root of their anger. Until you are ready for step three, just keep nodding your head and letting mean statements roll right off. Once you have your best guess about their real problem ready, wait for them to take a breath. When they take this breath, use what Doc Thompson calls a "sword of insertion." This is a little word, like "OK," "listen" or "whoa," spoken loud enough to get their attention. Follow this with, "Let me see if I understand you."

Now, we are at the fourth step, when you begin to explain your guess about the root of their anger. This should be pretty easy because you have already let them "blow off steam," and they will be quite curious to see if you are getting their message. Since they are mad, they probably assume you aren't, but that doesn't matter. You now say, "You are angry because you feel like I purposefully ..." or "When I did this, it made you feel like that."

For the fifth step, let them take over the conversation again. Most of the time, they will say you are wrong about what is making them mad, but it will turn into a reasonable, two-sided discussion. For example, they might say, "Well, I didn't think you did it on purpose, but yes, that really upset me."

So, there's my advice for what you should do if someone is yelling at you. Let their statements roll off of you until you have made a guess about the true cause of their anger. Then, slip in a small, loud word giving you a chance to explain your understanding of their problem. Remember not to take this as a chance to list problems of your own. Finally, continue with a reasonable discussion of the problem. If you absolutely can't resist bringing up a problem of your own, remember to use the "magic formula."

Next time, we'll work on actions and words to use with someone who may be considering hitting you.

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## Jazzercise

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rockabilly – and provide an intense workout while having fun.

Each instructor also undergoes continuous training, and there is constant quality control, where corporate representatives attend the class to ensure the standards are maintained.

In addition to the Jazzercise courses, body-sculpting classes also are offered. The class is all strength training, utilizing exercise balls, resistance tubes, free weights and mats. There also is a Junior Jazzercise class available for younger students, including Girl Scouts who get a special Jazzercise patch after successfully completing the program.

Altogether, there are 20 classes offered throughout the week at La Buena Vida Women's club – with times available from 8:45 a.m. in addition to 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. classes. Ten instructors also lend their time to each class, each offering their own variety of choreographed movements and taste in music.

Sage is a full-time instructor at the facility, and also teaches six classes at Picacho Hills Country Club.

"I love meeting new people and seeing them meet their goals," she said. "There are some I have known since I was a student, and they understand what it is to be healthy and fit. That doesn't necessarily mean being a size 0. When your heart is in good condition, everything just falls into place."

To keep things interesting, Sage will start a weight loss

## Details

### La Buena Vida Women's Club

3217 El Camino Real  
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650-9721

### Cost

\$30 monthly  
\$25 one-time enrollment fee

challenge in March, and a ballet body class will be offered at the center. The class will focus on core, stability and posture.

For Sage, her focus with the center is to support women in business. The second floor of the facility is rented to a massage therapist, and she said she has rented the facility for dance groups to use. The building also has been the site of 10 weddings, including her daughter Valerie Treon, who also serves as an instructor.

"My goal is to help women get into a good pace," she said. "Everyone should be healthy and fit."

Ultimately, on the 7 acres that she and her husband own, Sage said she would like to transform the area into a health and fitness complex.

"But that's much later down the road," she said.

## Challenge

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too hard for me, usually, but I did have a piece of fried chicken last week. So I failed.

This week, however, she has asked us to eat as many foods as possible with Omega-3 fatty acids. Omega-3 helps reduce inflammation and lower the risk of chronic diseases, such as heart disease, cancer and arthritis and lowers cholesterol.

Now that we have one of the hardest weeks behind us, it seemed the general consensus was, "OK, now we're going to step up our game."

It will get even easier as it gets warmer and we start to see even more results.

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# St. Baldrick's raises kids' cancer awareness

## More than 50 to shave heads in fourth fundraiser

Bulletin Staff Report

Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva and Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahling are returning as "shavees" – people who have agreed to get their heads shaved to raise money for childhood cancer research.

Called St. Baldrick's, the fundraiser is in its fourth year in Las Cruces with this year's event starting at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at Dickerson's Event Center, 3920 W. Picacho Ave. in Fairacres.

Money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, which has committed more than \$56.9 million in children's cancer research grants since 2005. More than \$22 million was raised last year in St. Baldrick's events nationwide, including the event in Las Cruces.

Last year, Silva and Krahling accepted a

challenge from the Las Cruces Bulletin to become shavees to help raise awareness about the fundraiser. Todd Dickson, the Bulletin's news editor, has been a shavee since the first local event to help the fundraiser get attention.

During Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe events, both Silva and Krahling informed Dickson that they would be returning as shavees.

Dickson has not cut his hair since last year's event. "It's my annual haircut," he said.

In that spirit, Silva has a full head of hair to sacrifice, as well. Krahling recently had a haircut, but will still have his head shaved at next month's event.

The three are but a few of the shavees who have signed up for the event, with the latest count exceeding 50. Many in the firefighting community participate in the St. Baldrick's event, as well.

Last year, more than 100 had their heads shaved at the event, which includes attendance by children undergoing cancer treatment. The idea of raising funds by getting donations for having heads shaved aims to show support for children who often lose their hair during cancer treatment.

Organizers emphasize the focus isn't so much about getting more heads shaved, but about raising funds for cancer research. Last year's event had plenty of shavees, but struggled to hit its \$20,000 fundraising goal, which was affected by the economy.

Dr. Jim McKinnell of the University of New Mexico Cancer Center also has been participating in the Las Cruces St. Baldrick's event since its first year.

McKinnell has told how the fundraiser became an enlightening experience for him as a pediatric oncologist. When children lose their hair in treatment, McKinnell said it's easy to say, "It's only hair." But after getting his head shaved



Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva, Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahling and Las Cruces Bulletin News Editor Todd Dickson gather by the beaded pony in the Doña Ana County Government Center. They are seeking donations for children's cancer research for their participation in the local St. Baldrick's event Saturday, March 12, at which they will have their heads shaved along with more than 50 other "shavees."

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Jess Williams

that first year, he realized what a drastic change that makes to a person's sense of identity.

"You don't recognize the face looking back from the mirror," he said.

McKinnell was the doctor for Kevin Hall, the son of Matthew and Josie Hall. Kevin Hall succumbed to Acute Myelogenous Leukemia in 2003 after a yearlong battle with the blood cancer disease. Matthew Hall, a Las Cruces firefighter, is a main organizer for the Las Cruces St. Baldrick's events.

To raise the money, shavees first sign up on the St. Baldrick's Foundation website – [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) – under the Las Cruces event. Many include "before" photos, as well as post-shave photos. The heads are shaved by professional barbers using electric shavers, not razors.

The foundation's website includes detailed

financial reports to show it spends little on "overhead" and the research grants given to leading children cancer research efforts.

McKinnell said that research has made a difference. Twenty years ago, the diagnosis of cancer was practically a death sentence to children. Through research for better treatment, McKinnell said the likelihood of children surviving cancer has improved greatly – more so than advances in adult cancer treatment.

A new twist to this year is that the entire El Paso Rhinos Hockey team – players and coaches alike – will be shaving their heads after one of their games at the end of February with proceeds raised donated to the Las Cruces event, Matthew Hall said. They will be auctioning off first swipes on each head to the highest bidder, he said.

### For more info

For more information, visit [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org), where you can make a donation on behalf of scalp-exposing sacrifices by Las Cruces City Councillor Miguel Silva, Doña Ana County Commissioner Scott Krahling, Las Cruces Bulletin News Editor Todd Dickson or other local community members.

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# The Pet Review

## Adopt a furry Valentine

### Shelter urges public to be aware of overpopulation

By **Natisha Hales**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

After taking in nearly 15,000 animals in 2010, and adopting out just 17 percent, the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley is urging Doña Ana County residents to assist in reducing that number with a Valentine-themed adoption events.

The inaugural Adopt a Furry Valentine event is offering dogs, cats, puppies and kittens for an adoption fee of \$14 from Feb. 12-14 at several locations throughout Las Cruces, including the shelter.

"If you adopt a furry Valentine, you feel the love forever," said Dr. Beth Vesco-Mock, executive director of the ASCMV. "Pets give humans unconditional love, and you can adopt so the whole family will benefit. If there's room in your heart to do it, then I think that will be a wonderful situation."

Vesco-Mock said every eligible animal in the shelter will be available during the special adoption event, and there are

"oodles of puppies" available for adoption.

"Puppies staying in the shelter is not a good thing," she said. "They usually don't do well."

She urges everyone in the community to come to the events, because the underlying issue of overpopulation, according to Vesco-Mock, affects the entire community, whether they are pet owners or taxpayers.

"Our community needs to increase their adoptions and be aware of what's going on at the shelter," Vesco-Mock said. "It is a community situation. We are one of the worst counties in the nation as far as animal intake per capita. We took in a tremendous number (of animals last year).

"It's even more imperative that people come in and adopt during this adoption event. Right now, we're killing to make room. It's not a pretty picture here."

The overcrowded shelter also poses problems with remodeling the facility, which Vesco-Mock said she doesn't think has been updated since it was built in 1985. In order to update the



Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Natisha Hales

**This mother and her litter were brought to the Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Tuesday, Feb. 8, adding to the "oodles of puppies" that are currently housed in the facility.**

shelter, the animals have to be moved to another area of the building or a boarding facility.

Despite the challenges that lie ahead, remodeling began Feb. 1 of the Stray A ward on the intake side of the shelter as well as the euthanasia room.

"It's very exciting," Vesco-Mock said. "We've resealed both the floors and the walls and the walkways in the kennels to help promote seamless floors to help with disease control.

"It's time, and we want to do the entire building, but we'd have to empty the building out. This is the time of the year with the lowest intake, and I don't know when we'll be getting another one going."

She said the funds used to remodel the area are not additional funds provided to the shelter. They are funds Vesco-Mock "fiscally conserved" because she said she anticipated the shortage of money.

"I realized these were projects that needed to be tackled and accomplished," she said. "I had a feeling that we were not going to be able to get extra money, so I took it upon myself and we're still moving forward."

In the meantime, animals that were housed in the area under construction are temporarily being held in a boarding facility. The update is expected to be completed by Feb. 28.

"So far, we're right on schedule," Vesco-Mock said, "but I think the workers are working hard to be ahead of schedule because they know animals' lives are at stake."

## Pet events

### 'The Well Being of Pets and Companions'

Katharine Chrisley, local nutritionist and herbal consultant, will discuss "The Well Being of Pets and Companions" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission, 518 N. Alameda Blvd., following the Vesper.

The presentation will focus on supporting the good health of pets and their companions. Donations will be accepted. For more information, call 524-2296.

### Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition annual meeting

The Las Cruces Dog Park Coalition will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, in the conference hall of the Las Cruces Association of Realtors

office, 150 E. Idaho Ave. The meeting will involve the election of coalition officers and members of the board of directors. Goals for the next two years will also be adopted.

Tickets are \$15. Reservations can be made by emailing armstrongkevin@hotmail.com or by calling Vivian Hawn at 523-6856. All proceeds benefit the Dog Park Coalition, a nonprofit charity dedicated to maintaining, improving and expanding leash-free dog parks in the Las Cruces area.

### \$14 Valentine pet-adoption events

The Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley will conduct multiple off-site pet adoption events on Saturday, Feb. 12, with special low rates that day and extending through close of business on Valentine's Day. Available for adoption will be dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

All adoptions during the three-day

event are only \$14, which includes the first set of vaccinations, spay/neuter and microchip.

Adoptions will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Las Cruces Farmers & Crafts Market in Downtown; from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at PetCo, 3050 E. Lohman Ave.; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pet's Barn, 1600 S. Valley Drive.

The \$14 adoptions also will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Feb. 12-13 at the shelter, 3551 Bataan Memorial West, and from noon to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

At all but the Farmers Market events, microchipping for pets that already have homes will be available to the public for \$20, and city pet licenses will be available to neutered pets for \$5 each. Licenses for un-neutered 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.

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# Worship Services

## Church News

### CALL TO ACTION EVENT

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces Welcoming Congregation Committee will hold Standing on the Side of Love Call to Action from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the church, 2000 S. Solano Drive. The event celebrates lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the community and letters/valentines will be written in support of marriage equality and domestic partnership benefits to state and local representatives. For more information, call 522-7281.

### EASTERN STAR FUNDRAISER

Las Cruces Chapter No. 20, Order of the Eastern Star, will host its annual enchilada dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Masonic Lodge, 180 E. Boutz Road. The dinner will include red enchilada, beans, rice, cold slaw, dessert and drinks. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

### VOW RENEWALS

Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church, 702 Parker Road, will celebrate the Feast of St. Valentine's Day at its 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday, Feb. 12. Those who are in a committed relationship are invited to attend and will have the opportunity to renew their vows. For more information, call 644-5025.

### FREE WEDDINGS

Unity of Las Cruces, 125 Wyatt Drive, will once again hold free weddings on Valentine's Day, Monday, Feb. 14. For more information and times, call 526-5592.

### THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Boutz Road, will host "The Gospel of John," a one-man show by Brad Sherrill, at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13. Child care is available on request. For more information, call 526-5559 or visit [www.gospelofjohn.com](http://www.gospelofjohn.com).

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### Zen Buddhist



#### Zen Buddhist Services

Zazen at 7 p.m.  
Monday–Thursday  
Sunday at 9 a.m.

**Clear Mind Zen Temple**  
642 South Alameda Blvd, Suite E  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
[www.clearmindzen.org](http://www.clearmindzen.org)  
Call 575-680-6680

### Non-Denominational

#### Calvary Chapel Three Crosses

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Wednesday Bible 7 p.m.

575-680-2585  
4301 Bataan Memorial West  
Hwy. 70 West 88012  
[calvarychapelthreecrossesLC.com](http://calvarychapelthreecrossesLC.com)

### Worship With Us!

#### Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 9 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

2900 Elks Drive  
523-4232

### Methodist

#### St. Paul's United Methodist Church

225 W. Griggs Ave.  
Downtown on the corner of  
Alameda and Griggs • 526-6689 for information

February 13, 2011

Traditional Worship	8:15 am
Unplugged Contemporary Worship	9:30 am
Oasis Praise Service	10:45 am
Traditional Worship	10:45 am

Rev. James Large, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Tammy Valentine, Ass. Pastor  
e-mail: [spoffice@zianet.com](mailto:spoffice@zianet.com)

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### THE LAS CRUCES Bulletin

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of local church events  
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### Episcopal

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**Weekday Services**  
Tuesday - 9:30 AM - Morning Prayer  
Thursday - 12:05 PM - Holy Eucharist  
[www.SaintAndrewsLC.org](http://www.SaintAndrewsLC.org)

#### St. James' Episcopal Church

Biblically Orthodox  
Traditional Anglican Worship  
Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:15 a.m.  
Nursery - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship after each Service  
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Sunday Meditation 9:45-10:25 AM

Rev. Sam Ritchey - 647-2560  
140 Taylor Rd - 524-2375  
[www.wellspringnow.com](http://www.wellspringnow.com)

#### PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
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### Ecumenical Catholic

#### Holy Family Ecumenical Catholic Church



Service Times:  
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 10 a.m.

Fr. Jim Lehman - Pastor  
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### Disciples of Christ

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### Eastern Orthodoxy

#### St. Anthony of the Desert Orthodox Mission

(UOC of USA)  
Father Gabriel Rochelle, Priest

Divine Liturgy Sun. 9 a.m.  
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Vespers Sat. 5 p.m.  
Sacrament of Repentance Sat. 5:45 p.m.  
[www.stanthonylc.org](http://www.stanthonylc.org)

524-1071  
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[www.lascrucesfirst.org](http://www.lascrucesfirst.org)  
524-0654

Sunday Worship  
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship (Spanish)  
10:45 p.m.  
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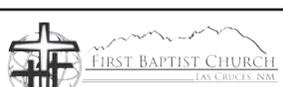
### Baptist

#### East Mesa Baptist Church



Sunday Bible Study: 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:15 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Children's Church Sun: 10:30 a.m.  
Wed Prayer & Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Pastor Linvell Tisdale  
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106 South Miranda  
Las Cruces, NM 88005-2637  
524-3691

Sunday:  
Bible Study 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.  
University of Life 6 p.m.

Tuesday:  
Intercessory Prayer 5:45 p.m.  
Encounter: Corporate  
Prayer and Worship 6:30 p.m.

Child Care Available

#### Bethel Second Baptist Church

Reverend  
Gregory Arthur

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting and  
Bible Study 6 p.m.

405 E. Hadley Ave.  
523-7850

Interested in being on our worship services page? Call 524-8061 for details.

# Finding hidden gold at the Tortugas Treasure Sale

Photos by Raul X. Ruiz Rooney



Items fill Our Lady of Guadalupe in the village of Tortugas during its Tortugas Treasure Sale Saturday, Feb. 5.

Everything from TVs to clocks were donated from community members to the parish.



Vince Boudreau of the church financial committee and David Fierro inspect one of the furniture items that was donated for the sale.

Community members check out the sale held to raise funds for the parish, which recently received pipe damage from the cold weather.

## Church News

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### DELANO LEWIS SPEAKS

Delano Lewis, International Relations Institute Director and the Interim Dean of International and Border Programs at New Mexico State University, will speak at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo Road. For more information, 524-3245.

### ECKANKAR EVENT

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, will hold a free discussion from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at Ramada Palms de Las Cruces, 201 E. University Ave. The topic will be "Us Dreams for Spiritual Unfoldment." For more information, call 524-2580 or visit [www.eckankar-nm.org](http://www.eckankar-nm.org).

### GREEN ENCHILADA SALE

El Calvario United Methodist Church, 300 N.

Campo St., will hold a green enchilada sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the fellowship hall. The plates will be \$6 each, take out or eat in. For more information, call 524-1230.

### REBECCA ST. JAMES CONCERT

A performance by Grammy Award-winner Rebecca St. James at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at First Assembly of God, 5605 Bataan Memorial West, will launch Mesilla Valley Christian Schools' \$12-million campaign to build a new campus for mid-high and high school students. Tickets range from \$100 for platinum seating and an opportunity to meet the artist, \$75 for platinum seating only, \$50 for gold seating and \$30 for blazer blue seating. Tickets can be purchased at the school, 3850 Stern Drive; at the NMSU box office; or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### MAKE A BLANKET DAY

The Las Cruces Chapter of Project Linus will host its annual Make a Blanket Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at Grace Covenant Church, 3111 N. Main St. The event is open to anyone who would like to crochet, knit or sew a blanket for a child in need. Volunteers are asked to bring their own sewing machines, quilting projects, crochet hooks, knitting needles and yarn. Projects will also be available. For more information, call 526-3695, email [sgstolt13@gmail.com](mailto:sgstolt13@gmail.com) or visit [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

### BLUEGRASS TRIO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Music at St. Paul's concert series presents "An Afternoon of Gospel and Bluegrass" by Steve Smith and Chris Sanders with Anne Luna at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs Ave. For more information, call 526-6689.

### ENCHILADA DINNER

Cathedral of Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1240 S. Espina St., will hold an enchilada dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 11. Tickets are \$6. For more information, call 524-8564.

### PEACE LUTHERAN PRAYER GROUPS

Peace Lutheran Church, 1701 Missouri Ave., is providing two prayer groups. A centering prayer group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and will include 20 minutes of meditation. A prayer group focused on support, healing and gratitude will be held at 4:30 p.m. Mondays in Classroom 107. For more information, call 522-7119.

### SPIRITUAL HEALING

Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Center, a Roman Catholic community at 5480 Lassiter Road, offers spiritual healing programs and ministry. If you or someone you know would like to meet with the team, call 647-1117 for an appointment.

## the gospel of john

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A free will offering will be taken.

# SeniorActivities



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

## AEROBICS CLASS

Aerobics class with Luis Ortega is at 9 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

## AQUATICS CLASS

Aquatics class (senior exercise class) with Nora Bailey is offered on a first-come, first-served basis from 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Frenger Pool, 800 Parkview Drive. Donation suggested.

## HATHA YOGA

Yoga classes are held at the Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road. Nora Bailey, a certified instructor, leads Hatha yoga classes beginning at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Donation suggested.

## BLOOD PRESSURE AND GLUCOSE CLINICS

Blood pressure and glucose clinics by Alpha Nurses are:

- 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Benavidez Community Center, 1045 McClure Road
- 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave.
- 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.
- 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday, East Side Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. Donation suggested.

## CORE-FLOOR EXERCISE CLASS

Core-floor exercise classes with Lucille Garcia are held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., and from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Thursdays at Mesilla Park Community Center, 304 W. Bell Ave. Donation suggested.

## T'AI CHI CLASSES

T'ai Chi classes with instructor Jason Shoberg are held from 3 to 4 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Donation suggested.

## CHINA PAINTERS

China painters class is from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## CHESS

Chess games are played from 8:30 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome. Participants are asked to bring chess sets, boards and clocks, if available.

## MAH JONGG

Mah Jongg is played from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## JEWELRY MAKING

Jewelry-making classes are from 1 to 4 p.m. Mondays, and Jewelry Lab is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Munson Center,

975 S. Mesquite St.

## BINGO MANIA

Bingo Mania is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Wednesdays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St. No money is involved. Donations of old and/or new knickknacks for prizes are welcome. Call 541-2305 or 541-2304 for more information.

## PINOCHLE

Pinochle players meet from noon to 5 p.m. Fridays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## HORSESHOE PITCHING

Horseshoe-pitching practice is held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday behind Munson Center. For more information, call Burt Trujillo at 522-4849.

## CANASTA

Canasta is played from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. All are welcome.

## MEN'S 8-BALL TOURNAMENT

A free men's 8-ball tournament open to men 50 years of age and older is held at 9:15 a.m. the last Wednesday of each month at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Sign-up is from 8 to 9 a.m. For more information, call Dan Carrillo at 528-3111.

## LADIES' POOL TOURNAMENT

A free ladies' pool tournament open to ladies 50 years of age and older is held at 8:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Munson Center.

## WATERCOLOR PAINTING CLASS

Watercolor painting class is held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## STAINED-GLASS

Beginning and advance stained-glass class meets at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and intermediate stained-glass class meets at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays at Munson Senior Center, 975 S. Mesquite St.

## WOODCARVING

Woodcarving class meets from 9 a.m. to noon Fridays at the Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

## HANDS 'N' FEET CARD GAME

Hands 'n' Feet card game is from noon to 4 p.m. Thursdays at Eastside Community Center, 310 N. Tornillo St.

## TRAVEL CLUB

The Voyagers Travel Club is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday at Munson Center and is currently booking the following trips:

- **Indian Cliff Ranch and Cattleman's Steakhouse in Fabens, Texas:** Friday, Feb. 25. \$75 per person includes dinner.
- **Cloudcroft Mardi Gras in the Clouds:** Saturday, March 5. \$28 per person.
- **Bisbee/Kartchner Caverns:** March 22-23. \$210 per person double \$235 single.
- **Las Vegas and Hoover Dam:** April 11-15. \$385 double, \$410 single.
- **Mount Rushmore and Black Hills of South Dakota:** May 14-22. \$760 double, \$1,019 single.
- **Alaska Cruise and Tour:** Sept. 7, 11 days/10 nights. Call for details.
- **Hawaii Cruise:** Oct. 22. Call for details.
- **Branson Show:** Nov. 12-20. \$869 double, \$1,109 single. For more information, call Helen Glover at 528-3166.

## DAY TRIPS

To register for a walking group or fishing trip, seniors must present their membership card along with payment. Checks must be made out to the City of Las Cruces. There is a minimum of eight participants and maximum of 10 to 13. Trips are subject to cancellation.

For more information or to sign up, call 528-3000.

## WALKING GROUP

All walks depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9 a.m. and return by approximately 11 a.m. In case of bad weather, walks will take place at Mesilla Valley Mall. Minimum participants eight, maximum 14. For more information, call 528-3000 from 8:15 to 8:30 a.m.

## MYSTERY TOURS

A mystery tour will depart from Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St., at 9:30 a.m. the last Friday of the month. All trips will be within the surrounding area and will return by 11:30 a.m. Trips may be for sightseeing, visiting a museum or touring new buildings. Trips are limited to the first 14 participants. Some trips have fees. Sign up begins the first Monday of each month at the center or by calling 528-3000.

## VALENTINE'S DANCE

The Swinging Dancers of Munson Center meet at 7 p.m. Saturdays at Munson Center, 975 S. Mesquite St. Couples, individuals and guests are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 523-1871.

## THE THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

The Thursday Bridge Club meets for lunch and bridge at 11 a.m. the first, third and fifth Thursday of each month

at the Las Cruces Country Club, 2350 N. Main St. Cost for lunch is \$9, including tax and gratuity. Cost for bridge is 60 cents. All are welcome.

For more information, call 523-6106 or 373-9309.

## INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Community Action Agency (CAA) and AARP will be offering free tax preparation through Friday, April 15, at CAA office, 3880 Foothills Road. Service hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday. Evening hours will be offered starting in mid-February on days to be determined. In addition, taxes will be prepared at the Anthony Women's Intercultural Center, 303 Lincoln St., starting in mid-February. For more information, call 527-8799.

## SENIOR OLYMPICS KICKOFF EVENT

The Doña Ana County Senior Olympics will kick off the 2011 Games with its annual registration and awards program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Trails West clubhouse, 1450 Avenida de Mesilla. All residents age 50 and over are invited to participate in one or more of the 26 sports. For more information, call the Senior Olympic office at 541-5171.

## GOING SOLO 50+ DAY TRIP

Going Solo 50+ Single Senior is planning an day trip to Cloudcroft Saturday, Feb. 12. Anyone interested in going is asked to meet at Kmart, 1900 Bataan Memorial

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The Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter has the following support group meetings each month:

- Noon each second Thursday of the month, potluck lunch at the Mira Vista Apartments, 2141 N. Solano Drive, in the Community Room. For more information, contact Nicky at 647-3868.
- 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at the Village at Northrise, 2884 N. Roadrunner Parkway, in the Desert Willow Building. For more information, contact Donna at 556-6117.
- 11 a.m. the third Saturday of each month, potluck lunch at Casa de Oro, 1005 Lujan Hill Road. For more information, contact Tim at 650-0241.
- The last Friday of each month at Villa del Sol Senior Center, 575 S. Mesquite St., in the Computer Room. For meeting times or more information, call Maria at 915-637-9337 or 589-0821.

The Alzheimer's Association - New Mexico Chapter, has offices in the Richardson Building, 101 N. Alameda Blvd., Suite 7. For more information on Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association, call the organization's 24-hour hotline at 800-272-3900, or at the Southwest Regional Office at 647-3868.

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# Privacy with a *view*

Cul-de-sac home built to look  
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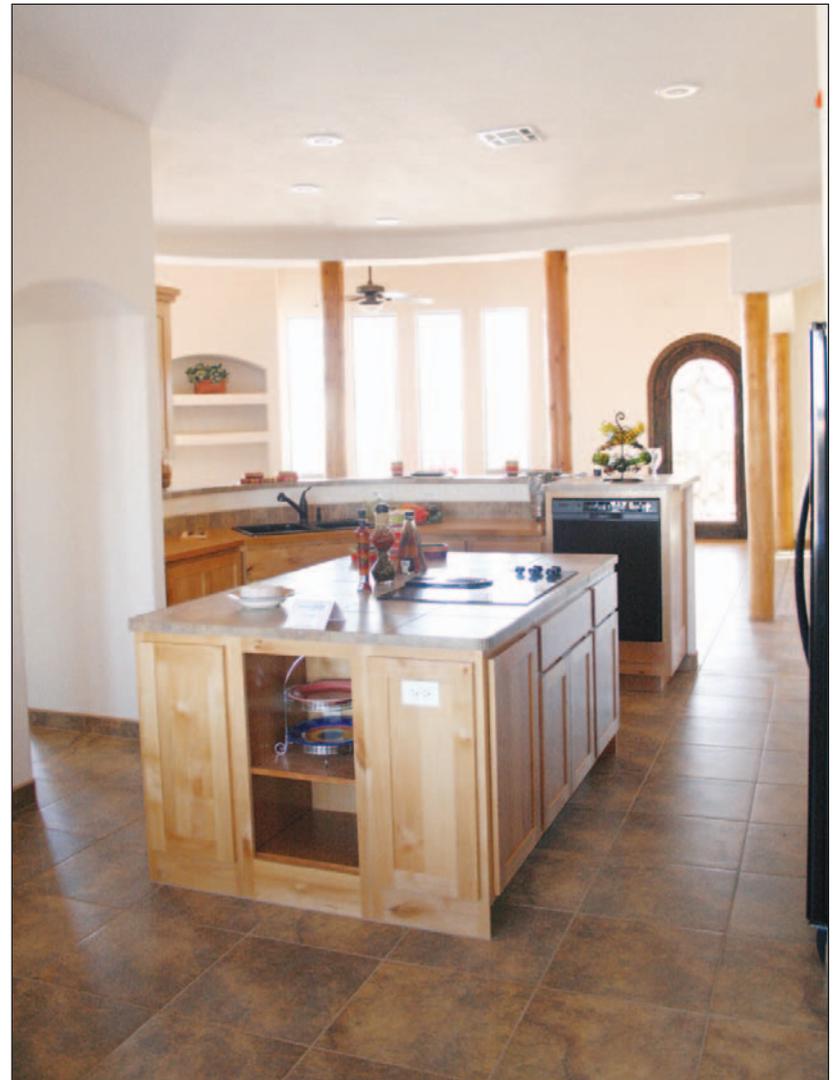


See featured home on pages E2-3

# Featured home: 4020 Quail Brush Court

Photos by Francisco Tafoya

Located on a cul-de-sac, the home at 4020 Quail Brush Court sits on more than 1 acre.



Ceramic tile and knotty alder are used throughout the kitchen.



The 14-foot-high ceiling in the great room has a tongue-and-groove design.



The home includes four bedrooms, all of which can be transformed to fit the owner's needs.



Carpet can be found in all but one of the bedrooms.



The oversized three-car garage is located on the back of the home so not to block the view.

# Showcasing a 'great view'

## Privacy, fine details give Dripping Springs home flexibility

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

Whether it's the peace and quiet or seclusion and scenery, the Organ Mountains are a hot spot for residents looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

While driving around the Dripping Springs area, Mary and Richard Hindson came upon one of a few vacant lots located on a paved cul-de-sac.

"I liked it because the streets are paved and

it had a great view," Richard Hindson said.

After purchasing the lot at 4020 Quail Brush Court, the couple began constructing their 3,050-square-foot dream home. Wanting to fit in with the Southwestern landscape, Hindson said they hired an architect from Albuquerque to design a Santa Fe-style home in 2008.

As a retired paint contractor, Hindson said the quality of the interior of the home was just as important to him as the style of the exterior.

"A lot of care and effort went into the finishing of the home," he said.

Hindson said he worked closely with the tile installer, carpenter, drywall installer and painter to make sure every detail was to his satisfaction.

"We did three coats of paint on all of the walls in the house," he said. "It's done that way, so it can be touched up years later and the touch-ups won't be seen."

Special attention was also paid to the wood trim and doors throughout the home, which received four layers of lacquer, Hindson said.

A long rock driveway leads to the side of the home. Decorated with native landscaping, the front of the home includes tan rock and a few bushes.

Featuring an interesting design, the front of the home consists of a large, round covered patio to take advantage of the surrounding backdrop.

"We tried to maximize the view," he said. "You get the same view from every room in the front of the home."

An 8-foot iron and glass front door sur-

rounded by brick accents leads inside the home. Although a "fairly good-size home," Hindson said the residence is warm and cozy, an important characteristic for the couple.

The center of the home is the great room. Lined in ceramic tile, the room features a 14-foot-high, tongue-and-groove ceiling and the home's only fireplace, which resides in the corner. The room also showcases the view, thanks to a round wall of windows with a banco, which extends to the adjacent dining area.

Separated by wood columns, the dining area is also brightly lit with natural light, thanks to sliding glass doors to the front patio.

"(My favorite feature of the home) is being able to sit inside and look out," Hindson said.

Also at the center of the home is the kitchen, which features an open floor plan to the other shared living spaces. Light-colored knotty alder cabinets line the walls. The rustic wood can also be found on the countertops.

"We just really liked the color and design of a wood countertop," he said, adding that the

same carpenter who built the cabinetry also constructed the countertop.

To follow the style of the home, Hindson said the countertop was cut in such a way that it appears to be built from scratch. In addition to the earthy feel of wood, the kitchen also features an island with a tile countertop. The neutral-colored material is joined by a built-in stovetop. A breakfast nook enclosed behind a round wall of windows completes the room.

Designed with a split floor plan, the guest bedrooms are located on the other side of the home from the master suite. While two of the



A tiled area in the master suite can be used as a reading or hobby area thanks to the abundance of natural light that pours in the windows.

“(My favorite feature of the home) is being able to sit inside and look out.”

RICHARD HINDSON,  
homeowner

## Details

**Featured home**  
4020 Quail Brush Court  
**Square footage**  
3,050

**Acres**  
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**Bedrooms**  
Four

**Bathrooms**  
Three and a half

**Fireplaces**  
One

**Price**  
\$450,000

**Special features**  
Oversized three-car garage, located on a cul-de-sac, tongue-and-groove ceilings and versatile rooms

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bedrooms – one featuring carpet, the other tile – share a bathroom, the other bedroom can be used as a visitor's suite or at-home office, thanks to its walk-in closet and attached bathroom.

The master suite was created to be multi-functional. Consisting of an unusual shape, a tiled area is attached to the room. Surrounded by tall, rectangular windows and a door to the front, this area can be used as an artist's studio or hobby area.

The bathroom, which houses two walk-in closets, is a soothing area displaying calm and relaxing colors. Beside the double sinks is a large walk-in shower. Featuring two showerheads and a bench, a glass block pattern covers a wall, allowing for natural light.

The surrounding property also includes an area for entertaining and leisure. Designed for low maintenance, the easy-care backyard includes artificial turf as well as rock.

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# Time for winter recovery

## Steps to take to prevent replacing your stressed plant

Wow, what a winter storm we just went through, certainly not a typical one for this area. I'm sure most of you have some kind of plant damage or winter kill in your landscape.

While driving around Las Cruces I have noticed pittosporum, palms, ligustrum, rosemary and oleander, to name a few, with severe winter burn. In some cases replacement may be necessary.

Now, before you start digging out those unsightly plants, you may just want to give them some time to recover. Some plants may need more time and heat to help them recover and put on new growth. With that in mind, it may be best to hold off shearing any damaged growth right now. Wait until you see some new growth appear, then go ahead and begin to remove the outer most layer of the damaged or burnt foliage.

Of course you may want to wait until the last frost has passed, which may be late March or even early April. Who knows? The way the weather patterns have been lately, the seasons seem to be several weeks later than usual, so please don't quote me on this!

Plants such as red bird of paradise or lantana, which already "appear" to be dead, may not come back until mid or late April. Keep in mind older, more established plants will have a better chance at coming back from a severe winter, better than recently planted ones. You may cut these "winter sleepers" down to about an inch or so at this time, if you have not already done so. If you have any mulch around the base of these plants, leave it in place until the temperatures and the rays of the sun can readily heat up the soil around them.

Do not try to force any of the above plants out of dormancy with fertilizer. In most cases, it is best to feed them just after they have begun to show new growth. Use caution, however. The use of too much fertilizer can stimulate too much new growth, which will

**Gary Guzman**  
Gardening Guru



be susceptible to cold damage in the event of a late frost. You may continue to water these and all other plants at least twice per month until warmer weather returns.

If you see new growth emerging and another hard freeze is imminent, the use of a frost cloth, burlap, an old blanket, loose straw or any other insulating type of material should be used to help prevent further damage.

Be patient, as some plants, such as oleander or palms, will need a significant amount of spring heat to recover. These plants may do better when pruned or trimmed as late in the springtime as possible, as the outer layer may help protect the inner layer from frost.

To help minimize the winter effect on plants for next season, you can do the following: Reduce watering in late fall to help "harden off" trees and shrubs, use a "winterizer" fertilizer high in potash or use a thick layer of mulch on tender perennials after the first frost.

The use of a frost cloth, such as N-sulate is preferred, as this particular one can be left on for weeks at a time since it lets sun in while allowing the plant to "breathe." Keep in mind this is a "frost cloth" and not a "hard freeze" cloth. If a very rare or special plant needs extra protection, you may need to resort to a thicker or heavier material. If it does not let light in, it may not work for extended periods of very cold weather. With this in mind, you will have to remove it during the day and place it back on before night.

Some of these steps may seem drastic, but remember, this might save some additional work and expenses from having to remove dead plants and replacing them as well as save the time it will take to grow them.

Gary Guzman, owner of Guzman's Color Your World Gardening Centers, can be reached at gary@lascrucesbulletin.com.

# Odorous ants are on the rise

## Homeowners should be on the lookout

**Barry Murray**  
The Bug Guy



Ants might be small, but their impact can be huge. Many people feel ants are merely a nuisance to be brushed aside like the crumbs that attract them, but some species can cause structural damage to your home or business, contaminate food, destroy seeds, damage plants and even attack and injure animals and humans.

Ants are seemingly everywhere – they eat almost anything and have few natural predators to control their numbers. They are also among the most difficult pests to control.

People try traps, sprays and other methods, yet ants seem to keep coming back in larger numbers.

Local experts say odorous house ants are on the rise in New Mexico. This ant gets its name because once it is crushed, it produces a foul odor that smells like rotten coconuts. These ants can live indoors or outdoors near your home. Inside, odorous house ants usually construct their nests in walls especially around pipes and heaters, and in crevices. Outside, they are found in soil, and beneath a board, brick or stone. Odorous house ants feed on anything, but especially have a sweet tooth.

Another ant invading homes in New Mexico is the carpenter ant, which is the most common species found in homes. A silent menace that destroys wood and can cause worse damage to homes than termites, carpenter ants thrive in the same environment as humans. Outdoors, colonies are usually located in dead wood such as fallen tree limbs, tree holes and stumps. Indoors, they settle in roofs, ceilings, walls, ventilated crawl spaces and in the attic. The queen can live up to 15 years. Her workers live as long as seven years and can forage up to 300 feet from the colony. Carpenter ants feed on insects and human food and will bite people when disturbed.

Ant preventive tips should include the following elements:



- First, identify which types of ants have invaded your home.
- Then, inspect your house by circling it and cutting away any plants that touch the structure. Ants use plants as bridges to enter homes.
- To deal with ants already inside, make sure all food is sealed in containers. Ants are also attracted to water, so drain your sink after washing the dishes. Make sure to dry counter tops.
- Granular bait formulas applied outside a structure have proven to be the most effective treatment for controlling indoor ant infestations. However, this bait is only available to licensed pest-control operators who have proper training and equipment. Homeowner versions are available, but not as effective.
- Be sure to look for products with delayed toxicants, such as hydramethylnon and sulfluramid.
- An inexpensive home remedy for sweet-loving ants is 1 percent boric acid in a 10 percent sugar solution. However, there are disadvantages to this approach – it is very slow acting and, because the colonies are so large, they must be given a constant supply, which means you will have to check the bait regularly. Even then, control is not guaranteed.
- If you choose to spray, try to limit it to spot treatments where ants are entering a structure such as door thresholds.

Remember, it's much easier to deal with ants if you take action as soon as you see them. It doesn't take long for ants to swarm and take up residence in your home or business, spreading bacteria and destroying your property. Ants should be taken seriously.

As national spokesperson for Truly Nolen of America, Barry "The Bug Guy" Murray has more than 20 years of experience in the pest control industry. Murray brings an informative and uniquely entertaining perspective pest problems of the 21st century. Founded in 1938, Tucson, Arizona-based Truly Nolen of America is one of the largest family owned pest control companies in the United States. For more information, to ask the expert a question or to see the brand-new "Insect Inquirer" blog, visit [www.trulynolen.com](http://www.trulynolen.com).

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# Add mussel power to your Valentine's Day

Rich in zinc and vitamin C, show your love with this food

Each February brings the pressure for the perfect date night for married and dating couples across the country. This Valentine's Day, instead of dining at the most chic restaurant in town, try treating your special someone to a night in, featuring a homemade meal that is as affordable as it is delicious and extravagant.

"We've all heard of chocolate and strawberries as romantic foods," said Linda Duncan, executive director of the Canadian Mussel Industry Council, "but fresh blue cultured mussels are another excellent aphrodisiac – one that's easy to prepare and fun to share and eat together with your date."

American and Italian researchers claim that mussels contain compounds that prompt the body to release hormones connected with physical attraction. Mussels are also rich in zinc, a mineral known to keep feelings of love and passion alive. Combine mussels with a bottle of Champagne or white wine and your Valentine's Day will be one to remember.

"Mussels make a wonderful romantic meal that can be prepared in a variety of ways to suit all tastes. They're a perfectly elegant dinner for two while also being light and healthy," Duncan said.

She recommends pairing a simple recipe for mussels with greens and blue cheese with a classic movie for a romantic night at home.

Unlike other amorous foods, you won't feel bad about indulging in mussels on your special night as they are low in saturated fat while providing a great source of protein, minerals and omega-3s. In addition to helping Cupid hit his mark, mussels are a dietary antioxidant and a good source of vitamin C.

## Mussels with Greens and Blue Cheese

**5 pounds blue cultured mussels**  
**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**1/2 pound pancetta, prosciutto or bacon, diced**  
**2 shallots, minced**  
**1 cup white wine**  
**Juice and zest of 1 lemon**  
**1 cup creamy blue cheese**  
**Large handful arugula, spinach or watercress**  
**Sea salt and pepper to taste**  
**Crusty bread to serve**

Stir the fresh blue mussels in a colander while rinsing in tap water. Set aside for a few minutes. Tap any that are open and discard those that don't close in response to the tap.

Heat oil in a large pan over medium-high heat. Add pancetta, prosciutto or bacon and cook, stirring occasionally, until crispy. Add shallot and cook, stirring, for two to three minutes more. Add wine, lemon juice and blue cheese. Stir briefly, then add mussels.

Cover and leave to steam for five to seven minutes, or until mussels are open. Discard any mussels that do not open.

Toss in greens and salt and pepper to taste. Transfer to a serving platter and garnish with lemon zest.

Serve with slices of crusty bread.

# The perfect combination

Pastry blender is an easy way to incorporate fats, flour

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, now is a time to think about the people you love, and what better way to show your sweetie how much you care than with a homemade treat?

Whether cookies, cupcakes or pies, a delectable dessert will help express your thoughtfulness – just don't forget to add some red, the color of the season. This can be done by adding strawberries, raspberries or cherries to your dish.

While a mix-master can take care of most of your baking needs, if creating a pie, tart or scone, you will need another tool to get the job done – the pastry blender.

## What is it?

Also known as a pastry cutter, the pastry blender is a cooking tool specially designed to mix hard or solid fat into flour in order to make pastries.

Consisting of five or six narrow, metal tines or wires flexed into a U-shape and attached to a handle, the pastry blender is a great alternative to using knives or forks to cut up the butter or using your fingers to incorporate the fat with the dry ingredients.

While simple in design, some modern pastry blenders include a built-in crimper to help shape the edges of pies, tarts and quiches.

## How does it work?

Easy to use, each chef has his or her own way of using the pastry blender, with the most common being to simply press the gadget into the fat with an up-and-down motion. The metal wires will act as blades, cutting the shortening, butter or lard into smaller pieces.

The pastry blender will evenly distribute the tiny pieces of fat without warming the dough, as hand kneading does.



*Featured kitchen gadget:  
Pastry blender*

Next, rock the pastry blender back and forth while adding the dry ingredients. Do this until all of the contents have been properly and evenly combined.

If making piecrust, after the crust is formed, let it cool before using it to cover your pie pan. When laying out the dough, be sure to remove any excess pieces and pinch the edge to form a decorative lip.

If your pastry blender includes a built-in crimper, run it along the edge of the crust, giving it shape without having to use your fingers.

Layer the top crust over the filling and use the wires of the pastry blender to score the dough. Bake your pie as directed and wash the tool by hand in warm soapy water, making sure each blade is spotless.

## Where can it be found?

The pastry blender can be bought at kitchen supply stores around town, including Bed, Bath & Beyond.

## How much does it cost?

Depending on the brand and material, the pastry blender ranges in price from \$5 to \$12.

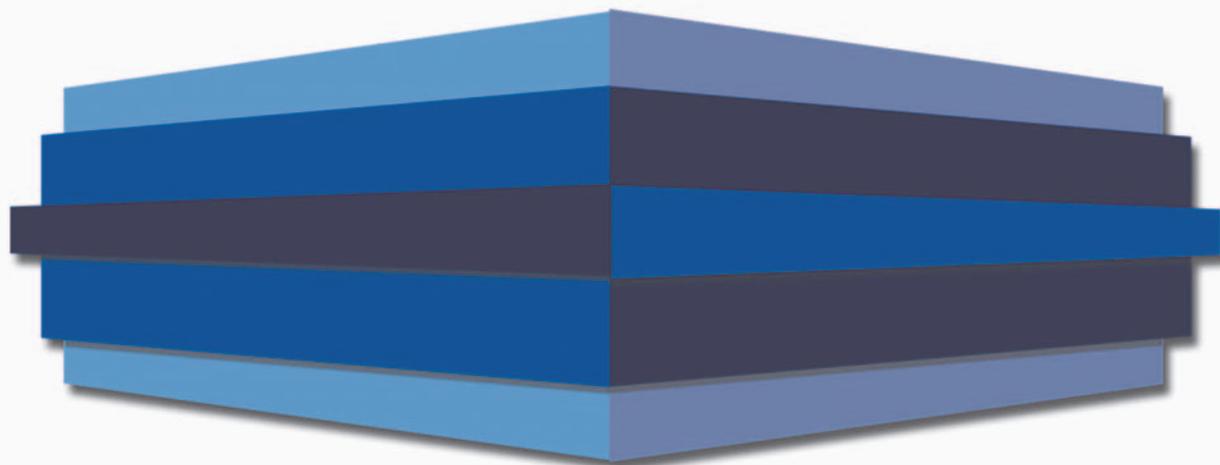
## Helpful hints:

Although specifically designed for piecrusts, pastry doughs, scones and biscuits, the pastry blender can be used on a variety of other dishes. Use it to perfectly and quickly mash potatoes or whip up a batch of guacamole. It can also be used to crush bananas for banana bread and turn soft vegetables, such as butternut squash, into a purée.

In addition to smashing and mashing, the pastry blender can also be used to cut even strips of homemade pasta.

Because the wires aren't very strong, don't use the pastry blender on hard food items – you'll run the risk of bending the metal.

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## Featured builder: *Farrell Thurston*

# 'Increase benefits, decrease expenses'

Farrell Thurston looks at ways to better serve BIA-SNM members

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

As the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico helps its members navigate through the housing market, 2011 President Farrell Thurston is looking at ways to decrease the nonprofit's expenses while increasing benefits.

Thurston, originally from northern Utah, said he was first exposed to building as a youngster, thanks to his uncles who were in the business. In addition to spending his time working for them, Thurston said he would conduct his own building projects as a kid.

"I've grown up in it all of my life," he said. "I remember for my eighth birthday I got a saw and hammer."

He attended Utah State University where he studied accounting before switching majors and earning a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Graduating in 1991, during a recession, Thurston said he was trying to enter a field that many were being let go from. He finally relocated to Idaho, where he managed a movie theater as well as owned a few rental properties.

In 1993, he received an offer from his uncle Ken Thurston, a Las Cruces builder, to come down and help with the sales portion of the local business.



**Focusing on semi-custom homes, Farrell Thurston, 2011 president of the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico, said clients can tweak the plans to better fit their needs.**

Relocating to a sunnier climate, Thurston first became involved with the BIA-SNM, then called the Las Cruces Home Builders Association, in 1994 when he served on the Spring Showcase of Homes Committee.

For the next three years, he devoted his time to the well-known event as chair and co-chair, which earned him an Associate Member of the Year award from the association.

"I got involved because it's a great way to meet all the people in the industry," he said. "There is no better way to become knowledgeable about the industry than serving in a trade organization."

Establishing Thurston Realty in 1998, Thurston said he also split his free time helping the Las Cruces Association of Realtors Board of Directors, even serving as the Multiple

Listings and Information Services president.

After almost 10 years with Ken Thurston Homes, Thurston said he decided it was time to branch out on his own as a builder.

"When I came and worked for my uncle, I probably learned the most about the real estate and construction business in those 10 years than I had ever learned before," he said.

### Following his creativity

Forming Farrell Thurston Construction in 2002, Thurston went to work creating semi-custom homes in the area.

"They can change the plans to fit their needs," he said, adding that the company also builds energy-efficient designs.

Manning the ship himself, Thurston said there are several moving parts when constructing a home, all of which need attention at all times. One of the biggest intricacies of homebuilding is creating an exquisite home at an affordable price.

"The challenging part is balancing building the quality home you want with the price people can pay," he said.

While cost is always an issue, Thurston said he focuses on the clients' needs, because "a house is a very personal thing."

"It's all about them," he said. "I try to work with them to give them the house they want within their budget."

Always enjoying art, Thurston said it is the creative process that is the most satisfying aspect of homebuilding.

"It's rewarding to create a new plan and see how the two-dimensional lines on paper turn into a house," he said.

With the recent hit to the housing market, Thurston said as a builder he has had to re-examine his product and mission plan.

"We're continually looking at what needs to change to be in the market," he said.

Because the market is smaller, Thurston said his companies have diversified into rental properties and real estate investments.

"We realized that the building market goes up and down, so we saved when it was up," he said.

To help Farrell Thurston Construction diversify even further, Thurston said the company has invested in roofing equipment, and in the near future it will begin to install green roofs. A spray-on product, he said the roofing material can be applied over existing roofs, and when it becomes worn, another coating can be added, saving homeowners time and money.

"It's great for a town like this because of all of the flat roofs," he said, adding that they hope to debut the product at the Home & Garden Show later in March.

This year brought another change for Thurston - as of Jan. 1, he has filled the role of BIA-SNM president.

"It's great to give back to the trade that provides a living for you," he said.

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### Contributing to the trade

Thurston said the association has come full circle since he joined, during which time there was only one employee. While the organization has made cuts to its staff recently, he said it is now more in line with the smaller membership base.

"As the market has shrunk, so has (our membership)," he said. "Money available to spend is less."

"Dealing with a restrictive budget can be very challenging, but I think we're moving in a positive direction. We're seeing some excitement from members."

With the help of the board of directors, Thurston said he is focusing on improving member benefits.

"My goal as president is to see that the members are served and that they are given a reason to be there," he said. "I want to increase member benefits and the membership and cut some expenses."

One way it is cutting expenses is through technology and reducing the need to have someone at the BIA-SNM office. In addition to creating a remote server that can be accessed at home, the organization has installed a new security system that allows the rental hall to be used without an employee present.

"We looked at the budget and it takes about four to eight person hours for each event rented out," he said. "With the new system, they check out a key during the day and come in and use the hall without the need of our personnel."

He said they are also asking members to lend a hand and volunteer for committees.

"If you don't have these types of organizations, the government is left unchecked," he said of the BIA-SNM. "Our organization promotes building and eliminates needless regulations. Every time the government increases fees, it makes it that much more expensive for the market."



**Thurston said he works to give his clients a home that is personal, which can include a spacious kitchen with refined cabinetry. Thurston will use his experience in the field to help guide the Building Industry Association of Southern New Mexico in 2011.**

Thurston said while they are restructuring the organization, its two biggest events are still expected to go off without a hitch.

The Home & Garden Show, which will be held at the Las Cruces Convention Center, is expected to be visited by more than the 5,000 community members who showed up last year.

"It looks like we're going to be sold out on all of our booth space," Thurston said. "If people want to get in, they need to jump in really quickly."

Realizing that loans, especially those for spec homes, are becoming increasingly harder to obtain, and knowing the importance of having a product on the ground for the public to see, Thurston said they changed the 2011 Spring Showcase of Homes to allow more builders to participate.

"Part of our goal is to increase benefits to members and help get their business jump started," he said.

In addition to allowing builders to submit homes that are up to five years old, Thurston said remodels

and personal homes will also be a part of this year's tour, which will be held the last weekend in April and first weekend in May.

"The showcase will follow what's happening in the country," he said. "More homeowners are remodeling."

While the response to the changes has been good, Thurston said they are still figuring everything out.

"I don't have all of the answers, but there are a lot of good people in the association we can use as resources," he said. "There are some people who have been building for 30 or 40 years. They've seen recessions before, and they know what the organization was like when it was small."

A single father to four girls ranging in ages from 7 to 19, Thurston said his greatest accomplishment is his children.

"You hear a lot of people complain about their kids when they become teenagers, but I find that as my kids get older, I enjoy them more," he said, adding that his daughters are straight-A students.

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# Skylights vs. comfort, energy efficiency

## Bringing daylight indoors could also include air gaps

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Quality light from the sun is prized in modern home design. Well-placed windows and skylights bring healthy day lighting to interior spaces. Properly located glazing insures we can work, study and play – taking full advantage of every room. Without careful planning, quality day lighting often comes at a significant cost to the comfort and efficiency of a home.

### The problems

Skylights are the most common device used to get light where we need it in our homes after traditional window units. The configuration and installation of skylights satisfy light requirements as intended, but can cause big problems for home comfort and energy efficiency.

The dual plastic lens, metal-framed skylight is the most common installation used in our area for through-the-roof day lighting. Most newer homes have insulation installed at the ceiling with a thermal resistance value of at least R-30. Heat energy moves from areas of higher concentration to areas of lower concentration. Insulation works as a barrier between areas of heat and cold. The average insulating value of a plastic skylight is between R-0.5 and 1.5, which is one-thirtieth the thermal protection of the surrounding insulated ceiling area!

Open attic space between the roof deck and the ceiling of our rooms must be spanned to get the desired sunlight to our living space. This requires construction of a wood framed, sheetrocked skylight well. The short wall sections of this well area have the conditioned space of the home on one side and the harsh air temperatures of the attic space on the other.



Clerestory windows are ideal for rooms with high ceilings.

In most skylight installations, these wall sections are either poorly insulated or do not get insulated at all. Heat rises into these wells and finds a large surface area in addition to the skylight where thermal resistance is minimal. For the most part, we do a great job of insulating the ceiling of a home, then cut gaping holes in that highly insulated structure (even small skylights are typically 4 square feet and include 20 or more square feet of poorly insulated well wall).

The ceiling plane is the most critical component in the thermal envelope of any home. Heat rises against the ceiling in winter. With a poor thermal barrier at skylight assemblies, heat energy is radiated to the cold space outside.



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In the summer, radiant heat energy blasts into the conditioned space through these areas, hardly deterred by the meager insulating value afforded by most skylight and well wall installations. Air infiltration compounds the efficiency and comfort problems.

In the winter, if warm air can move through the ceiling plane, it is replaced by cold air pulled in at other infiltration points lower in the conditioned envelope of the home. As you may have guessed, skylight installations are not generally airtight. In fact, blower door infiltration testing I have conducted on new and existing homes shows that a large percent of air movement in and out of homes comes through skylight assemblies. This is not to blame on the skylight unit itself, but on the method of installation.

Typical skylights attach to a wood frame curve at the top of a well wall adjacent to the roof deck. Most have gaps large enough to stick a finger through leading either to the attic space or the outside at the connection to the roof and well walls. Think of having a window cracked open a half an inch or so and think how much air would move through that space. Now consider how many skylights are installed in most homes!

### The solutions

Careful consideration should be given to where and how often skylights are installed at the ceiling plane. Overuse will exacerbate the problems described above.

When skylights are installed they should be the best quality that the project budget will allow. Better quality skylights (look for Energy Star-rated) will have higher thermal resistance and will come with gaskets and instructions to provide a tight air barrier.

The framed skylight wall well area should be insulated as well as or better than the regular walls of the home. Insulation at the framed wall wells should include a solid air barrier surface on the attic side of the insulation to prevent air movement through porous fiberglass or cellulose or be lined with rigid board or spray foam insulation.

In rooms with high ceilings, consider clerestory windows installed at north or south facing walls. Windows tend to have better thermal properties than skylights, are easier to air seal and do not penetrate the important ceiling plane of the home envelope.

Solar tubes offer a design option that limits the heat transfer and air infiltration problems inherent to standard skylight installations. Solar tubes are round, sealed, highly reflective tubes that bring light from a roof-mounted collector through the attic space and into interior rooms. The smaller footprint of the collector and surface area of the light tube

make it easier to insulate and limit radiant heat transfer. These units are available with an integral electric fixture that allows the solar tube to double as a light source after the sun has set.

Be sure to consider your comfort and future utility bills when considering your skylight options. Good planning will allow you to have good interior day lighting and energy efficiency.

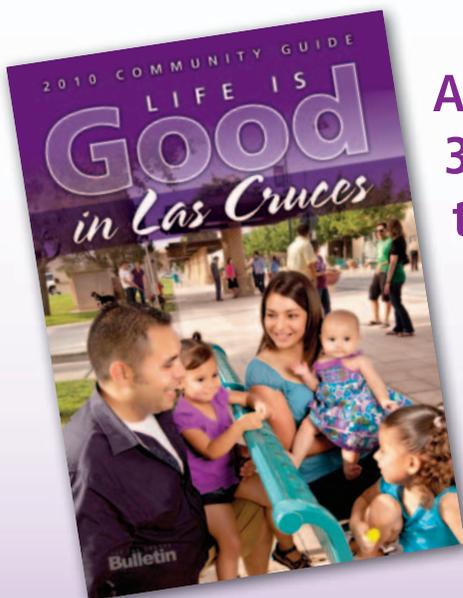
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Solar tubes can also be used to limit heat transfer and air infiltration problems common with skylights.

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# Filter away your problems

## Coffee accessory has several tricks up its paper sleeve

By **Beth Sitzler**  
Las Cruces Bulletin

When searching for that perfect cup of coffee, a key element that may be overlooked is the coffee filter.

While stainless-steel filters are available, many people still rely on the paper variety. Created in 1908 by a German housewife, the filter is made from crêpe paper, which allows the brewed coffee to freely flow between the filter and filtration funnel.

There are several paper filter varieties, including cone shape, coarse fibers and bleached or unbleached. No matter the variety you prefer, there are plenty of other uses for coffee filters beyond the coffee machine.

**1. Prevent microwave splatter:** Splashes of soup, spots of cheese, drips of sauce – it can be difficult and frustrating to keep a microwave clean. Get a helping hand in preventing messes from coffee filters. Simply cover your dish with the filter and the microwavable-safe material will block any splatters in the appliance. The filter can be reused, unless it becomes soiled, and then you should toss it out.

**2. Filter broken cork from wine:** If broken cork has contaminated your freshly opened bottle of wine, don't throw it out. The wine can be saved with a coffee filter. Just pour the beverage through the thin circle of fibers. The filter will catch those little bits while allowing the wine to freely flow.

**3. Make a funnel:** A good trick in the kitchen and the garage is to use a cone-shaped coffee filter as an impromptu funnel. Cut off the tip and use it to pour oil into your vehicle or transfer your spice collection into a new container.

**4. Clean your glass:** While tissue paper leaves lint deposits when cleaning your eyeglasses, a good alternative is the coffee filter. Try using a high-quality filter, made from 100 percent virgin paper – paper not previously used or recycled – which will not leave any residue. In addition to particle-free lenses, coffee filters can also be used to safely polish mirrors, TVs and computer screens.

**5. Keep your skillet rust free:** Even your most prized cast-iron cookware can fall victim to rust. Prolong its life with coffee filters. Put the filter in the skillet after it has been cleaned and before storing it. The fibers will absorb moisture and prevent the pan from rusting when not in use.

**6. Stop soil leakage:** Soil leaking out from the bottom of a pot when the plant is watered can be prevented, thanks to the coffee filter. The next time you're changing out the soil, line the container with the filters. They will help keep the soil in its place, and you will no longer have to worry about a leaky drainage hole.

**7. Create an air freshener:** Eliminate unpleasant odors from your shoes, closet or refrigerator with the help of coffee filters. Pile a few scoopfuls of baking soda in the center of



### Around-the-home item: Coffee filters

the filter. Gather the edges of the filter and tie them together with string or twist ties. Store them around the home, in any spot that needs some freshening.

**8. Enhance your soups and sauces:** In addition to creating your own air freshener pouches, coffee filters can also be used to create flavor packets for soups and sauces. If your recipe requires fragrant, yet inedible items, such as bay leaves, cinnamon sticks and woody herb stems, tie them up in the filter and toss them in the pan. The baggie will float and can be easily removed.

**9. Get help with embroidering:** When embroidering soft fabrics, your project may need some sort of backing. Find just what you're looking for next to the coffee pot. Coffee filters make great backing and can be easily torn away when the piece is completed.

**10. Fabricate a disposable snack bowl:** Diet experts say to prevent yourself from gorging on snacks, you should place a portion of

the food in a bowl. For those who don't want to wash a dish every time they have a nibble, use a coffee filter. The lightweight paper is the perfect size for an individual portion of popcorn, chips, pretzels or whatever else. When you're done, just throw the filter away, making cleanup a breeze.

**11. Separate your delicate china:** To keep your precious china and glassware safe when storing, it's important to add a layer of cloth so the items don't scratch or chip each other. Instead of taking a trip to the fabric store, just go to your kitchen. Place a coffee filter between each plate, bowl and cup when stacking. The inexpensive material is soft enough to protect your antique items.

**12. Soothe a shaving nick:** A great tip for men, if you happen to cut your face when shaving, stop the bleeding with a coffee filter. Tear off a piece of the light fiber and stick it to the nick. Unlike toilet paper or tissue, the filter

### Popcorn Trail Mix

**8 cups popcorn**  
**1/2 cup salted pumpkin seeds**  
**1/2 cup dried cranberries or raisins**  
**1/2 cup banana chips, broken into pieces**  
**1 1/2 cups sugar**  
**1/2 cup corn syrup**  
**1/4 cup water**  
**1/4 cup butter**  
**1 teaspoon vanilla**

In large buttered bowl, combine first four ingredients and set aside.

In medium saucepan, combine sugar, corn syrup and water, and bring to a boil. Cook covered for 3 minutes. Uncover and cook, without stirring, until mixture reaches hard-ball stage (260 degrees), about 4 to 5 minutes.

Add butter and vanilla, and cook, stirring 1 minute. Pour over popcorn mixture; toss quickly to coat. Pour mixture out onto greased baking sheet and spread using buttered hands. Cool and break into pieces.

Serve in a large bowl or create individual servings using coffee filters. (Recipe adapted from [www.thatsmyhouse.com](http://www.thatsmyhouse.com).)

won't leave lint and particles on your skin.

**13. Design a snowflake:** A great seasonal art project for kids is to make snowflakes from coffee filters. Fold the filter several times until you're left with a pointy triangle. Next, using a pencil, draw a design along the folds, top edge and even the tip, and cut them out. For more advanced snowflake artists, the designs can be freehanded with the scissors. When you're done, unfold the coffee filter and hang your snowflake around a room or in a window. Paint and glitter can also be added, if desired.

**14. Decorate a cake:** Another coffee-filter snowflake trick is to use your arts-and-crafts project to decorate a cake. After the design has been cut out, unfold the snowflake and place it on the top of a frosted cake. Use a sifter to sprinkle confectioners' sugar over the top, coating the frosting and coffee filter. Once the top has been properly dusted, carefully remove the filter, leaving the snowflake print behind.

**15. Give flowers:** If you're not in the mood to make snowflakes, transform your coffee filters into colorful flowers. Just soak the filter in colored water, tea or Kool-Aid and let them dry. Next, twist the filters at their center to create flower buds. Secure the ends with tape and attach them together to create a colorful bouquet.

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# The latest in kid décor

## Ten trendy ways to design the perfect room for your child

Functional, yet fun. Traditional, yet techie. Today's children's rooms are stylish, engaging, organized – and as unique as the individuals who sleep, study, play and hang out in them.

Here is what's "hot" in children's décor:

### Stylin'

Debbie Zimmer from the Dow Paint Quality Institute said polka dot designs and "pink" are once again on the horizon, as well as more rooms containing 3-D accents, from butterflies to airplanes, with fun and bright paint colors.

For teen spaces, glitz and glamour are back in style, with gold accents making a cameo appearance. Zimmer predicts sophisticated wall "monograms" and paint colors growing in popularity, as are urban, sleek and modern themes appealing to this older audience.

### The magic of Disney

Disney characters are memorable, loveable and – let's face it – simply magical. Which is why Murals Your Way, the world's largest manufacturer of wallpaper murals, is adding 30 Disney murals to its catalog of more than 5,000 existing images.

"Whether it's Winnie the Pooh or Mickey Mouse and Friends for a nursery, or Disney Princess, Disney Fairies, 'Toy Story 3' or 'Cars' for a young child's room or playroom, these Disney favorites will bring a smile to any child's face," said Todd Imholte, president of www.muralsyourway.com.

Licensed from Disney, these wall murals are easy to install, can be custom made to fit any wall from 4 feet by 6 feet and up, and can even be personalized with your child's name. They even have a new repositionable wall fabric that can be easily removed should your child outgrow a character.

### Funky, functional furniture

In a recent "American Chronicle" article, Andy West reported a modernizing of the furniture industry. In lieu of traditional beds, West suggested bunk beds that spread out in different directions to use space and lighting more efficiently. Chairs, desks and drawers that incorporate geometric shapes and swirls of wood in intriguing ways are also good ideas. CR International has capitalized on the trend of using graphics in bedroom furnishings by introducing Graphics, a new addition to their CR Kids & Beyond family of furniture that feature interchangeable panels with bold and striking black graphics.

### Lighting that lasts

While parents continue to embrace child-friendly themes, today's smart shoppers are looking at complementary accents

that offer practicality and longevity, according to Jeff Dross, senior product manager for Kichler Lighting. Instead of a themed lamp, parents might opt for a functional swing-arm floor lamp in a neutral finish that can respond to different lighting needs as the child grows. Positioned for diaper changes for babies, the lamp can later be used for homework and reading as the child matures.

### The right touch

Linda Navara of LMR Designs, LLC recommends soft, fluffy textures for small children's rooms, and comfortable, eco-friendly versions are perfect for the older child. Mary Lou Kalmus of Designing Edge also sees organic cotton rugs making an impact for the ecologically conscious.

### A higher (environmental) consciousness

Incorporating eco-friendly furniture and accessories in kids' rooms is essential, adds M. Grace Sielaff, of M. Grace Designs, Inc. She suggests eco-functional and affordable solid wood furniture made from refurbished, recycled and Forest Stewardship Council-certified products, with nontoxic paints to minimize harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Options include a fun Surfin Kids planet-friendly bed from Ecotots, or 100 percent certified organic cotton sateen elephant crib bedding from Urban Hues.

### Color their world

When it comes to color, the bottom line is to have fun with it – within your own personal comfort zone, of course. The palette this year is a vivid spectrum from persimmon, goldenrod and pumpkin for girls, as spotted by Kalmus, to the pastel blues, pinks, greens as whites suggested by Kenneth Ludwig, of Kenneth Ludwig Home Furnishings. Sielaff also notes sage green, magenta, turquoise, purple and yellow as being especially popular.

### A place for everything ... and everything in its place

As kids acquire more and more stuff, keeping their room clutter-free becomes even more critical. Desk organizers, closet organizers, lockers and iPod docking stations all help children keep their clothes, accessories, toys or electronics off the floor and in easily accessible places. If space is an issue, Navara suggests dual-purpose furniture, such as a storage ottoman or an armoire, while West recommends a bed with a pull-out trundle and storage drawers beneath.



Bring the magic of Disney into your child's room by creating a mural with their favorite characters.



Not just for boys, Disney also offers murals inspired by its princess characters for girls.

### Just enough for the city

Urban decor is hot, according to a "How To, Tips and Advice" posting by Stefan on homedit.com. Walls painted with a cooling hue of light blue or light pink set the stage, with animals, flowers or other images painted on them in white to add sophistication. Abstract paintings that respect the dominant color of the room are a nice modernistic touch. Navara also envisions the emergence of black and white with pops of color.

### Girls (and boys) just want to have fun

Beanbag chairs. Retro or dorm wall art. Knick knacks. Ribbons that swag to the edges of the room. Shapes that are colorful and glow in the dark. Nets that hold decorative fish. Edgy desk lamps with built-in organizers. For bedroom accessories, the sky's the limit in terms of color, shape and style. Have fun as you create a unique, special space that your child will be proud to call his or her own.

## Home Sales Scoreboard

### LAS CRUCES AREA

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Closed Sales New Homes	3	5	2

Closed Sales Existing Homes	11	17	22
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Pending Home Sales (All)	158	160	182
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Average Days on Market (All)	168	198	132

	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Median Price New	\$147,760	\$144,933	\$167,890

Median Price Existing	\$117,900	\$152,000	\$153,750
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	This Week	Last Week	Same Week Last Year
Total Homes on Market (All)	1,049	1,062	1,191

Real Estate Agents	406	406	448
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## Staying warm on chilly nights

Chile-filled salads make great entrées, side dishes in winter

After our recent and unusual "spree" of chilly weather, warm and pepper-hot salads, especially at dinnertime, are oh so comforting.

Serve the salads as a main entrée or as a side. Chile-choke salad paired with a juicy grilled T-bone or pork tenderloin is better than hearty! And think scallops when serving Thai sweet heat tater salad. Dressing recipes can be tossed in pasta or potato salads or served in a bowl as a dipper for veggies, baked fries or you name it!

Here's a tip, serve the salad on warm plates to retain heat.

### Chile-Choke Salad with Basil Pesto Dressing

Toasty hot basil dressing makes this chile-choke (artichoke and chile pepper) salad a comforting meal for chilly nights in the desert.

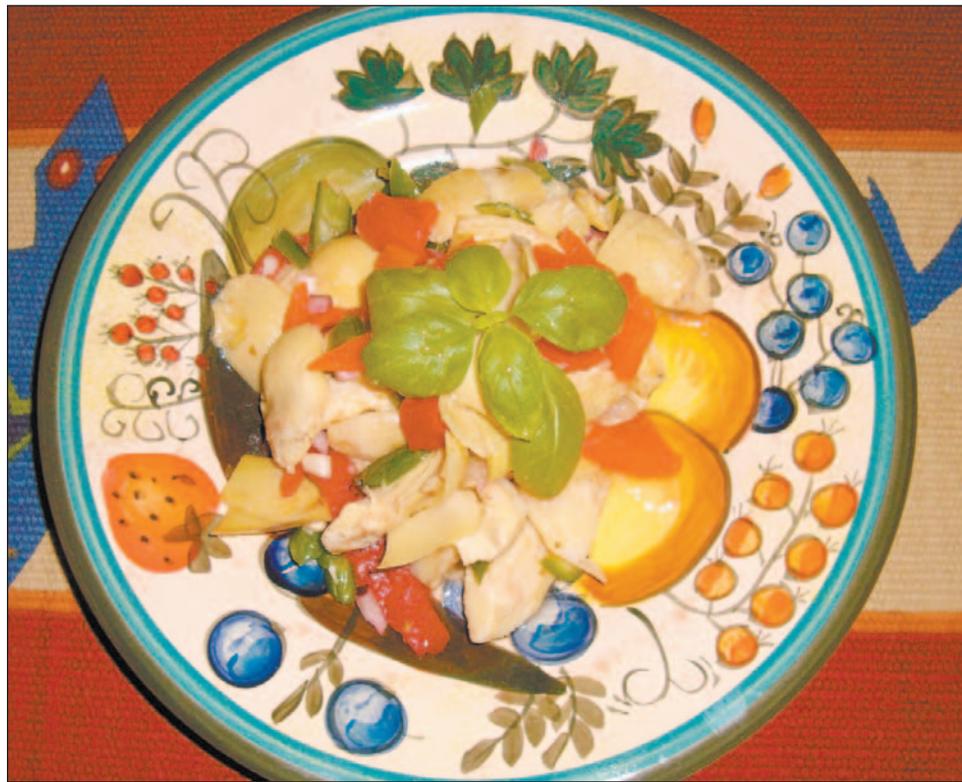
- 1 (16-ounce) can artichoke hearts drained well
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and fresh ground black pepper
- 1 (12-ounce) jar roasted red pepper, drained and cut into thin strips
- 1 serrano chile pepper, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- Fresh basil, chopped for garnish (don't skip!)

#### Warm Basil Pesto Dressing:

- 2 tablespoons red onion, finely minced
  - 3 to 4 tablespoons commercially prepared basil pesto
  - 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
  - 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
  - 1 teaspoon spicy brown mustard or Dijon
  - 1/2 cup (slightly) extra virgin olive oil
  - Salt and fresh ground black pepper to taste
- Preheat oven or toaster oven to 350 degrees. Put artichokes in large serving bowl and toss with olive oil, salt and fresh ground black pepper. Spray small baking sheet with nonstick spray or olive oil, then arrange artichokes in a single layer and roast for 20 minutes.

While artichokes roast, process minced red onion and basil pesto in food processor until blended. Add lemon juice, white wine vinegar, and mustard and process 30 seconds. Add slightly less than 1/2 cup olive oil and process 1 to 2 minutes, until dressing mixture is well blended. Warm dressing in a microwavable container 30 seconds to 1 minute, just until pleasantly warm.

Return artichoke hearts back into bowl and toss with roasted red peppers, minced serrano and minced onion and enough dressing so that all ingredients are



Warm Chile-Choke Salad is the perfect comfort food on chilly nights.

Las Cruces Bulletin photo by Sunny Conley

moistened. (Save extra dressing for any leftover salad or use it as a topping for baked potatoes or as a dip for baked fries.) Season salad with salt and fresh ground black pepper, sprinkle with chopped basil and serve. Makes 4 to 6 servings. (Recipe adapted from a recipe by Ina Garten, The Barefoot Contessa.)

### Mexican Chicken and Spinach Salad with Peppy Hot Pineapple Dressing

The tropical flavor meld and the texture and crunch of this salad will undoubtedly become a favorite. Serve as a main entrée with piping hot, grilled garlic bread.

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, baked
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- Extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 (16-ounce) can chunky pineapple drained and divided
- 2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh orange juice
- 4 teaspoons apple cider vinegar

- 1/2 teaspoon minced habanero pepper
- 1 large garlic clove
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup jicama, peeled and julienne-cut
- 2/3 cup red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 (5-ounce) package fresh baby spinach (about 8 cups)

Shred chicken using a fork. Sprinkle shredded chicken evenly with chili powder and salt. In a skillet, add 3 tablespoons of extra-virgin olive oil. Add chicken. Over medium-high heat, sauté chicken for about 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low and cover skillet.

Combine half of pineapple, cilantro, orange juice, vinegar, habanero and garlic in a blender; process until smooth. With blender on, gradually add olive oil until blended. Set aside.

Combine remaining pineapple, jicama and the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Place dressing in a microwavable bowl. Heat until very warm, about 30 seconds to one minute. (Note: Be careful not to overheat! No bubbling!) Add warm dressing to salad fixings, and toss gently to coat. Divide salad evenly among 4 plates. (Recipe adapted from Cooking Light, July 2010.)

Sunny Conley  
Chile Knights



### Thai Sweet Heat Tater Salad

- 2 pounds tiny potatoes, skins on, halved
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 3/4 cup light sour cream
- 2 tablespoons Thai sweet chili sauce
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, toss the potatoes in the oil and salt and pepper to taste. Place the potatoes on a baking sheet and oven bake for about 40 minutes or until tender and golden. Turn a couple of times. Transfer to a large bowl. Combine sour cream, chili sauce and green onions. Pour creamy sauce over the potatoes and toss gently to coat. Arrange on a serving platter and sprinkle with fresh cilantro and sesame seeds. Makes 6 servings.

### Bow Tie Pasta with Zesty Chile Pepper Dressing

- 1 pound bow tie pasta cooked and drained
- 1 (15-ounce) can dark red kidney beans
- 2 3/4 cups frozen corn kernels, thawed and cooked (follow package directions)
- 1/4 cup white onions, chopped
- 1/2 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated

#### Zesty Chile Pepper Dressing:

- 1 large red bell pepper
- 1 poblano pepper, roasted
- 1 serrano pepper, roasted
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 teaspoon freshly grated lime zest
- 2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano leaves, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1/2 cup olive oil

To roast peppers, preheat oven to broil. Put peppers on baking pan. Turn often until all sides are blistered. Remove. Cool slightly and put into a plastic baggie. Steam for 10 minutes. Wearing rubber gloves, remove peel and finely chop. In a bowl, whisk together all ingredients with salt and pepper to taste. Toss in a favorite salad.

Place cooked and drained pasta in a large bowl. Drain and rinse beans. Add beans, corn and onions to pasta. Toss with Zesty Chile Pepper Dressing. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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Curbside recycling, which begins April 1, will include a wide variety of materials that should be placed loosely inside the container.

# Curbside recycling coming soon

## Homeowners gear up for April 1 introduction

By **Beth Sitzler**  
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After years of waiting, curbside recycling will come to Las Cruces residents beginning April 1.

Suzanne Michaels, spokesperson for South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA), said the effort to bring curbside recycling to the city has been in the works for many years, with several small steps taken along the way.

"It's a change for Las Cruces. Some residents have come in from other places that have curbside recycling, and they're amazed it's not here," she said, adding that a 2008 survey distributed by the city for Vision 2040 states that about 82 percent of residents were in favor of the service. "Curbside recycling is

a quality of life issue."

To help spread the word about recycling and educate the public, Michaels said SCSWA initiated several programs, including recycling rallies at local elementary schools.

"The kids would then go home and educate their parents about recycling," she said.

By Jan. 1, 2009, Michaels said SCSWA collected 2,400 tons of recyclables in Las Cruces and Doña Ana County. That number jumped to 4,000 tons on Jan. 1, 2010, and then increased again after the introduction of single-stream recycling in February 2010.

With the goal for Las Cruces to become 33 percent recyclable by 2012 – the city is currently at 12 percent – Michaels said countless meetings were held and finally, six months ago, curbside recycling was approved.

"The time was right in Las Cruces for this to kick into gear," she said, adding that pick up will be every other week.

Currently, 30,000 bins are being created as well as the trucks that will haul the items away. Unlike other recycling bins, Michaels said the labels are being melted into the lid and state exactly what can be placed inside.

"One problem we have in Las Cruces, and we're trying to fix it with outreach, is food contamination," she said, adding that about 20 percent of items put in recycling bins aren't recyclable. "Food contamination, if it's really bad, can make a whole load un-recyclable."

Michaels said the items collected will be taken to the Friedman Recycling plant in El Paso. When the service begins, collected material will include plastics Nos. 1 and 2, aluminum and tin cans, cardboard, paperboard office paper, junk mail, phone-books, magazines and paper bags – the same items gathered for single-stream recycling.

"It's important that they don't put their recyclables in bags," she said, explaining that removing them from the bags takes time away from sorting. "They need to put them in loose."

In addition to outreach endeavors, Michaels said SCSWA will look at other recycling issues after curbside is up and running. One area to be examined is recycling glass. Currently not recycled because there isn't a local use for it, she said they are looking at crushing the glass for utility pipe bedding.

With the introduction of curbside recycling, which will increase solid waste bills by \$2.50 a month, Michaels said she expects the amount of recyclables collected to increase yet again.

"When the hurdles are moved out of the way, the numbers go way up," she said.

Michaels said only Las Cruces residents will receive curbside recycling, and those located in the county should contact their solid waste company about their recycling services.

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